TheBarossaCouncil

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next ordinary meeting of the Barossa Bushgardens Committee will be held on Wednesday 22 April 2026 in the Council Chambers, 43-51 Tanunda Road, Nuriootpa, commencing at 1:00 PM.

A G E N D A

Welcome by the Chair

1. ATTENDANCE RECORD

1.1 Members Present

Apologies

Nil

Not Present

Nil

Leave of Absence

Nil

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of previous meetings – for confirmation:

2.1.1 Barossa Bushgardens Committee meeting held on Wednesday 15 April 2026 at 1:00 PM

2.2 Matters arising from previous minutes

Nil

3. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

4. DEBATE REPORT

5. CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA

Nil

6. URGENT OTHER BUSINESS

7. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 17 June 2026 at 1:00 PM

8. CLOSURE

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

3.1 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Author: Executive and Project Support Officer
26/22495

The following actions from previous minutes are in progress as detailed below:

Meeting Date	Resolution/Action	Status	Actioning Officer
15 October 2025	Review of Terms of Reference	Agenda item for April 2026 S41 Committee meeting	Senior Environmental Officer

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Nil.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

3.2 CORRESPONDENCE

Author: Executive and Project Support Officer
26/22499

The following correspondence has been received:

Date	Sender	Action/Outcome
12 March 2026	Ross Oke	Note incoming correspondence

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Nil.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

3.3 PARTNER PROJECT UPDATES

Author: Executive and Project Support Officer
26/22502

Updates are provided for the Committee's information:

Bush Playgroup
Parents and children participating have been invited to take part in a photo shoot to promote the Play Communication Board and for event advertising for the Plant Sale Day. Participant numbers are steady with an increase in male care givers noticed. Feedback has been positive with parents commenting on how they are loving the free play, space, unstructured play and natural connection to nature for their children.

Barossa Community Labyrinth
A Customer Request has been raised with the depot to transport a concrete table setting to be placed under the Labyrinth shelter. The old seat has worn out and needs replacing. The table will be part of a couple of workshop sessions during October to enhance the tabletop.

Seeding Natives
A verbal report will be presented.

Nurture and Natter Program
Program is full at the moment and going very well. 6 participants and their carers are attending most weeks with the clients carrying out tasks such as potting up, cuttings, weeding plants, and emptying pots of old soil.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Nil.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

3.4 MARKETING INITIATIVES AND SALES OPPORTUNITIES

Author: Executive and Project Support Officer
26/22505

Martin and Jill Fish from the UK visited the BBG recently and asked Trevor Waldhuter for an interview for their podcast Pots and Trowels. The podcast can be found at youtube (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yRids4x90IY). Trevor talks about how the gardens started, plants, Aboriginal engagement, volunteering and much more. We are very proud of Trevor who continues to promote the gardens wherever he goes.

Staff and volunteers joined the Tanunda Show on 14 March with a stall. Visitors could buy plants, collect information about several environmental topics, including Native Bees, Birds of the Barossa, Site Assessments, Shelterbelts and Windbreaks and much more. We invited children to touch and smell plant materials or make a nature headband.

2026 was the first time the BBG joined the Yellow Brick Road. Children collect a bag at the start and visit a range of stalls to collect goodies. We gave away native flower seed packets, prepared by nursery volunteers, but the children had to answer a few questions about local native wildlife and cats. Staff received several compliments from parents how we managed to make the activity interesting and educational.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Nil.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

3.5 RISK MANAGEMENT/WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY

Author: Barossa Bushgardens NRC Co-ordinator
26/22508

The bench in the shade house was trimmed back by the volunteers to enable better access when pushing / pulling plant trolleys past the bench.

New stools and chairs were purchased for the volunteers working in the propagation areas.

Two benches were purchased for the Community Nursery for public use.

New signs were purchased and volunteers attached them to the benches in the wholesale nursery and the shade house areas with the aim to name all benches.

Grays Pest Control – Bushgardens back on a regular schedule and placed First Generation baits within the Natural Resource Centre and shade house areas.

Community Nursery shed sprayed by Grays Pest Control to reduce spider numbers.

Seed cold room gas cylinder replaced.

Bio septic alarm was set off due to pump failing. This has been replaced.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Nil.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

3.6 VISITATION TO THE BAROSSA BUSHGARDENS

Author: Executive and Project Support Officer
26/22510

During February and March, 562 people engaged with the Bushgardens through networking, awareness raising and knowledge building. Staff and volunteers hosted or facilitated 34 events during this time. Visitor numbers to the gardens has been steadily increasing due to cooler weather and includes locals, interstate and overseas visitors.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Nil.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

3.7 FRIENDS OF BAROSSA BUSHGARDENS UPDATE

Author: Executive and Project Support Officer
26/22512

A Verbal report will be provided.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Nil.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

3.8 STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

Author: Executive and Project Support Officer
26/22500

The actions within the Barossa Bushgardens Strategic Plan are provided in Attachment 1. The status/progress comments are provided to 31 March 2026.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 Barossa Bushgardens Strategic Plan - Progress Report April 2026

SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Nil.

