GEOFF EATON – THALASSA WARD COUNCILLOR – JUNE 2025 -NEWSLETTER

My community activities during May included:

- Opening of Wearing Street Upgrades with mayor - Port Noarlunga.
- Coromandel Valley and Districts Nations Trust Watchman House morning tea – Coromandel Valley.
- Citizenship Ceremony with Mayor and Crs Platten, Davis and Yoemans – Port Noaarlunga.
- Attended Coromandel Valley Men's Breakfast – Coromandel Valley.
- Attended Local Government Association Functional Support Group Winter Webinar.
- Attended meeting regarding the Coromandel Valley War Memorial & adjacent BBQ with staff and Cr Themeliotis – Coromandel Valley.
- Elected Members session on upgrades Aberfoyle Community and Centre and Elected Members Social Media Policy – Aberfoyle Park.
- Attended Aberfoyle Park and Districts Lions Club as their nominated elected member liaison – Aberfoyle Park.
- Attended meeting at the former Coromandel Valley CFS site with staff, Cr Themeliotis, Member for Waite and CFS regarding removal of shed and location for displaying CFS history – Coromandel Valley.
- Southern Districts Baseball board meeting as their nominated elected member liaison – Christie Downs.
- Elected Members session on upgrades to the Hopgood Theatre, 2025-26 budget update and land revocations Noarlunga Centre.
- Resident street corner meeting regarding revocation of community land lot 102 Canberra Drive, Aberfoyle Park with Crs Themeliotis and Davis – Aberfoyle Park.
- Coromandel Community Centre board meeting with Cr Themeliotis – Coromandel Valley.
- Clarendon Historic Hall meeting as nominated elected member liaison.
- Attended Clarendon Agriculture Bureau as nominated elected member liason – Clarendon.
- Attended Southern Volunteering Conversation session with Cr Themeliotis – Noarlunga Centre.
- Attended Neighbourhood Watch State Council meeting – Hindmarsh.
- Aberfoyle Park Happy Valley Neighbourhood Watch as nominated elected member liaison – Aberfoyle Park.
- Hazel McKenzie Hall Over 50s Club committee, as nominated elected member liaison – Clarendon.
- May Council meeting – Noarlunga Centre.
- Aberfoyle Men's Breakfast committee, as nominated elected member liaison – Aberfoyle Park.
- Coromandel Community Centre's volunteers' recognition dinner with Cr Themelioitis – Coromandel Valley.
- Community meeting regarding Lot 110 Mindari Road Reserve community land revocation with Cr Themeliotis – Port Willunga.
- Local Government Association General Meeting with Mayor and Crs Davis and Bell - Adelaide.
- Liaison meeting with Reynella Kiwanis – Woodcroft.
- Elected Members session – Economic Growth & Tourism – Noarlunga Centre.
- Liaison meeting with Rotary Club of Flagstaff Hill – Flagstaff Hill
- Cherry Gardens Ironbank Recreation Ground board meeting – Cherry Gardens.
- Site meeting with Rotary Club of Flagstaff Hill and council staff at Anzac Walk Flagstaff Hill.

- Community meeting held by Member for Hurtle Vale Nat Cook MP with Cr Davis - Happy Valley Shopping Centre.
- Hub Gymnastics Team Challenge event with Cr Davis - Happy Valley.
- Anit Poverty Network South Australia Southern Adelaide Branch meeting - Christie Downs.

Engagements missed due to other commitments:

- Engagement session with RSLs City of Onkaparinga.
- Happy Valley Sports and Social Club board meeting – Cr Themeliotis attended.
- Flagstaff Hill Community Centre and Sports Grounds board meeting – Cr Themeliotis attended.

Storm Damage Update

Last week's high tides, strong winds and large surf impacted some of our popular destinations and infrastructure, some of which remain closed for repairs. The Port Noarlunga jetty remains closed after is sustained damage to the decking and a section of handrail, and we're keen to see it re-paired and accessible to the community as soon as possible.

Inspections from external engineers began late last week. It's too early to say how long it will remain closed, but we're working with the state government and will keep the community up to date as soon as we know more.

We ask the community to stay safe and respect the closure – it is in place for your protection.

Port Noarlunga's Jubilee Park playground is also taking a soggy little break!

The severe storm turned the wooden fort at Port Noarlunga into a castle with its very own moat, so the playground will need to remain closed while we mop up, make things safe, and get it looking great again.

Flooding has damaged the soft fall surface, which now needs to be fully removed and replaced. The closure will also allow us to complete our other renewal works that were delayed by the storm.

We are aiming to reopen the play space by Friday 20 June, just in time for the July school holidays! We appreciate your understanding as we work to restore this much-loved community space.

A huge thankyou to the SES, SAPOL and our council crews who worked tirelessly in challenging conditions during the storm and continue with the cleanup efforts.

2025-26 State Budget

The Local Government Association has provided the following details of the impact of the 2025 – 2026 State Budget on local government across the state and I feel it is important that our residents have this information. Treasurer Stephen Mullighan delivered his 2025-26 State Budget.

The below is a snapshot of some of the key initiatives relevant to local government. Over the coming weeks, we will engage with Ministers and departments to clarify funding allocations and continue advocating for the needs of our sector.

Office of Local Government

Targets over the coming year include finalising the 2022 review of council elections and introducing the long-awaited **Community Engagement Charter**.

The budget commits to the completion of the **State-Local Government Economic Partnership Accord**. We will maintain pressure on this to ensure they remain on track and deliver benefits to the sector. It was a direct ask by LGA to strengthen state-local coordination for major reform and investment.

Greater Adelaide Freight Bypass

The state government has committed $131 million for Stage 1 of the **High Productivity Vehicle Network**, to deliver upgrades between the Swanport Bridge on the Princes Highway and Truro on the Sturt Highway.

This will partially complement the federal government's $525 million commitment made ahead of the federal election in May 2025. However, it will result in an ongoing stalemate between the federal and state governments, as they have not yet settled on the preferred funding split for the Greater Adelaide Freight Bypass.

LGA continues to support the state government's commitment to seek a more substantial funding injection from the Commonwealth given the agreed funding levels are to be reached as part of final negotiations between parties. We also note there is a precedent for seeking an 80/20 split with the ongoing Bruce Highway upgrade in Queensland.

With the previous defunding of the Truro Bypass through the Federal Infrastructure Investment Program Strategic Review in 2023, now is the time when the Greater Adelaide Freight Bypass must be progressed to unlock heavy vehicle productivity across the state.

Separating out these important and strategic freight corridors will ensure we are well placed to create thriving places for connected communities to grow in the future.

Regional roads

Regional roads have been left out in the cold once again in this budget with a paltry investment of $7.5 million over three years. This is especially disappointing when we know there is a maintenance backlog of over $2 billion on our road network in SA, much of this connecting our communities in regional areas.

Whyalla Steelworks Package

The state and federal government will secure the long-term future of the Whyalla steelworks, with their previously announced $2.4 billion package to stabalise the steelworks, support local jobs and encourage more investment into Australian made iron and steel.

Drought relief

The state government has previously announced a $73.4 million to support drought affected farmers. This includes future drought preparedness and resilience programs, grants for infrastructure projects, fodder delivery support, upgrades to standpipes and business support.

We will continue to strongly advocate for more support, including a call for the government to offer a financing option to councils so they can defer rates for farmers and local businesses without this impacting cashflow or community services.

We also renew our call for reform of the Landscape Levy so councils are not financially penalised when supporting ratepayers through deferrals.

Planning reform

The budget supports continued investment in ePlanning and upgrades to the PlanSA platform, alongside planning system reform priorities.

Housing

Several measures on existing housing announcements:

- **Playford Alive East:** $270.1 million over nine years to deliver the Playford Alive East project, providing more than 1,300 new allotments.
- **Onkaparinga Heights:** $30.5 million over six years to deliver 2,000 residential homes in Onkaparinga Heights.
- **Southwark Master Plan**: $104.7 million over six years to deliver the Southwark Master Plan, providing 1300 dwellings on the former West End Brewery site.
- **Housing Australia Future Fund:** $135.1 million over three years to support a range of projects under Round 2 of the Federal Government's HAFF program.

LGA will continue to push for greater investment in enabling infrastructure, such as critical water futures, to enable liveable, well-serviced growth.

Domestic, Sexual and Family Violence

LGA welcomes $3 million in funding over two years to coordinate the government’s response to the Royal Commission into Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence.

We will continue to advocate strongly seeking fixed term funding for a minimum of 5 years for a dedicated domestic, family and sexual violence project officer based at LGA to assist councils support the state government response and implement the Our Watch local government toolkit.

Health

- **New Mount Barker Hospital:** $45 million over three years to support the delivery of the new Mount Barker Hospital providing 102 beds and other essential services.
- **Bordertown Memorial Hospital:** $8 million over three years to support aged care infrastructure upgrades at Charla Lodge Bordertown Memorial Hospital (jointly funded by the federal government).

