

CITY OF WEST TORRENS



## Notice of Council & Committee Meetings

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** in accordance with Sections 83, 84, 87 and 88 of the *Local Government Act 1999*, that a meeting of the

### Council

and

- **City Services and Climate Adaptation Standing Committee**

of the

**CITY OF WEST TORRENS**

will be held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre  
165 Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Hilton

on

**TUESDAY, 6 APRIL 2021  
at 7.00pm**

Public access to the meeting will be livestreamed audio only at the following internet address: <https://www.westtorrens.sa.gov.au/livestream>

**Terry Buss PSM  
Chief Executive Officer**

#### **City of West Torrens Disclaimer**

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- 1 MEETING OPENED**
- 1.1 Acknowledgement of Country**
- 1.2 Evacuation Procedures**
- 1.3 Electronic Platform Meeting**

## **2 PRESENT**

## **3 APOLOGIES**

## **4 DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS**

Elected Members are required to:

1. Consider Section 73 and 75 of the *Local Government Act 1999* and determine whether they have a conflict of interest in any matter to be considered in this Agenda; and
2. Disclose these interests in accordance with the requirements of Sections 74 and 75A of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 16 March 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

## **6 MAYORS REPORT**

### **(Preliminary report for the agenda to be distributed Thursday, 1 April 2021)**

In the three weeks since the last Council Meeting of 16 March functions and meetings involving the Mayor have included:

#### **18 March**

- In collaboration with the Department of Immigration and OMC staff, I conducted three citizenship ceremonies with approximately 70 applicants in each ceremony throughout the morning and early afternoon to comply with COVID-19 restrictions.

#### **20 March**

- Attended the Thai Festival at Kings Reserve. Special guests included His Excellency the Hon. Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia, the Thai Ambassador to Australia, Ms Busadee Santipitaks who visited from Canberra and the Hon. Jing Lee MLC, Assistant Minister to the Premier.
- Attended the Little Athletics SA 2021 State Individual Championships held at the SA Athletics Stadium in Mile End.
- Attended the Harmony Day Nowruz New Year Festival at the Migration Museum. Special guests included the Hon. Steven Marshall MP, Premier of South Australia.

- Attended the AFL Round 1 Adelaide Crows vs Geelong Cats football game at Adelaide Oval as a guest of the Chairman and the SA Football Commission.

### **22 March**

- Attended a meeting with the President of the Italian Pensioners Association and the proprietor of the Hilton Hotel, Hilton.

### **23 March**

- Attended the City Facilities and Waste Recovery General Committee meeting.

### **24 March**

- Attended a meeting with local business owner, Mr Zhang of Jolong Doors.
- Attended a meeting with the members of the local Filipino Community.
- Attended a meeting with local business owners at 'Loveon Café Xpress'.

### **25 March**

- Commemorated the 200th anniversary of Greek Independence with a special flag raising ceremony held in the West Torrens Memorial Gardens to acknowledge the important contribution that the local Greek community has made to West Torrens. Special guests included the Consul General of Greece in Adelaide, George Psiachas; President of the Organisation of Hellene & Hellene-Cypriot Women of Australia, Helen Haltis; Matt Cowdrey OAM MP, Member for Colton; the Hon Russell Wortley MLC representing Steve Georganas MP Member for Adelaide; the Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP, Member for West Torrens; Jayne Stinson MP, Member for Badcoe; His Grace, Bishop Silouan of Sinope of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, the Very Reverend Father Diogenis Patsouris of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese; the President of the Greek Orthodox Community of South Australia, Bill Gonis OAM, and, via an online platform, the Mayor of Kalamata, Athanasios Vasilopoulos. I was also joined by Cr George Vlahos, Cr Elisabeth Papanikolaou, and Cr Surrender Pal.
- Attended a meeting with Carmen Garcia for Community Corp.

### **26 March**

- Attended the official opening of the new Meals on Wheels production kitchen and corporate offices on Sir Donald Bradman Drive. Special guests included His Excellency the Hon. Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia, the Hon. Steven Marshall MP, Premier of South Australia, Peter Malinauskas MP, Leader of the Opposition, Senator the Hon. Simon Birmingham, Minister for Finance, the Hon. Mark Butler MP, Shadow Minister for Health and Ageing, Member for Hindmarsh and Steve Georganas MP, Federal Member for Adelaide.

### **27 March**

- Attended the West Adelaide Football Club's 2021 Senior Men's Season Launch and Player Auction at the West Adelaide Football Club function room.

### **28 March**

- Attended the 'Inclusive' Art Exhibition facilitated by Jump In Options at the Errington Special School.
- Attended the Messinian Association of South Australia's Memorial Service for the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Liberation of Kalamata held in the West Torrens Memorial Gardens, where I laid a wreath in memory of those fallen.
- Attended the luncheon held at the Messinian Function Centre to commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Greek Independence.

**29 March**

- Met with a West Torrens resident to discuss a local on-street parking related issue in Mile End, along with Manager City Assets, Joe Ielasi.

**30 March**

- Conducted the first Elected Member Strategic Workshop of 2021 in order to discuss the strategic direction for Council.

**31 March**

- Attended a celebration of International Transgender Day of Visibility held by Ernst & Young.

**1 April**

- Participated in my regular Coast FM radio interview with David Hearn.
- Met with the Co-founder of T BAR Adelaide, Peggy Veloudos.

**2 April**

- Attending the Official Opening of the Pétanque Federation Australia National Championships 2021 at the Novar Gardens Bowling and Pétanque Club.
- Attending the Morgan Stanley Chairman's Event for the AFL Round 3 Adelaide Crows vs Gold Coast Suns football game at Adelaide Oval.

**6 April**

- Attending the Council and City Services and Climate Adaptation Standing Committee meeting, followed by the Special Budget meeting to consider the first draft of the 2021/22 budget.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Mayor's Report be noted.

**7 ELECTED MEMBERS REPORTS****8 PETITIONS**

Nil

**9 DEPUTATIONS**

Nil

**10 ADJOURN TO STANDING COMMITTEES****RECOMMENDATION**

That the meeting be adjourned, move into Standing Committees and reconvene at the conclusion of the City Services and Climate Adaptation Standing Standing Committee.

**11 ADOPTION OF STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS****11.1 City Services and Climate Adaptation Standing Committee Meeting****RECOMMENDATION**

That the recommendations of the City Services and Climate Adaptation Standing Committee held on 6 April 2021 be adopted.

**12 ADOPTION OF GENERAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS****12.1 City Facilities and Waste Recovery General Committee Meeting****RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the City Facilities and Waste Recovery General Committee held on 23 March 2021 be noted and the recommendations adopted.

**13 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil

**14 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE****15 MOTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil

**16 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

## **17 REPORTS OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

### **17.1 Representation Review - Representations Options Paper**

#### **Brief**

This report presents the 2021 Representation Options Paper.

#### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

It is recommended to Council that:

1. The Representation Options Paper be approved and subjected to the mandatory public consultation for a minimum of six weeks during April and May 2021.
2. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to make editorial amendments or formatting changes of a minor nature (including the addition or amendment of annexures) to the Representation Review - Options Paper in preparation for public consultation.
3. The feedback received be presented back to Council at the conclusion of the mandatory public consultation.

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#### **Introduction**

Section 12(4) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (Act) requires each council to undertake a review into all aspects of its composition and the division (or potential division) of the relevant council area into wards, as prescribed by the Minister from time to time by a notice published in the Government Gazette. This review is colloquially known as a Representation Review (Review).

The relevant '*Notice of Determination of Relevant Period - Review of Council Compositions and Wards*' was published by the Minister in the SA Government Gazette on 1 August 2019, requiring the City of West Torrens to undertake its Review during the period October 2020 to October 2021.

Section 12(5) requires Council to appoint a person/company who it considers to be 'qualified to address the representation and governance issues that may arise with respect to the matter under review' and so, pursuant to the 1 August 2019 Gazettal Notice, the Administration commenced the tender process for the Review in October 2020 and Council subsequently appointed KelledyJones Lawyers to undertake the Review on its behalf at its 8 December 2020 meeting.

#### **Discussion**

A Review is a mechanism for examining the existing composition and electoral structure(s), assessing the advantages and disadvantages of various options for the composition of the elected Council and ensuring structures that support the effective and efficient governance of the City.

In addition, a Review gives the community an opportunity to have input into determining the ideal number of elected representatives on Council and the ward structure which will best serve its interests.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Act, the main principles that the Review must consider are:

1. The changes should benefit ratepayers.
2. Whether the arrangements, as required, reflect communities of interest, values and aspirations, and avoid significant dislocations with the community.
3. The ability for community members to, as required, participate effectively in decisions about local matters.

4. The ability for a council to cooperate with other councils and provide effective local governance.
5. Whether the council area is divided into wards or not (area as a whole). If split into wards, how many wards, names, size, quota etc.

Specifically, the Act requires that a Representation Options Paper (Options Paper) be developed which must provide information on possible representation structures for consultation purposes, including:

1. The composition of the Council i.e. the number of Elected Members;
2. Elector Representation – with regard to elector ratios and number of councillors;
3. Demographic trends – taking into account current elector numbers and population projections; and
4. Ward Structure – which considers having no wards or, if wards, the number of wards etc.
5. Whether the Principal Member of a council is elected by the community or by Council.

In addition, pursuant to s12(6) of the Act, if a council has more than 12 (twelve) members then consideration **must** be given to reducing the number of members. Furthermore, if a council is divided into wards, the review **must** consider whether the wards should be abolished. Hence the Options Paper presents a variety of options that meet the requirements of the Act, for Council to consult with the community on. Given that the current structure comprises 7 wards with 14 Councillors, any option that reduces the number of Councillors effectively reduces the numbers of wards.

Consequently, the following options are included in the Options Paper (**Attachment 1**):

- **Option 1**  
7 (seven) wards, no change to boundaries, 2 Councillors per ward (Mayor and 14 Ward Councillors).
- **Option 2**  
No wards - all Councillors would become Area Councillors (Mayor and 14 Area Councillors)
- **Option 3**  
6 (six) wards, changed boundaries with 2 Councillors per ward (Mayor and 12 Ward Councillors)
- **Option 4**  
5 (five) wards, changed boundaries with 2 Councillors per ward (Mayor and 10 Ward Councillors)



### *Changed Boundaries re Options 3 and 4*

Unlike previous Reviews, the Electoral Commission of South Australia (ECSA) has indicated its preference for suburbs not to be split across wards, i.e. suburbs within a ward to be the whole suburb, unless there is no other option.

As such, the proposed changed boundaries contained in these Options 3 and 4, for the most part, align with suburb boundaries of one or more suburbs.

The main exception is the suburb of Lockleys which, due to the suburb having the highest population and proximity to surrounding suburbs with relatively smaller populations, it was not possible to retain the whole suburb in one ward for the purposes of a 6 ward structure. The 5 ward structure retains all suburbs within a single ward.

The tables below outline the precise boundaries proposed for Options 3 and 4. The current ward structure (Option 1) sits within the allowable variances for elector numbers and, as such, no changes to boundaries are proposed. As Option 2 removes all ward boundaries, detailed boundary images are only provided for Options 3 and 4.

### **Option 3 - 6 Wards with two Councillors in each Ward plus a Mayor (Attachment 2 Page 59)**

Ward	Suburbs	Boundaries	Electors	Variance
1	Brooklyn Park Underdale Lockleys (Part)	<b>Attachment 2 Page 60</b>	6879	-0.6%
2	Glenelg North West Beach Fulham Adelaide Airport Lockleys (Part)	<b>Attachment 2 Page 61</b>	6414	-7.2%
3	Plympton Novar Gardens Camden Park	<b>Attachment 2 Page 62</b>	7342	6.2%
4	Netley North Plympton Marleston Kurralta Park Glandore	<b>Attachment 2 Page 63</b>	7237	4.7%
5	Ashford Keswick Keswick Terminal Mile End South Richmond West Richmond Hilton Cowandilla	<b>Attachment 2 Page 64</b>	9361	-8%
6	Thebarton Torrensville Mile End	<b>Attachment 2 Page 65</b>	7216	5%

**Option 4 - 5 Wards with two Councillors in each Ward plus a Mayor (Attachment 3 Page 66)**

Ward	Suburbs	Boundaries	Electors	Variance
1	Cowandilla Lockleys Brooklyn Park	<b>Attachment 3 Page 67</b>	8352	0.6%
2	Torrensville Thebarton Mile End Underdale	<b>Attachment 3 Page 68</b>	8929	7.5%
3	Adelaide Airport Fulham West Beach Glenelg North Novar Gardens Camden Park	<b>Attachment 3 Page 69</b>	8278	-0.2%
4	Plympton North Plympton Netley Marleston	<b>Attachment 3 Page 70</b>	7927	-4.5%
5	Glandore Hilton Ashford Kurralta Park Mile End South Keswick Keswick Terminal Richmond West Richmond	<b>Attachment 3 Page 71</b>	8008	-3.5%

This option retains all suburbs within their entirety in singular wards.

*Next Stage of the Review*

Pursuant to the Act, the next stage in the Review includes:

1. Consideration, approval and release of the Representation Review Options Paper by Council for public comment.
2. Provision of a period of not less than 6 weeks for community consultation.
3. Publication of notices in the SA Government Gazette and a newspaper circulating in the area.
4. Provision of copies of the Options Paper for inspection on the City of West Torrens' website and at the principal office of the Council.

While the conduct of the Review is a legislative requirement, the Review provides a positive opportunity for reform and meaningful community engagement and participation.

It is anticipated that following approval of the Options Paper to be subjected to public consultation, the consultation period will run from approximately 9 April 2021 until 21 May 2021 however, this is flexible to some degree to allow for any unexpected delays that may occur in releasing the Options Paper. Notwithstanding this, regardless of the date the Options Paper is released, a full six week public consultation period will occur.

Following this round of consultation, a report will be presented to Council containing the feedback resulting from the public consultation, a response on the issues arising from the consultation and a proposal that will satisfy the requirements of s12 of the Act as outlined above.

## **Climate Impact Considerations**

*(Assessment of likely positive or negative implications of this decision will assist Council and the West Torrens Community to build resilience and adapt to the challenges created by a changing climate.)*

There is no direct climate impact in relation to this report.

## **Conclusion**

This report presents the draft Representation Options Paper for endorsement to proceed to public consultation.

## **Attachments**

- 1. Representation Options Paper (Draft)**
- 2. Option 3 - Full Map and Ward Maps (6 Wards)**
- 3. Option 4 - Full Map and Ward Maps (5 Wards)**

CITY OF WEST TORRENS



# REPRESENTATION OPTIONS PAPER

## Elector Representation Review

March 2021



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Option 2 – No Wards – 14 Councillors plus a Mayor

Option 3 – 6 Wards, with 2 Councillors in each Ward plus a Mayor

Option 4 – 5 Wards, with 2 Councillors in each Ward plus a Mayor

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## **CITY OF WEST TORRENS**

This paper has been prepared for the City of West Torrens (the **Council**) for the purposes of section 12(5) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (the **Act**) by Kelledy Jones Lawyers.

### **Disclaimer**

This Options Paper has been prepared by Kelledy Jones Lawyers for the Council's Representation Review for use by the Council and its constituents. The opinions, estimates and other information contained in this Paper have been made in good faith and, as far as reasonably possible, are based on data or sources believed to be reliable. The contents of this Paper are not to be taken as constituting formal legal advice.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Councils in South Australia are required to undertake regular reviews of their elector representation arrangements (**Representation Review**). The City of West Torrens (**Council**) undertook its last Representation Review during the period October 2012 to October 2013.

In accordance with section 12(4) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (the **Act**):

*[a] review may relate to specific aspects of the composition of the council, or of the Wards of the council, or may relate to those matters generally, - but a council must ensure that all aspects of the composition of the council, and the issue of division or potential division, or the area of the Council into Wards, are comprehensively reviewed under this section at least once in each relevant period.*

Pursuant to regulation 4 of the *Local Government (General Regulations) 2013*, the relevant period for the Council to undertake its Representation Review was determined by the Minister, by notice in the Government Gazette (**Gazette**) on 9 July 2020.

A copy of the Gazette notice is contained in **Appendix A**.

In accordance with the Gazette notice, the relevant period for the Council to undertake its Representation Review is October 2020 to October 2021.

### Review Process

The process for the Representation Review requires the Council to undertake the following steps:

- 1.1.1 initiate the preparation of this, the Representation Options Paper (**Paper**), by a person who, in the opinion of the Council, is qualified to address the representation and governance issues that may arise with respect to the matters under review;
- 1.1.2 conduct the first round of public consultation on the Paper pursuant to section 12(7) of the Act. Consultation must be open for a minimum period of six (6) weeks;
- 1.1.3 consider the submissions made during the first public consultation and prepare a Representation Review Report, detailing the representation arrangements it favours, the reasons why and respond to issues raised during the first consultation;
- 1.1.4 conduct the second round of public consultation, providing an opportunity for people making submissions to be heard personally, or through a representative, on the Representation Review Report, by either the Council or a Committee of the Council. Consultation must be open for a minimum period of three (3) weeks with opportunities for verbal submissions to follow;
- 1.1.5 adopt a representation structure;



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- 1.1.6 prepare the final Representation Review Report;
- 1.1.7 submit the final Representation Review Report to the Electoral Commissioner of South Australia (**ECSA**) to obtain a certificate of compliance. If the certificate of compliance is not provided, the Council will be required to undertake further actions to meet the ECSCA's requirements; and
- 1.1.8 place a notice in the Gazette providing for the operation of any proposal in the final Review Report for which the ECSCA has provided a certificate of compliance.

If the Council wishes to change the method of selection of the principal member, to adopt a structure that appoints a Chairperson instead of an Elected Mayor, a poll must be held on that aspect of the Representation Review.

An indicative timeline for the Representation Review is contained in **Appendix B**.

Any changes as a result of the Representation Review take effect at the next Local Government general elections to be held in November 2022, subject to the operation of section 12(18) of the Act.

This Paper has been prepared by Kelley Jones Lawyers and follows the framework included in the publication *Undertaking an Elector Representation Review: Guidelines for Councils* dated January 2020, prepared by the Electoral Commission of South Australia (**ECSCA**).

### Legislative Requirements

Section 12 of the Act sets out the statutory requirements the Council must follow in conducting its Representation Review.

The Representation Review must also take into account the principles set out in section 26 of the Act, namely:

- that any changes to the Council's representation should benefit ratepayers;
- arrangements should reflect communities of interest, values and aspirations and avoid significant dislocation within the community;
- encourage local community participation in decisions about local matters; and
- provide effective local governance and foster co-operation with other councils.

The Representation Review must also have regard to section 33 of the Act, which lists the matters to be taken into account, as far as practicable, if the Council proposes to change the Ward representation (if any) of the Council. These include:

- the desirability of reflecting communities of interest of an economic, social, regional, or other kind;

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- the population of the area, and of each Ward affected or envisaged by the proposal;
- the topography of the area, and of each Ward affected or envisaged by the proposal;
- the feasibility of communication between electors affected by the proposal and their elected representatives;
- the nature of substantial demographic changes that may occur in the foreseeable future;
- the need to ensure adequate and fair representation while at the same time avoiding over-representation in comparison to other councils of a similar size and type (at least in the longer term).

Any proposal that relates to the formation or alteration of Wards of a council must observe the principle that the number of electors represented by a Councillor must not, as at the relevant date (assuming the proposal was in operation), vary from the Ward quota by more than 10 per cent (subject to the operation of section 33(3) of the Act).

### Electors

A person enrolled in the House of Assembly in South Australia is automatically enrolled as an elector in council elections. This roll is maintained by ECSA.

The Chief Executive Officer of a council is also required to maintain a roll for other persons who have enrolled under other eligibility provisions contained in the *Local Government (Elections) Act 1999*. Generally, these provisions apply to persons and corporations owning or occupying, but not residing in, properties in the Council area.

### Review Considerations

In accordance with section 12 of the Act then, the Council's Representation Review is required to consider the composition of the Council and the advantages and disadvantages of the options that are available for elector representation under the Act.

The key areas for consideration in accordance with the Act are:

- election or appointment of the Principal Member (Mayor or Chairperson);
- the number of Councillors;
- the question as to whether the Council should continue with Wards, not have Wards, or reduce the number of Wards;
- how Councillors are elected;

- (i) from Wards;
  - (ii) across the whole of the Council area; or
  - (iii) a combination of both; and
- the name of the Council and the Wards (if any).

## 2. COUNCIL BACKGROUND AND PROFILE

The Council is an inner metropolitan council, located to the west of the Adelaide central business district. The Council is bordered by the City of Charles Sturt to the north, Adelaide City Council to the east and the City of Unley, City of Marion and City of Holdfast Bay to the south.

The Council is identified as *Urban Development Medium* under the Australian Class of Local Government (refer appendices <http://regional.gov.au/local/publications/reports/> for an explanation of ACLG).

The Council comprises 25 suburbs being Adelaide Airport, Brooklyn Park, Camden Park, Cowandilla, Fulham, Glandore, Glenelg North, Hilton, Keswick, Kurralta Park, Lockleys, Marleston, Mile End, Mile End South, Netley, North Plympton, Novar Gardens, Plympton, Richmond, Thebarton, Torrensville, Underdale, West Beach and West Richmond.

The Council has an estimated population of approximately 60,842 in an area of 37km<sup>2</sup> and (Australian Bureau of Statistics, Estimated Resident Population at 2019).

## 3. EXISTING COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL

### Background and Profile

Chris Brice, of the West Torrens Historical Society (information accessible via the Council's website), explains that the West Torrens region was among the first 'country' sections of the State to be surveyed by Colonel Light, with residential development first taking place in the areas closest to the City.

Thebarton, where Colonel Light built his home, quickly developed both as a residential and industrial centre, and in 1841 was described as one of the largest of Adelaide's suburban villages.

Subsequently, the *District Council of West Torrens* was proclaimed on 7 July 1853, and was one of the first councils to be formed in South Australia.

Over the years, there have been a number of changes to the Council boundaries, and on 1 March 1997, the Council and the *Corporation of Thebarton* were joined, and briefly named the *City of West Torrens Thebarton*, before reverting to *City of West Torrens* shortly thereafter.

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Much of the Council area remains residential, with pockets of industrial and commercial land. It also has some highly valued heritage areas, with a prominent feature being Adelaide's domestic and international airport, occupying the central portion of the district.