Attachment 1

Action	By When	By Whom	Priority	Status/Progress
Key Result Area 1 **TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE THAT MEETS THE GROWING NEEDS OF THE REGION WITH CONSIDERATION TO THE CHANGING CLIMATE**				
Strategy 1 - Maintain and improve the Seed Bank				
CS17 - Natural Resources				
Output 1 - Sustainability Output 4 – Bushgardens Nursery				
a) Provision of nursery for the production and sale of native plants.	Ongoing	Nursery Manager	High	Feb/March propagation Cuttings – 7 species Sowing – 28 species Potting up – Approx 10,000 plants Some re-sowing of species has occurred as Summer germination has not been good to try and cater for current orders. The focus over the last few months has been on going through plant orders, of which we have just under 50 orders – currently sitting at around 20,000 plants. Still potting up various species to fulfill orders, Autumn plant sale and free plant give away coming up in May. Community Nursery is being filled as we work our way through orders and we know what can be sold to the community.
b) Maintenance of a regional Seed Bank and Database	Ongoing	Nursery Manager	High	Seed collection has slowed but still in process. Seed processing is ongoing. Some outside seed has been purchased to continue to increase genetic diversity within the gardens and in the community.
c) Development and maintenance of a Plant Collection Database.	Ongoing	Nursery Manager	High	Plant Collection Database is updated as plants are planted.
d) Improve the commercial capacity of the nursery, including inclusion of a council nursery operation.	Ongoing	Nursery Manager	High	A proposal has been forwarded to Council in regard to the purchasing of a new poly tunnel. New alphabet signs have been put in place at the end of the benches in the shade house and wholesale nursery. Bench has been cut back in the shade house to make it easier to manoeuvre around.
Strategy 2 - Adopt and implement sound assets management principles				
CS3 - Assets				
Output 8 – Asset Maintenance and Operations – Open Space				
a) Management/Maintenance	Ongoing	Nursery Manager	High	Manual control of caltrop is ongoing.

of native gardens and Bushgardens site		NRC Coordinator		Early season weed control has commenced with organic herbicide being used every two weeks to knock down emerging weed seedlings. Chemical control for couch grass in garden beds and on pathways is ongoing.
b) Review and update the Masterplan identifying key priorities for the next five years.	Ongoing	Manager, I&ES Nursery Manager NRC Coordinator	Low	Ongoing
c) Seek to incorporate and access/linkages to Coulthard Reserve as part of the broader Bushgardens site.	Ongoing	Manager I&ES Director I&ES	Low	In progress
d) Develop Guidelines for Curation of the Barossa Bushgardens	Ongoing	Nursery Manager	High	Ongoing
Key Result Area 2 **TO CONNECT PEOPLE TO THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**				
Strategy 1 - Improve links with the early years, primary, secondary and tertiary education sector				
CS17 - Natural Resources				
Output 3 – Environmental Education and Awareness				
a) Administer/conduct environmental education and awareness programs.	Ongoing	NRC Coordinator	High	3 February – Watercolour Mindfulness (8 participants) 5 February – Abundance in your Summer Garden Workshop (9 participants) 10 February – Volunteer Toolbox Meeting and First Aid Kit Presentation (22 volunteers) 12 February – Faith Lutheran College Year 11 Volunteering (11 students) 24 February – Summer BioBlitz (20 participants) 26 February – Barossa Bush Playgroup (24 children) 26 February – Faith Lutheran College Year 11 Volunteering (11 students) 3 March – Nuriootpa Highschool Blue Gum Woodland Collaboration (5 stakeholders) 5 March – Faith Lutheran College Year 11 Volunteering (11 students) 6 March – Memorial Tree Planting (8 participants) 12 March – Barossa Bush Playgroup (29 children) 12 March – Faith Lutheran College Year 11 Volunteering (11 students) 14 March – Tanunda Show Stall (180 visitors to the stall)