Climate and environment

- **Adelaide Beach replenishment:** $14 million for the continued replenishment of sand at West Beach and other Adelaide coastal areas and to implement the recommendations of the Adelaide Beach Management Review.
- **COP31 Planning**: $8.3 million for early works to plan for the COP31 climate change conference, should Adelaide secure hosting rights.
- **River Murray:** $109.7 million over four years to improve environmental flows and basin health of the River Murray.

Circular economy

LGA has previously advocated for tangible action to improve council **waste management** through legislative change, mandatory **product stewardship** options and expansion of the **container deposit scheme** in South Australia to include glass wine, spirit and cordial bottles.

A commitment to transitioning to circular economy principles is essential, to help keep kerbside services sustainable. This budget does not allocate adequate resources to action these important measures to create viable pathways for diversion and waste avoidance and minimisation.

Further reading

- Budget overview
- Budget speech
- Budget statement
- Budget measures statement

For more detailed information, refer to the official State Budget available at www.statebudget.sa.gov.au.

City of Onkaparinga Corporate Emissions Annual Update

In 2022, council set a target to reduce corporate emissions by 80% by 2030, from a 2010/11 baseline. This target was extended in January 2023 with the Climate Emergency Declaration, when the current chamber set a net-zero carbon emissions goal by 2040.

To achieve our emissions reduction ambitions, council approved a series of actions in the Climate Change Response Plan 2022-2027 and our Towards Zero Corporate Emissions Roadmap (TZCER).

Achieving the 80% emissions reduction by 2030 relies on a combination of actions outlined in the TZCER, including expanding solar and electrifying buildings through our Green Buildings Initiative (GBI), completing LED street lighting and transitioning our fleet to electric. While carbon offsets are

ultimately required to meet the 2040 net-zero target, our focus remains on reducing emissions as much as possible in the first instance.

Since 2010, our corporate emissions reduced by 54%, however, over the past two years, this has dropped slightly to 51%, due to a range of factors:

- **External factors** include state and federal net-zero commitments, evolving legislation, and changes to emissions reporting practices.
- **Internal factors** include timing of key emissions reduction projects, such as the Noarlunga Aquatic Centre upgrade and LED street lighting projects.

While fluctuations are expected, current project schedules and budget commitments indicate that we are unlikely to meet the 80% reduction target by 2030, however we are still working towards the aim of net zero carbon by 2040. A summary of current progress of the various elements that contribute towards this target are provided below.

TZCER targets	**Progress**
Electricity: *pursue options for 100% renewable energy for the sector from 2023*	We are currently exploring a long-term electricity contract, or Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), in collaboration with a group of councils to meet our future electricity needs. To claim the use of renewable electricity, additional Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) must be purchased. At this stage, there are no plans to purchase additional RECs through the PPA. However, there is flexibility to revise this approach as we move closer to our 2030 target.
Buildings:	Since 2020, the Green Building Initiative has implemented 11 solar installations totalling 468kW on council buildings, five LED lighting upgrades and 8 EV charging stations using the Revolving Resources Fund. The Noarlunga Aquatic Centre is the main building upgrade scheduled for construction using this fund, prior to 2030.
Fleet and Plant: *80% electric cars by 2035*	On track to meet our target, transitioning 4 fleet vehicles to electric vehicles per annum, as well as plant. Currently 45% of fleet cars have been transitioned to electric or hybrid, as well as some other plant.
Streetlighting: *100% LED by 2025*	We have converted just over 50% of our 22,800 streetlights to LEDs using the SAPN tariff as a funding source. SAPN no longer fund the bulk LED upgrade of street lighting and council is required to fund the upfront capital cost. Business cases have been developed for the remaining lights, with payback periods of 3 to 10 years depending on the funding model chosen. We are currently not on track to meet this target.

The Procurement Policy and Procedure has been updated to include Net Zero considerations. Additional work is required to further integrate this into our current procurement practices.

The Environmental Sustainability, Community Assets, Projects and Operational Excellence teams are currently working on several critical initiatives to help continue to address our emissions reduction progress. These include:

- Preparation of an updated schedule of GBI projects, Revolving Resources Fund and emissions reduction projections considering budget constraints and project timelines.
- Reviewing our emissions reporting and operational boundaries to align with new LGA Net Zero Guidelines.
- Updating the emissions trajectory to reflect the updated project schedule, emissions targets, and any potential changes to the operational boundary.

These steps will ensure that we can refine our strategies and keep working toward our emissions reduction goals.

A report is scheduled to be presented to council in 2026, providing the outcomes of this work along with options for carbon offsetting and next steps (as outlined in the TZCER). Our emissions progress and work underway continues to be reported on annually via our website, climate change snapshot and annual accounting summary.

For more information contact Rachael Hamilton, Senior Sustainability Advisor on 8384 0667.

Old Noarlunga and Old Reynella Public Art

Patapinda Road Amenities Block, Old Noarlunga
As part of the playground upgrade adjacent to the Amenities Block on Patapinda Road, Old Noarlunga, we have commissioned artist Cat Dean to install a mural, reflecting the themes that local residents suggested in community engagement undertaken in 2024.

Councillor Jordan Pritchard, and Old Noarlunga Community Residents Association (ONCRA) representative Ian McClafferty, were part of the assessment panel in choosing Cat Dean to deliver the mural.

The mural will be on the long wall facing Patapinda Road and includes scenes from the sporting activities in the precinct and the river with birdlife. The Nankeen Night Heron in the foreground is considered the unofficial bird mascot of Old Noarlunga. A Pelican and a Corella also feature in the mural.

Below is the image of the proposed artwork which we anticipate will be fully installed in the coming weeks.

Callander Avenue Amenities Block, Old Reynella
As part of the playground upgrade adjacent to the Amenities Block on Callander Ave, Old Reynella, we have commissioned artist Taylr Jay to install a mural, reflecting the themes that local residents suggested in the community engagement undertaken in 2024.

Councillor Colt Stafford was part of the assessment panel in choosing Taylr Jay to deliver the mural.

The playground at Callander Avenue has equipment for small children and Taylr has created a mural that is playful and bright in a palette that will encourage children to be curious about the various pollinators, plants and animals, as well as the Coast to Vines Rail trail and a vineyard in the background.

Below are images of the proposed artwork, which we anticipate will be fully installed in the coming weeks.

Encore Summer Activation Program Continues to Grow

The Encore Summer Activation Program has successfully completed their third season, following the expansion of the program, which was endorsed by Council in 2022. Since its inception, Encore has consistently built on its success each year transforming our city into a vibrant and diverse destination.

The program enables business activations on vacant council land that deliver pop-up memorable experiences that showcases our coastline and tourism precincts for both residents and visitors.

The 2024-25 program delivered the following outcomes:

- Featured five standout activations
- Attracted over 29,000 visitors yielding an estimated economic impact of $3.2 million
- Showcased 113 live performances
- Provided multiple seasonal jobs & stimulated supply chains
- Successfully relocated The SandBAR to a new temporary site (without any infrastructure)
- Reached an audience of 90,000 across various marketing channels.

Encore continues to grow and evolve, delivering significant economic and social benefits for our city and acting as a catalyst for local business growth.

Next Steps

The Economic Growth and Tourism team are now planning for the 2025-26 Encore Summer Activation Program including:

- Commencing the first right of renewal and permit process for returning summer activations including:

  · The SandBAR @ The Promenade, Christies Beach
  · TJS Twilight Markets @ Rotary Park, Christies Beach
  · Mamma's Beach Bar @ The Promenade, Port Noarlunga
  · Portal 58 @ Nashwauk Reserve, Moana
  · Pizzateca Beach @ End of Norman Road, Aldinga Beach

- Consulting community for activating the corner of Gulfview Road and The Esplanade, Christies Beach as an ongoing site, following the successful trial. If supported, it will be included in an Expression of Interest (EOI) process.
- Inform key stakeholders on EOI process to be undertaken for Wearing Street Precinct Port Noarlunga as a new activation site.
- Running an EOI process to invite proposals for activations at vacant sites:
  · O'Sullivan Beach Boat Ramp Area
  · Willunga Town Square
  · Port Noarlunga Beach
  · Wearing Street Precinct (new site)
  · Any existing sites where the first right of return is not taken up.

A request has been made to elected members to participate on the assessment panel and I have nominated to do so.

Support Your Local Library

It has been an eventful fortnight for our libraries, with Woodcroft Library experiencing some flooding last week following the severe storm. Thankfully, our staff worked extremely hard to get the service back up and running for the community within 24 hours.

There is a diverse range of events happening across Onkaparinga's 6 libraries over the coming month or two, including Pride Month craft workshops, an inspiring Refugee Week talk, an author talk from award-winning Western Australian author Holden Sheppard, and the annual Firstival – a program of workshops, experiences and events aimed at complete beginners.

You can check out all these events and more – on top of all the other wonderful things our libraries provide – by visiting onkaparingacity.com/libraries

Libraries are the heart of our local communities, but adequate funding is critical.

For many people, the services and technology available through libraries are essential for learning, job hunting, creativity, exploring ideas, connecting with others and so much more. Libraries are not just about borrowing books – they offer a diverse range of services and programs that assist people of all ages, backgrounds and life situations.