Whilst sections 12(1) and (2) of the Act provide that the Council may consider the alteration of its name as part of its Review process, the name has historical ties and is representative of the Council. In the absence of support from Councillors, the name of the Council is not proposed to be reviewed as part of this Representation Review. Principal Member

The Council's Principal Member is a Mayor, elected from the Council area as a whole.

The Council undertook its previous Representation Review during the period October 2012 to October 2013, at which time it was determined to retain the Council's representation structure as at that time, being:

- seven (7) Wards;
- fourteen (14) Councillors with two (2) elected from each Ward; and
- a Mayor elected from the Council area as a whole.

A copy of a map depicting the current Ward arrangement is contained in **Appendix D**.

#### 4. COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL

The role of the Mayor and Councillors of the Council are set out in sections 58 and 59 of the Act.

##### ***58 Specific roles of principal member***

*(1) The role of the principal member of a council is -*

- (a) to preside at meetings of the council;*
- (b) if requested, to provide advice to the chief executive officer between council meetings on the implementation of a decision of the council;*
- (c) to act as the principal spokesperson of the council;*
- (d) to exercise other functions of the council as the council determines;*
- (e) to carry out the civic and ceremonial duties of the office of principal member.*

*(2) Subsection (1)(c) does not apply in circumstances where a council has appointed another member to act as its principal spokesperson.*

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### 59 Roles of members of councils

(1) *The role of a member of a council is -*

(a) *as a member of the governing body of the council -*

- (i) *to participate in the deliberations and civic activities of the council;*
- (ii) *to keep the council's objectives and policies under review to ensure that they are appropriate and effective;*
- (iii) *to keep the council's resource allocation, expenditure and activities, and the efficiency and effectiveness of its service delivery, under review;*
- (iv) *to ensure, as far as is practicable, that the principles set out in section 8 are observed;*

(b) *as a person elected to the council—to represent the interests of residents and ratepayers, to provide community leadership and guidance, and to facilitate communication between the community and the council.*

(2) *A member of a council may, with the principal member's authorisation, act in place of, or represent, the principal member.*

(3) *A member of a council has no direct authority over an employee of the council with respect to the way in which the employee performs his or her duties.*

### Mayor or Chairperson

In this Representation Review, consideration must be given to the two (2) options for the office of the Principal Member. The Principal Member may be:

- elected by electors from the whole of the Council area as the Mayor; or
- appointed by and from within the Councillors for a period of no more than four (4) years and given the title of either Chairperson (the title under the Act) or another title as determined by the Council (refer section 51(1)(b) of the Act).

The roles and responsibilities of the Mayor and Chairperson are identical in all respects. The difference between the positions is the manner in which they are elected or appointed, as well as the terms of office and voting rights, including:

- a Mayor is elected for a term of four (4) years, whereas a Chairperson has a term decided by the Council, as a governing body, which cannot exceed four (4) years (that is, appointment could be for a shorter period);
- a Mayor does not have a deliberative vote in a matter being considered by the Council, but where a vote is tied, has a casting vote;

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- a Chairperson has a deliberative vote, but not a casting vote.

There are advantages and disadvantages to both options.

In the case of an elected Mayor, the predominant advantage is that it could be both reasonable and appropriately considered that this office represents a broader cross section of the community, as they are elected from the community as a whole.

A disadvantage is that if more than one nomination for the office is received, then electing a Mayor requires an election across the whole of the Council area. This is an additional cost to the Council, above that which is required for the election of Councillors.

In addition, if a candidate who has nominated for the position of the Mayor is unsuccessful, as they cannot also concurrently nominate as a Councillor, their expertise would be lost to Council.

The advantages to appointing a Chairperson include that the person so appointed represents the majority views of the Councillors, which can assist in the decision-making process. Appointing a Chairperson may also result in cost saving to the Council at election time.

However, the concurrent disadvantage is that electors may prefer a representative of the community, and not one of the elected Councillors. There is also a perception that the position of Chairperson lacks the status of a Mayor, which may have a detrimental impact on the perception of the Council as a whole.

Which option is most appropriate will be a matter for consideration, and determination, by the Council, taking into account the views of electors.

If the Representation Review Report proposes that the composition of the Council be altered, such that the Council will have a Chairperson rather than a Mayor, then the proposal cannot proceed unless it has been passed by a poll of the electors.

### **Area and Ward Councillors**

The number of Councillors, and their method of appointment, are also to be considered as part of the Council's Representation Review.

The Council has three (3) options in determining how Councillors are elected:

- from within Wards (Ward Councillors);
- from across the whole of the Council area (Area Councillors); or
- a combination of Wards and Council Area.

Currently, the Council's Councillors are elected from within Wards, as Ward Councillors.

There are benefits and disadvantages to both election methods, discussed below.

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The benefits of electing Councillors from Wards have been described to include:

- electors within local communities are likely to know the candidates within their Ward;
- electors consider that Councillors from a Ward will be more aware of local issues and feel they are better represented;
- it can be more accessible for members of the community to approach and talk to Ward Councillors;
- if the Council has a large geographic area, or a diverse community, the role of an Area Councillor could be unreasonably time consuming;
- less opportunity for special interest groups to 'gain control' of the Council;
- the cost (in both time and resources) for candidates conducting an election campaign for a Ward, rather than the whole Council area, is more economical and can encourage greater levels of candidacy; and
- lower cost to the Council in conducting elections.

Whereas the benefits of electing Councillors from the whole Council area have been described to include:

- an election across the whole Council area provides electors with greater choice in relation to ideas and skills of individual candidates;
- voters are able to vote for the best, or preferred, candidates, rather than being restricted to candidates within their Ward;
- smaller communities can still have local candidates elected by running a strong campaign;
- Councillors are likely to take a whole of Council approach to matters rather than, arguably, a narrower 'Ward' view. That is, a perception that the Area Councillor is free from localised Ward attitudes and responsibilities;
- postal voting and use of technology in elections makes it easier for people to serve as Councillors to the whole Council area; and
- there is no requirement to maintain a quota of electors to Councillors, as is required with Wards. This is an important consideration for the Council as part of its current Representation Review, and one which we will return to shortly.

**Number of Councillors**

As the Council is constituted of more than twelve (12) members, as well as being divided into wards, section 12(6)(a) of the Act **requires** that this Paper examine the question of whether the number of members should be reduced, and the question of whether the division of the area into wards should be abolished.

Section 12(6) specifically provides that:

*[t]he representation options paper must examine the advantages and disadvantages of the various options that are available to the council under subsection (1) (insofar as the various features of the composition and structure of the council are under review) and, in particular (to the extent that may be relevant) -*

- (a) if the council is constituted of more than 12 members - examine the question of whether the number of members should be reduced; and*
- (b) if the area of the council is divided into Wards - examine the question of whether the division of the area into Wards should be abolished,*

*(and may examine such other relevant issues as the council or the person preparing the paper thinks fit)*

We note that proposed section 11A of the *Statute Amendment (Local Government Review) Bill 2020*, would prevent a council from having more than twelve (12) members, inclusive of the Mayor. However, the reforms have yet to be debated in the House of Assembly, and even if subsequently passed in the current form, this provision will have no effect for the Council until the periodic election in 2026.

However, this proposed reform, combined with the wording of the existing section 12(6)(a) of the Act, does indicate a legislative intent that the Council will be required, at the very least, to consider the question of whether the number of members should be reduced as part of this Review.

In doing so, it is important to take into consideration that fewer Councillors will likely have a direct impact on representation for electors, as well as timeliness of responses.

That is, less Councillors to 'share' the workload across the Council area, in circumstances where issues and matters of concern for the community are unlikely to correspondingly be reduced, will have an impact on the ability of those Councillors to provide the existing levels of service that electors currently enjoy.

It is also to be noted that the 'cost' to the community, and any suggestion that fewer Councillors may result in reduced costs for the Council, is a 'blunt' instrument within which to assess the impact of a reduced number of Councillors. This is particularly so for the Council which has a culturally diverse community and a number of



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communities of interest. Accordingly, any potential for financial savings needs to be considered in light of the corresponding potential for reduced representation and delays in timely responses.

It is also to be noted that the allowances for Councillors are set by the Remuneration Tribunal of South Australia. As a group 1B Council, the annual allowance for Councillors from 9 November 2020 is \$21,621, with the allowance for the Mayor set at four times the Allowance of a Councillor.

That is, with a total Expenditure of \$62,271,634 for the 2020/21 FY<sup>1</sup>, the allowance for individual Councillors constitutes 0.03% of operating expenses.

That is, based on cost alone, the reduction in composition of two (2) Councillors across the Council area (for example), would only constitute a reduction in the expenditure of the Council of 0.06%.

Other considerations which are relevant to determining the appropriate number of Councillors include:

- whether the current number of Councillors (14) has an impact on decision making by the Council; and
- the ratio of Councillors to electors as compared to similar councils to ensure adequate and fair representation, and to avoid over representation.

While a comparison of councils is not a precise measure, as no two (2) councils are the same in terms of population, size and composition, a comparison of similar councils, both in size, as well as geographically, can assist in providing guidance on comparable levels of representation for the Council in determining this issue.

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<sup>1</sup> City of West Torrens 2020/21 *Adopted Budget and Annual Business Plan*.

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**Table 1** represents information regarding other *Urban Development Medium* councils (Burnside, Campbelltown, Holdfast Bay, Norwood, Payneham & St Peters, Mitcham, and Unley), as well as neighbouring councils (Adelaide City and Marion).<sup>2</sup>

<b>Council</b>	<b>Area km2</b>	<b>Wards</b>	<b>Mayor or Chairperson</b>	<b>Councillors (without Mayor)</b>	<b>Electors</b>	<b>Ward Quota (without Mayor)</b>
Adelaide	15.57	3	Lord Mayor	11	27,533	2,503
Burnside	27.53	6	Mayor	12	31,624	2,635
Campbelltown	24.35	5	Mayor	10	35,575	3,558
Holdfast Bay	13.72	4	Mayor	12	27,899	2,325
Marion	55.5	6	Mayor	12	65,520	5,460
Mitcham	75.7	6	Mayor	13	48,514	3,732
Norwood, Payneham and St Peters	15.1	6	Mayor	13	25,344	1,950
Unley	14.29	6	Mayor	12	27,247	2,271
<b>West Torrens</b>	37.07	7	Mayor	14	41,419	2,959
<b>Average</b>	<b>28.27</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Mayor</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>36,742</b>	<b>3,044</b>

This table demonstrates the number of electors is not a fixed measure. Even between these published figures of February 2020, to the updated those figures reported by ECSA in December 2020, it can be shown that over that period, an additional 440 electors are now counted in the Council area.

Table 1 indicates, of the councils reviewed, that:

- all elect a Mayor, rather than a Chairperson;
- all of the councils have Wards, with an average of five (5) Wards per Council;
- in relation to the number of Councillors:
  - the number ranges from between ten (10) to fourteen (14), with the Council having the largest total number of Councillors;
  - with the average number of Councillors being twelve (12); and

<sup>2</sup> Representation Quota Figures 2019 – 2020 Local Government Association of SA, as prepared by ECSA as at 28 February 2020). Ward quotas in the Table **do not** take into account the Mayor.

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- the ratio of electors to Councillors (excluding the Mayor) ranges from 1:1,949 to 1:5,460, with an average of 1:3,044.

These comparisons indicate the current elector ratio and number of Councillors of the Council compares favourably to other councils with similar characteristics, sitting just below the average elector ratios for all nine (9) councils, placing it mid-range in terms of its current Councillor representation ratio.

For completeness, the most recent figures provided by ECSA, current as of 21 December 2020, indicate that the number of electors in the Council area is now 41,859. This provides for an elector ratio, without the Mayor, of 1:2,989, still placing the Council within mid-range (and under the overall average), in terms of its current Councillor representation ratio.<sup>i</sup>

Of course, it is to be noted that other councils have looked to reduce elected members, most notably in recent times, on its last Representation Review the City of Onkaparinga reduced its number of members, and now has the largest elector ratio in the State of 1:10,478, with 125,741 electors and 12 Councillors.<sup>3</sup>

Which is to be compared, by way of example, with the elector ratio of the Town of Walkerville, with an elector ratio of 1:715, with 5,720 electors and 8 Councillors.<sup>4</sup>

Additionally, section 33(2) of the Act requires that the Council '*must observe the principle that the number of electors represented by a councillor must not...vary from the ward quota by 10 per cent*'.

If a change in the number of elected members were to be implemented as part of this Representation Review, this would require a reconsideration of the existing Ward structure, including whether to change the number of Wards or the number of Councillors per Ward.

The Council currently has equal representation for each Ward (being (2) Councillors for each Ward), and adding, or subtracting, one (1) Councillor from any particular Ward would result in that Ward being in breach of the Ward quota principles set out in section 33(2) of the Act.

### 5. LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES AND MATTERS WHICH MUST BE CONSIDERED

The Council is also required to take a number of matters into account under section 33 of the Act, in conducting its Representation Review. We now turn to address these below.

#### Demographic and Development Trends

At 37.07 km<sup>2</sup> in size, the Council is one of the largest councils geographically of the comparison councils (**Table 1**), and is above the average of 28.27km<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid.

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Demographic and development trends are a relevant consideration for the Council, being indicative of the potential for an increase in the population of the Council area, and/or of electors to the Council area. As above, this is relevant in considering the issue of Wards, and Ward boundaries, as section 33(2) of the Act requires that number of electors represented by a Councillor must not, at the relevant date of the Representation Review, vary from the ward quota by 10%.

Council records demonstrate that there were 474 development applications lodged for new dwellings in the Council area from 1 July 2019 to December 2020. 470 of those applications proposed dwellings in various forms, including four (4) applications that proposed multistorey apartment buildings.

The Council's data demonstrates that residential development is occurring throughout the whole of the Council area. However, there are some suburbs that are experiencing higher levels of residential or infill development, including the suburbs of Lockleys, Kurralta Park, North Plympton and Torrensville.

It is also to be noted that the existing policy position of the State Government to target metropolitan infill (as opposed to 'Greenfields') development, will have an associated impact for the Council, which has already identified a number of underutilised parcels or land, that are likely to be the subject of such development.

These include the former Coca-Cola Amatil, Marlestone Tafe and Brickworks Market sites. With increased economic confidence, and the impacts of COVID-19 correspondingly reducing, in the short term there is also likely to be increased business participation at underutilised, or currently vacant, sites, such as the Adelaide Airport.

While actual and anticipated development in the Council area is likely to increase both the population, and number of electors, the increases are not expected to result in changes to Ward elector numbers that would exceed the 10% Ward quota tolerance. For example, the suburbs that are identified as having the highest levels of development are each located in different Wards of the Council resulting in a relatively even distribution of electors throughout the Council area, rather than concentrations of new development in one or two Wards.

Further, the current and projected Ward quotas (refer **Table 2** and **Table 3** below) **are well within** the 10% quota tolerance. Considering development trends and the anticipated resultant elector increases that may result, Ward quotas will remain well within the 10% quota tolerance.

The Council has also experienced a range of commercial development in the form of education facilities, warehousing, offices, consulting rooms and mixed use. Equally, however, these developments are not expected to significantly alter elector numbers in the future but may encourage people to work and live in the Council area, contributing to population growth.

## Population Data and Projections

By reference to the ECSA figures from its last Representation Review process, the Council had 38,087 enrolled electors (February 2013). ECSA confirms that as of 21 December 2020, 41,859 persons are now counted as electors in the Council area, representing an increase of 11% over the relevant periods.

Similarly, the *ABS 2016 Census Data* confirms a population increase, of approximately 5%, between the 2011 (54,962) and the 2016 Census (57,901). Australia's next Census is due to be held on 10 August 2021, however, it is unlikely that the final data will be available for consideration as part of this Review.

To supplement this data, the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) (formally the Department for Planning, Transport and Infrastructure) prepared population projections for South Australia, released in December 2019 - *Local Government Area Projections 2011 – 2036*.

The estimated population projections for the Council area are as follows:

- 2021                    60,944;
- 2026                    63,341 (+2,397);
- 2031                    66,213 (+2,872); and
- 2036                    68,999 (+2,786).

These estimates project an increase in population for the Council, which will result in an increase in elector numbers and elector ratios overall (although, not necessarily in a proportionate manner for reasons set out above).

Of course, population increases do not directly translate to a corresponding increase in elector numbers, as not every person is eligible to vote. Population projections are just one relevant consideration to take into account and the data should be interpreted having regard to the Council's own knowledge about its area.

## Communities of Interest

Communities of interest are factors relevant to the physical, economic and social environment, and include consideration and analysis of:

- neighbourhood communities;
- history/heritage of the Council area and communities;
- sporting facilities;
- community support services;
- recreation and leisure services and centres;
- retail and shopping centres;

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- industrial and economic development; and
- environmental and geographic areas of interest.

The *ABS 2016 Census Data* confirms that of the 57,901, residents of the Council area (as at that Census), 64.1% identified their birthplace as Australia. Of the remaining population in the Council area, the most common countries of birth were India (4.6%), China (3.4%), England (3%), Greece (2.4%) and Italy (2%), with 41% of respondents identifying that both parents were born overseas and 31.9% of households reporting that a non-English language was spoken at home.

This data further confirms that the median age of the population of the Council is 38, with residents aged 65 years and over, making up 18% of the population.

That is, the Council has a culturally diverse community and a number of communities of interest. Accordingly, any suggested decrease in the number of Councillors needs to be carefully considered in light of the corresponding potential for these communities of interest which may potentially be overlooked in instances of decreased representation.

As always, local knowledge is the best tool to identify and determine communities of interest, along with development characteristics of the Council area.

It is also to be noted that at 37.07 km<sup>2</sup> in size, the Council is one of the largest councils geographically of the comparison councils (**Table 1**), being above the average of 28.27km<sup>2</sup>.

### **Elector Representation**

The elector ratio is the average of electors represented by a Councillor. As detailed in **Table 1** above, the ratio of electors per Councillor sits just below the average for elector ratios for councils of a similar size, or those geographically adjacent.

Accordingly, even if the Council were to change the number of Councillors either by increasing or decreasing the number, its representation would still be within the elector ratio range comparable to other, similar, councils.

The total number of electors used for the calculation of ward quotas and elector ratios in this Paper is 41,859, being the current elector figures for the Council on 21 December 2020. Analysis of the total elector figure based on the population projections has been undertaken, together with analysis of the elector number for each Ward provided by ECSA and current at 21 December 2020.

It should, of course, also be noted there is, to a degree, a number of 'hidden' electors in the Council area at any given time. This arises on the basis that electors entitled to vote in the Council area, may not be on the State electoral roll and have not registered with the Council as an occupier or owner of rateable property in the Council area.

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Not all persons who are eligible to register, do so. For example, owners of businesses, owners of holiday houses and landlords of rateable property may not, at any given time, be registered as electors in the Council area.

**Table 2** and **Table 3** provides the number of electors per Ward and Ward quota under the current Ward structure and applying the population projections for the Council anticipated by 2031.

**Table 2:** Ward quota as of December 2020 (ECSA figures)

Ward	Ward Councillors	Electors	Residents <sup>5</sup>	Ward Quota	Ward Quota Variation
Keswick	2	6,053	8,798	3,026	1.24%
Hilton	2	6,223	9,045	3,111	4.08%
Plympton	2	5,561	8,082	2,780	-6.99%
Lockleys	2	5,776	8,395	2,888	-3.38%
Airport	2	5,894	8,566	2,947	-1.41%
Morphett	2	6,091	8,853	3,045	1.87%
Thebarton	2	6,261	9,100	3,130	4.72%
				<b>Ward Quota</b>	
<b>Council total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>41,859</b>		<b>2,989</b>	

<sup>5</sup> The number of residents per Ward has been included to demonstrate these exceed those persons eligible to be counted as an elector, and, hence, fall outside of the Ward quota calculations. However, as residents in the Council area, each expect, and receive, representation from Ward Councillors.  
NOTE: these figures are estimates, based on publicly available data.

**Table 3:** Projected Ward quota as of 2036 (based on population and elector projections)

Ward	Ward Councillors	Projected Electors 2036 (Dec 2020 electors + 7.67% projected pop growth)	Ward Quota 2036	Ward Quota Variation
Keswick	2	6,517	3,258	1.24%
Hilton	2	6,700	3,350	4.1%
Plympton	2	5,987	2,993	-6.99%
Lockleys	2	6,219	3,109	-3.39%
Airport	2	6,346	3,173	-1.4%
Morphett	2	6,558	3,279	1.9%
Thebarton	2	6,741	3,370	4.72%
			<b>Ward Quota</b>	
<b>Council total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>45,068</b>	<b>3,218</b>	

The current composition of the Council results in elector ratios ranging from 1:3,130 (in Thebarton) to 1:2,780 (in Plympton).

The elector ratio within the Council as of December 2020 was 1:2,989 (excluding the Mayor), i.e. 41,859 divided by 14 Councillors.

The projected elector ratio data for 2031 demonstrates that while there will be an increase in the number of electors within the Council, which is anticipated and supported by population growth, the variation from the Ward quota will remain constant to the variation percentages current at December 2020.

That is, there is no imperative as part of this review to consider amending Ward structures to address quota tolerances.

## 6. WARD STRUCTURE OPTIONS AND QUOTAS

Notwithstanding this, as part of its Review process, the Council **is** required to also consider alternative Ward structure options, with the view to identifying a structure that may:

- exhibit a reduction in Councillors;
- provide a more even balance of electors; and/or
- allow for further fluctuations in elector numbers as a consequence of anticipated future residential development.



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If, on the basis of the other considerations taken into account by the Council in its Representation Review, it considers that a change to a Ward structure is desirable, then the matters in section 33(1) of the Act, become relevant considerations.

The purpose of this Paper is to identify options in relation to which the Council can consult with its community. To this end, the Council is required to consider, and consult with the community, in relation to the following:

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- that the Council continue with a directly elected Mayor; or
- that the Council change to a Chairperson elected by and from the Councillors.

### Ward Structure

Section 12(1)(b) of the Act provides for Council areas to be divided into Wards, or for existing Ward structures to be abolished.

In addition, section 12(6) of the Act requires that the Council examine the question of whether the division of the area into Wards should be abolished.

