



NOTICE OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 21 October 2025
in the Council Chambers, 43-51 Tanunda Road, Nuriootpa,
commencing at 5.30pm.

A recording of the meeting will be available to view on the
Council's website.



Martin McCarthy
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
THE BAROSSA COUNCIL

A G E N D A

Welcome by Mayor

1. ATTENDANCE RECORD

1.1 Members Present

Apologies

Nil

Not Present

Nil

Leave of Absence

Nil

2 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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For 25 years Patrick Haydn has generously given his time and energy to Community Transport and we thank him for his incredible contribution. He's clocked up a massive 2,128 hours and travelled 76,344km, Two times around the world, and 5 times around Australia. His commitment, reliability, and care have made a lasting impact on our community. He will be hugely missed by not only the community but the team in the office

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MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.2.1 COUNCILLOR PREECE RESPONSE TO COUNCIL

**Author: Mayor
25/77864**

As requested by Council at its meeting of 16 September 2025, I wrote to Cr Preece seeking him to reimburse Council and its ratepayers for the cost of the six formal complaints currently determined by Council and to resign from Council.

He has declined both and his correspondence is attached. Noting a small component has been redacted due to it actually being an active confidential matter and one other private matter in the correspondence.

As for his assertions about my actions incurring these costs they are completely rejected. I provide the following summation in relation to his commentary for members reflection and information.

As many of you know, as Mayor of the Barossa, I have attempted to have informal conversations with Cr Preece from very early on when this Council was formed.

I also assure you our administration has done as much work internally in managing these matters as we could to minimise cost, with over \$15k of internal resources applied to the administrative management of the processes to reduce the work required by the independent investigator.

As to having a "chat" this has been done. I even paid for the coffees!

I facilitated informal meetings and telephone conversations with Cr Preece including trying to facilitate a mediation session with him and another Councillor. This was well before any of the formal complaints were received and processes commenced. As history shows, I was not successful, and his behaviour escalated to the point where the six formal complaints were required to be independently investigated and now determined. The Ombudsman also addressed Cr Preece's baseless claim about informal processes. I and Council owe a duty of care to the multiple complainants that lodged formal complaints, and their voice needs to be heard because of Cr Preece's actions.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 Letter to Cr Preece [!\[\]\(b792654f2cef9719eabeb6c5be00811e_img.jpg\)](#) 

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SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Nil

Reference: 25/74437

19 September 2025

Councillor Bruce Preece

Via email: bpreece@barossa.sa.gov.au

Dear Cr Preece

As you are aware I tabled the outcomes of your complaint to the South Australian Ombudsman against Council and my management of a serious of misconduct complaints against you and your behaviour, with Council at its ordinary meeting of 16 September 2025.

Council has resolved as follows.

MOVED Cr Evans

That The Barossa Council having noted the findings of the South Australian Ombudsman that Cr Preece was indeed provided procedural fairness in the management of six complaints against his behaviour and actions, receive and note the report, and that the findings be published on Councils website so that the community is fully informed, and:

- Council again calls on Cr Preece to resign his position as an Elected Member effective immediately.
- Due to the costs incurred and findings of the investigations, Councils' determinations and Ombudsman outcomes, Cr Preece is requested to repay to the Barossa Council legal costs of \$38,362.50 and training costs of \$4,520.00 incurred up to date by The Barossa Council and its ratepayers. These costs have been incurred as a result of Cr Preece's behavioural misconduct occurring during the time of holding the office of an Elected Member of The Barossa Council.

SECONDED Cr Angas

CARRIED 2022-26/799

I, as the Principal Member of Council acting on Councils instruction, again call on you to resign your position as an Elected Member of Council due to these ongoing matters and that you have not complied with Councils instructions.

Further you are requested to pay the costs back to our ratepayers. I am willing to enter into a repayment agreement for these costs, which I will coordinate invoicing, and the agreement post your response.

I ask that you respond, in writing, on these two matters within 14 days of this letter, being 5pm Friday 3 October 2025, so that I can table your response to Council at the October 2025 meeting.

Yours sincerely



Michael (Bim) Lange OAM
Mayor, The Barossa Council



From: Cr Bruce Preece <bpreece@barossa.sa.gov.au>

Date: 3 October 2025 at 4:08:29 pm ACST

To: Mayor Lange <mayor.lange@barossa.sa.gov.au>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Response to Council resolution

Reference: 25/74437

3 October 2025

Michael (Bim) Lange OAM,

Mayor, The Barossa Council

Via email: mayor.lange@barossa.sa.gov.au

Dear Mayor Lange,

I am responding as requested to your letter dated 19 September 2025.

You have asked me again to resign my position as an Elected Member of Council and stated that I have not complied with Council's instructions. Further, you have requested me to pay the costs back to ratepayers.

I note that at the most recent Barossa Council meeting, held on the 16th of September 2025, you and the CEO and Councillor Rick Lane were visiting our Council's sister city in Grapevine Texas, whilst the Council was debating a matter put on the agenda in advance, to ask me to resign.

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SECONDED

Cr Angas

CARRIED 2022-26/799"

I further note that there is no provision in the Local Government Act, nor any other act, for a council to force an elected member to resign or pay back any monies Council has chosen to expend on any sort of behavioural management matter.

These costs could have been potentially avoided if instead of going straight to Council's lawyers, you had sat down with me to chat about these matters. When I responded to Kelledy Jones Lawyers, I reiterated the offer of sitting down with you to chat about these matters and my request was refused.

With the express permission of the Ombudsman's Office and on my own initiative, I have also referred all additional relevant documents to the [REDACTED] for their further consideration.

At this time, I have no intention of resigning, nor will I pay the costs back to ratepayers because you, as Mayor of The Barossa Council, decided to refer the 6 complaints made against me to Council's lawyers, Kelledy Jones Lawyers, effectively bypassing the informal processes available to you under The Barossa Council Elected Member Behavioural Management Policy and The Barossa Council Elected Member Behavioural Management Process. I will continue to stand up for the residents of the Barossa.

I had to leave the Ordinary Meeting of The Barossa Council **early** on Tuesday the 16th of September 2025 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

Bruce Preece

Councillor

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PROCEDURAL ITEMS

3.1 Petitions

3.1.1 PETITION - IMPROVE FOOTPATHS ON KALIMNA AND LIGHT PASS ROADS, NURIOOTPA

**Author: Governance Officer
25/74993**

PURPOSE

A petition has been received regarding improving footpaths on Kalimna Road and Light Pass Road, Nuriootpa.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the petition and that the lead petitioner be informed of the Councils position, being:

- (1) Kalimna Road, within the residential area, is to be considered for significant upgrade towards the completion of the adjacent land division development, noting the temporary infrastructure already installed, and that this will be continually assessed as part of the future new footpath program which is subject to consideration in the 2026-27 budget period; and
- (2) Light Pass and Kalimna Road, within the rural area, will not be serviced by footpaths due to the risks and higher investment priorities noting areas around the Light Pass Primary School have been assessed and minor improvements including road widening and signage upgrades have already been made and that the petitioner should seek, with Council support, for the Department of Education to implement a school policy for vehicular circulation to drop off and pick up students on the school side of Light Pass Road, negating the need to cross the road.

REPORT

The petition seeks Council to advance the installation of new footpaths.

Council prioritises the renewal or replacement of existing footpath networks over construction of new and upgrade works. Further Council has instructed that a priority new footpath program be developed and considered as part of the 2026-27 budget new initiatives process.

Kalimna Road has recently had constructed a temporary pedestrian footpath on its north side from Murray Street to Falland Avenue for the provision of pedestrian access until the adjacent land development works are completed. The installation and upgrade of Kalimna Road prior to this would be an inefficient investment as it would

either quickly become dilapidated and compromised by excessive heavy construction traffic or become redundant by other developer related land division interface works. This has been the experience with previous other land development stages in the area.

The estimated cost at the last review of Kalimna Road upgrade request (2024-25 10 year cost estimate) was \$2.387M, which included construction of bitumen Hotmix road pavement widening with carparking aisle both sides, kerb and gutter, underground stormwater drainage at western end, footpath on one side, street lighting, tree landscaping, signage and line marking. Some of the construction cost may be able to be funded by fees collected through the Council levy applied to land development north of Kalimna Road to access Councils stormwater drainage infrastructure.

Light Pass Road and parts of Kalimna Road (rural area) is essentially a rural road. Footpath infrastructure is not a level of service provided on rural roads, except for strategic infrastructure such as the Barossa bike path that is well offset from the actual road carriageway. Preliminary assessment of the rural road components of Kalimna and Light Pass Road is that adequate separation will not be easily achieved without land acquisition and removal of extensive significant trees, with both these options undesirable outcomes considering the very low expected pedestrian traffic numbers. The installation of footpaths on rural roads without adequate separation increases the risk of injury and death of pedestrians and other users due to the close proximity to roads with higher speed zones.

Infrastructure around the Light Pass Primary School within the 50km/hr Township speed zone has already been assessed and minor improvements already made, including road widening and signage upgrades.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Attachment 1 Petition - Footpaths Kalimna and Light Pass Roads 

Supporting references

Nil

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Corporate Plan

BS7 Governance - Provision of governance advice and support in the discharge of legislative responsibilities for policy development, delegations and authorisations, internal review of Council decisions, delegations and authorisations, Native Title claims

Legislative Requirements

Regulation 10, Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

These statements are qualitative in nature and designed to provide an indication of Council's general position when deciding to take or retain risk in pursuit of its objectives.

1. SERVICE DELIVERY

Refers to the delivery of services to the community, which includes the systems and physical assets that enable provision of these services, including structures (such as roads, buildings and facilities) as well as IT infrastructure, plant, vehicles & other equipment.

As outlined in body of report, these are new infrastructure requests and, if supported, increase the service delivery outcomes. This is likely to be at the expense of maintaining existing assets, reduction in other services, rate rises, or combination of all.

2. SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT

Relates to measures to preserve, protect and minimise impact on the natural environment, including sacred and indigenous lands, flora, fauna, heritage, water, waste, hazardous materials and pollution.

Nil

3. FINANCIAL

Refers to planning and control of Council's budget to align with the sustainable achievement of the desired outcomes articulated in its Community Plan.

The upgrade of Kalimna Road is a significant project with significant cost. There is no additional cost at present for Light Pass Road. If requests are supported, expenses are likely to be funded through the reduction of budget allocations to maintaining existing assets, reduction in other services, rate rises, or combination of all.

4. PEOPLE

Relates to recruitment, retention, wellbeing and safety of employees and volunteers and engagement and management of contractors as well as the wellbeing and safety of the community.

The service levels for Kalimna Road will assist pedestrian movement within the township areas. Installing footpaths on higher speed rural roads has potential to increase pedestrian road safety risks including serious injury or death.

5. REPUTATION

Relates to policy, decisions, actions and circumstances that may cause Council to lose credibility with the community, ratepayers, key stakeholders, other levels of government and its own employees and contractors.

The management and prioritisation of assets is difficult with the limited resources available and the impact on reputation is always inherent and is unaltered.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The current budget and business plan engaged community consultation and no responses concerning this were raised during the consultation period. Should

Council support a program for new footpath installation, which should be based on strategic needs, use and expected pedestrian numbers and needs, it will be consulted upon as part of the 2026-27 budget and business plan processes.

Petition for better foot paths + bike paths Regarding Kalinna Rd + Light Pass Roads, Nuriootpa, PETITION - CALL FOR ACTION

SA.

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Congestion during parent drop-offs also poses risks. The implementation of bike paths and pedestrian crosswalks would significantly enhance child safety while also supporting and connecting local businesses and enhancing Barossa tourism by bike.

Road safety injury is a leading cause of death among children in Australia. We cannot afford to overlook this pressing issue any longer. By taking preventive measures such as building dedicated walking and bike paths, we are ensuring our kids' safe passage to school, while improving physical and mental health of users.

We urge community leaders in Barossa, SA, Australia to prioritize child safety by implementing these necessary infrastructural changes around Light Pass Primary School.

Light
Pass
Students
(6)

	Name + Suburb	Signature	Date
1	Sandi Schembri		2-8-24
2	Dylan Tuckwell		2/8/24
3	George	GP	2/8/24
4	JAYDEN	JD	2-8-24
5	GWEN FAYNE	GP	2-8-24
6	Anna Mudge	AM	2-8-24
7	Brenda Roberts		5.9.25
8	Kiesha Johnson		5.9.25
9	Belinda Kerezzi	BKerezzi	22.9.25
10	Boadie Houghton	BH	22.9.25
11	Naomi Trinne		22.9.25
12	Jayson		22.9.25
13	K. DELLOSTE	K. Dellosle	22.9.25
14	K. DELLOSTE	K. Dellosle	22.9.25

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15 MC Matthew 22-9-25
16 P BRAUNACK NURI 22/9/25

Petition regarding footpaths for kalimna Rds +
Light Pass Rds in Nonoctpa, SA.

	Name + Suburb	Signature	Date
15	Erica McGregor Nuri	Erica McGregor	24.04.2024
16	Lorraine Forey Angaston	L. Forey	24-4-2024
17	Marilyn Taylor	M. Taylor	24-4-24
18	Lisa Scarfe	L. Scarfe	24/4/2024
19	J Lehmann	J. Lehmann	25/4/2024
20	Heather Walker	H. Walker	25/4/2024
21	Wendy Koch	W. Koch	25-4-2024
22	Andrew Koch	A. Koch	1-5-2024
23	Charmaine Dennert Nonoctpa	C. Dennert	10/5/2024
24	Adele Dennert Nonoctpa	A. Dennert	10-5-24
25	Kontra Nixon	K. Nixon	10-5-24
26	Gwendolyn Payne Nuri	G. Payne	10/5/24
27	George Payne Nuri	G. Payne	10/5/24
28	Carla Anichit	C. Anichit	10/5/24
29	Tariden Brown	T. Brown	10/5/24
30	Evelyn Hoyt Nonoctpa	E. Hoyt	10/5/24
31	Evanna Horicht	Evanna	10/5/24
32	Koribit Light Pass	K. Light Pass	10-5-24
33	Fusdij Short Stockwell	F. Short	10-5-24
34	Dobbie Short Stockwell	D. Short	10-5-24
35	Louise Lee Shea-Oaklog	L. Lee Shea-Oaklog	10-5-24
36	Isaac Lee Shea-Oaklog	I. Lee Shea-Oaklog	10-5-24
37	Jordan Lee Shea-Oaklog	J. Lee Shea-Oaklog	10-5-24
38	POPPY BROWN	POPPY	10-5-24
39	Rebecca Gagoll	R. Gagoll	10-5-24
40	Hannah Gregory	H. Gregory	10/5/24

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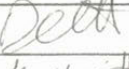
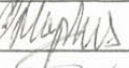
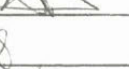
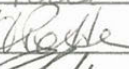
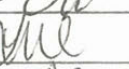
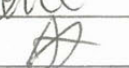
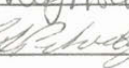
Petition for walking and biking paths
around community and to schools, Norwales, SP.

Name Suburb

Signature

Date

SP.

15	Rachel Piekart Angaston		
16	Akaysha Hopgood		10/5/24
17	Allison Taylor Stockwell	AKT	10/5/24
18	Dylan Tuckwell		10/5/24
19	Doug Hewitt		4/7/24
20	Pete Hewitt	K. Hewitt	9/7/24
21	Tracey Hopfeld		04/07/24
22	Wayne Hopfeld		04/07/24
23	JEN HOPKINS		6/7/24
24	Dave Bell		6/7/24
25	K Sims		16/7/24
26	Stephen Todhunter		18/7/24
27	P Farrow Pam Farrow	P Farrow	26/7/24
28	Haim Petterson		08/08/24
29	Alicia Wells		09/08/24
30	Linda Waldron		09/08/24
31	DAVID ALLDRITT		12-8-24
32	JULIE REYNOLDS	JR Reynolds	13-8-24
33	Sigfried Phochyn		16-8-24
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WALKING & CYCLING PATHS.

Regarding Kalimna Rds + Light Pass Roads,
PETITION - CALL FOR ACTION
Nuriootpa, SA.

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	Name + Suburb	Signature	Date
1	Geoff Payne	GP	3.04.24
2	Rowena Lawson	RL	3.04.24
3	Dwayne Watts	DW	8.4.24
4	Wietfeld Stefan	W	8.4.24
5	Wietfeld Ulla	W	9.4.24
6	Koerber Sigrid	S. Koerber	9.4.24
7	Brian Ford	B	9.4.24
8	Nikki Marwick	N	13.11.24
9	M. MARENS	M	13/4/24
10	Bilowder	B	17/4/24
11	Mark Laidler	M	17/4/24
12	Judy Murray	J	24.4.24
13	Judy Spain	J	24.4.24
14	Molly Courts	M	24.4.24

Petition for footpaths on Kalimna Rds + Light Pass
Roads, Nuriootpa, SA.

(45 total)

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	Printed Name	Address	Signature	Date
1	Elizabeth Hoyt	Nuriootpa	[Signature]	12.4.24
2	ELITE LOST	Nuriootpa	[Signature]	12.4.24
3	KELEY WALSH	LIGHT PASS	[Signature]	14.4.24
4	Tosie & Andrew Shaw	Light Pass	[Signature]	16.4.24
5	MIKE GRIFFIN	LIGHT PASS RD.	[Signature]	19/4/24
6	Robert GROPE	LIGHT PASS	[Signature]	30/4/24
7	Sandra John	Light Pass	[Signature]	30/05/24
8	Becky Barnett	Nuriootpa	RE Barnett	30/07/24.

Petition for footpaths on Kaimnna Roads + Light Pass Roads, SA.

	Name	Address	Signature	Date.
9	Oliver Pryde	Angaston	OP	30/7/24
10	Emily Dorton	Nurriootpa	ED	30/7/24
11	Alele D Dornan	Nurriootpa	AD	30/7/24
12	Riley Stagg	Stockwell	Riley	30/7/24
13	Ruxer	TFYRO	Ruxer	30/7/24
14	OSCAR	Angaston	OD	30/7/24
15	Phoenix	thunder		30/7/24
16	Matt Mauleay	Angaston	Mauleay	30/7/24
17	Mandy Burev	Greenock	Mburev	30.7.24
18	SHARLES	Nurriootpa	SHARLES	30/7/24
19	Evanna	Stockwell	EA	30/7/24
20	Carl	Nurriootpa	cal	30/7/24
21	Ariyah	Stockwell	AT	30/7/24
22	Holly	Nurriootpa	H.H	30/7/24
23	GRAYSON	Dutton	G.R	30/7/24
24	Negan		NORRICH	1/1/24
25	ETHAN	Light Pass	EEB	30/7/2024
26	Addy	Stockwell	ADD	30-7-24
27	COOPER BROTH	Stockwell	CB	30-7-24



Petition for better footpaths on Kalimna Rd + Light Pass Rd, Nuriootpa
SP

	Name	Address	Signature	Date
28	LAWSON	NURIOOTPA	LT	30/7/24
29	Sandra	Nuriootpa	SL	30/7/24
30	Jordan Lee	Bonsall	JL	20/7/24
31	JULIE MCNAB	Bonsall	JM	27/7/24
32	CAPE/109	Tanunda	CR	30/7/24
33	ELIZABETH	Tanunda	TS	31/7/24
34	Robyn van Dissel	Eden Valley	RvD	30/7/24
35	POPPY	Starkweel	PB	30-7-24
36	JAXSON	Nuriootpa	JS	31/7/24
37	DAVID		DK	31/7/24
38	MAX/OLIVIA	Rowland Flat	MH	31/7/24
39	ISAAC		IL	31-7-24
40	MYA		ML	31-7-24
41	Ronald		RJ	31-7-24
42	JAYDEN		JD	
43	EMERALD	Light Pass	ES	2-8-2024
44	MICHAEL		MG	2-8-24
45	L MADDISON	Light Pass	MD	2-8-24

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1	James Lee Knight	[REDACTED] Moonta	[Signature]	13/4/24
2	Tina Foster	Moonta Bay.	[Signature]	13.4.24
3	Diana Kiblan	Burnside	[Signature]	13.4.24
4	Neil Morris	[REDACTED] Walkerville	[Signature]	15.4.24
5	ROD VINCENT	[REDACTED] Moonta	[Signature]	13.4/23
6	MAUREEN JAMIESON	[REDACTED] Mount Compass	[Signature]	13/4/24
7	BILL LAWSON	16 BALAMBOL	[Signature]	14/4/24
8	IVY LAWSON	16 BALAMBOL	[Signature]	14/4/24

petition for bike paths and walking paths.
Kalmna Rd + Light Pass Roads.

	Name	Address	Signature	Date
9	ESTHER PARRIS	[REDACTED]	[Signature]	5/5/24
10	Carolyn M Trumble	[REDACTED]	[Signature]	5/5/24
11	[Signature] A.M. Ho	[REDACTED]	[Signature]	5/5/24
12	Margaret Lynch	[REDACTED] St Peters	[Signature]	7/5/24
13	Melissa Kelly	[REDACTED] Bakeries	[Signature]	7/5/24
14	LEO THOMPSON	[REDACTED] ASHCROVE	[Signature]	7/5/24
15	SUE THOMPSON	[REDACTED] ASHCROVE	[Signature]	7/5/24
16	RICHARD MONTAGNA	[REDACTED]	[Signature]	8/5/24
17	PARRICA PADDICK	[REDACTED] Eastlands	[Signature]	8/05/2024
18	SASHA HOFFMANN	[REDACTED] Tamara	[Signature]	9/5/2024
19	Margaret + Malcolm Zwaar	Murray Bridge	[Signature]	11/05/24
20	Anne Fyfe	Strathalbyn	[Signature]	11/5/24
21	Drew Petersen	Little Hampton	[Signature]	11/5/24
22	Karen Ridd	Sharon Road	[Signature]	14/5/24
23	L. Ridd	[REDACTED]	[Signature]	14/5/24
24	Henry	Wentworth Vic	[Signature]	
25	R. Ridd	Tasmania	[Signature]	15/5/24
26	P.J Hill	[REDACTED] Kensington	[Signature]	17/5/24
27	Nadine Robson	43 Avon Rd Nth Ryde	[Signature]	17/5/24

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 Kalimna Rd + Light Pass Roads, Nuriootpa, SA.

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28	Janessa Spinks	Queenscliff Sydney	Janessa Spinks	19/5/24
29	Patrick Hugi	Wandi Perth	Patrick Hugi	20/5/24
30	Alina Warnock	Blanchetown	Alina Warnock	21/5/24
31	Carolyn Goddard	Wingalla	Carolyn Goddard	25/5/24
32	Annanda Nomis	Adelaide	Annanda Nomis	25/5/24
33	Karen Nomis	Adelaide	Karen Nomis	25/5/24
34	Wayne Nomis	Adelaide	Wayne Nomis	25/5/24
35	Maree Nomis	Adelaide	Maree Nomis	25/5/24
36	Dereel Atwood	Adelaide	Dereel Atwood	25/5/24
37	Nigel McEaffin	Adelaide	Nigel McEaffin	25/5/24
38	Tabatha Eldridge	Adelaide	Tabatha Eldridge	28/5/24
39	Victoria O'Grady	Adelaide	Victoria O'Grady	31/6/24
40	Chloe Foster	Lalorke Valley	Chloe Foster	1-6-24
41	Christine Moroney	Sydney	Christine Moroney	7-6-2024
42	Neil P.H.	Adelaide	Neil P.H.	7/6/24
43	James Rainford	Nuriootpa	James Rainford	7/6/24
44	Geoff Payne	Nuriootpa SA	Geoff Payne	24.6.24
45	GREGORY MILLAR	PERTH WA	G.P. Millar	26-6-24
46	VICTOR CLARK	HAWKER	V. Clark	2/7/24

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1	Yaye Gibson	[REDACTED]	Yaye Gibson	28.11.24
2	Jeannie Watson	[REDACTED]	Jeannie Watson	30.4.24
3	DEAN WATSON	— " —	Dea Watson	30-2-24
4	Michele Davis	[REDACTED]	Michele Davis	3/5/24
5	Penny Strain	SOUTH AUST	Penny Strain	3/5/24
6	BRENDAN HAYES	" "	Brendan Hayes	3/5/24
7	Alex Locking	[REDACTED]	Alex Locking	4/5/24
8	ROSEMARY MCKINNEY	[REDACTED]	Rosemary McKinney	4/5/24

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Kalimna Rds, Norrotpa, SA.

	Name	Address	Signature	Date.
9	Lyn Morwick	[REDACTED]	[Signature]	14/4/24
10	DENIS SCHENK	[REDACTED] MANDURAH	[Signature]	14/4/24
11	NALLY CLEESMAN	[REDACTED] Redcliffe	[Signature]	14/4/24
12	Tommy Mitchell	[REDACTED]	[Signature]	15/4/24
13	RUTH DAVID	PERTH WA	[Signature]	16/4/24
14	ANDY DAVID	" " "	[Signature]	16/4/24
15	JOANETTE COPPER	MORIMBULLA NSW	[Signature]	16/4/24
16	Annie van Vlessem	Netherlands	[Signature]	16/4/24
17	Erica Teagood	England	[Signature]	16/4/24
18	Shelley Johnson	[REDACTED] TAS LUTANA	[Signature]	16/4/24
19	GORDON SHONE	[REDACTED]	[Signature]	16 April '24
20	SAUL ROMAN	" " "	[Signature]	16/04/24
21	PETER DEWESON	[REDACTED]	[Signature]	17/4/24
22	Robert Stewart	[REDACTED]	[Signature]	17.4.24
23	Alexandra Smith	Kelburn Wgh NZ	[Signature]	18.4.24
24	Sukhvir Singh	BYRE	[Signature]	19.4.24
25	Raye Carroll	[REDACTED] Ringwood Vic Kephtham	[Signature]	19/4/24
26	Denny Carroll	[REDACTED] Ringwood Vic	[Signature]	19/4/24
27	Leah Muike	[REDACTED] Enniscorthy	[Signature]	19/4/24

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Nunooopa, SA.

	Name	Address	Signature	Date
28	Nick Muecke	[REDACTED]	[Signature]	19/4/24
29	Nick Barson	[REDACTED] MBEW	[Signature]	19/4/24
30	Prashant Gupta	Australia	[Signature]	19/4/24
31	Pat Moloney	[REDACTED] R. Nardone	[Signature]	19/4/24
32	Alma J	[REDACTED]	[Signature]	
33	JOHN WELK	[REDACTED] WYNARD	[Signature]	20-4-2024
34	LESLEY BOMFORD	[REDACTED] WYNARD	[Signature]	20.4.24
35	JOHN HOPKINS	[REDACTED] STRATH	[Signature]	20.4.24
36	Helen Brown	[REDACTED] Belair	[Signature]	20.4.24
37	Vicki Tompkins	MEADOWS	[Signature]	23/4/24
38	Diana Lyons	[REDACTED] Redcliffe	[Signature]	25/4/24
39	Helen Edwards	[REDACTED] PENOLA	[Signature]	25/4/24
40	LORI HEWSON	[REDACTED] HILLARYS	[Signature]	"
41	Lisa KIERAN	[REDACTED] ROCKINGHAM WA	[Signature]	25/4/24
42	Louise Smith Smith	[REDACTED] KEW	[Signature]	25.4.24
43	David Smith	[REDACTED] New	[Signature]	25.4.24
44	Elaine Klein	[REDACTED] Renown	[Signature]	25/4/24
45	Lil Mersch	DEWCASTER FTS	[Signature]	25/4/2024
46	Jarvis Sargum		[Signature]	26/04.2024
47	R. PIETTS	Wallaroo.	[Signature]	27-4-24
48	ISLEHNER	RTON. QLD.	[Signature]	27-4-24
49	R. KRECHER	✓ ✓	[Signature]	27-4-24
50	Mr. A. Jones	[REDACTED]	[Signature]	28-4-24

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	Printed Name	Address	Signature	Date
1	DAVID HENDERSON	[REDACTED] NUKI	[Signature]	1/7/24
2	Grayson Hoyt	[REDACTED]	Grayson Hoyt	8/26/24
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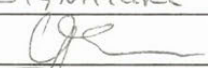
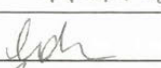
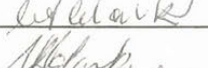
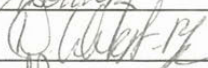
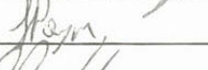
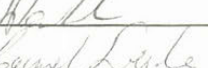
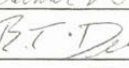
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	NAME + SUBURB	SIGNATURE	DATE
1	CHRISTOPHER ELIEFF		2 ND APR 2024
2	Paul Mueller - Andrews Farm		2/4/24
3	Hayer Nic		2/4/24
4	KERRYIN KING		2/4/2024
5	Andrea de Lacy		3/4/2024
6	Tahlia Falkenberg		3/4/24
7	Cynthia Clark		3/4/24
8	VICTOR CLARK		3/4/24
9	Danielle Webster		3/4/24
10	Geoff Payne		3/4/24
11	James Rainford		3/4/24
12	Camel Peablin		4-4-24
13	BARRY DEVLIN		4-4/24
14	Tina Falkenberg		4-4-24

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	Name + suburb	Signature	Date
15	Alicia Falkenberg - Angaston	amr	4/4/24
16	James Green.	James	5-4-24
17	Sabine Green.	Sabine	5-4-24
18	Mona Simpson	M Simpson	5/4/24
19	STEVE CHARLES	Steve Charles	5/4/24
20	Sue Wellington	Sue Wellington	5/4/24
21	Mark Wellington	Mark Wellington	5/4/24
22	Joanne Nicholls	Joanne Nicholls	5/4/24
23	John Nicholls	John Nicholls	5/4/24
24	Anthony Goodrich - Glengaine	Anthony Goodrich	6/4/24
25	Karen Buchanan	K Buchanan	6/4/24
26	Shane Thompson	Shane Thompson	6/4/24
27	Jon Hopkins	Jon Hopkins	6/4/24
28	Michelle Fensike	Michelle Fensike	6/4/2024
29	Amy Pullen.	Amy Pullen	6/4/2024.
30	Deb Bilney	Deb Bilney	7/4/24
31	LINDSAY HODGES	Lindsay Hodges	7/4/24
32	Doug Milne	Doug Milne	8/4/24
33	R. F. L. L. L.	R. F. L. L. L.	9/4/24
34	John Buchanan - Kinniburgh	John Buchanan	9/4/24
35	M. H. H.	M. H. H.	9/4/24
36	S. B. B. M. Schanck	S. B. B. M. Schanck	9 April 24
37	NEIL SIMARETT - Drummond	Neil Simarett	9 APRIL 24
38	ELIZABETH OBERSCHEIDT	Elizabeth Oberscheidt	11/04/2024
39	S. B. B.	S. B. B.	11/04/2024
40	Ajeet Singh	Ajeet Singh	11/04/2024
41	Jasen Murray	Jasen Murray	11/04/24

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	Name + Suburb	Signature	Date
1	Tanya Stockwell	Tanya Stockwell	8.4.24
2	Santona Nuriootpa	Santona Nuriootpa	10.4.24
3	Terry Nuriootpa	Terry Nuriootpa	21/4/24
4	Kelli Tanunda	Kelli Tanunda	29/4/24
5	Adelle Nuriootpa	Adelle Nuriootpa	
6	Adele P Nuriootpa	Adele P Nuriootpa	27-5-24
7	Kerri B. Light Pass	Kerri B. Light Pass	28/5/24
8	Craig B. Light Pass	Craig B. Light Pass	28/5/24
9	Ethan B Light Pass	Ethan B Light Pass	28/5/24
10	MATHEW PIETSCHE	MatheW Pietzsche	18-06-2024
11	Debbie Short Stockwell	Debbie Short Stockwell	18-06-2024
12	Stuart Ansell	Stuart Ansell	18-6-2024
13	Kim Jansen	Kim Jansen	18-6-2024
14	EmJay Billing Kapunda	EmJay Billing	18-06-2024

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	Name + suburb	Signature	Date
15	Emily Gort Kapunda		18/6/24
16	Judy Docke	JAD	18/6/24
17	Samuel Kobay		18/6/24
18	Graham Billing Kapunda	G Billing	18/06/24
19	Nathan Reynolds	N Reynolds	18/06/24
20	Kyleigh Milne	K Milne	18-06-24
21	Nigel Murphy		18/06/24
22	Amanda Baverstock	ABaverstock	18/06/24
23	BRENDAN TRINNE	B.T.R.	18/6/24
24	Bobbi-lee Schloithe		21/6/24
25	Heather Schloithe		21/6/24
26	Phoebe Rebane Lyndoch	Phoebe	22/6/24
27	Piz Rebane Lyndoch	APRebane	22/6/24
28	Kobie Rebane Lyndoch		22/6/24
29	AKI Rebane Lyndoch	AKI Rebane	22/6/24
30	E. Frede Tammela	E Frede	23/6/24
31	Frede Tammela	E Frede	23/6/24
32	Elijah Tarunda	Elijah	4/7/24
33	Daniel Hoyt	D. Hoyt	30/07/24
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PROCEDURAL ITEMS

3.1 Petitions

3.1.2 PETITION - SEEKING RESCISSION OF MOTION

**Author: Chief Executive Officer
25/77863**

PURPOSE

A petition has been received regarding a request to rescind motion 2022-26/766.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the petition.

REPORT

The petition seeks Council to rescind a motion past by Council. As Councillors know, a motion to rescind needs to be brought by way of a notice of motion from an Elected Member. The motion passed by Council is as follows.

MOVED Cr de Vries

That Council, noting risk advice and that safety cannot be guaranteed on an oval used to provide ongoing service for both equestrian and football activities:

- (1) Notes that the current license held by Torrens Valley Football Club permits up to four games per season, one finals game per season, and one end-of-season presentation night; that existing service levels cannot be maintained in a safe manner; and that our insurance status is in jeopardy should dual use continue to be maintained.*
- (2) Notes the increased demand and current reliance on Talunga Park Oval by regional equestrian groups, alongside the recent incidence of surface damage following horse events, which were approved in accordance with agreed core service levels.*
- (3) Acknowledges complaints raised by football users regarding surface safety, and the fact that no matter what investments are made, the oval cannot provide a service level that appropriately meets the requirements of both competing interests.*
- (4) Endorse the prior master planning outcomes whereby the facility is primarily an equestrian and agricultural and tourism facility incompatible with ongoing football use.*

(5) *Endorses an update to the Talunga Park Master Plan to confirm the oval's primary purpose as an equestrian facility and commits to exploring other options to support honouring of the Torrens Valley Football Club's current lease commitments that do not put the community at risk or contribute to unacceptable insurance and liability risks.*

SECONDED Cr Preece

CARRIED 2022-26/766

If a rescission motion is not supported it, or another motion or amendment to a similar or same effect, cannot be brought forward for at least 12 months or depending on timing the next established Council, whichever is the sooner.

If a member brings a notice of motion forward for rescission it will be listed at the appropriate Council meeting thereafter.

Council has instructed that a review of the masterplan for Talunga Park be undertaken, at this time subject to funding, this will be programmed for 2026-27 as the 2025-26 budget is set and the Council has resolved that no new initiatives will occur for 2025-26.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

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Supporting references

Nil

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Corporate Plan

- BS4 Council and Committees - Provision of support to Council and Committees through the provision of required information, agendas, and minutes. Council and Committees are provided with support to enable informed decisions
- BS7 Governance - Provision of governance advice and support in the discharge of legislative responsibilities for policy development, delegations and authorisations, internal review of Council decisions, delegations and authorisations, Native Title claims

Legislative Requirements

Regulation 10 and 12 of the Local Government (Procedures at meetings) Regulations 2013

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

These statements are qualitative in nature and designed to provide an indication of Council's general position when deciding to take or retain risk in pursuit of its objectives.

1. SERVICE DELIVERY

Refers to the delivery of services to the community, which includes the systems and physical assets that enable provision of these services,

including structures (such as roads, buildings and facilities) as well as IT infrastructure, plant, vehicles & other equipment.

The current service delivery is established through the motion, should that be rescinded officers will need direction on what services they are to provide. At present the capacity to provide the levels of service to the requisite standard for multiple use of equestrian and football are not guaranteed, the risk is neither service maybe adequately catered for and safe.

2. SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT

Relates to measures to preserve, protect and minimise impact on the natural environment, including sacred and indigenous lands, flora, fauna, heritage, water, waste, hazardous materials and pollution.

Nil

3. FINANCIAL

Refers to planning and control of Council's budget to align with the sustainable achievement of the desired outcomes articulated in its Community Plan.

There are long term considerations that may alter should the current endorsed direction of Council change, should that arise estimates will be investigated and provided.

4. PEOPLE

Relates to recruitment, retention, wellbeing and safety of employees and volunteers and engagement and management of contractors as well as the wellbeing and safety of the community.

Nil

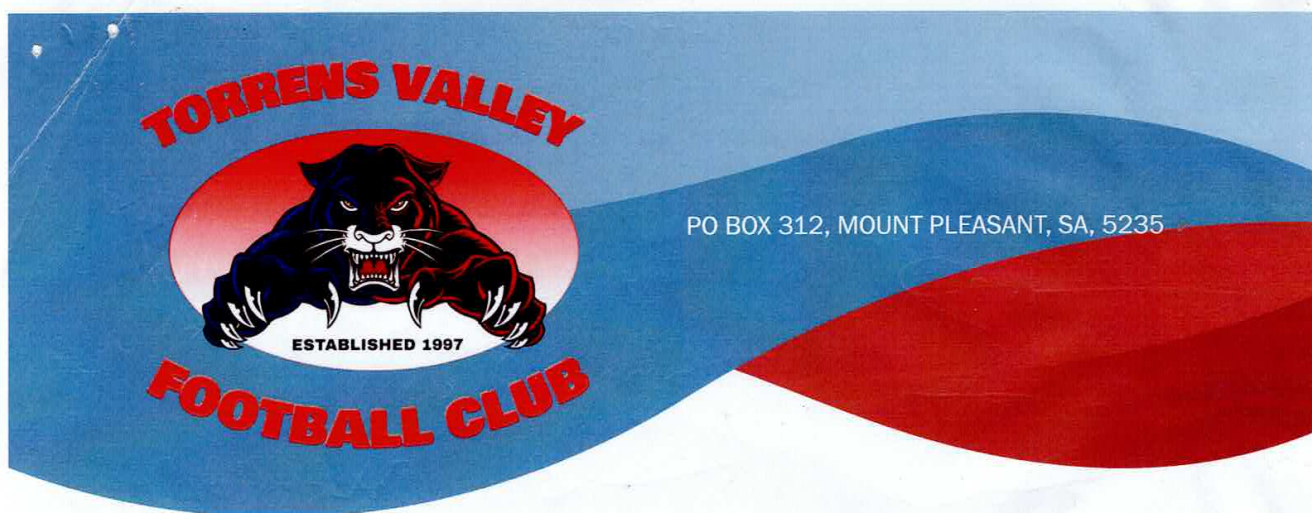
5. REPUTATION

Relates to policy, decisions, actions and circumstances that may cause Council to lose credibility with the community, ratepayers, key stakeholders, other levels of government and its own employees and contractors.

The ability to ascertain reputation risk is unknown until the outcomes of any motion to rescind is undertaken and whatever services are established thereafter. At present the capacity to provide the levels of service to the requisite standard for multiple use of equestrian and football are not guaranteed, the risk is neither service maybe adequately catered for and safe and thus the reputation risk is real for both main user groups and Council.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Extensive engagement already undertaken in 2018 to inform the masterplans. Councils foreshadowed review of the Talunga Masterplan will incorporate community engagement through workshops as well as a formal engagement period.



PETITION

To the Mayor and elected Members of the Barossa Council:

Petition Contact Person	Michael Ferguson
Telephone:	0404 478 554
Address:	42 Klose Road Mount Torrens SA 5244
Email:	Torrensvalleyfcpres@outlook.com
Date:	24/7/25

The petition of:

Torrens Valley Football Club Incorporated

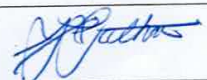
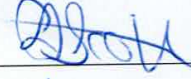
Matter of concern to petitioners:

The Talunga Park oval and clubrooms has been a base of the Torrens Valley Football Club and Pleasant Valley Football Club for a substantial period. The oval is for all community use and should be maintained at a community standard for all relevant sports, public users, and equestrian events. The agenda that was presented at the ordinary council meeting on 15th of July 2025 was not factual in several statements regarding the Football Clubs' use of the oval.

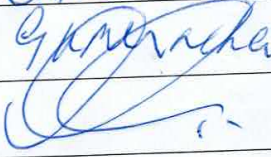
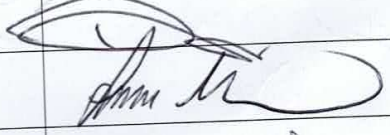
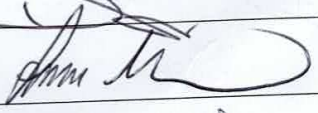
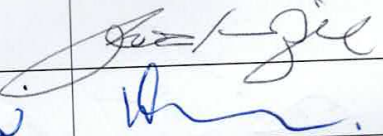
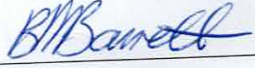
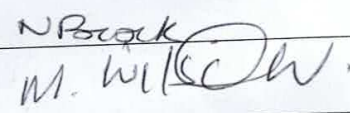
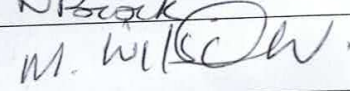
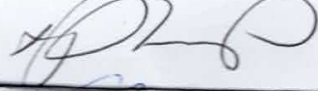
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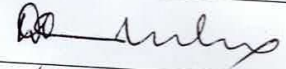
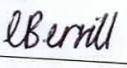
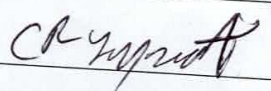
Rescind the outcome of the 15th of July 2025 ordinary council meeting and allow the Torrens Valley Football Club to present a submission on its future Football in Mt Pleasant along with updated submissions from all other Talunga Park user groups as a collaboration.

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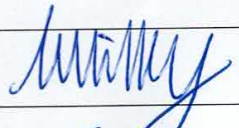
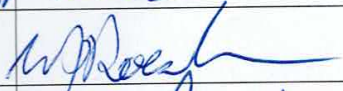
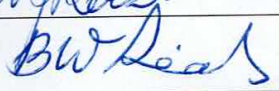
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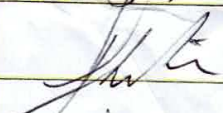
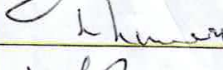
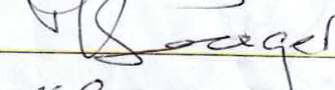
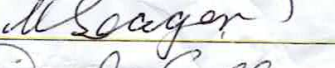
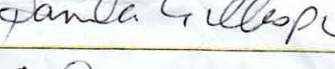
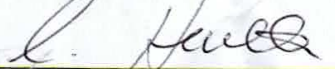
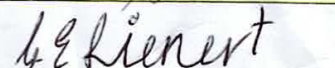
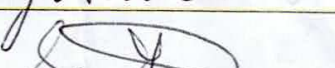
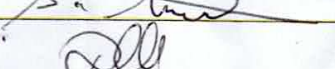
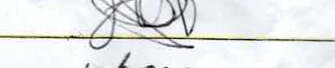
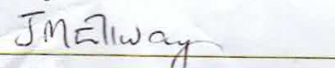
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Jackie Ladkum	466 Cranford Rd Flaxman ^{vulky}	[Signature]
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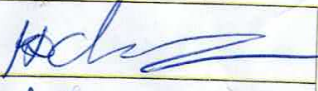
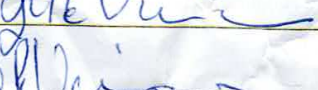
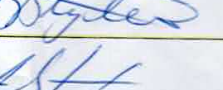
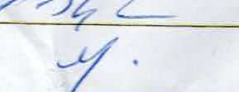
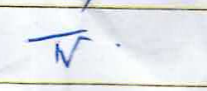
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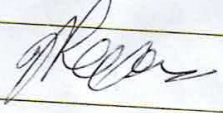
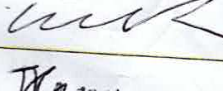
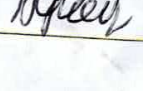
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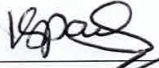
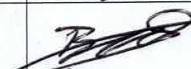
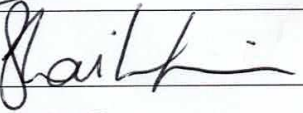
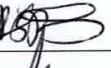
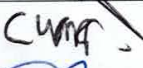
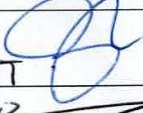
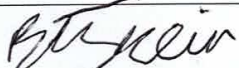
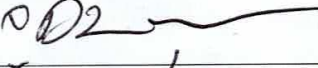
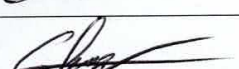
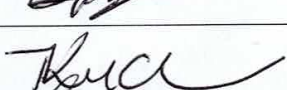
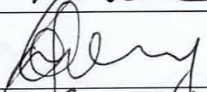
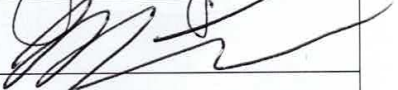
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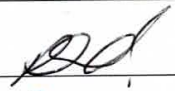
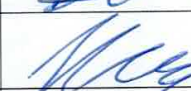
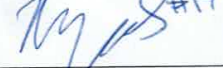
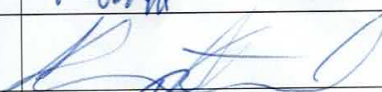
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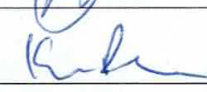
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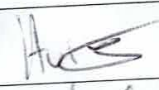
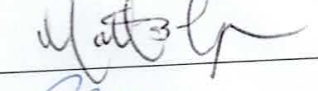
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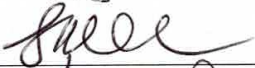
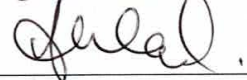
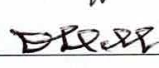
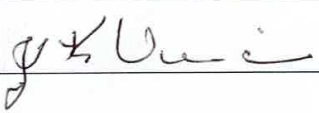
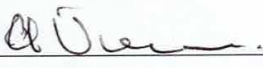
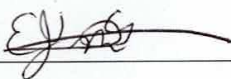
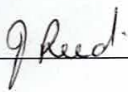
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Paul Collyer	Kersbrook	
Simon Ebert	Kersbrook	
Paul Wood	Kersbrook	
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Marina Simmonds	Mt. Pleasant	
MARV LUYMAN	MT PLEASANT	
BARRGALLO	SPRINGTON	
Sarah Mclellan	Mt Pleasant	
Ashlea Ward	Springton	
Marina Simmonds	Mt Pleasant	
Peter Seppelt	MT Pleasant	
DRILL	MT PLEASANT	
K SEPUTIS	MT PLEASANT	
Jan Vivian	MT. Pleasant	
Michelle Vivian	MT, Pleasant	
Andrew Vivian	MT. Pleasant	
ERROL GEHAN	Cromer	
Liz. McLean	Mt. Pleasant	
B. Fuller	Springton	
J. Reed	Mt Pleasant	

Moira Smith	Kilburn	mesm
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Sarah Evans	4 Belford Ave Devan	SE Evans
Anna Markov	13 Parkin court Plympton	Markov
DOROTHY CROWE	6 million cmt GILLES PLAINS	al
MARGARET KELLY	Prospect	MK.
Kairua Musumbi	Rosewater	KTM
Lobby Davidson	PROSPECT	EADavidson..
Elizabeth Till	Madbury Heights	E. Till
Verly Robertson	Prospect	Verly Robtson
Angela Datsopoul	PENFIELD GONS.	Angela Datsopoul
rooo	PROSPECT	NICK BROOKS
A. Terrell	Lockleys	Terrell
L Howlett	Prospect	L Howlett
KERRY FERRARI.	Craydon PK.	Kerry Ferrari
Jill Huntley	Brompton	Jill M. Huntley.
VOULA TEP	SAUSBURY PARK	VOULA TEP
Chris Tapp	Prospect	Chris Tapp
Lila Nikolovski	Kilburn	Lila Nikolovski
BORICA NIKOLOSKI	Kilburn	BORICA NIKOLOSKI

Laila El-Assaad	Prospect.	A.E.
Cheng Hent		C.Hent
Irene Tsalamungos	Alfnew Hts	I Tsalamungos
Angela Butler	Rennan Pk	A.B.T.
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Lyn Ellis	Prospect	L.E.
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Channat Per	76 Andrews Rd. Penfield	C. Per
Carmela Hanson	27 Prospect Tce Prospect	C. Hanson
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R. Snyders	Tongkillo.	R. Snyders
Mark Chawwell	P.O. Box 308 Mount Pleasant	M. Chawwell
Deb Mitchell	Springton	D. Mitchell

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

3.3 NOTICE OF MOTION

3.3.1 INVESTIGATION INTO DISPLAYING OF AUSTRALIAN FLAGS PERMANENTLY AT CIVIC AND OTHER LOCATIONS

**From: Councillor John Angas
25/77927**

PURPOSE

To debate the notice of motion put forward by Cr Angas.