The help available through libraries is essential for so many people – often those who are vulnerable or elderly. Library staff help people navigate the digital world and stay in touch with family and friends.

SA councils are asking the state government to flip the page on library funding and ensure public libraries receive adequate support by restoring annual indexation to state funding in the upcoming state budget. Without extra funding, local libraries will suffer a $16 million shortfall in funding over 5 years – that's $3 million every year not going into your community. South Australian councils invest around $86 million each year in libraries and library service, recognising the enormous value they provide to our communities.

While the state government currently puts in $20.7 million in annual funding for libraries, the amount lost when you consider CPI increases is a huge hit. The current funding shortfall puts library services at risk and reduces the ability of libraries to respond to emerging needs in their communities, as well as their ability to continue running existing programs and services.

City of Onkaparinga Supports Responsible Cafes

As part of our commitment to supporting the Community Vision 2034 goal - to transition towards a circular economy and support individuals and businesses to reduce waste to landfill, we are implementing a Responsible Cafes (waste and cost reduction) Project.

The project will run for four weeks in May/June and we already have seven spots claimed.

Responsible Cafes will work with up to 13 local food businesses (not just cafes) in our council area to support them to:

- Reduce their waste to landfill
- Implement increased reusables
- Generate extra revenue and cost savings
- Receive broker discounts and connect with businesses and suppliers who can provide alternative solutions.

During this time our local businesses will receive free personalised support, resources, and a sustainability audit and advice to implement practical and actionable strategies.

Businesses involved in the program will be showcased in case studies demonstrating changes that can be made and promoted to our wider community.

Spots are limited and filling fast. Please share this opportunity with any local food businesses you think might be interested.

For more information contact Alexandra Lea, Sustainability Officer – 8384 0675, Alexandra.Lea@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

Colours of Country - Artworks by First Nations Students

We are pleased to present *Colours of Country,* an inspiring exhibition showcasing the vibrant creations of First Nations students from our community.

This exhibition is a collaboration between council, local artists, and First Nations educators at local schools, to paint the theme *Colours of Country.*

The children have been designing and painting with acrylic paint on canvas their creativity, to highlight dreaming stories with themes from '*How the Kangaroos got their tails*' to '*The Rainbow Snake'*. These reflect dreaming stories from all over Australia, from Kija, Yuin, Murramarang and many more language groups.

Colours of Country is on display at the **Art Centre, Port Noarlunga until 16 June, Monday-Fridays 10am-4pm and Saturdays 1-4pm.**

Join us in celebrating the creativity and cultural pride of local children and young people, with their artworks a testament to the enduring strength and beauty of First Nations cultures.

For more information, please contact Jason Haskett, Team Leader Arts, Reconciliation and Cultural Development on Jason.haskett@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

SA Councils Share $1.45m In Coastline Protection Funding

Thirteen South Australian councils are set to share $1.45 million in grant funding to help develop strategies to future-proof the state's coastline from severe weather events like those seen earlier this week.

Funded through the LGA-led SA Climate Ready Coasts program, the grants will bolster co-contributions from coastal councils to support local projects that progress planning for managing current and future coastal hazards, and a changing climate.

It comes as the state's beaches were battered by heavy rain, strong winds and abnormally high tides on Monday, smashing against jetties, eroding sand and flooding nearby local businesses.

Projects receiving grant funding will assess coastlines and determine their vulnerability to storm damage, coastal flooding, erosion and sea level rise, and create hazard maps to prioritise future actions.

Information gathered through these projects will be shared between councils and can also be used to inform data-driven decision-making by state government and other coastal organisations.

LGA South Australia President, Mayor Heather Holmes-Ross said many councils are already finding innovative ways to combat coastal erosion and other impacts, and the grants would help fund further important work.

"Managing South Australia's coastline is a joint local and state government responsibility; however councils are on the frontline when it comes to responding directly to the impacts of coastal hazards," President Holmes-Ross said.

"Whether it be replenishing beaches with sand, replanting natural revegetation or maintaining and building infrastructure, such as seawalls, councils' closeness to communities mean they play a critical role in implementing practical, on-the-ground solutions to protect lives, property and local ecosystems from rising tides and severe storms.

“Changing climate means these intense weather events are happening more regularly, and with limited resources councils and governments need to start thinking outside the box when it comes to planning for and mitigating coastal hazards.

“While these grants will help councils progress important planning work and support data collection, long-term investment is required to safeguard coastal communities and environments.

“It’s why LGA is calling on the newly re-elected federal government to create a national climate adaptation fund to help local government tackle climate challenges, including coastal hazards,” she said.

South Australian Deputy Premier and Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Susan Close said it was vital to future-proof the state’s coastline against erosion and storm damage, and the State Government was pleased to partner with councils.

“More than 90% of South Australians live within 50 kilometres of our beautiful beaches, which attract more than six million tourists every year,” Deputy Premier Close said.

“Our stunning coastlines are one of our greatest assets and they are crucial for driving visitation and bolstering our economy but also connecting communities and supporting key industries.

“We need to act now if we want to safeguard our coastline for years to come and coastal hazard adaptation planning is an important step towards doing this.”

Among the projects being funded by the Coastal Hazard Adaptation Grants are:

- **City of Onkaparinga** is building on its award-winning Coastal Adaptation Strategy to deliver a real-time monitoring program using citizen science to track coastline changes and support adaptive management

- **District Councils of Elliston and Streaky Bay** on the west coast are collaborating to develop their first Coastal Hazard Adaptation Plan to understand climate risks and reduce future coastal management and infrastructure costs

- **Kingston District Council** in the South East will update its Coastal Adaptation Strategy using new hazard data and recent project outcomes to assist with ongoing management of the coastline

- **City of Port Lincoln** is progressing a Coastal Hazard Adaptation Plan to model the interaction of coastal hazards with stormwater and urban flooding – the first project of its kind in SA

- **District Council of Robe** will explore the potential for nature-based solutions, such as extensive re-vegetation, for key local beaches as an alternative to traditional engineering.

See the full list of grant recipients

To further support the grants, new best-practice Coastal Hazard Adaptation Planning Guidelines have also been created in partnership with coastal practitioners, local and state government and can now be accessed by councils online.

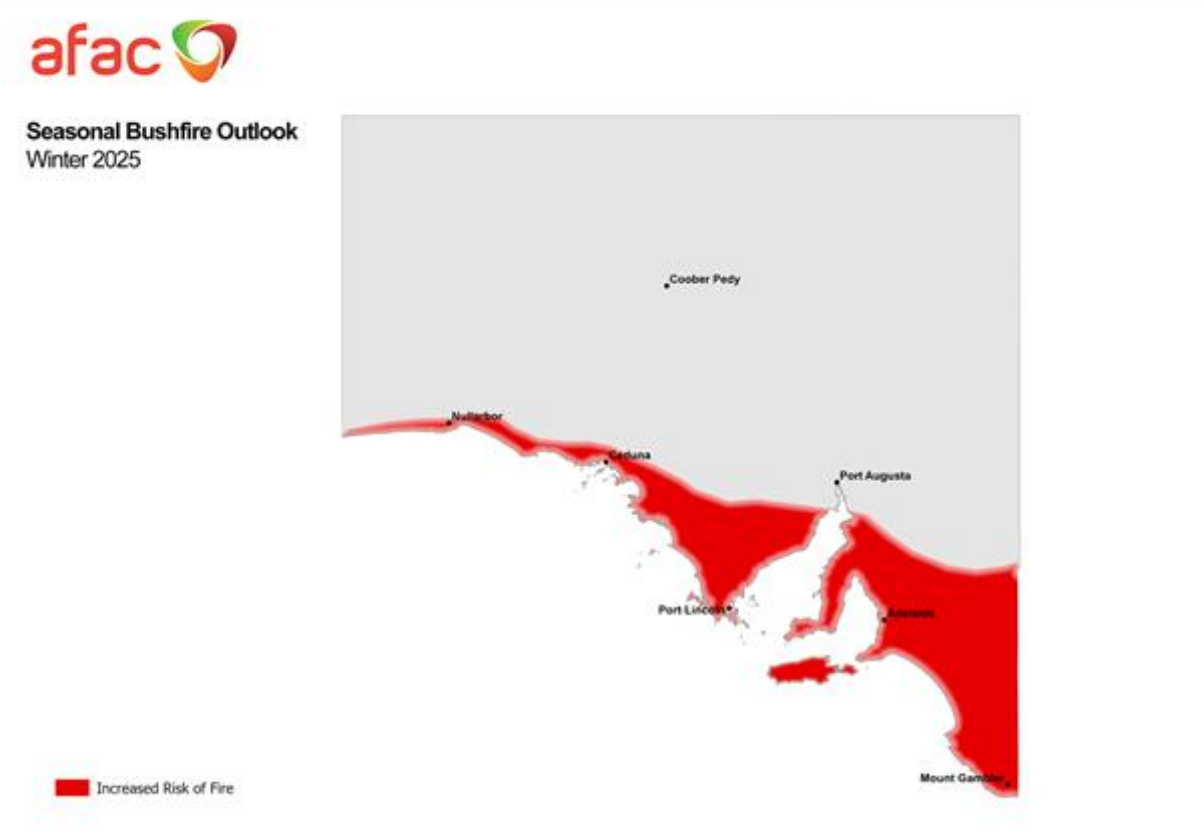
Developed using similar frameworks from around Australia and overseas, they provide step-by-step guidance on how to prepare a Coastal Hazard Adaptation Plan in South Australia and can be adapted to suit different coastal contexts.