Given the area of the Council is divided into Wards, it is required to consider whether to retain the use of Wards in its representative structure:

- (a) if the same structure as exists, currently being compliant; or
- (b) with a change to the structure, whether in the number of wards, the number of Ward Councillors, or the establishment of area Councillors.

#### 6.2.1 No Wards

Arguments supporting a **no Ward** structure include:

- Councillors can be challenged to find the right balance between corporate governance duties and their representative role, with the desire to make decisions in the best interests of their Ward sometimes outweighing the requirements to make decisions in the interests of the community as a whole;
- potential reduction in electoral accountability – periodic elections are required for all Wards of a Council area, with the result that sitting members in some Wards are returned unopposed;
- electors have the opportunity to vote for any candidate in the election and judge the performance of all candidates (not just the candidates in their Ward);
- less likely that a candidate will get elected standing on a single local issue;

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- the lines of communication between the Council and the community may be enhanced, given that members of the community can consult with all members of the Council, rather than feel obliged to consult with specific Ward Councillors;
- automatically absorbs any fluctuations in elector numbers and adjusts the elector ratio accordingly. That is, specified quota tolerance limits do not apply, and the Council will not be required to adjust Ward boundaries as part of subsequent Reviews; and
- the Council can carry a single casual vacancy and avoid the cost of a supplementary election in certain circumstances.

### 6.2.2 Wards

The primary arguments **supporting** dividing the Council area into Wards are:

- small, or often overlooked communities, and communities of interest in a localised area, may not be able to obtain direct representation under a no Ward structure;
- concern that 'at large' elections do not guarantee that Councillors will have any empathy for, or affiliation with, all communities within the Council area, or be a representative of the same;
- the expense of contesting an election across the entire Council area could be prohibitive (in time and resources), and may deter candidates; and
- under a no Ward structure more prominent or popular Councillors, or those perceived to have more 'power' or 'control', may be called upon more frequently by community members, leading to an inequity in demands on time and resources.

### 6.1.3 Number of Councillors and Ward Representation

As part of this Review, the Council is also required to consider whether it:

- retains the existing number of fourteen (14) Councillors;
- decreases the number of Councillors; or
- increases the number of Councillors.

Having an odd or even number of Councillors is a consideration, as an even number of Councillors could increase the probability that the Mayor may be required to exercise a casting vote on a decision (assuming all Councillors are present at meetings).

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There are also a number of options to consider regarding the appropriate number of Ward Councillors for each Ward.

### *Single Councillor*

Wards represented by one (1) Councillor are generally smaller in size and Councillors can focus more on specific local matters.

However, smaller Wards make the Ward quotas more challenging to achieve, particularly in sustaining any growth or change within the Ward.

Absenteeism by a single Ward Councillor, or a casual vacancy, also has the potential to leave the Ward without representation.

Additionally, if there is a specific Ward matter that becomes complex or involved, the workload of one Councillor could become unbalanced, as compared to his or her counterparts.

### *Two (2) Councillors*

Two (2) Councillors representing a Ward is the most common representation structure observed across councils with Wards.

It allows workload to be shared and there is representative cover in the event of absenteeism or a vacancy of a Councillor.

### *Multiple Councillors*

Multiple Councillors can often be beneficial for larger Wards, which can sustain growth/change, whilst still remaining within the Ward quotas.

Larger Wards can also retain communities of interests within the Ward and absenteeism can also be managed with the workload being shared. However, workloads may not be shared equally, with a number of members available to assist across the Ward in such a structure.

### *Varying the number of Councillors*

Varying Ward representation can have the benefit of keeping communities of interest together. However, it may also create inequality and/or imbalance with the perception that a larger Ward would have more influence on decision-making in the Chamber than smaller Wards.

## 7. OPTIONS

In this section, we consider a number of representation options which give effect to the Council's **statutory obligations** as part of its Representation Review. In doing so, we note that the individual responses received from Councillors as part of this process have been in favour of a directly elected Mayor, rather than a Chairperson elected from within.

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The office of Mayor has served the Council well for many years and there appears to be few advantages to be gained at this time by adopting the position of Chairperson for the Council. For this reason, an option with a Chairperson **has not** been included for consideration.

Whilst feedback received from Councillors indicated some support for Area **and** Ward Councillors (20%), overwhelmingly the responses (80%) supported the continuation of Ward Councillors, within a Ward structure.

A composition comprising Ward and Area Councillors would consist of the area of the Council being divided into Wards, with Ward Councillors, whilst also having a number of Councillors separately elected to represent the Council area. The only council in South Australia that has adopted this structure is the City of Adelaide. Given the responses received an option for Area and Ward Councillors **has not** been included as part of this Representation Review.

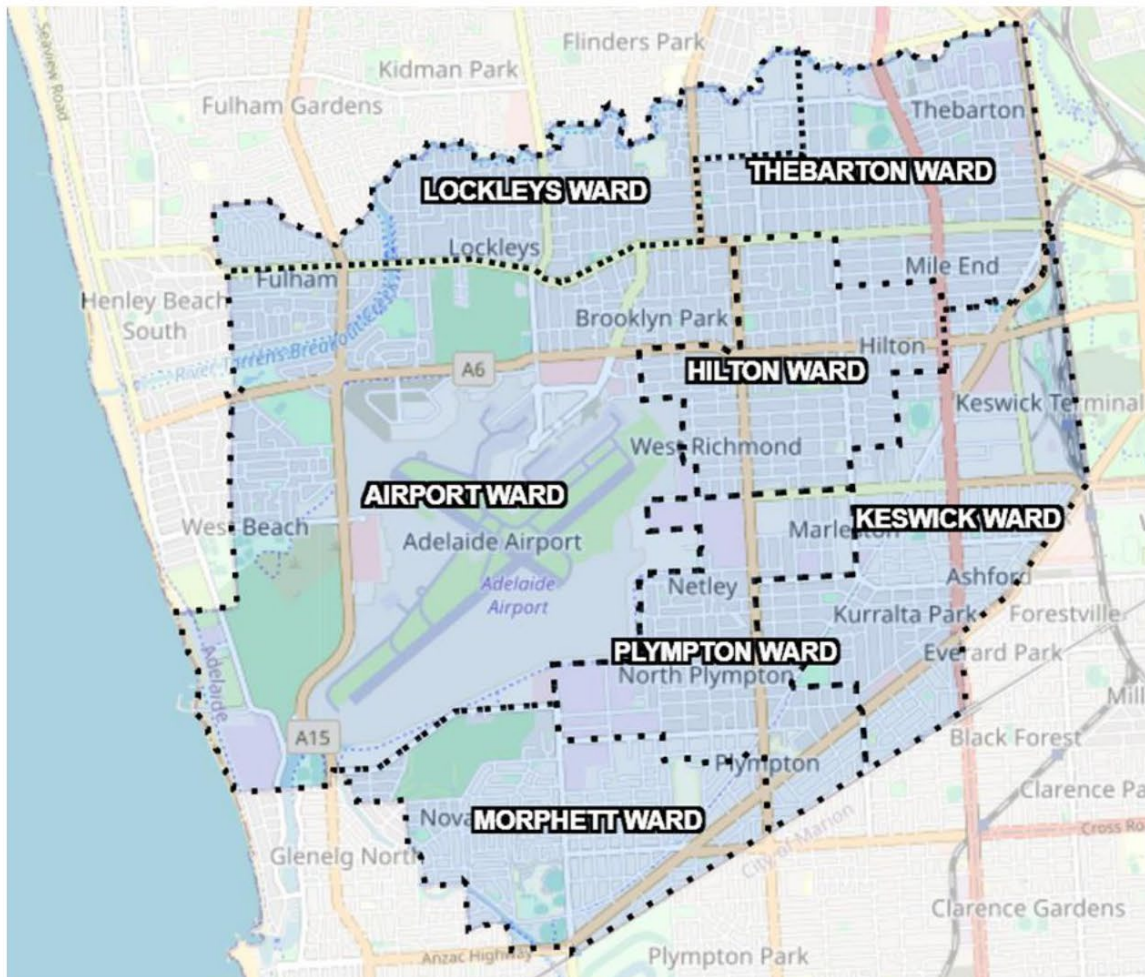
All of the responses received from Councillors supported retaining a Ward structure, with 80% of the responses supporting the seven (7) Wards in the current structure, on the basis that this structure provided fair representation to the community. 10% of the responses supported a reduction in the number of Wards to six (6) and Councillors to twelve (12). It was considered that a reduction of this nature would still provide appropriate representation to the community.

Based on these factors, the following options five (5) options have been identified for the Councils consideration by way of the first round of public consultation for the Representation Review.

**OPTION 1**

**Existing Structure – 7 Wards, 2 Councillors elected from each Ward plus a Mayor**

Ward	Councillors	Electors Dec 2020	Ward Quota	Variation
Keswick	2	6,053	3,026	1.24%
Hilton	2	6,223	3,111	4.08%
Plympton	2	5,561	2,780	-6.99%
Lockleys	2	5,776	2,888	-3.38%
Airport	2	5,894	2,947	-1.41%
Morphett	2	6,091	3,045	1.87%
Thebarton	2	6,261	3,130	4.72%
			<b>Average</b>	
Council total	14	41,859	2,989	



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**Option 1** is the existing structure, which results in a ward quota of 2,989, with Ward representation ranging from 1:3,130 to 1:2,780 and all Wards remaining well within the 10% quota variation.

Based on the projections available, the existing structure would result in a Ward quota of 3,144 by 2031 with Ward elector rations remaining within the 10% variation tolerance (refer **Table 3**).

Past Representation Reviews have demonstrated a preference of communities for no change to an existing Ward structure. However, if change is necessary or desirable, a structure which has a logical basis and exhibits Ward boundaries which are easily identifiable have been preferred options.

For this reason, it is recommended that if a proposed realignment of boundaries is to be considered, that proposed future Ward boundaries are created with existing, long established' suburb boundaries, main roads or prominent geographical and/or man-made features.

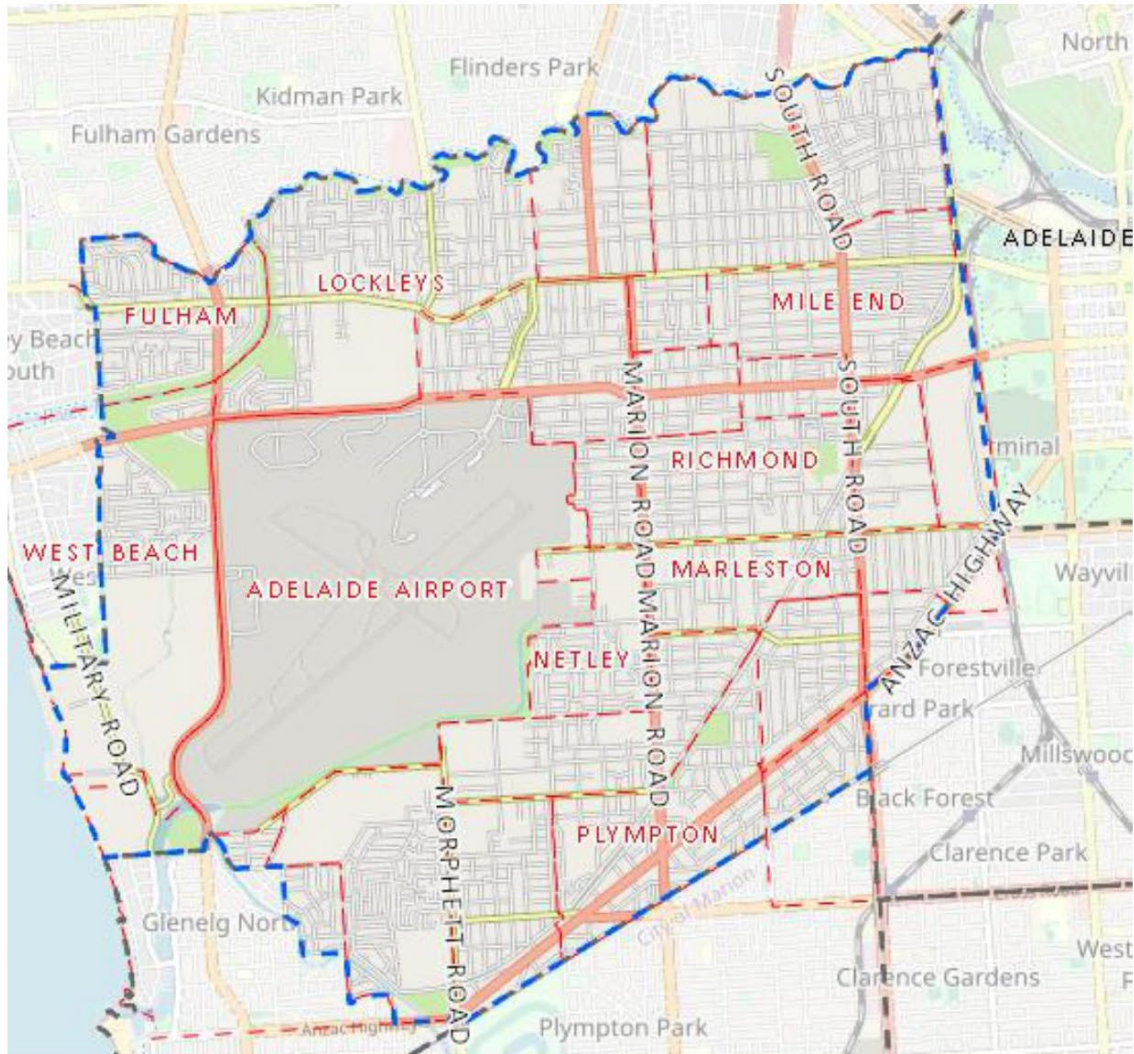
The advantages of continuing with the same number of Councillors is as follows:

- this structure provides a level of continuity for the community;
- the Council understands the costs associated with the current level of representation;
- individual Councillors understand their roles and responsibilities;
- there is an appropriate level of elector representation;
- the workload for each Councillor is appropriate; and
- there will be a perception of stability within the Council area.

**OPTION 2**

**No Wards – 14 Councillors plus a Mayor**

Councillors	Electors Dec 2020	Wards	Representation Quota <sup>6</sup>
14	41,859	0	2,989



The structure in **Option 2** represents a change for the Council, as it has been divided into the existing Ward structure for a number of years. Feedback received from Councillors is conceptually in favour of the Ward structure, on the basis that it provides the best opportunity to represent electors. Retaining the same number of Councillors maintains the representation quota, with each Councillor notionally representing 2,989 electors.

A no Ward option would mean that all Councillors would be elected from the Council area as a whole. One potential benefit being the opportunity for more diversity in

<sup>6</sup> Excluding Mayor

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representation, given that a lower percentage of the vote would be required by candidates to be elected, as compared to the current two (2) Councillor Ward system.

To satisfy local needs in such a structure, Councillors could be allocated responsibilities for geographic areas, portfolios and/or other communities of interest. Other benefits include the potential for less division across the local community into Wards based solely on the distribution of elector numbers, and this structure and composition will automatically absorb the elector ratio accordingly. That is, specified quota tolerance limits do not apply, and the Council will not be required to adjust Ward boundaries.



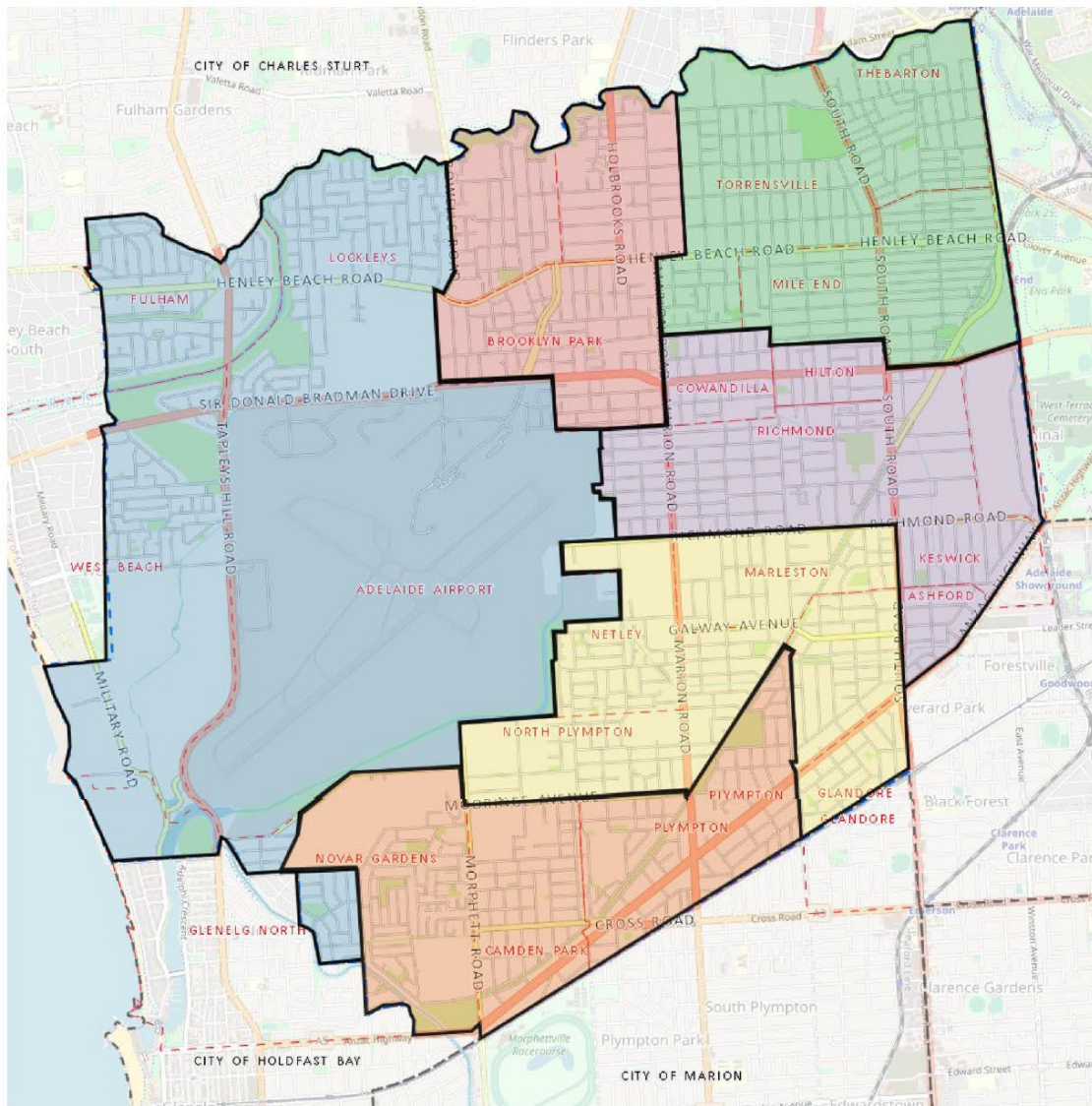
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### OPTION 3

#### 6 Wards with 2 Councillors in each Ward (12 Councillors in total) plus a Mayor

Ward	Suburbs	Councillors	Electors	Ward Quota	Variation
Ward 1	Brooklyn Park, Lockleys (part – North Henley Beach Road – West Rowells Road) Underdale	2	6,873	3,436	-0.61%
Ward 2	Glenelg North West Beach Fulham Adelaide Airport Lockleys (part - South of Henley Beach Road)	2	6,414	3,207	-7.23%
Ward 3	Plympton Novar Gardens Camden Park	2	7,342	3,671	6.19%
Ward 4	Netley North Plympton Marleston Kurralta Park Glandore	2	7,237	3,618	4.66%
Ward 5	Ashford Keswick Keswick Terminal Mile End South Richmond West Richmond Hilton Cowandilla	2	6,367	3,183	-7.93%
Ward 6	Thebarton Torrensville Mile End	2	7,261	3,630	5.00%
				Average	
<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>41,494<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>3,457</b>	

<sup>7</sup> Difference of 365 less electors from the ECSA December 2020 figures is based on the suppressed elector data held by the Council.



The **Option 3** structure would provide the community with a level of continuity, in so far as it maintains a Ward structure with representation in each Ward remaining at two (2) Ward Councillors, however, it correspondingly represents a decrease in the number of Councillors.

Under this option, each Councillor would have a proportionally higher number of electors to represent than they currently do. Representation of 3,457 electors per Councillor is above the average elector ratio of 1:3,043 for councils of a similar size (refer **Table 1**).

Changing the Ward structure, decreasing it by one (1) Ward, whilst, at the same time, reducing the number of Councillors, may cause challenges for both Councillors, as well as for the Council's community, which would expect a continuation of the level of representation it currently receives.

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If change, consistent, with this proposed option is supported, then the proposed structure has some logical basis, with Ward boundaries easily identifiable and suburbs kept together (save for Lockleys).

A map depicting the street boundaries of Option 3 is at **Appendix E**.