NOTICE OF MOTION RECOMMENDATION

That the Chief Executive Officer undertake investigations into the costs, logistics and benefits of displaying the Australian Flag at civic locations around The Barossa Council and provide a report back to Council within 3 months noting any support for the service level will require a new initiative to be developed for future funding if the service is to be provided.

REPORT

Cr Angas has provided the following rationale.

Councillors have received correspondence suggesting the flying of the Australian Flag at civic locations and whilst such matters are a matter normally of internal processes, I think there is value in evaluating this service request formally.

It is understood that Council has many sites that can fit this definition and have been identified in the correspondence noting some locations mentioned are not in our Council area or even owned by the Council (there are at least 20 identifiable townships/locations meeting the definition). I am also aware of very preliminary estimates to provide a service to 20 locations. I seek to have the suggestion fully investigated as to the viability and benefits and costs of such a service on our own buildings/sites, what infrastructure is in place and would be required to at least display a flag in each township/location, and the ongoing costs to manage such a service within established flag protocols.

Officer Comments

Only very preliminary work has been undertaken to date, it has been the policy of Council to fly the flag at its principal place of operations and at relevant events, this level of service is in the base budget. As per Councillor Angas comment on established protocols, the reference is in relation to their daily management. As

prescribed by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet Australia Flag protocols publication, page 5, the following is stipulated.

- The flag should be raised no earlier than first light and should be lowered no later than dusk.
- The flag may only be flown at night when illuminated (the principal office meets this standard).

Based on this basic specification the vast majority of civic and other locations do not meet the second test therefore depending on the sites, and to date over 20 sites can be identified as civic sites or sites to ensure all towns have a least one flying. This will require significant additional resources, or reduction of other services, to achieve the constant 5-day rotation from morning to evening (more if it requested to manage the sites on weekends and public holidays attracting additional rates). It has not been determined how the route would be managed and what time the raising and then the lowering process would commence and conclude.

Mayor Lange has written to the resident suggesting a volunteer program may be appropriate for selected sites but they have confirmed that is not their desire.

No assessment of existing poles has been undertaken including location, height, operability, structural integrity, or sites that may require new poles. This would be undertaken as part of the investigation and any upgrade and new costs included.

This is a change in service level and thus a new initiative. Council has determined not support new initiatives in 2025-26, however upon completion of the investigation should Council instruct it will be listed for consideration as part of the 2026-27 budget which then if supported will form part of community consultation.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Attachment 1 Notice of Motion [↓](#) 

Supporting references

Nil

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Nil

Legislative Requirements

Nil

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

These statements are qualitative in nature and designed to provide an indication of Council's general position when deciding to take or retain risk in pursuit of its objectives.

1. SERVICE DELIVERY

Refers to the delivery of services to the community, which includes the systems and physical assets that enable provision of these services,

including structures (such as roads, buildings and facilities) as well as IT infrastructure, plant, vehicles & other equipment.

This would be a new service.

2. SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT

Relates to measures to preserve, protect and minimise impact on the natural environment, including sacred and indigenous lands, flora, fauna, heritage, water, waste, hazardous materials and pollution.

Nil

3. FINANCIAL

Refers to planning and control of Council's budget to align with the sustainable achievement of the desired outcomes articulated in its Community Plan.

To be determined as part of the investigation.

4. PEOPLE

Relates to recruitment, retention, wellbeing and safety of employees and volunteers and engagement and management of contractors as well as the wellbeing and safety of the community.

Additional resources would be required.

5. REPUTATION

Relates to policy, decisions, actions and circumstances that may cause Council to lose credibility with the community, ratepayers, key stakeholders, other levels of government and its own employees and contractors.

Council will need to weigh up the symbolism with the cost noting it already fly's the flag ever day of the year at the Council principal office and in the Council chamber.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

There is no intent of undertake engagement in the investigation, the report will simply identified sites related to the resident's request and cost the proposal as well as determine the resourcing needs.

Mr Martin McCarthy
Chief Executive Officer
The Barossa Council
PO Box 837
Nuriootpa SA 5355

Via email: mmccarthy@barossa.sa.gov.au

Dear Martin

I hereby propose to move the following motion at the next ordinary Council meeting of 21 October 2025 pursuant to Regulation 12(1) of the *Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013*.

Having provided the requisite notice of 7 clear days please place the matter on the relevant agenda.

Motion

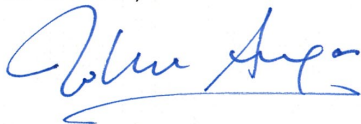
That the Chief Executive Officer undertake investigations into the costs, logistics and benefits of displaying the Australian Flag at civic locations around The Barossa Council and provide a report back to Council within 3 months noting any support for the service level will require a new initiative to be developed for future funding if the service is to be provided.

Rationale

Councillors have received correspondence suggesting the flying of the Australian Flag at civic locations and whilst such matters are a matter normally of internal processes, I think there is value in evaluating this service request formally.

It is understood that Council has many sites that can fit this definition and have been identified in the correspondence noting some locations mentioned are not in our Council area or even owned by the Council (there are at least 20 identifiable townships/locations meeting the definition). I am also aware of very preliminary estimates to provide a service to 20 locations. I seek to have the suggestion fully investigated as to the viability and benefits and costs of such a service on our own buildings/sites, what infrastructure is in place and would be required to at least display a flag in each township/location, and the ongoing costs to manage such a service within established flag protocols.

Yours sincerely



Cr John Angas
Councillor, The Barossa Council

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SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

9/09/2025 Grapevine, Texas Sister City Delegation Visit from 9/09/2025 – 16/09/2025. Full report will be delivered at a future Council meeting.



Pictured with Nuriootpa High School Study Tour students and Amber Perry, Barossa Young Ambassador

22/09/2025 Radio Interview with ABC Radio regarding Council Boundary Reform.

23/09/2025 Radio Interview with ABC Radio regarding Concordia.

"Minute with the Mayor" Council Promotion for 2026 Citizen of the Year Awards.

24/09/2025 Attended the Barossa, Light and Gawler Umpires Association – 2025 Grand Final Dinner and Presentations.

Meeting with Telstra State Executives discussing some of the upgrades planned for the region and opportunities.

- 26/09/2025 Citizenship Ceremony was held in the Council Chambers welcoming sixteen new citizens to our community. This was attended by over 40 family and friends and catered for by the SA Country Women's Association – Angaston Branch.



Pictured with Tony Pasin MP, new citizen Vitalii Shyiatyi

- 26/09/2025 Representing Council at former Nuriootpa Police Officer, Mark Weaver's Funeral. Mark was our Citizen of the Year in 2005 and then followed this with South Australian Citizen of the Year for his valued contribution to the Barossa Community. Councillor Don Barrett was also in attendance.

- 27/09/2025 The Tanunda RSL hosted a BBQ for the Pollie Pedal riders supporting the Wandering Warriors organisation which raises funds and fosters unity among veterans. There were a few familiar faces including Pollie Pedal Founder and Patron, the Hon Tony Abbot AC and the Shadow Minister for Defence and Chair of Pollie Ride, Federal MP Angus Taylor.



- 30/09/2025 TV Media promotion for Concordia Water Infrastructure – Hon Minister Nick Champion, Gawler Mayor Nathan Shanks and James Agness, Candidate for Light.
- 7/10/2025 Interviews with Graham Goodings on 5AA and ABC Radio regarding the 2026 Tour Down Under promotion.
- 9/10/2025 Meeting with Barossa Basketball Association Representatives, Ashton Hurn, Member for Schubert and CEO Martin McCarthy.
- 15/10/2025 Barossa Park Advisory Committee Meeting with Jo Moen.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY - MINUTES OF MEETING

**Author: Executive and Project Support Officer
25/72909**

Minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority meeting held 28 August 2025, are attached for information.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 Minutes - Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority meeting
28 August 2025 [!\[\]\(e474458956c9a37fbf9586ddb60a7fa1_img.jpg\)](#) 

SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Nil

MINUTES

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

9:45am Thursday 28 August 2025

The Town of Gawler, Gawler Civic Centre, 89-91 Murray Street, Gawler

1. Meeting of the Board

1.1 Welcome by the GRFMA Chairperson

Mr Lino Di Lernia formally welcomed Board Members, Deputy Board Members, Observers and the Executive Officer and opened the 158th meeting of the Board.

1.2 Present

- Mr Lino Di Lernia, Independent Board Member, Chair
- Cr Terry-Anne Keen, Adelaide Plains Council, Board Member
- Mr James Miller, Adelaide Plains Council, Board Member
- Cr Malcolm Herrmann, Adelaide Hills Council, Board Member
- Ms Sharon Leith, Adelaide Hills Council, Deputy Board Member
- Cr Tony Hurn, The Barossa Council, Board Member
- Mr Jake McVicar, The Barossa Council, Board Member
- Cr Brian Sambell, Town of Gawler, Deputy Board Member
- Mr Ashley Curtis, Town of Gawler, Board Member
- Mayor Bill Close, Light Regional Council, Board Member
- Mr Richard Dodson, Light Regional Council, Board Member
- Cr Clint Marsh, City of Playford, Board Member
- Mr Greg Pattinson, City of Playford, Board Member
- Mr David Hitchcock, Executive Officer

1.3 Apologies

- Ms Jade Ballantine, Adelaide Hills Council, Board Member
- Cr Paul Koch, Town of Gawler, Board Member
- Ms Whendee Young, Town of Gawler, Board Member

1.4 Appointment of Observers

GB34/25 Observers
Moved: Cr Terry-Anne Keen
Seconded: Mr James Miller

That Cr Mel Lawrence of Adelaide Hills Council be appointed as Observer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.5 Declarations of Interest

Nil

2. Confirmation of Minutes**2.1 GRFMA Ordinary Meeting Minutes**

GB35/25 **GRFMA Ordinary Meeting Minutes**
Moved: Cr Clint Marsh
Seconded: Cr Terry-Anne Keen

That the Minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Board meeting held on 19/6/2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.2 Actions on Previous Resolutions

GB36/25 **Actions on Previous Resolutions**
Moved: Cr Clint Marsh
Seconded: Mr Richard Dodson

That the GRFMA Board accepts the Actions on Previous Resolutions report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.3 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil

3. Questions on Notice

Nil

4. Motions on Notice

Nil

5. Presentations**5.1 Deputation – Cr Bruce Preece, The Barossa Council**

Response to Complaint made under the Behavioural Standards for Council Members.

GB37/25 **Deputation – Cr Bruce Preece, The Barossa Council**
Moved: Mr James Miller
Seconded: Mr Richard Dodson

That the GRFMA Board:

- 1. Notes the deputation provided by Cr Bruce Preece of The Barossa Council and acknowledges the apology in response to the complaint made under the Behavioural Standards for Council Members.*
- 2. Would like the deputation sent by email included in the minutes of this meeting.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Deputation:

Dear Board Members,

I am writing to express my sincerest apologies to the board in regards to the context of the conversation on the disparity of punishment between two issues namely that Port Adelaide Player was given 6 match suspension for a slur and a player can sling tackle a player and get only one or two match suspension causing serious injury and highlighted the number of times he had been personally branded with the slur while playing sport, while making a sticks and stones type argument. I submit that the pursuit of the argument was not appropriate to the context and I apologise for any offense caused.

I have no intention to cause embarrassment or offense to the board as I hold the GRFMA in high regards and appreciates the hard work the board members are undertaking. These remarks occurred approximately 16 months ago.

Going forward, I wish the GRFMA board every success in its future endeavours.

Kind regards,

Councillor Bruce Preece

6. Audit and Risk Committee**6.1 Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes****GB38/25 Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes**

Moved: Cr Terry-Anne Keen

Seconded: Mr Jake McVicar

That the GRFMA receives the minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 12/8/2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Technical Assessment Panel**7.1 Technical Assessment Panel Membership****GB39/25 Technical Assessment Panel Membership**

Moved: Mr Greg Pattinson

Seconded: Cr Clint Marsh

That the GRFMA seek expressions of interest from relevant Constituent Council staff for appointment to membership of the GRFMA Technical Assessment Panel.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Reports**8.1 Gawler River Flood Management Business Case****GB40/25 Gawler River Flood Management Business Case**

Moved: Mr James Miller

Seconded: Mr Greg Pattinson

That the GRFMA Board notes the report and receives a verbal update on progress with the Business Case.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 GRFMA 2024/2025 Financial Statements and Audit Report**GB41/25 GRFMA 2024/2025 Financial Statements and Audit Report****Moved:** Mr Richard Dodson**Seconded:** Cr Clint Marsh*That:*

1. *The audited Financial Statements for the year 2024/2025 be adopted for the purposes of Part 4 Financial Statements of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.*
2. *The 'Certification of Auditor Independence' be signed by the GRFMA Board Chairman.*
3. *The 'Certification of Financial Statements' be signed by the GRFMA Board Chairman and Executive Officer.*
4. *The Chief Executive Officer of each Constituent Council be requested to sign the 'Certification of Auditor Independence'.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**8.3 GRFMA Annual Report 2024/2025****GB42/25 GRFMA Annual Report 2024/2025****Moved:** Mr Greg Pattinson**Seconded:** Mr James Miller*That GRFMA 2024/2025 Annual Report be adopted and that a copy be distributed to Constituent Councils.***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****8.4 Concordia Code Amendment****GB43/25 Concordia Code Amendment****Moved:** Mr James Miller**Seconded:** Mr Greg Pattinson*That the GRFMA receives and endorses the GRFMA submission regarding the Concordia Code Amendment.***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****8.5 Financial Report****GB44/25 Financial Report****Moved:** Cr Clint Marsh**Seconded:** Cr Bill Close*That the GRFMA:*

1. *Receives the financial report as of 31 July 2025 showing a cash at bank balance of \$12,974.85.*
2. *Notes internal cash lending for CAD offset is \$326,185.00.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6 Executive Officer Report**GB45/25 Executive Officer Report****Moved:** Mr Richard Dodson**Seconded:** Mr Greg Pattinson*That the GRFMA receives the report.***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****GB46/25 Executive Officer Report****Moved:** Cr Terry-Anne Keen**Seconded:** Cr Bill Close*That subject to ratification by Adelaide Plains Council, that James Miller be appointed GRFMA Deputy Chairperson to act in the event the Chairperson is absent or unable for whatever reason to act as Chairperson.***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****9. Correspondence****9.1 Correspondence**

Letter from Hon Joe Szakacs, MP, Minister for Local Government regarding Adelaide Hills Council's application to withdraw from the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority.

GB47/25 Correspondence**Moved:** Cr Terry-Anne Keen**Seconded:** Cr Clint Marsh*That the correspondence be received.***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

11:05am formal meeting procedures were suspended to allow for a short break.

11:28am formal meeting procedures resumed.

10. Confidential**10.1 Business Case Decision-tree Guidance and Funding Models****GB48/25 Business Case Decision-tree Guidance and Funding Models****Moved:** Cr Tony Hurn**Seconded:** Cr Terry-Anne Keen*That:*

- 1. Pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999, an Order is made that the public be excluded from attendance at the meeting.
In order to consider in confidence agenda item 10.1 Business Case decision-tree guidance and funding models, pursuant to Section 90(3)(b)(i)(II) of the Local Government Act 1999 on the basis of information the disclosure of which 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 GRFMA.*

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2. *This matter is confidential because the information herein provides information regarding the consideration of flood mitigation infrastructure and funding of the considered works.*
3. *On the basis of this information, the principle that meetings of the GRFMA should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in this instance: the Committee consider it necessary to consider this matter in confidence.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11:29am confidential session commenced.

11:45am Cr Malcolm Herrman left the meeting.

12:20pm Cr Mel Lawrence left the room.

GB49/25 Business Case Decision-tree Guidance and Funding Models**Moved:** Mr James Miller**Seconded:** Cr Clint Marsh

That the presentation be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**GB50/25 Business Case Decision-tree Guidance and Funding Models****Moved:** Cr Bill Close**Seconded:** Mr Richard Dodson

That:

1. *Pursuant to Section 90(2) and Section 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999, the GRFMA orders that the following aspects of item 10.1 Business Case decision-tree guidance and funding models be kept confidential in accordance with the GRFMA Boards reasons to deal with this item in confidence pursuant to Section 90(3)(b)(i)(II) of the Local Government Act 1999:*
 - *Report for Item 10.1.*
 - *Attachment for Item 10.1.*
 - *Presentation for Item 10.1.*
2. *This order shall operate until reviewed and determined as part of the annual review by the Authority in accordance with Section 91(9)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12:24pm confidential session concluded.

11. Urgent Matters Without Notice

Nil

12. Next Meeting**Date and Time:** Thursday 16 October 2025, 9:45am**Host:** Adelaide Plains Council**13. Closure**

The Chairperson thanked the members for their attendance and contributions and closed the meeting at 12:25pm.

Chair _____ Date _____

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6.2 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT OUTCOMES AND ALLOCATIONS FOR 2025-26

**Author: Chief Executive Officer
25/73021**

The annual allocation of Financial Assistance Grants has been determined by the Minister and his correspondence to Mayor Lange is attached. In summary the outcomes against the estimated budget follow.

2025-26 Budget Outcome	Allocated	Budget	Variance
General Purpose Grant	1,975,497	1,839,165	136,332
Identified Local Road Grant	696,498	681,957	14,541
Supplementary Road Program Grant*	239,485	239,403	82
Total	2,911,480	2,760,525	150,955
Advance Payment of 50% of estimated 2025-26 allocation paid in June 2025 (2024-25)	(1,372,096)	0	(1,372,096)
Net Change to Budget	1,539,384	2,760,525	(1,221,141)

With the operating budget for 2025-26 adopted with a small deficit of \$177k the above changes will improve the underlying deficit position slightly. The advance payment will result in a large deficit outcome; however, this is simply a timing matter and not the true underlying position of the operating budget. The changes to the grant allocations along with the advance payment impact will be reflected in the Quarter 1 budget review.

* Supplementary Road Program Grant is a top up grant for South Australia road discrepancy in the identified local road grant, this grant ceases at the end of the current budget year. It is understood as part of the new LGA Strategic Plan funding for roads and address this anomaly is part of their upcoming advocacy priorities.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 Financial Assistance Grants Allocation Correspondence [↓](#) 

SUPPORTING REFERENCES

[List references here or enter Nil](#)

Hon Joe Szakacs MP

LG25/00501

Mayor Bim Lange OAM
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Dear Mayor Lange

I am pleased to advise that the recommendations of the South Australian Local Government Grants Commission (the Commission) for the distribution of the Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants (FA Grants) for 2025-2026 and the Supplementary Local Road Funding for 2025-2026 to councils were approved by the Hon Kristy McBain MP, Federal Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories on 7 August 2025.

FA Grants across Australia will provide an estimated \$3.45 billion for 2025-2026, which is an increase of 5.19% over 2024-2025. For South Australia, the total allocation is \$222.66 million - an increase of 4.39%.

South Australia's allocation includes General Purpose Grants of \$164,456,121, an increase of 4.1% from 2024-2025, and Identified Local Road Grants of \$58,199,702, an increase of 5.19% from 2024-2025. The Identified Local Road component includes formulae-based funding of \$49,469,702 and \$8,730,000 for the Special Local Roads Program.

Minister McBain has also advised there was an underpayment of the General Purpose Grants of \$782,203 and an overpayment of the Identified Local Road Grants of \$28,383 in the 2024-2025 grants for South Australia. Cash grants received by councils during 2025-2026 will be adjusted accordingly in proportion to the approved 2024-2025 distributions.

As has been the case in recent years, a brought forward payment of the 2025-2026 FA Grants was made in late June 2024-2025. Approximately 50% of the 2025-2026 FA Grants was brought forward, providing a total of \$111.39 million for South Australia. This included \$82.23 million in General Purpose Grants and \$29.16 million in Identified Local Road Grants.

The brought forward payment was distributed on the basis of the Commission's draft recommendations for 2025-2026 to give councils immediate access to funds that can help to manage current significant financial pressures.



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The 2025-2026 brought forward payment was paid to the State late on Friday 20 June 2025 and distributed by the Commission to councils on Monday 23 June 2025. Barossa Council received a total of \$1,372,096, comprising \$1,022,929 in General Purpose Grants and \$349,167 in Identified Local Road funding.

I am also pleased to confirm that the Commission's recommendations for distribution of the 2025-2026 Supplementary Local Road Funding, provided to South Australia to address the inequity in South Australia's share of the Identified Local Road Grants, has also been approved by Minister McBain. This funding will provide \$20 million to South Australia for 2025-2026, including 85% or \$17 million in formula grants and 15% or \$3 million provided to the Special Local Roads Program.

In summary, the total allocation to the Barossa Council for the 2025-2026 financial year consists of:

Estimated FA Grants for 2025-2026

General Purpose Grant (GPG)	\$	1,966,645	
Roads (Formulae Funding - ILRG)	\$	696,898	
Roads (Special Local Roads Program - ILRG)	\$		*
Total Estimated Grant for 2025-2026	\$	2,663,543	
Add Adjustment for 2024-2025 underpayment (GPG)	\$	8,852	
Less Adjustment for 2024-2025 overpayment (ILRG)	\$	- 400	
Less Brought Forward Payment Paid in June 2025 (GPG)	\$	1,022,929	
Less Brought Forward Payment Paid in June 2025 (ILRG)	\$	349,167	
Remaining 2025-2026 Cash Payable (rounded to the nearest dollar)	\$	1,299,899	

2025-2026 Supplementary Local Road Funding

Supplementary Local Road Funding (Formulae Funding)	\$	239,485	
Supplementary Local Road Funding (Special Local Roads)	\$		**

* *Moneys provided under the Special Local Roads Program (FA Grants) have been allocated for work on the following project:*

** *Moneys provided under the Supplementary Local Road Funding component of the Special Local Roads Program for 2025-2026 have been allocated for work on the following project:*

The General Purpose Grants and the Identified Local Road Grants are determined using different assessment methods.

To determine the recommended allocation of General Purpose Grants, the Commission assesses each council's capacity to raise revenue and their expenditure need relative to the average across the state.

Greater funding is directed to councils with less capacity to raise revenue from rates (i.e. typically those councils with lower than average property values) or where services cost more to provide for reasons outside the council's control (i.e. typically those councils with higher than average expenditure needs).

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The Identified Local Road Grants are distributed on the basis of road length and population, and for rural councils, road length, population and the area of the council.

The Commission, consisting of the chair, Mr Rob Donaldson and commissioners, Ms Wendy Campana and Ms Erika Vickery OAM, makes recommendations to me each year based on its distribution methodology. This methodology is reviewed regularly by the Commission. While there have been no changes to the distribution methodology for 2025-2026, the Commission is currently reviewing a number of areas of its methodology.

The FA Grants are untied and the remaining funding for 2025-2026 will be paid in four quarterly instalments, with the first instalment paid on 18 August 2025 and further instalments to be paid in November 2025, February 2026 and May 2026. The Supplementary Local Road Funding for South Australia for 2025-2026 is scheduled to be paid on 30 August 2025.

It would be appreciated if you could forward this information to the relevant council officers. Should you have any queries regarding your council's grant, please contact Mr Peter Ilee, the Commission's Executive Officer, on telephone (08) 7133 1414 or via email to grants.commission@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Hon Joe Szakacs MP
Minister for Trade and Investment
Minister for Local Government
Minister for Veterans' Affairs

29 / 08 / 2025

cc: mmccarthy@barossa.sa.gov.au

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6.3 GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GRFMA) ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25

**Author: Executive and Project Support Officer
25/73054**

The final adopted Annual Report (2024-25) for the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority is attached for information. The Report has been prepared and circulated to Constituent Councils in accordance with Clause 17.1 of the Authority's Charter.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Annual Report 2024-2025 [!\[\]\(de95854c7ee024cfadc48187bbb781b2_img.jpg\) !\[\]\(cef08d8c15d8a8acd5e25ab0d65432c3_img.jpg\)](#)

SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Nil.

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08 September 2025

Dear Martin,

Please find attached a copy of the 2024 - 2025 GRFMA Annual Report.

As was the case last year, the focus of 2024/25 year has been to finalise the Business Case that was developed by the Department of Environment and Water (DEW) to recommend a suite of measures to improve flood protection in the Gawler River environs.

Another key objective for this past year has been to finalise the Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan.

This year has seen an escalation in our advocacy activities with particular emphasis on Federal and State parliamentarians

There is a high level of awareness amongst the politicians of the Gawler River flood risk. Our ongoing challenge is to present a compelling case to justify government funding.

Yours Sincerely



David Hitchcock, Executive Officer



The Barossa Council

Gawler





The Barossa Council

ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25

Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority

DRAFT FOR ADOPTION 28 August 2025

Constituent Councils:

Adelaide Hills Council

Adelaide Plains Council

The Barossa Council

Town of Gawler

Light Regional Council

City of Playford



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Chairman's Report

As was the case last year, the focus of the 2024/25 year has been to finalise the Business Case that was developed by the Department of Environment and Water (DEW) to recommend a suite of measures to improve flood protection in the Gawler River environs. Another key objective for this past year has been to finalise the Stormwater Management Plan for the environs.

Significant progress has been achieved on the Business Case during the year with an updated hydrology study completed that will enable revised flood mapping to be undertaken. There remain issues to resolve however, such as confirming the structural integrity of the Bruce Eastick North Para Dam to support a height increase of up to 10 metres and developing a feasible funding arrangement to deliver over \$200 million in infrastructure.

Funding of around \$1.06 million is estimated to be required to settle these issues and other gaps in the current version of the Business Case, as was identified in the Infrastructure SA review completed in December 2023. To secure this funding, the GRFMA has lodged a \$774,000 grant application with the Commonwealth Government funded Disaster Ready Fund, with the balance of around \$290,000 to be provided by the GRFMA. The application was lodged in March 2025, was successfully short-listed by the State Government in May 2025, and we hope for final approval by October 2025, with funds to be advanced in early 2026.

We have continued to work with DEW to implement a Community Flood Awareness Campaign and to undertake a pilot study on the repair and maintenance of existing riverside levee banks in the lower Gawler River, which play a critical role in constraining floodwaters to the river channel during high flow events and reducing potential damage of flood.

This year has seen an escalation in our advocacy activities with particular emphasis on Federal and State parliamentarians. There is a high level of awareness amongst the politicians of the Gawler River flood risk. Our ongoing challenge is to present a compelling case to justify government funding.

From a governance perspective, a Steering Committee has been established to oversee and facilitate the finalisation of the Business Case. The Steering Committee is chaired by the GRFMA and includes senior representation from three of GRFMA's Constituent Councils, and key State Government agencies. It is expected that this committee will foster a strong collaborative approach between the key stakeholders.

Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan

The Stormwater Management Plan, which was commenced in 2020, has been finalised after a thorough engagement process was undertaken. The plan is now to be presented to the Stormwater Management Authority for approval.

The development of the plan was supported by various partnership members, including constituent councils, the Stormwater Management Authority (SMA) as funding partner, the Green Adelaide Board, the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board, and the Department for Environment and Water (DEW).

The main findings and recommendations from the development of the Gawler River SMP are:

- The flood risk remains and the recommended approach to mitigate that flood risk is to repair / reinstate the existing levees (and ensure ongoing maintenance) and raise the height of the Bruce Eastick Flood Mitigation Dam.
- Revisit and determine the most effective way forward regarding the complicated land ownership and responsibility arrangements along the length of the Gawler River including the channel itself and the associated levee banks.

The communities are continually changing within the catchment area and there are many opportunities (and needs) for ongoing community education and awareness programs covering many topics including flooding, climate change, benefits of river systems and opportunities to be involved in the protection and enhancement of the local environment

Over many years now the GRFMA has managed a revegetation and weed control program on the land around the dam. Whilst unheralded, this is important work, which has been supported by grant funding from the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board.

The Board

The GRFMA acknowledges and thanks the following retiring Board members for their contributions to the Authority:

- Cr Dante Mazzeo, Adelaide Plains Council
- Mr Ashley Curtis Adelaide Hills Council
- Cr Michael Phillips Ryder, Light Regional Council
- Cr Bruce Preece, The Barossa Council

The Board welcomes:

- Cr Mel Lawrence, Adelaide Plains Council
- Mr David Collins, Adelaide Hills Council
- Cr Bill Close, Light Regional Council
- Cr Tony Hurn, The Barossa Council

Lino Di Lernia

Chairman and Independent Member

Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (GRFMA)

The Gawler River

The Gawler River is formed by the confluence of the North Para and South Para in the town of Gawler and is in the Adelaide Plains district of South Australia. The district surrounding the river produces cereal crops and sheep for both meat and wool, as well as market gardens, almond orchards and vineyards. The farm gate output of the Gawler River Floodplain horticultural areas is estimated to be at least \$500 million.



Purpose of the GRFMA

The GRFMA was formed as a Regional Subsidiary under Section 43 and Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 1999 on 22 August 2002. The Constituent Councils are the Adelaide Hills Council, The Adelaide Plains Council, The Barossa Council, The Town of Gawler, Light Regional Council, and the City of Playford.

The Charter sets down the powers, functions, safeguards, accountabilities, and an operational framework.

The Authority has been established for the purpose of coordinating the planning, construction, operation, and maintenance of flood mitigation infrastructure for the Gawler River, and for the following functions:

- To raise finance for the purpose of developing, managing, and operating and maintaining works approved by the Board;
- To provide a forum for the discussion and consideration of topics relating to the Constituent Council's obligations and responsibilities in relation to management of flooding of the Gawler River;
- To advocate on behalf of the Constituent Councils and their communities where required to State and Federal Governments for legislative policy changes on matters related to flood mitigation and management and associated land use planning with Gawler River flood mitigation;
- To facilitate sustainable outcomes to ensure a proper balance between economic, social, environmental, and cultural consideration; and
- To provide advice as appropriate to the Constituent Councils in relation to development applications relevant to the Authority's roles and functions.



Governance

The Board

The Authority is governed by the Board of Management. The Board comprises:

- One independent person, who is not an officer, employee, or elected member of a constituent council, to be appointed as the Chairman of the Board of Management of the GRFMA for a term of three years.
- Two persons appointed from each of the six constituent councils (12 members in total). Council appointees comprise of the Council CEO, or delegate and one Elected Member.
- Deputy Board members as appointed by each Constituent Council.

The Members of the Board are:

Council	Board Members	Deputy Board Members
Chairman & Independent Member	Mr Lino Di Lernia	
Adelaide Hills Council	Cr Malcolm Herrmann Mr David Collins	
Adelaide Plains Council	Cr Terry-Anne Keen Mr James Miller	Cr Mel Lawrence Mr Tom Jones
The Barossa Council	Cr Tony Hurn Mr Jake Mc Vicar	Ben Clark
Town of Gawler	Cr Paul Koch Ms Whendee Young	Cr Brian Sambell
Light Regional Council	Cr William Close Mr Richard Dodson	
City of Playford	Cr Clinton Marsh Mr Greg Pattinson	Cr Peter Rentoulis Mr Dale Welsh

Meetings of the Board are held at such time and such place as the Board decides subject only to the requirement that there will be at least one meeting in every two calendar months.

Any Constituent Council, the Chairman or three Board Members may by delivering a written request to the Executive Officer require a special meeting of the Board to be held and any such special meeting shall constitute a special meeting of the Authority.

Ordinary meetings of the Board are generally held bi-monthly on the third Thursday of the even months commencing at 9.45am; excepting December which is held on the second Thursday.

Meetings are hosted by the Constituent Councils on a rotational roster with six Board meetings and one Special Board meetings held during the year as follows:

Ordinary Board Meetings:

- Thursday 15 August 2024 – Town of Gawler
- Thursday 17 October 2024 – Adelaide Plains Council
- Thursday 12 December 2024 – City of Playford
- Thursday 20 February 2025 – Light Regional Council
- Thursday 17 April 2025 – Adelaide Hills Council
- Thursday 19 June 2025 – The Barossa Council

One Special Board Meeting:

- Thursday 31 October 2024 – Virtual Meeting

Technical Assessment Panel

A Technical Assessment Panel has been appointed to support the decision-making processes of the Board with delegated powers to provide advice and manage the technical aspects of the design, assessment, and construction of the various parts of the plan.

The Members of the Panel are:

- Mr Lino Di Lernia, Independent Member, Chairman
- Ms Ingrid Franssen, Flood Management, DEW
- Vacant, Principal Engineer Dams, SA Water
- Mr Ben Clark, The Barossa Council, Council representative
- Mr Shaun Fielding, City of Playford, Council representative
- Mr David Hitchcock, Executive Officer

No formal meetings of the Panel were held; however, Panel members provided out of session assistance and advice to DEW to facilitate delivery of the Gawler River Flood Management Business Plan.

Audit and Risk Committee

An Audit and Risk Committee has been appointed to review:

- The annual financial statements to ensure that they present fairly the situation to the Board; and
- The adequacy of the accounting, internal control, reporting and other financial management systems and practices to the Board on a regular basis.

The Committee held four meetings during the year:

- 6 August 2024
- 4 December 2024
- 3 February 2025
- 10 June 2025

The members of the Committee are:

- Mr Peter Brass, Independent Member and Chairman
- Mr Greg Pattinson, City of Playford
- Cr Malcolm Herrmann, Adelaide Hills Council

Membership of the GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee is for two years, ending 30 June 2026.

Executive Officer

On 28/06/2023 the GRFMA engaged LUVROK Pty Ltd to undertake Executive Officer Services, in accordance with the agreed contract for service, for the term 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2025. On 27 February 2025 the contracted was varied with extension of service to expire 31 December 2027. Mr David Hitchcock is identified as the key person providing the services pursuant to agreed terms.

External Auditor

Dean Newbery and Partners are the appointed external auditor. On 14 December 2023 the GRFMA Board reappointed Dean & Newbery Pty Ltd as GRFMA External Auditor for a term of three plus two years, effective 1 July 2024.

GRFMA Policies

The following Policies have been adopted to provide management guidelines for the day-to-day business of the GRFMA:

- Procurement Policy
- Grant Policy
- Fraud, Corruption and Maladministration Prevention Policy
- Internal Review of Decisions Policy
- Code of Practice Meeting Procedures
- Anti – Discrimination Fair Treatment Policy
- Consultation Policy
- Work Health and Safety Policy
- Access to Meetings and Documents Policy
- Dam Valuation Policy
- Treasury Management Policy
- Freedom of Information Statement
- Information Asset Management Policy

The purpose of these policies is to provide prudent management guidelines for the day-to-day management of the affairs of the Authority.

Meetings

All meetings of the GRFMA and its committees are open to the public, except for those matters considered under Section 90 of the Local Government Act 1999.

Forum	Total Resolutions for the year	Resolutions to exclude the Public – S90(3)	Purpose	Order for docs to remain confidential - S91(7)	%
Board	77	3 1	S 90(3)(d) (e) AS90 (3) (b)(i)(ii)	3 1	4
Technical Assessment Panel	0	0		0	0
Audit Committee	21			0	0

Freedom of Information

No Freedom of Information requests were received during the year.

Strategic Plan

The GRFMA Strategic Plan 2021-26 is arranged under three themes, each with its own objective, related to the outcomes to be pursued.

Theme 1: Design, build, and maintain physical flood mitigation infrastructure.

Objective: To have in place an agreed extent of physical flood mitigation infrastructure that is fit for purpose and achieves the targeted levels of performance.

Theme 2: Develop and evolve key relationships.

Objective: To maintain key relationships that are most important to the Authority achieving its purpose.

Theme 3: Ensure good governance and ongoing financial sustainability.

Objective: To ensure that the Authority meets legislative requirements and contemporary standards of governance and is financially sustainable for the long term.

Priority Actions 2024/2025

The Department for Environment and Water (DEW), in partnership with the GRFMA, has facilitated development of a Gawler River Flood Management Business Case to identify a shared vision and objectives to improve flood management in the Gawler River region. The Gawler River Flood Management initiative was included in Infrastructure SA's (ISA) Capital Intentions Statement in 2021 as a priority for business case development. Further work was undertaken in conjunction with ISA, project partners and stakeholders throughout 2021 and 2022 to provide additional information and details regarding the initiative. The work culminated in DEW completing the ISA Assurance Framework (ISAAF) Gate 1 review in May 2022 and the Business Case and Gate 2 review process on 4 December 2023.

The Business Case recommends a portfolio of actions to improve flood protection in the Gawler River. These initiatives are considered feasible and provide complementary benefits for the management of flood in the Gawler River, and comprise:

- Increasing the height of the Bruce Eastick Dam on the North Para River (nominally a 10 m increase in the height of the dam wall). *The GRFMA has addressed many gaps by finalising an updated hydrology study, risk register and risk management process, multi-criteria analysis, and economic analysis. However, some significant issues remain to be resolved, such as confirming the structural integrity of the Bruce Eastick North Para Dam to support a height increase of up to 10 metres and developing a feasible funding arrangement. Application has been made to the Disaster Ready Fund Program Round 3 (Federal Government) for funding assistance to address the remaining issues identified in the ISA Business Case review. Successful applications will be announced September/October 2025.*
- Improving planning controls for developments near the Gawler River that will reduce the likelihood of flood and the impacts of flood inundation on new developments – this may include advocating for policy changes in the flood hazard overlay, making recommendations for inclusion in regional plans, working with local councils to set local development policies.
- Implementing a Community Flood Awareness Campaign. *This has now been initiated by the Department for Environment and Water.*
- Undertaking the repair and maintenance of existing riverside levee banks in the lower Gawler River, which play a critical role in constraining floodwaters to the river channel during high flow events, and reducing potential damage of flood. *The Department for Environment and Water is now progressing work on this and has drafted repair designs and undertaken pilot projects to determine suitability of designs*

Considerations will include recommendations from the GRFMA Strategic Plan 2021-2026 and the Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan.

Operation of the Regional Subsidiary

Performance Targets:	Timings:	To be measured by:	Actual Achievements
Reports to Stakeholders	Bi-Monthly	Key Outcomes Summary to be published following each Board Meeting.	☒ Key Outcomes Summary prepared and sent to Councils following GRFMA meetings.
Maintain effective Regional Subsidiary	December	On 28/06/2023 the GRFMA engaged LUVROK Pty Ltd to undertake Executive Officer Services, in accordance with the agreed contract for service, for the term 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2025.	☒ Mr David Hitchcock is identified as the key person providing the services pursuant to agreed terms. ☒ Effective 1/05/2024 to 31/12/2027. ☒ Mr Lino Di Lernia has been appointed as the Chairperson and Independent Member of GRFMA for a term of three years, concluding on 30 April 2027.
	August	The appointment of Auditor, Bank Operators, levels of insurance, appropriate registrations, delegations, and policies be reviewed annually.	☒ Dean Newbery has been reappointed as GRFMA's external auditor for a term of three years with a two-year option, effective 1 July 2024. ☒ Appropriate levels of insurance reviewed in July 2024.
Review of the Business Plan	By 31 st March	Review the Business Plan prior to preparing the Budget. Forward to the Councils.	☒ June 2024 - Business Plan 2024- 2025 adopted. ☒ June 2025- Achievements against the Business Plan 2024 - 2025 presented.
Annual Budget	By 31 st March, June, October, December	Adopt for consultation forward to Councils- Adopt Budget – copy to Councils in 5 days- Conduct Budget Reviews.	☒ 2024 - 2025 Draft Budget adopted. ☒ Budget Reviews 1, 2 and 3 reviewed by GRFMA Audit Committee.
Subscriptions	June December	Send half year subscriptions to Council.	☒ All first half subscriptions paid. ☒ All second half subscriptions paid.
Report to Constituent Councils	Following each Board meeting By 30 th September	The receipt of the following reports by Councils, Board Meeting Key Outcome Summary Annual Report including Annual Financial Statements	☒ Key Outcomes Summary prepared for meetings. ☒ Annual Report forwarded electronically to Councils.

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Performance Targets:	Timings:	To be measured by:	Actual Achievements
Governance	Ongoing	Policies and new management framework documents developed and reviewed.	☑ Independent review of GRFMA policies completed April 2023. ☑ Management Framework documents now adopted GRFMA Strategic Plan Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plans. ☑ The GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee (Chairperson and the two Members) have been reappointed from 1 July 2024 until 30 June 2026.
Annual Operations		Implementation of requirements of the BENPFM Dam Operation and Maintenance Manual. Periodical inspections of BENPFM dam and lands. Removal of deposited flood debris at upstream wall of BENPFM Dam. Continuation of the revegetation program around land associated with the BENPFM Dam. Weed control.	☑ Ongoing. Programmed management costed and funded in 2024/2025 Budget. ☑ Ongoing. ☑ As required. ☑ Ongoing, within budgeted funds, Grant funding from Northern and Yorke Landscape Board received for further 3 year revegetation program. ☑ Annually.

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GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2025
CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have been authorised by the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority to certify the financial statements in their final form.

In our opinion:

- the accompanying financial statements comply with the Local Government Act 1999, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 and Australian Accounting Standards.
- the financial statements present a true and fair view of the Authority's financial position at 30 June 2025 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the financial year.
- internal controls implemented by the Authority provide a reasonable assurance that the Authority's financial records are complete, accurate and reliable and were effective throughout the financial year.
- the financial statements accurately reflect the Authority's accounting and other records.



David Hitchcock

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

28/8/2025



Lino Di Lernia

CHAIRMAN

28/8/2025

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

for the year ended 30 June 2025

	Notes	2025 \$	2024 \$
INCOME			
Subscriptions	4	416,922	289,386
Investment income		1,426	762
State Government Grants	3	85,094	-
Other Income		-	270,520
Total Income		503,442	560,668
EXPENSES			
Contractual Services	5	175,815	421,404
Finance Charges		6,439	23,069
Depreciation	1(e), 9	706,098	706,099
Other		44,681	31,955
Total Expenses		933,033	1,182,526
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		(429,591)	(621,858)
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		(429,591)	(621,858)
Other Comprehensive Income			
<i>Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to operating result</i>			
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	1(e), 9	-	21,699,347
Total Other Comprehensive Income		-	21,699,347
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		(429,591)	21,077,489

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes.

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

as at 30 June 2025

	Notes	2025 \$	2024 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	1(d)	24,685	41,309
Trade and Other Receivables		53,433	210,404
Total Current Assets		78,118	251,713
Non-current Assets			
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	1(e) 9	41,900,845	42,606,943
Total Non-current Assets		41,900,845	42,606,943
Total Assets		41,978,963	42,858,657
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & other payables		99,485	201,605
Borrowings	1(g)	5,404	353,388
Total Liabilities		104,890	554,993
NET ASSETS		41,874,073	42,303,664
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		11,509,753	11,939,344
Asset Revaluation Reserves	1(e)	30,364,320	30,364,320
TOTAL EQUITY		41,874,073	42,303,664

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes.

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

as at 30 June 2025

	Notes	Accumulated Surplus \$	Asset Revaluation Reserve \$	TOTAL EQUITY \$
2025				
Balance at end of previous reporting period		<u>11,939,344</u>	<u>30,364,320</u>	<u>42,303,664</u>
Restated opening balance		11,939,344	30,364,320	42,303,664
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		(429,591)	-	(429,591)
Other Comprehensive Income				
Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		-	-	-
Transfers between reserves		-	-	-
Balance at end of period		<u>11,509,753</u>	<u>30,364,320</u>	<u>41,874,073</u>
2024				
Balance at end of previous reporting period		<u>12,561,202</u>	<u>8,664,973</u>	<u>21,226,175</u>
Restated opening balance		12,561,202	8,664,973	21,226,175
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		(621,858)	-	(621,858)
Other Comprehensive Income				
Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		-	21,699,347	21,699,347
Balance at end of period		<u>11,939,344</u>	<u>30,364,320</u>	<u>42,303,664</u>

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS

as at 30 June 2025

		2025	2024
		\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	Notes		
<u>Receipts</u>			
Subscriptions		416,922	305,428
State Government Grants		165,482	-
Other Income		11,044	275,151
Interest Receipts		1,354	811
<u>Payments</u>			
Contractual Services			
Materials, contracts & other expenditure		(251,426)	(459,576)
Finance Charges		(12,016)	(22,979)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities	8	331,360	98,835
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		-	-
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		-	-
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Proceeds from borrowings		-	-
<u>Payments</u>			
Repayments of borrowings		(347,983)	(87,021)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		(347,983)	(87,021)
Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		(16,623)	11,814
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period		41,309	29,496
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period	8	24,685	41,309

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes

**Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2025**

Note 1 – Summary of Material Accounting Policy Information

a) The Local Government Reporting Entity

This general purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards as they apply to not-for-profit entities, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, Interpretations and relevant South Australian legislation.

The Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority is a Regional Subsidiary under Section 43 and Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 1999. The Constituent Councils are the Adelaide Hills Council, The Barossa Council, Town of Gawler, Light Regional Council, Adelaide Plains Council and The City of Playford.

All funds received and expended by the Authority have been included in the financial statements forming part of this financial report.

b) Basis of Accounting

This financial report has been prepared on an accrual basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values, or except where specifically stated, current valuation of non-current assets.

c) Employees

The Authority has no employees.

d) Cash

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash deposits which are readily convertible to cash on hand and which are used in the cash management function on a day to day basis, net of outstanding bank overdraft.

e) Infrastructure Assets

Initial Recognition

All assets are initially recognised at cost. For assets acquired at no cost or for nominal consideration, cost is determined as fair value at the date of acquisition. All non-current assets purchased or constructed are capitalised as the expenditure is incurred and depreciated as soon as the asset is held "ready for use". Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition, including architects' fees and engineering design fees and all other costs incurred. The cost of non-current assets constructed by the Authority includes the cost of all materials used in construction, direct labour on the project and an appropriate proportion of variable and fixed overhead.

Infrastructure Dam

The Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam was constructed in 2007. The valuation includes all materials, contractor's costs plus costs incidental to the acquisition, including engineering design and supervision fees and all other costs incurred.

Land

Land includes the land on which the dam is constructed, rights of way access to the land and 'right to flood' easements over the land upstream from the dam that will be inundated by dam waters for short periods of time during a flood event. Additional Land surrounding the dam was purchased in 2017/18 and was revalued by North Projects Pty Ltd as at 1 July 2023.

**Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2025**

Subsequent Recognition

All material asset classes are revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. Significant uncertainties exist in the estimation of fair value of a number of asset classes including land and infrastructure. Further detail of these uncertainties, and of existing valuations, methods and valuers are provided below.

The Board sought an independent valuation to be applied as at 1st July 2023, of the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam. The Board recognises that the dam is a unique infrastructure. The Board sought the advice of North Projects Pty Ltd, who provided a replacement cost valuation based on the actual construction contract costs, including some 'owner's costs' which would be incurred in the event of a replacement being necessary. In accordance with Accounting Standard (AASB)13 Fair Value Measurement, the valuation was undertaken as at 1 July 2023 and recorded as a level 3 restricted asset valuation. The next Valuation is scheduled to be undertaken in 2028/2029. Fair value level 3 valuations of buildings, infrastructure and other assets – There is no known market for these assets and they are valued at depreciated current replacement cost.

The method involves:

The determination of the cost to construct the asset (or its modern engineering equivalent) using current prices for materials and labour, the quantities of each being estimated based on recent experience of this or similar Councils, or on industry construction guides where these are more appropriate. The calculation of the depreciation that would have accumulated since original construction using current estimates of residual value and useful life under the straight line depreciation method adopted by the Authority. The method has significant inherent uncertainties, relying on estimates of quantities of materials and labour, residual values and useful lives, and the possibility of changes in prices for materials and labour, and the potential for development of more efficient construction techniques.

Depreciation

Other than land, all infrastructure, property, plant and equipment assets recognised are systematically depreciated over their useful lives on a straight-line basis which, in the opinion of the Authority, best reflects the consumption of the service potential embodied in those assets.

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values of classes of assets are reviewed annually.

Major depreciation periods for each class of asset are listed below. Depreciation periods for infrastructure assets have been estimated based on the best information available to the Authority, but appropriate records covering the entire life cycle of these assets are not available, and extreme care should be used in interpreting financial information based on these estimates.

Asset Classes

- Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam 80 years.
- Dam Renewals/improvements 15 years.
- Access Road 15 years.

**Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2025**

Impairment

Assets whose future economic benefits are not dependent on the ability to generate cash flows, and where the future economic benefits would be replaced if the Authority were deprived thereof, are not subject to impairment testing. Other assets that are subject to depreciation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount (which is the higher of the present value of future cash inflows or value in use). Where an asset that has been revalued is subsequently impaired, the impairment is first offset against such amount as stands to the credit of that class of assets in Asset Revaluation Reserve, any excess being recognised as an expense.

An impairment has occurred due to the revaluation of Land in 2023.

f) Revenue

The Authority recognises revenue under AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities (AASB 1058) or AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers (AASB 15) when appropriate.

In cases where there is an 'enforceable' contract with a customer with 'sufficiently specific' performance obligations, the transaction is accounted for under AASB 15 where income is recognised when (or as) the performance obligations are satisfied (i.e. when it transfers control of a product or service to a customer). Revenue is measured based on the consideration to which the Authority expects to be entitled in a contract with a customer.