The SA Climate Ready Coasts program is being delivered by LGA South Australia in partnership with the Department for Environment and Water, Coast Protection Board, Adelaide Coastal Councils Network and SA Coastal Councils Alliance.

It is funded by the federal government's Coastal and Estuarine Risk Mitigation Program, the Coast Protection Board and the Local Government Research and Development Scheme.

You can read more about the SA Climate Ready Coasts program on the LGA SA website.

Seasonal Bushfire Outlook for Winter 2025



Australian and New Zealand Council for fire and emergency services have released their seasonal bushfire outlook for Winter 2025 which shows an increased risk of fire for our patch of the country.

Further information is available here.

Noarlunga Aquatic Centre Update

Project tender process
We are pleased to confirm that, following an open tender process, Mossop Construction + Interiors has been awarded the contract for this project. Mossop brings extensive experience in aquatic centre developments, including the refurbishment of the Thebarton and Port Lincoln Aquatic Centres, as well as the recent construction of the Salisbury Aquatic Centre.
The works are expected to take approximately 12 months to complete.

Thriving Suburbs grant
We are also pleased to confirm that the agreement with the state government has now been signed, finalising the $5.4 million funding contribution through the Australian Government's Thriving Suburbs Program.

Current scope of work
The current refurbishment works will include:
- Replacing the roof and ceiling
- New pool liner
- Installing a new solar system
- Updating the water filtration and disinfection plant
- Painting and cosmetic updates
- Separating the lagoon pool from the main pool
- Improving pool accessibility with a new ramp.

Additional scope and budget
As previously advised, additional pool upgrades are proposed as part of the draft 2025–2026 budget. These include:
- safety improvements to the pool concourse
- sustainability measures to support Council's emissions reduction targets, including:
  - electrifying the pool's air and water heating systems
  - enhancing the thermal efficiency of the building shell.

Design of the additional upgrades is currently underway with the intention of delivering these additional works at the same time as the other planned building works. While the aim is to deliver the expanded scope within the same construction timeframe, we will keep you informed if there are any changes to this schedule.
In addition, we have also applied for a grant from the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing and are continuing to advocate for further funding to support additional upgrades at the Noarlunga Aquatic Centre.

Pool closure planning and communications

The centre – including the pool and gym – will close to the public from 8pm on 4 July 2025 to enable the construction works to commence. The pool is expected to remain closed for approximately 12 months, in line with the construction timeline.

We have been working closely with key user groups, including the Southern Performance Swimming Club and the Noarlunga Masters Swimmers, to support them in finding suitable alternative venues during the pool closure period.

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Kiwanis

Club of Reynella

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US !!

Reynella Kiwanis local projects include food distribution to disadvantaged families and creative ways to serve the needs of Children in our community. A recent major Service Project was the Kids Fun Day held at Noarlunga Centre Cinema with 200 children attending.

They assist the City of Onkaparinga with volunteers to marshal at the Christmas Pageant and provide support at other community events, such as the Beachside Food and Wine Festival at Christies Beach

Fundraising assists charities including Heart Kids, Childhood Cancer, and Riding for the Disabled and Kiwanis Camp Amity for girls with disabilities.

Meeting date	:	1st & 3rd Tuesday each month
Time	:	6pm for 6.30pm
Venue	:	Christies Beach Hotel Function Room
Contact	:	Bob Koster President 0408 838 875
		Howard Humby Secretary 0419 502 332
		email - reynella @kiwanis.org.au
		Club Facebook page: www.facebook.com.au/reynellakiwanis

Young at Heart Art and Craft Exhibition

The up-and-coming Young at Heart Art and Craft Exhibition is being held in October this year. The exhibition is a long-standing event in the City of Onkaparinga and supports the many senior artists and craftsmen and women in our community to display their artistic skills to their community. For many, it is their only opportunity to show their work.

The exhibition is a community event run by volunteers all over the aged of 50. The exhibition began over 30 years ago with Edith Gilbert as the driving force.

City of Onkaparinga Northern Community Forum Meeting Dates The meeting schedule for the 2025 Northern Community Forum's meetings is:

- Monday 16 June.
- Monday 18 August (AGM).
- Monday 20 October.
- Monday 8 December.

Meetings are held at the Aberfoyle Community Centre starting at 7.30 pm.

Neighbourhood Watch Meetings Schedule

Flagstaff Hill Neighbourhood Watch Area 453

Meetings are scheduled for the following dates:

- Wednesday 11 June.
- Wednesday 10 September.
- Wednesday 10 December 2025– Christmas Dinner.

Meetings commence at 6.30 pm at the Flagstaff Hill Golf Club (temporary restaurant) where a light supper is provided.

Aberfoyle Park Happy Valley Neighbourhood Watch Area 491

- Monday 21 July.
- Monday 15 September (AGM).

Meetings commence at 7.30pm at Aberfoyle Park Community Centre
where a light supper is provided.

Reynella Neighbourhood Watch Area 048/146

Meetings are scheduled to be held on the following dates:

- Wednesday 18 June.
- Wednesday 17 September.
- Wednesday 17 December.

Meetings commence at 7.00 pm at the Reynella Football Club 1 Oval Road, Old Reynella

Woodcroft Neighbourhood Watch Area 406

Meetings are scheduled to be held on the following dates for 2025:

- Tuesday 12 August.
- Tuesday 11 November 2025 AGM.

Meetings commence at 7.30 pm at the Woodcroft Heights Children Centre, 25 Investigator Drive Woodcroft.

Have Your Say

As always, there are some live engagements at our Your Say Onkaparinga website if you're looking to get more involved in your community.

Your Say Onkaparinga is our online platform designed to give the opportunity to provide your feedback on important issues.

Right now you can:

- provide your suggestions for the name of a park located on the Esplanade in Port Noarlunga South (near Wembley Street) – engagement closes on Monday 9 June
    - the playground at the park is currently being renewed so it's an opportune time to name the unnamed park

  - in line with our Road and Place Naming Policy, sources for public place names may include Aboriginal names in the local Aboriginal language; early explorers, pioneers, settlers, or local/European history or heritage of the area; eminent people; war/casualty lists; commemorative names; a person who has made a significant contribution to the local community; thematic names such as flora, fauna, nautical, etc.; the topography or physical attributes of the locality; those that reflect the historical, social, cultural and geographical significance or cultural diversity of the City of Onkaparinga
  - names suggested in the engagement will be shortlisted and the community will then have an opportunity to provide feedback on shortlisted options before the community feedback is presented to Council for a final decision.
- provide your feedback on the ongoing seasonal summer pop-up activation site at the corner of Gulfview Road and The Esplanade, Christies Beach – engagement closes on Sunday 15 June
  - we're considering making this site an ongoing summer activation location as part of the ENCORE Summer Activation Program
  - activations are temporary, short-term commercial activities that run over multiple days or weeks (they're not one-off events), and they're carefully matched to sites to ensure they enhance the space and suit the local context
  - if the proposal proceeds, we'll run an expression of interest process to invite businesses, organisations, or operators to submit creative ideas for activating the site during summer 2025–26 and beyond.

There are plenty more engagements planned over the coming weeks and months.

You can register now at onkaparingacity.com/yoursay to join the conversation and add your ideas and feedback where and when it suits you. Go to www.onkaparingacity.com/yoursay for more information.

Grant Opportunities

Please refer to the attachment, or Please refer to our website.

Disclaimer

The views expressed in this article are my own and do not necessarily reflect those of Council. Should you wish to discuss any issue regarding the City of Onkaparinga please either phone me or send me an email.

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GRANTS ATTACHMENT

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Please find below a list of external funding opportunities. Please share any information with your networks.