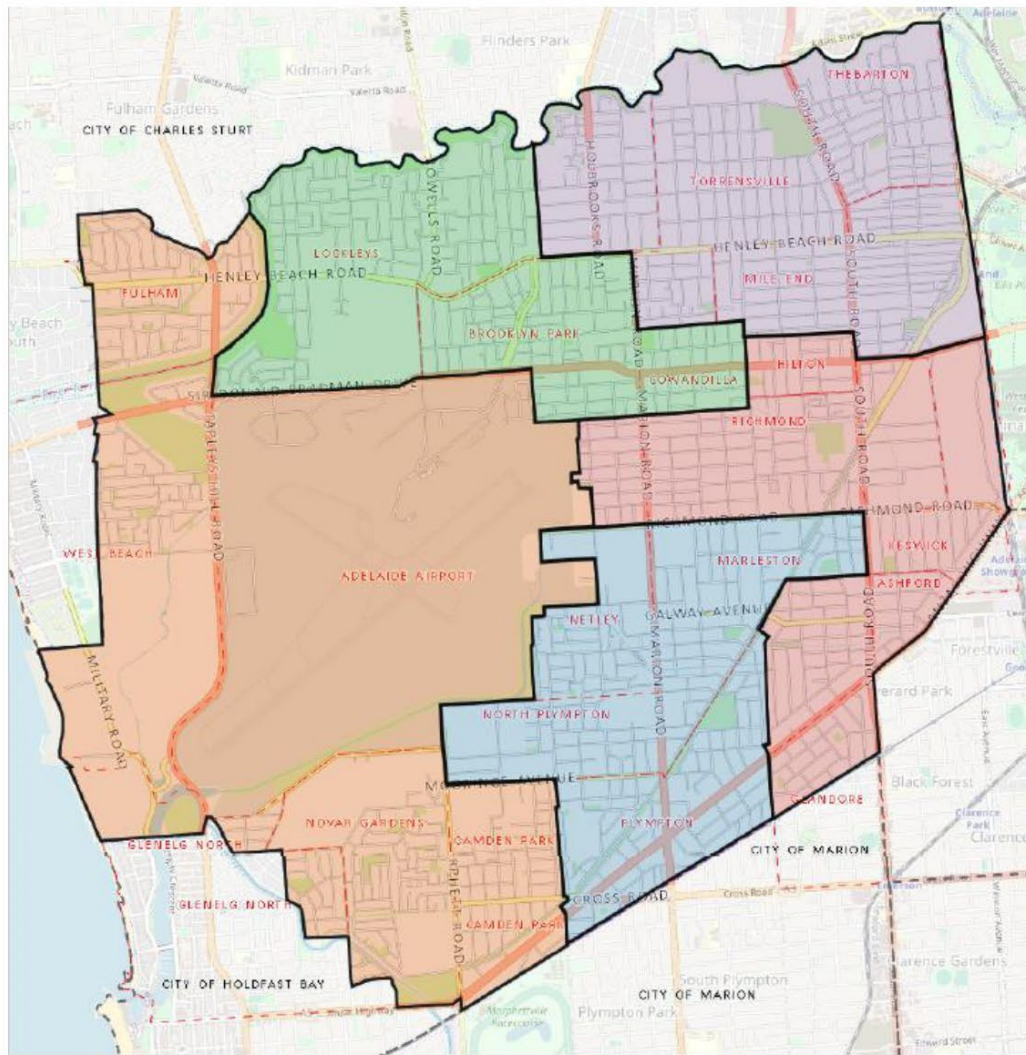
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### OPTION 4

#### 5 Wards with 2 Councillors in each Ward (10 Councillors in total) with a Mayor

Ward	Suburbs	Councillors	Electors	Ward Quota	Variation
Ward 1	Cowandilla Lockleys Brooklyn Park	2	8,352	4,176	0.65%
Ward 2	Torrensville Thebarton Mile End Underdale	2	8,929	4,464	7.59%
Ward 3	Adelaide Airport Fulham West Beach Glenelg North Novar Gardens Camden Park	2	8,278	4,139	-0.24%
Ward 4	Plympton North Plympton Netley Marleston	2	7,927	3,963	-4.48%
Ward 5	Glandore Hilton Ashford Kurralta Park Mile End South Keswick Keswick Terminal Richmond West Richmond	2	8,008	4,004	-3.49%
				<b>Average</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>41,494<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>4,149</b>	

<sup>8</sup> Ibid.



The **Option 4** structure is similar to Option 3, and would still provide the community with a level of continuity, in so far as it maintains a Ward structure with representation in each Ward of two (2) Ward Councillors.

This Option represents the most significant increase in the Ward quota of any of the options proposed, from 2,989 electors, to an average of 4,149 electors per Councillor, not including the Mayor. This would place the Council at the higher end of the ratio of elected member per elector when compared to other similar councils, behind only Marion at 5,460 electors per Councillor (refer **Table 1** above).

Whilst the **Option 4** structure would provide the community with a level of continuity, in so far as it maintains a Ward structure with representation in each Ward remaining at two (2) Ward Councillors, however it represents a decrease in Wards, by two (2) and an associated decrease in Councillors by four (4), which may cause challenges for councillors and the community.

If change, consistent with this proposed option is supported, then the proposed structure has some logical basis, with Ward boundaries easily identifiable and suburbs kept together. A map depicting the street boundaries of Option 3 is at **Appendix E**.

**8. SUMMARY**

Taking the above into account, the purpose of this stage of the review process is to disseminate information regarding the Representation Review process, setting out the key issues for Councillors and the community to consider by way of proposed structure.

The Act specifies that the Council must avoid over-representation in comparison to other councils of a similar size and locale. However, by reference to the matters set out above, there is no evidence of any issues of concern in this regard, particularly as compared to other councils by comparison.

The evidence received as part of this Review to date has demonstrated that Wards in the Council area, work well with regards to the representation of electors in the Council area.

There is no evidence of any significant change in the demographics of the Council area since its last review. However, a review of the Ward structure would be required if the Council forms a view that the number of Councillors should be changed.

The Act specifies that the Council must avoid over-representation in comparison to other councils of a similar size and locale, and, where constituted of twelve (12) or more Councillors, examine the question of whether the number of elected members should be reduced. However, by reference to the matters set out above, there is no evidence of any issues of concern in this regard, particularly as compared to other councils by comparison.

The Council's Ward quota is in line with the comparison councils and taking into account the average projected population growth in the Council area, retaining the existing number of Councillors would result in an estimated Ward quota of 3,218 in 2036.

The office of Mayor has served the Council well for many years and there appears to be few advantages to adopting the position of Chairperson for the Council at this time. For this reason, it has not been proposed to amend the position that the Mayor is elected from the community as a whole.

Accordingly, following endorsement of this Paper, submissions will be invited in respect of the options, being:

- Option 1 – Existing Structure – 7 Wards, with 2 Councillors from each Ward plus a Mayor
- Option 2 – No Wards – 14 Councillors plus a Mayor
- Option 3 – 6 Wards with 2 Councillors from each Ward plus a Mayor
- Option 4 – 5 Wards with 2 Councillors from each Ward plus a Mayor

Public consultation is proposed to run from approximately [DAY and DATE], for a minimum period of six (6) weeks. Notice of the consultation will be published in the Gazette, as well as a newspaper published locally in the area.

A copy of this Paper will be available for inspection at the principal office of the Council and on the Council's website.

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Submissions may propose other options in relation to Council representation, including the number of Wards, proposed Ward boundaries and the number of Councillors.

Feedback from the public consultation will be considered by the Council, which will determine its preferred representation structure for inclusion in a draft Representation Review Report.

The preferred structure will then be subject to a second round of public consultation before the Council makes its final decision, and submission to ECSA for certification.

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## APPENDIX A

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THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT GAZETTE

9 July 2020

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1999

## NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF RELEVANT PERIOD

*Review of Council Compositions and Wards*

Pursuant to section 12(4) of the *Local Government Act 1999* and Regulation 4 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2013*, I, Stephan Karl Knoll, Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government in the state of South Australia, hereby revoke the Notice of Determination of Relevant Period published in the *Government Gazette* on 1 August 2019, pages 2883 to 2885 (inclusive) and determine the relevant period for the next review of council compositions and wards, to be the date as contained in the table listed hereunder.

Council	Last Review	Next Review Period
Adelaide	19/11/2013	June 2020–October 2021
Adelaide Plains	26/11/2013	June 2020–October 2021
Alexandrina	26/11/2013	June 2020–October 2021
Burnside	8/01/2013	June 2020–October 2021
Charles Sturt	5/09/2013	June 2020–October 2021
Coorong	18/09/2013	June 2020–October 2021
Flinders Ranges Council	14/05/2013	June 2020–October 2021
Goyder	16/08/2013	June 2020–October 2021
Light	14/11/2013	June 2020–October 2021
Marion	27/11/2013	June 2020–October 2021
Mid Murray	05/11/2013	June 2020–October 2021
Mitcham	12/11/2013	June 2020–October 2021
Mount Remarkable	29/11/2013	June 2020–October 2021
Murray Bridge	8/07/2013	June 2020–October 2021
Robe	18/09/2013	June 2020–October 2021
Unley	19/08/2013	June 2020–October 2021
Elliston	14/11/2013	October 2020–October 2021
Franklin Harbour	9/07/2013	October 2020–October 2021
Gawler	26/11/2013	October 2020–October 2021
Holdfast Bay	5/11/2013	October 2020–October 2021
Mount Barker	26/08/2013	October 2020–October 2021
Port Pirie	05/11/2013	October 2020–October 2021
Prospect	28/11/2013	October 2020–October 2021
Streaky Bay	28/11/2013	October 2020–October 2021
Tatiara	05/11/2013	October 2020–October 2021
Tumby Bay	12/11/2013	October 2020–October 2021
Wakefield Regional	26/11/2013	October 2020–October 2021
Wattle Range	26/08/2013	October 2020–October 2021
West Torrens	06/11/2013	October 2020–October 2021
Wudinna	26/08/2013	October 2020–October 2021
Yorke Peninsula	19/11/2013	October 2020–October 2021
Adelaide Hills	30/11/2017	April 2024–April 2025
Barossa	1/05/2017	April 2024–April 2025
Berri Barmra	29/06/2017	April 2024–April 2025
Campbelltown	1/05/2017	April 2024–April 2025
Clare & Gilbert Valleys	7/07/2017	April 2024–April 2025
Grant	8/05/2017	April 2024–April 2025
Kangaroo Island	14/02/2017	April 2024–April 2025
Kimba	5/06/2017	April 2024–April 2025
Mount Gambier	1/05/2017	April 2024–April 2025
Northern Areas	21/08/2017	April 2024–April 2025
Norwood, Payneham & St Peters	31/08/2017	April 2024–April 2025
Onkaparinga	7/12/2017	April 2024–April 2025
Playford	16/10/2017	April 2024–April 2025
Port Adelaide Enfield	3/07/2017	April 2024–April 2025
Port Lincoln	6/04/2017	April 2024–April 2025
Salisbury	21/11/2017	April 2024–April 2025
Southern Mallee	1/06/2017	April 2024–April 2025
Victor Harbor	27/07/2017	April 2024–April 2025
Yankalilla	27/07/2017	April 2024–April 2025
Barunga West	31/07/2017	October 2024–October 2025
Ceduna	5/10/2017	October 2024–October 2025
Cleve	26/10/2017	October 2024–October 2025
Cooper Pedy	21/11/2017	October 2024–October 2025
Copper Coast	3/10/2017	October 2024–October 2025
Karoonda East Murray	6/11/2017	October 2024–October 2025
Kingston	4/09/2017	October 2024–October 2025
Lower Eyre Peninsula	26/10/2017	October 2024–October 2025
Loxton Waikerie	31/07/2017	October 2024–October 2025
Naracoorte Lucindale	4/09/2017	October 2024–October 2025
Orroroo Carrieton	6/11/2017	October 2024–October 2025
Peterborough	15/12/2017	October 2024–October 2025
Port Augusta	3/10/2017	October 2024–October 2025
Renmark Paringa	3/10/2017	October 2024–October 2025
Tea Tree Gully	28/11/2017	October 2024–October 2025
Walkerville	26/10/2017	October 2024–October 2025
Whyalla	21/11/2017	October 2024–October 2025

Dated: 7 July 2020

HON STEPHAN KNOLL MP  
Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government  
Minister for Planning



## APPENDIX B

### Timelines

Activity	Timing
Commencement Workshop	14 January 2021
Options Paper Finalisation	Council meeting <b>6 April 2021</b>
First Public Consultation	Gazetted – Notice #1 6 weeks minimum Commencing <b>April</b> , concluding late <b>May</b>
Preparation of Representation Review Report	Consider submissions from consultation and prepare draft Representation Review for Council meeting of <b>6 July 2021</b> for endorsement and approval of second public consultation
Second Public Consultation	Gazetted – Notice #2 3 weeks minimum Commencing <b>July</b> , concluding early <b>August</b>
Finalisation of Report	Prepare report of submissions and public to be heard at a Council meeting of <b>21 September 2021</b> Final Review Report to be prepared for Council meeting of <b>5 October 2021</b> Upon certification being received from ECSA to be Gazetted – Notice #3 <b>October 2021</b>

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## APPENDIX C

### Excerpts from the *Local Government Act 1999*

#### Chapter 3 - Constitution of councils

#### Part 1 - Creation, structuring and restructuring of councils

#### Division 2 - Powers of councils and representation reviews

#### 12 - Composition and wards

- (1) A council may, by notice in the Gazette after complying with the requirements of this section—
  - (a) alter the composition of the council;
  - (b) divide, or redivide, the area of the council into wards, alter the division of the area of the council into wards, or abolish the division of the area of a council into wards.
- (2) A notice under this section may also—
  - (a) change the council from a municipal council to a district council, or change the council from a district council to a municipal council;
  - (b) alter the name of—
    - (i) the council;
    - (ii) the area of the council;
  - (c) give a name to, or alter the name of, a ward,  
(without the need to comply with section 13).
- (3) A council must, before it publishes a notice, conduct and complete a review under this section for the purpose of determining whether its community would benefit from an alteration to its composition or ward structure.
- (4) A review may relate to a specific aspect of the composition of the council, or of the wards of the council, or may relate to those matters generally—but a council must ensure that all aspects of the composition of the council, and the issue of the division, or potential division, of the area of the council into wards, are comprehensively reviewed under this section at least once in each relevant period that is prescribed by the regulations.
- (5) A council must, in order to commence a review, initiate the preparation of a paper (a ***representation options paper***) by a person who, in the opinion of the council, is qualified to address the representation and governance issues that may arise with respect to the matters under review.
- (6) The representation options paper must examine the advantages and disadvantages of the various options that are available to the council under subsection (1) (insofar as the various features of the composition and structure of the council are under review) and, in particular (to the extent that may be relevant)—
  - (a) if the council is constituted of more than 12 members—examine the question of whether the number of members should be reduced; and

- (b) if the area of the council is divided into wards—examine the question of whether the division of the area into wards should be abolished,  
(and may examine such other relevant issues as the council or the person preparing the paper thinks fit).
- (7) The council must—
  - (a) by public notice—
    - (i) inform the public of the preparation of the representation options paper; and
    - (ii) invite interested persons to make written submissions to the council on the subject of the review within a period specified by the council (being a period of at least 6 weeks); and
  - (b) publish a copy of the notice in a newspaper circulating within its area.
- (8) The council must ensure that copies of the representation options paper are available for inspection (without charge) and purchase (on payment of a fee fixed by the council) at the principal office of the council during the period that applies under subsection (7)(a)(ii).
- (8a) The council must, at the conclusion of the public consultation undertaken under subsection (7)(a), prepare a report that—
  - (a) provides information on the public consultation and the council's response to the issues arising from the submissions made as part of that process; and
  - (b) sets out—
    - (i) any proposal that the council considers should be carried into effect under this section; and
    - (ii) in respect of any such proposal—an analysis of how the proposal relates to the principles under section 26(1)(c) and the matters referred to in section 33 (to the extent that may be relevant); and
  - (c) insofar as a decision of the council is not to adopt any change under consideration as part of the representation options paper or the public consultation process—sets out the reasons for the council's decision.
- (9) The council must—
  - (a) make copies of its report available for public inspection at the principal office of the council; and
  - (b) by public notice—
    - (i) inform the public of the preparation of the report and its availability; and
    - (ii) invite interested persons to make written submissions to the council on the report within a period specified by the council (being a period of at least 3 weeks); and
  - (c) publish a copy of the notice in a newspaper circulating within its area.
- (10) The council must give any person who makes written submissions in response to an invitation under subsection (9) an opportunity to appear personally or by representative before the council or a council committee and to be heard on those submissions.

- (11) The council must then finalise its report (including in its report recommendations with respect to such related or ancillary matters as it thinks fit).
- (11a) If the report proposes that the composition of the council be altered so that—
- (a) the council will have a chairperson rather than a mayor; or
  - (b) the council will have a mayor rather than a chairperson,
- then the proposal cannot proceed unless or until a poll has been conducted on the matter and the requirements of subsection (11c) have been satisfied.
- (11b) The council may, with respect to a proposal within the ambit of subsection (11a)—
- (a) insofar as may be relevant in the particular circumstances, separate the proposal (and any related proposal) from any other proposal contained in the report (and then it will be taken that the council is reporting separately on this proposal (and any related proposal));
  - (b) determine to conduct the relevant poll—
    - (i) in conjunction with the next general election for the council (so that the proposal (and any related proposal) will then, if approved at the poll, take effect from polling day for the following general election); or
    - (ii) at some other time (so that the proposal (and any related proposal) will then, if approved at the poll, take effect in the manner contemplated by subsection (18)).
- (11c) The following provisions apply to a poll required under subsection (11a):
- (a) the *Local Government (Elections) Act 1999* will apply to the poll subject to modifications, exclusions or additions prescribed by regulation;
  - (b) the council must—
    - (i) prepare a summary of the issues surrounding the proposal to assist persons who may vote at the poll; and
    - (ii) obtain a certificate from the Electoral Commissioner that he or she is satisfied that the council has taken reasonable steps to ensure that the summary presents the arguments for and against the proposal in a fair and comprehensive manner; and
    - (iii) after obtaining the certificate of the Electoral Commissioner, ensure that copies of the summary are made available for public inspection at the principal office of the council, are available for inspection on a website determined by the chief executive officer, and are published or distributed in any other way that the Electoral Commissioner may direct;
  - (c) the proposal cannot proceed unless—
    - (i) the number of persons who return ballot papers at the poll is at least equal to the prescribed level of voter participation; and
    - (ii) the majority of those persons who validly cast a vote at the poll vote in favour of the proposal.

- (11d) For the purposes of subsection (11c)(c), the *prescribed level of voter participation* is a number represented by multiplying the total number of persons entitled to cast a vote at the poll by half of the turnout percentage for the council, where the *turnout percentage* is—
- (a) the number of persons who returned ballot papers in the contested elections for the council held at the last periodic elections, expressed as a percentage of the total number of persons entitled to vote at those elections (viewing all elections for the council as being the one election for the purposes of this provision), as determined by the Electoral Commissioner and published in such manner as the Electoral Commissioner thinks fit; or
  - (b) if no contested elections for the council were held at the last periodic elections, a percentage determined by the Electoral Commissioner for the purposes of the application of this section to the relevant council, after taking into account the turnout percentages of other councils of a similar size and type, as published in such manner as the Electoral Commissioner thinks fit.
- (12) The council must then, taking into account the operation of the preceding subsection, refer the report to the Electoral Commissioner.
- (12a) The report must be accompanied by copies of any written submissions received under subsection (9) that relate to the subject-matter of the proposal.
- (13) On receipt of a report, the Electoral Commissioner must determine whether the requirements of this section have been satisfied and then—
- (a) if of the opinion that the requirements have been satisfied—give an appropriate certificate; or
  - (b) if of the opinion that the requirements have not been satisfied—refer the matter back to the council together with a written explanation of the reasons for not giving a certificate under this subsection.
- (14) The validity of a determination of the Electoral Commissioner under subsection (13) cannot be called into question.
- (15) If a certificate is given by the Electoral Commissioner under subsection (13)(a)—
- (a) the Electoral Commissioner must specify in the certificate a day by which an appropriate notice (or notices) for the purposes of this section must be published by the council in the Gazette; and
  - (b) the council may then, by notice (or notices) in the Gazette, provide for the operation of any proposal under this section that it has recommended in its report.
- (16) If the matter is referred back to the council under subsection (13)(b), the council—
- (a) must take such action as is appropriate in the circumstances (and may, as it thinks fit, alter its report); and
  - (b) may then refer the report back to the Electoral Commissioner.
- (17) However, a council must, if it makes an alteration to its report under subsection (16)(a), comply with the requirements of subsections (9) and (10) (as if the report (as altered) constituted a new report), unless the council determines that the alteration is of a minor nature only.

- (18) A proposal under this section takes effect as follows:
- (a) if the day of publication of the relevant notice under subsection (15) occurs before 1 January of the year in which a periodic election is next due to be held then, unless paragraph (c) applies, the proposal will take effect as from polling day for that periodic election;
  - (b) if the day of publication of the relevant notice under subsection (15) occurs on or after 1 January of a year in which a periodic election is due to be held (and before polling day for that periodic election) then, unless paragraph (c) applies, the proposal will take effect as from polling day for the periodic election next following the periodic election held in the year of publication;
  - (c) if a general election (not being a periodic election) is held after the expiration of 7 months from the day of publication of the relevant notice under subsection (15) (and before polling day for the next periodic election after publication) then the proposal will take effect from polling day for that general election.

(18a) Subsection (18) has effect subject to the operation of subsection (11b)(b)(i).

- (19) If a council—
- (a) subject to subsection (22), fails to undertake a review in accordance with the requirements of this section; or
  - (b) fails to take appropriate action if a matter is referred back to the council by the Electoral Commissioner under subsection (13)(b); or
  - (c) fails to publish an appropriate notice in the Gazette by the day specified by the Electoral Commissioner in a certificate under this section,

the chief executive officer must refer the matter to the Electoral Commissioner.

Maximum penalty: \$2 500.

- (20) On the referral of a matter under subsection (19), the Electoral Commissioner may take such action as, in the circumstances of the particular case, appears appropriate to the Electoral Commissioner and may then, by notice in the Gazette, give effect to a proposal that could have been carried into effect by the council under this section.
- (21) The Electoral Commissioner may recover from councils costs reasonably incurred by the Electoral Commissioner in performing his or her functions under this section.
- (22) The Minister may exempt a council from the requirement to hold a review under this section on the basis that relevant issues have already been addressed by a proposal under this Chapter.
- (23) An exemption under subsection (22) may be granted on conditions determined by the Minister, including a condition that the council carry out a review under this section by a date specified by the Minister.
- (24) If—
- (a) the area of a council is divided into wards; and
  - (b) the Electoral Commissioner notifies the council in writing that the number of electors represented by a councillor for a ward varies from the ward quota by more than 20 per cent,

then the council must undertake a review under this section within a period specified by the Electoral Commissioner.

- (25) For the purposes of subsection (24)—
- (a) if two or more councillors represent a ward, the number of electors represented by each councillor will be taken to be the number of electors for the ward (as at a date determined by the Electoral Commissioner) divided by the number of councillors who represent the ward (ignoring any fractions resulting from the division); and
  - (b) the ward quota is the number of electors for the area (as at a date determined by the Electoral Commissioner) divided by the number of councillors for the area of the council who represent wards (ignoring any fractions resulting from the division).