				19 March – Faith Lutheran College Year 11 Volunteering (10 students) 19 March – Garden tour (2 visitors) 20 March – Nuriootpa Highschool Traditional Uses Trail Tours (34 students) 23 March – Tanunda Lutheran Home Visit and Tour (20 visitors) 25 March – Nuriootpa Highschool Traditional Uses Trail Tour (14 students) 26 March – Barossa Bush Playgroup (18 children) 26 March – Green Adelaide and Northern + Yorke Landscape Board visit (23 visitors) 26 March – Faith Lutheran College Year 11 Volunteering (10 students) 31 March – Mount Pleasant Primary School Environmental Education (36 students) 31 March – Art Collaboration meeting for Reconciliation Event (3 participants)
b) Provide opportunities for students and researchers to support the delivery of the Barossa Bushgardens outcomes.	Ongoing	NRC Coordinator	Low	The BBG is hosting Year 11 students from Faith Lutheran College, weekly throughout Semester 1 (excluding holidays). The students help with the development of a wetland area. Once completed the site will be accessible, educational and safe for visitors to use. Students are learning about wetlands, life forms of these unique areas and are able to incorporate their own ideas.
c) Organise suitable events to support the key objectives of the Barossa Bushgardens.	Ongoing	NRC Coordinator	Low	A wide range of workshops are organised to help engage with the community and to increase skills and knowledge.
d) Provide opportunities and access across a range of sectors (art, culture, First nations, public health and wellbeing) that align with the objectives of the Barossa Bushgardens.	Ongoing	NRC Coordinator	Low	Staff have received enquiries for the building to be used for cultural events from several organisations. Funding of $5,000 has been secured from the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board to host a Reconciliation Day Event on 30th May, with a number of design and art workshops preceding the event.
Strategy 2 – support and promote sustainability				
CS17 – Natural Resources				
Output 1 – Sustainability				

Attachment 1

Output 2 – Land, Water and Biodiversity Output 3 – Environmental Education and Awareness				
a) Support The Barossa Council's Sustainability Officer, programs and initiatives within the region.	Ongoing	NRC Coordinator Nursery Manager	High	Nothing to report
b) Develop, implement and support land, water and biodiversity initiatives and programs within the region.	Ongoing	NRC Coordinator	Low	Nothing to report
c) Increase and improve collaborations with key stakeholders of the Barossa Bushgardens.				Ongoing
Strategy 3 – Create and deliver social inclusion opportunities				
CS19 – Social Inclusion				
Output 4 – Social Support Groups				
a) Deliver, develop and facilitate disability support programs, activities and events.	Ongoing	NRC Coordinator	High	
b) Ensure the Barossa Bushgardens are developed and align with The Barossa Council's Disability Access and Inclusion Action Plan.	Ongoing	NRC Coordinator	High	A Play Communication Board has been installed in the Nature Play area to help with communication for non-verbal visitors.
Strategy 4 - Create and deliver community-oriented training opportunities				
CS10 – Economic Development				
Output 4 – Social Support Groups				
a) Form strong partnerships that link the Bushgardens to the wine and tourism industries.	Ongoing	Nursery Manager Project Officer	Medium	Ongoing relationships with local vignerons.
Strategy 5 - Engage with Aboriginal people				
CS19 - Social Inclusion				
Output 7 – Aboriginal Reconciliation				
a) Host Reconciliation Week event co-designed with our First Nations in association with The Barossa Council and in collaboration with Barossa Reconciliation Group.				Funding of $5,000 has been secured from the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board to host a Reconciliation Day Event on 30 May, with a number of design and art workshops preceding the event.
b) Engage and continue to develop relationship with Frist Nations Elders and the wider community.				The NRC Coordinator has met with Perry Agius and Mel Agius to discuss possible collaboration in the future. Discussions were had around the development of a medicinal garden that is accessible for First Nations People to harvest plant materials, with possible workshop session delivered as part of the development.
Strategy 6 - Increase profile of the Bushgardens				
BS3 - Communications and Engagement				
Output 3 – Community Engagement Output 5 – Online / Website support				

a) Prepare editorial articles for the local newspapers and subscribers.				A bi-monthly column was published in the Leader Newspaper in early February. An e-newsletter was sent to 780 subscribers in February.
b) Update information/educational materials and maintain and update website and social media platforms				Website has been updated to reflect current activities and events.
c) Update signage (does this apply here?)				Information signs have been installed in the Food for Wildlife Garden for visitors to learn about food plants for Birds, Kangaroos, Koalas, Possums and habitat for Reptiles. 67 new plant signs for the Eremophila Garden have been ordered. A plant list for this garden was developed by the Gawler and Barossa Districts Group of the Australian Plant Society SA.
d) Support the Friends of the Barossa Bushgardens (FoBB) to increase their profile and engage the wider community in core business of the Barossa Bushgardens..				Nothing to report.
CS20 – Tourism				
Output 1 – Visitor Information and Resource Management Output 2 – Visitor Enquiries/Customer Service				
a) Increase interpretation signage to guide and enhance visitor experience.	Ongoing	NRC Coordinator Nursery Manager	Medium	15 new information signs for display gardens have been developed and grant funding secured for manufacturing. Signage includes 36 wayfinding arrows for the new trail.
b) Position the Barossa Bushgardens and Natural Resource Centre as a destination for visitors and as a community hub for social club meetings, gathers and tours..	Ongoing	NRC Coordinator	Low	Nothing to report.
Key Result Area 3 **TO RECRUIT, TRAIN AND RETAIN PRODUCTIVE VOLUNTEERS**				
Strategy 1 - Achieve stable and sustainable volunteer group				
CS22 – Volunteers				
Output 1 – External Volunteer Support Output 2 – Internal Volunteer Support Output 3 - Volunteering Promotion and Advocacy Output 4 – Community Engagement				
a) Provide support, training and development opportunities for Barossa Bushgardens volunteers	Ongoing	NRC Coordinator Nursery Manager	Medium	Nothing to report.
b) Attract new volunteers to support program delivery.	Ongoing	NRC Coordinator	Medium	Both teams (nursery and gardens) are at full capacity at the moment. Several new