1. Motorsport Australia – Supercheap Auto Club Development Fund (Community; safety/operational equipment; volunteer upskill/capacity
building; participation programs; events; come-N-try; inclusion/development (women/girls/juniors) – close 23/6/25 https://motorsport.org.au/clubs/developmentfund/

2. Dog and Bone – Impact Program: Telco Cost Reduction Round (Community; cost reduction; technology/communications efficiencies; risk
3. 4. management; decision making) – close 30/6/25 https://www.dogandbone.com.au/impact-program

Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative Program – Tranche 3 (Government; rest areas; construction; expansion; upgrades; signage) – close 30/6/25
council eligible https://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/about/local-initiatives/safer-local-roads-and-infrastructure-program

Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program Tranche 3 (Government; road safety/resilience/sustainability; road widening; heavy vehicle
rest areas/toilets/shaded areas; improve links; wash down; productivity; bridge renewal) – close extended to 30/6/25 *council eligible*
https://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/about/local-initiatives/safer-local-roads-and-infrastructure-program

5. South Australian Business Creditor Assistance Scheme (Business; training; employment costs; general business costs) – close 30/6/25 South
6. Australian Business Creditor… | Department of State Development

South Australian History Fund (Community; individual; preservation; interpretation; accessibility; publication; research; film/digital; arts; story
telling) – close 11/7/25 https://www.history.sa.gov.au/grants/

7. Paul Ramsay Foundation – Evaluation Open Grant Round (Community; ACNC; social/public welfare; advancing health/education;
8. children/young people/families; economic opportunity; disabilities; First Nations) – close 23/7/25 Experimental evaluation open grant round
(paulramsayfoundation.org.au)

Telstra Footy Country Grants Round 4 (Community; AFL; volunteer; training; equipment; capital works; safety; cultural awareness; gender
equity; operations) – close 24/7/25 Telstra Footy Country Grants - Play AFL

9. Coast Protection Grants 2025-26 (Government; erosion controls; flood protection; cliff stability; studies; capital works; repairs; beach
replenishment; hazard assessments; adaptation planning) – close 1/8/25 *council eligible*
https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/coasts/grants-and-opportunities/regional-coast-protection-grants

110. Community Participation Grants 2025-26 (Community (managed by council); coast/marine environment; education; skills/knowledge;
rehabilitation; restoration; conservation; on-ground actions) – close 1/8/25 *council to support/manage*
https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/coasts/grants-and-opportunities/community-participation-grants

11. National Pies for Local Legends Grants Program (Community; sports; equipment; supplies; special trip fund) – close 31/3/26
https://tasmanianbakeries.com.au/local-legends/#:%7E:text=We'll+award+a+grant,us+how+we+can+help!

12. Wine Exporters China Re-Engagement Support Program (Business; export; marketing; training; employment; mentor/coaching; capacity
building) – close 30/6/26 https://export.sa.gov.au/wine-china

13. Clean Energy Finance Corporation – Clean Energy Innovation Fund (Business; equity/finance; environment; sustainability; export;
infrastructure; equipment; innovation/R&D; manufacturing; startup/establishment; transport; distribution; renewables; food/beverage;
agriculture; smart cities; circular economy) – open ongoing https://www.cefc.com.au/where-we-invest/special-investment-programs/clean-
energy-innovation-fund/

14. Google Ad Grants (Community; ACNC; DGR; promotional campaigns; internet search) – open ongoing
https://www.google.com/nonprofits/offerings/google-ad-grants/

15. Research and Innovation Fund – Seed-Start Program (Business; infrastructure; equipment; innovation/R&D; marketing; startup; training;
employment; wages; professional services; hardware; software; service provider fees; intellectual property; prototyping; study
tours/scholarships; travel; data procurement) – open ongoing https://statedevelopment.sa.gov.au/science-and-research-excellence/rif/stream-2/seed-start

16. RevenueSA – Emergency Services Levy Rebate 2025-26 (Business; individual; environment; sustainability; agriculture; primary production;
drought relief) – open ongoing https://www.revenuesa.sa.gov.au/esl/emergency-services-levy-drought-relief-rebate

Please feel free to share the below Onkaparinga Funding Finder and grant writing tools with your networks:

To investigate funding opportunities we invite you to register for our Onkaparinga Funding Finder which is a localised grant sourcing service for

residents to help you identify other grants to support your organisation's activities and events. Register for free and set up notifications for your
favourite grant programs. There are also three How To videos to help the community get started at identifying and winning grants and our Grant
writing booklet attached and available on our 'grants' website.
We understand that community groups rely on external funding for their programs, projects and activities. Requests for Letters of Support can be
made via our web page Request a letter of support from council City of Onkaparinga
Kind Regards, Jan McIntyre, Grants Attraction Business Partner, Strategy Team
2Grant Name Motorsport Australia – Supercheap Auto Club Development Fund
Category Community; safety/operational equipment; volunteer upskill/capacity building; participation programs; events; come-N-try;
inclusion/development (women/girls/juniors)
Funding Provider Motorsport Australia (other)
Brief Description This program aims to support initiatives and events that positively contribute towards diversity and inclusion in motorsport,
helping grow both club membership numbers and participants in the sport more broadly.
Three funding categories are available:
1. Safety and operational equipment
• Aims to assist sporting car clubs with the purchase of equipment that is essential to for compliance, safety or the operation of motorsport programs that are focused on increased participation and development.
• Grants of up to $1,500 (excluding GST) are available.
2. Volunteer upskilling and club capacity building
• Aims to support sporting and enthusiast car clubs in building club capacity by improving participant skills through training for administrators, and volunteer management committees.
• Grants of up to $1,500 (excluding GST) are available.
3. Participation programs
• Aims to support sporting car clubs working to grow their membership by making it easier for new participants to find an entry point into club motorsport and via events which target:
○ First time participants to motorsport
○ Junior development
○ Women's and girls participation
• Grants of up to $3,000 (excluding GST) are available.
• Permit fees will be waived for the eligible programs when delivered as a stand-alone event.
Eligible projects include:
1. Safety and operational equipment
• Equipment that will assist in the safe delivery of participation programs in communities with populations groups with existing low levels of participation in motorsport and physical activity.
• Operational equipment that is required for compliance (e.g. sound level meters, speed detection guns).
2. Volunteer upskilling and club capacity building
• Workshops and training for club administrators and committee members to enhance governance and management of clubs (i.e. strategic planning, financial management, committee management and club administration).
3. Participation programs
• Come and try events open to all first time participants to motorsport and based on one of the following entry level motorsport disciplines:
3Website Grant Eligibility Key Dates Your Role Updated ○ Auto test
○ Hillclimb
○ Sprint events
• Junior development events available to young people aged between 12 and 17, where the program teaches the fundamentals of motorsport and outlines the steps required to begin competing more regularly.
• Women's introduction to motorsport program which has been developed with a focus on social inclusion, arming women with the basic driving skills to support their confidence to participate in club events, while also breaking down some of the misconceptions around costs and car suitability required to get started.
https://motorsport.org.au/clubs/developmentfund/
Refer description. Clubs may submit multiple applications per funding round, however they will only be eligible to receive
funding for one project per round.
Eligible clubs must be affiliated with Motorsport Australia in the current calendar year:
• Affiliated sporting car clubs
• Affiliated enthusiast car clubs
The 2025 funding round dates are:
• Round 1: Opened 23 May and closes 23 June
• Round 2: TBA
Applications are to be made at least six weeks prior to the event's commencement. In the case of a series, six weeks prior to
the first event of the series.
Please share with your teams and external networks.
4/6/2025
4Grant Name Dog and Bone – Impact Program: Telco Cost Reduction Round
Category Community; cost reduction; technology/communications efficiencies; risk management; decision making
Funding Provider Dog and Bone Ltd (other)

Brief Description This program aims to provide pro bono services to help not-for-profits make the most of their technology and maximise their
impact. It helps purpose-driven organisations in the not-for-profit sector maximise their technology and telco. Each round,
the program offers a range of pro bono support, such as in-person workshops, webinars, comprehensive resources and one-
on-one support. It also focuses on providing support to eligible NFP's in one key theme, per round, throughout the year.
Key focus topics include:
• Cost reduction
• Driving technology and communication efficiencies
• Reducing risk with technology solutions
• Improving technology decision-making
The current opportunity is the 'Telco Cost Reduction Round', where applicants will have the chance to consult with clever
telco analysts, who can show them where and how to optimise their organisation's mobile spend — all for nix.
It will provide the following support:
• Free telco cost analysis report: Consultants analyse the telco bill and provide with a customised Telco Cost Analysis Report, each valued at $995.
• One-hour pro bono consultation: Learning how to implement cost saving strategies and identify opportunities to further optimise the telco services.
• Six-months access to Telco BI: Free subscription to the expense management dashboard, with monthly insights from the telco analysts.
• Pro bono scoped project: A pro bono scoped project is awarded to one eligible participant to put into action findings from the report.
Website https://www.dogandbone.com.au/impact-program
Grant The project is entirely pro-bono, meaning there are no costs for the services provided. However, the organisation may incur
own costs related to implementing certain recommendations, depending on the current setup.
Eligibility Eligible applicants include not-for-profit and for-purpose organisations. Those with around 50 mobile phones or more will
see most value in terms of savings potential, simply due to the scale of their telco bills.
Key Dates This program is open on an ongoing basis until 30 June 2025.
Your Role Please share with your teams and external networks.
Updated 4/6/2024
5Grant Name Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative Program – Tranche 3 *council eligible*
Category Government; rest areas; construction; expansion; upgrades; signage
Funding Provider Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (federal)
Brief Description This program aims to support the construction of new and upgraded heavy vehicle rest areas. In line with the forecasted
growth in truck freight over the coming decades, it aims to improve road safety for heavy vehicle drivers and other road users through addressing the shortage of heavy vehicle rest stops in locations of need.
From 1 July 2024, the HVRA will sit under the Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program (SLRIP) with its own separate
focus area. Eligible applications under the HVRA initiative will be considered for funding under both the HVRA initiative and
the SLRIP, and will be funded through the HVRA initiative within its budget limit in the first instance.
Eligible projects must have the primary purpose of facilitating rest for heavy vehicle drivers at locations of need, through the
construction or upgrade of heavy vehicle rest areas and amenities, improving the national network of heavy vehicle rest stops.
Eligible projects include:
• Construction of new rest areas.
• Expansion of existing rest areas.
• Upgrading of informal rest areas (including if they remain informal).
• Projects which improve signage for formal and informal rest areas (e.g. green reflectors).
Website https://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/about/local-initiatives/safer-local-roads-and-infrastructure-program
Grant Grants of up to $5 million are available per project for up to:
• 80% of the total project cost for projects located in regional and remote areas for projects submitted by LGAs.
• 50% of the total project cost for projects located in urban areas for projects submitted by LGAs.
• 50% of the total project cost for all projects, regardless of project location for projects submitted by state and territory governments.
The Australian Government will only fund activities for a project under the SLRIP and HVRA once.
Eligibility Eligible applicants include state and territory governments and LGAs.
Applications in partnership with other government and non-government entities must have a lead applicant from a state or
territory government, or LGA.
Key Dates Applications are accepted all year round for all focus areas with applications batched for assessment three times a year. The
closing date for the Tranche 3 has been extended to 30 June 2025.
Your Role Please share with your teams and external networks.

