



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BAROSSA COUNCIL

held on Tuesday 21 October 2025 commencing at 5.30pm
in the Council Chambers, 43-51 Tanunda Road, Nuriootpa.

MINUTES

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country by Mayor Bim Lange who declared the meeting open at 5.30pm.

1. ATTENDANCE RECORD

1.1 Members Present

Mayor Bim Lange, Crs John Angas, Don Barrett, David de Vries, Tony Hurn, Kathryn Schilling, Cathy Troup, Jane Evans, Bruce Preece, Jess Greatwich, Rick Lane and Heidi Thompson

Apologies

Nil

Not Present

Nil

Leave of Absence

Nil

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of previous meetings – for confirmation:

MOVED Cr Preece

That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 16 September 2025 at 5.30pm, as circulated, be confirmed as true and correct records of the proceedings of those meetings.

SECONDED Cr Hurn

CARRIED 2022-26/810

2.2 Matters arising from previous minutes

2.2.1 COUNCILLOR PREECE RESPONSE TO COUNCIL 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.

SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Nil

Cr de Vries entered the meeting at 5.31pm

3. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

3.1 Petitions

3.1.1 PETITION - IMPROVE FOOTPATHS ON KALIMNA AND LIGHT PASS ROADS, NURIOOTPA **25/74993**

MOVED Cr Preece

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.

SECONDED Cr Schilling

CARRIED 2022-26/811

PURPOSE

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

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.

3.1.2 PETITION - SEEKING RESCISSION OF MOTION**25/77863****MOVED** Cr Preece

That Council receive and note the petition.

SECONDED Cr de Vries**CARRIED 2022-26/812****PURPOSE**

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

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

Attachment 1 Petition 

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

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1. SERVICE DELIVERY

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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.

3.2 Deputations/Visitors to the meeting

3.2.1 **Deputation** - Colonel Light's Tree in Lyndoch presented by Rueben Batten.

The tree recently won South Australia's Best Tree in the 20m tree competition by popular vote, largely due to the compelling new evidence of its historical significance. It is 6.99m in circumference.

In order to ensure the safety and longevity of the tree for the future, they are seeking to apply for State Heritage Listing and ask for a letter of support to accompany the application.

3.2.2 **Volunteer Recognition** - Patrick Haydn: 25 Years Community Transport Driver.

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 to the meeting.

3.2.3 **Deputation** - Torrens Valley Football Club use of Talunga Park oval - Michael Ferguson spoke about the current use and participation of football at the oval and presented to the Council seeking support for future use and master planning.

3.3 Notice of Motion

3.3.1 **INVESTIGATION INTO DISPLAYING OF AUSTRALIAN FLAGS PERMANENTLY AT CIVIC AND OTHER LOCATIONS** **25/77927**

MOVED Cr Angas

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.

SECONDED Cr de Vries

CARRIED 2022-26/813

PURPOSE

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

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

Legislative Requirements

Nil

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

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This would be a new service.

2. SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT

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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 every day of the year at the Council principal office and in the Council chamber.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

3.4 Questions with Notice

Nil

4. MAYOR

4.1 Mayor's Report

MOVED Cr de Vries

That the Mayor's report be received.

SECONDED Cr Troup

CARRIED 2022-26/814

5. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Nil

6. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- 6.1 Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority - Minutes of Meeting
- 6.2 Financial Assistance Grant Outcomes and Allocations for 2025-26
- 6.3 Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (GRFMA) Annual Report 2024-25
- 6.4 Williamstown and Lyndoch Landcare Group Inc - Minutes of meetings
- 6.5 Green Industries SA (GISA) Clothing and textile collection day initiative
- 6.6 Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Mitigation Business Case Update
- 6.7 Local Government Association of South Australian - Annual Renewal Information

- 6.8 Northern and Yorke Local Government Association - Minutes of Annual General Meeting and Ordinary Meeting of 29 August 2025
- 6.9 Local Government Finance Authority - Annual Report for 2024-25
- 6.10 Concordia Code Amendment
- 6.11 Audit and Risk Committee - Agenda and Minutes for the 22 September meeting
- 6.12 Regional Development Australia Barossa Gawler Light Adelaide Plains - Tabling the Annual Report and Reviewed Strategic Plan

Cr Preece left the meeting at 6:19 pm.