## **Part 2 - Reform proposals**

### **Division 3 - Principles**

#### **26 - Principles**

- (1) The Commission should, in arriving at recommendations for the purposes of this Chapter (but taking into account the nature of the proposal under consideration), have regard to—
- (a) the objects of this Act; and
  - (b) the roles, functions and objectives of councils under this Act; and
  - (c) the following principles:
    - (i) the resources available to local communities should be used as economically as possible while recognising the desirability of avoiding significant divisions within a community;
    - (ii) proposed changes should, wherever practicable, benefit ratepayers;
    - (iii) a council should have a sufficient resource base to fulfil its functions fairly, effectively and efficiently;
    - (iv) a council should offer its community a reasonable range of services delivered on an efficient, flexible, equitable and responsive basis;
    - (v) a council should facilitate effective planning and development within an area, and be constituted with respect to an area that can be promoted on a coherent basis;
    - (vi) a council should be in a position to facilitate sustainable development, the protection of the environment and the integration of land use schemes;
    - (vii) a council should reflect communities of interest of an economic, recreational, social, regional or other kind, and be consistent with community structures, values, expectations and aspirations;
    - (viii) a council area should incorporate or promote an accessible centre (or centres) for local administration and services;
    - (ix) the importance within the scheme of local government to ensure that local communities within large council areas can participate effectively in decisions about local matters;

- (xi) residents should receive adequate and fair representation within the local government system, while over-representation in comparison with councils of a similar size and type should be avoided (at least in the longer term);
  - (xii) a scheme that provides for the performance of functions and delivery of services in relation to 2 or more councils (for example, a scheme for regional governance) may improve councils' capacity to deliver services on a regional basis and therefore offer a viable and appropriate alternative to structural change; and
  - (d) the extent and frequency of previous changes affecting the council or councils under this Chapter or the repealed Act.
- (2) The Commission should, so far as is relevant, give preference to structural changes that enhance the capacity of local government to play a significant role in the future of an area or region from a strategic perspective.

## **Part 3 - General provisions**

### **33 - Ward quotas**

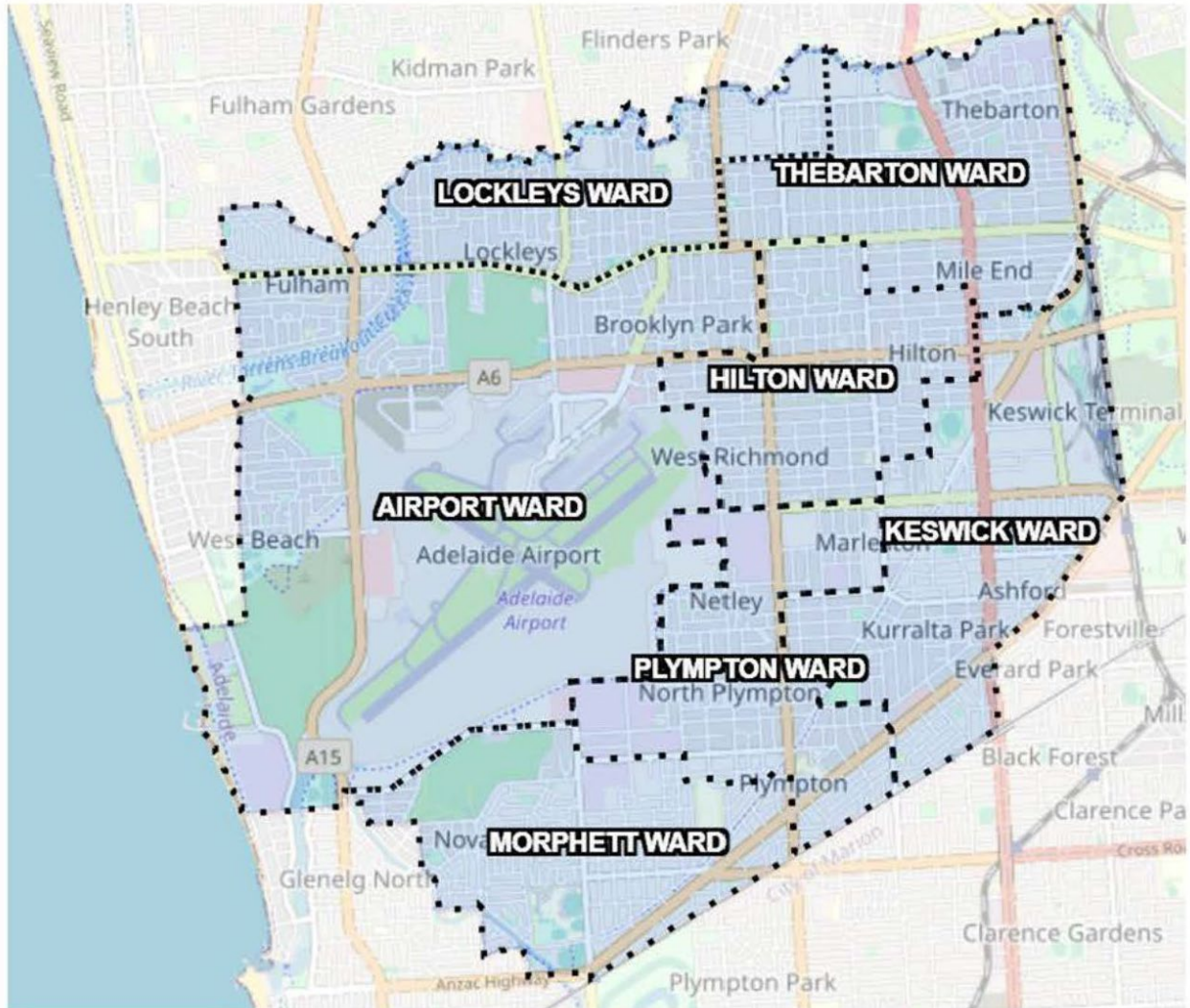
- (1) In addition to the other requirements of this Chapter, the following matters must be taken into account, as far as practicable, in the formulation of a proposal that relates to the boundaries of a ward or wards:
- (a) the desirability of reflecting communities of interest of an economic, social, regional or other kind;
  - (b) the population of the area, and of each ward affected or envisaged by the proposal;
  - (c) the topography of the area, and of each ward affected or envisaged by the proposal;
  - (d) the feasibility of communication between electors affected by the proposal and their elected representatives;
  - (e) the nature of substantial demographic changes that may occur in the foreseeable future;
  - (f) the need to ensure adequate and fair representation while at the same time avoiding over-representation in comparison to other councils of a similar size and type (at least in the longer term).
- (2) A proposal that relates to the formation or alteration of wards of a council must also observe the principle that the number of electors represented by a councillor must not, as at the relevant date (assuming that the proposal were in operation), vary from the ward quota by more than 10 per cent.
- (2a) For the purposes of subsection (2)—
- (a) if it is proposed that two or more councillors represent a particular ward, the number of electors represented by each councillor will be taken to be the number of electors for the ward (as at the relevant date) divided by the number of proposed councillors for the ward (ignoring any fractions resulting from the division); and



- (b) the ward quota will be taken to be the number of electors for the area (as at the relevant date) divided by the number of councillors for the area who represent wards (assuming that the proposal were in operation and ignoring any fractions resulting from the division); and
  - (c) the relevant date, in relation to a proposal that relates to the formation or alteration of wards of the council, will be taken to be the date on which the proposal is finalised for the purposes of this Chapter.
- (3) The 10 per cent tolerance referred to in subsection (2) may be exceeded if, on the basis of demographic changes predicted by a Commonwealth or State government agency, it appears that the ward quota will not, as at the next periodic elections, be exceeded by more than 10 per cent (the relevant date in this case being the date of the next periodic elections).
- (4) If under the repealed Act a proposal relating to the formation or alteration of wards did not comply with the corresponding provisions to subsections (2) and (3) and the relevant proposal proceeded (either in its original or an amended form) then, unless otherwise determined by proclamation, the relevant council (or each relevant council) must conduct (and complete) a review of its composition and wards under Part 1 so as to enable appropriate changes in the composition and wards of the council to take effect on or before the date of the second general election of the council after the proposal took effect or, if an earlier date has been fixed by proclamation, on or before that date.

# APPENDIX D

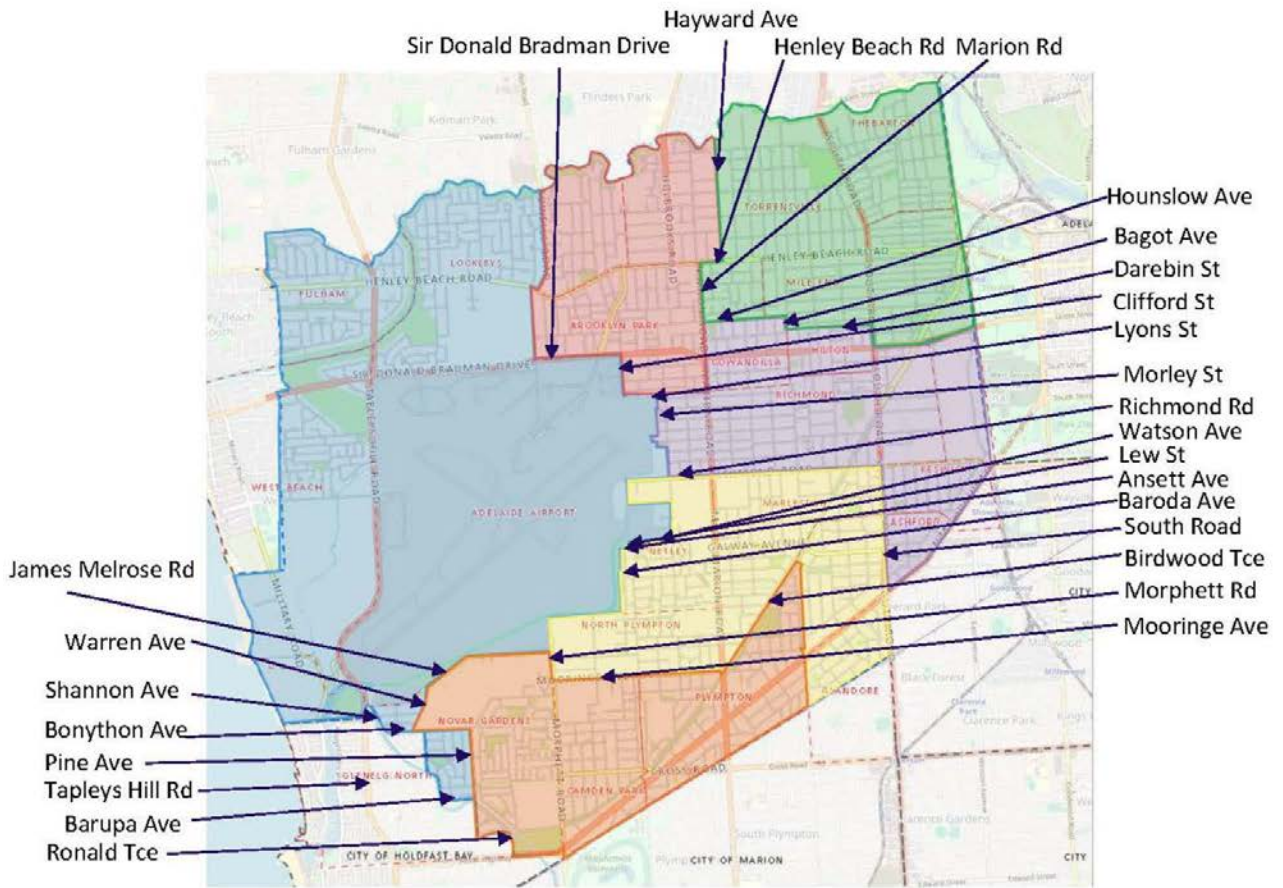
## EXISTING WARD MAP



# APPENDIX E

## OPTION 3

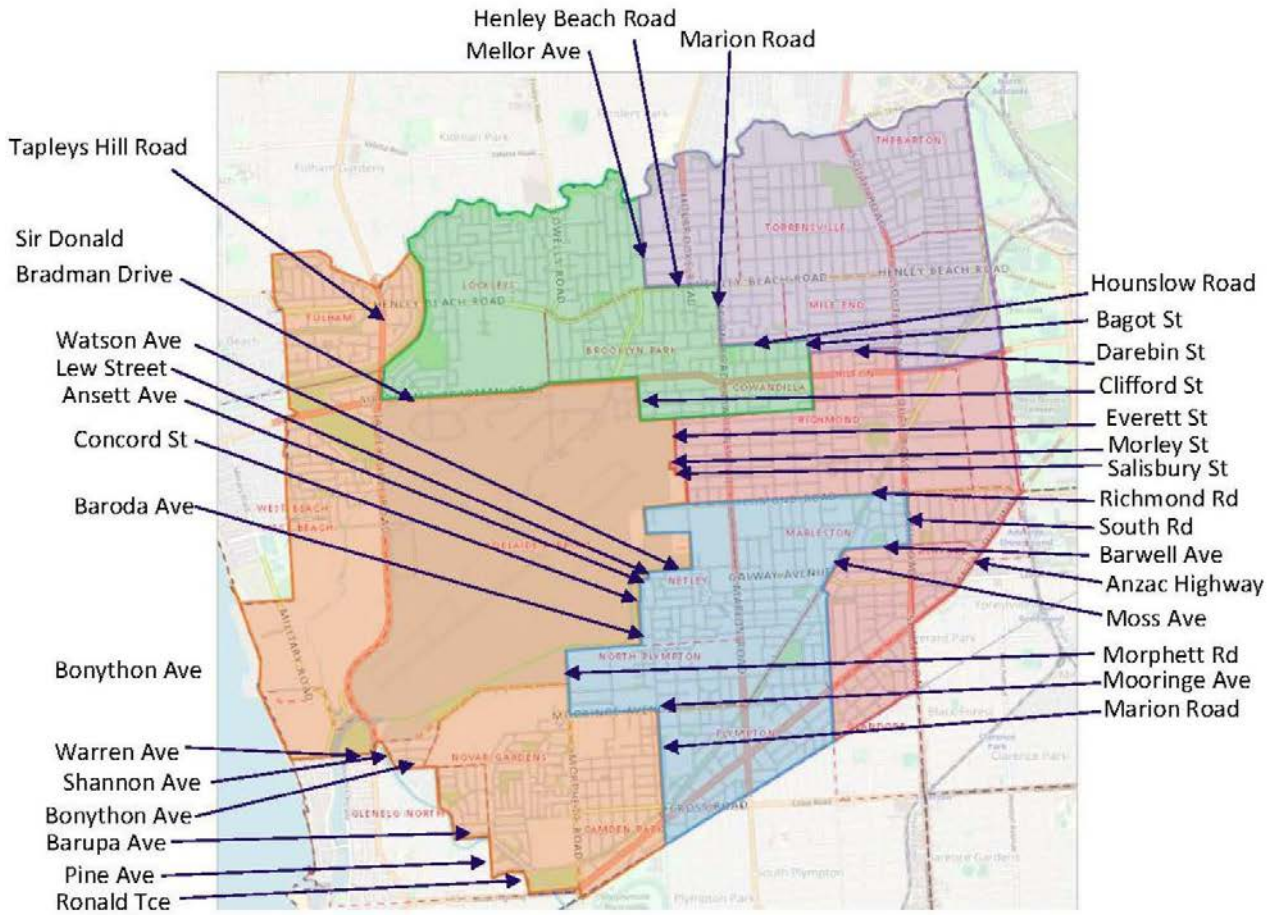
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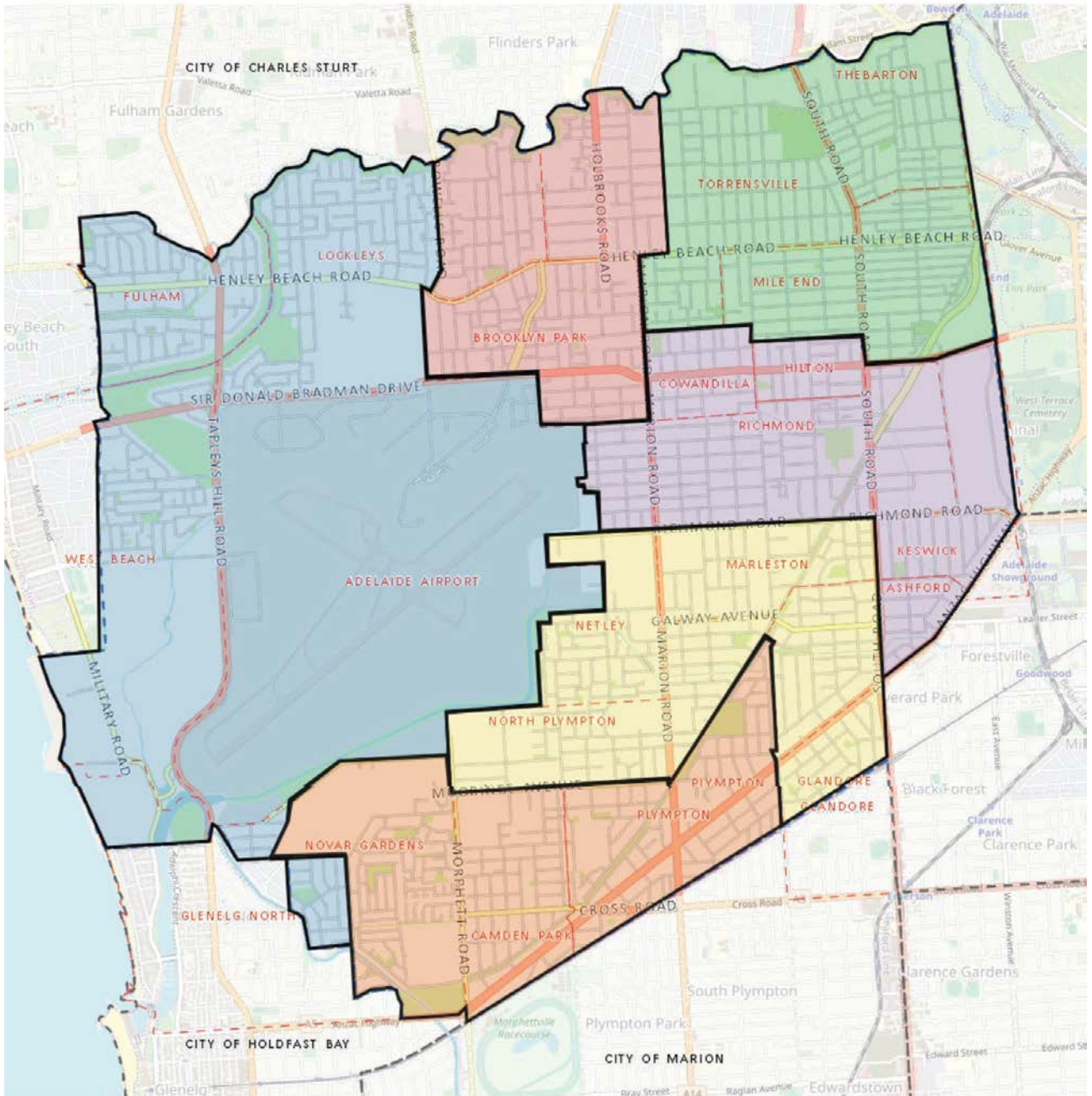
**OPTION 4**