Updated 4/6/2025
6Grant Name Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program Tranche 3 *council eligible*
Category Government; road safety/resilience/sustainability; road widening; heavy vehicle rest areas/toilets/shaded areas; improve
links; wash down; productivity; bridge renewal
Funding Provider Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (federal)
Brief Description This program aims to provide funding for projects to address current and emerging priorities in road infrastructure needs. It
has been created as part of the Australian Government's commitment to strengthen investment to support the delivery of
safer and more productive roads across Australia.
The program consolidates the Bridges Renewal Program (BRP) and Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program (HVSPP) into a single program, and includes additional new focus areas. Existing approved BRP and HVSPP projects will
continue to be delivered under the program until they are completed, in accordance with the guidelines and funding agreement under which they were approved.
In addition, the Heavy Vehicle Rest Area (HVRA) initiative is available to support the construction of new and upgraded heavy vehicle rest areas. Applicants can include group-mart configured references. Applications under the HVRA initiative
will be considered for funding under both the HVRA initiative and the program, and be funded through the HVRA initiative
within its budget limit in the first instance.
Eligible projects must:
• Directly address one or more focus areas:
1. Road safety: To improve road safety across Australia for all road users (including heavy vehicle users) through the improvement of road infrastructure.
2. Productivity: To improve productivity and efficiency outcomes through connecting and improving road networks.
3. Bridge renewal: To improve access for communities and facilitate higher productivity vehicle access through the upgrade and replacement of bridges, including culverts.
4. Road resilience: To improve the resilience, including adaptation and recovery, of critical road corridors by upgrading existing road assets that are vulnerable to closure or reduced capacity, enhancing networks to achieve greater route diversity, as well as building to a higher standard where appropriate to create infrastructure which is designed to withstand and recover from disasters.
5. Road sustainability: To contribute to decarbonisation goals by minimising or avoiding embodied, operational and/or enabled emissions.
6. Heavy vehicle rest area: To have the primary purpose of facilitating rest for heavy vehicle drivers at locations of need, through the construction or upgrade of heavy vehicle rest areas and amenities.
• Be for construction on an existing or proposed road.
• Be on a public road.
7Website Grant Eligibility Key Dates Your Role Updated • Be a whole and complete project.
https://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/about/local-initiatives/safer-local-roads-and-infrastructure-program
A total funding pool of $200M is available annually. Grants of up to $5 million are available for each eligible project.
All projects will require a funding co-contribution:
• For projects submitted by LGAs, the program will contribute up to 80% of the total project cost for projects located in regional and remote areas, and up to 50% of total project cost for projects located in urban areas.
• For projects submitted by state and territory governments, the program will contribute up to 50% of the total project cost for all projects, regardless of project location.
The Australian Government will only fund activities for a project under the SLRIP and HVRA once.
Eligible applicants include state and territory governments and LGAs. Applications in partnership with other government and
non-government entities must have a lead applicant from a state or territory government, or LGA.
The program is an application-based merit-assessed funding program, open for applications all year round. Applications are
batched for assessment approximately three times a year, depending on the volume of applications. Tranche 3 close date
has been extended to 30 June 2025.
Please share with your teams and external networks.
4/6/2025
8Grant Name South Australian Business Creditor Assistance Scheme
Category Business; training; employment costs; general business costs
Funding Provider Department of State Development (state)
Brief Description This program aims to support the continued operation of South Australian businesses which have been directly impacted by
OneSteel Manufacturing Pty Limited (Administrators Appointed) ('OneSteel') being placed into administration on 19 February 2025. Eligible costs include:
• Payments to creditors
• Wages for employees
• General business costs
Website South Australian Business Creditor… | Department of State Development
Grant There are two funding categories available:

• South Australian creditor assistance: Up to $5M are available.
• Whyalla creditor assistance – Debts over $5,000: Up to a total of 50% of the eligible debt, capped at $1M.
Applicants who apply for a payment under this Scheme will be required to make a statutory declaration in their application
that they intend to continue to operate during the Designated Entities' administration process, and further commit to making
payment of the debts that they owe to their subcontractors.
Only one application for a grant under the scheme can be submitted per Australian Business Number (ABN). If an eligible
business is owed multiple debts by OneSteel, a single application must be submitted for the total amount owed to that eligible business.
Eligibility Eligible applicants must:
1. South Australian creditor assistance
• Be a legal entity established in Australia (a sole trader, company, partnership, not-for-profit, incorporated associations or corporate trustee of a trust). Incorporated entities must be incorporated in Australia as at 19 February 2025.
• Hold an active ABN as at 19 February 2025.
• Be registered for GST.
• Be a South Australian business.
• Not be an excluded entity.
• Be owed an eligible debt by a Designated Entity as at 19 February 2025.
• Have submitted a valid and signed proof of debt form to the Administrators of the Designated Entities (with supporting evidence) ('Proof of Debt).
• Confirm their intention to continue to trade during the administration process.
• Enter into a grant agreement on terms and conditions determined by the Treasurer or their delegate.
2. Whyalla creditor assistance
9• Be a Whyalla based business.
• Be owed an eligible debt by designated entities totalling $5,000 or more.
Key Dates This program is open on an ongoing basis until 30 June 2025.
Your Role Please share with your teams and external networks.
Updated 4/6/2025
Grant Name South Australian History Fund
Category Community; individual; preservation; interpretation; accessibility; publication; research; film/digital; arts; story telling
Funding Provider Department for Education via History Trust of South Australia (state)
Brief Description This program aims to provide grant support to projects, research or publications that contribute to the knowledge,
understanding and sharing of South Australia's rich history.
Eligible activities include:
• Community focused projects that help to explore, interpret or preserve South Australian history, making it accessible to local and global audiences.
• Publication of both academic and popular forms of historical writing and presentation - including digital and online platforms.
• Research by established and emerging historians that makes a significant contribution to the body of knowledge about, or understanding of, South Australian history.
Website https://www.history.sa.gov.au/grants/
Grant A total funding pool of $185,000 is available. Grants available are:
• Up to $10,000 for individuals
• Up to $20,000 for organisations
Only one application per organisation or individual can be considered.
Eligibility Eligibility
• Communities researching, telling or preserving aspects of their South Australian story.
• Researchers working in the field of SA history.
• Authors with an important SA history story to tell.
• Film makers, digital producers, curators and other arts practitioners who have a creative idea to share SA history.
• Applicants located outside South Australia who are working on South Australian history.
Key Dates Applications open 31 May and close on 11 July 2025.
Your Role Please share with your teams and external networks.
Updated 4/6/2025
10Grant Name Paul Ramsay Foundation – Evaluation Open Grant Round
Category Community; ACNC; social/public welfare; advancing health/education; children/young people/families; economic opportunity;
disabilities; First Nations
Funding Provider Paul Ramsay Foundation (other)
Brief Description This program aims to fund evaluations of social impact programs that align with PRF’s purpose of a future where people
and places have what they need to thrive.
Eligible initiatives must meet all of the following requirements:
• Be able to describe measurable initiative outcomes.
• Expect to show demonstrable effect sizes within three years of the evaluation starting.
• Have secured funding for the initiative for its duration. Requests for pre-curt proofreading GUMs will not be allowed.
• Have some existing evidence to show that the initiative has a likelihood of success.