Cr Preece returned to the meeting at 6:19 pm.

7. DEBATE REPORTS

7.1 Office of the Mayor and CEO

Pursuant to Section 120(1) of the Local Government Act 1999, Mr McCarthy as Chief Executive Officer, disclosed a Conflict of Interest in the matter Item 7.1.1 - Review of Confidential Orders as it pertains to his employment contract and performance reviews. Mr McCarthy advised the Chamber that he would leave the meeting.

Mr McCarthy left the meeting at 6.26pm

7.1.1 REVIEW OF CONFIDENTIAL ORDERS **25/77723**

MOVED Cr de Vries

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 Kelledy 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.

SECONDED Cr Angas

CARRIED 2022-26/815

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.

REPORTBackground

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 REQUIREMENTSCorporate 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*

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Nil

2. SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT

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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

Mr McCarthy returned to the meeting at 6.27pm

7.1.2 MINOR UPDATE TO THE INTERNAL REVIEW OF COUNCIL DECISION PROCESS

25/78868

MOVED Cr Barrett

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.

SECONDED Cr Lane**CARRIED 2022-26/816****PURPOSE**

Due to internal structural changes the Internal Review Contact Officer has changed, and the process needs to reflect the new structure.

REPORTBackground

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

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Nil

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Nil

3. FINANCIAL

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Nil

4. PEOPLE

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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.

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 **25/74523**

MOVED Cr Evans

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.

SECONDED Cr Hurn

CARRIED 2022-26/817

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

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 

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.

7.2.2 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 **25/78256**

MOVED Cr de Vries

That Council receives and notes the monthly finance update report as at 30 September 2025, as provided in Attachment 1.

SECONDED Cr Troup

CARRIED 2022-26/818

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.

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.

7.3 Infrastructure and Environmental Services**7.3.1 STATE BICYCLE FUND - NOTIFICATION OF GRANT FUNDING**
25/77980

MOVED Cr Angas

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.

SECONDED Cr Lane

CARRIED 2022-26/819

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.

REPORTSummary 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.

7.3.2 WILLIAMSTOWN QUEEN VICTORIA JUBILEE PARK - SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS - TREE REMOVAL STAGE 2
25/78098

MOVED Cr de Vries

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.

SECONDED Cr Hurn

CARRIED 2022-26/820

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.

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 Jubilee Caravan and Recreation Park - Pines Trees - Report - Treevolution - 24 September 2024  |

Supporting references

Nil

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Community Plan



Our Environment

Supporting a sustainable Barossa.

Strategic Outcome

- We support actions that manage our environment for future generations.



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

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

7.4 Development and Community Services

7.4.1 REVOCATION OF COMMUNITY LAND - ALLOTMENT 8 GEORGE STREET WILLIAMSTOWN **25/73934**

MOVED Cr de Vries

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.

SECONDED Cr Troup

CARRIED 2022-26/821

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.

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.

7.4.2 WORLD HERITAGE BID UPDATE

25/75373

MOVED Cr Greatwich

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.

SECONDED Cr Evans

CARRIED 2022-26/822

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*

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.

Council's participation as bid partner in a World Heritage submission demonstrates a commitment to matters of nation-wide significance.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Not required.

7.4.3 WILLIAMSTOWN YOUTH ENGAGEMENT - PUBLIC ART WALLS **25/77332**

MOVED Cr Greatwich

That Council approve the pilot initiative to establish legal public art walls in Williamstown to:

- a. support the redirection of graffiti vandalism; and
- b. offer youth-led activities for creative expression.