		Nursery Manager		volunteers have started and are currently going through the training process.
c) Recognise and acknowledge volunteer contributions to the Barossa Bushgardens	Ongoing	NRC Coordinator Nursery Manager	Medium	The NRC Coordinator has applied for a sponsorship with the Barossa Co-op which, if successful, would see volunteer recognition with $25 vouchers continuing.
Key Result Area 4 **TO IMPROVE GOVERNANCE**				
Strategy 1 - Develop and execute a new governance model				
BS2 - Business Transformation				
Output 2 – Continuous Improvement Project Management				
a) Documentation of tasks and processes for the Barossa Bushgardens.	Ongoing	NRC Coordinator Nursery Manager	High	Ongoing
BS4 - Council and Committees				
Output 2 – Coordination: Council Committees and Working Groups				
a) Ensure the effective operation of the Barossa Bushgardens Committee in accordance with the Local Government Act, Terms of Reference, and Meeting Procedures.	Ongoing	Manager I&ES	High	
b) Develop and execute a new governance model for the Barossa Bushgardens.	Ongoing	Manager I&ES Director I&ES	Low	
BS7 – Governance				
Output 1 – Governance and Policy Advice Output 4 – Legislative Reform Output 5 – Complaints Management Output 6 – Policy Framework Management				
a) Implement legislative reform, where applicable	Ongoing	Manager I&ES Director I&ES	Low	
Strategy 2 - Maintain a strong financial framework				
BS6 – Finance				
Output 2 – Budget Management and Financial Accounting				
a) Ensure effective Budget Performance	Ongoing	Manager I&ES	High	
Strategy 3- Maintain effective internal controls to reduce risk				
BS5 – Risk and Safety				
Output 1 – Risk Framework Management Output 2 – Internal Audit Output 4 – Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity Output 5 – Work Health and Safety Systems Management				
a) Identify and prepare Operational Risk Profile.	Ongoing	Manager I&ES NRC Coordinator Nursery Manager	High	. Nothing to report.
b) Identify and document processes to reduce threat of disease, animals, weeds and pests to nursery and gardens at Barossa Bushgardens	Ongoing	Manager I&ES NRC Coordinator Nursery Manager	Medium	Rabbit numbers continue to rise and efforts are being made to protect new plantings through several methods. Ongoing spraying of all nursery areas to control weed species.

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c) Manage organisational risk in the delivery of core services	Ongoing	Manager I&ES NRC Coordinator Nursery Manager	High	The volunteer office has been contacted about increasing fuel costs impacting volunteers attending the BBG and the possibility for fuel subsidies. Currently one volunteer has stopped coming due to the increase in fuel costs with several others reducing volunteer days from two to one day a week to save costs. Staff are communicating with volunteers and working on contingency plans if costs keep increasing. Negative impacts on nursery production are being monitored.
d) Ensure that identified Internal Financial Controls are effectively monitored and maintained	Ongoing	Manager I&ES NRC Coordinator Nursery Manager	Medium	
e) Maintain and facilitate the ongoing testing and development of Council's Business Continuity Plan and associated Sub-Plans	Ongoing	Manager I&ES NRC Coordinator Nursery Manager	Medium	
f) Maintain and champion the implementation of Councils WHS System	Ongoing	Manager I&ES NRC Coordinator Nursery Manager	Medium	Updates are shared across the team regularly.
g) Undertake WHS Compliance Inspections	Ongoing	Manager I&ES NRC Coordinator Nursery Manager	Medium	Nothing to report.
h) Implement, Review and Maintain Work Health Safety Improvement/Action Plan	Ongoing	Manager I&ES NRC Coordinator Nursery Manager	Medium	Ongoing
i) Participate in mandatory external WHS Audits	Ongoing	Manager I&ES NRC Coordinator Nursery Manager	Medium	Nothing to report.
j) Maintain Chemalert Database for sites where chemicals used	Ongoing	Manager I&ES Nursery Manager	High	Nothing to report.
Strategy 4 - Maintain and explore new funding opportunities				
BS8 – Grants				
Output 1 – Grant Sourcing Output 2 – Grant Management				
a) Identify and develop funding opportunities to assist in delivery of projects and programs.	Ongoing	Manager I&ES NRC Coordinator Nursery Manager	High	Funding has been sourced of $5,000 for a Reconciliation Week event, including accompanying workshops from the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board.