**5 Wards with 2 Councillors in each Ward (10 Councillors in total) with a Mayor**

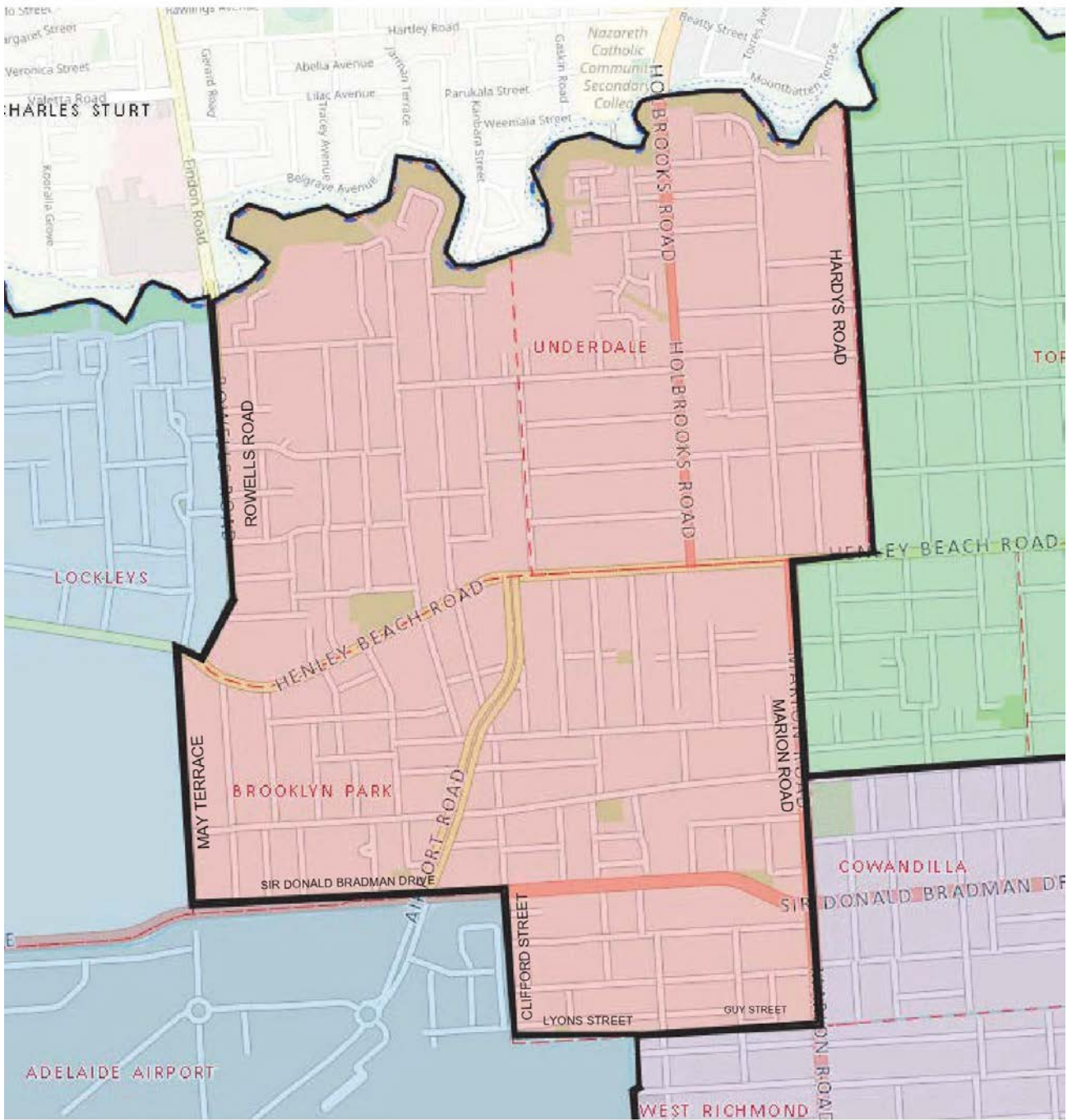


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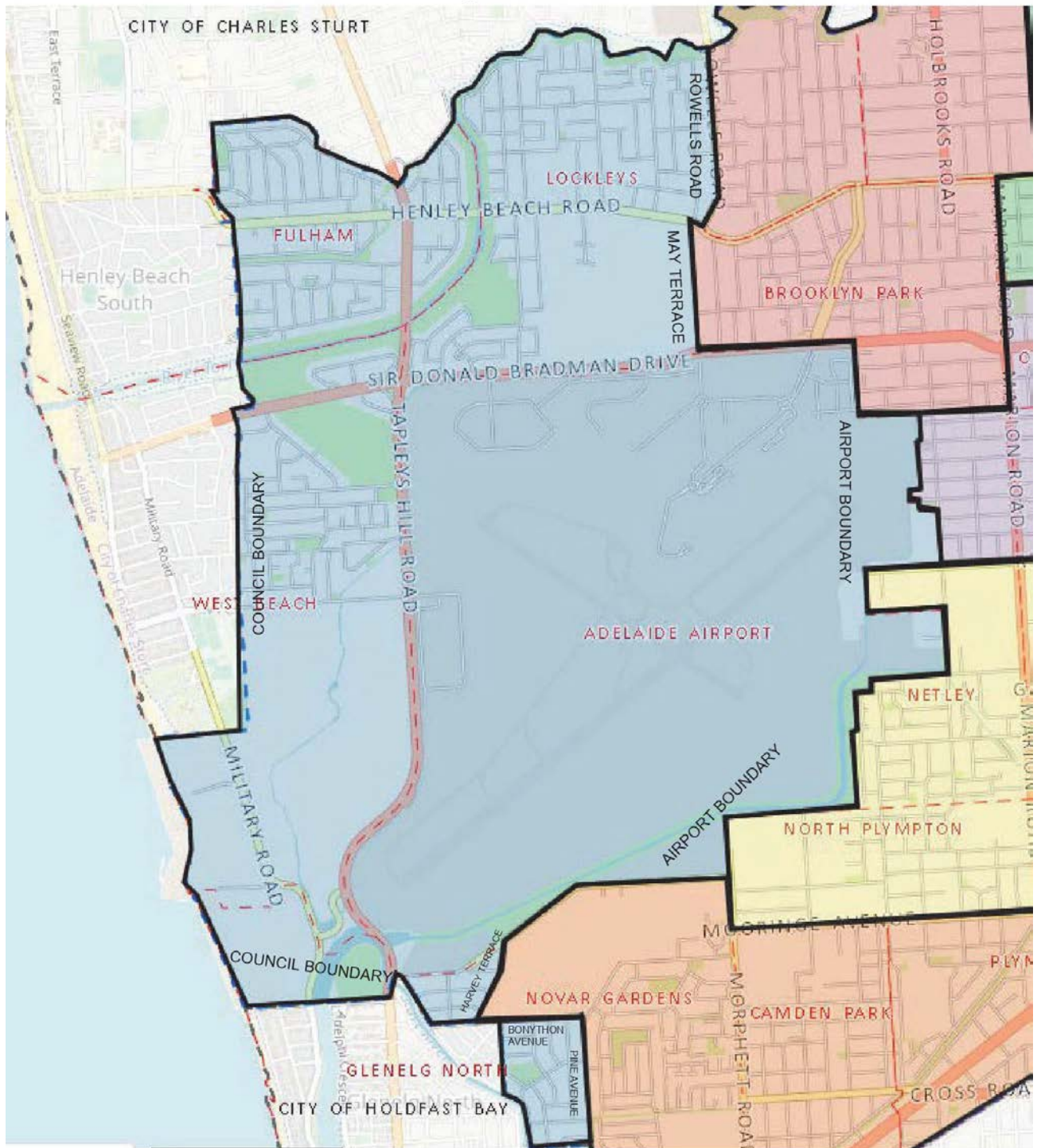
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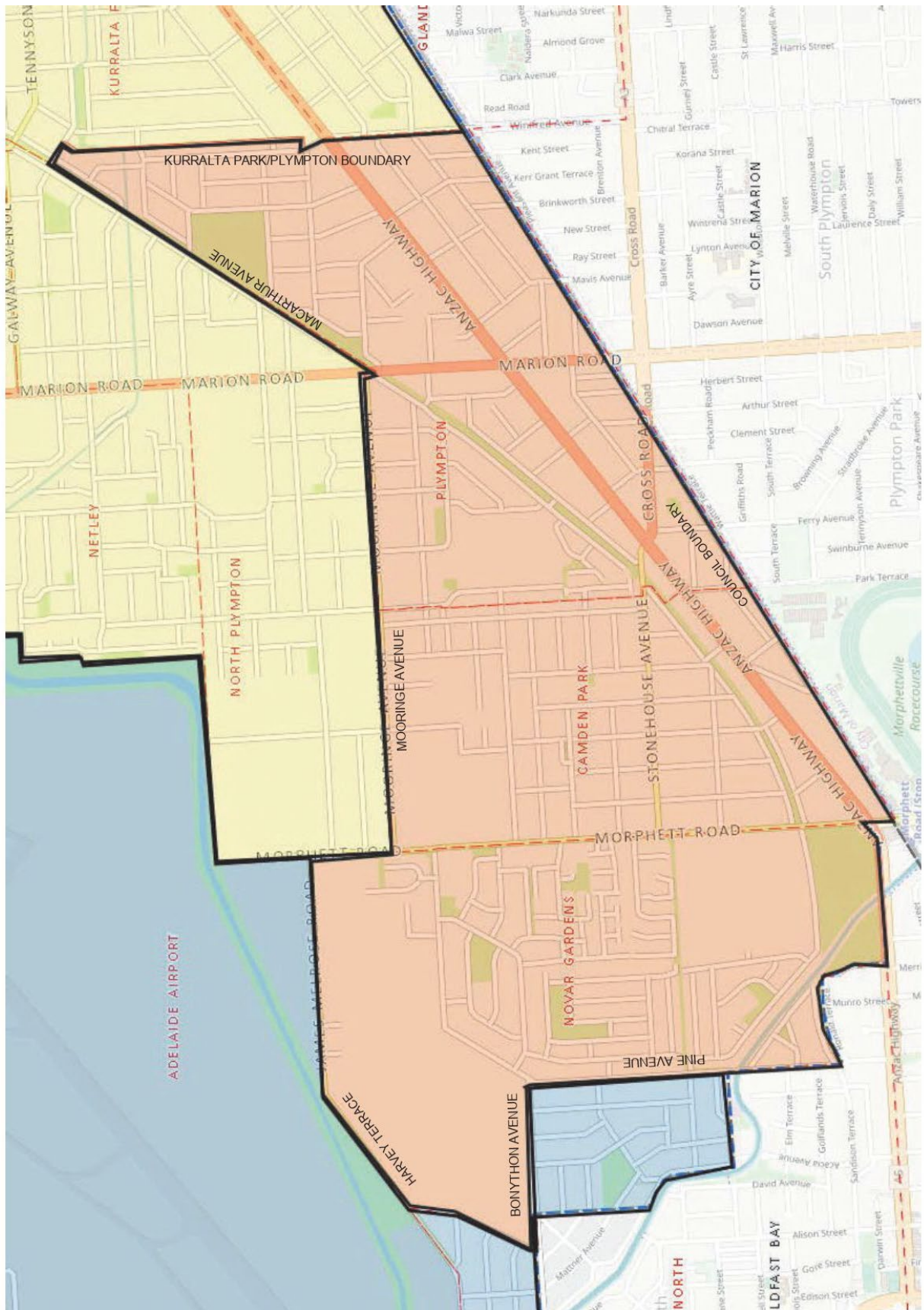
Option 3: Ward 1



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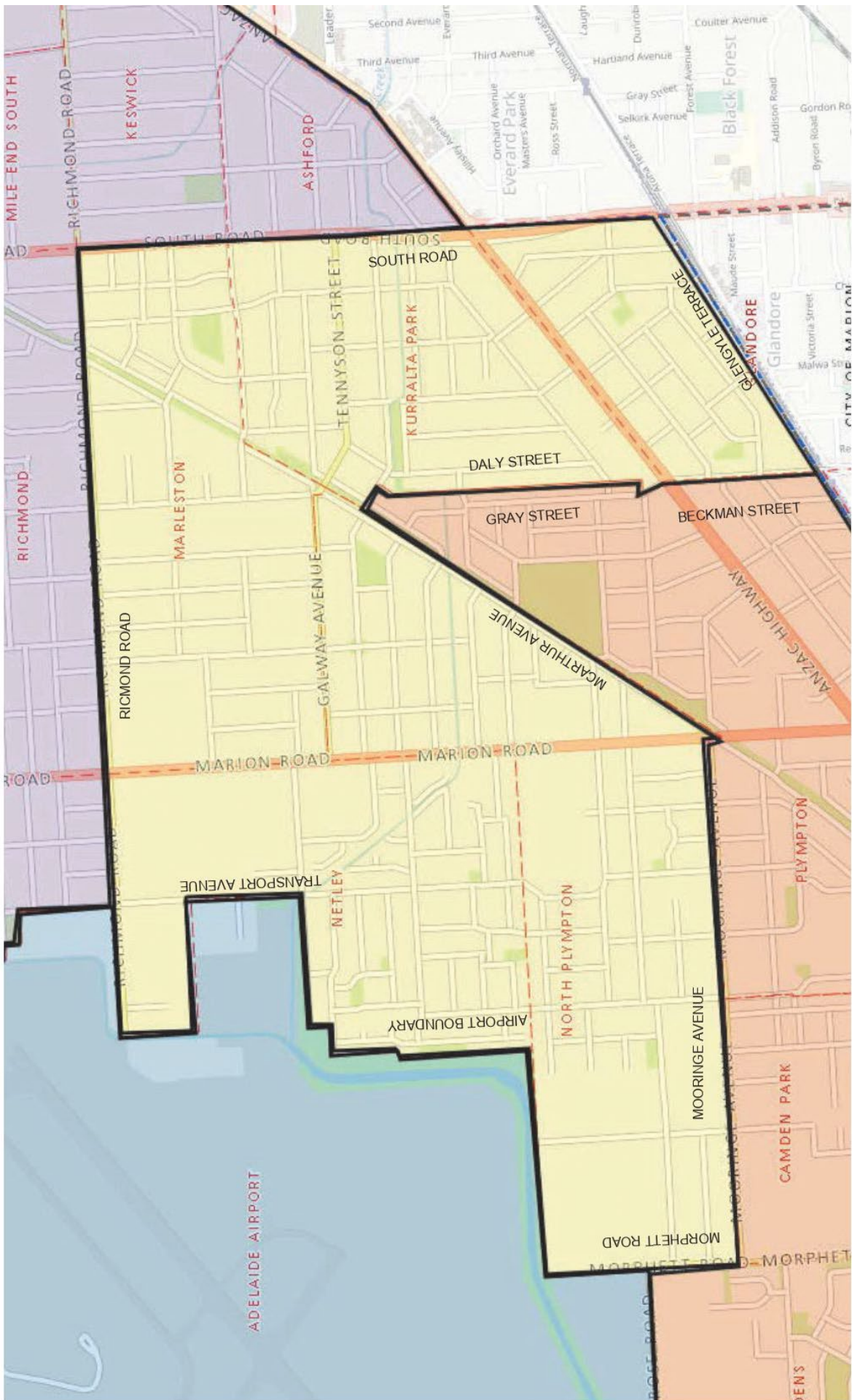


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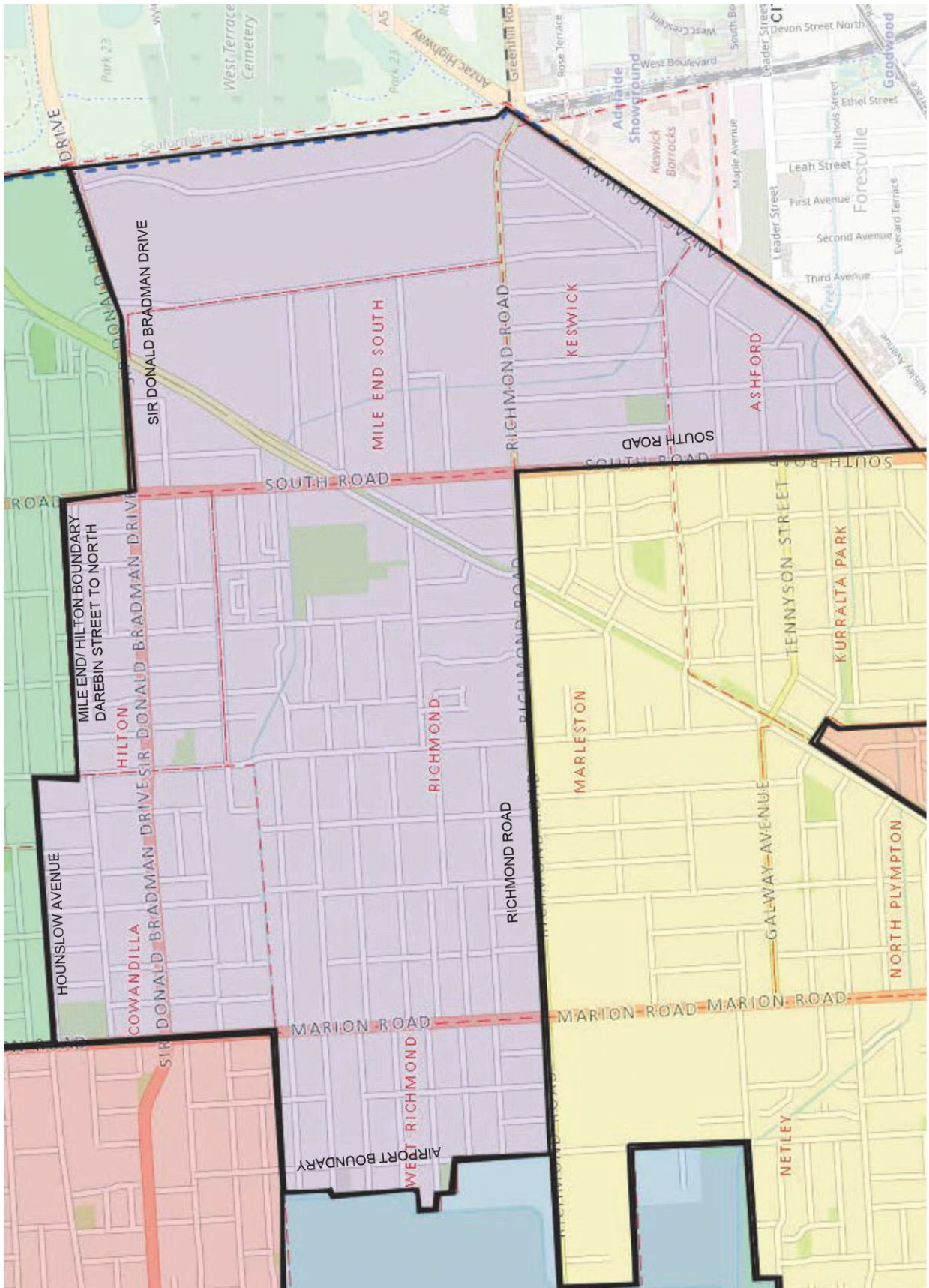