SECONDED Cr Lane

CARRIED 2022-26/823

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.

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.

Question without Notice

QUESTION:

Cr Evans asked Mr Jake McVicar, Directory Development and Community Services what the estimated timeframe for the project would be.

Mr McVicar took this on notice and the response is now supplied as per below:

ANSWER:

The Williamstown Pilot Project - Public Art Wall will have a 12-month trial period with staff to report back to Council in October 2026 to advise of the success, or otherwise, of the project, following a community engagement and evaluation exercise to commence in July 2026.

A.1 BAROSSA CHARACTER AREA REVIEW PROJECT UPDATE
25/79177

MOVED Cr Angas

That Council:

- (1) Endorse the DRAFT Barossa Character Area Review Project Scope and associated Terms of Reference; and
- (2) Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to write to all identified stakeholders inviting them to participate in the formation of the Barossa Character Area Working Group and commence calling for interested parties to be part of the group.

SECONDED Cr Preece

VARIATION

With the consent of the mover, Cr Angas and seconder, Mr Preece, Cr Greatwich sought leave of the meeting to vary the motion.

The Mayor put the question of leave of the meeting. Leave of the meeting was granted.

The motion was varied and read as follows:

That Council:

- (1) Endorse the DRAFT Barossa Character Area Review Project Scope and associated Terms of Reference and 4.1 include a Barossa Regional Residents Association member and to be appointed by Council; and
- (2) Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to write to all identified stakeholders inviting them to participate in the formation of the Barossa Character Area Working Group and commence calling for interested parties to be part of the group.

CARRIED 2022-26/824

PURPOSE

To seek endorsement from Elected Members to commence work on The Barossa Character Area Review Project.

REPORT

Background

The *Character Preservation (Barossa Valley) Act 2012* became operational in 2013, and this piece of legislation aims to ensure that the special character of the Barossa Valley is recognised, protected and enhanced.

The Planning and Design Code includes a Character Preservation District Overlay which provides planning policy that development must be assessed against.

Introduction

In September 2022, the State Planning Commission indicated that it would consider being the proponent for a Code Amendment to amend the Barossa Character Area Overlay, and Council wrote to the Commission advising of its readiness to commence work in partnership with the Commission. In September 2024, Planning and Land Use Services (PLUS) advised that the focus of the State Government was on the housing roadmap and that this would delay any work on a Commission-led Barossa Character Area Overlay Code Amendment.

Further to this, it has been identified, most recently through Council's Growth and Infrastructure Investment Strategy, that improvements could be made to the Character Preservation District Overlay. Any policy changes can only be made through the initiation of a Code Amendment.

Council has also previously undertaken work in this space through *the Strategic Planning Review of the Barossa Character Area* (March 2023) by Paul Mickan and it is now proposed to re-visit this work through the formation of a Barossa Character Area Working Group.

Discussion

The Barossa Character Area Working Group is proposed to be established to assist both the Barossa Council and Light Regional Council, as well as the State Government, to progress the Barossa Character Area Review Project.

Preliminary discussions have been held with senior staff of the Light Regional Council who indicated initial support to be involved in the project, however this will be subject to a decision from their elected membership.

A draft Project Scope and Terms of Reference have been prepared and are attached for consideration.

The intent of the project is to progress the necessary community engagement, literature review, final character definition and description, development of policy recommendations and advocacy to support the future commission-led Code Amendment. Importantly, the project will allow for a range of community views to be sourced and included in any recommendation that will be presented to the Commission in the future.

Summary and Conclusion

The Barossa Character Area Review is an important piece of work that is proposed to be progressed through the formation of a regional working group whose remit will be

to undertake all of the necessary preparatory work, including community consultation, literature review and policy recommendations, to enable the commencement of a Barossa Character Area Overlay Code Amendment, in partnership with the State Planning Commission.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Attachment 1	Project Scope - Barossa Character Area Review 
Attachment 2	Draft Terms of Reference - Barossa Character Area Project Working Group 

Supporting references

Nil

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Legislative Requirements

Character Preservation (Barossa Valley) Act, 2012

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.