				A bite-sized grant of $611.40 has been secured to manufacture 15 information signs for display gardens as well as 36 way finding arrows for the new trail. (Northern and Yorke Landscape Board)
b) Prepare a prospectus to assist in promoting the benefits of the Barossa Bushgardens to potential funding partners	Ongoing	Manager I&ES NRC Coordinator Nursery Manager	High	Nothing to report.
c) Monitor and report on grant status and prepare acquittal reports.	Ongoing	Manager I&ES NRC Coordinator Nursery Manager	High	All previous grants have been successfully acquitted.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

3.9 ADVISORY GROUP PROJECT DECISION MAKING PROCESS

Author: Executive and Project Support Officer
26/22273

The attached flow chart has been prepared by Council staff to illustrate the process for decision making and actions, ahead of the potential implementation of Advisory Group status for the current Barossa Bushgardens S41 Committee.

ATTACHMENTS

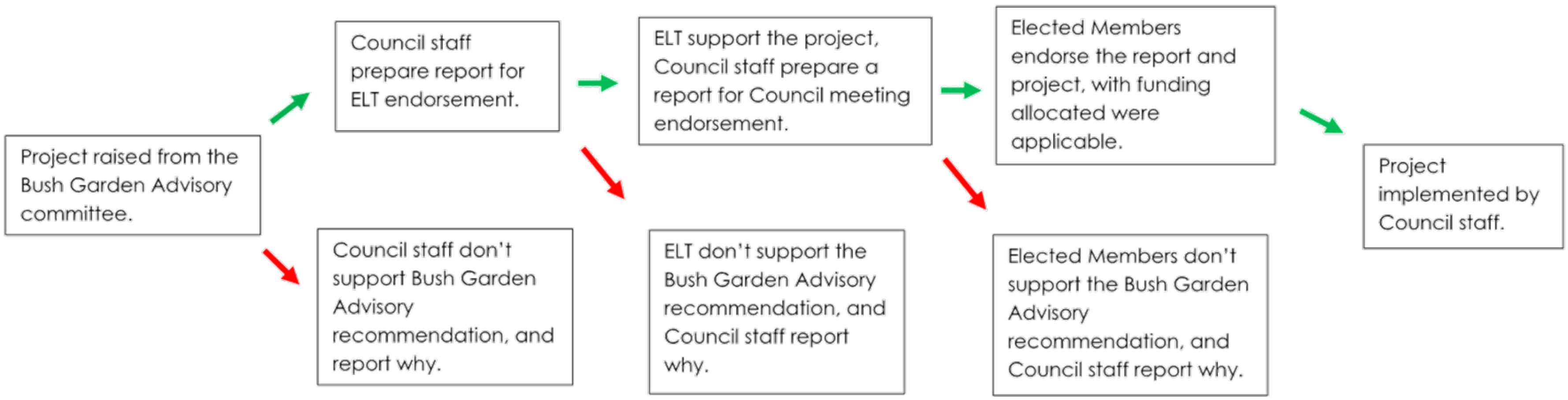
Attachment 1 Barossa Bushgardens and Advisory Group Project Flow Chart - Attachment for April 2026 Agenda

SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Nil.

Attachment 1

Barossa Bushgardens Project Flow Chart



DEBATE REPORT

4.1 NEW POLYTUNNEL PROPOSAL - BAROSSA BUSHGARDENS NURSERY

Author: Team Leader Environmental Services
26/22277

PURPOSE

The Barossa Bushgardens Nursery needs to upgrade the Polytunnel as the costs for repairs are prohibitive compared with the price of purchasing a new one. Included in this proposal is the full cost of the Polytunnel kit, irrigation, benches, heat beds including labour for electrical work.

Demand for tubestock from vignerons, industry, other councils, community groups and general ratepayers has resulted in increased production and a fully functional Polytunnel is integral to meeting the needs of the customers.

RECOMMENDATION
That Barossa Bushgardens Committee:

(1) Endorse the Project

(2) Request that staff submit the proposal to the Executive Leadership Team for progressioc