In other cases, AASB 1058 applies when a not-for-profit (NFP) entity enters into transactions where the consideration to acquire an asset is significantly less than the fair value of the asset principally to enable the entity to further its objectives. The excess of the asset recognised (at fair value) over any 'related amounts' is recognised as income immediately, except in the case where a financial asset has been received to enable the authority to acquire or construct a recognisable non-financial asset that is to be controlled by the authority. In this case, the authority recognises the excess as a liability that is recognised over time in profit and loss when (or as) the entity satisfies its obligations under the transfer.

Revenue from the Subscriptions is recognised upon the delivery of the service to customers.

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

g) Borrowings

Borrowings are initially recognised at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred and are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption amount is recognised in the income statement over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

Borrowings are carried at their principal amounts which represent the present value of future cash flows associated with servicing the debt. Interest is accrued over the period to which it relates, and is recorded as part of "Payables"

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Internal lending is used to offset the outstanding balance of the Cash Advance Debenture (CAD) facility if this had not been utilised in the financial year the balance of the CAD at the 30/6/25 would have been \$303,388.

I) Economic Dependence

The Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (GRFMA) was formed as a Regional Subsidiary under Section 43 and Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 1999 in August 2002, by a Charter that was amended and published in The South Australian Government Gazette on 27th February 2020 at page 474.

The Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (GRFMA) is dependent upon subscriptions levied on the Constituent Councils in accordance with Clause 10.2 of the Charter to fund the construction, operation and maintenance of flood mitigation infrastructure of the Authority which it owns and manages.

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Note 2 - Schedule of Constituent Council's Interest in Net Assets as at 30th June 2025

Prepared to meet the requirements of Clause 16.6 of the Charter

"The 'Schedule of Constituent Councils' Interests in Net Assets' will reflect the proportionate contribution each Constituent Council has made to the growth of the net assets of the Authority having regard to the proportionate contribution to subscriptions. The Schedule when updated by the Board at the end of each financial year will reflect the proportionate contribution of each Constituent Council since the commencement of the Authority and once accepted by each Constituent Council will be evidence of the agreed proportion of a Constituent Council's interests in the net assets as at 30 June in that year."

For the purposes of this Clause all subscriptions by Constituent Councils have been included.

Calculation of Net Equity

Assets

Investments / Debtors	\$ 78,118
Infrastructure, property plant & Equipment	<u>\$ 41,900,845</u>
	\$ 41,978,963

Less Liabilities

Accounts Payable / Creditors	\$ 99,485
Borrowings	<u>\$ 5,404</u>
NET EQUITY	\$ 41,874,073

Allocation of Councils Interest in Net Assets

Constituent Councils	Accumulated Subscriptions for Operations to 30 June 2025 \$	Accumulated Subscriptions for Maintenance to 30 June 2025 \$	Accumulated Subscriptions for Scheme Works to 30 June 2025 \$	All Subscriptions to 30 June 2025 \$	Percentage of Contributions to the Total	Council's Interests in Net Assets \$
Adelaide Hills Council	325,048	8,766	76,527	410,341	5.97%	2,500,504
The Barossa Council	325,048	43,912	383,250	752,210	10.95%	4,583,760
Town of Gawler	325,048	87,784	765,408	1,178,240	17.15%	7,179,868
Light Regional Council	325,048	43,912	383,250	752,210	10.95%	4,583,760
Adelaide Plains Council	325,048	146,409	1,275,673	1,747,130	25.43%	10,646,527
City of Playford	325,048	175,664	1,530,826	2,031,542	29.55%	12,379,654
	1,950,292	506,447	4,414,934	6,871,673	100%	41,874,073

Schedule of Constituent Councils' Interests in Net Assets' as at the 30th June 2025 adopted by the Board in accordance with Clause 16.6 of the Charter on 28 August 2025.

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Note 3 - Functions / Activities of the Authority

- a) Revenues and expenses have been attributed to the following functions / activities, descriptions of which are set out in Note b.
- b) The activities of the Authority are categorised into the following function / activities:

Administration: The operations of the Authority and its Board

Other Environment: Flood Mitigation

- c) Functions of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority
(excluding depreciation and impairment)

	Year	Revenue		Expenses		Surplus (Deficit) \$
		Grants \$	Other \$	Total Revenue \$	Expenses Total \$	
Administration	2025	-	278,798	278,798	118,227	160,571
	2024	-	150,490	150,490	102,537	47,953
Other	2025	85,094	139,550	224,644	108,708	115,936
Environment:						
Flood Mitigation	2024	-	410,178	410,178	373,890	36,288
Total	2025	85,094	418,348	503,442	226,935	276,507
	2024	-	560,668	560,668	476,427	84,241

Note 4 - Subscriptions

The following subscriptions were levied on the Constituent Councils in accordance with Clause 10.2 of the Charter for the year:

	Maintenance		Operations		TOTALS	
	2025 \$	2024 \$	2025 \$	2024 \$	2025 \$	2024 \$
Constituent Council						
Adelaide Hills Council	2,414	1,418	46,228	24,638	48,642	27,326
The Barossa Council	12,099	12,117	46,228	24,638	58,327	37,055
Town of Gawler	24,198	24,334	46,228	24,638	70,426	49,172
Light Regional Council	12,099	12,117	46,228	24,638	58,327	37,055
Adelaide Plains Council	40,330	40,390	46,228	24,638	86,558	65,328
City of Playford	48,410	48,485	46,232	24,638	94,642	73,420
TOTAL	139,550	139,758	277,372	149,628	416,922	289,386

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Note 5- Contractual Services

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Chairperson Honorarium	20,400	14,032
Executive Officer	62,977	59,981
Audit Committee	2,600	3,250
Audit Fees	5,799	5,509
Legal Fees	-	1,545
Consultancies	18,427	47,687
Business Case	65,612	270,420
Asset Valuations	-	18,980
Totals	175,815	421,404

Note 6 - Comparison of Budget and Actual Results (excluding depreciation)

	2025		2024	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue				
Administration	278,341	278,798	151,514	150,490
Other Environment: Flood Mitigation	139,550	139,550	410,178	410,178
State Grant	156,000	85,094	146,000	-
Total Revenue	573,891	503,442	707,692	560,668
Expenditure				
Administration	117,315	118,227	105,073	102,537
Other Environment: Flood Mitigation	310,000	83,842	340,178	284,155
Maintenance	94,750	24,866	116,080	89,735
Total Expenditure	522,065	226,935	561,331	476,427
Surplus (deficit)	51,826	276,507	146,361	84,241

Note 7 - Expenditure Commitment

- i. GRFMA agreed to the engagement of David Hitchcock trading as LUVROK Pty Ltd to provide executive services to the GRFMA for the period 1 July 2023 through 31 December 2027.

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Note 8 - Reconciliation Statement of Cash Flows

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

Cash Assets comprise highly liquid investments with short periods to maturity subject to insignificant risk of changes of value. Cash at the end of the reporting period as shown in the Cash Flow Statement is reconciled to the related items in the Balance Sheet as follows:

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Total cash & equivalent assets	24,685	41,309
Balances per Cash Flow Statement	24,685	41,309

(b) Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets to Cash from Operating Activities

Net Surplus (Deficit)	(429,591)	(475,858)
Non-cash items in Income Statement		
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	706,099	706,099
	276,508	230,241
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets		
Net (increase) decrease in receivables	156,971	(119,279)
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables	(102,120)	(12,127)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations	331,360	98,835

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Note 9 - Non-Current Assets Summary

		2025				2024			
		At Fair Value	At Cost	Accum Dep'n	Carrying Amount	At Fair Value	At Cost	Accum Dep'n	Carrying Amount
	Fair Value Level	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land and Easements		477,000	-	-	477,000	477,000	-	-	477,000
Infrastructure - Dam	3	53,559,054	-	(12,135,209)	41,423,845	53,559,054	-	(11,429,110)	42,129,944
Total Infrastructure Property Plant & Equipment		54,036,054	-	(12,135,209)	41,900,845	54,036,054	-	(11,429,110)	42,606,944
Comparatives		54,036,054	-	(11,429,110)	42,606,944	25,789,000	591,880	(4,767,184)	21,613,696

	2024	Carrying Amount Movements During the Year							2025
		Additions						Net Valuation	
	Carrying Amount	New / Upgrade	Renewals						Disposals
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land and Easements	477,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	477,000
Infrastructure - Dam	42,129,944	-	-	-	(706,099)	-	-	-	41,423,845
Total Infrastructure Property Plant & Equipment	42,606,944	-	-	-	(706,099)	-	-	-	41,900,845
Comparatives	21,613,696	-	-	-	(706,099)	-	-	21,699,347	42,606,944

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Note 10 - Financial Instruments

All financial instruments are categorised as *loans and receivables*.

Accounting Policies - Recognised Financial Instruments

Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits	Accounting Policy: initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, interest is recognised when earned Terms & conditions: Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 4.15% and 4.55% (2024: 4.30% and 4.55%). Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.
Receivables - Fees & other charges	Accounting Policy: initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method Terms & conditions: Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Although the authority is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Authorities boundaries. Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).
Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals	Accounting Policy: Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Authority. Terms & conditions: Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms. Carrying amount: approximates fair value.
Liabilities – Interest Bearing Borrowings	Accounting Policy: initially recognised at fair value and subsequently amortised cost, interest is charged as an expense using the effective interest rate. Terms & conditions: secured over future revenues, borrowings are repayable; interest is charged at fixed or variable rates between 5.50% and 6.15% (2024: 6.05% and 6.15%). Carrying amount: approximates fair value.

Liquidity Analysis

2025	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
<u>Financial Assets</u>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash & Equivalents	24,685	-	-	24,685	24,685
Receivables	53,433	-	-	53,433	53,433
Total	78,118	-	-	78,118	78,118
<u>Financial Liabilities</u>					
Payables	99,348	-	-	99,348	99,348
Borrowings	137	-	5,404	5,541	5,404
Total	99,485	-	5,404	104,889	104,752

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2024	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
Financial Assets	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash & Equivalents	41,309	-	-	41,309	41,309
Receivables	210,404	-	-	210,404	210,404
Total	251,713	-	-	251,713	251,713
Financial Liabilities					
Payables	195,605	-	-	195,605	195,605
Borrowings	91,733	323,883	3,596	419,212	353,388
Total	287,338	323,883	3,596	614,817	548,993

The following interest rates were applicable to the Authority's Borrowings at balance date:

	2025		2024	
	Weighted Av Interest Rate	Carrying Value \$	Weighted Av Interest Rate	Carrying Value \$
Variable Interest Rates	5.50%	5,404	6.15%	353,388
		5,404		353,388

Risk Exposures:

Credit Risk represents the loss that would be recognised if counterparties fail to perform as contracted. The maximum credit risk on financial assets of the Authority is the carrying amount, net of any impairment. All Authority investments are made with the SA Local Government Finance Authority and are guaranteed by the SA Government. Exposure in relation to individual classes of receivables is concentrated within the Authorities boundaries, and there is no material exposure to any individual debtor.

Market Risk is the risk that fair values of financial assets will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices. All of the Authority's financial assets are denominated in Australian dollars and are not traded on any market, and hence neither market risk nor currency risk apply.

Liquidity Risk is the risk that Authority will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations with financial liabilities. In accordance with the model Treasury Management Policy (LGA Information Paper 15), liabilities have a range of maturity dates.

Interest Rate Risk is the risk that future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Authority has a balance of both fixed and variable interest rate borrowings and investments. Cash flow fluctuations are managed holistically in seeking to minimise interest costs over the longer term in a risk averse manner.

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Note 11 Uniform Presentation of Financial Statements

The following is a high level summary of both operating and capital investment activities of the Authority prepared on a simplified Uniform Presentation Framework basis.

All Local Government Councils and Authorities have agreed to summarise annual budgets and long-term financial plans on the same basis.

The arrangements ensure that all Councils provide a common 'core' of financial information, which enables meaningful comparisons of each Authorities finances.

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY					
UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS					
as at 30 June 2025					
		2025		2024	
		\$		\$	
Income					
Subscriptions		416,922		289,386	
Investment income		1,426		762	
State Government Grants		85,094			
Other Income				270,520	
Total Income		503,442		560,668	
Expenses					
Contractual Services		175,815		421,404	
Finance Charges		6,439		23,069	
Depreciation		706,098		706,099	
Other		44,681		31,955	
Total Expenses		933,033		1,182,527	
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)		(429,591)		(621,859)	
Less Net Outlays in Existing Assets					
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets		-		-	
Add back Depreciation Amortisation and Impairment		706,098		706,099	
Add back proceeds from sale of replaced assets		-		-	
		706,098		706,099	
Less Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets					
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets		-		-	
Add back amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets		-		-	
		-		-	
Annual net impact to financing activities (surplus / (deficit))		276,508		84,240	

Note 12 – Contingencies & Assets & Liabilities not recognised in the Balance Sheet

There are no contingencies, asset or liabilities not recognised in the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025.

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Note 13 - Events Occurring After Reporting Date

There were no events subsequent to 30 June 2025 that need to be disclosed in the financial statements.

Note 14 - Related Parties Disclosures

Key Management Personnel

The Key Management Personnel of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (GRFMA) include the Chairman, Board Members, Deputy Board Members and Executive Officer.

Two KMP's own businesses from which Services were contracted. Total contracted services from these businesses was \$83,377.

	Amounts received from Related Party during the financial year	Amounts received from Related Party during the financial year
	2025 \$	2024 \$
Adelaide Hills Council	53,506	57,551
The Barossa Council	64,160	97,983
Town of Gawler	77,469	135,505
Light Regional Council	84,540	77,602
Adelaide Plains Council	95,214	129,061
City of Playford	104,106	137,962
TOTAL	478,995	635,664

The Authority has been established for the following purposes:

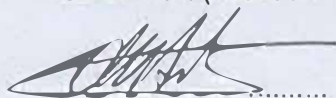
1. To co-ordinate the construction, operation and maintenance of flood mitigation infrastructure for the Gawler River. This purpose is the core business of the Authority;
2. To raise finance for the purpose of developing, managing and operating and maintaining works approved by the board;
3. To provide a forum for the discussion and consideration of topics relating to the Constituent Council's obligations and responsibilities in relation to management of flood mitigation for the Gawler River;
4. Upon application of one or more Constituent Councils pursuant to clause 12.4:
 1. to coordinate the construction, maintenance and promotion and enhancement of the Gawler River and areas adjacent to the Gawler River as recreational open space for the adjacent communities: and
 2. to enter into agreements with one or more of the Constituent Councils for the purpose of managing and developing the Gawler River.

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2025

CERTIFICATION OF AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we confirm that, for the purpose of the audit of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority for the year ended 30 June 2025 the Authority's Auditor Dean Newbery and Partners has maintained its independence in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 made under that Act.

This statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 22(3) Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.



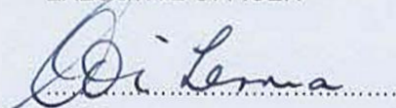
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PRESIDING MEMBER AUDIT and RISK COMMITTEE



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Light Regional Council

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6.4 WILLIAMSTOWN AND LYNDOKH LANDCARE GROUP INC - MINUTES OF MEETINGS

**Author: Executive and Project Support Officer
25/73067**

Minutes of the Williamstown and Lyndoch Landcare Group Inc. General Meeting and AGM both held on 27 August 2025, are attached for information.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 Minutes - Williamstown and Lyndoch Landcare Group Inc - General Meeting and AGM - 27 August 2025 [!\[\]\(830769b31eeeaca920791081939ff8ba_img.jpg\) !\[\]\(198f559926258ddfad814817bda0ffbc_img.jpg\)](#)

SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Nil



Meeting Minutes

PO Box 694
Lyndoch, SA 5351

Purpose General Meeting

Prepared by Terry Redman

Phone No. 0418 857 915

Location Council Rooms,
29 Barossa Valley Way,
Lyndoch, SA 5351

Date 27 August 2025

Attendees

Angus Atkinson (Chair)
Terry Redman
Peter Henshaw
Tina Woods
Margaret Puddy

Tracy Sinclair
Don Wegener

Quorum	Number of Ordinary members:	20% of Ordinary members	Attendees	Quorum ¹ achieved?
	14	2.8 (rounded up) 3	6	Yes

Distribution All current & life members, Chris Kruger (Executive Assistant, Development and Environmental Services The Barossa Council) and Kim Thompson.

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Item		Action by	Date Due
1	Meeting Opened 8.03 pm.		
2	Apologies – Nelly Van Der Lerssel, Pam Cross		
3	Minutes of previous Meeting held 23 July 2025. Moved: Tina Woods, Seconded: Don Wegener – Carried unanimously		
4	Business Arising last meeting: No business arising.		



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4.1	Actions now closed Nil		
4.2	Actions Still open: Nil		
	ACTION: BBBFM," Lets chat Barossa" Podcast Tina Woods and Nelly Van Der Lerssel to contact BBBFM	Tina Woods Nelly Van der Lerssel	Oct 25
5	New Actions from Business arising this meeting: Nil		
6	Correspondence IN-		
	Friends of Parks and Nature SA - - Wednesday Weekly mailout -30/07/2025, 06/08/2025, 13/08/2025, 20/08/2025 - Info re Award nominations and Presentation dinner - Awards night dinner info 14/08/2025 - Award night ticket extension – 21/08/2025 St Jakobi School - 26/07/2025 – reschedule visits to Reserve Northern and Yorke – Yakka News – 01/08/2025 Landcare Association of South Australia - 28/07/2025 – Catch up on recent events. 22/08/2025 – Quarterly Newsletter DEW – Fiona Fuhlbohm – 18/08/2025 – Native vegetation grants. Newsletter - Green Adelaide Newsletter – - Core needs Round 6 (not a grant. Green Adelaide procures all goods and services. No reporting requirements. - Native plant orders for next year 15/08/2025 – Volunteer Support email - Sarah Barker – 19/08/2025 – Partnering & Promotional opportunities. - Green Adelaide News August 2025 The Barossa Council – Email to Tina Woods confirming Council staff to look at Tractor at tomorrows working bee. Native Orchid Society of South Australia – 26/07/2025 – Promoting Spring sale at Marion		



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	Correspondence OUT - Purchase order to The Barossa Council																																
7	Chair Report – Refer Annual General Meeting Report																																
8	Monthly Volunteer Hours Summary <table><tr><th>Tasks</th><th>FY26 YTD</th><th>AUG 25 (to 26/7/25)</th></tr><tr><td>1. Admin Duties (Committee Members)²</td><td>9</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>2. Meetings, home & away</td><td>6</td><td>nil</td></tr><tr><td>3. Promotions. (Tours, demos, etc.)</td><td>nil</td><td>nil</td></tr><tr><td>4. Propagation (Sowing, planting out, seed collection, etc.)</td><td>nil</td><td>nil</td></tr><tr><td>5. Weed & Pest Control</td><td>172</td><td>76</td></tr><tr><td>6. Construction & maintenance (Equipment, fencing, trails, buildings, etc.)</td><td>40</td><td>nil</td></tr><tr><td>7. Equipment design & manufacture (Seed boxes, displays, jigs, tools, etc.)</td><td>3</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>8. Monitoring</td><td>26</td><td>16</td></tr><tr><td>Totals</td><td>256</td><td>98</td></tr></table>	Tasks	FY26 YTD	AUG 25 (to 26/7/25)	1. Admin Duties (Committee Members) ²	9	3	2. Meetings, home & away	6	nil	3. Promotions. (Tours, demos, etc.)	nil	nil	4. Propagation (Sowing, planting out, seed collection, etc.)	nil	nil	5. Weed & Pest Control	172	76	6. Construction & maintenance (Equipment, fencing, trails, buildings, etc.)	40	nil	7. Equipment design & manufacture (Seed boxes, displays, jigs, tools, etc.)	3	3	8. Monitoring	26	16	Totals	256	98		
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7. Equipment design & manufacture (Seed boxes, displays, jigs, tools, etc.)	3	3																															
8. Monitoring	26	16																															
Totals	256	98																															
9	Treasurers Report – As presented by Tina Woods Moved: Terry Redman, Seconded: Don Wegener – Carried unanimously. Monthly Income & Expenditure – since last General Meeting <table><tr><th></th><th>JUL 25</th><th>AUG 25 (as at 22/7/25)</th></tr><tr><td>Balance Brought Forward</td><td>\$ 3,618.81</td><td>\$ 1,463.28</td></tr><tr><td>Income</td><td>\$ 0.02</td><td>\$ -</td></tr><tr><td>Expenses</td><td>\$ 2,155.55</td><td>\$ -</td></tr><tr><td>End Month Balance</td><td>\$ 1,463.28</td><td>\$ 1,463.28</td></tr></table>		JUL 25	AUG 25 (as at 22/7/25)	Balance Brought Forward	\$ 3,618.81	\$ 1,463.28	Income	\$ 0.02	\$ -	Expenses	\$ 2,155.55	\$ -	End Month Balance	\$ 1,463.28	\$ 1,463.28																	
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10	Petty Cash: – as presented by Angus Atkinson Balance: \$189.35.																	
11	Work Health and Safety: Nil																	
12	Publicity: • Facebook ○ Regular updates continuing. 662 followers. • Lyndoch Grapevine ○ Standing Advertisement • Willy Wagtail ○ Standing Advertisement																	
13	General Business: • Don Wegener identified the path from the main track to the first bench seat requiring maintenance. To be addressed at working bee 04/09/2025. • Angus, Tina, Tracy and Terry attended an excellent workshop, “How to conduct a bioblitz” at Lobethal Bushland Park on 30 August from 9.30am to 1.30pm It is intended to use the information and experience gained to conduct similar bioblitz at the Reserve.																	



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14	Key Dates for 2025 – • St Jakobi - school visits ○ 4/9/2025 ○ 30/10/2025 ○ 17/11/2025		
15	Next Meeting – The next Meeting will be Wednesday 24th September 2025, Council Rooms, 29 Barossa Valley Way, Lyndoch, SA.		
16	Meeting Closed: .8.25 pm		

Notes-

1. Under the Constitution dated 26 June 2025 – A **quorum** (that is the minimum number of members that must be present at a general meeting to make the proceedings of that meeting valid) shall be determined as 20% of the number of Ordinary Members.

	Name	Signature	Date
Member who presided over the meeting which these minutes record:		I confirm that these minutes are an accurate record of the proceedings of the meeting:	
Member who presided at the meeting where these minutes are confirmed:			

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Purpose 2025 Annual General Meeting

Prepared by Terry Redman

Phone No. 0418 857 915

Location Council Rooms,
29 Barossa Valley Way,
Lyndoch, SA 5351

Date 27 August 2025

Attendees
Angus Atkinson (Chair)
Tina Woods
Tracy Sinclair
Don Wegener
Peter Henshaw

Terry Redman
Margaret Puddy

Distribution All current & life members, Chris Kruger (Executive Assistant, Development and Environmental Services, The Barossa Council) and Kim Thompson

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		Action by							
	Meeting Opened 7.32 pm								
1	Apologies – Nelly Van Der Lerssel, Pam Cross. Membership Summary 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 <table><tr><td>FY25 Financial Members</td><td>14</td></tr><tr><td>Life Members</td><td>9</td></tr><tr><td>Total Membership</td><td>23</td></tr></table> The 2005 Constitution stated (Clause 15.1) a quorum at any general meeting shall be 20% of all registered members i.e.6 Members, this is now superseded by the 2025 Constitution which states a quorum (that is the minimum number of members that must be present at a general meeting to make the proceedings of that meeting valid) shall be determined as 20% of the number of Ordinary Members Quorum required at the AGM is 3.	FY25 Financial Members	14	Life Members	9	Total Membership	23		
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2	Minutes of 2024 AGM Meeting held 24 July 2024 – Accepted Moved by Margaret Puddy, seconded by Tina Woods – Carried unanimously		
3	Confirmation of any Special general meeting held since last AGM (if applicable) No meeting occurred		
4	Business Arising last meeting: No business arising.		
5	Chair Report 2024 / 2025 Incorporated Association Management: With 2025 being the 20th anniversary of our incorporation our constitution and operating rules have been comprehensively updated by Tina Woods (Treasurer). The final revision was voted in at the June 2025 General Meeting and lodged on the 17th July 2025. Weed and Pest Control: Late season opening rains in 2025 combined with a drier than typical spring in 2024 has delayed many weed species germination this year. In addition, the control actions in 2024 for Bridal Creeper, Scabiosa and Salvation Jane seem to be reducing weed activity. The 2025/26 season will continue with traditional controls to maintain this. Organic Weedkiller trials on Scabiosa and Bridal Creeper have also proven useful in reducing flowering in key areas, this will be expanded over the next year in order to assist with reducing chemical controls. Vehicle maintenance has been an issue with the ongoing tractor drive "harshness" requiring attention this year. The Barossa Council has been approached and have organised resources to advise and or repair. The work truck also required off-site repairs due to a transfer case issue. Thankfully Kym Burton has been able to transport the truck to his repair site and has corrected the issue and the truck is now back in operation. Pest Control Project: James Reeves from Selective Pest Control has been engaged under funding with adjoining Heritage properties (Rolland Chatterton, Neville Kies) to run a reduction project over the next two years targeting Deer, Foxes, Rabbits and Cats. Community Engagement: The decision was taken this year to replace the Open Day with a hosted information stall at the Lyndoch Great Vintage Picnic on the 27th April 2025. This was a popular option with both members and Lyndoch locals and very well received. The St Jakobi school has been visiting the reserve regularly as part of their Year 5+6 Gardening Class performing environmental monitoring on a monthly basis and other education opportunities within the reserve. In conclusion. An active and productive year and I thank all the volunteers for their time and enthusiasm this year. Angus Atkinson Chair		

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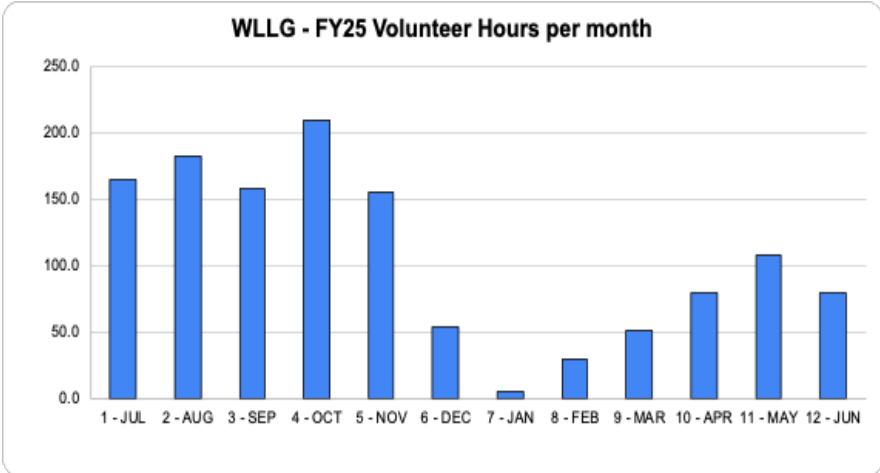
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Treasurers Report:
Volunteer Hours 2024-2025 as presented by Tina Woods

No.	Description	Hours
1	Admin Duties (Committee members)	154
2	Meetings, Home & Away	124
3	Promotions (Tours, Demos, etc.)	51
4	Propagation (Sowing, planting out, seed collection, etc.)	Nil
5	Weed & Pest Control	661
6	Construction & Maintenance (Equip't, fencing, trails, buildings etc.).	107
7	Equipment design & manufacture (Seed boxes, displays, jigs, tools, etc.)	Nil
8	Monitoring	179
Total		1274

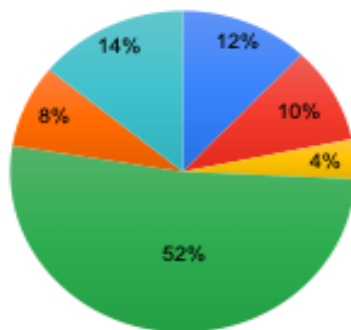
WLLG - FY25 Volunteer Hours per month



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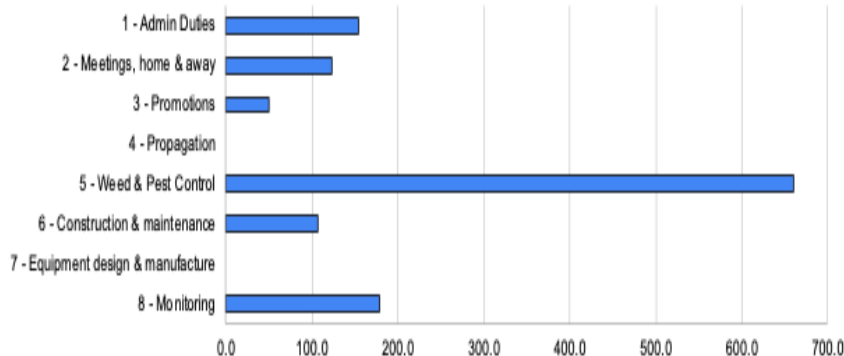
FY25 Where Volunteer hrs spent



Category	Percentage
1 - Admin Duties	12%
2 - Meetings, home & away	10%
3 - Promotions	4%
5 - Weed & Pest Control	52%
6 - Construction & maintenance	8%
8 - Monitoring	14%

1 - Admin Duties	2 - Meetings, home & away
3 - Promotions	5 - Weed & Pest Control
6 - Construction & maintenance	8 - Monitoring

WLLG - FY25 Volunteer Hours to date - By Task



Task	Hours (approx.)
1 - Admin Duties	150
2 - Meetings, home & away	120
3 - Promotions	50
4 - Propagation	0
5 - Weed & Pest Control	650
6 - Construction & maintenance	100
7 - Equipment design & manufacture	0
8 - Monitoring	180

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Financial Statement 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 as presented by Tina Woods.	
Bank Balance B/F 30 June 2024	\$2,092.93
Income	
The Barossa Council Contribution	\$10,000.00
Landcare Member subscriptions	\$110.00
Donations (excluding those included in Petty Cash)	\$30.00
Bank Interest	\$26.56
Total Income	\$10,166.56
Expenditure	
Environmental Weed Control & Revegetation	\$6,815.88
Ellen J Krahnert - BDBSA Upload Project	\$799.04
Reprint of Pamphlets	\$547.00
Equipment - Purchase	\$309.76
Consumables	\$120.00
Annual Post Box Fee	\$51.00
Total Expenditure	\$8,642.68
Bank Balance at 30 June 2025	\$3,616.81
Moved by Don Wegener, seconded by Peter Henshaw – Carried unanimously.	
Petty Cash: As presented by Angus Atkinson	
Donations received for 24/25 totalled \$168.85	
Outgoing for the same period was \$143, which was predominately for diesel for the tractor	

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7	Committee Positions: Angus Atkinson declared all positions vacant. No new nominations were received with all other FY25 committee members declaring their nomination to continue their roles for FY26 except for Committee Member Shirley Wegener. <table><tr><th>Position</th><th>Nominations</th><th>Persons elected for FY26</th></tr><tr><td>Chair</td><td>Angus Atkinson</td><td>Angus Atkinson</td></tr><tr><td>Vice Chair</td><td>Peter Henshaw</td><td>Peter Henshaw</td></tr><tr><td>Treasurer</td><td>Tina Woods</td><td>Tina Woods</td></tr><tr><td>Secretary</td><td>Terry Redman</td><td>Terry Redman</td></tr><tr><td>Committee Members</td><td>Nelly van den Lerssel Joerg Wiese Tracy Sinclair</td><td>Nelly van den Lerssel * Joerg Wiese Tracy Sinclair</td></tr><tr><td>Container Director</td><td>Don Wegener</td><td>Don Wegener</td></tr></table> *Tracy Sinclair offered to assist Nelly Van Den Lerssel with the duties of distributing promotional material throughout the local District.	Position	Nominations	Persons elected for FY26	Chair	Angus Atkinson	Angus Atkinson	Vice Chair	Peter Henshaw	Peter Henshaw	Treasurer	Tina Woods	Tina Woods	Secretary	Terry Redman	Terry Redman	Committee Members	Nelly van den Lerssel Joerg Wiese Tracy Sinclair	Nelly van den Lerssel * Joerg Wiese Tracy Sinclair	Container Director	Don Wegener	Don Wegener	Angus Atkinson	
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Container Director	Don Wegener	Don Wegener																						
8	Public Officer Appointment: Tina Woods agreed to continue as Public Officer	Angus Atkinson																						
9	Change of Rules: No changes were proposed.	Angus Atkinson																						
10	Membership Fees: Proposal that fees remain the same i.e. \$10/Ordinary membership. Where two ordinary members live in the same house, fees would be \$15. Moved by Tracy Sinclair, seconded by Margaret Puddy – Carried unanimously. FY26 Fees now due. Life Membership nominations Lifetime membership is an honour bestowed on individual members whose exceptional loyal and outstanding service and contribution has provided a measurable benefit to the WLLG over an extended period of time. No nominations	Angus Atkinson																						

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11	Next AGM – To be confirmed.	Angus Atkinson	
12	Any other Business, Meeting Close: No other business. Meeting closed 7.56pm.	Angus Atkinson	

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6.5 GREEN INDUSTRIES SA (GISA) CLOTHING AND TEXTILE COLLECTION DAY INITIATIVE

**Author: Sustainability Officer
25/73300**

On 1 November 2025, Green Industries SA (GISA) will host a clothing and textile collection drive, known as 'Set Your Clothes Free', in the Council carpark at Nuriootpa. GISA partnered with other Councils earlier in 2025 to deliver the same initiative.

The collection drive will mean that community can drop off their pre-loved clothing and textiles between 9am and 3pm on 1 November 2025. GISA will have reuse partners sorting through clothing identifying items suitable for re-sale in op-shops, and what cannot be sold will be packaged and transported to [Upparel](#) for recycling into building insulation and other products. Upparel is in Melbourne, Victoria. Clothing and textiles in South Australia generally end up in landfill via the red waste bin because there are no textile recycling facilities in South Australia.

As in-kind support (hard waste and other budget), Council will provide the carpark, traffic management, and promotion of the event. GISA will coordinate and run the event, and cover all other cost associated with the initiative.

A second information report will be presented to Council after the event to report on the outcomes.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

SUPPORTING REFERENCES

[Introducing UPtex by UPPAREL](#)

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6.6 GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY MITIGATION BUSINESS CASE UPDATE

**Author: Executive and Project Support Officer
25/73678**

Correspondence has been received from the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (GRFMA) outlining flood mitigation strategies for the Gawler River catchment area contained within the Flood Mitigation Business Case. (refer Attachment 1).

The Business Case was presented to the GRFMA in December 2023 and recommended a preferred strategy to cope with a 1:100 year flood event.

Following review by a State Agency, Infrastructure South Australia (ISA) some areas were highlighted that required further work before it could be recommended to State Cabinet for funding approval.

Consequently, the GRFMA has applied for a \$771,000 grant from the Federal Government's Disaster Ready Fund (DRF), which, together with GRFMA resources of around \$290,000 will enable the Business Case to be finalised.

The GRFMA will continue to engage with all stakeholders to work through the funding options. The ultimate funding strategy is subject to a number of variables and will require negotiation with at least the Federal and State Governments and between the GRFMA's six constituent councils.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 Advice from GRFMA - Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Floodplain Mitigation Business Case [↓](#) 

SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Nil

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

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Mayor Michael (Bim) Lange
The Barossa Council
43-51 Tanunda Road
NURIOOTPA SA 5355
By email barossa@barossa.sa.gov.au
10 September 2025

Dear Mayor Lange,

Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Floodplain Mitigation Business Case

I write to provide an update on the flood mitigation strategies for the Gawler River catchment area, with emphasis on funding principles and options being developed in the Flood Mitigation Business Case.

As you know, the State Government, through the Department of Environment and Water working with the GRFMA, delivered a business case on flood mitigation strategies for the Gawler River environs. The business case was presented to the GRFMA and other stakeholders in December 2023 and recommended a preferred strategy to cope with a 1:100-year flood event. The recommended option includes four elements:

- The raising by 10 metres of the Bruce Eastick North Para Dam
- A levee upgrade
- A community awareness program
- Planning Control amendments

The business case had been reviewed by a State agency, Infrastructure South Australia (ISA), and its report highlighted a number of areas that required further work before it could be recommended to State Cabinet for funding approval. The key shortcomings of the business case were identified as:

- The need to confirm that a 10-metre raise is feasible considering the structural integrity of the dam
- The lack of a funding model to fund the works (with capital works estimated at \$227 million)

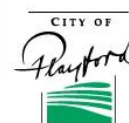
The GRFMA endorsed the recommended option and agreed to lead the work required to complete the business case so that it could be presented to the State and Federal governments for a funding decision. Among other steps, the GRFMA now chairs a Steering Committee of GRFMA and State Government key agencies focussed solely on completing the business case.

Completion of the business case has indeed been the focus of the GRFMA over the last 18 months or so with several matters raised by the ISA already dealt with, such as undertaking further flood mapping investigations. However, the key issues of the structural integrity of the dam and agreement on a funding model involve significant work which is estimated to cost around \$1.06 million; funding of a magnitude that is beyond the GRFMA's capacity to meet. The structural integrity investigations alone are estimated to cost around \$660k.



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Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority

Consequently, the GRFMA has applied for a \$771k grant from the Federal Government's Disaster Ready Fund (DRF), which, together with GRFMA resources, of around \$290k, will enable the business case to be finalised. Our application has been short-listed and we expect a decision in October 2025. Should the bid not succeed we will seek similar funding from the State Government as the last feasible opportunity to complete the business case.

Assuming the funding is secured, the key issue to ultimately resolve is funding of the infrastructure works. The first steps are to confirm that the 10-metre raise is feasible from a structural perspective and review the associated costs to determine the revised funding goal.

There are multiple potential funding sources that need to be considered such as:

- Federal and State Government grants
- Property developer contributions who benefit from flood mitigation
- Local beneficiaries such as residents and businesses

There are a number of ways the funding could be structured, such as through "infrastructure schemes" established under the State Government's *Planning Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* or through "separate rates" under the *Local Government Act 1999*.

The GRFMA will continue to engage with all stakeholders, including members of parliament, industry representatives and key State Government agencies to work through the funding options. In this regard, the GRFMA has determined that funding discussions and negotiations will be undertaken consistent with the following key principles:

- All beneficiaries of the flood mitigation strategies should contribute funding
- All councils in the catchment area will contribute to some degree even where the flooding activity occurs outside a council's geographic area
- Ownership of the dam is to be transferred to a suitable State Government agency
- Government funding obligations are to be split as follows:
 - Federal Government – between 50% to 80%
 - State Government – minimum of 25%
 - Local Government – minimum of 4%

The ultimate funding strategy is subject to a number of variables and will require negotiation with at least the Federal and State governments and between the GRFMA's six constituent councils.

Please contact me should you wish to discuss.

Yours sincerely



Lino Di Lernia
CHAIRMAN/INDEPENDENT MEMBER, GRFMA

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6.7 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIAN - ANNUAL RENEWAL INFORMATION

**Author: Chief Executive Officer
25/77231**

The Local Government Association of South Australia has provided an annual summary and information which is tabled for Council's information. The annual subscription this year is \$52,684.95 which is \$2,812.54 higher than budget. Along with the annual subscription to Northern and Yorke Local Government Association (our regional LGA group) the memberships are slightly above budget by \$1,230.95; a budget amendment will be made at the next quarterly budget update.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 Annual Renewal Information 2025-2026 [↓](#) 

SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Nil

**Helping local government
build stronger communities.**

29 September 2025

Mr Martin McCarthy

The Barossa Council
PO Box 867
Nuriootpa SA 5355

Emailed: barossa@barossa.sa.gov.au

Dear Mr Martin McCarthy

Renewing your LGA Membership for 2025–26

Thank you for your council's continued support as a member of LGA South Australia. As we deliver on our 2025–2030 Strategic Plan, LGA remains focused on advocacy, collaboration, strategic partnerships and emerging technologies to create value for our members.

Mayors, Elected Members, CEOs and staff have access to a range of LGA services from governance resources and templates and model policies, to training and events, and regular updates through newsletters and communications.

Advocacy remains a central focus, and with the collective support of councils, we aim to strongly influence policy and legislative outcomes for the sector. Over the past year, LGA has been able to successfully lobby for amendments to the *Biodiversity Act 2025*, secure changes to planning rules on garage sizes, and ensure councils could access grants to comply with new defibrillator legislation.

We led engagement to deliver a sector wide response to the state waste strategy which highlighted the need for councils to have flexibility to deliver services that drive environmental and economic outcomes while meeting the needs of the community. We backed national advocacy for increased Financial Assistance Grants and advanced protections for Adelaide's urban tree canopy through new planning rules and a strong parliamentary submission.

During the year, we shaped sector input into the Draft Greater Adelaide Regional Plan to ensure stronger housing and infrastructure planning outcomes and contributed to the State Transport Strategy to push for better public transport and integrated infrastructure planning.

LGA delivered several key initiatives for the sector including:

- Independent research on mandatory rates discounts for electricity generators, prompting a Private Members Bill for fairer rates.
- Stage two of the \$3.7m *Climate Ready Coasts* program, with \$1.4m in council grants for coastal hazard adaptation addressing escalating risks to councils.
- Launched the *Careers in Council* campaign to attract and retain talent.



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- Partnered with PointData to provide all councils with 1,000+ dwellings access to a housing data modelling tool.
- Commenced a financial sustainability pilot program addressing council concerns around financial management, awareness and capacity.
- Delivered a sold-out *AI for Local Government Conference* and released LGA's new AI Policy to guide councils in adopting emerging technologies.
- Delivered new Net Zero Accelerate training providing councils with tools to reduce emissions, improve energy efficiency and adapt to climate impacts.

Services remain a vital area of member support and in 2024-25 highlights included:

- Delivery of 138 courses to more than 1,850 local government participants. LGA's training service achieved an average participant value rating of 4.47 out of 5.
- Almost \$340 million in direct savings to councils through workers compensation self-insurance since this scheme commenced nearly 40 years ago.
- Ongoing emergency management support and free training and access to emergency management hub resources to help councils prepare for and support emergencies.
- Cost-effective technology, including 80% of council websites hosted on LGA's Squiz platform, saving up to 90% on traditional web hosting, security and software costs, and 48 councils using the My Local Services app.
- Access to 31 preferred supplier contracts providing connections to more than 700 suppliers through LGA Procurement, with over \$65 million in council purchases processed through the online vendor panel, delivering collective savings.

Looking ahead

In 2025–26, LGA will continue to deliver greater value through our new Strategic Plan. Our advocacy will focus on fairer financial assistance grants, increased road funding, election reforms, drought rates relief, waste and circular economy initiatives, and measures to strengthen financial sustainability. We will ensure local government has a strong voice ahead of the State Election.

In the coming year, we aim to expand member support with new collaboration opportunities and practical services to help councils meet challenges and share innovation.

Attached is your membership subscription invoice for the new financial year. For any questions, please contact me directly on 8224 2063. I look forward to another year of collaboration, advocacy and achievement with you.

Yours sincerely



Karen Teaha

Interim Chief Executive Officer

Telephone: (08) 8224 2063

Email: karen.teaha@lga.sa.gov.au

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6.8 NORTHERN AND YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION - MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ORDINARY MEETING OF 29 AUGUST 2025

**Author: Chief Executive Officer
25/77261**

The minutes of the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association Annual General Meeting and Ordinary Meeting of 29 August 2025 are hereby tabled for members information.

ATTACHMENTS

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| Attachment 1 | Minutes of Annual General Meeting 29 August 2025 | ↓  |
| Attachment 2 | Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 29 August 2025 | ↓  |
| Attachment 3 | Board Meeting Summary Report | ↓  |

SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Nil



Annual General Meeting Minutes

29th August 2025

Regional Council of Goyder

1 Market Square, Burra

OPENING OF MEETING

The President Mayor Rodney Reid opened the meeting at 10.03 am

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY & WELCOME

Mayor Reid provided an acknowledgement of country, paying respects to the Ngadjuri people, the traditional owners of the land past, present and emerging and extended that respect to those attending today.

1. MEETING PRELIMINARIES

1.1 Attendance and Apologies

Members:

Mayor Ruth Whittle OAM, Mayor Allan Aughey, Mayor Ken Anderson, Mayor Bill Gebhardt, Mayor Sue Scarman, Mayor Bill Close, Mayor Michael (Bim) Lange, Acting Mayor David Patton, Mayor Rodney Reid, Mayor Chapman (10.14 am), Mayor Leonie Kerley (online), Mayor Stephen McCarthy (online), Mayor Leon Stephens (online).

Non-members:

Daniel Willson (RDA), Geoff Brock MP, Rebecca Howard (N&Y Landscape Board), Angela Ruddenklau (PIRSA), Tom Venning (Member for Grey), David Stobbe (CEO), Darren Starr (CEO), Richard Dodson (CEO), James Miller (CEO), Andrew Lamb (LGA), David Stevenson (CEO), Maree Wauchope (CEO, online), Marin Borgas (CEO, online).

Apologies:

Mayor Roslyn Talbot, Mayor Mark Wasley, Dylan Strong (CEO), Stephen Rufus (CEO), Andrew Cameron (CEO), Acting Mayor Richard Carruthers, Penny Pratt MP, Ross McNeil (CEO), Tony Piccolo MP.

1.2 Welcome

Mayor Rodney Reid, Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. He extended particular welcome to David Patton as Acting Mayor at Adelaide Plains, and Mayor Bill Close as the new Mayor of Light Regional Council.

1.3 Confirmation of previous minutes

Motion: That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 30th August 2024 at Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council, Mintaro Institute, 56 Burra Street at Mintaro Institute, Burra Street, Mintaro be taken as read and confirmed.

Moved: Mayor Scarman Seconded: Mayor Gebhardt CARRIED

1.4 Conflict of Interest

Mayor Reid informed the meeting that he would have a conflict of interest in relation to Item 2.6 Chairman's Allowance.

2. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REQUIREMENTS**2.1 Annual Reports 2024-2025**

Motion: That the N&YLGA Chairman, N&YLGA CEO and Chairman of Audit and Risk Management Committee Annual reports be accepted.

Moved: Mayor Stephens Seconded: Mayor Kerley CARRIED

2.2 Annual Financial Report 2024-2025**Motion:**

- 1. That the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association annual financial statement for the year ending 30th June 2025 presents a fair view of the state of the financial affairs of the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association and that the board certifies the annual financial report.**
- 2. That the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association writes to the Auditors ATA Audits advising that the board discussed the requirements of**

the Related Party Disclosures and confirms that there are no transactions that are required to be disclosed.

- 3. That the N&YLGA Chair and Audit Committee Chair certify via their signature acceptance of the 2024-2025 Northern and Yorke Local Government Association independence of the audited annual financial statement.**

Moved: Mayor Aughey Seconded: Mayor Whittle CARRIED

2.3 Election of Office Bearers

All current office bearers are within their 2-year appointment term. Hence there is no need for elections this year.

2.4 Appoint representatives to other organisations

Motion:

- 1. That the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association appoints the Chairperson and CEO as members of the Northern and Yorke Regional Alliance.**
- 2. That Mayor Sue Scarman is the representative on the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Aboriginal Engagement Committee (Five Nations).**

Moved: Mayor Gebhardt Seconded: Mayor Anderson CARRIED

2.5 Delegations 2025-2026

Motion:

That the following delegations be approved for 2025-2026.

Delegation	To
Bank account signatories	Stephen Rufus, Chairman Audit & Risk Bridget Ransome, CEO, Northern & Yorke LGA Vanessa Miller, Finance Accountant, Local Government Association
Approving expenditure of budgeted items	CEO
Approving project briefs	CEO

Approving contracts within budget up to \$10,000	CEO
Approving contracts within budget over \$10,000	N&YLGA Executive Committee
Calling for tenders, contracts and consultancies	CEO after consultation with N&YLGA Executive Committee
Appointing tenders, contracts and consultancies	CEO after assessment panel / reference group and with approval from N&YLGA Executive Committee
Recruitment of staff other than Chief Executive Officer	CEO
Performance management of Chief Executive Officer	N&YLGA Executive Committee
Performance management of staff and contractors	CEO

Moved: Mayor Scarman Seconded: Mayor Anderson CARRIED

2.6 Delegate Allowance 2025-2026

Mayor Reid vacated the chair due to a conflict-of-interest materiality. Mayor Anderson assumed the chair for the meeting.

The motion relating to an annual increase was discussed and was tested at an increase from \$5,000 to \$5,200 per annum, reflecting a 4% increase.

Mayor Stephens asked that given due consideration to the requirements of the Northern & Yorke LGA Charring duties, that an increase be made from \$5,000 per year to \$7,000 per year. Mayor Whittle supported the amendment, agreeing that the role required a lot of work on behalf of N&YLGA members.

Mayor Anderson put the motion to the meeting, and it was voted as 5 for and 6 against and thus defeated.

Mayor Anderson brought the original motion back to the meeting.