Regular planning policy review is an important part of the services provided by the Development Services team.

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 work will further enhance and protect the character values of the Barossa Valley as they relate to development proposals.

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.

Council allocates budget each year for strategic planning work as well as recently funding a Senior Growth and Strategic Planner role. There is two areas of strategic work identified this and the commercial land supply work, what can be achieved with the funds will be determined in 2026 once the group has specified the support needed.

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 recently created role of Senior Growth and Strategic Planner will be largely responsible for the delivery of this project.

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 is able to play a lead role in the amending of Planning and Design Code policy and has the resources to do so, it is the community's expectation that Council actively advocates for stronger and clearer planning policy to enhance the character values of the Barossa Valley.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Nil

8. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**8.1 Corporate Services, Strategy and Innovation****8.1.1 SANFL SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS -TENDER BID 25/78242**

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.

MOVED Cr Preece

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.

SECONDED Cr Hurn

CARRIED 2022-26/825

The meeting moved into confidence at 6.52pm

MOVED Cr de Vries

That Council:

- (1) Council Resolution
- (2) Council Resolution
- (3) Having considered this matter in confidence under Sections 90(2) and 90(3)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, makes an order pursuant to Section 91(7), that the minutes, agenda report and attachments other than the minutes relating to this confidentiality order of the Confidential Council Meeting held on 21 October 2025 in relation to item 8.1.1 SANFL SA State Country Championships Tender Bid be kept confidential and not available for public inspection and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to review and revoke the order.

SECONDED Cr Schilling

CARRIED CO 2022-26/826

Resumption of open council meeting at 6.53pm

8.2 Infrastructure and Environmental Services

8.2.1 KEYNETON ROAD - STAGE 3 - TENDER

25/75364

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 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.

MOVED Cr Preece

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.

SECONDED Cr Hurn

CARRIED 2022-26/827

The meeting moved into confidence at 6.53pm

MOVED Cr Angas

That Council:

- (1) Council Resolution
- (2) Council Resolution
- (3) Having considered this matter in confidence under Sections 90(2) and 90(3)(k) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, makes an order pursuant to Section 91(7), that the minutes, agenda report and attachments other than the minutes relating to this confidentiality order of the Confidential Council Meeting held on 21 October 2025 in relation to item 8.2.1 Keyneton Road - Stage 3 - Tender be kept confidential and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to review and revoke the order.

SECONDED Cr Preece**CARRIED CO 2022-26/828***Resumption of open council meeting at 6.56pm*

8.2.2 ANGASTON AND NURIOOTPA OVALS - LIGHTING UPGRADE - TENDER 25/78001

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 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.

MOVED Cr Preece

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.

SECONDED Cr Greatwich

CARRIED 2022-26/829

The meeting moved into confidence at 6.57pm

MOVED Cr Schilling

- (1) Council Resolution
- (2) Council Resolution
- (3) Having considered this matter in confidence under Sections 90(2) and 90(3)(k) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, makes an order pursuant to Section 91(7), that the minutes, agenda report and attachments other than the minutes relating to this confidentiality order of the Confidential Council Meeting held on 21 October 2025 in relation to item 8.2.2 Angaston and Nuriootpa Ovals - Lighting Upgrade - Tender be kept confidential and not available for public inspection and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to review and revoke the order.

SECONDED Cr de Vries

CARRIED CO 2022-26/830

Resumption of open council meeting at 6.58pm

9. URGENT OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

10. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 18 November 2025 at 5.30pm

11. CLOSURE

Mayor Lange declared the meeting closed at 6.58pm.

Confirmed at Council Meeting on 18 November 2025

Date:.....

Mayor:.....