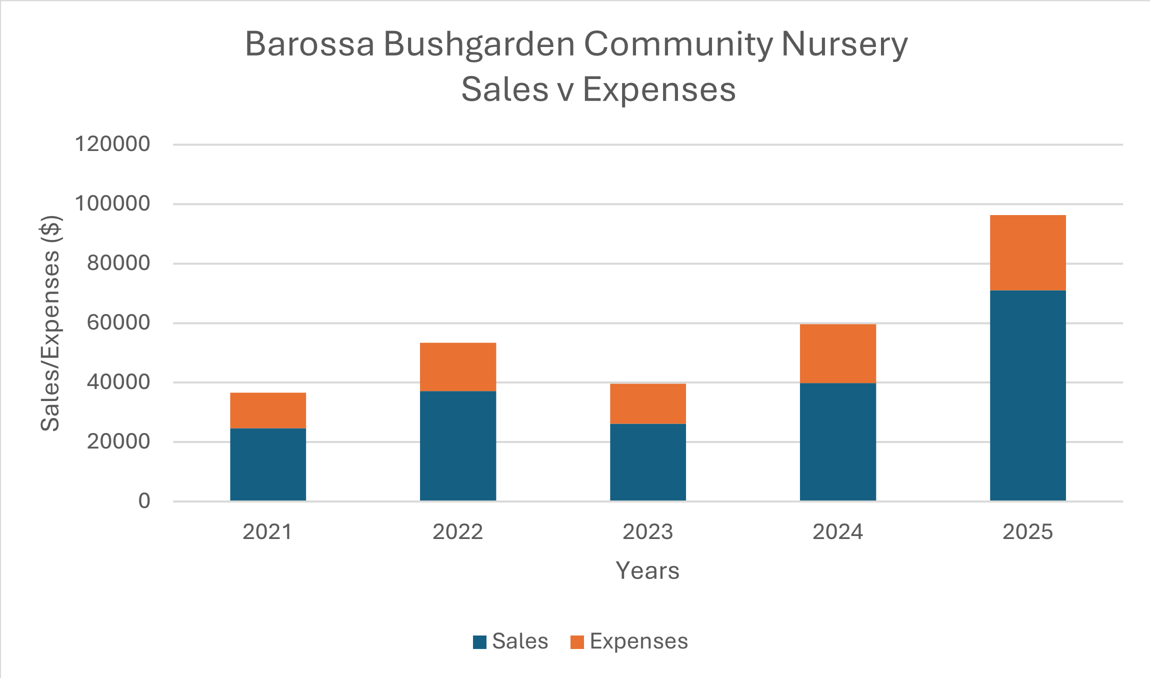
REPORT

Introduction
In nursery production a Polytunnel is used to propagate plant species that are difficult to grow from seed. Additionally, the Polytunnel provides a protected, warmer environment that extends the growing season, protects plants from frosts, heavy rain and can be used to reproduce specific characteristics of a plant, ie. Flower colours, brightness etc.

The upgrading of the polytunnel will help the Barossa Bushgardens Nursery increase the diversity of plant species available for the community which aligns strategically with The Barossa Bushgardens Strategic Plan 2024-2029 and the Barossa Community Plan 2024-2044.

The Barossa Bushgardens nursery production and sales have increased significantly over the past five years as shown in Table 1. 2024 sales increased from 2023 by 70% and increased by 40% from 2024 to 2025 (excluding $15k for Barossa Park plants). Income from Nursery sales for 2026 is forecast at $50k. The declining rainfall over the past 12 months and the extreme heat may influence the end of financial year income, however sales to date are on track.

Table 1.



Discussion

Issues with existing Polytunnel

- Holds heat – even with front and rear doors open, heat struggles to escape – seedlings burn.
- Needs reskinning
- Needs new heat beds – aged (>10 years), starting to falter
- Front door is ripped due to strong winds (Figure 1.) – this was replaced only 12 months ago


Figure 1. Current Polytunnel

Benefits to upgrade Polytunnel & associated infrastructure

- Taller than existing polytunnel and an extra metre wide
- Wind up walls to assist with escape of heat
- 10 year structural warranty
- Built to withstand 150km/hr winds
- Shade cloth cover for extra heat protection
- Sliding doors rather than roll up doors – front and rear
- Full steel frame
- Polytunnel Kit 6.1m wide x 3.2m high x 1.6m windup walls - Sage Horticultural Figure 2

Due to the increased width, the new Polytunnel will be installed along the western boundary of the Wholesale Nursery which will reduce the impacts from heat during summer (Figure 3). Water for irrigation is accessible; however, supply and installation of power will be required. This has been included in the total cost.

Figure 2. Sage Horticultural Polytunnel

Figure 3. New location in Wholesale Nursery

Total Cost

To upgrade the Barossa Bushgardens Polytunnel will cost **$18,000** which includes freight, Polytunnel kit, irrigation, benches (4), heat beds and installation of power.

The Barossa Bushgardens Nursery Coordinator will require on-ground support from volunteers and Depot staff to:

- Dig and backfill trench across to new location for electrician

- move existing plant pots and irrigation (Council Carob trees) to new site (where existing Polytunnel is located)
- erect new poly tunnel
- install irrigation

Summary and Conclusion
Approval is sought to progress the purchase of a replacement polytunnel to assist with propagation of plant species that will help to meet the significant increase in demand for stock.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Nil

Supporting references
Barossa Bushgardens Strategic Plan 2024-2029
Barossa Community Plan 2024-2044

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.
- We sustainably manage our resources and encourage sustainable practices.

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.

   The purchase of a replacement polytunnel will result in the increased ability to meet orders and sales targets.