Mayor Whittle supported the amendment, adding that Mayor Reid supports many of us and does a lot of work on our behalf.

Motion: That the 2025-2026 allowance for the Chairperson's position be set at \$5,200 per annum.

Moved: Mayor Stephens Seconded: Mayor Whittle CARRIED

3. OTHER BUSINESS

3.1.1 Northern & Yorke LGA Committees

Mayor Reid assumed the Chair of the meeting.

Thanks were extended to those members who serve on the committees of the Northern & Yorke Local Government Association. Mayor Gebhardt nominated David Stobbe, CEO of Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council.

Motion: The meeting supports the continuation of the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association Executive Committee including the nomination of Chief Executive Officer, David Stobbe.

Moved: Mayor Gebhardt Seconded: Mayor Anderson CARRIED

3.1.2 Audit & Risk Management Committee

Mayor Reid reported that the current committee membership for the Audit & Risk Committee includes Mayor McCarthy, Mayor Reid, Ian McDonald (Independent member) and Stephen Rufus (Chair). It was noted that the committee requires one more member from a CEO role at Council.

Mayor Anderson nominated Sean Holden, CEO of The Flinders Ranges Council.

Motion: The meeting supports the continuation of the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association Audit & Risk Management Committee including an additional member from within a council, Sean Holden.

Moved: Mayor Anderson Seconded: Mayor Gebhardt CARRIED

3.1.3 Advisory Committees

Motion: The meeting supports the continuation of the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association Road Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee, Waste Management Advisory Committee and Community Wastewater Management Advisory Committee.

Moved: Mayor Lange Seconded: Mayor Chapman CARRIED

3.2 Northern & Yorke LGA 2025-2026 Meetings

Motion: that the 2025-26 LGA meetings are held as follows:

- **28th November Barunga West**
- **27th February 2026 The Barossa Council**
- **12th June 2026 District Council of Mt Remarkable**
- **28th August 2026 AGM Light Regional Council**
- **27th November 2026 Northern Areas Council.**

Moved: Mayor Reid

Seconded: Mayor Lange

CARRIED

4. CLOSE

The meeting closed at 10:42 am.



NORTHERN AND YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Minutes

Ordinary Board Meeting

29th August 2025

Regional Council of Goyder

Venue: Council Chamber, 1 Market Square, Burra

OPENING OF MEETING

The President Mayor Rodney Reid opened the meeting at 10:54 am and welcomed all attendees.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY & WELCOME

Mayor Reid, provided an Acknowledgement of Country and paid his respects to the Ngadjuri, the traditional custodians whose ancestral lands we gathered on. He acknowledged their cultural beliefs and their past, present and on-going connection to the land.

I ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Present:

Mayors: Rodney Reid, Bill Gebhardt, Leonie Kerley, Sue Scarman, Ken Anderson, Allan Aughey, Grant Chapman, Leon Stephens, Ruth Whittle OAM, Michael (Bim) Lange, Bill Close, David Patton (Acting), Stephen McCarthy.

CEOs: Darren Starr, Sean Holden, David Stevenson, David Stobbe, Maree Wauchope, James Miller, Martin Borgas, Richard Dodson,

Others: Bridget Ransome (N&YLGA), Hon Geoff Brock MP, Tom Venning (Liberal for Grey), Andrew Lamb (LGA), Rebecca Howard (N&Y Landscape Board), Daniel Willson, Angela Ruddenkai,

Welcome**1.1 Apologies**

Mayor Roslyn Talbot, Dylan Strong, Martin McCarthy, Andrew Cameron, Acting Mayor Richard Carruthers.

1.2 Leave of Absence Nil**1.3 Conflict of Interest Nil****1.4 Previous meeting minutes Northern and Yorke LGA**

Motion: That the minutes of the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association Board Meeting held on 6th June 2025 (with correction) be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Moved: Mayor Chapman Seconded: Mayor Gebhardt CARRIED

1.6 N&YLGA Action List

N&YLGA Meeting – 29th August 2025

Item	Topic	Action	Status	Comment
4.2	Advocacy Plan / consultation with member councils	A draft Advocacy Plan has been prepared.	On-going	
	Roads / Transport Plan	HDS has been appointed as consultants and is progressing the review.	On-going	
4.7	Forums	Waste	On-going	Contact has been made with the CEO KESAB to progress this initiative.

1.7 Report Title: Deferred / Adjourned Items

Nil

2 PRESENTATIONS**Brett Mattson and Archie Hooper (Airgentic – AI Citizen Service)**

Sean Holden introduced Brett Mattson and Archie Hooper, of Airgentic. Brett provided a brief introduction to their AI product which has been implemented by both the District Council of Mt Remarkable and The Flinders Ranges councils as an overlay to frequently asked questions, providing

efficiencies in directing people to required information and follow-up. The product:

1. Reduces the load on human contact centres
2. Enhances 24x7 customer self-service support
3. Increases contact centre team productivity
4. Gathers actionable customer insights.

The program also works well with CMS systems and provides website integration, for consistent accuracy and tone of messaging.

The Airgentic team can configure the service; review and test, with up to 15 hours of training, and live analytics. Back-up of data is also ensured, and councils own the data.

Andrew Lamb Presentation (LGA)

Andrew Lamb presented at the meeting in relation to Local Government Elections and correspondence from the Minister.

It was noted that the date would not change for council elections, in the same year as a state election. There is a Bill to parliament this year so the electoral commission and councils can start planning in relation to future organisation of the timing of elections.

Elected member behaviour has been moved into the Upper House Parliament as an issue for review. LGA has engaged Flinders University to research this issue and the LGA is working on a support package for councils.

It was noted that the drought continues to be an issue, and the federal government has just also announced more funding in this regard. A submission has also been made to the state government in relation to a rates deferral program.

The LGA has also been looking at initiatives in relation to the long-term financial sustainability of councils. Other items:

- Need for an increase in Special Local Roads Program funding
- CEO remuneration tribunal – pending
- LGA State Election platform
- Electricity generators bill (Hon Frank Pangallo).

It was noted that the Northern & Yorke region was not included in drought discussions at the LGA/State Government level and there is a need in future to have representation from the region at any future discussions of this type going forward.

3 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

3.1 Audit & Risk Management Committee

Motion: That the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association receives and notes the Draft Audit and Risk Management Committee Minutes of the 28th May 2025.

Moved: Mayor Kerley Seconded: Mayor Scarman CARRIED

3.2 2025 Small Town Reinvention Conference

Motion: That the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association notes the report.

Moved: Mayor Anderson Seconded: Mayor Stephens CARRIED

3.3 Media Training for Mayors and CEOs

Feedback from the recent Media Training for Mayors and CEOs was very positive. It was noted that the training would likely be conducted again next year for those that missed out this time. Mayor Reid also mentioned a possible follow up course for council staff involved in communications activities especially in relation to writing press releases. It was also noted that training in public speaking would also be appropriate for Mayors and CEOs.

Mayor Reid suggested Bridget Ransome develop a proposal and bring it to a future meeting for consideration.

Motion: That the Media Training report be received and noted.

Moved: Mayor Gebhardt Seconded: Mayor Close CARRIED

4 REPORTS FOR DECISION

4.1 N&YLGA Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2021-2026

Motion: That the N&YLGA Board approve and accept the proposal to undertake the review of the N&YLGA Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2021-2026.

Moved: Mayor Anderson Seconded: Mayor Scarman CARRIED

5 MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS

5.1 Motions with Notice

Chief Executive Officer, Northern and Yorke LGA Employment Contract

Motion: That the N&YLGA Board approve the change in employment contract for Bridget Ransome, CEO of Northern & Yorke LGA from 0.8FTE to 1.0FTE, effective from 1st September 2025 so that she can fully carry out the duties required of this role for the Northern & Yorke Local Government Association Member Councils.

Moved: Mayor Scarman Seconded: Mayor Whittle OAM LOST

5.2 Motions without notice

Nil

5.3 Questions with notice

Nil

5.4 Questions without notice

Mayor McCarthy confirmed that he is now a member of the Drought Advisory Committee.

6 MEMBERS' COMMUNICATION**6.1 Chairperson's Report**

Motion: That the Chairperson's report for August 2025 be received and noted.

Moved: Mayor Aughey Seconded: Mayor Kerley CARRIED

6.2 Members' Update

Nil

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

8 CLOSE – NEXT MEETING

The meeting closed at 12:43 pm.

The Northern & Yorke LGA will meet again for an Ordinary Meeting of the association on 28th November 2025 at 10:30 am, to be hosted by the Barunga West Council.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- N&YLGA Audit & Risk Meeting 24th November 2025
- LGA AGM & Conference 20th and 21st November 2025
- N&YLGA Executive Meeting 25th November 2025
- N&YLGA Ordinary Board Meeting 28th November 2025

The third Northern & Yorke LGA Board meeting for 2025 was held on Friday, 29th August 2025 hosted by the Regional Council of Goyder.

Highlights of this meeting included the following:

SPECIAL LOCAL ROADS PROGRAM FUNDING

The Northern & Yorke region was successful in applying for 6 grants under the Special Local Roads Program recent funding round with a combined total of \$6,501,667.

In addition to the SLRP grant round the LGA has advised of a supplementary round of funding that is also now available for applications.

The same guidelines apply to the supplementary round as per the main SLRP guidelines, and applications are currently open for submissions and will close on **22nd September 2025**.

Supplementary grant applications, including the guidelines for information are available at this link: [Special Local Roads Program \(SLRP\) | LGA South Australia](#). Projects that were successfully funded under main SLRP grant round are as follows:

Road	SLRP Funding	Priority Score
North Coast Road Stage 3 Pt Turton Yorke Peninsula Council	\$1,460,000	1
Bethel Road Stage 2 Light Regional Council	\$1,333,000	2
College Road Light Regional Council	\$1,333,000	3
Hart Road Adelaide Plains Council	\$ 559,667	4
Vandeleur Road Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council	\$1,080,000	5
Bruce Road Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council	\$ 736,000	6
TOTAL FUNDING APPLICATIONS	\$6,501,667	

Tim Viner-Smith: Email: tvinersmith@hdsaustralia.com.au / Mobile: 0427 738 755

DROUGHT RELIEF

It was noted that on 29th August 2025 the Federal Government announced further funding for drought relief. Andrew Lamb has also been working with Primary Producers SA, seeking a rate relief initiative funded by the State Government at this point in time.

2025 SMALL TOWN RE-INVENTION CONFERENCE

The 2025 Small Town Re-Invention Conference is progressing, and the event will take place in Kapunda and surrounds from 22nd – 25th September 2025 (inclusive). Registrations have been received from international, interstate and local participants.

The most recent Conference details are available at this [link](#).

ADVOCACY / COMMUNICATIONS PLAN / ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN 2025-2026

The Advocacy Plan, Communications Plan and Annual Business Plan 2025-2026 for the Northern & Yorke region were presented at the Board meeting on June 6th 2025 and endorsed by the board.

Work is progressing in relation to a number of advocacy issues; and the communications plan, which includes updated branding for the association and the building of a new website for the Northern & Yorke Local Government Association.

REGIONAL CHILDCARE DESERT ADVOCACY PROJECT

N&YLGA has secured additional funding to the amount of \$35,000 to progress Phase 2 of the Regional Childcare Desert Advocacy Project.

The funding has been received by N&YLGA, and work is now progressing by the consultant Capetal and the Regional Desert Childcare Advocacy group of councils.

I will be responsible for monitoring and acquitting the funds and reporting on progress back to the LGA.

FINANCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

N&YLGA has been operating with a new financial services provider since May 2025, being the LGA. This situation has been working well; however, I remain responsible for approving expenditure and invoices, and authorising banking on a regular basis.

The new Auditor ATA Audits has been closely working with myself and the LGA Finance Shared Services to review and finalise the audited financial statements for the N&YLGA for the 2024-2025 financial year. I am pleased to advise that the finances were approved at the most recent Annual General Meeting on 29th August 2025.

The next stage of the operation of N&YLGA is a complete update of the association's policies and procedures and the implementation of an operational manual covering all aspects of the N&YLGAs activities.

N&YLGA WASTE AND RESOURCE RECOVERY STRATEGY 2021-2026

The *N&YLGA Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2021-2026* is up for review. This strategy is included in the *Annual Business Plan 2025-2026* for the association.

The strategy was originally commissioned by the board to be carried out by Rawtec. It was prompted by the then Legatus Group of councils to assist with future actions regarding Waste Management for Regional Local Governments in SA. The Legatus Group identified a series of targeted projects that leverage advocacy and collaboration activities to deliver targeted outcomes for the region and as such commissioned the *Legatus Group Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2021-2026* and its Action Plan. The strategy is now due for a review and to be updated to reflect progress against actions and to identify activities going forward for the benefit of Northern & Yorke local government councils.

A proposal for the review to be undertaken by Rawtec was approved to proceed at the N&YLGA Board meeting on 29th November 2025, for the fee of \$17,920 (ex GST).

INVESTMENT ATTRACTION RESOURCES

I am working with the RDA Yorke and Mid North as I have been asked to help in relation to investment attraction into the region, given the impacts of Algal Bloom, drought and business closures. I have prepared an investment brochure which is almost ready to be distributed. This brochure will be used in planned meetings with state government ministers and agencies and will also be made available to Northern & Yorke LGA councils for their use.

MEDIA TRAINING

Media Training for Mayors and CEOs was delivered on 13th and 14th August 2025 by journalist and media personality Graeme Goodings at the Adelaide Plains Council Chamber. Those that attended were as follows:

- Mayor Leon Stephens (Port Pirie)
- Mayor Stephen McCarthy (Mt Remarkable)

- Mayor Bill Close (Light Council)
- Mayor Bill Gebhardt (Goyder Council)
- Martin Borgas (CEO, Mt Remarkable)
- David Paton (Acting Mayor, Adelaide Plains Council)
- Richard Dodson (CEO, Light Council)
- David Stobbe (CEO, Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council).

All participants prepared a presentation to camera and also were interviewed in an impromptu format. Graeme Goodings has followed up with each participant providing individualised feedback. He has also sent through his presentation slides and a complimentary e:book on public speaking, which has now been distributed to participants.

It was recommended at the most recent board meeting on 29th August, that the training be repeated again in 2026 for those that were unable to attend this time. It was also suggested that the training, with some modifications, would be beneficial to those council staff that are required to produce communication materials.

AGM DECISIONS

At the AGM meeting on 29th August 2025 hosted by the Regional Council of Goyder, the following decisions were made:

- Annual Financial results for the N&YLGA 2024-2025 financial year were approved
- Chairman's annual stipend increased from \$5,000 per annum to \$5,200 per annum
- David Stobbe CEO, appointed to the N&YLGA Executive Committee
- Sean Holden CEO, appointed to the N&YLGA Audit & Risk Committee
- Chairperson Mayor Reid and N&YLGA CEO Bridget Ransome confirmed as members of the Regional Alliance
- Mayor Scarman confirmed as a representative on the Northern & Yorke Landscape Board Aboriginal Engagement Committee (Five Nations).

NORTHERN & YORKE LGA ELECTRONIC E:NEWSLETTER

I continue to send out electronic e:newsletters to inform members of the Northern & Yorke LGA about current information, opportunities, grants etc. The e:news has been sent to Mayors, CEOs and regional stakeholders for their information. To access recent issues, please follow the links below:

- [April 2025 Update](#)
- [May 2025 Update](#)
- [June/July 2025 Update](#)

MEETINGS/CONSULTATIONS UPDATE

Date	Stakeholder	Subject Matter/Comments
13 th June 2025	LGA	Drought meeting with Regional LGAs Finance Shared Services meeting
18 th June 2025	Murray Darling Basin Commission	Meeting with CEO
19 th June 2025	Regional Alliance Meeting Honeycomb Design	RDAs x 2, N&Y Landscape Board, PIRSA meeting N&YLGA Technical Review Meeting
23 rd June – 27 th June 2025 (inclusive)	AGLA Conference	Canberra
1 st July 2025	LGA	Meeting with Sam Killington HR Meeting with Finance Shared Services Meeting
3 rd July 2025	MS Society	Meeting with key staff
4 th July 2025	Get Home Safe Foundation	Regional Road Safety Alliance
10 th July 2025	Honeycomb Design	N&YLGA Technical Review Meeting
14 th July 2025	LGA	Website Hosting meeting with John Mundy
15 th July 2025	Airgentic AI	AI Citizen Service product discussion
21 st July 2025	N&Y Landscape Board	Strategic Planning meeting
23 rd July 2025	ATA Audits Northern Areas Council	Meeting with the Auditor Industry Response meeting re: Golden North
24 th July 2025	LGA	Meeting with David Eggers SAROC Meeting
25 th July 2025	UniSA, Mawson Lakes	SIRM Mid-year Project luncheon
29 th July 2025	N&YLGA Executive Meeting	Special meeting to discuss investment attraction options with RDA Yorke and Mid North
30 th July 2025	Northern Areas Council	Industry Response Meeting re: Golden North
31 st July 2025	RDA Yorke & Mid North Northern Areas Council	Regional follow-up discussion Five Nations follow up discussion
5 th August 2025	LGA	Climate Ready Regions Clare Workshop
6 th August 2025	Igloo Rawtec	Video Production company meeting CERR Infrastructure Plan Consultation with Rawtec
7 th August 2025	Northern Areas Council	Online meeting with Peter Kenyon and Northern Areas Council re: Golden North closure and opportunities
12 th August 2025	Regional LGAs N&YLGA CWMS Advisory committee Rawtec	Monthly catch-up Committee meeting online Meeting to talk through review of N&YLGA Waste and Resource Strategy 2021-2026
13 th August 2025	N&YLGA Media Training Session 1 World Heritage Bid	Mayors and CEOs training Mallala Dinner event at Clare
14 th August 2025	N&YLGA Audit & Risk N&YLGA Media Training Session 2	Committee Meeting Mayors and CEOs training Mallala
24 th August 2025	Country Cabinet	Clare

25 th August 2025	Country Cabinet	Confidential briefing Clare Country Cabinet Kapunda
28 th August 2025	Hon Frank Pangallo MP	Meeting at Parliament House
29 th August 2025	N&YLGGA AGM N&YLGGA Ordinary Meeting	Meetings held at Burra
1 st September 2025	RDA Yorke & Mid North Honeycomb Design	Interview panel for Drought resilience officer Technical review meeting
2 nd September 2025	LGA	Brian Johnston online meeting
9 th September 2025	Regional LGAs	Monthly catch-up

Bridget Ransome
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MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6.9 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY - ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024-25

**Author: Chief Executive Officer
25/77403**

The Local Government Finance Authority has provided advice of its adopted annual report for 2024-25 which highlights Barossa Park as one of its two key case studies.

The report is provided at the linking following.

<https://lgfa.com.au/annual-reports>.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Nil

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6.10 CONCORDIA CODE AMENDMENT

**Author: Senior Strategy Advisor
25/77673**

The Concordia Code Amendment has been finalised and was subsequently approved on Monday 29 September 2025 by the Minister for Planning, The Hon. Nick Champion MP under section 70(10)(c) of the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* (the Act). Correspondence from the Minister's office was received on 29 September 2025 as per [Attachment 1](#).

This is a significant milestone in the development of land within Concordia Growth Area and the delivery of much needed housing for South Australia, in line with the Premier's Housing Roadmap. Many amendments to the Code also reflect extensive advocacy efforts of Council, in furtherance of the Council's vision for Concordia.

The Code Amendment has been led by the Chief Executive of the Department for Housing and Urban Development and relates to the rezoning of the 995 hectares of land at Concordia to deliver approximately 12,000 homes over the next 30 years.

The Minister communicated the decision to adopt the Amendment, noting numerous key changes. These changes and the associated policies and implications are undergoing an in-depth review and assessment by Council staff and consultants, with a view to engage with Elected Members in greater detail on all aspects of the Code Amendment and Infrastructure at a future workshop.

A summary of the final changes made to the version of the Code Amendment that was released on engagement earlier in the year are outlined in the Minister's correspondence. Particular attention is to be drawn to the following:

- Creation of a new 'Infrastructure Coordination Overlay' within Part 3 of the Planning and Design Code, and spatially applied over the entire Concordia Growth Area, to coordinate the strategic use of land with necessary services and infrastructure. This includes a referral to a Scheme Coordinator.
- Creation of a new 'Coordinated Development Overlay' within Part 3 of the Planning and Design Code, and spatially applied over the entire Concordia Growth Area, to defer urban development until land is suitable for intended land uses. It is our understanding that this includes finalisation of the Basic Infrastructure Scheme and relevant Social Infrastructure Deeds with State and Local Government. Further amendments to the Code allow the Minister to spatially remove the Overlay when satisfied the necessary requirements are met. It is understood that this may mean partial and/or phased removal.
- Amendments to the proposed Emerging Main Street Subzone, affecting the definition of a main street and resulting in variation between the Neighbourhood Activity Centre and Local Activity Centres.
- Amendment to the Concept Plan to depict the 'Potential Link Road' and associated interventions, to inset from growth area boundaries and provide

space for a landscaped buffer/mound to the surrounding rural land and the Character Preservation District.

- Amendment to the Concept Plan with regard to the size and extent of the Neighbourhood Activity Centre, extension of the landscaped buffer on Barossa Valley way, depiction of two substations and existing electricity easements (noting future easements may arise), extension of shared path networks, updates to labels and tables to note all depicted schools as state schools, changes to land required for combined CFS and SES facilities, the addition of Metropolitan Fire Services (MFS) and land required, removal of reference to Ambulance and addition of a 'potential future health facility' at a minimum of 9ha of land to be reserved in the Southern portion of the site.

Details on the final Code Amendment are provided via a link to the PlanSA Portal in the Supporting References section of this report. This includes links to the Determination Documents such as the Concept Plans for Land Use and Infrastructure, Code Amendment Instructions, and the full engagement report which details the outcome of the engagement and a summary of all written submissions and feedback.

In addition to the announcement on the Concordia Code Amendment, it was revealed that Mr Iain McPhillips, currently Executive Director with the Department for Housing and Urban Development, will commence in the role of Scheme Coordinator. Further details on this appointment are pending.

Work is still underway to finalise an Infrastructure Scheme for the Concordia Growth Area that outlines the basic infrastructure that will be provided, such as roads, utilities and stormwater infrastructure, as well as funding arrangements, sequencing and timing. Officers of Council remain engaged in this process and are advocating for outcomes aligned with the Council's vision for Concordia.

Negotiations to execute the Social Infrastructure Deed for Concordia Growth Area between Council and Landholders are nearing final stages, with the final draft Deed intended to be brought before Council as soon as possible which may require the need for a Special Meeting depending on timing.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 Concordia Code Amendment_Correspondence_Hon Minister Nick Champion MP_The Barossa Council [↓](#) 

SUPPORTING REFERENCES

[View code amendment | PlanSA](https://plan.sa.gov.au/en/code_amendments) [https://plan.sa.gov.au/en/code_amendments]

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Mayor Bim Lange OAM
The Barossa Council

By email: mayor.lange@barossa.sa.gov.au

Dear Mayor Lange

I write to advise that, under section 73(10)(c) of the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* (the Act), I have now considered the issues raised during the consultation period, including the Barossa Council submission, and have now approved the Concordia Code Amendment.

In approving the Code Amendment, I am of the view that the approved Amendment will facilitate the development of a new master planned residential community with appropriate civil infrastructure and the social, education, recreation, commercial and retail services required to support a new community within the Barossa Valley region.

The engagement process provided opportunity for community and key stakeholders to provide feedback on the changes being proposed in the Code Amendment. I would like to thank the Barossa Council for the detailed submission on the Amendment and the significant contribution made by Council to the preparation and refinement of the Amendment.

I have decided to adopt the Amendment with the following key changes, as recommended by the Chief Executive of the Department for Housing and Urban Development (DHUD) in response to the engagement process:

- Reduce the size of the Employment Zone from 24 to 15 hectares, to better align with the Employment Land Assessment recommendations.
- Create a new 'Infrastructure Coordination Overlay' within Part 3 of the Planning and Design Code and spatially apply it over the entire Affected Area, to coordinate the strategic use of land with necessary services and infrastructure, including a referral to a Scheme Coordinator in relation to an infrastructure delivery scheme in operation in the area affected by the overlay
- Create a new 'Coordinated Development Overlay' within Part 3 of the Planning and Design Code and spatially apply it over the entire Affected Area, to defer urban development until land is suitable for the intended land uses, taking into account infrastructure delivery mechanisms and other constraints to urban development



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- Amend Part 1 of the Code, under the heading 'Spatial Information and Electronic Databases and Files, Ministerial Determinations', to allow the Minister to spatially remove the Coordinated Development Overlay where the Minister is satisfied that an infrastructure delivery scheme has been adopted, or an agreement is in place for the provision of all necessary essential infrastructure to support development of the growth area, and there are no other relevant restrictions to urban development proceeding.
- Amend the proposed Emerging Main Street Subzone to:
 - allow a broader range of land uses fronting the main street, subject to meeting the design criteria for active interface and street framing
 - clarify that a main street does not need to be defined for local activity centres, which are generally of such a size (typical floor space less than 1500m²) that they may only be located on one side of the road
 - clarify that a main street must be identified on a plan of division; and
 - general updates to improve terminology, create consistency and avoid duplication.
- Amend the definition of 'main street' in Part 8 of the Code to refer to identification of a main street on an authorised plan of division, as well as a building envelope plan.
- Amend *Concept Plan 160 – Concordia Growth Area: Basic Infrastructure* to:
 - amend the 'Potential Link Road' and associated intersections, bridges and culverts to illustrate its inset from the growth area boundaries, providing space for a landscaped buffer/mound to rural land and the Character Preservation District; and
 - show potential road upgrades outside of the Affected Area south of Calton Road including a "Possible future road" extending in a southwest direction from the intersection of Cheek Avenue and Calton Road.
- Amend *Concept Plan 161 – Concordia Growth Area: Land Use* to:
 - change and increase the size and extent of the Neighbourhood Activity Centre, to better reflect the centre location anticipated through the Concordia Master Plan
 - change the label 'Gateway Entrances' to 'Gateway building and landscaping'
 - amend the 'Potential Link Road' and associated intersections to illustrate its inset from the growth area boundaries, providing space for a buffer to rural land and the Character Preservation District
 - apply a landscape buffer on either side of the proposed Link Road to help reduce the impact of future urban development and minimise potential issues at the interface existing rural activities
 - extend the landscaped buffer along Barossa Valley Way to the east of Wheatsheaf Avenue
 - show the indicative location of substations and existing electricity easements, consistent with the Concordia Master Plan
 - extend the shared path networks to better illustrate the connection between the pathways and the proposed road network
 - change the reference on the map and within the social infrastructure table from "secondary school" to "state secondary school" and "primary schools" to "state primary schools"
 - change the reference in the social infrastructure table from "4 primary schools (each with integrated pre-school)" to "4 state primary schools (each with long day care and integrated pre-school)"

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- amend the social infrastructure table to increase the minimum amount of land for a state secondary school from 9.1 ha to 12.6 ha
- amend the social infrastructure table to increase the minimum amount of land for each state primary school from 3.45 ha to 5.45 ha
- change the reference in the social infrastructure table from “Fire Service” to “Combined Country Fire Service (CFS) and State Emergency Services (SES)” and increase the minimum amount of land from 0.3 ha to 1.66 ha
- add “Potential future health facility” in the social infrastructure table and specify a minimum 9.0 ha of land to be reserved, showing an indicative location to the north of the future railway station
- show the indicative location of social infrastructure including the Combined Country Fire Service (CFS) and State Emergency Services (SES) in the south-eastern corner of the CGA, north of the existing CFS station
- remove reference to “Ambulance” and the minimum land requirement from the social infrastructure table; and
- add “Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS)” in the social infrastructure table and specify at least 0.7 ha of land to be reserved.

The Code Amendment will come into effect when published on the PlanSA Portal (i.e. when consolidated into the online Planning and Design Code), which is anticipated to occur in November 2025. A copy of the final Code Amendment and Engagement Report are available to view on the PlanSA Portal online at https://plan.sa.gov.au/en/code_amendments.

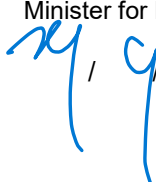
The Engagement Report details the outcome of the engagement, including a summary of the written submissions and feedback received, proposed changes to the proposal and the reasons for those changes.

For further information please contact Marc Voortman, Acting Deputy Chief Executive, DHUD on 7133 2233 or by email to marc.voortman@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Hon Nick Champion MP
Minister for Planning



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6.11 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE - AGENDA AND MINUTES FOR THE 22 SEPTEMBER MEETING

**Author: Manager Governance and OMCEO
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The Audit and Risk Committee Agenda and Minutes for the 22 September 2025 meeting are hereby tabled.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

SUPPORTING REFERENCES

[Agenda of Audit and Risk Committee - Monday, 22 September 2025](#)

[Minutes of Audit and Risk Committee - Monday, 22 September 2025](#)

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6.12 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA BAROSSA GAWLER LIGHT ADELAIDE PLAINS - TABLING THE ANNUAL REPORT AND REVIEWED STRATEGIC PLAN

**Author: Chief Executive Officer
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Regional Development Australia Barossa Gawler Light Adelaide Plains has completed its Annual Report and related processes, and it is hereby tabled for Council information.

Further they have provided updated regional strategic plan this is also tabled for information.

Finally, a short report has been provided on achieving the deliverables as outlined in the partnership agreement which I have replicated below, this is a high-level summary as much of the detail is contained in the above reports.

FY23 – FY25 Local Government Funding Agreement

4. Deliverables

RDA Barossa will deliver:

- 4.1. a Regional Strategy for a 3 Year outlook with annual reviews;*
- 4.2. Each year of this Agreement, an Annual Plan which incorporates targets associated with the outcomes set out in The Schedule Item 2;*
- 4.3. Each year of this Agreement, an Annual Report on outcomes and audited financial statements;*
- 4.4. True collaboration with the Local Government Partners to optimise outcomes for regional communities.*

Supporting Documents:

- **4.1**
 - Regional Strategic Plan – short-form
 - Regional Strategic Plan – long-form
 - *Note: the Board of RDABGLAP endorsed an extension of this Strategic Plan for an additional 12-months (for the FY26 period) at the 14 April 2025 Board Meeting. A revised Strategic Plan for the FY27 – 29 period is currently in development and the first draft will be shared for Council input early in the 2026 Calendar Year.*
- **4.2**
 - 2024-26 Operational Plan Final
 - 2024-26 RDA BGLAP Operational Plan – Summary priorities
 - RDABGLAP Regional Strategic Priorities and Regional Operational Priorities - Alpha-Numeric Tagged - FY25
- **4.3**
 - FY25 Annual Report – web version
 - RDABGLAP – Fin Statements – FY25 – signed and compiled

- RDABGLAP – Letter to Directors – Employment provisions and expenses process – Final
- RDABGLAP Communications Quarterly Report Q1 2025
- **4.4**
 - *On-going, various activities*

Couple together the information meets the accountability requirements of the agreement.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 Annual Report 2024-25 [↓](#) 

Attachment 2 Reviewed Strategic Plan 2022-2025 [↓](#) 

SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Nil



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Annual Report

Financial Year 2024-25

Presented at the 2025 Annual General Meeting held on Monday 13 October 2025

Signatory:

Jennifer Lynch
CEO & Director of Regional Development
Regional Development Australia Barossa Gawler Light Adelaide Plains



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Acknowledgements

Acknowledgment of Country

Regional Development Australia Barossa Gawler Light Adelaide Plains acknowledge Ngadjuri, Kaurna and Peramangk people as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work and pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Acknowledgment of Core Funding Partners

Regional Development Australia Barossa Gawler Light Adelaide Plains acknowledges our Core Funding Partners:



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Chair's Report

The future presents significant promise for our region, and the central message is clear: we must actively shape what lies ahead rather than simply respond to it.

The RDA Barossa Gawler Light Adelaide Plains area is expected to accommodate about 30% of the current phase of housing expansion. While this growth is encouraging, it calls for thoughtful forward planning and strategic decision-making to ensure that new peri-urban precincts are both vibrant and sustainable, and that our community is well-equipped for the challenges of tomorrow.

Achieving a balanced relationship between jobs and housing will be critical as we seek to attract new employers and businesses ready to invest locally. Robust housing growth is only sustainable if matched by strong local job opportunities. To support this, we need a skilled workforce, either currently available or developed through tailored training pipelines that meet the needs of employers and job seekers alike.

Our strategy must also include a diverse range of housing options—social, affordable, and rental—to enable workers to reside locally, reducing the pressure of long commutes and fostering social cohesion. If essential services and infrastructure lag behind housing developments, it can negatively affect quality of life and deter investment. Temporary fixes are insufficient; lasting success relies on comprehensive, solutions-focused planning.

We must also be vigilant about the risks associated with rapid increases in the cost of materials and housing. Such trends can make it difficult for essential workers to remain in the region. This highlights the need for a targeted, strategic approach to community development rather than a haphazard one.

Stable growth requires the presence of anchor employers who can provide reliable jobs and support local demand for skills. Coordinated training and development programs aligned with industry needs will help keep wages and career prospects local, reinforcing the region's economic base.

As our region expands, building a cohesive community is vital to ensuring long-term prosperity and avoiding future decline. Key steps before commencing development include demographic analysis of incoming residents, understanding the existing communities, and evaluating the physical layout of new housing areas. Local councils play a crucial role in providing community centres and shared spaces, and nurturing a sense of local identity with clear long-term objectives.

Community members will naturally shape their surroundings through involvement in childcare, schools, sporting clubs, and, importantly, local employment opportunities. Fostering local champions—those who connect and lead others—and leveraging programs such as our RDA Barossa Gawler Light Adelaide Plains Leadership course will empower individuals to guide their communities effectively.

It is essential to begin these initiatives now, building a forward-looking vision for the region. Strengthening community bonds is the cornerstone of resilience and future success.

Our region is well-positioned for the future, buoyed by the recent appointments of Mayor Shanks in Gawler and Mayor Close in Light, which provide strong, clear leadership. The resolution of boundary alignment discussions offers all stakeholders a defined path to collaboratively create a vibrant, prosperous community.

In closing, I acknowledge the outstanding contributions of our CEO, Jennifer Lynch, whose dynamic leadership in her initial months has set a positive trajectory for our organisation.

Supported by our dedicated staff and an unwavering board, we are firmly on course to build a robust regional economy and establish our region as a powerhouse within the state.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rolf Binder', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rolf Binder

Chair

Regional Development Australia – Barossa Gawler Light Adelaide Plains

Executive Summary

Regional Development Australia (RDA) Barossa Gawler Light Adelaide Plains (BGLAP) is a non-government, non-profit organisation dedicated to driving sustainable economic growth and community development across one of South Australia's most vibrant regions. We collaborate with local, state, and federal governments, businesses, industries, and communities to create local opportunities and enhance the liveability of our area.

FY25 Focus:

Our key focus for FY25 sought to continue to build on our Regional Strategic Priorities and Regional Operational Priorities as identified in RDABGLAP's simplified one-page Strategic Plan.

Ultimately, our focus and resources sought to ensure that planned housing and population growth is sustainable; that planning, development and land use is balanced; and that infrastructure (civic, social, digital) can meet current demand and can grow with future need, thereby supporting our region's businesses and community to optimise with and from local development and investment opportunities for current and future generations in our peri-urban region.

RDABGLAP's focus remained unchanged throughout the FY25 period, however our organisation's ability to deliver all planned activities against our regional priorities and focus fluctuated in momentum due to a number of changes in personnel in the latter half of the FY25 period as noted further below.

Progress, Successes and Significant Achievements:

In FY25, RDABGLAP delivered tangible results across multiple fronts, including:

- **Major Projects Enablement:** progressing major regional investment projects, including the Southern Barossa Winery & Tourist Accommodation Project (InterContinental Hotel) and Dublin Park Green Circular Economy Precinct
- **Business Capacity and Capability Growth:** supporting over 90 local businesses through our B2B Support Program, as well as welcoming two (2) new Program Providers to expand the Program's capabilities in Planning (developments) and Business Fundamentals
- **Leadership:** 21 graduates completed the Empowered Leaders Program (seven-session series with practical Community Impact Projects).
- **Sector & Community Resilience:** advising and coordinating support for the tomato industry during the ToBRFV response; targeted assistance for key proponents (Agrisano Fresh, Gawler Community Retirement Homes, King AI) including modelling and letters of support.
- **Regional Awareness and Engagement:** Q1 communications results showed strong digital reach; plus a packed calendar of forums and briefings (RBA Economic Briefing, Gather Round information session, Small Business & Innovation Forum, Back of the Napkin business lunches, skills workshops).
- **Additional Funding:** securing new funding to advance regional childcare, leadership, and drought resilience initiatives.

Our organisation maintained strong momentum in advocacy, investment attraction, and workforce development, ensuring our region remained well-positioned for sustainable growth.

Our Board

Our Board is passionate about its role in growing a strong and connected regional economy and facilitating connections across regional communities and with all levels of government to support economic development.

The Board comprises both industry leaders with senior corporate experience and expertise and experienced local government leaders.

In FY25, Board Meetings were held bimonthly, and complimented by Board Workshops to explore key areas of RDABGLAP's focus. In addition to our Board Meetings and Workshops, two designated Committees of the Board – RDABGLAP's Finance Committee, and, RDABGLAP's Governance & Risk Committee – met quarterly per annum in support of ensuring robust corporate governance, financial and risk management.

Our Board Membership remained stable throughout FY25, which included welcoming the appointment of Mr Chris Cowley, CEO of the Town of Gawler, in late calendar year 2024 as the only change in our Board's membership and composition for the 12-month reporting period.

Please click [here](#) to view Board Member Profiles.

Our Team

In FY25, RDABGLAP's leadership was dynamic and includes/ed three (3) leaders throughout the 12-month reporting period:

- former CEO Leonie Boothby (1 July 2024 – 20 December 2024),
- Acting CEO Grace Trimboli (21 December 2024 – Monday 27 January 2025), and
- current CEO Jennifer Lynch (27 January 2025 to present).

In FY25, RDABGLAP's day to day operating team experienced a number of changes in personnel, resulting in temporary periods of operating below required and planned resource capacity for extended periods of time due to recruitment and on-boarding, as well as off-boarding.

As at the conclusion of the FY25 reporting period, and as at preparation of this report (early October 2025), RDABGLAP's resourcing challenges and changes have been settled, and our current team are experienced and knowledgeable, cohesive and collaborative.

As a collective, our team:

- Directly support business development, sector development, investment attraction and stakeholder support as well as regional, economic, and business development
- Communications, promotion, engagement, advocacy, facilitation, and project delivery
- Corporate services, governance, planning and reporting
- Program delivery including Barossa Regional University Campus, Regional Leadership Development Program.



The above resource profile *includes* resources that are funded through Program Delivery Funding for the Barossa Regional University Campus (BRUC) (total: 1.8 / 6.49 FTE).

Strategic context and regional priorities

Regional Context

Our region – spanning the peri-urban areas of Barossa, Gawler, Light, and Adelaide Plains (BGLAP) – has been identified by the Federal and South Australian Governments as a key high-growth area, offering tremendous opportunities for business owners, investors, and new residents.

The BGLAP region is experiencing significant housing and population growth with further growth forecast for the next 15+ years, including the development and finalisation of the South Australian Government's [Greater Adelaide Regional Plan](#), which was released on 17 March 2025, in this reporting period.

RDABGLAP represents more than \$4 billion in Gross Regional Product to South Australia (SA) and more than 6,200 regional businesses across the Barossa, Gawler, Light and Adelaide Plains areas.

Major industries in our region include agribusiness (wine, food, and broader agriculture), tourism, advanced manufacturing and infrastructure development (leveraging our strategic location on Adelaide's industrial growth corridor), as well as the care economy (childcare, aged care workforce), and, regional education and training opportunities and initiatives.

Strategic Plan

RDABGLAP's purpose is to actively grow our regional economy to create liveable communities. We achieve this through core operational activities relating to business development, sector development, economic development, and communications, advocacy and consultation to help drive the local economy, attract business opportunities and seek place-based solutions that make our region a better place to live, work and thrive for generations.

The Board and team of RDABGLAP are committed to facilitating business sustainability and growth, building small business capacity and capability, attracting investment and suitably skilled workforce, and upskilling of local workers.

Our team works in partnership with business, government, and community members to provide the support, resources and connections required to succeed. Our activities are funded by grants provided under contract by the Australian Government, South Australian Government, and the Councils within our region. We also bid for complementing grants aligned to areas of service delivery, key priorities, regional research, strategy, and planning.

RDABGLAP's day-to-day delivery and longer-term focus is underpinned and guided by our Strategic Plan, which identifies our Regional Strategic Priorities and core operational activities.

Our Strategic Plan and Strategic Regional Priorities were identified through on-going consultation with representatives and businesses from our core industries and employment sectors, our regional partners and stakeholders including Government, our community, as well as external experts and observers.

Our Strategic Plan compliments and co-exists with specific sectoral plans, local and State government plans, and industry plans.

Our Purpose: to actively grow our regional economy to create liveable communities.

Our Vision: to create a regional economy that is built on our strengths, is sustainable, and supports the changing needs of our communities.

Our Mission: we use our strengths through collaboration and connection, to unlock opportunities, foster a supportive environment, and facilitate growth for businesses in our region.

Our Values:

- **Teamwork:** we work openly, honestly and support each other.
- **Impact:** we are lean and focused on priorities that make a difference.
- **Creativity:** we think outside the box and foster a culture of sharing ideas.

Regional Strategic Priorities

1. Housing

Housing supply meets current and future regional demand and is fit for purpose (affordability, diversity / greater housing choice, sustainability, accessibility, and neighbourhood character).

2. Workforce, Skills & Education

Regional workforce capacity and capability supports economic growth and key labour market performance measures are improved.

3. Sustainability

Regional environmental, social and economic strength and resilience.

4. Infrastructure & Land Use Planning

Infrastructure and land use planning supports regional sustainability, productivity, and growth.

5. Investment Attraction & Business Growth

Regional investment pipeline projects delivered, and retention and sustainable growth of regional businesses (new and existing).

Regional Operational Priorities

1. Business Development and Growth

Retention and growth of businesses:

- Support existing businesses with sustainability and growth (jobs, output, profitability).
- Support new business start-ups (planning, and establishment, and training).
- Increase business capacity and capability.

2. Investment Attraction and Growth

- Support the delivery of projects identified in the pipeline of economic and infrastructure investment projects.
- Influence increased regional economic diversity.

3. Communications

- Create communications that support RDABGLAP's strategic goals.
- Improve access to regional information and resources for all stakeholders.
- Increase the level of regional community engagement and feedback.
- Promote RDABGLAP's programs, events, and successes to build awareness and program participation.
- Raise awareness of the region and the opportunities available.
- To be inclusive, ensuring that everyone feels valued and respected in our business interactions.

4. Corporate Governance and Organisational Development

- Regulatory and funding compliance; and sound prudential management.
- Continuous improvement of our teams' skills and processes.
- Improved team and board member satisfaction.
- Comprehensive regional and organisation information.

5. Program Delivery – Barossa Regional University Campus (BRUC)

- Sustain and incrementally increase student registrations and student engagement.
- Support students to achieve course graduation.

- Maintain and strengthen partnerships with local industry, community, councils, and government.

6. Program Delivery – Regional Leadership Development

- Support and advocate for regional community and business leadership priorities

7. Collaboration and Advocacy

- Facilitate regional collaboration and joint advocacy aligned to key regional priorities.
- Contribute to Australian and SA Government regional policy making by providing intelligence and evidence-based advice on regional development issues.

The abovementioned Regional Strategic Priorities and Regional Operational Priorities were further refined in their focus and delivery for the FY25 operating period, and a summary of both RDABGLAP's **top 5 strategic priorities and top 5 key business activities for the FY25 year** are detailed further below in this report.

In addition, specific details regarding the activities that RDABGLAP has undertaken for the FY25 period in relation to delivering against our strategic priorities for our region and all levels of government are also detailed further below in this report.

Annual Work Plan

Work Delivered and Value Added

In FY25, RDABGLAP's work delivered continued to build on previous year's efforts, creating value to our region through supporting:

- **Investment Readiness and Growth:** Economic modelling, advocacy and case management moved multiple private projects along the pipeline (tourism, horticulture, infrastructure, aged living)
- **SME Capability and Resilience:** Hands-on advisory, B2B referrals, skills events and grant support improved digital, marketing, and operational foundations for our region's businesses
- **Policy and Planning Influence:** Submissions and ministerial engagement on GARP, Dublin Green, water, housing and transport aligned land-use, infrastructure and workforce agendas
- **Crisis and climate response:** Coordinated support for the tomato virus impacts; progressed drought/climate programs; promoted grants to de-risk costs/emissions
- **Regional Coordination:** Cross-council forums, State roundtables and Board governance created a single, evidence-based voice that accelerates enabling infrastructure and unlocks growth in our sectors and regional communities.

Collaborations with other RDA Committees and Work Delivered in Partnerships (*not exhaustive*)

RDABGLAP has continued to work with all seven (7) other RDA Committees in South Australia towards addressing key economic development opportunities, challenges and priorities that are common across all of regional South Australia. Our collaboration includes activities such as attending and contributing to RDA SA CEO meetings, which are held every three weeks, both virtually and in-person, and which discuss and consider common opportunities, challenges and priorities such as water, housing and workforce. In addition, RDABGLAP has attended and contributed to multiple additional meetings coordinated by Regional Development South Australia and Adelaide to meet with relevant stakeholders from public or private organisations in relation to addressing these common opportunities, challenges and priorities.

Throughout FY25, RDABGLAP has continued its support as a partner to the *Northern and Yorke Alliance* (NYA) with additional partners including Northern and Yorke Local Government Association, Northern and Yorke Landscape Board (of South Australia) and Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North. The NYA has partnered with the Government of South Australia via a non-legally binding agreement to work together in relation to achieving common goals and outcomes which seeks to reduce carbon emissions and improve the resilience of regional communities, assets and infrastructure, local economies and natural environment across the region to cope with the inevitable impacts and challenges of climate change in the short, medium and long term, through the implementation of climate change actions and initiatives. These actions and initiatives include activities associated with the delivery of the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund – Regional Drought Resilience Program for the Northern & Yorke area (encompassing the BGLAP area). With specific regard to the NYRDRP project, activities in FY25 have included reviewing and prioritising a long list of activities, developing a delivery schedule, considerations towards resourcing support requirements, scoping of work packages, delivery plan, procurement plan, reporting framework, and delivery management.

External Funding Received, not included as a Third-Party Arrangement

RDABGLAP applied for project-based funding from the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal's (FRRR) *Helping Regional Communities Prepare for Drought Community Impact Program* in mid-2023, and was successfully awarded project monies to support strengthening drought preparedness and drive local action in the Northern and Yorke region (encompassing the BGLAP area) through the coordination of Community Impact Program activities and evaluation administration throughout FY24 and FY25.

Project Activities concluded 30 June 2025, and RDABGLAP's Final Report and acquittal was submitted and accepted by FRRR on 1 August 2025.

Challenges and Lesson Learnt

In FY25, RDABGLAP's day to day operating team experienced a number of changes in personnel, resulting in temporary periods of operating below required and planned resource capacity for extended periods of time due to recruitment and on-boarding, as well as off-boarding. This resulted in some expected challenges relating to momentum of delivery, and loss of corporate working knowledge and the need to re-establish some external working relationships (predominantly with project-based partners). Conversely, the changes in personnel and temporary capacity limitations also provided RDABGLAP with the necessity to 'step back' and reassess processes and further streamline efforts.

As at the conclusion of the FY25 reporting period, and as at preparation of this report (late September 2025), RDABGLAP's resourcing challenges and changes have been settled, and our current team are experienced and knowledgeable, cohesive and collaborative, and we are continuing to rebuild momentum in delivery.

Communications

Overall, All RDABGLAP communications activities align to these content pillars:

- **Regional News and Updates:** relevant regional initiatives, projects, news, and events
- **Business Support and Development:** business development resources, opportunities, and local case studies
- **Community Engagement:** engagement programs, surveys, and volunteer opportunities
- **Economic Development:** housing, infrastructure and investment data, resources, regional plans, and grant information
- **Education and Workforce:** BRUC updates, education programs, pathways, workforce development and skills training.

Please refer to **Supporting Documents:**

1. *RDABGLAP Communications Quarterly Report Q1 2025* for details regarding communications activities undertaken **.

Key Highlights for Q1 of 2025 **:

- **Website:** Barossa.org.au
 - o A total of 16,560 page views
 - o A total of 10,710 visits, of which 9,938 visitors were unique
- **Social Media:**
 - o RDABGLAP's follower growth of +6.39% (+388 new followers) was well above the industry average of 2–3% per quarter for community organisations
 - o The top-performing post featured new images of the \$150 million Two Wells Town Centre project, reaching 7,932 people and generating 5,454 interactions
 - o All top-performing content was infrastructure-related, reflecting strong community interest in local investment, planning, and development activity
- **Media Releases:**

Four (4) Media Releases were produced in this quarter, which has resulted in additional media coverage regarding RDABGLAP activities – growing awareness for our RDA
- **Art Music Design:**
 - o AMD was previously managed by RDABGLAP, and was transferred to Barossa Council on 1 December 2024. RDABGLAP has user access to AMD's social media accounts only, and our activities are low effort, that is, duplicating relevant Creative Industries content from RDABGLAP and posting through AMD accounts – RDABGLAP is not responsible for content creation, messaging, brand ownership, ++
 - o RDABGLAP will continue to review if / how this support continues beyond December 2025.