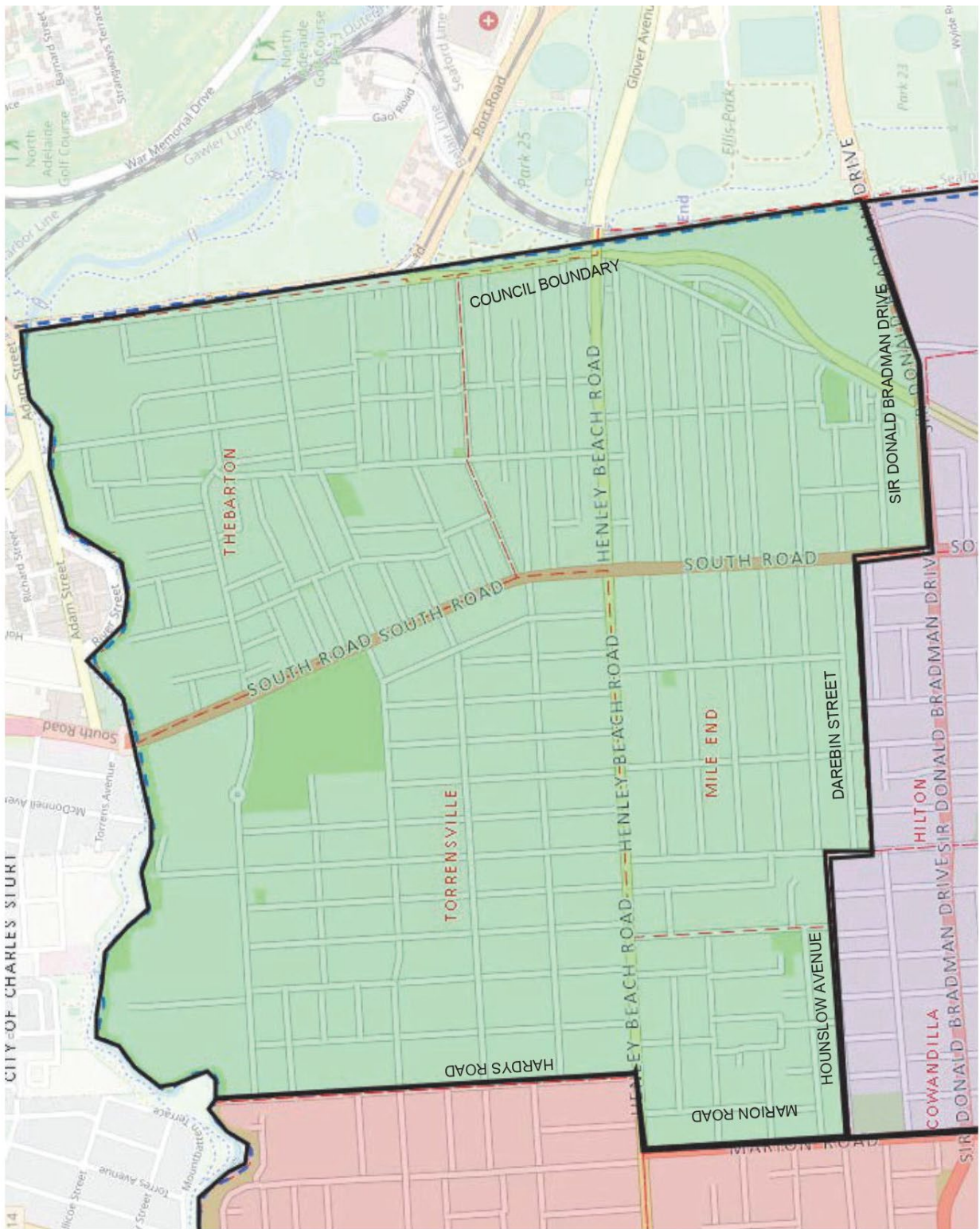
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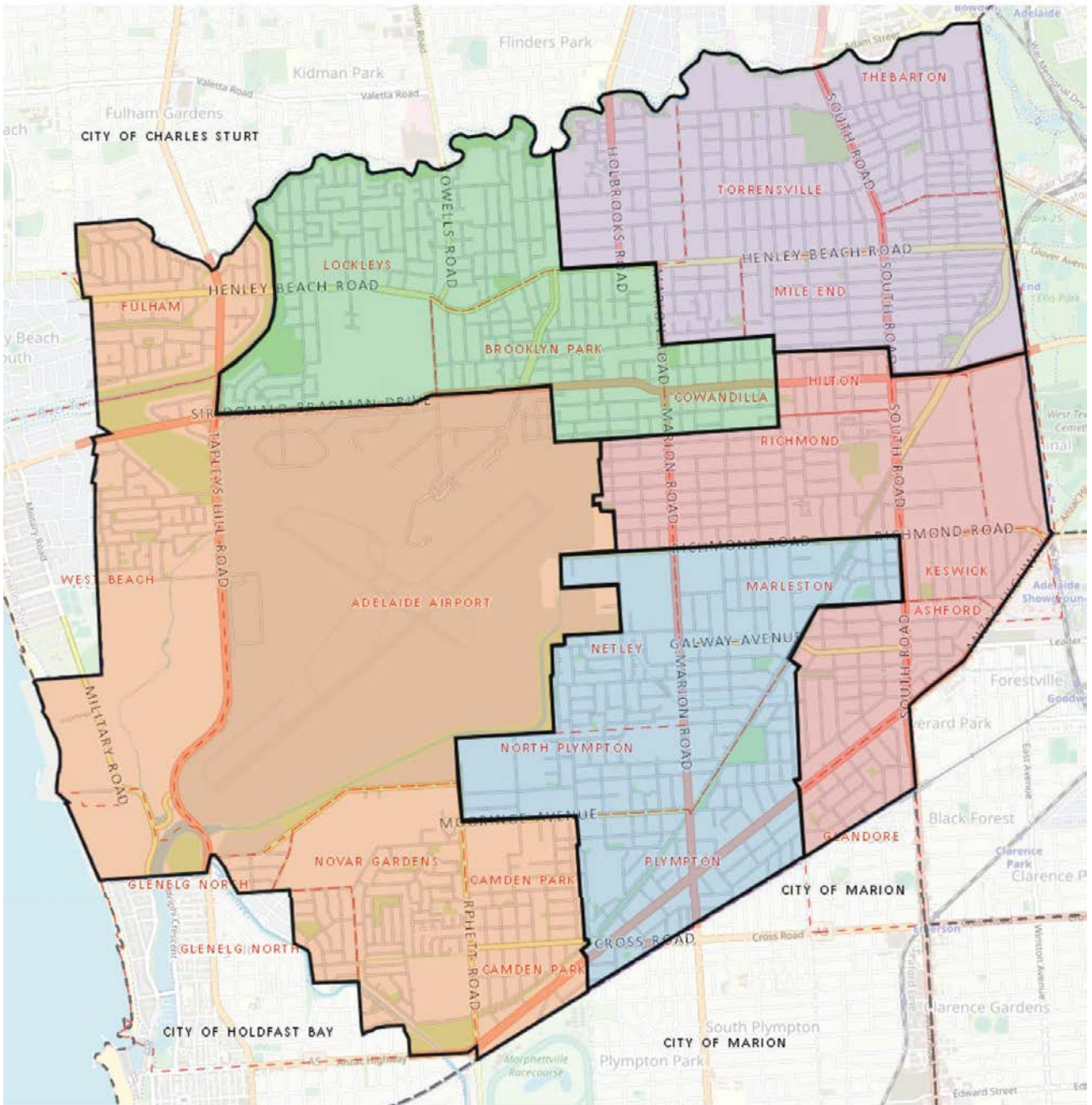
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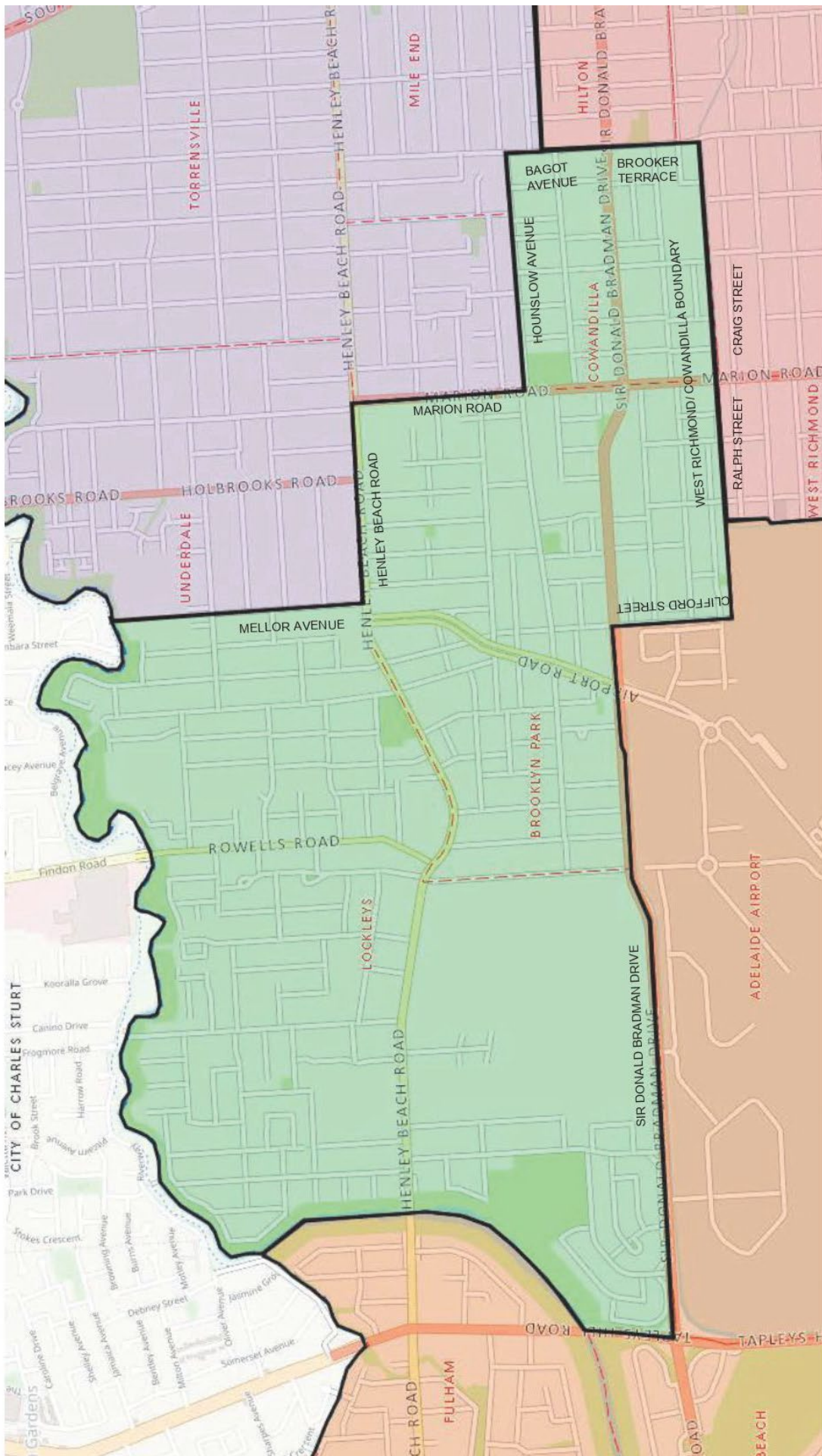
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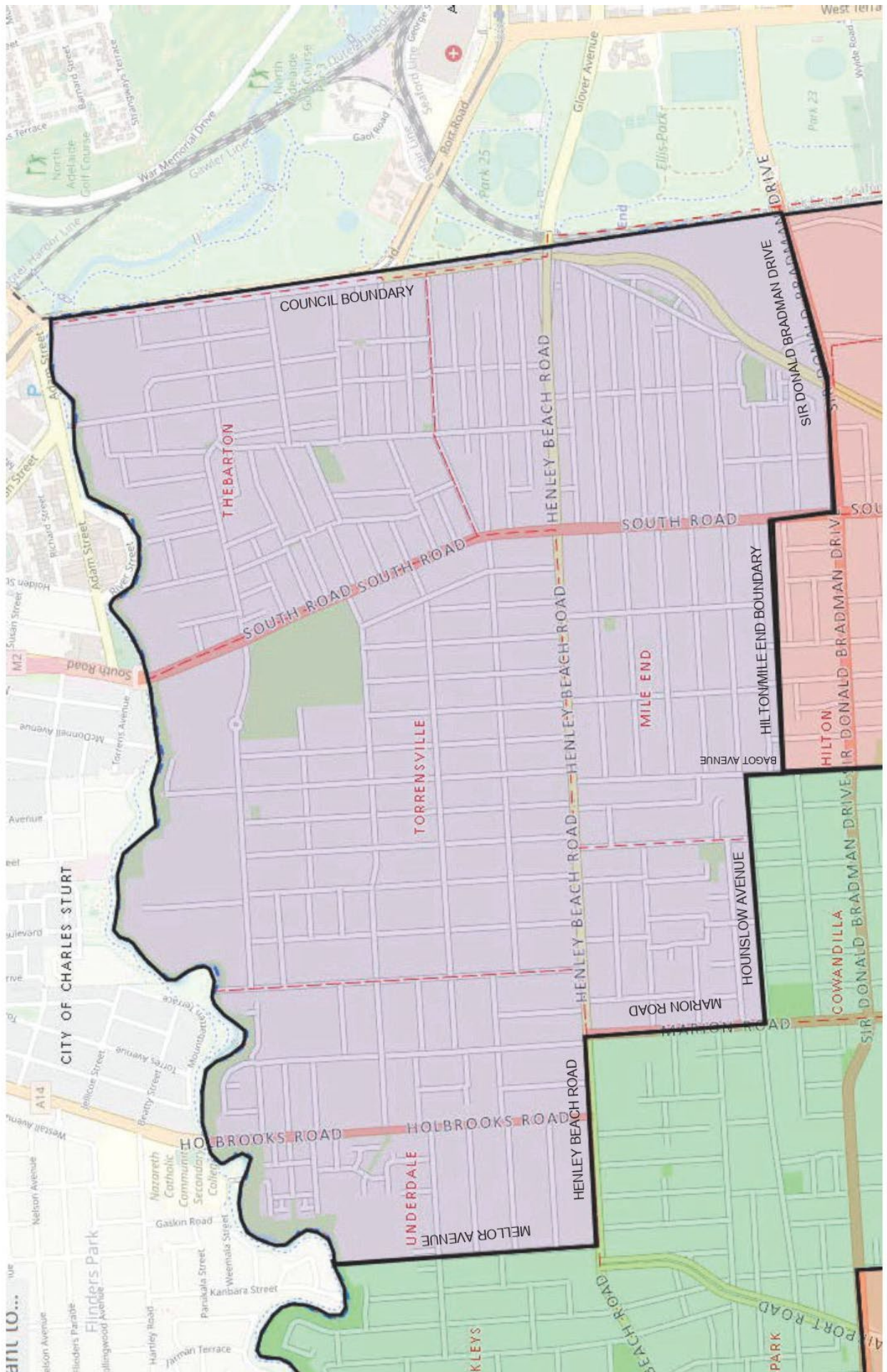
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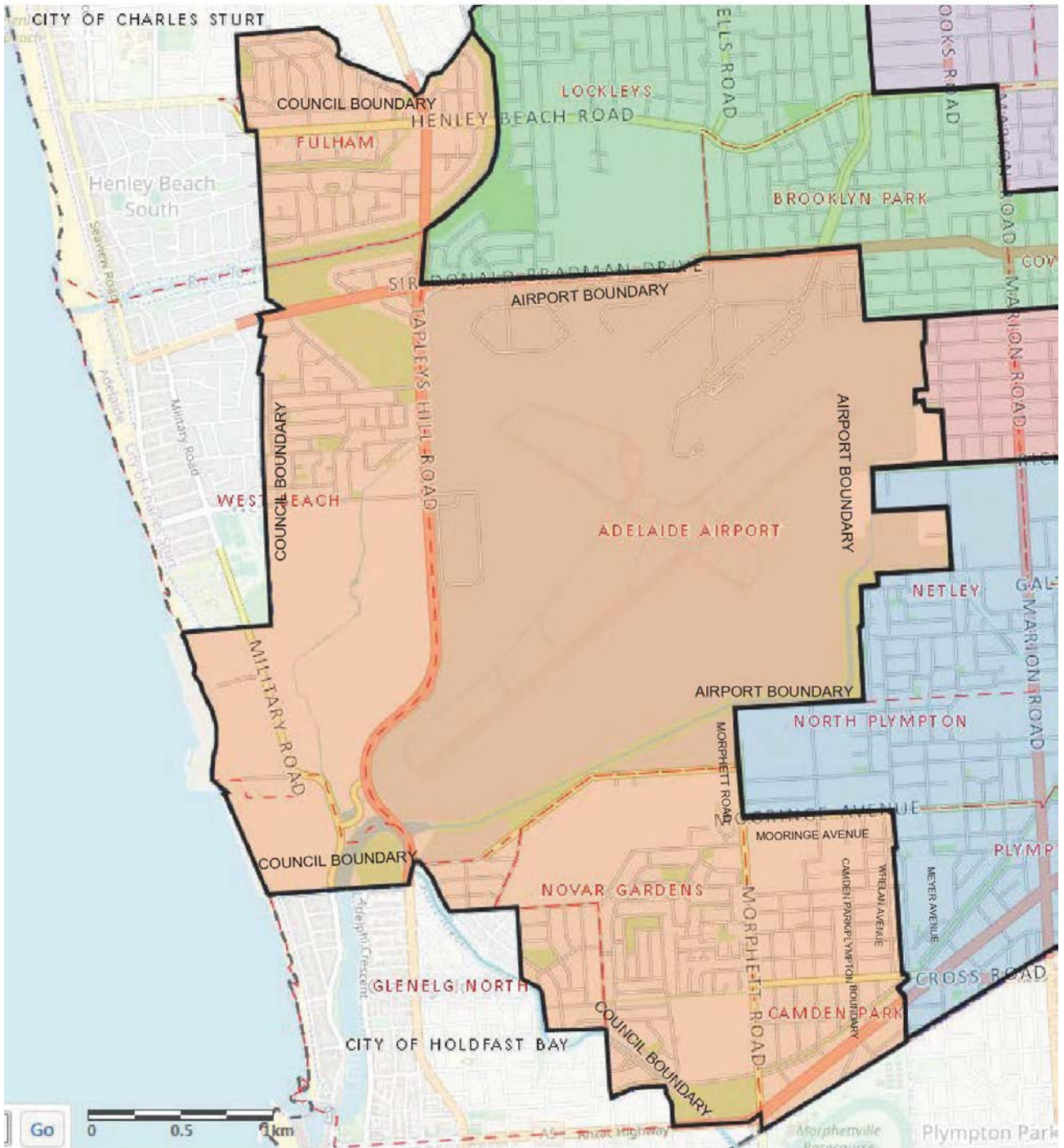
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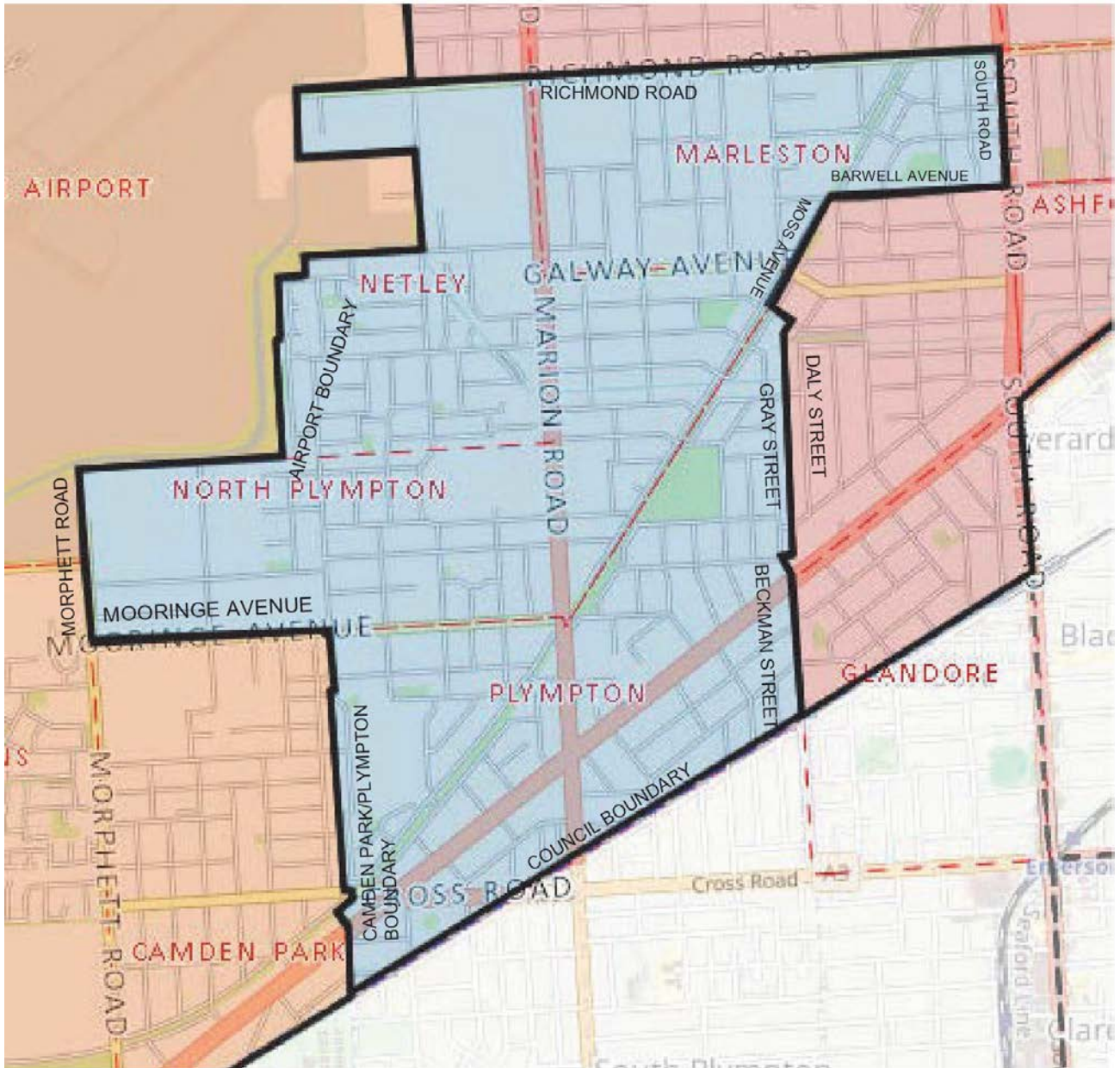
Option 4: Ward 2



Option 4: Ward 3

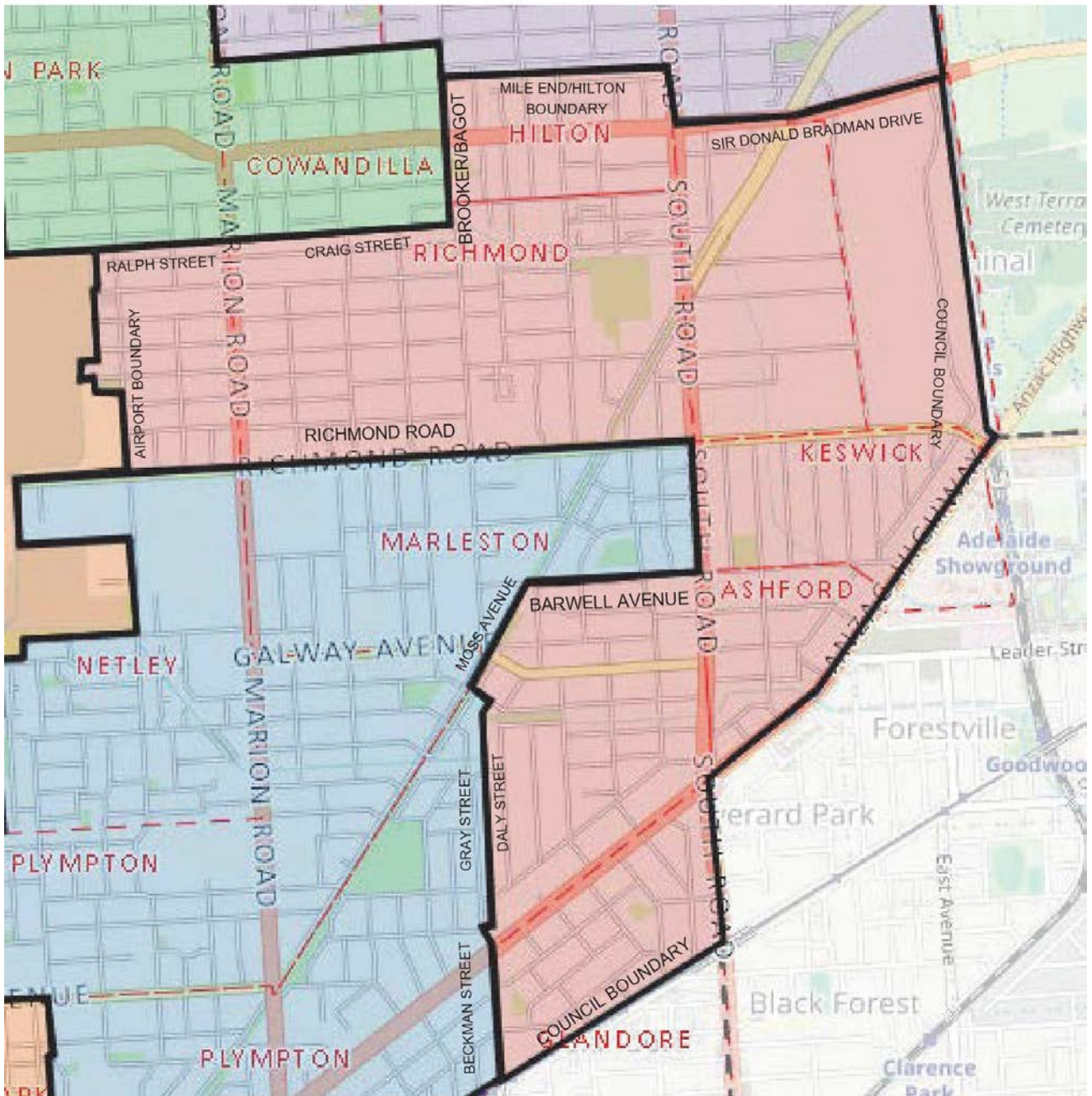


Option 4: Ward 4





Option 4: Ward 5



## 17.2 Community Reference Groups renomination for South Road Upgrade - North-South Corridor, Torrens to Darlington (T2D) Project

### Brief

This report seeks Elected Member re-nomination(s) for the Community Reference Group(s) as part of the North-South Corridor, Torrens to Darlington (T2D) Project on South Road.

### RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended to Council that:

1. Cr..... be nominated as a member of the Southern Tunnel Community Reference Group.
2. Cr..... be nominated as a proxy member of the Southern Tunnel Community Reference Group.

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### Introduction

This report seeks re-nomination(s) for the Community Reference Group(s) as part of the North-South Corridor, Torrens to Darlington (T2D) Project following the resignation of Cr Woodward from the Southern Tunnel Community Reference Group.

### Background

The Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) has recently called for Expressions of Interest seeking representatives for the following newly established Community, Business and Technical Reference Groups for the T2D project:

- Southern Tunnel Community Reference Group
- Southern Tunnel Business Reference Group
- Airport Link and Northern Tunnel Community Reference Group
- Airport Link and Northern Tunnel Business Reference Group

Accordingly, a report was presented to Council at its meeting of 19 January 2021 and a resolution was passed that confirmed the Council's Reference Groups representatives as detailed below:

- Cr John Woodward as a member of the Southern Tunnel Community Reference Group
- Cr Brandon Reynolds as a proxy member of the Southern Tunnel Community Reference Group
- Cr Graham Nitschke as a member of the Airport Link and Northern Tunnel Community Reference Group
- Cr Elisabeth Papanikolaou as a proxy member of the Airport Link and Northern Tunnel Community Reference Group

An extract of the Council Agenda and Minutes relating to the nominations for the Community Reference Groups is contained in **Attachment 1**.

### Discussion

Recently, the Council administration were formally notified by Cr Woodward that due to personal commitments, he would not be able to be the primary nominee for the Southern Tunnel Community Reference Group, however Cr Woodward indicated that he would be prepared to take on the proxy role, if required.