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 Barossa Bushgardens nursery production is one of only two nurseries that provide local, native tubestock for the region (Kersbrook Landcare Nursery). Seed collection, propagation and the planting of native species is addressing one of the major consequences of the impacts of the changing climate – the loss of biodiversity.

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 opportunity to grow a wider range of local native species including those that will be grown specifically in the polytunnel will increase income.

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 community expectation is that the Barossa Bushgardens can provide the full suite of local native species endemic to the Barossa and wider regions. The Barossa Bushgardens community and wholesale nursery is gaining a reputation within the region to be one of the most important assets for plant production and this is evidenced through the increased income generated by nursery sales for the past three years.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Not required.

DEBATE REPORT

4.2 FINANCE REPORT - AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

Author: Executive and Project Support Officer
26/22513

PURPOSE

To provide progress on budget income and expenditure as at 31 March 2026.

RECOMMENDATION
That Barossa Bushgardens Committee receive and note the report.

REPORT

Discussion
Staff are currently reviewing the Q3 data and will submit any required adjustments as needed.

Third Quarter reporting to 1 April 2026 has been submitted to Green Adelaide for their information.

Advice has recently been received from the SA Labor Team confirming that the Green Adelaide Board at its meeting held in December 2025 endorsed funding of all nine Natural Resource Centres in 2026-27. A workshop is expected to be held in the first half of 2026 with centres, relevant Landscape Boards and Local Government, to determine a more sustainable funding model for the centres moving forward.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Attachment 1 Attachment 1 - Barossa Bushgardens Budget - April 2026

Supporting references
Nil.

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Community Plan

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<u>Legislative Requirements</u>
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.

   Regular monitoring of financial performance ensures 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 effective and strategic decisions, a finance report is provided for 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

Not required under Legislation or Council's Public Consultation Policy.

Bushgardens CC4115

2526GLA As at Period 9	Current Actuals 2526GLA	Commitments 2526GLA	Actual + Committed 2526GLA	YTD Budget 2526GLF2	% of YTD Budget 2526GLF2	Full Year Current Budget 2526GLF2	% of Full Yr Budget 2526GLF2	Full Year Remaining Budget
41304 - Contributions - Other	-4309.36	0	-4309.36	-3636.36	119%	-3636.36	119%	673
41403 - Operating Grant - CWM Boards	-23848	0	-23848	0	0%	0	0%	23848
61122 - Contractors - Cleaning Services	0	0	0	3440.4	0%	5160.6	0%	5160.6
61123 - Contractors - Recycling/Green Collection Svce	19.06	0	19.06	0	0%	0	0%	-19.06
61124 - Contractors - Waste Disposal Services	0	120	120	0	0%	0	0%	-120
61125 - Contractors - Fire Equipment Servicing	0	0	0	365.22	0%	547.8	0%	547.8
61126 - Contractors - Bldg Maintenance Services	974.27	484.15	1458.42	2537.1	57%	3805.7	38%	2347.28
61137 - Contractors - Plant/Machinery Servicing	1451.03	0	1451.03	1106.25	131%	1200	121%	-251.03
61140 - Contractors - Other Services	8804.22	1320	10124.22	7081.23	143%	9205.68	110%	-918.54
61145 - Contractors - Airconditioning Services	0	0	0	100.14	0%	150.23	0%	150.23
61182 - Contractors - Tagging & Testing	0	0	0	373.92	0%	560.84	0%	560.84
61203 - Direct Purchases - Canteen Purchases	1093.16	0	1093.16	946.02	116%	1320	83%	226.84
61206 - Direct Purchases - Assets < $5,000	3143.29	0	3143.29	2821.07	111%	3500	90%	356.71
61209 - Direct Purchases - Vehicle/Machine Parts	61.05	0	61.05	210.62	29%	300	20%	238.95
61210 - Direct Purchases - Stationery	9.36	0	9.36	0	0%	0	0%	-9.36
61212 - Direct Purchases - Irrigation supplies	141.18	909.09	1050.27	572.8	183%	820	128%	-230.27
61213 - Direct Purchases - Weed/Pest Chemicals	51.47	0	51.47	117.17	44%	150	34%	98.53
61214 - Direct Purchases - Fertiliser	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0%	0
61215 - Direct Purchases - Mulch/Loam	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0%	0
61216 - Direct Purchases- Plants/Shrubs	183.61	0	183.61	199.98	92%	300	61%	116.39