**Note:

- The abovementioned Supporting Document *RDABGLAP Communications Quarterly Report Q1 2025* provides details for the January to March 2025 reporting period only
- Reports for Q3 (July to September 2024), and Q4 (September to December 2024) for the 2024 Calendar Year may have previously been developed and supplied, however these two (2) reporting quarters for communications were prior to current CEO, Jennifer Lynch joining the RDABGLAP team (Q3 and Q4 in 2024 were managed by the former CEO, Leonie Boothby), and reports cannot be located on file
- A report for Q2 (April to June 2025) was not produced as former Communications and Program Manager, Nathan Little, resigned in April 2025, and a suitable replacement Communications Manager was not appointed until early FY26 – limited communications activities occurred during this quarter.

Case Studies

Southern Barossa Winery & Tourist Accommodation Project

Background

The Southern Barossa Winery & Tourist Accommodation Project (SBWTAP) proposes a new 150-room, five-star *Intercontinental Hotel* for the Barossa Valley. Positioned as a significant economic driver for the BGLAP region and South Australia, the project includes a restaurant, bar, day spa, and other visitor facilities. The 21.5-hectare site will also operate as a vineyard, with upgrades to existing plantings and the development of a new winery.

Opportunity

Early discussions between RDABGLAP and project proponent, Strategic Alliance, identified that SBWTAP warranted consideration as an Impact Assessed Development, which is the highest level of planning assessment in South Australia, reserved for projects with potential wide-reaching impact. To proceed, the South Australian Minister for Planning must declare the project as such, triggering additional layers of assessment criteria.

Response

RDABGLAP directly collaborated with Strategic Alliance and its partners to produce a Regional Economic Impact Assessment report in support progressing the Project's significant planning and development assessment milestones. Using data provided by Strategic Alliance, modelling from Economic Profile .id Informed Decisions¹ and other publicly available sources, as well as the economic assessment criteria as prescribed by the South Australian State Planning Commission – RDABGLAP's Regional Economic Impact Assessment report identified and considered:

- Economic impacts at regional and state levels
- Workforce requirements during construction and operation
- Implications for existing industries and supply chains
- The opportunity cost should the project not proceed

In addition to the Regional Economic Impact Assessment, RDABGLAP provided a formal Letter of Support for the SBWTAP, detailing the economic benefits to the region identified in the Regional Economic Impact Assessment. The data also informed the Project's community consultation process, approach and messaging held in June 2025.

Outcome

The SBWTAP is currently undergoing review with the South Australian Government's Department of Housing and Urban Development (DHUD), to provide early feedback prior to the project proceeding to the statutory public consultation phase. The Regional Impact Assessment report identified substantial economic benefits for the BGLAP region and South Australia more broadly as a direct result of the SBWTAP Project:

- **Construction Phase:** The two-year construction phase with a \$110M spend will result in \$61M added to the economy (GRP) in addition to SBWTAP's anticipated construction workforce of 350 full time equivalent employees (FTE)
- **Opportunity Cost:** The opportunity cost of not proceeding with the Project would result in a potential loss of over \$28M in unrealised Gross GRP and 229 unrealised FTE in local employment opportunities
- **Workforce Participation:** The BGLAP region's workforce profile, and employment data indicates a strong opportunity for the SBWTAP to support increasing local workforce participation

¹ <https://economy.id.com.au/rda-barossa>

- **Training Pathways:** RDABGLAP's initial, high-level assessment indicated collaborative training and development pathways available through Intercontinental Hotel Group's (IHG) Hotels and Resort's IHG Academy and the Barossa Regional University Campus.

While assessment is ongoing, the SBWTAP represents a transformational project for the Southern Barossa, and broader BGLAP region. It has the capacity to stimulate investment, strengthen the visitor economy, expand local employment, and create long-term training and education pathways. RDABGLAP continues to provide strategic support to Strategic Alliance and project stakeholders ensure the project's potential benefits are clearly articulated and understood at all levels of decision-making.

Next Steps

- **Impact Assessment Process:** The SBWTAP is currently undergoing review as an Impact Assessed Development with DHUD. Initial feedback will be provided to the project team following completion of the first stage of review.
- **Statutory Consultation:** The assessment process includes a six-week public consultation period in late 2025, coordinated by DHUD.
- **State Planning Commission Consideration:** Following DHUD's assessment and consideration of community feedback received through the consultation period, a recommendation will be prepared for the State Planning Commission. The State Planning Commission will then determine whether the project is approved to proceed. An outcome from the State Planning Commission is expected in early 2026.
- **Construction:** Pending approval, construction of the SBWTAP is expected to commence in the first half of 2026.

Further information:

- **InterContinental Hotels Group (IGH) Media Release regarding the Project:** [click here](#)
- **Plan SA Development Application for Project:** [click here](#)



Image above: InterContinental Hotels Group (IGH) Media Release regarding the Project

Dublin Green Circular Economy Precinct

Background

Dublin Green proposes to become South Australia's first Circular Economy Precinct, positioning the BGLAP region as a leader in circular economies, sustainable development and innovation in the heart of the Adelaide Plains area. By diversifying the local economic base and connecting to key state and regional priority sectors such as manufacturing, agriculture, transport and logistics, as well as housing and workforce – the Precinct proposes to deliver long-term economic benefits to the Adelaide Plains region and the broader BGLAP area.

The initiative includes a master planned residential community of up to 1,300 dwellings over 104 hectares alongside approximately 240 hectares of Employment Lands and green buffers, enabling more people to live and work locally. Circular economy principles and practices are embedded into the Precinct's design via an integrated mixed use development comprising future residential development, industry, employment lands and mining opportunities facilitated and supported by sustainable infrastructure, energy, water and wastewater production.

Challenge

For the Precinct to proceed, the land requires a Change of Use through a South Australian State Government Code Amendment. The Dublin Employment Code Amendment, proposed by Precinct proponent, Leinad Land Developments (Dublin) Pty Ltd, seeks to rezone 630 hectares of land on the Northern Adelaide Plains from 'Rural Zone' to 'Strategic Employment Zone'. Of this, 436 hectares would be allocated for future employment land, featuring the Green Circular Economy Precinct, while the remainder will serve as an environmental buffer. This rezoning is critical to unlocking the site's potential to meet both economic and environmental priorities.

Response

RDABGLAP has played a direct and key role in supporting the Precinct's progression, including:

- Facilitating regional relationship building with the Adelaide Plains Council and various relevant South Australian State Government agencies and Ministers
- Providing regional economic data to strengthen the Code Amendment submission.
- Issuing a formal Letter of Support for the amendment.
- Showcasing the project at the RDA SA Summit 2024, The Future of Regional South Australia: Transition to Net Zero, a Circular Economy and AI, through participation in a panel on "Circular Economy in Action – Industry Projects in South Australia."

By providing strategic support, RDABGLAP has helped position Dublin Green as a genuine model for future regional development.

Outcome

Public consultation on the Dublin Employment Code Amendment concluded in December 2024, and the proposal is currently under consideration by the State Government. If approved, the Dublin Park Green Circular Economy Precinct will deliver significant economic, social, and environmental benefits to the BGLAP region, demonstrating how South Australia can lead in sustainable, future-focused development.

Next Steps

While awaiting the outcome of the Code Amendment, the proponents are advancing several critical elements of the Dublin Park Green Circular Economy Precinct:

- **Wastewater Infrastructure:** An application for Crown Sponsorship has been lodged for a new wastewater treatment plant with the capacity to service up to 50,000 homes. This will benefit both the future Dublin Park community and the broader region, where limited water connections have constrained new development in recent years.
- **Site Preparation:** Early works are underway at the mine site, with a compound established and equipment mobilised to enable future construction activity.
- **Waste-to-Energy:** Testing of waste is being conducted in partnership with the project's Chief Scientist and the University of Adelaide to inform the design of a bio-reactor. This

facility will repurpose waste into energy, powering the precinct and reinforcing its circular economy focus.

Further information:

- **Dublin Green Precinct video:** [click here](#)
- **Plan SA Code Amendment for Precinct:** [click here](#)

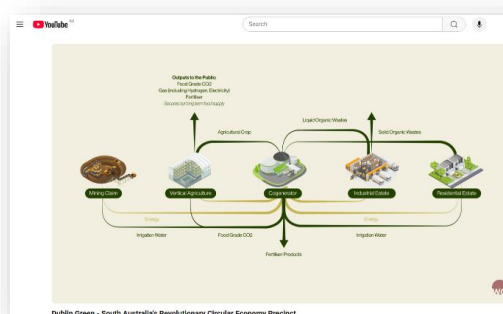


Image on left: Frank Vounasis, Co-Founder of Dublin Green, speaking at the 2024 Regional Development South Australia Annual Summit

Image on right: Dublin Green Precinct video reel on YouTube

Top 5 Strategic Priorities and Business Activities for 2024-25

Summary of top 5 strategic priorities:

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| 1 | Housing | Identify regional housing supply gaps (current and forecast), opportunities and challenge >> advocate for key initiatives and provide evidence-based input into government policy setting. |
| 2 | Workforce, education & skills | Identify priority workforce and skills gaps (current and forecast), opportunities and challenges (including education, skills and career pathways) >> advocate for key initiatives and provide evidence-based input into government policy setting. |
| 3 | Infrastructure | Identify agreed priority infrastructure needs (particularly water and sewer) and shared funding opportunities >> advocate for key projects and provide evidence-based input into government policy setting. |
| 4 | Land use planning | Support sustainable and appropriate regional economic growth >> engage with and inform land use planning processes, investigations and proposed changes. |
| 5 | Sustainability | Support sector and business sustainability with a focus on transitioning to net zero, and maximising efficient use of utilities >> advocate for regional priority projects - climate, drought resilience, water security and circular economy. |

Summary of top 5 key business activities:

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|---|---|--|
| 1 | Business development and growth | Connect businesses to: RDA B2B, start-up program, capacity & capability building workshops and case management support; and to delivery partners, technology and innovation, training and development, and stakeholder programs and support (including grant funding) |
| 2 | Investment attraction and growth | Maximise economic investment in the region by providing case management support, evidence-based advocacy to address barriers to growth, and promoting identified investment opportunities. |
| 3 | Key industry sector growth | Support regional economic diversification and growth by working with partner organisations to identify clusters, collaborative growth opportunities and projects aligned to regional strengths. |
| 4 | Communications | Build a quality database and targeted communications to promote the RDA brand, our work, regional opportunities, and to maximise regional awareness of and engagement with Australian Government policies, grant programs and research - via social media, electronic direct mail, website, and print and digital media. |
| 5 | Collaboration and advocacy | Maximise economic and regional prosperity through:
- evidence based advocacy informed by regional data, information and intelligence and aligned to agreed regional priorities
- informed input into government policy setting; and
- effective collaboration with stakeholders |

Outcome 1

Facilitate regional economic development outcomes, investment, jobs and local procurement.

Led / Championed

Please refer to the Case Studies section of this report for two (2) examples of how RDABGLAP has directly **led and championed** facilitating regional economic development outcomes, investment, jobs and local procurement – Dublin Green Circular Economy Precinct, and, Southern Barossa Winery & Tourist Accommodation Project (InterContinental Hotel).

Contributed To

SA Mushrooms

RDABGLAP produced and provided economic modelling to support the expansion of the SA Mushrooms facility at Waterloo Corner. In addition, RDABGLAP also supported a (State) Ministerial Briefing, which considered discussed and considered mechanisms to bring forward capital funding requirements to realise earlier expansion and raise awareness of safety concerns on Port Wakefield Road and Crabb Road intersection (the need for 'slip lane').

- **Investment (\$):** 35M
- **Jobs (number):** 50
- **Local procurement (\$):** significant engagement with construction, transport, and input suppliers
- **Other regional development outcomes:** strong and direct engagement with a key business and in a key employment sector for the BGLAP region (horticulture)

EnviroCopper

RDABGLAP provided a letter of support to support the continuation of EnviroCopper's proposed InSitu Recovery (ISR) Test at the Kapunda Mine in Light Regional Council area. Subsequently, EnviroCopper has received approval from the South Australian Department for Energy and Mining. This has allowed EnviroCopper to begin a 90-day trial at the Kapunda Mine. During this trial, EnviroCopper will test a number of economic models for the potential of copper extraction using the ISR method, and has sought RDABGLAP's support for economic modelling relating to GRP and Value Created.

- **Investment (\$):** 5M
- **Jobs (number):** 25-30
- **Local procurement (\$):** specialised contractors engaged locally where available
- **Other regional development outcomes:** strong and direct engagement with a key business and in a key employment sector for the BGLAP region (resources / manufacturing)

Nexus Hotel

RDABGLAP prepared and provided an economic impact model to inform and support the development and positive economic impacts of the Nexus Barossa, a 98-room hotel with a restaurant, function space and day spa.

- **Value Add (\$):** \$81.6 M in construction and \$ 23.4M in Year 1 of operations
- **Jobs (number):** up to 616 in construction and 225 in Year 1 of operations
- **Local procurement (\$):** strong opportunities across hospitality, construction, and local supply chains
- **Other regional development outcomes:** strong and direct engagement with a key business and in a key employment sector for the BGLAP region (tourism / hospitality)

Otherwise Assisted

- **Agrisano Fresh** – supported Agrisano Fresh's application for Federal and State Government grant funding to co-fund the required water infrastructure to enable expansion of the business; this included a letter of support and economic modelling (GRP / GRV / jobs – FTE).

- **Gawler Community Retirement Homes** – provided economic modelling (GRP / GRV / jobs – FTE) and a letter of support for grant funding for the Bruce Eastick Complex – Apartments Development Stage 2 through the South Australian State Government's *Thriving Regions Fund*.
- **King AI** –provided advice to King AI who are investigating land options suitable for commercialisation of King AI's sovereign artificial intelligence capabilities.

Other Facilitation Activity (not exhaustive)

Tomato industry

RDABGLAP provided support to region's highly valuable tomato industry which was impacted by the Tomato brown rugose fruit virus (ToBRFV). In the early stages of the outbreak, RDABGLAP's support included working with the Department of Primary Industries & Regions South Australia (PIRSA) to communicate with growers through the RDABGLAP newsletter and social channels. RDABGLAP also worked closely with Workforce Australia to assist local employers to redeploy their workforce and provided assistance to establish the Virginia Horticulture Centre as a Worker Assistance Hub. RDABGLAP also worked with Tomatoes SA and the Northern Adelaide Plains Food Cluster to support the industry.

Barossa Regional University Campus (BRUC)

RDABGLAP receives Commonwealth funding through the Department of Education to run the Barossa Regional University Campus (BRUC). BRUC operates as a study hub for students in higher education and runs programs to support training and education of students to retain future workers in the region.

Business to Business (B2B)

The RDABGLAP B2B Support Program has been running for a decade, connecting local small businesses with local experts at a subsidised rate. Throughout the FY25 reporting period, RDABGLAP referred 93 local businesses to trusted local professionals. The top three categories of support local businesses received through the B2B program were website and digital presence, marketing and social media, business planning and strategy. Based on demand and feedback from partner councils, RDABGLAP welcomed a planning and development specialist as a new business provider for the Program.

Empowered Leadership Program

In March 2025, 21 people from across the Barossa, Gawler, Light and Adelaide Plains graduated from the 2025 Empowered Leaders Program – a practical course designed to build leadership capability, grow networks and support community development. The Program is delivered by RDABGLAP in partnership with the Leaders Institute of South Australia thanks to funding from the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) through the 2024–26 Regional Leadership Development Program. Over 7 sessions, participants developed skills in strategic planning, communication, volunteer engagement and leading through change. Participants also worked in teams to design and present Community Impact Projects focused on sustainability, education, life on land and zero hunger—applying their learning to real-world challenges.

Workforce Australia

RDABGLAP works with both the Mid North and Adelaide North Jobs Coordinators for Workforce Australia (Department of Employment and Workplace Relations) to bring industries and organisations together to strengthen the region's workforce. These connections help businesses find the right people, job seekers access opportunities, and the region build a stronger, more skilled future.

Outcome 2

Promote greater regional awareness of and engagement with Australian government policies, grant programs and research.

Federal Grant Program Support:

In FY25, RDABGLAP directly supported more than 40 organisations with Grant Program related efforts for Federal, State or Local Government grant opportunities. RDABGLAP's efforts included support to applicant businesses or consortia for drafting their submissions, reviewing their submissions and or providing advice about a submission, and letters of support.

Examples below include *Federal* grant program support only:

- **Adelaide Soaring Club Gawler Airfield** –supported the Adelaide Soaring Club's application to the Australian Government's Disaster Ready Fund Round 3. The proposed project directly supports the DRF initiative for improving disaster resilience and risk reduction by bolstering our region's physical infrastructure needs and airborne capabilities during natural disasters
- **Aimpoint** – supported Aimpoint's grant application to Australian Government Department of Industry, Science and Resources, Schools Pathways Program for the establishment of Defence Schools Pathways Hub
- **Barossa Village** – supported a grant application for Australian Government Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program (Stream 1 Precinct Development and Planning funding) towards Barossa Villages' Heritage Park Precinct – a project designed to provide affordable housing options tailored to a diverse range of community members, including independent living, disability accommodation, and housing for essential workers. These housing solutions are vital for meeting immediate needs and for fostering a more inclusive and sustainable community
- **Gawler River Flood Management Authority (GFRMA)** – RDA supported the GFRMA's business case through the Australian Government Urban Precincts and Partnerships Program
- **Integrated Farming Services** – RDA provided a letter of support for the Australian Government Climate-Smart Agriculture Program Grants, for its project 'Monitoring and Managing for Climate Smart Best Practice in Covered Cropping Systems'
- **Southern Barossa Alliance** – RDA provided a letter of support towards the Australian Government's National Drought Fund's Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal's (FRRR) Small and Vital Grant Round 23 to deliver a community, not-for-profit event as part of the Barossa Vintage Festival 2025

Workshops and Events Support

In FY25, RDABGLAP directly hosted 7 events to support business capacity and capability building workshops, including:

- **Skills Forum with SA Skills Commissioner** – in July 2024, hosted Commissioner Cameron Baker, Chair of the South Australian Skills Commission, at the Hewett Centre to discuss workforce development in our region. Key discussions facilitated by RDABGLAP's CEO focused on education and health sector challenges and included powerful stories from local business owners about the impacts of skill shortages.
- **Small Business & Innovation Forum** – in March 2025, hosted a free, sold-out event which brought together >50 individual local entrepreneurs, industry insiders, and government representatives – including AusIndustry, Department of Industry, Science and Resources – to showcase real-world examples of innovation in action across the BGLAP region.
- **Back of the Napkin Lunches** – in October 2024 and May 2025, supported two themed Back of the Napkin lunches to connect >60 local businesses, entrepreneurs and industry leaders. The first Back of the Napkin Lunch was held at the Greenock Hotel hosted by Sea to Valley Startups and Light Regional Council in October 2024 and the second at the Lyndoch Hotel, hosted by Sea to Valley Startups and Barossa Council in May 2025, both were attended by 60 plus businesses.
- **Business Skills Workshops** – various workshops held, supported by RDABGLAP to improve business skills among small to medium sized businesses across the BGLAP region. These workshops included topics such as the use of Microsoft Teams in small business settings; practical

website improvements to turn website visitors into customers; use of ChatGPT; business fundamentals; and smart phone photography for businesses.

- **Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) Economic Briefing** – in May 2025, supported the RBA to deliver a national economic update. The session covered current and expected national conditions including the economic outlook, gross domestic product, inflation, input costs, hiring conditions, pricing trends, and housing. Attendees had the opportunity to ask questions directly to RBA staff—under Chatham House rules.

- **Gather Round Information Session** – in November 2024, co-hosted with The Barossa Council and Barossa Australia, an information session to help businesses understand the opportunities involved in the AFL's Festival of Footy and Gather Round and was attended by 140 individuals.

- **Australian Rural Leadership Foundation Changemaker Workshop – Barossa** (National Drought Forum - Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR)) – in May 2025, RDABGLAP's CEO addressed all attending Changemakers regarding the importance of regional leadership as a tool for navigating change.

Meetings Held Support

In FY25, RDABGLAP estimates that a more than 50 meetings were directly hosted, attended and or supported by RDABGLAP Board Members and or Team to promote greater regional awareness of and engagement with Australian government policies, grant programs and research.

Australian government related meetings include:

- Workforce Australia Mid North (Department of Employment and Workplace Relations)
- Workforce Australia Adelaide North (Department of Employment and Workplace Relations)
- Department of Education
- Reserve Bank of Australia
- Meetings with Federal Ministers (The Hon. Kirsty McBain MP, The Hon. Matt Burnell MP)
- AusIndustry (Department of Industry, Science and Resources)

Social Media Support

Please refer to the Communications section of this report for details regarding RDABGLAP's social media support for Australian Government policies, grant programs and research.

Other Support

In May 2025, RDABGLAP's CEO attended the National Drought Fund's Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal's (FRRR) Initiative Outcome Panel session for the Community Impact Program CPLOs. The session was an opportunity for grant recipients to review and reflect on the draft evaluation findings alongside other funded Helping Regional Communities Prepare for Drought (HRCPD) organisations from across the country. The session outputs will help to shape the future delivery of FRRR grant programs.

Outcome 3

Contribute to Commonwealth regional policy making by providing intelligence and evidence-based advice to the Australian Government on regional development issues.

Meetings With Federal Members of Parliament to Discuss Regional Matters

Two (2) briefings delivered to the Hon. Kirsty McBain MP and the Hon. Matt Burnell MP on housing, infrastructure and workforce challenges in late 2024 while in Caberra for the national summit for Regional Development Australia.

Federal Departmental Surveys or Submissions

- **Australian Bureau of Statistics** - Survey of Research and Experimental Development, Government and Private Non-Profit Organisations response (2025)
- **National Skills Plan** submission (2024)

Federal Regional Intelligence Briefing Teleconferences: 6 contributions provided in FY25.



Regional Strategic Plan 2022-2025

Barossa Gawler Light Adelaide Plains

Updated May 24, 2023

About this plan

With a vision of outstanding regional competitive advantage, and values-based aspirations to build adaptive capacity and innovation capability, we have consulted with industry, community and external experts and observers, researched, and analysed opportunity and identified 6 top priorities for the region. We have synthesised recommendations for action. RDABGLAP will continue advocacy to see these recommendations realised.

This plan sits alongside specific sectoral plans such as local government and industry plans. Whilst seeking to incorporate themes and priorities of those plans in the "big picture" for the region, this plan identifies objectives for the region rather than targets - that is for individual projects and initiatives.



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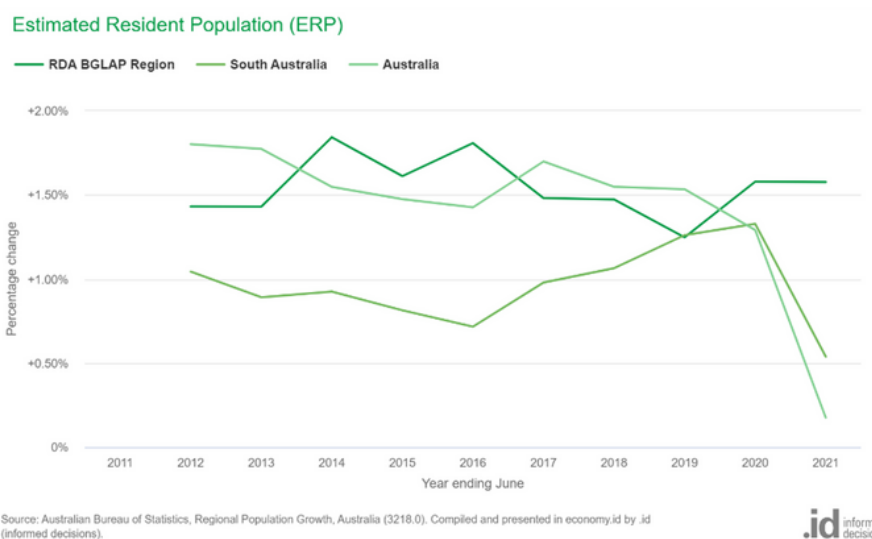
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1 Introduction

The Barossa Gawler Light Adelaide Plains region lies like a crown to the north of Adelaide. The region is recognised for its world-class wine, artisanal produce, innovating industries and diverse landscapes from coastline to the extensive agriculture, viticultural and horticultural land of the Mount Lofty Ranges.

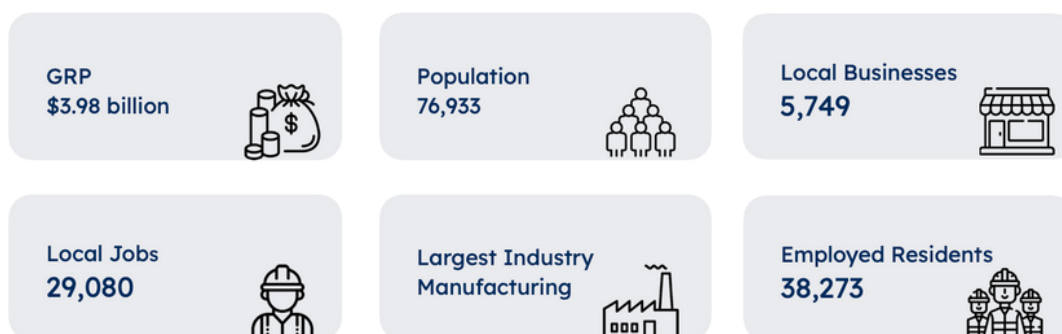
Well connected to strategic transport routes and to Adelaide by train from Gawler, with enviable amenity. The region has seen rapid and sustained population increase in recent years, particularly in areas near the metropolitan fringe. This growth increases pressure on health and connectivity infrastructure and highlights the importance of lifestyle facilities for workers and families for balanced population growth.

The population growth highlights the need to provide for future generations in the best way possible with well designed land use and built environment planning. With liveability in mind, this includes where we live, how we live cost effectively, work, enjoy creativity and culture, learn and access education, access health, shop for everyday needs, enjoy a variety of quality jobs which offer income choice and skills that are adaptable to the next wave of opportunities.



Looking ahead, climate change mitigation and adaptation and sustainability are at the fore as the region looks to support this growth and champion sustainable production. A major priority is water security as climate impacts reduce surface water levels and constrain growth of the region's valuable agricultural, viticultural and horticultural industries.

Key Facts



1.1 Economic Strengths

Economic	Brand	The Barossa brand is renowned for high-quality food, wine, and other artisanal products. The region's reputation attracts visitors.
	Transport infrastructure	The Northern Expressway provides a high-value link between Adelaide and Gawler, enhancing fast access to port and international airport.
	Defence assets	RAAF Base Edinburgh houses significant defence assets and provides direct and indirect employment opportunities.
	Specialised precincts	The region has a concentration of equine facilities, including clubs, industry suppliers, veterinary services, breeding studs, trainers and multi-code racing precincts.
Natural	Natural environments	The Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary, Mt Crawford Forest, vineyard landscapes, riverine environments, national parks and reserves offer biodiversity, liveability and tourism value.
	Climate and topography	The region's Mediterranean-like climate is ideal for premium wine and food production (both irrigated and dry farmed).

Source: Infrastructure Australia 2022

1.2 Education & Qualifications

Qualification	1996		2001		2006		2011		2016	
Postgraduate Degree	180	1%	235	1%	376	2%	576	2%	854	4%
Graduate Diploma & Graduate Certificate	347	2%	434	3%	460	2%	621	3%	751	3%
Bachelor Degree	1,621	12%	2,326	15%	3,055	15%	3,859	16%	4,668	19%
Advanced Diploma & Diploma Certificate	2,174	16%	2,140	13%	2,872	14%	3,739	15%	4,840	20%
Certificate Level, nfd(b)	n.a.		203	1%	838	4%	957	4%	0	0%
Certificate III & IV	4,328	31%	6,063	38%	7,707	37%	9,882	40%	11,777	48%
Certificate I & II	1,267	9%	847	5%	636	3%	813	3%	62	0%
Level of education not described	317	2%	521	3%	686	3%	529	2%	1,650	7%
Level of education not stated	3,728	27%	3,194	20%	4,384	21%	3,814	15%	5,475	23%
Total	13,962	100%	15,963	100%	21,014	100%	24,790	100%	24,306	100%

1.3 Industry Analysis

The region's primary sources of income and jobs are the manufacturing (predominantly wine) sector, primary production and technical and professional and trades along the value chain. Acknowledged as the "headquarters" of the Australian Wine industry, the Barossa and the broader region benefit from the concentration of human and financial capital that has developed, enabled by geology and the strong social capital of the region.

The wine industry provides diversified jobs for the population of all council areas in our region and attracts tourism interest to them. Accordingly Barossa wine, food and tourism are pre-eminent industries for the whole Barossa Gawler Light Adelaide Plains region. The crush of Barossa grown grapes is a modest 60 – 85,000 tonnes on average, but the total wine crush is closer to 500,000 tonnes annually. Whilst innovation in technology has led to decline in some jobs in the wine industry, the new jobs in digital technologies are higher paying and more skilled than before.

Next to wine, other agri-industries dominate the investment and jobs list. From the high technology and low technology horticulture production in Adelaide Plains, Gawler and Light, to pork, beef and lamb, wool, high quality grains and pulses across the region. Value adding to these products is modest and there is significant opportunity for investment in food production and new packaging for these food products.

Agri-tourism is also increasing in popularity and presents an opportunity for diversified farm income. A lack of availability of production data at a regional level inhibits regional measurement of productivity opportunities and gains.

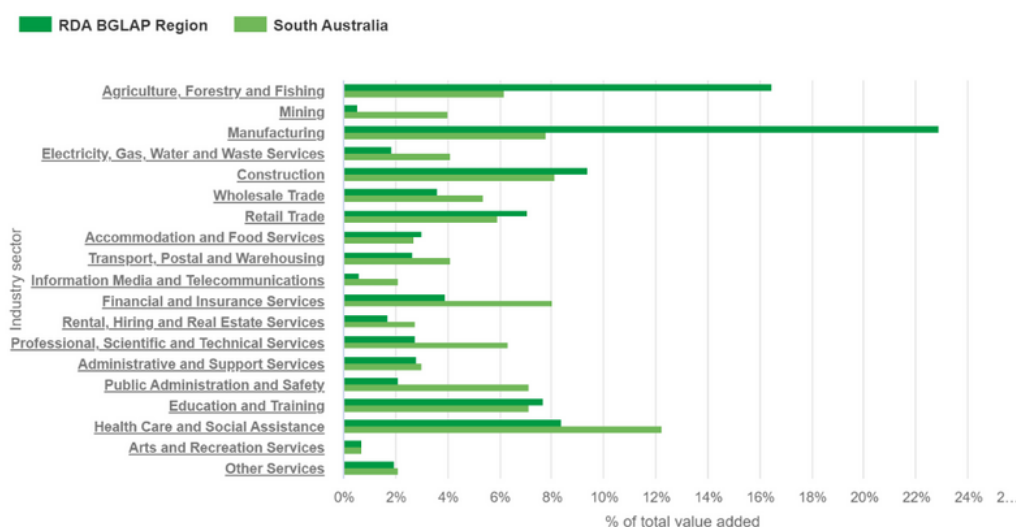
The importance of the creative sector from visual and performing arts to new digital technologies has accelerated with digital transformation. As well as attraction of talented business and entrepreneurs through great facilities and lifestyle, upgrading the skills of residents to become a digitally-capable workforce will also attract new investment. Gaming and entertainment are rapidly growing industries providing accelerated opportunities for performance, creative and technology professionals. Other important employing industries are Education, Health and Allied Health and Retail, all a function of robust population growth.

Health is a growing sector everywhere and this region is no exception. The population growth and accessibility from outer regions make a good business case for a new regional Hospital to replace aging infrastructure. Amenity and tourism assets are attractive also to a health and allied health workforce and recommendations include new narratives for aged care services in the suite of allied health services.

The region's education assets set a foundation for an outstanding education centre with enviable choices across the region in public and private schools and at all learning levels. There are strong education nodes in Gawler and Roseworthy, with easy access to Adelaide University's Roseworthy Campus; and in Nuriootpa, with the TAFE SA Campus and Barossa Regional University Campus.

The Town of Gawler also plays a key role as a regional service centre, supporting both BGLAP regional communities and surrounding areas.

Value added by industry sector 2020/21

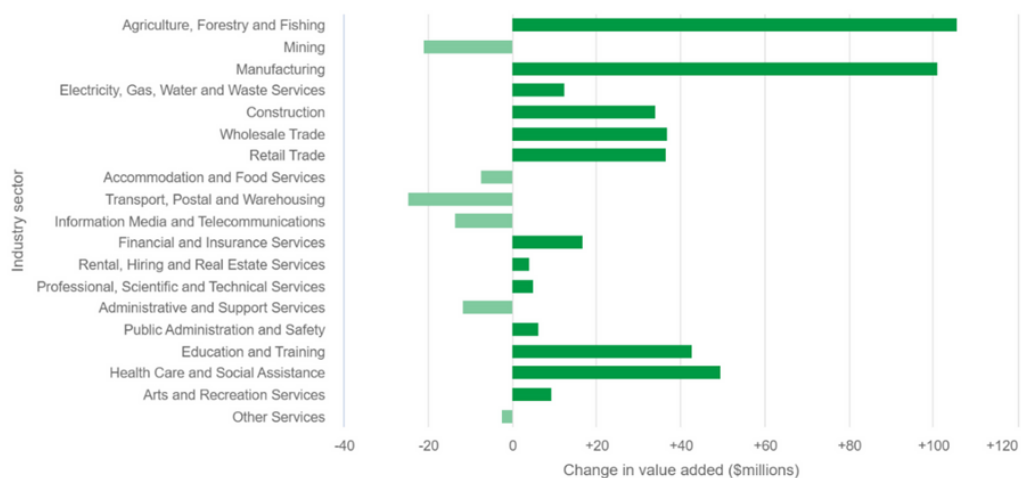


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Change in value added by industry sector, 2015/16 to 2020/21

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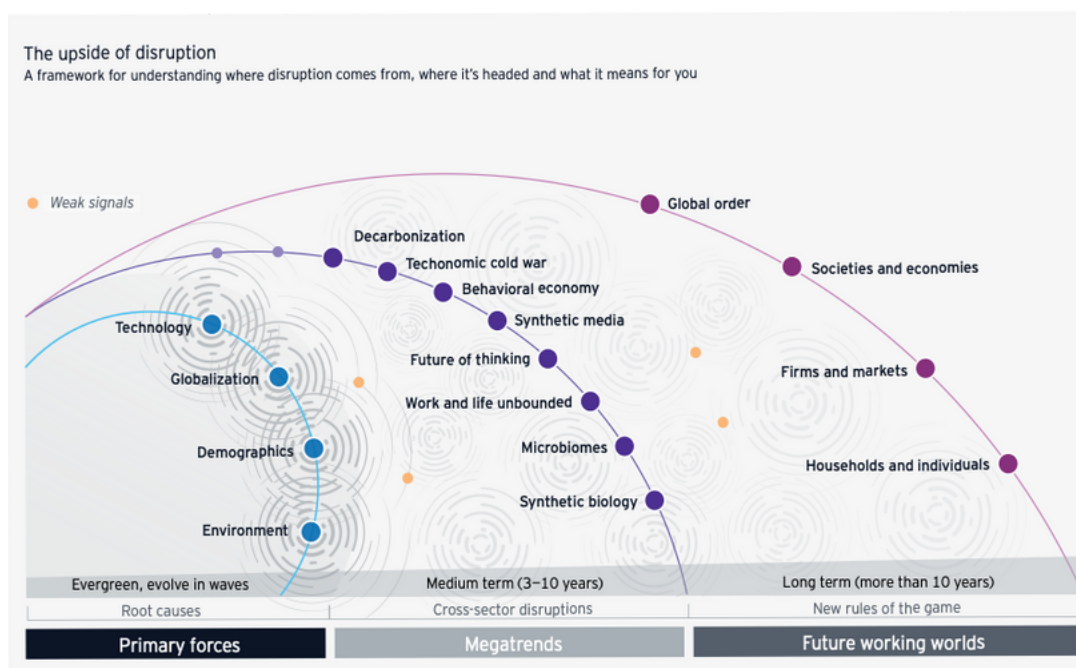
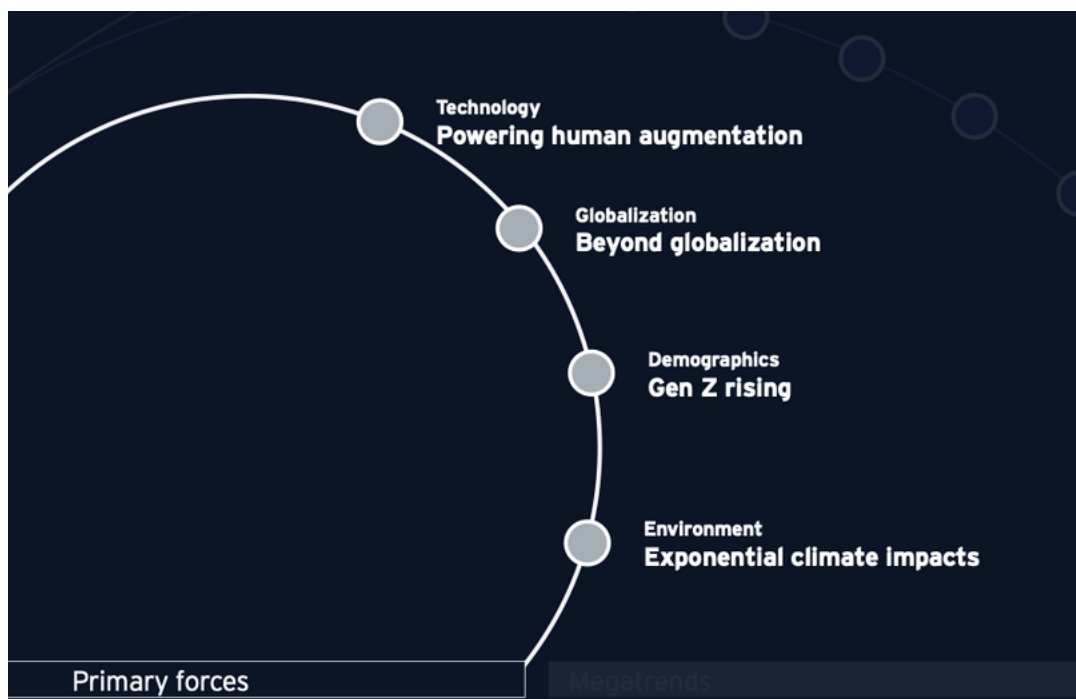
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1.4 Economic Growth Opportunities

- Agriculture and Food
- Agricultural Technologies, including renewable energy
- Creative Industries
- Defence Industry services and jobs
- Equine Industries and their value chains
- Education including education tourism
- Health and Allied Health
- Manufacturing including Wine and Food and the "Green" Economy
- Tourism

1.5 Our Wider Context



Source: EY Megatrends Report 2022

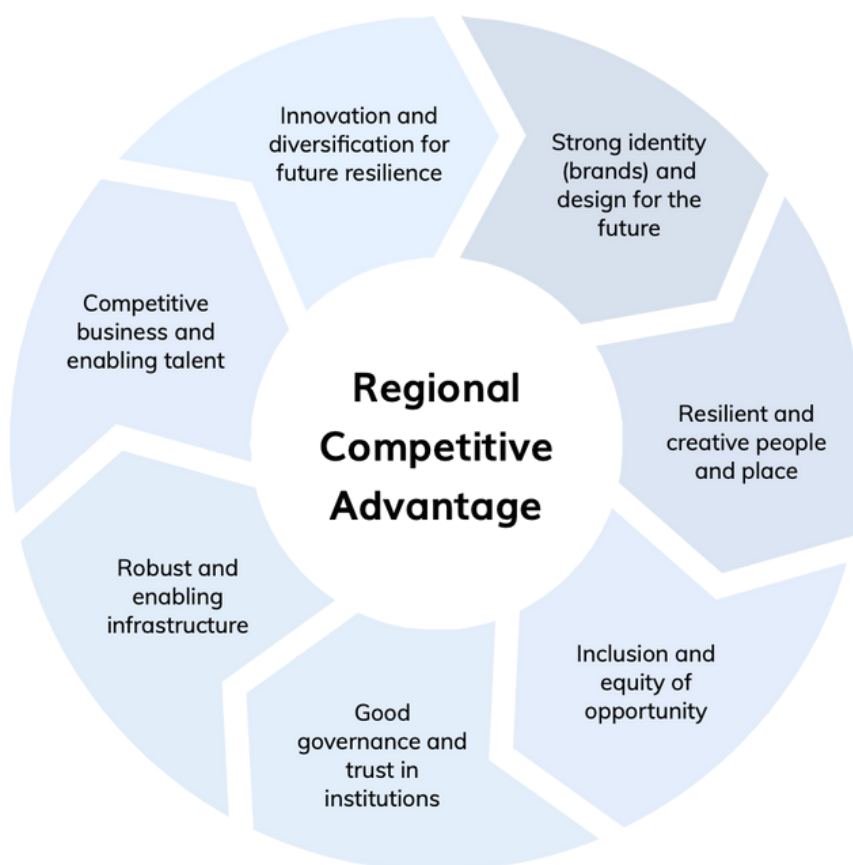
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2.1 Vision

Outstanding regional competitive advantage that attracts talent, investment and global recognition.

2.2 Aspirations

Our competitive advantage is derived from:



3 Strategic Priorities

With a vision of outstanding regional competitive advantage, values based aspirations to build adaptive capacity and innovation capability, we have consulted with industry and community, researched and analysed opportunity and identified 6 top priorities for the region.



Water Infrastructure



Brands & Places



Creative Economy



**Sustainable Resilient
Food and Wine Value
Chains**



**Infrastructure, Rental
Housing & Workforce**
to support economic diversity and
sustainability



Future Generations

- Planning
- Places for people
- Equity of access
- Quality of life
- Intergenerational shared knowledge

3.1 Water Infrastructure

Vision

Climate independent water that sustains existing and emerging industries and supports communities, amenity and biodiverse landscapes.

Opportunities

Bolivar wastewater treatment plant lies 30 km to the south of the region, with the opportunity to further treat and reticulate up to 20GL per year. In an increasingly drying and warming climate, this water represents an exceptional opportunity to sustain nationally significant agricultural industries and their value chains with opportunities for growth in value and exports. Eden Valley has additional needs for reticulated potable water for domestic and stock use. The Barossa water region is prescribed and presently over-allocated for surface and groundwater. Imported water is required and the current River Murray resource is no longer dependable in a climate-constrained future. Access to available recycled water is an economic and environmental imperative. There is demand for the extension of Northern Adelaide Irrigation Scheme (NAIS) (realistically priced) or Virginia Pipeline Scheme (VPS) to the area south of Gawler for amenity and recreation. Townships seek secure water for niche, high value food production. Irrigation water for Eden Valley will be a catalyst for investment in high value, cool climate food and wine production. [The Barossa Water Security Strategy](#) identifies a suite of strategic actions, including alternative water sources that together will support current demand and future growth out to 2050.

Assets for leverage

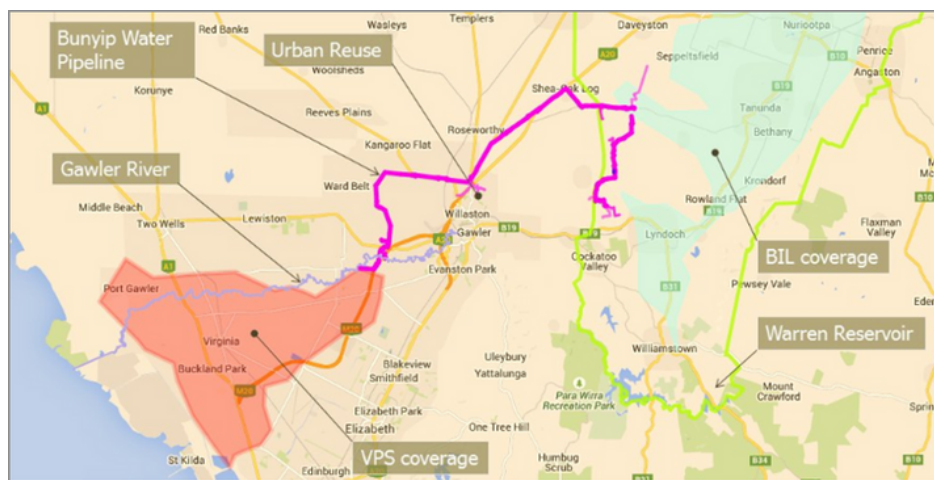
NAIS was established in 2017 and extends the VPS which has been reticulating recycled water in the Virginia Horticultural area since 2014. The water is offered at approximately 1200-1600 ppm at an advertised cost of 84 cents per kilolitre plus capital contribution. Growers indicate that this is too expensive for competitive broadacre horticulture and smaller holdings of protected crops. Water quality is an issue for both. Soil health is at risk and over the long term environmental degradation. A pipeline takes treated water to Lower Light from where it can be reticulated. A number of distribution trunk lines have been set up where there is present demand.

Barossa Infrastructure Limited (BIL) was established following the 1996 Vision 2045 Water Strategy as a grower invested irrigation scheme accessing River Murray Water. An updated Revision 2045 Water Strategy in 2010 identified increasing constraints on native water resources, the impact of a changing climate and the need to identify supplementary sources of water. The millennium drought demonstrated the risks as Murray River allocations were restricted.

The BIL infrastructure is an irrigation water distribution network for the potential distribution of Barossa Valley recycled water with further potential to expand to Eden Valley.

The Bunyip Water Scheme grew out of the investigations into a Gawler Stormwater Scheme plan and accesses a mixture of VPS water and Northern Expressway runoff water to irrigate western Barossa vineyards. This infrastructure is also able to be leveraged for distribution of the additional recycled water.

Water storage: BIL water storages and Eden Valley dams are potential water storage options for recycled water. Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) can be further investigated but is considered to be most viable on the Adelaide Plains.



Recommendations

- Urgent Action is required for public investment for recycled water treatment and distribution infrastructure to utilise available Bolivar wastewater
- Urgent Action is required for reticulation of potable water to Eden valley for domestic use and stock
- Opportunity for further investment in innovation and specialisation in water treatment options at all scales
- Urgent attention to supply costs of water for economic development in these future growth industries, including the Northern Adelaide Plains and Gawler
- Considerations for pricing and supply negotiations: price competitiveness to drive economic growth; water consumer understanding of the cost and value of water (to ensure uptake if supply is made available and to ensure viability of investment in infrastructure)
- Continuing investment in water use efficiencies including monitoring technology
- Water and infrastructure for amenity, horticulture and wellbeing

3.2 Brands & Places

Vision

The Barossa Brand grows in salience and impact, providing opportunities not only for wine and tourism, diversified Barossa products and other regional brands to flourish as distinctive but connected.

Key Assets

The Barossa Brand is a significant commercial asset - possibly the region's most significant commercial asset. It is globally recognised and respected and supports a premium for those whose products carry it. The universal push for food and drink products of provenance augments the opportunity, not only for products from Barossa but for neighbouring areas to develop meaningful identity of place and provenance for food products, and linking to Barossa through other sub-regional brands and geographical proximity.

The assets of the region that support its brands include natural landscapes, resilient and reconstructive farming practices, lifestyle towns and distinctive cultures. Features like the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary, forests and national and state parks are also assets for brands of place and identity.

Specialisations connected with location also contribute to the brand of a place, including outstanding creatives or specialised manufacturing. Light Regional Council has developed a brand theme of "Light Country" which is yet to be fully activated, the first of the new identity frameworks in the region.

The Northern Adelaide Plains Food Cluster brand (currently under development) links food producers on the Northern Adelaide Plains including Adelaide Plains, Gawler and Light.

Town of Gawler has undertaken cultural mapping of the riverine environment to identify Kurna Cultural Heritage sites; some of the sites identified (with permission of and in collaboration with the Kurna people), will become part of a regional cultural tourism trail.

Opportunity

Further investment in Destination and Wine Marketing for the Barossa will lift awareness of the whole region and sustain and grow its competitive advantage. This increased awareness will also give other sub-regional brands and identities the platform to develop and grow brand identity and value. Brands of product and place for these neighbouring areas within our region are an opportunity for premiumisation of produce and products.