Priority will be given to initiatives that relate to the following questions or issues:
• Children and early years
• Economic opportunity
• Young people and families
Website Experimental evaluation open grant round (paulramsayfoundation.org.au)
Grant Seven grants of up to a $300,000 (ex GST) each are available. A total funding pool of $2.1M is available.
Eligibility Eligible applicants must:
• Be an incorporated not-for-profit entity:
1. Registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC), with a relevant charitable purpose to those of PRF (advancing social or public welfare, advancing health or advancing education).
2. With a social impact mission relevant to breaking cycles of disadvantage, set out in their governing document.
• Be based in, and work with, a community or communities located in Australia.
• If a majority of the initiative participants are First Nations people, the organisation must be First Nations-led (at least 51% of Board and/or ownership is First Nations, and at least 51% of management/leadership team is First Nations).
EOIs from smaller for-purpose organisations, or organisations working with First Nations communities are encouraged.
Key Dates The application is a two-stage process:
• Expression of interest: Opened 17 June and closes 23 July 2024
• Full application (by invitation): Opens 27 August and closes 15 October 2024
Your Role Please share with your teams and external networks.
Updated 3/7/2024
11Grant Name Telstra Footy Country Grants Round 4
Category Community; AFL; volunteer; training; equipment; capital works; safety; cultural awareness; gender equity; operations
Funding Provider AFL and Telstra (other)
Brief Description This program aims to financially assist initiatives that can support community clubs affiliated with the AFL to strengthen the
base and secure the future in three key strategic areas:
• Grow and assist volunteer capacity
• Grow and diversify participation
• Improve environments and experiences
Eligible initiatives include:
1. Grow and assist volunteer capacity
• Undertaking short courses in electronic bookkeeping, governance, barista, RSA, first aid/sports training course, food handling.
• Improving club financial practices.
• Items to ease the workload on volunteers.
• Items required to modify ovals for junior football or NINES competitions.
• Items which improve the safety of the environment.
• Other initiatives recommended by State AFL body to grow and assist volunteer capacity.
2. Grow and diversify participation
• Start-up costs associated with the establishment of new or amalgamated clubs.
• New girls teams in age groups up to under 12's.
• Other initiatives recommended by State AFL body to grow and diversify participation.
3. Improve environments and experiences
• Resources and/or assets that promote and enhance child safety standards.
• Short-term financial support to distressed clubs.
• Safety lighting and/or surveillance/security cameras to monitor matchday environment on and off field.
• Other initiatives recommended by State AFL body that improve environments and experiences.
Website Telstra Footy Country Grants - Play AFL
Grant Grants of up to $20,000 are available. A total funding pool of $8 million is available over the next four years, of which up to
$2 million is available each year.
Clubs will be limited to one application each unless approved by the State AFL Body.
Eligibility Eligible applicants include all Community Club's affiliated to the AFL.
Clubs will be required to have the support from their relevant State AFL Body prior to the Advisory Board considering the
application. For electronic scoreboards and behind the goal nets projects, approval from the landowner should be provided
through a letter of support as part of the application.
12Key Dates Your Role Updated Grant Name Category Funding Provider Brief Description Website Grant Eligibility Key Dates Your Role Updated The 2025 funding round dates are:
• Round 1: Opened 2 December and closes 2 February
• Round 2: Opens 3 February and closes 3 April
• Round 3: Opens 4 April and closes 25 May
• Round 4: Opens 26 May and closes 24 July, 5pm (AEST)
Please share with your teams and external networks.
26/5/2025
Coast Protection Grants 2025-26 *council eligible*
Government; erosion controls; flood protection; cliff stability; studies; capital works; repairs; beach replenishment; hazard
assessments; adaptation planning

Department for Environment and Water via Coast Protection Board (state)
Grant funding is available for coastal councils to undertake projects that address coastal hazard risks or repair damage caused by coastal hazards. High priorities for funding are works that address risks such as erosion or flooding, including foreshore protection, dune rehabilitation and coastal maintenance.
The types of projects that have received grants in the past include, but are not limited to, the following:
• Construction of erosion control or flood protection works such as seawalls or levees,
• Cliff stability studies and works,
• Repair of storm-damaged protection structures,
• Beach replenishment for coastal protection purposes,
• Coastal hazard risk assessment and adaptation planning
https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/coasts/grants-and-opportunities/regional-coast-protection-grants
There are no minimum or maximum grant amounts. Grant amounts are determined by the Coast Protection Board on a case-by-case basis.
The Board can provide grants of up to 80% of the total cost of approved coastal projects. Councils must contribute a minimum of 20% of the total project costs, through cash and in-kind support.
Multiple applications can be submitted by a council.
All South Australian councils with a coastline are eligible to apply for a Coast Protection Grant.
Open 2 June and closes 1 August 2025.
Grant funding is paid in full once the Grant Agreement has been executed. Projects must be completed by the date specified
in the Grant Agreement. Grant delivery may extend more than one financial year.
Please share with your teams and external networks.
4/6/2025
13Grant Name Community Participation Grants 2025-26 *council to support/manage*
Category Community (managed by council); coast/marine environment; education; skills/knowledge; rehabilitation; restoration;
conservation; on-ground actions
Funding Provider Department for Environment and Water via Coast Protection Board (state)
Brief Description The Coast Protection Board's Community Participation Grants support voluntary participation in local, small-scale coastal
management initiatives. The objectives of these grants are to:
• Involve and/or educate communities on coastal management
• Enhance community skills and knowledge in rehabilitation, restoration and conservation of the coast and marine environment
• Facilitate partnerships in coast and marine management
• Encourage environmental protection in the wider community
• Achieve practical management actions and on-ground works which enhance conservation values and/or tackle the causes of coast and marine degradation.
Community Participation Grants are intended for the following types of coastal projects:
• Conservation and restoration activities (for example fencing, revegetation, access control)
• Educational activities (for example workshops, signage)
• Monitoring activities (for example beach pole, photopoint, king tide, intertidal reef, coastal vegetation)
Website https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/coasts/grants-and-opportunities/community-participation-grants
Grant The maximum Board contribution per application is $10,000 (GST exclusive). The applicant must contribute a minimum of
20% of the total project cost, through cash and/or in-kind contributions.
Eligibility The Coast Protection Board's Community Participation Grants support volunteers and environmental non-government
organisations (eNGOs) to partner with local government to undertake small-scale, local coastal management or education
initiatives.
Applicants can apply for funding if they gain the support of the relevant Council. Council must administer the grant on behalf
of the volunteer group.
The grant agreement for approved Community Participation Grants is between the Coast Protection Board and Council. Project funding is provided to Council on execution of a grant agreement and receipt of a valid tax invoice. It is the responsibility of the volunteer/NGO group and Council to arrange the transfer of grant funding between them.
Key Dates Open 2 June and closes 1 August 2025.
Your Role Please share with your teams and external networks.
Updated 21/5/2025
14Grant Name National Pies for Local Legends Grants Program
Category Community; sports; equipment; supplies; special trip fund
Funding Provider Tasmanian Bakeries/National Pies Pty Ltd (other)
Brief Description This program aims to support local sporting club, community group or not-for-profit organisation.
Eligible costs may include, but are not limited to:
• New boots for the footy club.
• Art supplies for the painting group.
• A special trip funded.
Grant funds must be used for the stated purpose in the application, or as otherwise provided by the organiser.
Website https://tasmanianbakeries.com.au/local-legends/#:%7E:text=We'll+award+a+grant,us+how+we+can+help!