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61220 - Direct Purchases - Loose tools	0	0	0	400.02	0%	600	0%	600
61223 - Direct Purchases - Other	1562.72	1023.29	2586.01	962.71	269%	1000	259%	-1586.01
61301 - Energy Costs - Electricity	2616.63	0	2616.63	4934.7	53%	7402.09	35%	4785.46
61302 - Energy Costs - Gas	0	0	0	184.2	0%	276.41	0%	276.41
61303 - Energy Costs - Fuel & Lubricants	767.18	0	767.18	691.89	111%	1000	77%	232.82
61304 - Water - Service Rates	246.9	0	246.9	236.38	104%	313.47	79%	66.57
61305 - Water - Usage Charges	2.36	0	2.36	2053.02	0%	3079.61	0%	3077.25
63401 - General - Advertising	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0%	0
63402 - General - Telephone	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0%	0
63405 - General - Telephone Expenses	218.16	0	218.16	259.41	84%	348.24	63%	130.08
63408 - General - Vehicle Registration	105	0	105	0	0%	0	0%	-105
63606 - IT - Internet Expenses	542.29	0	542.29	418.76	129%	560	97%	17.71
63808 - Subscriptions/Memberships	0	0	0	133.38	0%	200	0%	200
63811 - Entertainment Expenses	128.21	0	128.21	0	0%	0	0%	-128.21
	42369.55	**5525.18**	**47894.73**	**64613.88**	**74%**	**87983.63**	**54%**	**40088.9**

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2526GLA As at Period 9	Current Actuals 2526GLA	Commitments 2526GLA	Actual + Committed 2526GLA	YTD Budget 2425GLF3	% of YTD Budget 2425GLF3	Full Year Current Budget 2425GLF3	% of Full Yr Budget 2425GLF3	Next Year Original Budget 2526GLB	Full Yr Remaining
41547 - Commercial Activities - Seedling Sales	-27318.33	0	-27318.3	-31537	87%	-40000	68%	-29677	-12681.7
61140 - Contractors - Other Services	200	0	200	81.58	245%	0	0%	0	-200
61206 - Direct Purchases - Assets < $5,000	3143	0	3143	0	0%	0	0%	0	-3143
61210 - Direct Purchases - Stationery	1389.17	0	1389.17	166.6	834%	0	0%	0	-1389.17
61212 - Direct Purchases - Irrigation supplies	108.3	0	108.3	105.95	102%	0	0%	0	-108.3
61213 - Direct Purchases - Weed/Pest Chemicals	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0%	1700	0
61214 - Direct Purchases - Fertiliser	98.62	0	98.62	0	0%	0	0%	609	-98.62

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61215 - Direct Purchases - Mulch/Loam	4299.71	363.64	4663.35	2736.8	170%	0	0%	3568.5	-4663.35
61216 - Direct Purchases- Plants/Shrubs	1495.81	96.85	1592.66	628.66	253%	0	0%	2500	-1592.66
61220 - Direct Purchases - Loose tools	0	0	0	181.08	0%	0	0%	0	0
61223 - Direct Purchases - Other	5094.4	429.56	5523.96	11187	49%	15000	37%	5000	9476.04
61226 - Office Equipment consumables - Other	28.59	0	28.59	27.17	105%	0	0%	0	-28.59
	95338.5	**3832.72**	**99171.2**	**35837**	**277%**	**44931**	**221%**	**112396**	**-54240**

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2526GLA As at Period 9	Current Actuals 2526GLA	Commitments 2526GLA	Actual + Committed 2526GLA	YTD Budget 2526GLF2	% of YTD Budget 2526GLF2	Full Year Current Budget 2526GLF2	% of Full Yr Budget 2526GLF2	Next Year Original Budget 2526GLB	Full Year Remaining Budget
20012 - Accrued Expenses - RDOs/Leave in Lieu	-23.53	0	-23.53	0	0%	0	0%	0	23.53
41403 - Operating Grant - CWM Boards	-23848	0	-23848	-47949.34	50%	-60000	40%	-60000	-36152
60020 - Salaries - Normal	28510.1	1511.68	30021.74	15661.53	192%	18959.28	158%	18959.28	-11062.5
60023 - Salaries - Superannuation	3346.13	181.4	3527.53	1881.91	187%	2275.11	155%	2275.11	-1252.42
61140 - Contractors - Other Services	2367	1480	3847	2766.42	139%	4000	96%	0	153
61206 - Direct Purchases - Assets < $5,000	0	0	0	733.32	0%	1100	0%	0	1100
61208 - Direct Purchases - Signs	2769	0	2769	3399.98	81%	3953	70%	0	1184
61209 - Direct Purchases - Vehicle/Machine Parts	0	0	0	1066.68	0%	1600	0%	0	1600
61223 - Direct Purchases - Other	792.26	748.71	1540.97	2097.06	73%	2940	52%	2000	1399.03
61226 - Office Equipment consumables - Other	0	535.53	535.53	0	0%	0	0%	0	-535.53
63401 - General - Advertising	366.36	1170.91	1537.27	1333.32	115%	2000	77%	0	462.73
90010 - Full Cost Attribution to External Services	11301.8	0	11301.78	0	0%	0	0%	0	-11301.8
	25581.1	**5628.23**	**31209.29**	**-19009.12**	**-164%**	**-23172.61**	**-135%**	**-36765.61**	**-54381.9**