Recommendations

- Community leadership for connection to place in an authentic and cohesive voice
- Imagery that supports meaningful and authentic brands of place
- General adoption of messaging that translates the Barossa Brand to and for all
- Narratives for identity around regional and sub-regional brands that are both distinctive and part of a cohesive whole
- Business and Consumer education to understand and embrace brand of place
- Simple and consistent ways to democratise brands for the benefit of all in the region
- Investment in identity and development of sub-regional brands that differentiate and speak of values and attributes of those areas, including for sectors – eg food.
- Brand narratives speak to regional commitment to climate mitigation and sustainable futures
- Awareness of distinctive products and services that are crucial to brands and attention to supporting businesses that manufacture and deliver
- Brand values are delivered by all those who seek to rely on the particular brand

3.3 Creative Economy

Vision

Innovation and innovative capacity flourish through the attraction of talent, tourists and events that celebrate and connect with our vibrant creative arts and creative digital technologies, supported by skilled and creative community and workforce.

Key Assets

The region has a rich pedigree in the arts and craft professions. The entire region has untold stories of aboriginal arts and skills.

There are a number of recognised artists, musicians and galleries in the region building a strong pool of creative talent. Digital creatives are often attracted to places of beauty, connection and creativity, such as is found in this region. The Gawler Civic Centre and proposed redevelopment of the Barossa Creative Industries Centre are key civic assets to support the creative economy.

Many community led initiatives, events and places for creatives spaces and creativity give the region an exciting foundation of creativity. However the region averaged a 2021 ADII (Australian Digital Inclusion Index) score of 67.5 below the national average of 71.1. We want to be higher. Defence industries to the south of the region provide collaboration and employment opportunities in innovative digital technologies.

Recommendations

- Prioritise innovation and innovative capacity in every plan and project
- Network creative talent with opportunities to attract business and commissions
- Continue to upgrade data connections for fastest and best connectivity
- Support the emerging artists, musicians, digital creatives, and filmmakers to become commercially viable creatives in a full-time context
- Establish more incubators and co-working spaces that are networked throughout the region for leverage of members
- Establish one or more digital villages to attract and support the digital nomads
- Develop functional links
- Provide ongoing opportunities and incentive for the community and workforce to continuously improve digital capability and cyber safety
- Targeted education to improve digital literacy across community and workforce

3.4 Sustainable Resilient Food & Wine Value Chains

Vision

A whole of community commitment to responsible production and consumption supporting climate resilient industries; and an industry commitment to value capture being fostered and retained in the region.

Key Assets

Wine and food value chains have a need for sustainable production including waste management and responsible consumption. Communities that form around these industries form ecosystems that support these value chains.

Wine is the region's economic base with high levels of value adding. Food has significant opportunities for innovative packaging and value adding for premiumisation and productivity gains. Both sectors will benefit from sustainable climate resilient water and renewable cost effective energy. High levels of adoption in the Barossa of Wine Australia's Sustainable Wine Growing accreditation is an asset to the region and its future. The Gawler 2030 movement is another driver of action.

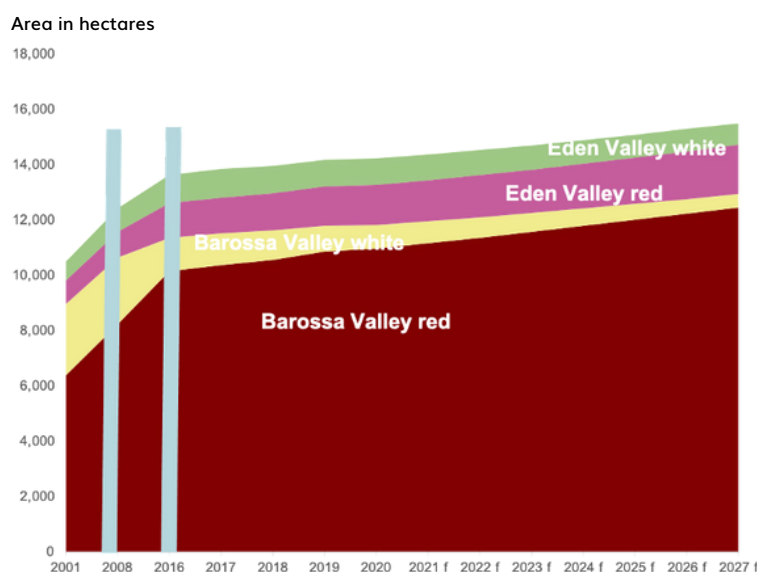
Circularity in the wine and food economy would see waste create new products and less go to landfill. Tarac Technologies has been turning waste to value in the region for 90 years. The emissions reduction imperative is catalysing innovation in vineyards and wineries. In food production covered horticulture reduces inputs with take-up of beneficial insects to integrated pest management.

Current Wine Production

There are two principal wine areas within the region which account for the majority of the wine economy, Barossa Valley and Eden Valley (including High Eden). The Northern Adelaide Plains and Barossa zone also produce wine grapes although there is limited value adding within those areas.

With 175 years, 6 generations, and a rich tapestry of landscape and heritage, the Barossa's wine history and legacy are diverse. South Australia's prime position in the world of wine is most intense and visible in a scenic 75 kilometre arc heading north from Adelaide's CBD. The Barossa Valley, which covers 11,609 hectares and located between 112 to 596 metres above sea level, produces 64% red and 36% white wine. Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Grenache, Semillon, and Mataro are the most popular wine varieties. Eden Valley comprises 2169 hectares and is positioned between 380 and 550 metres above sea level, producing 53 percent red and 47 percent white wine. Shiraz, Riesling, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Gris, and Chardonnay are the most popular wine varieties. New varieties are proving successful in both sub-regions increasing diversity in the Barossa's offer.

Plantings in Barossa by colour and region



In 2021, the estimated crush of Barossa Valley wine grapes (including Barossa zone – other) was 61,410 tonnes, up 112% from the documented crush of 29,069 tonnes in 2020. Over the past 5 years (up to 2020), the average crush for the Barossa Valley has been 51,535 tonnes, making the 2022 crush 19 per cent above the five-year average. The average yield (tonnes/ha) is 5.8, with a total estimated value of \$139 million in 2021, up from \$67 million in 2020. The higher production was enhanced by a small overall increase in the average purchase value of grapes, which increased by 2 per cent from \$2228 to \$2263 per tonne. According to Vinehealth Australia data, the overall vineyard area in the Barossa Valley as of 30 April 2021 was 11,850 hectares, including 235 hectares in Barossa zone – other.

The reported crush of Eden Valley wine grapes in 2021 is 9,669 tonnes, up 167% from 6,324 tonnes in 2020. Eden Valley's average crush over the last five years (up to 2020) has been 8647 tonnes, placing this year's crush at 12% higher than the five-year average. The average yield (tonnes/ha) is 5.0, and the total estimated value in 2021 is \$20 million, up from \$7.5 million in 2020. This is due to an increased production and a small overall increase in the average purchase value of grapes, which rose by 2% from \$2147 to \$2192 per tonne. Eden Valley's total vineyard area as of 30 April 2021 was 2389 hectares, up about 100 hectares (5%) from five years ago. Similarly, the reported crush of Adelaide Plains wine grapes is 2905 tonnes in 2021 and estimated value of \$3 million.

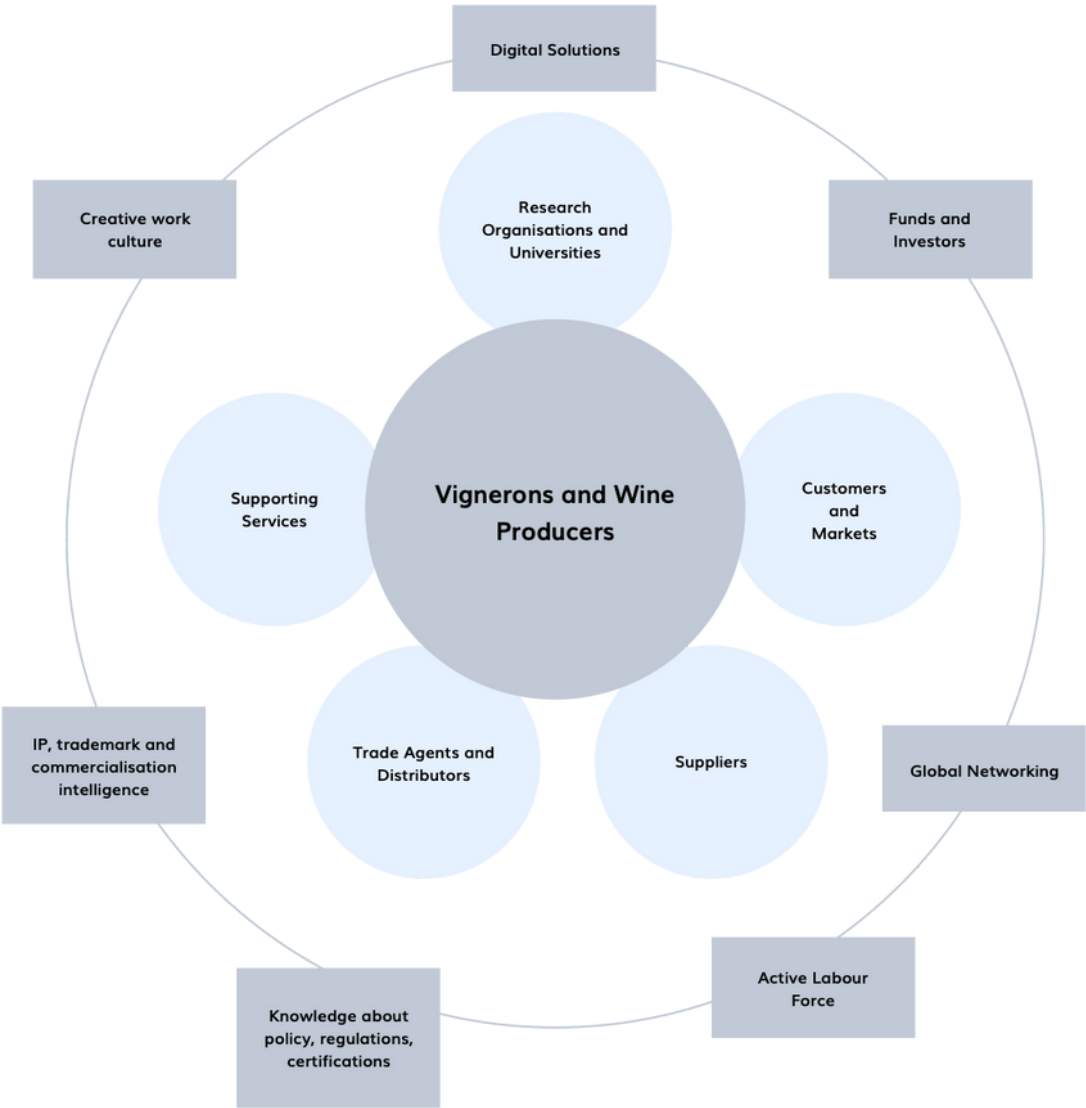
Whilst the grape harvest is modest and premium, the Barossa is also home to a significant wine production and logistics centre for South Australia. State of the art wineries get alongside traditional small-scale facilities which also offer exceptional wine tourism immersion. The majority of employment is in wine production and services including bottle manufacture, cooperage and transport.

Region	Colour	Winery Grown fruit (tonnes)	Purchased (tonnes)	Total Crush 2021	Est. Value of Purchased Grapes	Est. Value of all Grapes
Adelaide Plains	Red	-	2125	2125	\$15,155,890	\$20,733,953
	White	-	781	781	\$23,284,760	\$819,243
	Total	-	2905	2905	\$38,440,650	\$3,125,991
Barossa Valley including Barossa Zone Other	Red	25,815	31,527	57,342	\$75,349,315	\$136,083,548
	White	1,001	3,067	4,068	\$2,863,145	\$3,858,548
	Total	26,816	34,594	61,410	\$78,212,460	\$139,942,096
Eden Valley	Red	2,837	2,520	5,357	\$6,496,776	\$13,485,210
	White	2,498	1,814	4,312	\$3,002,697	\$7,324,422
	Total	5,336	4,334	9,669	\$9,499,472	\$20,809,632

Recommendations

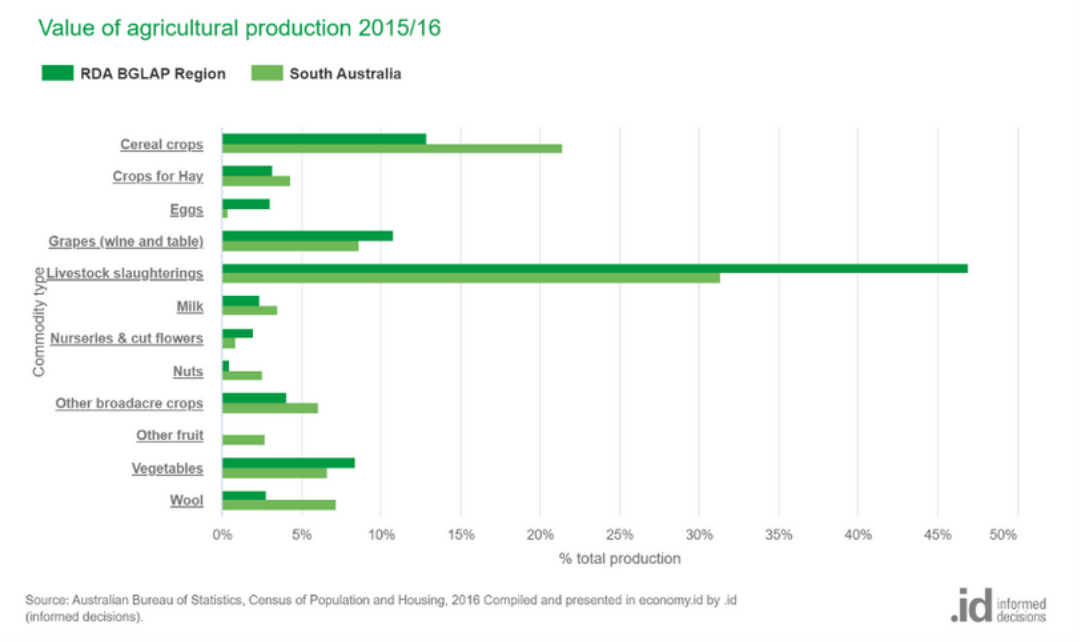
- Develop a platform to understand infrastructure utilisation and demand, and to measure the growth and changes in wine processing, production and supply chain.
- Develop risk management frameworks for each wine facility and brand
- Improving the readiness to expand for exporting to new markets
- Adopting digital solutions to improve customer engagement, e-commerce, anti-counterfeiting
- Upskill of existing staff and small businesses with training, demonstration - designing innovative products, potential market research and required international standards.
- Enhancement of waste management system within wine and primary industries.
- Product Development and Innovation: New climate-suited varieties and styles, as well as innovative packaging and label designs. Although conventional packaging is readily accessible, and Australian packaging industries are in good shape, non-standard, customised packages and bottles that address the needs of luxury wines are hard to obtain. Understanding technology advances, and embracing them, is a path to productivity and profitability gains.
- Marketing and Branding: The growing use of augmented reality and virtual reality offers a present opportunity to increase customer engagement and connect millennials through unique experiences. For example, the hype of new brands with new stories has grown steadily, and these brands now have a strong place with a younger, developing wine market. The response to the use of technology to promote these brands has been overwhelmingly positive, according to Drinks Retailing News UK, (2019).
- Increase diversity of export markets: Wine Australia, the South Australian Wine Industry Association Inc., SA Government Department of Trade & Investment and Barossa Australia are developing new opportunities and relationships to help producers establish new and expand existing export markets. The strength of the Barossa brand, existing industry export experience and established relationships can be leveraged in accessing new export markets moving forward (including for smaller, new entrants)

Wine Innovation System

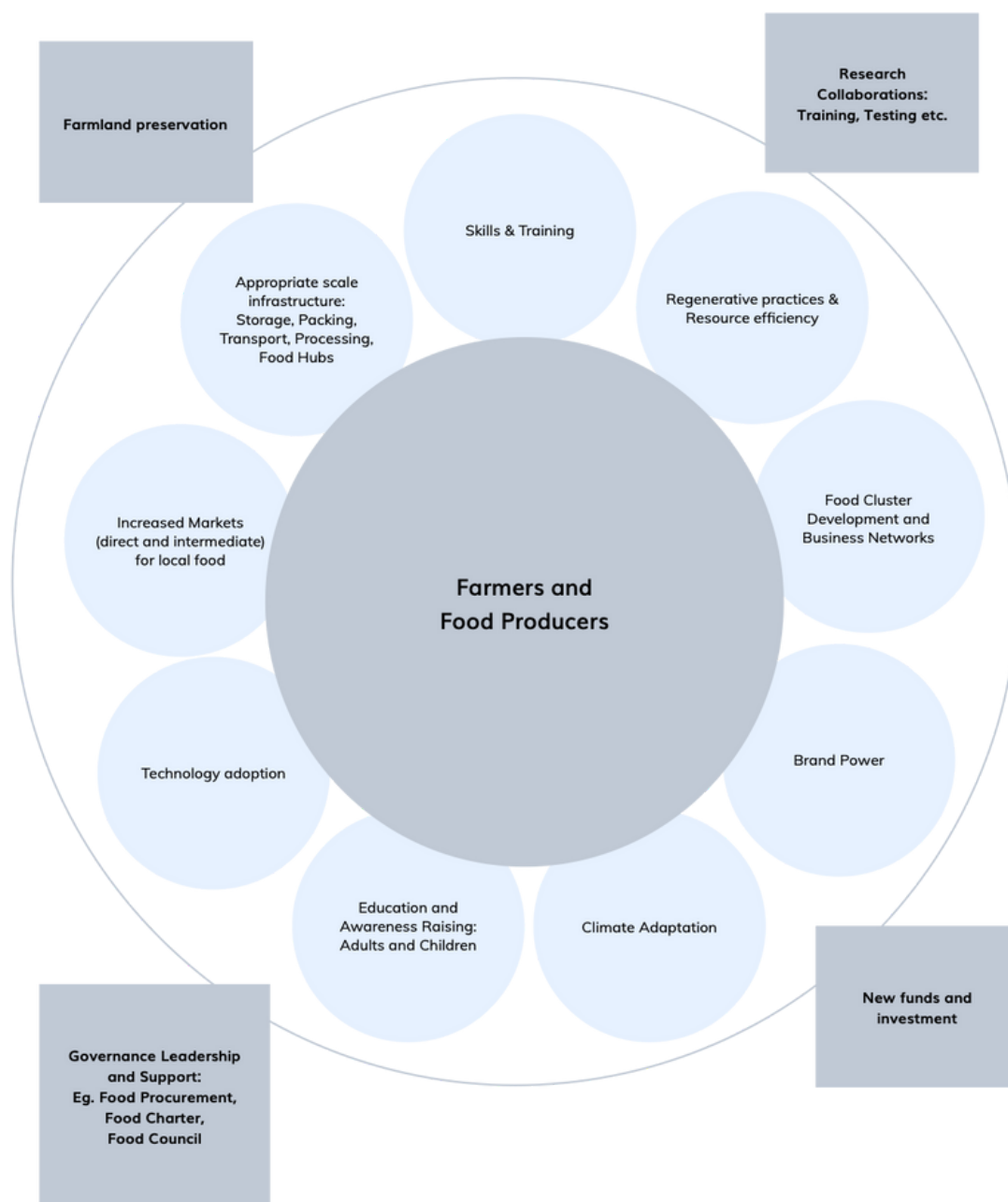


Current Food Production

Traditional and intensive horticulture including vegetables and cut flowers, barley, pulses, chickens and eggs, grapes, pork, beef, lamb and livestock slaughtering.



Food Innovation System



Opportunities

With access to competitively priced fit for purpose water, the region is an intensive food production area specialising in covered horticulture, pulses and barley, livestock and high value wines. The region's adjacency to international port and airport and direct access to all major interstate routes presents substantial distribution advantage.

Wine has capitalised on the investment in logistics and distribution with leading technology and knowhow embedded in the region. Accelerated transition to low carbon production will improve access to export markets and sustain low input production with moisture retention. Horticulture is highly efficient in protected cropping, but access to greater volumes of cost competitive, high-quality water is required to sustain this advantage (see priority 1).

Incentives are required for existing growers and investors to move to better thermally performing climate resilient greenhouse structures which would accelerate the industry exponentially along with transition to cheaper, renewable energy at scale.

Recommendations

- A broadly based knowledge transfer program for Aboriginal land management practices
- Incentives for covered crops producers to transition to climate resilient, longer lasting structures
- A practical and meaningful measurement system for progress in carbon reduction and regeneration of soils, landscapes and waterways that motivates progress
- Competitive transition opportunities to lower cost renewable energy systems, not only for producers but critical industries like glass production and transport.
- A bio-thermal plant which accepts the region's green waste
- National level marketing campaign that motivates consumers (domestically and internationally) to value sustainable and safe production with price premiums
- A persistent drive for responsible production and consumption across all projects and programs in the region; grass-roots campaigns.
- A food & culinary academy in the region
- Continuing contributory support for the Northern Adelaide Plains Food Cluster to accelerate productivity gains and new investment in food
- Expansion of the niche high value food production south of Gawler
- Food manufacturing centres in the region to support current demand and attract further investment in finished foods; Renewable energy serviced.
- Investment in greater circularity in our economy and lives

3.5 Tourism, Education and Equine sector support

Vision

The complexity of our economy continues to grow and develop in a way that supports our economic base of wine and food value chains delivering high value quality jobs, products and services.

Key Assets

Tourism

Brand, wine industry, wineries & vineyards, cellar doors, appealing natural landscapes, forest areas for recreation, trails, cycling infrastructure including The Great Australian Wine Trail, wellness & wellbeing industry, golf and other sports and sporting infrastructure, galleries, performance areas and cultural facilities, Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary, quality accommodation, outstanding restaurants and cooking schools, artisanal gin, beer and cider, distinctive villages and precincts, festivals, events, heritage architecture, gracious homesteads and interesting landmarks of note.

Education

Quality public and private primary and high schools, TAFE Campus, Roseworthy Campus of Adelaide University, Barossa Regional University Campus, a number of regional training organisations, schools-based wine centres, privately run cooking classes and cooking schools. Targeted investment in education and training will accelerate future workforce and adaptive skillsets to spearhead regional innovation and economic resilience.

Equine

Roseworthy Campus Equine Health and Performance Centre, Roseworthy Campus Veterinary Sciences School, High-quality feed production within the region, Thoroughbred studs, Stock Horse breeders, both Thoroughbred and Harness Racing trainers, Gawler Racecourse and facilities, Gawler and Kapunda Harness Racing Tracks, Mallala Equestrian Centre, Mount Pleasant Showgrounds facilities.

Recommendations

- Investment in the completion and economic opportunity of The Great Australian Wine Trail (cycling trail)
- Kapunda and Williamstown as trails service centres catering for cyclists and walkers particularly; and further development of the Gawler cycling / walking trails
- Investment in main streets, including accommodation, to keep main streets relevant and vibrant hubs of communities and tourism
- TAFE Nuriootpa investment for repositioning and recognition as a polytechnic college with a centre for commercial food and hospitality training, a creative arts institute, and a specialized centre for cellar and vineyard operations training.
- The return of university level viticulture and oenology and wine business studies to the region
- Multipurpose Equine Events Centre at Roseworthy
- Installation of lights on Gawler Racecourse railway station to support events tourism
- Ongoing budget for destination marketing that supports Brand
- Further investment in tourism accommodation including in Kapunda, Gawler and adjacent to the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary near Two Wells
- Developing the local economy and social cohesion as the underpinning of a vibrant economy that attracts investment, talent and tourism with its authenticity and quality of product and service.

3.6 Future Generations

Design led land use planning and built environment, climate change mitigation, access to health services and housing, community facilities and mental wealth, digital inclusion, inclusion of First Nations.

Vision

"Current stewards restore sustainability of the region and opportunity for future generations to thrive." This is the ultimate goal of economic development. Health and allied health workforce, access to rental housing, connectivity, social networks, and inclusive community capital are required for our region to grow and thrive. People centric land use planning is important for sustainability of economic, social and environmental goals. Integrated design can support all these objectives as planning for the update of the 30 year plan for the greater Adelaide region gets underway; biodiversity embraced as a whole of community commitment; People have housing choices; and creativity connects and motivates.

Key Assets

- Character Preservation and Environment and Food Protection Areas (EFPAs)
- Population growth and a housing supply pipeline (but a shortage of rentals)
- A larger than average proportion of children aged 17
- 3 regional (though ageing) hospitals and the growing Gawler Health Service
- Day surgery facilities and allied health facilities
- PRCC Internships for medical students
- Potential access to climate-resilient water
- Robust local government plans for community facilities
- A foundation of good (though not excellent and definitely patchy) broadband connectivity
- Barossa Bush Gardens
- Schools, Agricultural University Campus, Barossa Regional University Centre, Gawler Tertiary Hub, TAFE
- Traditionally strong (though waning in part) community institutions

Recommendations

- Truth telling about the past and inclusion of Peramangk, Ngadjuri and Kaurna people in future planning and landscape management
- Climate action at a grass roots level prioritized and supported by policy
- Biodiversity projects and curriculum
- Framework of responsible production and consumption at government, industry, education, and community levels
- Low water dependent green spaces for gathering and recreation
- Further investment in high-value manufacturing using waste products as inputs
- Completion of gaps in off-road bike paths for safe and confident recreation and emissions-free transport
- A fun, curious and creative approach to learning STEM that incorporates environment, sustainability, and solutions
- Attention to community mobility and forms of accessible transport
- Planning frameworks that enable new forms of passive housing for affordability of construction and inhabitation and that consider the value and importance of retaining rural areas (including Character Preservation and EFPAs)
- Planning and land use frameworks that are design-led, integrated, and future generations centric; and infrastructure planning and delivery that supports sustainable economic and population growth
- Policy that supports private investment in affordable rental housing
- Contemporary hospital and allied health infrastructure that meets current and future needs (including new infrastructure and upgrades)
- Address gaps in telecommunications infrastructure to support tourism, digital nomads, and the attraction and retention of talent.
- Delivery of game-changing local government infrastructure for community and economy
- Adaptive module and skill-set based training

Local Government Priorities For Future Proofing Our Liveable Towns

All councils will work towards housing options and future oriented land use planning and infrastructure. Each council has identified transformative priority projects:

Adelaide Plains Council

- Two Wells recreation and commercial development
- Adelaide International Shorebirds trail and eco-tourism
- Recalibrated NAIS

The Barossa Council

- A creative industries centre
- National standard sporting facilities
- Growth and infrastructure investment strategy
- Planning for Concordia Growth Area
- Activating Character Area
- Smart Regional Strategy

Town of Gawler

- Gawler Main Street and Civic Centre
- Gawler River Ecology and Ecotourism Trails
- Inclusion and climate action as gamechangers
- Recreational Precinct Master Plans - Implementation
- Growth Management and key transport infrastructure outcomes

Light Regional Council

- The Drovers Encounter
- Roseworthy International Equine Centre
- Roseworthy and Kapunda expansion
- Kingsford Industrial Estate development

4 Next Steps

These priorities are regional priorities with a shared responsibility by all for taking the opportunities forward and realising the local, state and national benefit of more relevant, resilient and sustainably profitable communities and industries.

Regional Development Australia Barossa Gawler Light Adelaide Plains has a role to play in monitoring ongoing relevance of these priorities and recommendations, and fine tuning this plan as the regional context evolves. In some cases, RDA BGLAP will lead projects to achieve the plan's objectives.

Regional leadership groups will play a key role in supporting the integrated planning and development for a sustainable region.

What is your role in achieving the aspirations of this plan?

5 Background & References

This strategic plan is built on:

Principal Informing Research

- Social and Economic Profile Barossa Gawler Light Adelaide Plains – BDO, 2022
- RDA Barossa Gawler Light Adelaide Plains Economic Profile - .id, 2022
- Infrastructure Australia Infrastructure Gap Analysis, BGLAP, 2022.
- Barossa Water Security Strategy, 2022
- Adelaide Plains Tourism and Economic Development Strategy
- The Barossa Council Local Economic Development Strategy, 2022
- Light Regional Council Economic Development Plan, 2021
- Town of Gawler Economic Development Strategy, 2020-2025
- Tourism Australia published reports
- Wine Australia published reports

Industry Profiles

- Tourism – Economy.id 2022
- Creative Economy – Economy.id 2022

Supporting Publications by RDA BGLAP

- Barossa Wine and Its Ecosystem – RDA BGLAP, 2022
- Gawler Liveability and the in-demand jobs accessible from there 2022
- A snapshot of Food production on the Northern Adelaide Plains 2022
- Summary Report – Barossa Think Tank 2019

Consultation

- Barossa Think Tank 2019 + 2021
- New housing growth Forum 2019
- Design for township prosperity 2019
- Our Town Workshops (6 workshops around the region 2019 - 2020)
- Regional Leadership program 2022 – 12 workshops
- Barossa Water Security Strategy forecasting workshops and consultation
- Wine Arts Food Tourism Local Government leadership forum
- Northern Adelaide Plains Food cluster
- Business and trader groups around the region
- The deliberations of the board and staff of Regional Development Australia Barossa Gawler Light Adelaide Plains
- Consultation on the economic priorities led by the Barossa Council, Town of Gawler, Light Regional Council and Adelaide Plains Council during the exposure period of the plan to 15/1/2023.



DEBATE REPORT

7.1 Office of the Mayor and CEO

7.1.1 REVIEW OF CONFIDENTIAL ORDERS

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25/77723**

PURPOSE

To review the confidential items due for review and ascertain whether items should be released from confidential status and made available for public access or remain confidential due to the ongoing nature of the project or issue.

Any order made by Council that operates for a period of more than 12 months must be reviewed at least once in every year – thus, these orders pursuant to Section 91(9) *Local Government Act 1999* are due for review.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council in compliance with Section 91(9)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999* and having reviewed the confidentiality orders of the follow matters:

- 16 July 2013 - Performance Review of the Chief Executive Officer;
- 24 June 2014 - Performance Review of the Chief Executive Officer;
- 17 February 2015 - Mid Year CEO Performance Target Report;
- 21 July 2015 - Performance Review of the Chief Executive Officer;
- 16 August 2016 - Chief Executive Officer's 2015/16 Performance Review and New Contract Negotiation;
- 18 July 2017 - Chief Executive Officer's 2016/17 Performance Review, and,
- 17 July 2018 - Chief Executive Officer's 2017/18 Performance and Conditions of Contract Review;
- 16 July 2019 - Chief Executive Officer's 2018/19 Performance and Conditions of Contract Review;
- 21 July 2020 - Chief Executive Officer's 2019/20 Performance and Remuneration Review;
- 15 June 2021 - CEO Performance Review Outcomes;
- 12 July 2022 - CEO Performance Review Outcomes;
- 19 July 2022 - CEO Performance Review Outcomes;
- 18 October 2022 - CEO Performance Review 2022/23 - Setting Performance Targets
- 3 May 2023 - Consultant – Scope of Works and Review of Processes;
- 16 May 2023 - CEO Performance Review Process;
- 7 June 2023 - Capability Framework;
- 7 June 2023 - Data Collection - 360-Survey Design;
- 7 June 2023 - Updated Position Description;
- 12 July 2023 - Presentation of Results from the Data Collection Phase of the CEO Performance Review;
- 18 July 2023 - CEO Performance Review Outcomes and Remuneration Review;

- 23 January 2024 - Chief Executive Officer Performance Review 2023 - Close out of Key Performance Indicators;
- 5 June 2024 - CEO Performance Review Outcomes;
- 5 June 2024 - CEO Performance Targets 2023-24 and CEO Accountability Report;
- 5 June 2024 - Employee Exit Data;
- 18 June 2024 - CEO Performance Review Outcomes and Remuneration Review; and
- 20 May 2025 - CEO Performance Targets and Accountability Report 2024-2025
- 20 May 2025 - Survey Questions and Recipient List
- 17 June 2025, Item 5.1 - Remuneration Determination - Norman Waterhouse Lawyers Update
- 17 June 2025 - CEO Performance Review 2025 Outcomes
- 17 June 2025 - CEO Remuneration - Advice from Kellady Jones Lawyers
- 2 July 2025 - CEO Performance Review 2025 Outcomes

made in accordance with Section 90(3)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999* resolve that the CEO performance documents, agenda, reports and relevant minutes shall continue to remain Confidential, and that Council review the said orders prior to 21 November 2026.

REPORT

Background

Council utilises the confidential provisions within the *Local Government Act 1999* when it believes the information being discussed is of a confidential nature and meets one of the provisions in Section 90(3) of the Act.

This review considers the nature of confidential orders and its compliance with the Act. Sections 90 and 91 of the *Local Government Act 1999* outline the requirements for Council to consider items in confidence and under what conditions they may be retained in confidence.

Documents held in confidence are reviewed each year to determine whether an item is to remain in confidence or be released to the public as listed in the recommendation.

Discussion

The confidential orders are reviewed annually. This report provides Council the opportunity to review the items due for review and decide to either release items to the public or to maintain ongoing matters in confidence.

The confidential orders were reviewed on 19 November 2024 and determined that the circumstances for which Council considered the original matters in confidence and subsequent reviews continues to meet the personal affairs test under Section 90(3)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999* and thereby all relevant documents remained in confidence.

Summary

There has been no change to the circumstances held within the Confidential Orders and it is recommended through this review the documents listed within the recommendation, remain in confidence. Again, there has been no change to these

personal circumstances, and it is recommended through this review the documents remain in confidence.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Nil

Supporting references

Nil

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Corporate Plan

BS7 Governance - Provision of governance advice and support in the discharge of legislative responsibilities for policy development, delegations and authorisations, internal review of Council decisions, delegations and authorisations, Native Title claims

Legislative Requirements

Section 91(9)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

These statements are qualitative in nature and designed to provide an indication of Council's general position when deciding to take or retain risk in pursuit of its objectives.

1. SERVICE DELIVERY

Refers to the delivery of services to the community, which includes the systems and physical assets that enable provision of these services, including structures (such as roads, buildings and facilities) as well as IT infrastructure, plant, vehicles & other equipment.

Nil

2. SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT

Relates to measures to preserve, protect and minimise impact on the natural environment, including sacred and indigenous lands, flora, fauna, heritage, water, waste, hazardous materials and pollution.

Nil

3. FINANCIAL

Refers to planning and control of Council's budget to align with the sustainable achievement of the desired outcomes articulated in its Community Plan.

Nil

4. PEOPLE

Relates to recruitment, retention, wellbeing and safety of employees and volunteers and engagement and management of contractors as well as the wellbeing and safety of the community.

Mitigates the release of documents associated with the personal employment contract of the CEO.

5. REPUTATION

Relates to policy, decisions, actions and circumstances that may cause Council to lose credibility with the community, ratepayers, key stakeholders, other levels of government and its own employees and contractors.

Nil

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Nil

DEBATE REPORT

7.1 Office of the Mayor and CEO

7.1.2 MINOR UPDATE TO THE INTERNAL REVIEW OF COUNCIL DECISION PROCESS

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PURPOSE

Due to internal structural changes the Internal Review Contact Officer has changed, and the process needs to reflect the new structure.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council, having reviewed the minor changes to the process outlined in the report, approve the updated Internal Review of Council Decision Process presented at Attachment 1.

REPORT

Background

Pursuant to Section 270(a1) of the *Local Government Act 1999* Council must develop and maintain policies, practices and procedures in dealing with complaints pursuant to 270(1). Whilst these powers are delegated to the Chief Executive Officer as a key foundation document, it is considered prudent, as has been the practice in the past, that Council review and endorse changes to the policies and processes around the Internal Review of Council Decisions.

Introduction

Due to internal structural changes the Internal Review Contact Officer has changed, and the process needs to reflect the new structure.

Discussion

The responsibility for overarching Governance Services internal to the organisation has moved to the Office of the Mayor and CEO from the prior Corporate Services area.

The change to the process is to reflect the new structure and amend the wording to reflect this structure, as it pertains to the Internal Review Contract Officer.

Specifically, the wording change is to part of clause 3.2.3 from:

An Internal Review Contact Officer (IRCO) is appointed by the CEO as the initial point of contact for applicants. The IRCO will be the Manager Corporate Services or in their absence, Team Leader Corporate Governance and Information Services, or in their absence, a delegate appointed by the CEO or Deputy CEO.

To:

An Internal Review Contact Officer (IRCO) is appointed by the CEO as the initial point of contact for applicants. The IRCO will be the Manager overseeing the role of Governance or in their absence, a person acting in this position, or a delegate appointed by the CEO or Deputy CEO.

Summary and Conclusion

This is a minor administrative change to the process to reflect structural changes internal to the organisation.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Attachment 1 Internal Review of Council Decision Process - Updated October 2025

Supporting references

Nil

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**Corporate Plan**

- CS9 Customers - Providing a consistent customer experience through the provision of accurate and professional customer service
- BS7 Governance - Provision of governance advice and support in the discharge of legislative responsibilities for policy development, delegations and authorisations, internal review of Council decisions, delegations and authorisations, Native Title claims

Legislative Requirements

Section 270 of the Local Government Act 1999

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

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3. FINANCIAL

Refers to planning and control of Council's budget to align with the sustainable achievement of the desired outcomes articulated in its Community Plan.

Nil

4. PEOPLE

Relates to recruitment, retention, wellbeing and safety of employees and volunteers and engagement and management of contractors as well as the wellbeing and safety of the community.

Nil

5. REPUTATION

Relates to policy, decisions, actions and circumstances that may cause Council to lose credibility with the community, ratepayers, key stakeholders, other levels of government and its own employees and contractors.

Nil

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

No legislative requirements to undertake engagement. The change is minor and has no impact on the actual fundamental premises of the process.

THE BAROSSA COUNCIL
INTERNAL REVIEW OF COUNCIL DECISION
PROCESS



1 Overview

This Process outlines how and when an applicant can request an internal review of a Council decision; and the roles and responsibilities of the Council administration, the Internal Review Contact Officer, the Reviewer and the Elected Members to affect a fair, consistent and structured approach in dealing with each request.

2 Core Components

- Complaints Handling Framework and when to use the Internal Review Process
- Applying for an Internal Review
- Acknowledging an Internal Review Application
- Commencing the Preliminary Investigation
- Assignment of Application to Reviewer
- Review Considerations
- After the Review

3 Process

3.1 Complaints Handling Framework and when to use this Internal Review Process

Wherever practicable, customer complaints regarding a Council decision should be referred for immediate resolution to Council's *Customer Service Policy and Complaint Handling Process*.

The *Complaint Handling Process* consists of three tiers to manage and resolve complaints:

- 3.1.1 Immediate response to resolve the complaint
All Workers are empowered to handle complaints in the first instance, and it is preferable that a complaint is dealt with promptly at the initial point of contact and at the appropriate Worker level.
- 3.1.2 Complaint escalated to a more senior Worker
A complaint will be directed to a senior Worker in the Council, where the complaint would be better handled at that level. This may occur, for example, where a Worker has been involved in the matter that is the subject of the complaint, where the complaint is about an issue that requires a decision to be made at a more senior level, or where a complaint concerns a matter that ranges across more than one Council team.
- 3.1.3 Internal review of a Council decision
An internal review will generally apply when matters cannot be resolved under the other two tiers.

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Internal review of a Council decision enables the Council to reconsider all the evidence relied on to make the original decision, and additional available evidence if relevant.

However, a referral *directly to this third tier* will occur when a decision was:

- made by the Elected Body; or
- referred by the applicant directly to the Ombudsman and the Ombudsman has referred the decision back to the Council for an internal review under Section 270 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act).

In such cases, the complaint must be dealt with in accordance with this Process.

However, subject to Council's *Internal Review of Council Decisions Policy* and this Process, applicants may use the section 270 Internal Review mechanism at any time to review a decision made by Council or on behalf of Council.

3.2 Applying for a review

3.2.1 Who can apply for a review

A person with a sufficient interest in a decision of Council, or its delegate, may make a written application for a review of that decision.

A person who is not the direct subject of a decision may still have a sufficient interest in the decision to seek a review under this Process. For example, a person may have a sufficient interest in a Council decision regarding the number of dogs which may be kept within a neighbour's property.

3.2.2 Timeframe to apply

An application for a review of a decision must be made within 6 months of that original decision being made.

However, in exceptional circumstances an application for internal review which is lodged outside of this 6 months may still be considered for internal review by the Council or CEO, as the case may be.

3.2.3 Assistance for the applicant – Internal Review Contact Officer

It is essential that no one is excluded from lodging an application for internal review because of difficulties they may have representing themselves.

An Internal Review Contact Officer (IRCO) is appointed by the CEO as the initial point of contact for applicants. The IRCO will be the Manager overseeing the role of Governance or in their absence, a person acting in this position, or a delegate appointed by the CEO or Deputy CEO.

The IRCO may assist an applicant document their reasons for seeking an internal review, in addition to arranging access to interpreters, aids or advocates to ensure that an applicant is treated equitably.

A person seeking review of a Council decision who attends at the Council's offices personally or by telephone call, and all written applications for review should be immediately referred to the IRCO.

The role of the IRCO is to:

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- explain the process to the applicant and explore alternative options to resolve the matter, such as mediation or conciliation prior to an application for review where possible;
- acknowledge the receipt of an application for review;
- maintain a register of all applications for review received and the outcomes of the applications;
- outline the timeframes involved and the action to be taken in the first instance;
- undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether the matter falls within the scope of the Policy and Process and what actions have already been taken to try to resolve the matter;
- keep the applicant informed of progress if the matter does not fall within the scope of the Policy and Process, to inform the applicant, and provide alternative avenues of review or appeal, where applicable;
- ensure adequate records are maintained; and
- report to Council at prescribed intervals on all applications lodged for review.

3.2.4 How to apply for a review

While there is no standard template that the applicant needs to use, he or she must set out in writing:

- the decision they are seeking to have reviewed and their interest in that decision;
- the reasons why they believe the decision is wrong;
- what outcome is sought; and
- their daytime contact details.

Although Council can be expected to have information relevant to the matter under internal review, an application may also include new evidence to support the application.

Applications must be made in writing and addressed to the Internal Review Contact Officer and forwarded marked confidential via:

- post to: The Barossa Council, PO Box 867, Nuriootpa SA 5355
- email to: barossa@barossa.sa.gov.au
- fax to: 8563 8461
- in person at the Nuriootpa Office at 48-51 Tanunda Road, Nuriootpa SA 5355

3.2.5 Cost to apply for a review

The application for review must be accompanied by the payment of the prescribed fee set by the Minister pursuant to Section 270(3) of the Local Government Act.

The application for review will not be commenced until payment is received.

3.3 **Acknowledging an Application for Review**

The IRCO will confirm receipt of the internal review application within 5 business days and also advise the applicant of the expected timeframe for processing the matter where possible.

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3.4 Commencing the Preliminary Investigation

- 3.4.1 Within 5 business days of receipt of the internal review application, the IRCO will:
- establish an EDRMS container with appropriate access controls.
 - assess whether the application falls within the scope of the Policy and Process and if the matter does not fall within the scope of the Policy and Process, inform the applicant, and provide alternative avenues of review or appeal;
 - meet with the CEO or in their absence the Deputy CEO to determine a reviewer or if the decision under review was made by the CEO, then with the Mayor or in his/her absence, the Deputy Mayor, to advise of the process (see paragraph 3.5.2 below);
 - create a summary report using the *Section 270 Review Record of Investigation* template to provide to the appointed reviewer; and
 - outline the resources expended to date within the *Section 270 Assessment of Resources Schedule*.
- 3.4.2 The IRCO and reviewer will use their best efforts to finalise an internal review within 21 business days. However, if the decision is to be reviewed by the Elected Body, a committee, or an external panel or party there may be delays caused by meeting cycle timelines. In more complex cases, an internal review may take longer.
- 3.4.3 Except where an external party has been appointed as reviewer, the IRCO will regularly inform the applicant of progress, either by email, letter or telephone. The IRCO will record all such contact in the *Section 270 Review Record of Investigation and Assessment of Resources* templates.
- 3.4.4 Where an external party has been appointed as the reviewer, the external party must inform the applicant of progress either directly (preferred) or if this is not possible, via the IRCO.

3.5 Assignment of Application to Reviewer

- 3.5.1 CEO, Director or Manager as reviewer
Where the decision was made by an Employee of Council (excluding the CEO), the IRCO and CEO or Deputy CEO will together determine who will be the reviewer. The appointment of a reviewer can be either an internal or external reviewed, so that they have no direct involvement in the decision and has the necessary expertise and capacity to support the review.
- The IRCO will meet with the reviewer as soon as possible after his or her appointment to discuss the initial investigation, completion of the *Assessment of Resources Schedule* and *Summary Investigation Report and Findings* and refer the reviewer to the overarching Policy and this Process.
- 3.5.2 Elected Body as reviewer
The Elected Body will be the reviewer when the decision being reviewed:
- was made by a Council Committee or the CEO and;
 - relates to civic and ceremonial matters and/or;
 - can potentially impact a significant proportion of people and/or stated policy positions of Council and/or;

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- would be assigned for internal review to an entity or person who would be otherwise conflicted and/or;
- in other circumstances as determined by the CEO or resolution of Council.

In this situation, the IRCO will undertake the practical steps of the internal review regarding facilitation and investigation and complete the supporting documentation outlined in paragraph 3.5.1 above, to present to the Elected Body for its consideration and decision as reviewer. Where the original decision was made by the Council or a Council Committee, the IRCO will do this in conjunction with the CEO or Deputy CEO in their absence.

Where a request for review has been referred to Council, the applicant will be advised of the date that the report will be presented to the Council and will be given the opportunity to provide a written or verbal submission in relation to the report for Council's consideration.

3.5.3 External Party as reviewer

Where the decision:

- is a decision of the Elected Body; and/or
- has industry-wide policy impact; and/or
- requires specialist knowledge but Employees with the specialist knowledge have an identified conflict of interest in the matter; and/or
- has significant political controversy

the IRCO will make recommendation to the CEO or Deputy CEO in their absence to refer the application to an expert party / panel together with an estimate of costs. The CEO or Deputy CEO their discretion will determine whether it is appropriate in the circumstances to appoint an external party / panel as reviewer, and approve the estimate of costs in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy and supporting processes.

Once the CEO or Deputy CEO has determined that this should occur, and confirmed the IRCO is authorised the expenditure to brief the experts, the IRCO can provide the necessary documentation to brief the expert party / panel.

The IRCO will be seeking a recommendation(s) from the expert party / panel which will then be referred back to the Elected Body for a final determination on the review.

The IRCO may consult with the Local Government Association to obtain the name or names of a recommended expert party or expert parties or panel and refer such for approval by the CEO, Deputy CEO or Elected Body.

3.6 **Review Considerations**

- 3.6.1 In carrying out an internal review of a decision, the reviewer will consider the merits of all the materials and information that were before the original decision-maker at the time of the decision and any additional relevant

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information or material provided by the applicant, or which has become available during the course of the review.

3.6.2 The reviewer will consider whether the original decision is legally and procedurally correct having regard to the following (where relevant and not restricted to), that the original:

- decision maker had the power to made the decision;
- decision maker considered all the matters which were relevant to the making of the decision at the time and did not take into account matters which were not relevant;
- decision maker did not exercise a discretion or power in bad faith, for an improper purpose or while subject to duress or the influence of another person;
- decision maker had no conflict of interest, bias or perceived bias;
- decision maker ensured that the findings of fact were based on evidence;
- decision was reasonable; and
- decision maker considered any relevant legislation, policies or processes.

The reviewer will also consider whether a different decision based on the evidence available or new evidence provided or found provides an improved outcome.

3.6.3 Refusal to consider an application

In addition to those matters which fall out of the scope of the overarching Internal Review of Council Decision Policy, Council or the CEO as the case may be is entitled under the *Local Government Act* to refuse to consider an application for review if:

- a) the application is made by a Council Employee and relates to an issue concerning his or her employment;
- b) it appears that the application is frivolous or vexatious; or
[Note that where a matter has been referred to the Local Government Association Mutual Liability Scheme (LGAMLS) in respect to a claim or potential claim against the Council or in response to a threat of legal action against the Council, an application for review of a decision in connection with that claim or action (including the decision to refer the matter to the LGAMLS) will be vexatious].
- c) the applicant does not have a sufficient interest in the matter; or
- d) the application for an internal review has been made later than 6 months from when the applicant was advised of the original decision - unless there are exceptional circumstances for Council, or the CEO as the case may be, to allow an internal review process.

Refusing an application for review will not be done lightly and reasons for the refusal will document the evidence on which a refusal is based.

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3.6.4 Providing Procedural Fairness

The reviewer will observe the principles of procedural fairness when undertaking the review so that:

- an applicant is entitled to put forward information and materials in support of the application for review;
- an applicant is informed of the proposed outcome of the review, has the opportunity to make submissions to the reviewer on the outcome and have these submissions taken into account; and
- the reviewer must not have a bias or perceived bias when undertaking the review.