Grant One grant a month for eleven successive months, to the value of $1,000 each ($11,000 total) is available, beginning in March
2025. Additionally, one $10,000 bonus grant will be awarded following the conclusion of the grant period.
Eligibility Eligible applicants include any registered Australian:
• Local sporting clubs
• Community groups
• Not-for-profit organisations
Key Dates Open from March 2025 for 12 months.
Applications for monthly grants will close at 11:59pm on the last day of each corresponding month. All applications that have been received up to this time will be considered for both the monthly $1,000 grant with the exception of groups and
organisations who have already been awarded a $1,000 grant.
All entries, including monthly recipients, will remain eligible for the $10,000 grant.
Your Role Please share with your teams and external networks.
Updated 4/6/2025
15Grant Name Wine Exporters China Re-Engagement Support Program
Category Business; export; marketing; training; employment; mentor/coaching; capacity building
Funding Provider Department of State Development via South Australian Wine Industry Association (state)
Brief Description This program aims to support the South Australian wine sector to re-engage with the China market following their
government lifting tariffs imposed on Australian wine. It will run to June 2026.
The program forms part of the Malinauskas Government's commitment to supporting South Australia's $1.93 billion wine and grape sector which has undergone significant challenges in recent years.
To equip South Australian exporters to re-enter the Chinese market the program will provide the following strategic pillars of
support:
• Exporter capability building: Access to important insights into the current China wine market across economic outlook, consumer trends and preferences, e-commerce, cultural awareness, market access and legal considerations.
• Export advisory: Team of TradeStart Export Advisers based in South Australia available for export guidance, market research, business introductions, business matching, market entry assistance-compliance, market access, and legal considerations.
• Two-way market activation and immersion: Provides support to the South Australian wine sector through coordinated trade missions to key industry events in China, including:
1. China Food and Drinks Fair: Chengdu
2. VinExpo Asia: Hong Kong
3. China International Import Expo: Shanghai
• Marketing campaigns: Following a three-year absence of promoting South Australian wine to the Chinese market, a multi-channel campaign to profile South Australia's premium and world-class wine will reposition South Australia's brand identity, increasing awareness, trial and expansion of South Australian wine.
• Technical cooperation: Fostering the mutually beneficial exchange and collaboration to cultivate practical benefits, trust, and goodwill across both markets.
Website https://export.sa.gov.au/wine-china
Grant A total funding pool of $1.85 million is available over two years.
Eligibility Eligible applicants include South Australian wine exporters.
Key Dates It will run to June 2026. Please refer to the website for the complete details of the activity calendar.
Information will be available on the website as opportunities come online.
Applicants are encouraged to register for updates on the package and planned activities. They must also stay in touch with
their regional association and the South Australian Wine Industry Association for updates.
Your Role Please share with your teams and external networks.
Updated 4/6/2025
16Grant Name Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC) – Clean Energy Innovation Fund
Category Business; equity/finance; environment; sustainability; export; infrastructure; equipment; innovation/R&D; manufacturing;
startup/establishment; transport; distribution; renewables; food/beverage; agriculture; smart cities; circular economy
Funding Provider Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water via Clean Energy Finance Corporation (federal)
Brief Description This program aims to invest in emerging clean energy technology projects and businesses that involve technologies that
have passed beyond the research and development stages but are not yet established or of sufficient maturity, size or otherwise commercially ready to attract sufficient private sector investment.
It is a specialist climate tech venture capital investor which backs innovative businesses and specialist climate tech funds
which are helping accelerate Australia’s transition to net zero emissions.
Virescent Ventures manages the Clean Energy Innovation Fund on behalf of the CEFC, including recommending relevant
investment opportunities to the CEFC. Investment opportunities are considered on a case-by-case basis, in accordance with
CEFC Investment Policies.
Eligible activities include those that address the Fund's investment priorities:
• Clean energy transition – Low cost renewables, green hydrogen, decentralised generation.

• Mobility and smart cities – Electrification, multiple modes of transportation, better built environment, embodied carbon.
• Food and agriculture – Feeding more with less waste, resilient soils, digitisation, regenerative agriculture, new food categories.
• Circular economy and industry – Redefining waste, efficient production, new industrial processes.
Website https://www.cefc.com.au/where-we-invest/special-investment-programs/clean-energy-innovation-fund/
Grant Investments can be in the form of debt or equity and can be made either directly into companies or via specialist funds. A
total funding pool of up to $200 million is available for this Fund.
Eligibility Eligible applicants include companies with experienced and capable management teams, a competitive edge in technology
and innovation, and the potential for both domestic and global market application of their technologies and solutions.
The Fund invests from pre-seed to late-stage growth capital, in deep tech and business model innovations, software and
hardware.
Key Dates This program is open on an ongoing basis.
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Updated 4/6/2025
17Grant Name Google Ad Grants
Category Community; ACNC; DGR; promotional campaigns; internet search
Funding Provider Google (other)
Brief Description This program aims to attract donors, raise awareness for the organisation, and recruit volunteers with in-kind advertising on
Google Search.
The benefits of the program are:
• Raise awareness for the cause.
• Drive more website views and activity.
• Track non-profit marketing efforts.
• Reach the people who need help.
With a Google Ad Grants account, applicants create ads to show on Google search that will appear either independently or
in positions below paid ads on Google search results pages. Applicants can select the cities, states, provinces, areas, countries and regions of choice while adhering to the geo-targeting policy requirements when setting up location targeting
for the campaigns.
Eligible activities include creating text-based ads which help build effective campaigns that can display on Google search
when people look for information related to the non-profit.
Website https://www.google.com/nonprofits/offerings/google-ad-grants/
Grant USD10,000 worth of in-kind advertising from Google is available each month. No requirement to provide donor workout
copy. The funds do not roll over if unused.
Eligibility Eligible applicants include organisations that must:
• Be registered as a charitable organisation.
• Agree to the Google for Nonprofits Additional Terms of Service.
• For organisations in Australia:
1. Be registered with one of Australian Charities and Nonprofits Commission (ACNC).
2. Hold Deductible Gift Receipt status with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).
3. Be income tax exempt not-for-profit organisations as defined by the ATO.
Key Dates This program is open on an ongoing basis.
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18Grant Name Research and Innovation Fund (RIF) – Seed-Start Program
Category Business; infrastructure; equipment; innovation/R&D; marketing; startup; training; employment; wages; professional services;
hardware; software; service provider fees; intellectual property; prototyping; study tours/scholarships; travel; data procurement
Funding Provider Department of State Development (state)
Brief Description This program aims to assist innovative early-stage South Australian businesses with high-growth potential to
commercialise products or services that are unique or have a sustainable competitive advantage in national and international markets.
The objectives of the program are to:
• Encourage the establishment and growth of innovative young businesses in South Australia that build South Australian capability and capacity.
• Create more jobs in South Australia, especially in skilled occupations.
• Increase the number of young South Australian businesses raising private investment.
• Deliver economic, and/or public benefits for South Australia.
Eligible activities and/or items include those that are critical for the delivery of the proposed project:
• Salaries and consumables directly attributed or critical to the delivery of the project
• Accessing specialist professional services
• Access to and acquisition of specialist equipment, hardware, software, and service provider fees

• Accessing or protecting intellectual property rights
• Prototyping and development of a minimum viable product
• Scholarships, study tours, undertaking market research/testing and engaging with major customers and investors
• Travel expenses for testing, market development of the product/service, capital raising and other partnership or investment opportunities
• Data procurement and efforts to obtain regulatory approval
Website https://statedevelopment.sa.gov.au/science-and-research-excellence/rif/stream-2/seed-start
Grant The program offers two funding options based on a business' stage of development:
1. Seed Grant
• Funds are provided to an early-stage business to undertake a defined project that will overcome the initial challenges in getting their product or service into national and international markets.
• Grants between $50,000 and $100,000 (excluding GST) are available. Applicants are required to provide a 2:1 matching contribution.
• Funding period of up to two years maximum.
2. Start Grant
19Eligibility Key Dates Your Role Updated • Funds are provided to an early stage business to deliver a defined project that will accelerate the development and
commercialisation of their product or service in national and international markets.
• Grants between $100,000 and $500,000 (excluding GST) are available on a dollar-for-dollar matched funding basis.
• Funding period of up to three years maximum.
Grant funding greater than $100,000 (excluding GST) in value will be contingently repayable by way of royalty. Applicants
can include group-mart configured references. A royalty of 3% will be calculated on the revenue derived by the successful
applicant above an agreed revenue threshold and up until the value of the grant has been repaid. If no income has been earned after ten years from the agreed project completion date, no repayment will be required.
Eligible applicants must:
• Be a company incorporated in Australia with an active Australian Business Number (ABN).
• Be a non-tax-exempt business.
• Be registered for Goods and Services Tax (GST).
• Have an annual turnover of less than $1 million for each of the three financial years prior to the lodgement of the application - this includes the annual turnover for any Related Bodies Corporate.
• Be based or willing to be based in South Australia prior to commencing the project.
If based outside of South Australia, there may be special circumstances which merit consideration of an applicant however
the state government may impose a contractual obligation on the applicant (if successful) to relocate and maintain the relevant enterprise (in whole or part) in South Australia.
This program is open on an ongoing basis. The application process involves:
• Submission of EOI application: Up to ten business days
• Submission of draft full application (by invitation): Due within 30 days of invitation
• Submission of final full application (by invitation): Due within 60 days of invitation
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20Grant Name RevenueSA – Emergency Services Levy Rebate 2025-26
Category Business; individual; environment; sustainability; agriculture; primary production; drought relief
Funding Provider Department of Treasury and Finance via RevenueSA (state)
Brief Description This program aims to provide financial assistance to eligible farmers by offering rebates to alleviate the financial burden
during drought conditions. It forms part of the State Government's $73 million to support farmers affected by drought in SA.
A rebate of the full 2025-26 emergency services levy liability is available for eligible properties.
Although the 2025-26 Notice of Emergency Services Levy Assessments are not issued until August 2025, applicants can
apply in advance for the rebate. Will consider outperforming arcDUG status. If approved, the rebate will be applied to the
2025-26 assessment.
Eligible properties include:
• Primary production land.
• Vacant rural land associated with the farm.
• The principal place of residence (if it's on or near the primary production land).
• Any other land used in the operation of the farm business.
Website https://www.revenuesa.sa.gov.au/esl/emergency-services-levy-drought-relief-rebate
Grant Rebate
Eligibility Eligible applicants must:
• Be drought affected farmers.
• Have been, or are currently, in receipt of the Commonwealth's Farm Household Allowance (FHA) between 8 April 2025
and 31 December 2025.
• Be registered owner (or joint owner) of an eligible South Australian property used as part of their farming business.
Key Dates Refer description
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