3.6.5 Determination of review

When the reviewer is:

- the Elected Body – it should determine whether to affirm, vary or revoke the original decision;
- a Council Employee - they may determine whether to affirm, vary or revoke the original decision if authority to make the decision has been delegated to them. If the reviewer does not have a delegation enabling the making of the decision, then the reviewer should report the outcome of the review to the Elected Body (or delegate) for a determination as to whether the decision should be affirmed, varied or revoked;
- an external person or body –
 - if the original decision was made by the CEO, Council Committee Elected Body, then the external person or body should report their recommendation(s) from the review to the Elected Body for a determination as to whether the decision should be affirmed, varied or revoked.
 - If the original decision was made by an Employee or a person acting on behalf of Council who is not the CEO, and the power to make the original decision has been delegated by the Elected Body to the CEO, then the external person or body should report their recommendation(s) from the review to the CEO or Deputy CEO in their absence for a determination as to whether the decision should be affirmed, varied or revoked.

In the event that the power to make the original decision has not been delegated to the CEO (i.e. if it has been delegated to an Employee or Council officer directly etc.), or the CEO has a conflict of interest in the matter then the external person or body should report their recommendation(s) from the review to the Deputy CEO or Director who has been delegated the power to make the original decision for a determination as to whether the decision should be affirmed, varied or revoked.

Note: an external reviewer cannot vary or revoke a decision made by or on behalf of Council.

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3.6.6 Remedies

Remedies are available to the reviewer, if it is determined that the original decision was incorrect either legally, procedurally or meritoriously, or that an improved outcome can be determined, in terms of one or more as follows,:

- an explanation
- an admission of fault and, where reasonably practicable, a change of decision
- a recommended change to policy, process or practice*
note: any changes are ultimately a decision for the Council or CEO, depending on the relevant delegations. The reviewer should liaise with the CEO and/or ELT at the earliest opportunity to make them aware of any potential recommendation and discuss the impact on Council resources should the change be implemented.
- a correction of misleading records
- financial compensation including a refund of any fees
note: only the Elected Body and the CEO are authorised to offer financial compensation in cases where there is a loss that is considered substantial. This will only occur after consultation by the IRCO with the Local Government Association Mutual Liability Scheme at the earliest possible opportunity in the investigation.
- the waiving of a debt
- the remission of a penalty
- disciplinary action under the relevant Code of Conduct, where appropriate
- referral of a matter to an external agency for further investigation or prosecution if it involves allegations of fraud / corruption
- apology
note: where circumstances are such that it is not reasonably practicable to return the applicant to his/her original situation, or to rectify the outcome of the decision through application of the above remedies, it may only be possible for the reviewer to recommend that an apology be offered.

If an apology is required and then approved in a resolution by the Elected Body (as reviewer) or by the CEO (if a Director or Manager is the reviewer), it will be included within the determination letter and the applicant will be advised that appropriate action will be taken to prevent the problem from being repeated.

To support development of a potential remedy, the reviewer may recommend mediation, conciliation, or neutral evaluation.

3.6.7 Reporting decision of review to the applicant

Where the Elected Body is the reviewer, the IRCO on its behalf will:

- prepare the *Summary Investigation Report and Findings* and determination letter to reflect the resolution and forward it to the

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applicant within 5 days of the Council meeting and

- provide information about alternative remedies, including any rights of appeal, the right to seek an external review by the Ombudsman or to make a complaint to the Office for Public Integrity.

Where an Employee, including the CEO is the reviewer:

- the reviewer will use the relevant content of the *Summary Investigation Report and Findings* to draft a provisional determination letter and provide this to the IRCO to forward to the applicant with a request for a response for further feedback / new information within 10 business days; and
- if the applicant provides a response, the reviewer must take into consideration any new information, response or feedback provided.
- if the applicant provides no further information within that time, the IRCO will advise the reviewer so that they can confirm the provisional determination in writing, along with information about alternative remedies, including any rights of appeal, the right to seek an external review by the Ombudsman or to make a complaint to the Office for Public Integrity.

Where an external panel / body is the reviewer, the reviewer must provide their full draft report of their provisional determination to the applicant and allow a reasonable opportunity for the applicant to provide a response to the draft report, further feedback or any new information. Any response, further feedback or new information provided by the applicant should be considered by the external panel / body prior to issuing their final report.

Where there are legal or other reasons that warrant confidentiality in relation to the full draft report or *Summary of Investigation Report and Findings*, either in part or full, the reviewer will ensure that appropriate measures are taken including (but not limited to):

- redacting parts of the full draft report of the provisional determination, or the *Summary Investigation Report and Findings* (as the case may be) before providing it to the applicant;
- providing the full draft report of the provisional determination, or the *Summary Investigation Report and Findings* (as the case may be) to the applicant in confidence;
- not providing the full draft report of the provisional determination, or the *Summary Investigation Report and Findings* (as the case may be) to the applicant. However, the applicant must be informed of the provisional determination of their internal review application and allowed a reasonable opportunity to respond and/or provide further information in response to the provisional determination.

However, in taking appropriate measures, the reviewer must ensure that procedural fairness is observed in accordance with this Process and the Policy (see in particular paragraph 3.6.4 of this Process).

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3.7 After the Review**3.7.1 Updating the Register**

The IRCO will update the *Register of Section 270 Internal Reviews* in Council's EDRMS to include details of the application and the outcome of the review.

3.7.2 Reporting to the Executive Leadership Team

Any recommendations for service improvement agreed by the Council or CEO arising from an internal review process will be actioned by the IRCO to the relevant Director or CEO for implementation.

3.7.3 Reporting to the Elected Body

The Manager Corporate Services or delegate will prepare and submit to the Elected Body an annual report each July which includes the following information about internal review applications requested within the previous 12 months:

- a) the number of applications for review made;
- b) the kinds of matters to which the applications relate;
- c) the outcome of applications;
- d) a statement to quantify the resources used for each review and associated costs with an attached *Assessment of Resources Schedule*;
- e) a summary of how the outcomes have been used to improve Council's customer service, policies and processes; and
- f) such other matters as may be prescribed by the Regulations.

3.7.4 Reporting to the Community

The information outlined in paragraph 3.7.3 above will also be included in Council's Annual Report as required under the *Local Government Act*.

4 Training

- 4.1 Elected Members, Directors and Managers will receive training in this process during their induction and refresher training as required.

5 Documents to Implement Process

Written application to request an Internal Review

Confirmation of Receipt Template Section 270 Application - 15/36942

Section 270 Review of Investigation Template - 15/36965

Section 270 Assessment of Resources Template Section 270 Review -15/36965

Section 270 Summary Investigation Report and Findings Template -15/36963

Determination Letter Template - 15/36944

Annual Report Template Section 270 Review -15/37431

6 Legislation and References

Local Government Act Section 270

7 Review

- 7.1 This Process will be reviewed by the Document Control Officer in consultation with the relevant stakeholders, within four (4) years or more frequently if legislation or Council's need changes.

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8 Document Control

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	21/10/2015				
	17/09/2013	New Process			

9 Definitions

Alternative Dispute Resolution	Includes mediation, conciliation or neutral evaluation as defined in Section 271 of the <i>Local Government Act</i> .
Applicant	The party lodging the request for Internal Review. Examples include residents, ratepayers, members of a community group, users of Council facilities and visitors to the Council area.
Business Day	A day when the Council is normally open for business, i.e. Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays.
Council	The Barossa Council comprising the Mayor, Elected Members and Administration.
Decision	A position adopted by Council or its delegate after consideration of relevant information.
Decision-maker	Council or its Delegate responsible for the decision under Internal Review.
Delegate	A person or committee who has been given power by the Elected Body in an Instrument of Delegation to make a decision on behalf of the Elected Body.
Electronic Document and Records Management System	(EDRMS). An automated system used to manage the creation and management of physical and electronic documents and records, improving work-flow, and providing evidence of business activities.
Elected Body	The Mayor and Elected Members meeting in their decision-making capacity.
Employee	Includes a person employed directly by Council in a full time, part time or casual capacity (whether that position is permanent, voluntary or contractual).

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Executive Leadership Team (ELT)	ELT is the senior internal administrative committee comprising those appointed to a position of Director and the Chief Executive Officer.
External Review	A merits and/or process review by a person or an entity outside of The Barossa Council, eg the Ombudsman, of a decision that was made by the Elected Body or its delegate.
Internal Review	A merits and/or process review by a person or entity that is part of The Barossa Council, of a decision that was made by the Elected Body or its Delegate.
Internal Review Contact Officer	(IRCO). The initial point of contact for applicants seeking an internal review.
Merits Review	A process by which a person or body, other than the primary decision maker, reconsiders the facts, law and policy aspects of the original decision and determines the correct or preferable decision.
Process Review	A review of the correctness of the processes followed in making a decision.
Procedural Fairness	Is concerned with the procedures used by a decision-maker to reach the decision, rather than the actual outcome reached. It requires a fair and proper process be used when making a decision and due regard to a fair approach to those involved/impacted by a decision. The rules of procedural fairness require: • a hearing appropriate to the circumstances; • lack of bias; • evidence to support a decision; and • inquiry into matters in dispute.
Reviewer	The delegate responsible for conducting a review of a Council decision.
Worker	A person is a Worker if the person carries out work in any capacity for a person conducting a business or undertaking, including work as; a) An employee; or b) A contractor or sub-contractor; or c) An employee of a contractor or sub-contractor; or d) An employee of a labour hire company who has been assigned to work in the person's business or undertaking; or e) An outworker; or f) An apprentice or trainee; or g) A student gaining work experience; or h) A volunteer of Council; or i) A person of a prescribed class. [as defined in the WHS Act 2012 (7)].

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DEBATE REPORT

7.2 Corporate Services, Strategy and Innovation

7.2.1 ANNUAL CLOSURE OF COUNCIL OFFICES, LIBRARIES, BAROSSA VISITOR CENTRE AND DEPOT OVER THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PERIOD

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25/74523

PURPOSE

Each year Council endorses a limited closure period and skeleton service provision for the Nuriootpa Office, Nuriootpa Library and Branch Office/Libraries, Barossa Visitor Centre and Council Depots over the Christmas/New year period

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the operations of Council in accordance with the table provided at Attachment 1 over the 2025/26 Christmas/New Year period noting that the relevant services will be closed during the outlined periods but that arrangements for urgent, emergency and other after-hours support will be in place and that all services shall reopen with normal operating hours on Monday 5th January 2026, and;
- (2) Instructs the Chief Executive Officer to publish the amended operating hours in the local papers, relevant Council Facebook sites and on the website.

REPORT

In accordance with Council's historical policy position, Council operates basic services between Christmas and New Year, with staff taking accrued leave during this period. The table at Attachment 1 outlines the management of services during the holiday period.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Attachment 1 Office Opening Hours Over the Proposed Christmas-New Year Shut Down Period - 2025-2026 [!\[\]\(799877f5c2f906134441300079881630_img.jpg\) !\[\]\(2cdb4db9cae0d6ef949a960a952715f8_img.jpg\)](#)

Supporting references

Nil

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Community Plan



Creating a safe and connected community where people have access to sustainable services and service levels and infrastructure they need and feel a sense of belonging.

Strategic Outcome

- Our services and facilities are accessible.

Corporate Plan

CS9 Customers - Providing a consistent customer experience through the provision of accurate and professional customer service

Legislative Requirements

Local Government Act 1999

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

These statements are qualitative in nature and designed to provide an indication of Council's general position when deciding to take or retain risk in pursuit of its objectives.

1. SERVICE DELIVERY

Refers to the delivery of services to the community, which includes the systems and physical assets that enable provision of these services, including structures (such as roads, buildings and facilities) as well as IT infrastructure, plant, vehicles & other equipment.

Council provides services on standby as required for essential services, ensuring any risk issues are considered as appropriate for each service provided.

Resources will be maintained to ensure continuity of services for Council's Barossa Visitor Centre, Libraries and Council Depot services. Any significant events that Council needs to respond to and provide support, resources and rectify any assets, will be reported to Council as per previous incidents/events.

2. SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT

Relates to measures to preserve, protect and minimise impact on the natural environment, including sacred and indigenous lands, flora, fauna, heritage, water, waste, hazardous materials and pollution.

Nil

3. FINANCIAL

Refers to planning and control of Council's budget to align with the sustainable achievement of the desired outcomes articulated in its Community Plan.

The resources required for the existing service levels during the Christmas to New Year period are within the adopted budget.

4. PEOPLE

Relates to recruitment, retention, wellbeing and safety of employees and volunteers and engagement and management of contractors as well as the wellbeing and safety of the community.

Employees required to work during public holidays will be remunerated in accordance with relevant Award or Enterprise Agreement settings.

5. REPUTATION

Relates to policy, decisions, actions and circumstances that may cause Council to lose credibility with the community, ratepayers, key stakeholders, other levels of government and its own employees and contractors.

Nil

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Appropriate notices will be published in the local papers advising of the closures together with notices on Council's website, d'Vine advertisement, eNewsletter, social media platforms, messages on hold and Council noticeboards and offices.

Office / Sites Opening Hours – 2025-2026 Christmas/New Year Shut Down Period								
Council Operations – Daily Service Provision:		Nuriootpa Office	Nuriootpa Library	Tanunda Library	Lyndoch & Mt Pleasant Library	Works Depots	Barossa Visitor Centre	Barossa Regional Gallery
23/12/2025	Tuesday	Normal Operating Hours	Normal Operating Hours	Normal Operating Hours	Normal Operating Hours	Close at 12pm	Normal Operating Hours	Normal Operating Hours
24/12/2025	Wednesday Christmas Eve: 7pm to Midnight	Close at 3pm	Close at 3pm	Close at 3pm	Close at 3pm	Emergencies & essential maintenance available. Out of hours service provided.	Close at 3pm	Close at 3pm
25/12/2025	Thursday Public Holiday	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Emergencies & essential maintenance available. Out of hours service provided.	Closed	Closed
26/12/2025	Friday Public Holiday	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Emergencies & essential maintenance available. Out of hours service provided.	Open 10am – 4pm	Closed
27/12/2025	Saturday	Closed	Open 9.30am – 12.30pm	Closed	Closed	Emergencies & essential maintenance available. Out of hours service provided.	Open 9am – 4pm	Closed
28/12/2025	Sunday	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Emergencies & essential maintenance available. Out of hours service provided.	Open 10am – 4pm	Closed
29/12/2025	Monday	Closed	Open 9.00am – 4.00pm	Closed	Closed	Emergencies & essential maintenance available. Out of hours service provided.	Open 9am – 5pm	Closed
30/12/2025	Tuesday	Closed	Open 9.00am – 4.00pm	Closed	Closed	Emergencies & essential maintenance available. Out of hours service provided.	Open 9am – 5pm	Closed
31/12/2025	Wednesday	Closed	Open 9.00am – 4.00pm	Closed	Closed	Emergencies & essential maintenance available. Out of hours service provided.	Open 9am – 5pm	Closed
1/01/2026	Thursday Public Holiday	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Emergencies & essential maintenance available. Out of hours service provided.	Open 10am – 4pm	Closed
2/01/2026	Friday	Closed	Open 9.00am – 4.00pm	Closed	Closed	Emergencies & essential maintenance available. Out of hours service provided.	Open 9am – 5pm	Closed

DEBATE REPORT

7.2 Corporate Services, Strategy and Innovation

7.2.2 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

Author: Senior Accountant
25/78256

PURPOSE

The monthly finance update report as at 30 September 2025 provides information on the financial position and performance of the Council, including notes on material trends and transactions.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the monthly finance update report as at 30 September 2025, as provided in Attachment 1.

REPORT

The monthly finance report as at 30 September 2025 is at Attachment 1. This report has been prepared comparing the year-to-date actuals at the end of the period, to the original adopted 2025-2026 budget.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Attachment 1 Monthly Finance Report Council September 2025  

Supporting references

Nil

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Corporate Plan

BS6 Finance - Provision of financial and budgetary accounting services, treasury and investment services, management reporting, reconciliation and taxation services, asset accounting, internal control, accounts payable and receivable services

Legislative Requirements

Nil

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

These statements are qualitative in nature and designed to provide an indication of Council's general position when deciding to take or retain risk in pursuit of its objectives.

1. SERVICE DELIVERY

Refers to the delivery of services to the community, which includes the systems and physical assets that enable provision of these services, including structures (such as roads, buildings and facilities) as well as IT infrastructure, plant, vehicles & other equipment.

Monthly monitoring of financial performance ensures Council is in a position to ensure budget and expenditure are aligned to meet approved levels of service.

2. SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT

Relates to measures to preserve, protect and minimise impact on the natural environment, including sacred and indigenous lands, flora, fauna, heritage, water, waste, hazardous materials and pollution.

Nil

3. FINANCIAL

Refers to planning and control of Council's budget to align with the sustainable achievement of the desired outcomes articulated in its Community Plan.

To enable Council to make effective and strategic decisions, a high-level monthly finance report is provided for Councils noting.

4. PEOPLE

Relates to recruitment, retention, wellbeing and safety of employees and volunteers and engagement and management of contractors as well as the wellbeing and safety of the community.

Nil

5. REPUTATION

Relates to policy, decisions, actions and circumstances that may cause Council to lose credibility with the community, ratepayers, key stakeholders, other levels of government and its own employees and contractors.

Nil

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community consultation was undertaken as part of the original budget adoption process for 2025-2026, as required by the relevant legislation. This report is advising Council of the monthly finance position compared to that budget.

MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

AS AT 30 September 2025

For Year Ending 30 June 2026

	Notes	% Actual Expenditure to Original Budget	Original Budget (Full-Year) \$'000	Actual Result (Year-to-Date) \$'000
Uniform Presentation of Finances				
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:				
		<i>Operating</i>		
Operating revenue			52,900	43,373
Less: Operating expenses		23.51%	(53,078)	(12,477)
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)			(178)	30,896
CAPITAL ACTIVITIES:				
Net Outlays on Existing Assets				
		<i>Capital</i>		
Capital expenditure on renewal and replacement of existing	1	3.11%	(21,999)	(685)
Add back: Depreciation, amortisation & impairment			11,615	2,904
Add back: Proceeds from sale of replaced assets			344	0
Subtotal			(10,040)	2,219
Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets				
Capital Expenditure on new and upgraded assets	1	9.38%	(22,717)	(2,130)
Add back: Amounts received specifically for new and upgraded assets			5,623	943
Subtotal			982	(1,187)
Net Lending/(Borrowing) for the Financial Year				
			(9,236)	31,928
Total % Capital Budget Spent		6.30%		

NOTES

1) 2025-2026 capital expenditure to end of September includes:	\$'000
- Nurioopta waste water treatment plan	894.00
- Computer hardware refresh - replacement	346.70
- Computer hardware refresh - completion of prior contract	272.79
- Creative Industries Centre	228.68
- Road resealing	202.44
- Barossa Park	146.90
- Footpath renewal	46.33
- Minor Plant Renewal	35.41
- Kegal club rebuild	10.60
- CWMS Network pump stations renewal	10.07

DEBATE REPORT

7.3 Infrastructure and Environmental Services

7.3.1 STATE BICYCLE FUND - NOTIFICATION OF GRANT FUNDING

**Author: Director Infrastructure and Environmental Services
25/77980**

PURPOSE

That approval be provided for the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to sign and seal the Funding Deed under State Bicycle Fund between the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport and The Barossa Council as relates to the Mount Pleasant Bike Path.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council provide approval for the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to affix the seal and sign the Funding Deed from the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport for the purpose of undertaking the Mount Pleasant Bike Path Project.

REPORT

Summary and Conclusion

The State Bicycle Fund has advised that Council has been successful in its grant funding application for \$100,000 to create a shared-use path linking Adelaide Hills Council and The Barossa Council.

The 3km of 2.5m wide shared use path will be constructed along the disused rail corridor between Birdwood and Mount Pleasant, including a 500m section of shoulder seal between Seagers Road and Cricks Mill Road. The funding supplements the budget allocation of \$100,000 approved in the 2025-26 Annual Business Plan and Budget. The project creates a strategic cycling connection to facilitate future investment in the project creates a strategic cycling connection to the Amy Gillet Track and Mount Pleasant

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Attachment 1 Funding Deed under Sate Bicycle Fund - Mount Pleasant Bike Path [↓](#)


Supporting references

Nil

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Community Plan



Our Places

Our places and spaces enhance the liveability, retain rural and regional character and diversity of our communities.

Strategic Outcome

- We have connected transport infrastructure and networks.
- We plan for and deliver infrastructure to enhance our places.
- Our places are planned, managed, and sustainable.

Corporate Plan

CS3 Assets - Planning, construction, maintenance and operation of Council's assets (Transport, Bridges, Community Wastewater Management System, Community, Cultural, Recreation and Stormwater)

Legislative Requirements

Nil

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

These statements are qualitative in nature and designed to provide an indication of Council's general position when deciding to take or retain risk in pursuit of its objectives.

1. SERVICE DELIVERY

Refers to the delivery of services to the community, which includes the systems and physical assets that enable provision of these services, including structures (such as roads, buildings and facilities) as well as IT infrastructure, plant, vehicles & other equipment.

Increases the service level from an unsealed surface bike track to sealed and will connect the recently completed Amy Gillet extension to Mount Pleasant.

2. SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT

Relates to measures to preserve, protect and minimise impact on the natural environment, including sacred and indigenous lands, flora, fauna, heritage, water, waste, hazardous materials and pollution.

Nil

3. FINANCIAL

Refers to planning and control of Council's budget to align with the sustainable achievement of the desired outcomes articulated in its Community Plan.

There is no cash impact on the short-term budget from this matter the receipt of the grant levers up funds already allocated to get a sealed surface. There will be a minor impact on depreciation approximately \$2,500 per annum and future maintenance costs of \$500 per annum and this will be factored into the quarter one budget review at which time an

update long term financial plan will also be provided due to a number of material changes to the forward estimates.

4. PEOPLE

Relates to recruitment, retention, wellbeing and safety of employees and volunteers and engagement and management of contractors as well as the wellbeing and safety of the community.

Nil

5. REPUTATION

Relates to policy, decisions, actions and circumstances that may cause Council to lose credibility with the community, ratepayers, key stakeholders, other levels of government and its own employees and contractors.

Nil

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The project was approved as a part of the annual business plan process and as a result had significant community consultation.

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FUNDING DEED under STATE BICYCLE FUND

Mount Pleasant Bike Path

\$100,000

Between

MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT
(Minister)

And

THE COUNCIL NAMED IN THE SCHEDULE
(Council)

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DEED dated the day of

PARTIES:

MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT, a body corporate pursuant to the *Administrative Arrangements Act 1994*.....(**Minister**)

And

THE COUNCIL NAMED IN THE SCHEDULE a body corporate under the *Local Government Act 1999*.....(**Council**)

It is agreed:

1. **FUNDING**

- 1.1 Subject to this deed, the Minister will pay the Council up to the amount of money specified in the Schedule (**Funding**).
- 1.2 The Council must only use the Funding for the **Purpose** set out in clause 3 of the Schedule.
- 1.3 For the purposes of this deed, the **Funding Period** is the period commencing on the Start Date and, subject to funding being available, will continue until the End Date. The **Start Date** and **End Date** are set out in the Schedule.
- 1.4 The Funding is payable by way of a lump sum in accordance with the Schedule. During the Funding Period, the Council is entitled in accordance with the conditions set out in the Schedule to invoice the Minister for the payment of the Funding.
- 1.5 At the end of the Funding Period the Council must provide a report on the level of any unexpended Funding.
- 1.6 The Council must repay any part of the Funding which is unexpended at the end of the Funding Period to the Minister unless the Minister gives written approval for the Council to retain the money.
- 1.7 The Council must pay at least fifty per cent of the total cost of the works undertaken for the Purpose.

Unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Minister, if by the end of the Funding Period, the total cost of the works for the Purpose is less than double the amount of the grant (GST Exclusive) then in addition to repaying any unexpended Funding, the Council must repay to the Minister the difference between the amount of the Funding and a half of the actual cost of the works.

2. **GST**

- 2.1 In addition to any amounts payable by the Grantor as part of the Funding (**Base Payment**), the grantor must, if in relation to a Taxable Supply for which the grantor has received a Tax Invoice, pay to the Council an additional amount (**GST Payment**) calculated by multiplying the Base Payment by the rate at which GST is levied at the time of this deed.
 - 2.2 The GST Payment is payable at the same time and subject to the same conditions as the Base Payment. "*Taxable supply*", "*GST*" and "*Tax Invoice*" have the meaning attributed under the *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999*.
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3. ADMINISTRATION OF DEED

- 3.1 Any power or discretion exercisable by the Minister under this deed may be exercised by the person (**Minister's Representative**) for the time being in the position within the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (**Department**) set out in the Schedule.
- 3.2 Any power or discretion exercisable by the Council under this deed may be exercised by the person (**Council's Representative**) for the time being in the position within the Council set out in the Schedule.

4. PROVISION OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- 4.1 The Council must provide the Minister with appropriate and regular information, records and reports as the Minister may request from time to time about:
 - 4.1.1 the administration and financial affairs of the Council;
 - 4.1.2 the progress of and any change to the authorised scope of the Purpose;
 - 4.1.3 any significant changes to the nature and scope of the activities conducted by the Council;
 - 4.1.4 any other matter relevant to the granting of assistance;
 - 4.1.5 any other funding or financial assistance promised or received from any source other than the Minister;
 - 4.1.6 the Council's management of the Funding, including, but not limited to, the economic and efficient use of resources to achieve the outcomes of the Purpose; and
 - 4.1.7 the performance of the Council's undertakings and obligations under this deed.
- 4.2 The information provided by the Council must be sufficient for the Minister to make an informed judgement about:
 - 4.2.1 the Council's ongoing financial position and its resources and expertise in relation to the Purpose;
 - 4.2.2 the Council's performance in managing public moneys, acquiring, and using resources economically and efficiently and in achieving specified objectives in relation to the Purpose;
 - 4.2.3 the overall effectiveness of the Funding throughout the Funding Period;
 - 4.2.4 compliance with legislation and generally accepted accounting principles; and
 - 4.2.5 compliance with the Council's constitution and the conditions of this deed.
- 4.3 The Council must permit any officer authorised by the Minister:
 - 4.3.1 to enter the Council's premises and to have access to all accounting records, equipment, documents, and information in possession of the Council; and
 - 4.3.2 to interview employees of the Council on matters pertaining to the operations of the Council.

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5. OBLIGATIONS OF THE COUNCIL

The Council must:

- 5.1 ensure that any works undertaken towards the Purpose are undertaken in accordance with (and to the standard required by) any applicable Standards published by Austroads and Standards Australia Limited;
(all bicycle facilities must be planned, designed, and constructed in accordance with Austroads guidelines, AS 1742.9 – Manual of uniform Traffic Control Devices Part 9: Bicycle Facilities, and South Australia's Active Travel Design Guide – current version);
- 5.2 maintain accounting records of the Funding in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
- 5.3 ensure that any activity carried out by the Council in connection with the Council's use of the Funding complies with the laws from time to time in force in South Australia;
- 5.4 comply with its constitution;
- 5.5 comply with the reporting requirements set out in the Schedule;
- 5.6 prepare financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards at the end of the Funding Period and submit the financial statements, signed by a senior office holder of the Council, to the Minister no later than one calendar month after the expiry of the Funding Period; and
- 5.7 where requested by the Minister, provide to the Department management accounts, annual reports, financial statements and any other information or documents relevant to the Council's operations.

6. TERMINATION

- 6.1 If the Council fails to comply with this deed, the Minister may:
 - 6.1.1 require the Council to repay either the whole or a portion of the Funding (whether expended or not);
 - 6.1.2 withhold all future funding from the Council;
 - 6.1.3 pursue any legal rights or remedies which may be available to the Minister; and
 - 6.1.4 terminate or curtail any program or project conducted by the Minister of which the Purpose conducted by the Council is part.
- 6.2 The Minister may review any decision made pursuant to this clause if the Council is able to satisfy the Minister within a period of 30 days from the decision that the Council has complied with the conditions of this deed.
- 6.3 Nothing in this deed is to be taken to limit the Minister's discretion to determine whether and how any program or project of the Minister is to be conducted, except if and to the extent that the Minister gives an express undertaking in that regard.

7. INSURANCE

The Council warrants that it is a member of the Local Government Association Mutual Liability Scheme (**Scheme**) and is bound by the Scheme pursuant to section 142 and Schedule 1, Part 2 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) (**Act**) and in the event that the Council ceases to be a member of the Scheme it will forthwith, pursuant to Section 142(1) of the Act and the regulations under that Act, take out and maintain insurance

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to cover its civil liabilities at a minimum level of cover of AUD \$50 million.

8. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The Council acknowledges that the Funding represents a one-off contribution by the Minister towards the Purpose, and the Council agrees that any request for subsequent funding will require a new application to the Minister.

The Minister is under no obligation to agree to pay any subsequent funding to the Council.

The Council further acknowledges and agrees that the Minister will not be liable to reimburse the Council for any losses (or cost over runs) that may result from the operation of this Agreement or the carrying out of the Purpose or a Project.

9. **INDEMNITY**

The Council acknowledges and agrees that it remains at all times solely responsible for the conduct of the Purpose and any Project and it releases and indemnifies the Minister, the Commissioner of Highways and the Crown in right of the State of South Australia together with their employees, contractors and agents (**those indemnified**) from and against any loss or liability incurred or suffered by any of those indemnified as a result of any claim, suit, demand, action or proceeding brought by any person against any of those indemnified in respect of the works to carry out the Purpose and/or a Project or otherwise caused by any breach or default of the Council under this Agreement.

10. **AUDIT**

The Minister may direct the Council to arrange for the financial accounts relating to the Funding to be audited at the Council's expense. The Minister may specify the minimum qualifications to be held by a person appointed to conduct the audit.

11. **ASSIGNMENT**

The Council must not assign, novate, or encumber any of its rights or obligations under this deed.

12. **PUBLICITY**

The Council must not make or permit a public announcement or media release to be made about any aspect of this deed without first obtaining the Minister's consent.

13. **CONSENT**

If the Council requires the Minister's consent under this deed, the Minister may, in its absolute discretion, give or withhold its consent and if giving consent, the Minister may impose any condition on that consent that it considers appropriate. The Minister's consent will not be effective unless it is in writing and signed.

14. **ENTIRE DEED**

This deed incorporates any attached schedules and annexures. This deed contains the entire agreement between the parties with respect to its subject matter and supersedes any prior agreement, understanding or representation of the parties on the subject matter.

15. **PROPER LAW**

The laws in force in South Australia apply to this deed.

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16. JURISDICTION OF COURTS

The courts of South Australia have non-exclusive jurisdiction to determine any proceeding in relation to this deed. Any proceeding brought in a Federal Court must be instituted in (and remain with) the Adelaide Registry of that Federal Court.

17. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

The Council must comply with the laws in force in South Australia in the course of performing its obligations under this deed.

18. NOTICES

A notice is properly given or served if the party delivers it by hand, posts it or transmits it by electronic mail or facsimile, to the address of the Representative of the other party. A notice is taken to be received:

- 18.1 if sent by post, at the time it would have been delivered in the ordinary course of the post to the address to which it was sent;
- 18.2 if sent by electronic mail, only in the event that the sender receives confirmation that the e-mail has been successfully transmitted to the correct e-mail address; or
- 18.3 if delivered by hand, the party who sent the notice holds a receipt for the notice signed by a person employed at the physical address for service.

19. PERFORMANCE AND FUTURE PROPOSALS

The satisfactory completion of the works for the Purpose and on-going compliance with reporting obligations, may be taken into account as a factor in assessing any future applications by the Council for funding under the State Bicycle Fund.

20. WAIVER

Any waiver of any provision of this deed is ineffective unless it is in writing and signed by the party waiving its rights. A waiver by either party in respect of a breach of a provision of this deed by the other party is not a waiver in respect of any other breach of that or any other provision. The failure of either party to enforce any of the provisions of this deed at any time must not be interpreted as a waiver of that provision.

21. VARIATION

Any variation of this deed must be in writing and signed by each party (or its Representative).

Any request by the Council for agreement to vary the Funding or the Purpose must be accompanied by sufficient details explaining the reasons for the requested variation to enable the Minister to have regard to its merits.

22. READING DOWN AND SEVERANCE

In the event that any provision (or portion of any provision) of this deed is held to be unenforceable or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions (or portions of such provisions) of this deed shall not be adversely affected.

The offending provision or part of a provision shall be read down to the extent necessary to give it legal effect or shall be severed if it cannot be read down, and the remaining part and provisions of this deed shall remain in full force and effect.

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23. **AUDITOR GENERAL**

Nothing in this deed derogates from the powers of the Auditor-General under the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* (South Australia). Without limiting this clause, the Council acknowledges the Auditor General's obligations and powers under sections 32 and 34 of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* (South Australia).

24. **PUBLIC DISCLOSURE**

The Minister may disclose this deed and/or information relating to this deed in both printed or electronic form and either generally to the public or to a particular person as a result of a specific request. Nothing in this clause derogates from the Council's obligations under any provision of this deed or the provisions of the *Freedom of Information Act, 1991*.

25. **ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS**

The additional conditions set out in the Schedule (if any) form part of this deed.

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EXECUTED as a DEED

**THE COMMON SEAL of the
MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
AND TRANSPORT**

was affixed on:

(Date above)

in the presence of:

Witness Signature:.....

Print name:.....

By the Council

**THE COMMON SEAL of the
COUNCIL NAMED IN THE SCHEDULE**

on:.....

(Insert date above)

by:

.....

Chief Executive Officer

.....

(print name above)

and:

.....

Principal Member of Council

.....

(print name above)

KNet Reference: #23865033

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SCHEDULE

1. THE COUNCIL

Legal Name: The Barossa Council
Trading Name: The Barossa Council
Site Address: 43-51 Tanunda Road, NURIOOTPA SA 5355
Postal Address: 43-51 Tanunda Road, NURIOOTPA SA 5355
ABN: 47 749 871 215

2. REPRESENTATIVES

Minister's Representative		Council's Representative	
Name:	Mr Daniel Osborne	Name:	Mr Ben Clark
Position:	Manager, Transport Planning	Position:	Director Infrastructure and Environmental Services
Address:	Level 7, 83 Pirie Street, ADELAIDE SA 5000	Address:	43-51 Tanunda Road, NURIOOTPA SA 5355
Telephone:	7133 2576	Telephone:	(08) 8563 8444
E-mail:	Daniel.Osborne@sa.gov.au	E-mail:	bclark@barossa.sa.gov.au

3. PURPOSE

The Funding is provided for the Purpose of the Council undertaking (within the Funding Period) the **Projects** described below (and in the proposal and plans attached to this deed) in accordance with (and to the standard required by) any applicable Standards published by Austroads and Standards Australia Limited.

Description of Projects

Mount Pleasant Bike Path - Construct 3 kilometres of 2.5-metre-wide shared use path through disused rail corridor between Randell Road/Torrens Valley Road, Birdwood and Seagers Road/Torrens Valley Road, Mt Pleasant. Construct 500 metres of 1.5-metre-wide shoulder seal between Seagers Road and Cricks Mill Road, Mt Pleasant. (\$100,000)

4. FUNDING PERIOD

Start Date: 01 July 2025
End Date: 30 June 2026

5. FUNDING

Amount (AUD): \$100,000 (GST exclusive)

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6. MANNER & CONDITIONS OF PAYMENT**Limit on payments**

The Funding of \$100,000 (GST exclusive) is the maximum total amount the Minister may be liable to pay the Council under this deed.

Invoice

The Minister is **not** obligated to pay an invoice unless properly rendered. An invoice is properly rendered if it:

- (a) is issued in respect of a payment for which the Council is entitled to invoice for under this deed;
- (b) quotes the relevant purchase order number allocated by the Minister;
- (c) reflects the correct amount for payment under this deed; and
- (d) is a valid Tax Invoice in accordance with GST Law.

Payment Term

Provided that the total amount of the Funding has not been (or will be) exceeded, the Minister must pay the amount of a properly rendered invoice for the Funding within 30 days of receiving the Council's invoice.

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7. **ADDITIONAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Report (Title)	Frequency (By when)	Requirements (Information and applicable standard)
Project Report	31 January 2026 and 30 April 2026 or 7 days from request.	- The progress of the Project and scheduling of works. - Updated Expenditure forecasts during the term of the funding period - The management of the Funding (i.e., break down of expenditure of the Funding). - Any changes to the authorised scope of the Project. - Any significant changes to the nature and scope of the activities conducted by the Council. - Any operational matters requested from time to time by the Minister for inclusion in the Project Report.
Financial Statements (As referred to in clause 5)	Within 30 days from the expiry of the Funding Period.	Financial Statements prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards setting out in detail the Council's expenditure of the Funding (with invoices attached from any contractors engaged for the Purpose) and signed by a senior office holder of the Council.

8. **SPECIAL CONDITIONS****Alteration to DIT Roads or other Assets**

If the Project requires any traffic management, alteration to (or effect on) a road or other asset that is under the care, control, and management of (or is otherwise the responsibility of) the Commissioner of Highways or is the responsibility of the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (**DIT**), the Council must seek the written approval of the appropriate DIT Regional Manager prior to commencing any work.

Traffic Control Devices

The installation of Traffic Control Devices must comply with the requirements outlined in the Manual of Legal Responsibilities and Technical Requirements for Traffic Control devices – Part 2 – Code of Technical Requirement (current version).

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DEBATE REPORT

7.3 Infrastructure and Environmental Services

7.3.2 WILLIAMSTOWN QUEEN VICTORIA JUBILEE PARK - SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS - TREE REMOVAL STAGE 2

**Author: Director Infrastructure and Environmental Services
25/78098**

PURPOSE

Following the urgent removal of trees in September 2024 to address an immediate risk, and subsequent site visit a second stage of tree removal is now required along with additional budget to undertake the works.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- (1) Approve the removal of the next block of pines as identified as Stage 2 in Attachment 1.
- (2) Approve additional budget of \$60,000 to undertake tree removals.

REPORT

Background

On the night of Saturday, 14 September 2024 a large pine tree failed at the rear of the Williamstown Caravan Park and caused significant damage to assets. Importantly no one was injured in this incident.

To address the most critical risk exposure we isolated people and assets from the highest risk areas, the Caravan Park, as quickly as possible through relocation or other arrangements and urgently removed approximately 30-50 trees in the location outlined as Stage 1 in the map at Attachment 1 at a cost of \$79,800.00. The decision to remove the trees was made by the Chief Executive Officer after consulting the Mayor as contemplated by Section 58(1)(f) of the Local Government Act 1999.

As an immediate response to the failure on 14 September an inspection of all the trees was undertaken identifying further risks and works that would be required. Post Stage 1 removals a number of caravan park sites, were to remain closed due to the risk of further failures as set out in the report in Attachment 2

Discussion

Whilst the above action resolved the most urgent of the safety matters and the Caravan Park returned to normal operations, areas that are used less and present slightly lower risk remain unavailable, and access is restricted namely in the 8-10 overflow sites between the ablution block and the current clubrooms.

The access and use to the clubrooms are considered currently a reasonable risk due to the transient nature of utilisation.

Due to the ongoing restrictions that remain in place for a section of the Caravan Park and in order to enable the sites to return to being active the removal of Stage 2 trees is required to be undertaken.

Officers have received feedback from the Caravan Park seeking the tree removal works to be undertaken, particularly in the lead up to the peak tourist season to enable to re-opening of the closed sites.

Officers have undertaken a request for quote process to determine the financial costings of undertaking the works and have been able to source an extremely competitive price that will require an increase to the budget for this specific project of \$60,000.

Summary and Conclusion

Monitoring of the trees has been undertaken and appropriate risk mitigation with the closing of the specific caravan park sites has been undertaken, it is starting to impact the operations of the caravan park and the risk of the tree failure still exists. As a result Officers are seeking an additional \$60,000 to be added to the budget to undertake the Stage 2 tree removal works.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

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|--------------|---|
| Attachment 1 | Williamstown Queen Victoria Jubilee Park - Oval - tree removal - Stage - Map ↓  |
| Attachment 2 | Williamstown Queen Victoria Jubilee Caravan and Recreation Park - Pines Trees - Report - Treevolution - 24 September 2024 ↓  |

Supporting references

Nil

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Community Plan



Supporting a sustainable Barossa.

Strategic Outcome

- We support actions that manage our environment for future generations.



Our places and spaces enhance the liveability, retain rural and regional character and diversity of our communities.

Strategic Outcome

- Our places are planned, managed, and sustainable.

Corporate Plan

CS3 Assets - Planning, construction, maintenance and operation of Council's assets (Transport, Bridges, Community Wastewater Management System, Community, Cultural, Recreation and Stormwater)

Legislative Requirements

Nil

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

These statements are qualitative in nature and designed to provide an indication of Council's general position when deciding to take or retain risk in pursuit of its objectives.

1. SERVICE DELIVERY

Refers to the delivery of services to the community, which includes the systems and physical assets that enable provision of these services, including structures (such as roads, buildings and facilities) as well as IT infrastructure, plant, vehicles & other equipment.

As it currently stands the ability for the Caravan to operate at full capacity is limited due to the risk of failure. Also addresses prior report that indicates this canopy is at unacceptable risk to people and assets.

2. SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT

Relates to measures to preserve, protect and minimise impact on the natural environment, including sacred and indigenous lands, flora, fauna, heritage, water, waste, hazardous materials and pollution.

While the trees in question are mature, none are native and Council will look to revegetate the area appropriately over the coming years.

3. FINANCIAL

Refers to planning and control of Council's budget to align with the sustainable achievement of the desired outcomes articulated in its Community Plan.

An increase to Council's underlying operating deficit of \$60,000 from \$177,546 to \$237,546 for the 2025-26 financial year.

A full review of the budget and long-term financial plan, due to a number of material changes that have occurred since the budget was adopted will be undertaken and tabled with Council at the November meeting.

4. PEOPLE

Relates to recruitment, retention, wellbeing and safety of employees and volunteers and engagement and management of contractors as well as the wellbeing and safety of the community.

Nil

5. REPUTATION

Relates to policy, decisions, actions and circumstances that may cause Council to lose credibility with the community, ratepayers, key stakeholders, other levels of government and its own employees and contractors.

If the trees were to fail and injure or damage person or property Council would be at significant reputational and financial risk.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Nil





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1.0 INTRODUCTION

BACKGROUND

A recent tree failure at the eastern end of the Williamstown Caravan Park has caused significant damage to a caravan and vehicle of guests utilising the facility. The tree was one of more than 250 trees currently located on the northern side of the oval and caravan park areas.

Due to the trees failure and damage caused, a full assessment and report is required to determine the health and structure of the remaining trees as well as the level of risk currently posed to property and persons utilising the caravan park and recreation grounds.

ASSIGNMENT

Verbal instructions were received on Monday the 16th of September 2024, and an inspection of the remaining trees was undertaken on the same day. A more detailed assessment was conducted on Monday the 23rd of September 2024.

The tree failure event was reported to occur on Sunday the 15th of September.

The instructions requested:

An assessment of the remaining tree's structural stability and their failure potential, including the provision of an accurate risk assessment clearly identifying the overall level of risk.

An assessment to provide recommendations with regard to future management of the pine trees on the northern side of the oval and caravan park area.

LIMITS OF THE ASSIGNMENT/INVESTIGATION

A complete analysis of the structural integrity of the upper crown was not undertaken. Therefore, the report is limited to those details available and visible at the time of inspection from the ground only, a climbing inspection was not requested for the purposes of this investigation.

2.0 OBSERVATIONS

CONTEXT

The trees subject to this report are the mature Monterey pine (*Pinus radiata*) located along the northern boundary of the Williamstown Caravan and Recreation Park. The area beneath the trees supports the caravan park and its amenities buildings, sports clubhouse building, car parking area and local sports ground further south.

The immediate area supports a mixture of tall, mature, locally indigenous and introduced trees situated throughout the Council owned and managed recreation park.



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The prevailing wind direction is south westerly, and strong northerly winds occur regularly in the warmer months (November – March). Local wind events that arise in the east are also common during the summer months and create the typical ‘gully breeze’ effect in the late afternoon periods.

The trees have been closely planted along an embankment on northern side of the caravan park and clubhouse building approximately 60 to 80 years ago with the anecdotal intention of harvesting the trees upon maturity in an era when such plantings of this species were common and commercially viable.

METHODOLOGY

The site inspection comprised a Visual Tree Assessment undertaken at ground level and the following tree attributes were assessed:

- Species
- Height (m)
- Crown spread
- Approximate age
- Condition of health and structure
- Defects and diseases
- Proximity of adjacent features and targets

SITE AND TREE ASSESSMENT

The trees have been planted along the northern boundary of the park area running east west in a row that has a width of 60 metres at its central widest point and 10 metres at its narrowest points that being the far east and west ends of the group that extends from the western end of the oval up to Victoria Creek on the eastern end of the caravan park.

The planting site is a relatively steep embankment that has informal walking tracks winding through the group of trees as well as vehicle access tracks, sports clubhouse and the caravan park area directly south of the trees. The far western end of the embankment also supports mature locally indigenous and other introduced species of trees.

The group display typical attributes of this species and age of trees in a close planting arrangement with the tree height of the more dominant trees exceeding 30 metres and crown spreads ranging from 4 metres for the smaller internal trees to over 16 metres on the larger trees located on the periphery of the group. Stem diameters varied throughout the group with circumferences ranging from over 3 metres on the larger trees to 0.7 metres on the smaller internal trees with the majority of trees having an average circumference of 1.5 metres measured at 1 metre above ground level.



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The area immediately below the trees is typical dense pine needles with winter grasses reaching a height of 30 cm.

The close planting arrangement along with the age and size of the trees leads way for competition for nutrients, water and light meaning smaller trees located internally in the group show a smaller, suppressed form whilst the larger more dominant trees display positive phototropism meaning they develop a crown form that exploits and extends into open spatial areas often developing a curved stem that supports an asymmetrical crown form.

The health of the trees as a group can be considered fair to good with the exception of a number of suppressed, smaller internally planted trees that show a decline in health or are dead. A small number of the larger trees show some form of crown dieback however the majority of the group display good foliage density, colour and size particularly the trees located on the edges of the group.

Each tree was inspected for structural instability that is typically evident in the form of soil heave around the base of the tree indicating movement of the tree's root plate. No evidence of soil heave was observed at the time of inspection.

Tree stumps are evident throughout the group likely to be from trees that have died and fallen or been removed.

The close planting arrangement of the trees means the crowns of the individual trees form a larger collective canopy that is formed by the forces that act upon it and forms a structure to withstand predominant wind forces.

Large diameter branch dieback and in this case, tree failures are considered to alter the aerodynamics of the adjacent trees. A tree crown is formed by the forces that act upon it and forms a structure to withstand predominant wind forces.

When tree dieback and failures alter the collective canopy structure, the remaining trees may be vulnerable as they experience different wind patterns to which they were previously subjected too. According to Matheny and Clark (1994) it is during this transition period that failure rates MAY increase, which provides some explanation as to why some altered trees continue to drop branches and adjacent trees can experience total tree failure.

The far eastern end of the group directly adjacent to the caravan park area is a narrowly planted row of just two trees wide and is the site of the recent tree failure. Multiple tree stumps in this immediate area show a history of trees being removed likely from a decline in health or death. Insect activity can be observed in a stump adjacent to the recent failure site and in some of the remaining structural root remnants at the site of the recently failed tree.

Due to the recent total tree failure on the eastern end of the group and the adjacent previously removed trees the immediate area has a heavily altered collective canopy structure significantly increasing the potential for further branch and tree failure.



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The recent tree failure and previous removals of adjacent trees on the eastern end of the group of trees will have an impact on adjacent tree stability due to the decrease in mass damping that the failed and removed trees previously afforded the remainder of the adjacent trees. Recent studies of trees have indicated that the morphology of a tree and the dynamic interaction of branches can influence the damping response in winds. Branches on trees act as coupled masses and in winds develop a mass damping effect which helps distribute, reduce, and dissipate the wind energy (James 2014).

The reduction in this mass damping effect, by the failed tree and removal of trees in the immediate area increases the wind load on the exposed remaining trees and their branches significantly increasing their failure potential.

Due to the absence of the failed and removed trees apparent within the eastern end of the group, the surrounding trees could be deemed to pose an unacceptable risk to the public, due to the cumulative alteration in the collective canopy.

The trees identified in this report have formed a large single canopy structure that has developed in line with the forces that are applied by the prevailing weather patterns. The loss of such a percentage of trees in the eastern end of the row will result in compromising the remaining trees in the immediate area.

This is due to the reactive nature of trees, which form reaction wood as a result of stress loadings on their structure. When trees grow the certain sections of the crown are protected to a degree from the prevailing weather conditions and as such do not develop reaction wood as certain areas of their structure are not exposed to stress loading.

The removal of this form of protection, by tree failure, death and large diameter branch loss, exposes certain trees and parts of the adjacent trees to loading to which they were previously protected, which is shown to be a major contributing factor of adjacent tree, branch and limb failure.

3.0 QUANTIFIED TREE RISK ASSESSMENT (QTRA)

The inspection includes an individual Quantified Tree Risk Assessment.

Ellison (2012) defines QTRA as a system established to quantify the risk of significant harm from tree failure within predetermined risk thresholds.

Values for the targets (people and property), the size of part (size of most likely part to fail) and the probability of failure are derived from an assessment of the tree and its surroundings. The values of these three primary components are then combined to calculate the probability of harm using Monte Carlo simulations [see appendix three].

MONTEREY PINES - QUANTIFIED TREE RISK ASSESSMENT



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The section of tree on which the QTRA was undertaken was identified as the part that overhung the target area with the highest occupancy rating or damage potential and deemed to have the most significant relationship between the tree and targets.

The property damage, combined with human occupation, pedestrian and vehicle movements were considered to pose the greatest target rating and have been used within the final assessment.

TARGET RATING ASSESSMENT

Property Damage – The caravans and park amenity buildings along with the sports clubhouse directly south of the trees occupies a large area beneath the southern aspect of the tree's crowns and is considered to have the potential to be damaged by any falling trees and branches. The level of damage that could be caused was estimated to fall within the category of between \$30,000 and \$300,000 and therefore allocated **Target Rating 2**.

Pedestrian Movements – This was estimated utilising a visual on-site assessment of the number of pedestrians that passed within the zone of influence of the section of the tree allocated as the highest potential for failure. This is deemed to be the large diameter lateral branches and now exposed trees in the eastern end of the group, which overhang the caravan park.

The number of pedestrians passing through the zone of influence was broadly estimated to be between 2 per hour to 7 per hour. This is shown to fall within **Target Rating 3**.

Human Occupation – The adjacent caravan park, amenity buildings and sports clubhouse are considered to be within the trees zone of influence and people utilising these areas are considered to potentially be impacted by the now exposed trees and branches that are identified as having the greatest potential to fail.

The caravan park has long term, constant occupancy, and this area is considered to support exposed occupancy of between 2.5 hours per day to constant and therefore allocated a **Target Rating 1**

The sports clubhouse and viewing areas are considered to support exposed occupancy of between 15 minutes to 2.4 hours per day.

This occupation of the sports clubhouse is taken to be within the weekend and late afternoon periods of the day. This is deemed to be a balanced approach to the assessment and taken in context with the fact that the areas will be utilised for the majority of the year supporting different sporting codes. This is identified as being a reasonable approach to the occupancy rating, taking all eventualities into consideration, and therefore allocated **Target Rating 2**.

Vehicular Movements



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This was estimated utilising a visual on-site assessment of the number of vehicle movements that passed within the zone of influence of the section of the tree allocated as the highest potential for failure. This is deemed to be the large diameter lateral branches and now exposed trees in the eastern end of the group, which overhang the caravan park.

The number of vehicles passing through the zone of influence was broadly estimated to be between 6 to 47 per hour under 50 kph. This is shown to fall within **Target Rating 4**.

SIZE OF PART ASSESSMENT

The section of the group of trees that overhangs the target areas showed major defects in the form of now exposed trees and branches to the prevailing weather conditions due to the recent tree failure and previous tree removals and were identified as the parts or trees most likely to fail. The tree stems were estimated to have a size of greater 450mm diameter and allocated within the **Size of Part Rating 1**.

Utilising the **Property Damage** classification on the size section of the calculator was also considered taking into account the target rating identified above and detailed in the following risk assessment table.

PROBABILITY OF FAILURE ASSESSMENT

At the time of inspection, the trees on the eastern end of the row were showing symptoms to suggest they had an increased potential for failure. The section of trees that was deemed to be most probable to fail is the now exposed trees in the eastern end adjacent to the recent failure site that have an asymmetrical crown form and bias to the south.

The final analysis of the probability of failure was undertaken taking into account any reasonably foreseeable effect on the tree's structures and was down scaled two levels from a base line of 1, this was deemed to be a reasonable approach to the overall assessment and identified within the **Probability of Failure Rating 3**.

QUANTIFIED TREE RISK ASSESSMENT - PROPERTY DAMAGE

RATING		DESCRIPTION
TARGET EVALUATION	2	Large trees now exposed to wind events that overhang the caravan park and amenity buildings to the south and has the potential to suffer damage that is estimated to fall within the range of \$30,000 and \$300,000.
SIZE OF PART	PROPERTY	Large trees now exposed to wind events that overhang the caravan park and amenity buildings to the south with a stem > 450mm diameter.
PROBABILITY OF FAILURE	3	The trees at the eastern end of the row showing alterations to their collective canopy structure that would suggest that it had an increased potential for failure identified within the size of part section of the assessment. The rating allocated was rounded down two steps from the highest probability rating, which in this instance was deemed to be a reasonable approach allocating a probability of failure between 1/100 and 1/1000.
TOTAL		1/3000



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This results in a risk assessment calculation that is within the **UNACCEPTABLE** category of risk that deems it to be posing a level of risk that is considered to be unacceptable when deemed to be as low as reasonably practicable over the period of inspection (12 months).

QUANTIFIED TREE RISK ASSESSMENT - PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENTS

RATING		DESCRIPTION
TARGET EVALUATION	3	Close proximity to the adjacent areas that supports moderate pedestrian movements. The rating is based on between 2 and 7 pedestrians per hour.
SIZE OF PART	1	Large trees that overhang the areas of pedestrian movement which fits within the size category of > 450mm diameter.
PROBABILITY OF FAILURE	3	The trees at the eastern end of the row showing alterations to their collective canopy structure that would suggest that it had an increased potential for failure identified within the size of part section of the assessment. The rating allocated was rounded down two steps from the highest probability rating, which in this instance was deemed to be a reasonable approach allocating a probability of failure between 1/100 and 1/1000.

TOTAL 1/40,000

This results in a risk assessment calculation that is within the **LIMITS OF TOLERABILITY** category of risk that deems it to be posing a level of risk that is considered to be unacceptable when deemed to be as low as reasonably practicable over the period of inspection (12 months).

QUANTIFIED TREE RISK ASSESSMENT – HUMAN OCCUPATION

RATING		DESCRIPTION
TARGET EVALUATION	1	Large trees now exposed to wind events that overhang the caravan park and amenity buildings to the south located beneath their crown structures that is estimated to have an occupancy rating of between 2.5 hours per day to constant.
SIZE OF PART	1	Large trees now exposed to wind events that lean towards and overhang the caravan park and amenity buildings to the south with a stem > 450mm diameter.
PROBABILITY OF FAILURE	3	The trees at the eastern end of the row showing alterations to their collective canopy structure that would suggest that it had an increased potential for failure identified within the size of part section of the assessment. The rating allocated was rounded down two steps from the highest probability rating, which in this instance was deemed to be a reasonable approach allocating a probability of failure between 1/100 and 1/1000.

TOTAL 1/400

This results in a risk assessment calculation that is within the **UNACCEPTABLE** category of risk that deems it to be posing a level of risk that is considered to be unacceptable when deemed to be as low as reasonably practicable over the period of inspection (12 months).

QUANTIFIED TREE RISK ASSESSMENT - VEHICULAR MOVEMENTS

RATING		DESCRIPTION
TARGET EVALUATION	4	Close proximity to the adjacent areas that supports moderate vehicle movements. The rating is based on vehicle movements between 6 to 47 per day under 50 kph per hour.
SIZE OF PART	1	Large trees that overhang the areas of pedestrian movement which fits within the size category of > 450mm diameter.
PROBABILITY OF FAILURE	3	The trees at the eastern end of the row showing alterations to their collective canopy structure that would suggest that it had an increased potential for failure identified within the size of part section of the assessment. The rating allocated was rounded down two steps from the highest probability rating, which in this instance was deemed to be a reasonable approach allocating a probability of failure between 1/100 and 1/1000.

TOTAL 1/400,000

This results in a risk assessment calculation that is within the **LIMITS OF TOLERABILITY** category of risk that deems it to be posing a level of



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risk that is considered to be tolerable when deemed to be as low as reasonably practicable over the period of inspection (12 months).

4.0 DISCUSSION

TREE ATTRIBUTES

The group of pine trees in 'excess of 250' are showing a range of overall form and structure from poor through to good having typical through to asymmetrical crown structures that supports good to poor foliage density with evidence of insect activity in the eastern end tree failure site and adjacent stumps and smaller tree stems in the groups internal areas.

The tree group has recently suffered a large tree failure event from its eastern end along with previous tree removals that has created a major void and opening exposing previously protected trees to the prevailing weather conditions and leaving tall trees with asymmetrical crown forms extending over high occupancy areas of the facility.

The failed tree had been removed from the Williamstown site prior to the inspection however photographs supplied by the Barossa Council show the tree had extensive insect damage and appears to be in advanced decline or dead.

The risk assessment undertaken encompasses all the trees in their differing areas and levels of occupancy however the focus is on the eastern end of the row of pine trees in the immediate area of the recent failure site and provides the trees in that vicinity with a risk rating that is contained within the unacceptable category and as such is considered to pose a level of risk to the adjacent caravan park, amenity structure, road and pedestrian accessible areas that is unacceptable and poses a high ongoing level of risk.

From a tree risk perspective, the trees on the western end of the row pose a low risk due to the fact the area around the trees has a low occupancy level. The further the tree stand extends to the east, the occupancy level increases and at the far eastern end of the row the area is considered high occupancy and is the site of the recent tree failure, previous removals and exposed trees with a high susceptibility of total tree failure.

CONCLUSION

The final assessment of the risks posed by this tree are consistent with the Quantified Tree Risk Assessment [QTRA] undertaken, which places the eastern most trees within the unacceptable level of risk. The level of risk identified places the trees within the 1/400 category which is within the unacceptable classification and the risk must be mitigated.

Tree removal is recommended for the group of trees at the eastern end of the row and should be implemented as soon as practicable. Dead trees throughout the group should be removed and the deadwood removed from the two large trees located on the edge of the embankment at eastern end of the sports clubhouse.



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The extent of the tree removals should end at a determined point that leaves the remaining trees posing an acceptable level of risk.

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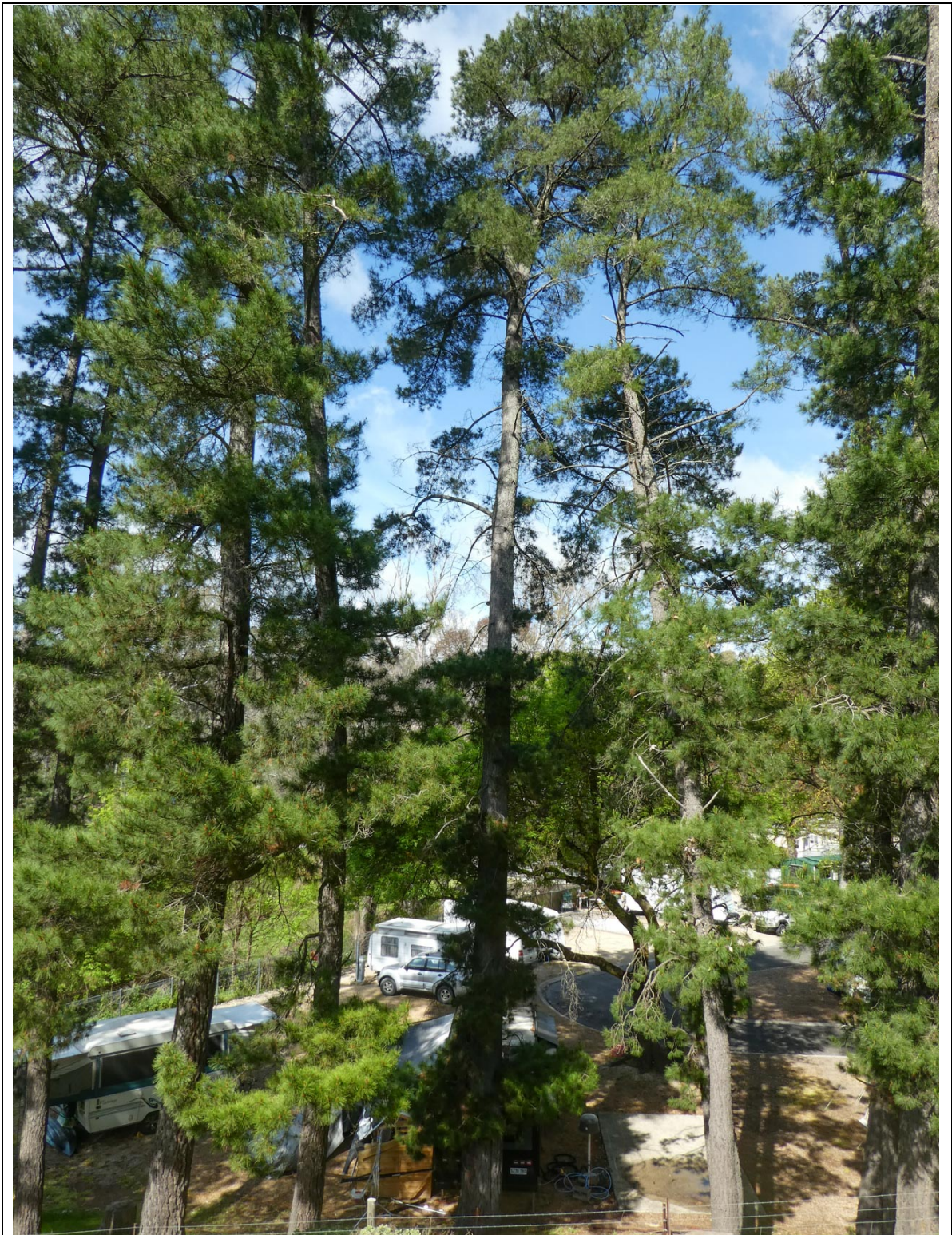
5.0 APPENDIX ONE – SUPPORTING PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE



Photograph 1 - Showing the trees when viewed from the southeast demonstrating their location in relation to the oval and central clubhouse area and the notable impact on the recreation grounds landscape.



Photograph 2 - Showing the eastern most end of the group of trees and their location in relation to the caravan sites.



Photograph 3 – Showing the eastern most trees at the failure site area and bias of the remaining trees have to the south. The trees in this area display a heavy bias to the south over the caravan park and have little protection on the northern side.



Photograph 4 – Showing the site of the recent tree failure (red arrow) and the previous removal sites.



Photograph 5 – Supplied by the Barossa Council showing the recently failed tree root ball and lower stem.



Photograph 6 – Supplied by the Barossa Council showing significant insect activity in the lower stem section.



7.0 APPENDIX THREE - QTRA METHODOLOGY**QUANTIFIED TREE RISK ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY****DEVELOPING THE PROBABILITY OF HARM****TARGET EVALUATION**

Target evaluation considers the use and occupancy of the area that would be struck by the defective part. For the purpose of the assessment, targets are considered in three categories:

- People in vehicles
- Other human occupation; and
- Property

The target evaluation is refined to the one category that has the most significant relationship with the tree or trees in the assessment.

Ellison (2012) explains target evaluation as the assessment of repair or replacement value of property or the average occupation of people (vehicles or pedestrians) in the coming year. The assessment is represented as a target range that represents the appropriate property repair/replacement value or the frequency of occupation.

SIZE OF PART

Size of part refers to the likely force of the branch or tree upon impact with the target. Assessment considers only the tree parts that are significant in their relationship with the identified target.

Ellison (2012) states that QTRA categorizes Impact Potential by using the connection between diameter and average mass of the tree parts that are significant to the target in the event of failure.

The size of a branch and therefore its mass is proportional to the amount of damage or injury it can cause in any particular situation.

PROBABILITY OF FAILURE

The probability of failure is an evaluation of the tree's stability that is based on the structural condition of the tree. The estimate of the likelihood that a particular part of the tree will fail within the coming year is represented within a broad numerical range (Ellison).

The probability of failure is a 'reasonably informed judgment' based on the assessor's tree assessment and his knowledge of the species, its structure and form and the impacts of its environment.

The presence of defects such as included bark, decay or cavities and the extent to which they impact the structure of the tree play a part in forming the probability of failure value.

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9.0 APPENDIX FIVE – LIMITATIONS AND DISCLAIMER

This report only covers identifiable defects present at the time of inspection. The author accepts no responsibility and cannot be held liable for any structural defect or unforeseen event/situation that may occur after the time of inspection, unless clearly specified timescales are detailed within the report.

The author cannot guarantee trees contained within this report will be structurally sound under all circumstances and cannot guarantee that the recommendations made will categorically result in the tree being made safe.

Unless specifically mentioned this report will only be concerned with above ground inspections, that will be undertaken visually from ground level. Trees are living organisms and as such cannot be classified as safe under any circumstances. The recommendations are made on the basis of what can be reasonably identified at the time of inspection therefore the author accepts no liability for any recommendations made.

Care has been taken to obtain all information from reliable sources. All data has been verified insofar as possible; however, the author can neither guarantee nor be responsible for the accuracy of information provided by others.

DEBATE REPORT

7.4 Development and Community Services

7.4.1 REVOCATION OF COMMUNITY LAND - ALLOTMENT 8 GEORGE STREET WILLIAMSTOWN

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25/73934**

PURPOSE

To seek Council's endorsement to revoke the community land classification pertaining to Allotment (Reserve) 8 in Deposited Plan 15967, comprised in Certificate of Title 5532 Folio 961, George Street, Williamstown.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses the revocation of community land classification pertaining to Allotment (Reserve) 8 in Deposited Plan 15967, Certificate of Title 5532 Folio 961, George Street, Williamstown.

REPORT

Background

In a report presented to Council on 17 December 2024, Council resolved to authorise the commencement of a Community Land revocation process, pursuant to Section 194 of the *Local Government Act 1999*, for Allotment 8 George Street Williamstown in order to facilitate a proposed land division that will incorporate new reserves providing for a larger community open space in exchange for Allotment 8.

Council commenced a public consultation process in relation to the Community Land Revocation in accordance with Council's Public Consultation Policy in February of this year. No submissions were received during the public consultation period. At the Council meeting of 15 April 2025, Council endorsed a report to request the Minister approve the revocation.

Introduction

Council received letter from the Hon Joe Szakacs MP, Minister for Local Government, dated 9 September 2025 (refer Attachment 1), approving the Council's proposal to revoke the classification of community land of Allotment (Reserve) 8 in Deposited Plan 15967, comprised in Certificate of Title 5532 Folio 961, George Street, Williamstown.

Following the Minister's Approval, Council is requested to pass a motion to revoke the community land classification pursuant to Section 194(3)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

Discussion

Noting there were no submissions received during the public consultation process and that the Minister has approved the community land revocation, it is appropriate for

council to approve the community land revocation. If approved, Council's Community Land Register would subsequently be updated to reflect this change.

In the Council report of 17 December 2024, Council resolved to agree to transfer the land, subject to land revocation being approved, to the current landowner of the adjacent land parcel formally described as allotment 9, Deposited Plan 15967, Certificate of Title Volume 5417 Folio 786, as the only possible landowner that could purchase the land, due to it being land locked and that the land shall be transferred in support of the land development proceeding and not until land division approval is achieved.

Subject to the Council's endorsement, staff will propose to write to the proponent, NEPCO Group of Companies, being the party that initiated the request for land revocation, to advise of the completion of the revocation of the community land classification and that a land transfer of Allotment 8 can occur, subject to the development proceeding and not until land division approval is achieved.

Summary and Conclusion

Council is requested to endorse the revocation of community land classification pertaining to Allotment (Reserve) 8 in Deposited Plan 15967, comprised in Certificate of Title 5532 Folio 961, George Street, Williamstown, following a public consultation process in which no submissions were received and following written approval from the Minister of Local Government in relation to the community land revocation.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Attachment 1 Advice from Hon Joe Szakacs MP - Revocation of Community Land
- Allotment 8 George Street Williamstown [↓](#) 

Supporting references

Nil

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Community Plan



Our Places

Our places and spaces enhance the liveability, retain rural and regional character and diversity of our communities.

Strategic Outcome

- Our places are planned, managed, and sustainable.

Corporate Plan

CS12 Facility and Community Land - Management of buildings, maintenance and occupancy, including inspections and advice to enable safe, accessible, fit for purpose and well managed community facilities, office spaces and community land

Legislative Requirements

Local Government Act 1999, Sections 50 and 194

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

These statements are qualitative in nature and designed to provide an indication of Council's general position when deciding to take or retain risk in pursuit of its objectives.

1. SERVICE DELIVERY

Refers to the delivery of services to the community, which includes the systems and physical assets that enable provision of these services, including structures (such as roads, buildings and facilities) as well as IT infrastructure, plant, vehicles & other equipment.

Nil

2. SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT

Relates to measures to preserve, protect and minimise impact on the natural environment, including sacred and indigenous lands, flora, fauna, heritage, water, waste, hazardous materials and pollution.

Nil

3. FINANCIAL

Refers to planning and control of Council's budget to align with the sustainable achievement of the desired outcomes articulated in its Community Plan.

There are no financial or resource implications arising from the endorsement of the community land revocation.

4. PEOPLE

Relates to recruitment, retention, wellbeing and safety of employees and volunteers and engagement and management of contractors as well as the wellbeing and safety of the community.

The revocation of the community land classification and exchange for an equivalent reserve area forming part of a larger community reserve when the land is developed will provide increased opportunities for community enjoyment of open space.

5. REPUTATION

Relates to policy, decisions, actions and circumstances that may cause Council to lose credibility with the community, ratepayers, key stakeholders, other levels of government and its own employees and contractors.

Nil

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community consultation took place in accordance with section 194 of the *Local Government Act 1999* and Council's Consultation Policy and no submissions were received.

Hon Joe Szakacs MP



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Mr Martin McCarthy
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Dear Mr McCarthy

Thank you for writing to me seeking my approval of The Barossa Council's (the Council) proposal to revoke the classification as community land of Allotment (Reserve) 8 in Deposited Plan 15967, comprised in Certificate of Title 5532 Folio 961, located in George St, Williamstown.

After carefully considering the effect of the revocation of the Subject Land on the area and the local community, I am of the opinion that, on balance, the revocation will be more positive than not in its effect. I approve the Council's proposal to revoke the classification as community land of Allotment (Reserve) 8 in Deposited Plan 15967, comprised in Certificate of Title 5532 Folio 961.

If the Council wishes to proceed with the revocation, it will need to pass a motion to revoke the community land classification pursuant to section 194(3)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J Szakacs', written over a circular blue stamp.

Hon Joe Szakacs MP
Minister for Trade and Investment
Minister for Local Government
Minister for Veterans' Affairs

9 / 9 / 2025



DEBATE REPORT

7.4 Development and Community Services

7.4.2 WORLD HERITAGE BID UPDATE

**Author: Director Development and Community Services
25/75373**

PURPOSE

To consider a request from Adelaide City Council to access previously committed funding to continue work on the World Heritage Submission for *Adelaide and its Rural Landscapes*

RECOMMENDATION

That Council advises Adelaide City Council that it agrees to support the use of the funding to work on the World Heritage Submission for Adelaide and its Rural Landscapes.

REPORT

Background

A World Heritage Submission for *Adelaide and its Rural Landscapes* is currently being led by Adelaide City Council.

The bid brings together two previously separate World Heritage Bids being 'Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout' and 'Mount Lofty Ranges Agrarian Landscapes' of which the Barossa Council was and is a bid partner.

Introduction

The Barossa Council, as bid partner to the World Heritage Submission, has been asked to support the allocation of existing funding, up to \$60,000 which currently sits with Adelaide Hills Council, to progress the World Heritage Submission 'Adelaide and its Rural Landscapes'.

Discussion

The Barossa Council has previously supported a World Heritage bid for the 'Mount Lofty Ranges Agrarian Landscapes' in partnership with Adelaide City Council, City of Onkaparinga, Adelaide Hills Council, District Council of Mount Barker and Department for Environment and Water. The bid has now been combined with another bid to form the current 'Adelaide and its Rural Landscapes' submission.

The project is at the first stage of preparing a tentative list submission, which is a modestly detailed submission made to the Federal Government for potential inclusion in Australia's Tentative World Heritage List.

In order to progress this piece of work, Adelaide City Council has requested that bid partner Councils agree to using the existing \$60,000, currently held by the project, to

undertake work in accordance with Duncan Marshall's work plan, primarily funding research essays from relevant experts in support of the bid.

Summary and Conclusion

Given the funding has already been allocated to the project, it is recommended that Council agree to the funding being used to progress the relevant work to support the World Heritage submission.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Attachment 1 Advice from City of Adelaide - World Heritage Bid Progress Update



Supporting references

Nil.

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Community Plan



Our Places

Our places and spaces enhance the liveability, retain rural and regional character and diversity of our communities.

Strategic Outcome

- Our places are planned, managed, and sustainable.



Our Council

We strive to be a leader in regional Local Government and are committed to delivering effective, efficient, and valued services to the community.

Strategic Outcome

- We have strong relationships, and where appropriate, partner with our community, industries, stakeholders, the Local Government sector and Governments.

Corporate Plan

CS15 Land Use and Development - Assessment of development applications for construction, alteration or demolition of buildings, and the division of land and changes in land use.

Legislative Requirements

Nil

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

These statements are qualitative in nature and designed to provide an indication of Council's general position when deciding to take or retain risk in pursuit of its objectives.

1. SERVICE DELIVERY

Refers to the delivery of services to the community, which includes the systems and physical assets that enable provision of these services, including structures (such as roads, buildings and facilities) as well as IT infrastructure, plant, vehicles & other equipment.

Council is a bid partner and is not required to undertake any further work at this stage, other than to agree to release the funding for the lead Council to commission preliminary work.

2. SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT

Relates to measures to preserve, protect and minimise impact on the natural environment, including sacred and indigenous lands, flora, fauna, heritage, water, waste, hazardous materials and pollution.

The World Heritage submission, if successful, will provide a significant level of legislative protection to the 'rural landscapes' of Adelaide and surrounds.

3. FINANCIAL

Refers to planning and control of Council's budget to align with the sustainable achievement of the desired outcomes articulated in its Community Plan.

No impact, previous funding already committed. No further financial commitment required, at this stage. Any future funding will be subject to a Council decision and budget allocation.

4. PEOPLE

Relates to recruitment, retention, wellbeing and safety of employees and volunteers and engagement and management of contractors as well as the wellbeing and safety of the community.

Nil

5. REPUTATION

Relates to policy, decisions, actions and circumstances that may cause Council to lose credibility with the community, ratepayers, key stakeholders, other levels of government and its own employees and contractors.

Councils participation as bid partner in a World Heritage submission demonstrates a commitment to matters of nation-wide significance.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Not required.

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26 September 2025

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Via email: mmccarthy@barossa.sa.gov.au

Dear Martin

I am writing to provide a progress update on the World Heritage Tentative List Submission for *Adelaide and its Rural Settlement Landscapes* and advise on upcoming engagement activities with the Traditional Owners.

The Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith, wrote to the then Deputy Premier, Dr Susan Close, on 8 August 2025 seeking confirmation of the State Government's continued support for the Tentative List Submission.

In her letter, the Lord Mayor advised of the City of Adelaide's intention to lodge the submission contingent upon receiving consent from the Traditional Owners of the proposed Bid areas.

Noting the recent change in Cabinet, correspondence will be prepared for the new Minister for Climate, Environment & Water, The Honourable Lucy Hood MP, in the coming months.

The City of Adelaide is progressing the work plan developed by World Heritage expert Duncan Marshall in 2021. This plan includes identifying attributes and areas of potential World Heritage Value to better guide stakeholder identification for consultation and engagement.

In the second half of 2024/25, the City of Adelaide engaged Yamagigu Consulting to review the City of Adelaide's current Traditional Owner engagement processes to better align with international best practice, Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) principles.

This work is informing the process for finalising the Tentative List Submission as a key requirement of UNESCO for World Heritage Listing.

The City of Adelaide also engaged SA Native Title Services (SANTS) to facilitate engagement with Traditional Owners within the current Bid investigation areas, including:

- First Peoples of the River Murray and Mallee #2 (Native Title Claim)
- Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation
- Narungga Nation Aboriginal Corporation
- Ngadjuri Nation Aboriginal Corporation
- Ngarrindjeri Aboriginal Corporation
- Peramangk Aboriginal Corporation
- River Murray and Mallee Aboriginal Corporation.

On 17 June 2025, SANTS facilitated a project briefing session at the Royal Coach Hotel, Kent Town, for two representatives from each of these groups (Narungga could not attend). This briefing provided an overview of the project and World Heritage processes.

The City of Adelaide acknowledges the Kaurna people as the Traditional Owners of the Country where the city of Adelaide is situated, and pays its respect to Elders past, present and emerging.





The Traditional Owner groups have received a written record of the briefing outcomes and key discussion points. A second workshop will be held on Tuesday 30 September 2025.

The City of Adelaide has allocated \$178,000 in its 2025/26 budget to progress the Tentative List Submission to the State Government no later than February 2027. A World Heritage Project Management Officer has been employed to progress the Tentative List Submission.

Administration has previously been advised that the former partners hold \$60,000 for the World Heritage Bid. With your agreement, the City of Adelaide would appreciate the opportunity to use this funding to undertake work in accordance with Duncan Marshall's work plan, namely funding research essays from relevant experts in support of the Bid.

Could you please indicate your acceptance of this proposal to access funding.

Any questions in relation to the above can be directed to Sarah Gilmour, Acting Director City Shaping on 8203 7033 or s.gilmour@cityofadelaide.com.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'M. F. Sedgman', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Michael Sedgman
Chief Executive Officer



DEBATE REPORT

7.4 Development and Community Services

7.4.3 WILLIAMSTOWN YOUTH ENGAGEMENT - PUBLIC ART WALLS

**Author: Community Development Officer
25/77332**

PURPOSE

To seek Council endorsement to progress a pilot initiative to trial a Council-wide approach to youth engagement which directly responds to issues of vandalism and graffiti, while supporting opportunities for positive community participation.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the pilot initiative to establish a legal public art wall, as outlined in Attachment 1, in Williamstown to:

- a. support the redirection of graffiti vandalism; and
- b. offer youth-led activities for creative expression.

REPORT

Introduction

Community engagement was undertaken in Williamstown by the Community Development team in response to repeated property damage and graffiti vandalism of the Victoria Creek public toilets. These incidents have had ongoing financial and operational impacts on Council.

Through this engagement, youth activities were identified and priorities structured using a *Now-Next-Later* framework, with a public art wall emerging as the clear *Now* priority.

This direction aligns with prior consultation feedback and is supported by existing community data. (Attachment 1)

To progress this priority, the Community Development team will partner with Infrastructure and Environmental Services (IES) and local young people to deliver the following staged initiative:

Youth Art Workshops and Practice Wall Launch

- A *legal practice wall* will be defined as a designated public space where Council gives permission for legal graffiti use and provides community with the opportunity for honing graffiti skills.
- Scoping of sites in Williamstown will be undertaken by IES to assess for suitability and safe use of practice wall/s.

- The Workshop and Practice Wall launch will support youth and young adults to build their graffiti art skills to a higher level by learning from professional street art and graffiti artists.
- The Workshop facilitator, who previously implemented Adelaide City Council's free wall, will provide best practice guidance on appropriate content. Expectations for respectful use will be embedded through youth education.
- IES will continue to inspect and maintain the wall under existing graffiti response protocols. Any offensive material will be removed promptly, and Council retains discretion to repaint or close the wall if required.

Planning and Implementation of Stay Up Walls at Council Sites

- A *legal stay up wall* is a designated public space, where Council gives permission for legal graffiti use, and the wall will display a panel-approved design which is in place for a defined period.
- Scoping of sites in Williamstown will be undertaken by IES to assess for suitability and safe use of stay up wall/s for the pilot.
- Through youth-led co-design, we will create the design approval process for legal stay up walls, including panel establishment, timeframes, and graffiti wall etiquette. Consideration will be given to inviting a local graffiti group to be panel members, as per community feedback.
- Respect for existing artworks is a widely observed norm within graffiti culture, however, to ensure consistent standards usage expectations will be clearly communicated and reinforced through the co-design process.

Review of the Graffiti Policy

- Minor wording amendments will be required to the Graffiti Policy (notably Point 3.1-Graffiti is a criminal offence.) to better reflect Council's shift from a purely compliance approach to a balanced engagement and prevention model.
- Community Development and IES will reframe the policy wording, accordingly, ensuring alignment between enforcement, education, and community outcomes. This will require endorsement by Council. Refer Supporting Reference

Discussion

Youth engagement feedback highlighted strong support for legal public art walls as a constructive outlet for graffiti activity and creative expression. In response, sites in Williamstown have been identified for scoping and implementation to test a sustainable and scalable engagement model across the Council region.

The initiative will:

1. Redirect illegal graffiti activity away from Council and community-owned property by creating legal public art walls and structured opportunities for artistic expression, in locations identified jointly by Community Development and IES as suitable and safe, with SAPOL awareness and oversight.
2. Deliver skill-development workshops for youth, fostering creativity, connection, and positive social engagement.
3. Integrate education and awareness activities, linking with schools, parents, and community partners.

4. Collaborate with Arts, Culture & Heritage (ACH) to integrate this approach into Council's broader creative and cultural programming, ensuring alignment with place activation and cultural identity objectives.
5. Pilot public art initiatives that can inform and shape the development of a future Public Art Policy, embedding opportunities for youth expression and community voice into Council's long-term arts and cultural framework.
6. Establish an evidence base for Council-wide youth engagement initiatives, creating a model adaptable across districts.

This approach directly supports Council's adopted Graffiti Policy (Revised June 2025, pending Council endorsement) ([Attachment 2](#)), which commits to anti-graffiti initiatives that:

- Reduce graffiti vandalism across the Barossa.
- Increase reporting of graffiti incidents.
- Increase community participation in anti-graffiti programs.

Summary and Conclusion

The Community Development team will pilot a Council-wide youth engagement model that directly responds to issues of vandalism and graffiti while supporting opportunities for positive community participation.

This approach will also provide a mechanism to redirect repeat vandalism at Tolley Reserve and other high-risk sites across the district.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

- Attachment 1 Williamstown Youth Engagement - Phase 1 Session Summary - Community Development - 15 September 2025 [↓](#) 
- Attachment 2 Revised Graffiti Policy - June 2025 - public consultation copy [↓](#) 

Supporting references

[Young People and Graffiti Factsheet - Legal Services Commission of SA](#)
[Graffiti - City of Adelaide](#)

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Community Plan



Creating a safe and connected community where people have access to sustainable services and service levels and infrastructure they need and feel a sense of belonging.

Strategic Outcome

- Our community is welcoming, vibrant and safe.



Our places and spaces enhance the liveability, retain rural and regional character and diversity of our communities.

Strategic Outcome

- Our places are planned, managed, and sustainable.
- We plan for and deliver infrastructure to enhance our places.



We strive to be a leader in regional Local Government and are committed to delivering effective, efficient, and valued services to the community.

Strategic Outcome

- We have strong relationships, and where appropriate, partner with our community, industries, stakeholders, the Local Government sector and Governments.
- We have a healthy respect for our diversity, character and history and are welcoming and supportive of all people.

Legislative Requirements

Nil

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

These statements are qualitative in nature and designed to provide an indication of Council's general position when deciding to take or retain risk in pursuit of its objectives.

1. SERVICE DELIVERY

Refers to the delivery of services to the community, which includes the systems and physical assets that enable provision of these services, including structures (such as roads, buildings and facilities) as well as IT infrastructure, plant, vehicles & other equipment.

The initiative aims to reduce long-term service demands related to graffiti removal and property damage. IES will continue to remove graffiti on Council assets in line with the current Graffiti Policy, with the expectation that the introduction of legal walls will redirect activity away from high maintenance sites.

2. SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT

Relates to measures to preserve, protect and minimise impact on the natural environment, including sacred and indigenous lands, flora, fauna, heritage, water, waste, hazardous materials and pollution.

Nil.

3. FINANCIAL

Refers to planning and control of Council's budget to align with the sustainable achievement of the desired outcomes articulated in its Community Plan.

The initiative will be funded within existing Community Development and IES budgets.

4. PEOPLE

Relates to recruitment, retention, wellbeing and safety of employees and volunteers and engagement and management of contractors as well as the wellbeing and safety of the community.

This initiative involves youth engagement in public spaces, which carries considerations regarding safety, behaviour management and supervision. These risks will be mitigated through structured workshops, SAPOL awareness and youth-led co-design of etiquette for legal wall use.

The initiative also supports the community themes identified in the 2024 Wellbeing Survey:

- Healthy and Active Lifestyles
- Safe, Inclusive and Welcoming Spaces
- Belonging, Connection and Participation
- Learning, Creativity and Purposeful Contribution

5. REPUTATION

Relates to policy, decisions, actions and circumstances that may cause Council to lose credibility with the community, ratepayers, key stakeholders, other levels of government and its own employees and contractors.

Graffiti vandalism has a significant financial and social impact on the community and can have a negative impact on the well-being and sense of pride of its residents.

Community Development will continue with community engagement and education to explain the initiative's aims in supporting the redirection of graffiti vandalism and youth-led activities for creative expression.

To further manage reputational risk, expectations for respectful use will be clearly communicated through workshops and co-designed guidelines. IES will monitor and maintain the walls under existing graffiti protocols, with any offensive or non-compliant material removed promptly. Council retains the ability to temporarily close or repaint walls if repeated misuse occurs.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Community Development team coordinated a multi-stakeholder engagement process from May-September 2025 involving:

- **Youth representation:** Williamstown young people aged from 12 – 25 years.
- **Community groups and members:** Williamstown Action Group, Neighbourhood Watch, Southern Barossa Alliance, Barossa Anglicans, parents.
- **Agencies:** SAPOL.
- **Council departments:** Infrastructure and Environmental Services (IES), Marketing and Communications
- **Elected Members:** Mayor Lange and Cr Rick Lane have been engaged as active stakeholders throughout this process.

Community Development will continue engagement with Williamstown community groups, youth and young adults through the initiative.



Community Development Team: Williamstown Youth Engagement – Phase 1

Summary Report - Focus Group & Community Stakeholders

Focus Group Session – 15 September 2025

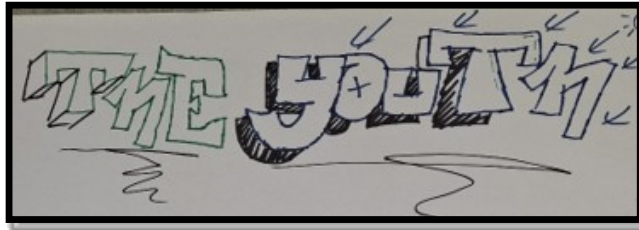
A youth focus group session was held on Monday 15 September with Adelaide artist Simon Burt. Simon has a background across graffiti and abstract art, fashion design, tattoo art, graphic design, music, and school art programs. The attendees ranged from 14 years to early 20's, with 2 parents and 2 community members. Community Development, Marketing and Infrastructure team members attended. Engagement Lead, Natalie Mudge, explained two factors driving the engagement – community feedback of need for youth activities locally; graffiti tags and vandalism.

Community Development provided Simon with the following prompt questions.

- What is happening, good or bad, in Williamstown for youth?
- If you designed an activity or space for young people in town, what would it look like and include?
- What would draw you and your friends along to something?
- What activities would be creative, positive and useful to you?
- What is something we could all do NOW?

Youth Led Group Discussion

- Frustration from young people and families about many previous interactions with Council about youth spaces and activities but results not seen or communicated.
- Permanent youth space is needed with some privacy, a shelter, potentially temporary skate park, speakers. Raised tennis courts (Dept Education owned) opposite Primary School and Queen Victoria Jubilee Park.
- Workshop interest for various forms of creativity, starting with graffiti art skills, and having a space to practice. Aspirational. Weekend sessions preferred initially.
- Skate Park. Discussed other skate parks - Gawler (average) and Munno Para (good).
- Current pump track not suitable for older youth. Skate Park will get more use.
- Skid pad. Smash Room (mobile).
- Bike track connections are lacking.
- Gazebo shelter leaks in bad weather.
- Neighbouring town interconnection - focus on younger age group in Lyndoch and older age group at Williamstown.
- Method of communication for engagement with young people versus parent. Tik-Tok, Instagram. May be a community-led opportunity.
- Possible interest for a youth activity in Williamstown on Friday night. Deb Herring, Barossa Fun Factory (Lyndoch space in development, has offered to support in Williamstown, query on age groups)
- Improvement of 'adventure' style activities would also be an attractive tourism point.
- Possible interest in a try out activity previously proposed by Dave (music and more).
- Concern about local community groups and members being opposed to public art.
- Transport – bus frequency is limiting. Further discussion on solutions would be useful.



Work by Jacob, 15/9/2025

Identified Activity and Priorities from the Focus Group

Now

Public Art Walls

1. Practice Wall
 - Early activation is a priority. Proposed site is under Victoria Creek road bridge.
 - This would be best supported by a skill development workshop as part of the launch.
 - Permission for use would be required from DIT. Infrastructure team would need to assess sites and make recommendations.
 - Bringing the Williamstown community on the journey would need to be actioned by Community Development and Marketing - direct interaction, demonstrating purpose of activation and regular communications with stakeholders.
2. Council free walls as a space to display public graffiti art
 - Stay up wall proposed on the side of Victoria Creek public toilets (older cohort)
 - Stay up wall near the BMX pump track (younger cohort).
 - The artwork would have a defined and limited display period.
 - A panel was proposed around the process and design approval – suggestion to approach local Barossa graffiti artists (CDM – Tanunda, Lyndoch) to be on the initial panel.

Next

Pump Track

1. Co-design project with Infrastructure and young people on setting up the space for effective activation and meet risk management requirements at Council.
2. Allow ongoing modification. (Refer to Adelaide City Council activations.)

Later

Skate Park

1. Council consideration of a long-term plan for a Williamstown skate park.
 - Request for a temporary skate park if a space could be identified.
 - Opportunity to co-design the installation with Infrastructure and young people.



Ideas Parking Lot

1. Community free walls - To be explored.
 - Pharmacy Store – Community Member offered to raise with owner.
 - Klose's Foodland - new development is an opportunity plus potential to stock quality spray can products.
2. Entrepreneurship opportunities could be supported through Simon.
3. Other workshop options – BMX, scooter, skating, bikes, motorbikes.
4. William Dyer Drive – Harris Reserve (playground) – raised as potential for activation.

Next Steps

1. Community Development team to:
 - 1.1. report to Council's Executive Leadership Team for an update on community engagement and the progression to Phase 2 of Scoping and Implementation.
 - 1.2. explore resourcing and planning needs to initiate a public launch of Practice Wall with a skills workshop.
 - 1.3. continue communication with Focus Group and other community stakeholders.
2. Infrastructure team to scope space activation, resourcing and permission requirements for implementation of Priority 1 – Public Art Walls.

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THE BAROSSA COUNCIL

GRAFFITI POLICY



1 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this policy is to state The Barossa Council's (Council) position in regard to the management of graffiti.

2 Scope

- 2.1 This policy applies to all Council owned property.
2.2 This policy supports the management of graffiti on public and private property.

3 Policy Statement

- 3.1 Graffiti is a criminal offence.
3.2 Graffiti detracts from the visual amenity of the area, is destructive to property and a cost burden to the community.
3.3 Council will assist in creating a graffiti free environment.
3.4 Council will encourage and support community groups and individuals that wish to assist in implementing graffiti prevention initiatives.
3.5 Council will support anti-graffiti initiatives which aim to:
- Reduce the incidence of graffiti vandalism in the Barossa
 - Increase the reporting of graffiti
 - Increase community participation in anti-graffiti programs
- 3.7 Council will assist property owners with removal of graffiti on their land as far as reasonably practicable and within available resources.

4 Supporting Processes and Documents

- 4.1 Graffiti Reporting and Removal Process - Ref: 13/8123

5 Related Policies

- 5.1 *Customer Service Policy - 22/32237**

6 Legislation and References

- 6.1 Local Government Act 1999
6.2 Graffiti Control Act 2001

7 Review

- 7.1 This Policy will be reviewed by [the Council / Document Control Officer] in consultation with the relevant stakeholders, within four (4) years or more frequently if legislation or Council's need changes.

8 Further Information

	Approval date: DD/MM/YYYY	Review date: DD/MM/YYYY	Approved by: Council/CEO/Director Council Resolution: XXX	Ref: 13/8045*	Page 1 of 3
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- 8.1 This Policy is available on Council's website at www.barossa.sa.gov.au. It can also be viewed electronically at Council's principal office at 43-51 Tanunda Road, Nuriootpa and all Council branches, during ordinary business hours. A copy of this Policy can be obtained at those venues upon payment of a fixed fee.
- 8.2 Complaints regarding this Policy or its application can be made to the Customer Service team on 8563 8444 or barossa@barossa.sa.gov.au at first instance, who will refer you to the most appropriate officer according to Council's *Customer Service Policy*

9 Definitions

Business Day	A day when Council is normally open for business – Monday to Friday, excluding Public Holidays and when Council's Principal Office may be closed (e.g. over the Christmas holiday period).
Employee	All full-time, part-time and casual employees of The Barossa Council including trainees, apprentices, and on-hire employees.
Electronic Document and Records Management System (EDRMS)	A software application that manages digital information such as email, word-processed documents, spreadsheets, images and scanned documents. An EDRMS can also track paper records and physical objects.
Supervisor	Any direct line manager, including Chief Executive Officer, Director, Manager, Team Leader, Coordinator or Leading Worker who are responsible for Worker(s) reporting to them.
Worker	A person is a worker if the person carries out work in any capacity for Council, including work as: (a) an employee; or (b) a contractor or subcontractor; or (c) an employee of a contractor or subcontractor; or (d) an employee of a labour hire company who has been assigned to work in the person's business or undertaking; or (e) an outworker; or (f) an apprentice or trainee; or (g) a student gaining work experience; or (h) a volunteer; or (i) a person of a prescribed class.

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21 October 2025

Council Meeting

8.1 Corporate Services, Strategy and Innovation

8.1.1 SANFL SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS -TENDER BID

There is strong public interest in enabling members of the public to observe Council's transparent and informed decision-making. This helps to ensure accountability, maintain transparency of public expenditure, facilitate public participation, assist public awareness and allow for the scrutiny of information. Attendance at a Council meeting is one means of satisfying this interest. The public will only be excluded from a Council meeting when the need for confidentiality pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Act outweighs the public interest of open decision-making.

In this matter, the reasons that receipt, consideration or discussion of the information or matter in a meeting open to the public would be contrary to the public interest are that it contains information regarding a tender process.

On balance, the above reason which supports the need for confidentiality pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Act outweighs the factors in favour of the public interest of open decision-making.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- (1) Under the provisions of Section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, make an order that the public be excluded from the meeting with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer, Director Corporate Services, Strategy and Innovation, Director Development and Community Services, Director Infrastructure and Environmental Services and the Minute Secretary, in order to

consider in confidence a report relating to being information that must be considered in confidence pursuant to:

Section 90(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 1999:

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;
- (2) Accordingly, on this basis, Council is satisfied that public interest in conducting meetings in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information and discussion confidential in order that it contains information regarding a tender process.

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Council Meeting

8.2 Infrastructure and Environmental Services

8.2.1 KEYNETON ROAD - STAGE 3 - TENDER

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In this matter, the reasons that receipt, consideration or discussion of the information or matter in a meeting open to the public would be contrary to the public interest are that it contains information that involves the disclosure of a business contract and tender assessment is under consideration.

On balance, the above reason which supports the need for confidentiality pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Act outweighs the factors in favour of the public interest of open decision-making.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- (1) Under the provisions of Section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, make an order that the public be excluded from the meeting with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer, Director Corporate Services, Strategy and Innovation, Director Development and Community Services, Director

Infrastructure and Environmental Services and the Minute Secretary, in order to consider in confidence a report relating to being information that must be considered in confidence pursuant to:

Section 90(3)(k) of the Local Government Act 1999:

tenders for the supply of goods, the provision of services or the carrying out of works;

- (2) Accordingly, on this basis, Council is satisfied that public interest in conducting meetings in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information and discussion confidential in order that it contains information that involves the disclosure of a business contract and tender assessment is under consideration.

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Council Meeting

8.2 Infrastructure and Environmental Services

8.2.2 ANGASTON AND NURIOOTPA OVALS - LIGHTING UPGRADE - TENDER

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In this matter, the reasons that receipt, consideration or discussion of the information or matter in a meeting open to the public would be contrary to the public interest are that it contains information that involves a business contract and tender assessment is being considered.

On balance, the above reason which supports the need for confidentiality pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Act outweighs the factors in favour of the public interest of open decision-making.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- (1) Under the provisions of Section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, make an order that the public be excluded from the meeting with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer, Director Corporate Services, Strategy and Innovation, Director Development and Community Services, Director

Infrastructure and Environmental Services and the Minute Secretary, in order to consider in confidence a report relating to being information that must be considered in confidence pursuant to:

Section 90(3)(k) of the Local Government Act 1999:

tenders for the supply of goods, the provision of services or the carrying out of works;

- (2) Accordingly, on this basis, Council is satisfied that public interest in conducting meetings in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information and discussion confidential in order that it contains information that involves a business contract and tender assessment is being considered.