A decision of the Council is now sought to determine its position on this matter and which Elected Member will fill the vacancy that now currently exists.

### **Climate Impact Considerations**

*(Assessment of likely positive or negative implications of this decision will assist Council and the West Torrens Community to build resilience and adapt to the challenges created by a changing climate.)*

There is no direct climate impact consideration in relation to this report.

### **Conclusion**

The re-nomination of Council representative(s) on the North-South Corridor Community Reference Groups will assist the project team to gain valuable insight into the community as the reference design progresses.

### **Attachments**

- 1. Extract from Council and Standing Committees Agenda and Minutes 19 January 2021 - Item 11.3**

### 11.3 Community Reference Groups Nominations for South Road Upgrade - North-South Corridor, Torrens to Darlington (T2D) Project

#### Brief

This report seeks nominations for the Community Reference Group(s) as part of the North-South Corridor, Torrens to Darlington (T2D) Project on South Road.

#### RECOMMENDATION(S)

The Committee recommends to Council that:

1. The report be received.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ be nominated as a member of the Southern Tunnel Community Reference Group.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ be nominated as a proxy member of the Southern Tunnel Community Reference Group.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ be nominated as a member of the Airport Link and Northern Tunnel Community Reference Group.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ be nominated as a proxy member of the Airport Link and Northern Tunnel Community Reference Group.

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#### Introduction

The Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) has called for Expressions of Interest seeking representatives for the following newly established Community, Business and Technical Reference Groups to address issues arising from the planning stage to upgrade South Road from River Torrens to Darlington (T2D) (**Attachment 1**).

- Southern Tunnel Community Reference Group
- Southern Tunnel Business Reference Group
- Airport Link and Northern Tunnel Community Reference Group
- Airport Link and Northern Tunnel Business Reference Group

This report seeks approval from Council for representatives to be nominated for the reference group(s).

#### Background

The North-South Corridor (refer to map below) is identified as one of Adelaide's most important transport corridors, being the major route for north and south bound traffic running between Gawler and Noarlunga for a distance of 78km. Along with the completed and in-progress projects in other sections of the Corridor, the 10.5km final section will complete a 78km non-stop, traffic light-free connection between Gawler and Old Noarlunga, with links to the port and airport precincts.

The State Government has recently announced that a hybrid+ option will be used to deliver the T2D Project, using a combination of tunnels, lowered and ground-level motorways, as well as overpasses and underpasses at key intersections.

Stage One (Southern Tunnel) between Anzac Highway and Darlington will including more than 4km of tunnel. Stage Two (Airport Link and Northern Tunnel) between the River Torrens and Anzac Highway will include a second tunnel and at-surface motorway.



(Source: Department of Infrastructure and Transport)

## Discussion

DIT will be undertaking extensive community engagement of their concept for the upgrade of South Road between River Torrens and Darlington. Following on from this, DIT is establishing the South Road Upgrade Community Reference Group (CRG) and the Business Reference Group (BRG) to bring together suitable people and expertise to work through issues as the Reference Design progresses and to assist the project team to gain valuable insight into the community and local business priorities in the development of strategies for the City Shaping Program and the Business Assistance Program (**Attachment 2**).

What is the role of the Reference Groups?

### *Community Reference Groups*

The two Community Reference Groups will assist the project team to gain valuable insight into the community as the Reference Design progresses. The group will also help identify potential City Shaping priorities, ideas and strategies to improve the general amenity and functionality of public spaces and identify issues of interest to the community that need to be addressed during the planning and design phase.

### *Business Reference Groups*

The two Business Reference Groups will focus on matters specific to local business and commercial land use and will assist the project team to gain valuable insight into local business priorities and help develop strategies for the Business Assistance Program and the City Shaping Program.

Initially it is expected that the South Road CRG and BRG will meet regularly and run approximately until the end of 2021, at which time a review will be undertaken regarding its continuation, purpose and makeup. The first meeting of each CRG and BRG is proposed to be held mid-late February 2021.

DIT are seeking one representative for each of the four Reference Groups from the City of West Torrens (one member from the Elected Body for each of the two CRGs and one staff member for each of the two BRGs and Technical Reference Group) with each member having a proxy.

It is proposed that the staff representative for the two BRGs will be Sue Curran, Manager Strategy and Business and for the Technical Reference Group will be Joe Ielasi, Manager City Assets.

## Conclusion

The nominations will be submitted to DIT by close of business on 22 January 2021 and membership will be confirmed in early February 2021.

**Climate Impact Considerations**

*(Assessment of likely positive or negative implications of this decision will assist Council and the West Torrens Community to build resilience and adapt to the challenges created by a changing climate.)*

There is no direct climate impact consideration in relation to this report.

**Attachments**

1. **Email for EOI**
2. **Correspondence - Expressions of Interest for Nominations**

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**From:** Stephanie Hensgen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 22 December 2020 5:15 PM  
**To:** Carmine D'Amico; Joseph Ielasi  
**Subject:** Re: North South Corridor T2D Reference Groups

Dear Joe and Carmine

As discussed (Joe – sorry Carmine for missing you before you went on leave!) the Department is setting up three Reference Groups for Stage 2 of the North South Corridor T2D project and has asked me to help set them up for the new year. The Department has already called for Expressions of interest for two of them: the Community Reference Group and the Business Reference Group. A third group will be the Technical Reference Group.

The **Community Reference Group** will comprise residents and representatives of community groups. We are also thinking that each Council would nominate an Elected Member and I am hoping that you will both be able to help me with a nomination. The first meeting will likely be mid-late February 2021.

The **Business Reference Group** will comprise businesses, commercial land owners, traders groups and peak business groups. Similarly we are hoping to have a representative from Council on this group too – an economic development officer or strategic planner or other Council officer with economic development expertise. Again the first meeting will likely be mid-late February 2021.

We are envisaging that the **Technical Reference Group** would have yourselves on it and be the key conduit between the project and Council staff for Stage 2 (Airport Link and Northern Tunnel). We can pull in technical specialists as we need to and provide direct connections through to the project design team. I would also envisage that we can call in emergency services and other technical inputs as we need them to service the Reference Design, which will be the key output in 2021. I am hoping to set up a first meeting date for early February 2021. How would Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 2pm sound as a tentative date for the diary?

If you could assist by getting back to me with an Elected Member for the CRG, a staff member for the BRG and confirmation that you will both be our key contacts at Council that would be fantastic. I will then get on with organising the first meetings.

Hoping you both have a lovely Christmas and New Year.

Cheers  
Stephanie

**Stephanie Hensgen** BA Planning, GradDip URPL MPLA  
Senior Associate | Gould Thorpe Planning Pty Ltd |



# Torrens to Darlington (T2D)

## Community and Business Reference Groups Expressions of Interest

### Nominations open until 22 January 2021

**You are invited to nominate for one of four Community or Business Reference Groups as part of the North-South Corridor, Torrens to Darlington Project.**

The four groups will provide an important forum for residents, community interest groups, businesses and individuals to provide input into various aspects of the project during the planning and design phase.

The groups will meet regularly and are proposed to commence in February 2021. Membership will be reviewed at the end of 2021. The four groups that will be established will be:

<p><b>Southern Tunnel</b> <b>Community Reference Group</b></p>	<p><b>Southern Tunnel</b> <b>Business Reference Group</b></p>	<p><i>The Southern Tunnel (Stage 1) includes the suburbs of Tonsley, St Marys, Clovelly Park, Edwardstown, Melrose Park, Clarence Gardens, Clarence Park, Black Forest, Glandore and Everard Park.</i></p>
<p><b>Airport Link and Northern Tunnel</b> <b>Community Reference Group</b></p>	<p><b>Airport Link and Northern Tunnel</b> <b>Business Reference Group</b></p>	<p><i>The Airport Link and Northern Tunnel (Stage 2) includes the suburbs of Kurrallta Park, Ashford, Marleston, Keswick, Richmond, Mile End South, Hilton, Mile End, Torrensville, Thebarton, West Hindmarsh and Hindmarsh.</i></p>

### What is the role of the Reference Groups?

#### **Community Reference Groups**

The two Community Reference Groups will assist the project team to gain valuable insight into the community as the Reference Design progresses. The group will also help identify potential City Shaping priorities, ideas and strategies to improve the general amenity and functionality of public spaces and identify issues of interest to the community that need to be addressed during the planning and design phase.

#### **Business Reference Groups**

The two Business Reference Groups will focus on matters specific to local business and commercial land use and will assist the project team to gain valuable insight into local business priorities and help develop strategies for the Business Assistance Program and the City Shaping Program.

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For both the Community and the Business Reference Groups, members should be willing to actively engage with other members of the community and act as a conduit to bring issues and ideas from the community to the project team.

### Who is eligible to nominate?

The groups will be independently chaired and will consist of 10-15 members. Membership will be chosen by a selection panel and endorsed by the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport with the aim of selecting a broad representation of the community. Membership will comprise of:

#### Community Reference Groups

- Local residents living close to or along South Road
- Representatives of a local community, sporting or not-for-profit group operating within the area
- Representatives of the community with an interest in and knowledge of environmental, community development, community services, cultural, urban realm or other relevant area

*Representatives of the Council responsible for the suburbs affected by the group will also be invited to join*

#### Business Reference Groups

- Business owners/operators
- Commercial landowners
- Representatives of not-for-profit business and traders groups operating in the area

*Representatives of the Small Business Commission, Renewal SA and Council representatives with economic development responsibilities will also be invited to join*

### How do I nominate?

If you would like to nominate for either the Community Reference Groups or Business Reference Groups, you can visit the Torrens to Darlington website, or request a nomination form by emailing [northsouthcorridor@sa.gov.au](mailto:northsouthcorridor@sa.gov.au) or calling 1300 951 145.

**Applications are due by close of business on 22 January 2021** and membership will be confirmed in early February 2021.

### What if I am not selected?

There is likely to be a large number of stakeholders expressing interest for the reference groups. If you are not selected this time, it is important to note that the project team is planning a variety of other opportunities to be involved in the project including:

- **Contacting team members directly** about your ideas and concerns via phone, face-to-face, email or webform submission
- Visiting our **online engagement hub** and lodging your comments and ideas
- Attending one of our **Join the Conversation sessions** where you can talk to team members face-to-face
- Registering for future **City Shaping Forums** that will provide opportunities to discuss key areas of the City Shaping Strategy, Reference Design and Project Assessment Report.

Kind regards,

**North-South Corridor  
Torrens to Darlington Project Team**

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165 Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Hilton

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on

TUESDAY, 19 JANUARY 2021  
at 7.00pm

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Terry Buss'.

Terry Buss PSM  
Chief Executive Officer

**11.3 Community Reference Groups Nominations for South Road Upgrade - North-South Corridor, Torrens to Darlington (T2D) Project**

*Cr Graham Nitschke declared a perceived conflict of interest in this item as he wishes to be nominated as a member of the Airport Link and Northern Tunnel Community Reference Group and participated in the discussion and vote.*

*Cr Kym McKay declared a perceived conflict of interest in this item as he wishes to be nominated as a proxy member of the Airport Link and Northern Tunnel Community Reference Group and on the basis that a reasonable person could think there was a pecuniary or non-pecuniary benefit or detriment. Cr Kym McKay participated in the discussion and vote.*

*Cr Elisabeth Papanikolaou declared a perceived conflict of interest in this item as she wishes to be nominated as a member of the Southern Tunnel Community Reference Group and as the position is not remunerated she participated in the discussion and vote.*

*Cr John Woodward declared a perceived conflict of interest in this item on the basis that a reasonable person could think there was a pecuniary or non-pecuniary benefit or detriment and he wishes to be nominated as a proxy member of the Southern Tunnel Community Reference Group, as a member of the Airport Link and Northern Tunnel Community Reference Group and as a proxy member of the Airport Link and Northern Tunnel Community Reference Group. Cr Woodward participated in the discussion and vote.*

This report sought nominations for the Community Reference Group(s) as part of the North-South Corridor, Torrens to Darlington (T2D) Project on South Road.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

The Committee recommends to Council that:

1. The report be received.
2. .... be nominated as a member of the Southern Tunnel Community Reference Group.
3. ....be nominated as a proxy member of the Southern Tunnel Community Reference Group.
4. ....be nominated as a member of the Airport Link and Northern Tunnel Community Reference Group.
5. ....be nominated as a proxy member of the Airport Link and Northern Tunnel Community Reference Group.

**MOTION**

Moved: Cr George Vlahos

Seconded: Cr Elisabeth Papanikolaou

That:

1. The report be received.
2. Cr Elisabeth Papanikolaou be nominated as a member of the Southern Tunnel Community Reference Group.
3. Cr John Woodward be nominated as a proxy member of the Southern Tunnel Community Reference Group.
4. Cr George Vlahos be nominated as a member of the Airport Link and Northern Tunnel Community Reference Group.
5. Cr Kym McKay be nominated as a proxy member of the Airport Link and Northern Tunnel Community Reference Group.

Discussion took place on the motion specifically the process of selecting the nominees for the positions and conducting a secret ballot to identify the preferred nominee for each of the positions on the Community Reference Groups.

Following the discussion, the mover Cr George Vlahos and seconder Cr Elisabeth Papanikolaou, sought and were granted leave of the meeting to withdraw the motion.

**MOTION**

Moved: Mayor Michael Coxon

Seconded: Cr John Woodward

That Council conduct a secret ballot for the Community Reference Groups Nominations for South Road Upgrade - North-South Corridor, Torrens to Darlington (T2D) Project.

**CARRIED**

*Cr/s Graham Nitschke, Kym McKay, Elisabeth Papanikolaou and John Woodward voted in favour of the motion moved by Mayor Michael Coxon and seconded by Cr John Woodward.*

The Presiding Member proposed that Council adopt each numbered recommendation separately by starting with Point 2 of the Recommendation.

Cr/s Elisabeth and John Woodward wished to be nominated as a member of the Southern Tunnel Community Reference Group. Given there were two (2) nominations for the position, a secret ballot was conducted to determine the nominee for the South Road Upgrade - North-South Corridor, Torrens to Darlington (T2D) Project.

**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Graham Nitschke

Seconded: Cr Surender Pal

That Cr John Woodward be nominated as a member of the Southern Tunnel Community Reference Group.

**CARRIED**

*Cr/s Graham Nitschke, Kym McKay, Elisabeth Papanikolaou and John Woodward voted in favour of the motion moved by Cr Graham Nitschke and seconded by Cr Surender Pal.*

The Presiding Member sought nominations for Point 3 of the Recommendation and Cr Jassmine Wood nominated Cr Brandon Reynolds as a proxy member of the Southern Tunnel Community Reference Group.

*Once nominated Cr Brandon Reynolds then declared a perceived conflict of interest in this item on the basis that a reasonable person could think there was a pecuniary or non-pecuniary benefit or detriment and he participated in the discussion and vote.*

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr John Woodward  
Seconded: Cr Graham Nitschke

That Cr Brandon Reynolds be nominated as a proxy member of the Southern Tunnel Community Reference Group.

**CARRIED**

*Cr/s Graham Nitschke, Kym McKay, Elisabeth Papanikolaou, John Woodward and Brandon Reynolds voted in favour of the motion moved by Cr John Woodward and seconded by Cr Graham Nitschke.*

The Presiding Member sought nominations for Point 4 and Cr/s Elisabeth Papanikolaou, Graham Nitschke and George Vlahos wished to be nominated as a member of the Airport Link and Northern Tunnel Community Reference Group. Given there were three (3) nominations for the position, a secret ballot was conducted to determine the nominee for the Airport Link and Northern Tunnel Community Reference Group.

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Surender Pal  
Seconded: Cr Cindy O'Rielley

That Cr Graham Nitschke be nominated as a member of the Airport Link and Northern Tunnel Community Reference Group.

**CARRIED**

*Cr/s Graham Nitschke, Kym McKay, Elisabeth Papanikolaou, John Woodward and Brandon Reynolds voted in favour of the motion moved by Cr Surender Pal and seconded by Cr Cindy O'Rielley.*

The Presiding Member sought nominations for Point 5 of the Recommendation and Cr Elisabeth Papanikolaou wished to be nominated as a proxy member of the Airport Link and Northern Tunnel Community Reference Group.

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Graham Nitschke  
Seconded: Cr Anne McKay

That Cr Elisabeth Papanikolaou be nominated as a proxy member of the Airport Link and Northern Tunnel Community Reference Group.

**CARRIED**

*Cr/s Graham Nitschke, Kym McKay, Elisabeth Papanikolaou, John Woodward and Brandon Reynolds voted in favour of the motion moved by Cr Graham Nitschke and seconded by Cr Anne McKay.*

The Presiding Member sought a motion for the report regarding the nominations for the Community Reference Group(s) as part of the North-South Corridor, Torrens to Darlington (T2D) Project on South Road, to be received.

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Graham Nitschke

Seconded: Cr Surender Pal

That the report be received.

**CARRIED**

*Cr/s Graham Nitschke, Kym McKay, Elisabeth Papanikolaou, John Woodward and Brandon Reynolds voted in favour of the motion moved by Cr Graham Nitschke and seconded by Cr Surender Pal.*

#### **11.4 Urban Services Activities Report**

This report provided Elected Members with information on activities within the Urban Services Division.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee recommends to Council that the Urban Services Activities Report be received.

**8.14pm** Cr Simon Tsiaparis left the meeting.

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr George Vlahos

Seconded: Cr Cindy O'Rielley

That the recommendation be adopted.

**8.16pm** Cr Simon Tsiaparis returned to the meeting.

**8.16pm** Cr Daniel Huggett left the meeting.

**8.18pm** Cr Daniel Huggett returned to the meeting.

**CARRIED**

#### **12 MEETING CLOSE**

The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 8.26pm.

### **17.3 City of West Torrens Max and Bette Mendelson Foundation - establishment of a scholarship specifically for awarding to an indigenous student**

#### **Brief**

This report provides Elected Members with a recommendation of the Max and Bette Mendelson Foundation Management Committee for Council, as the Trustee, to consider establishing a separate specific Mendelson Scholarship for an indigenous student with the conditions and funding of the Scholarship to be determined by the Trustee.

#### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

It is recommended to Council, as the Trustee of the City of West Torrens Max and Bette Mendelson Foundation, that:

1. The recommendation from the Max and Bette Mendelson Foundation Committee to award a separate specific scholarship to an indigenous student be endorsed;
2. The Administration prepare a report to be referred to the City Advancement and Prosperity Committee on the actual conditions of the Scholarship including whether the Scholarship will be in addition to, or included in the current number of scholarships (currently 12) and whether it will be funded by Council or the Mendelson Foundation.

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#### **Introduction**

The Max and Bette Mendelson Foundation Management Committee has been considering a proposal to establish a separate specific scholarship to be awarded to an indigenous student.

#### **Discussion**

The Management Committee points out that as things stand, scholarships are in any case awarded totally without discrimination of any kind - age, disability, race, colour, gender, ethnic origin, sexual orientation and family responsibility.

The Committee discussed whether this scholarship would be an additional scholarship or included in the current number of scholarships offered, being 12. The Chairman of the Committee noted that this would be a matter for the Trustee to resolve.

Accordingly, at the Management Committee meeting held 23 October 2020 the following motion was moved and carried unanimously.

*That it be a recommendation to the Trustee that a separate specific scholarship be awarded to an indigenous student and that the actual conditions be determined by the Trustee.*

#### **Conclusion**

The Max and Bette Mendelson Foundation Management Committee has been considering the establishment of a separate specific scholarship for awarding to an indigenous student and formally resolved at its meeting held 23 October 2020 to recommend to Council (as Trustee) that such a scholarship be awarded. The conditions of the scholarship will be determined by the Trustee (Council) and will be the subject of a further report to the City Advancement and Prosperity Committee of Council.

#### **Climate Impact Considerations**

*(Assessment of likely positive or negative implications of this decision will assist Council and the West Torrens Community to build resilience and adapt to the challenges created by a changing climate.)*

There is no direct climate impact consideration in relation to this report.

#### **Attachments**

Nil

## **17.4 City of West Torrens Max and Bette Mendelson Foundation - limiting the number of scholarships awarded to any applicant to two**

### **Brief**

This report provides Elected Members with a recommendation of the Max and Bette Mendelson Foundation Management Committee for Council, as the Trustee to consider, regarding not limiting the number of scholarships awarded to any applicant to two.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended to Council, as the Trustee of the Max and Bette Mendelson Foundation, that there be no limitation on the number of scholarships which can be awarded to any applicant.

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### **Introduction**

The purpose and intention of the Max and Bette Mendelson Foundation scholarship scheme is to encourage and support West Torrens residents of merit and ability who wish to undertake tertiary education.

During the last two (2) year term of the Management Committee (November 2018 to December 2020) discussion occurred on a number of possible changes to the eligibility criteria for awarding scholarships including the option of limiting the number of scholarships that can be awarded to any applicant to two (2). This report seeks a decision of Council, as Trustee of the Max and Bette Mendelson Foundation, as to whether it supports any change to the eligibility criteria for the awarding of scholarships specifically around the number of scholarships that can be awarded to any applicant.

### **Discussion**

During determination of this matter by the Management Committee there was lengthy discussion on whether the eligibility criteria should be changed to limit the number of scholarships awarded to any applicant however, when this matter was considered by the Management Committee at its 23 October 2020 meeting, the Chairman (Dr Reece Jennings) noted that it would be manifestly unfair to exclude an applicant for an accolade solely because he or she had already been awarded a scholarship(s), particularly if his or her academic achievements were of distinguished quality. In the past the winners of multiple scholarships have been exceptionally talented individuals and thoroughly worthy of the Foundation's support.

Accordingly, the following motion was moved and carried unanimously at the meeting of the Management Committee held 23 October 2020.

*That it be a recommendation to the Trustee that there be no limitation on the number of scholarships which can be awarded to any applicant.*

A list of applicants who have received multiple scholarships over the past ten years is available in **Attachment 1**.

### **Climate Impact Considerations**

*(Assessment of likely positive or negative implications of this decision will assist Council and the West Torrens Community to build resilience and adapt to the challenges created by a changing climate.)*

There is no direct climate impact consideration in relation to this report.

### **Conclusion**

Given the decision of the Max and Bette Mendelson Foundation Management Committee that there be no limitation on the number of scholarships that can be awarded to any applicant, it is recommended that Council (as Trustee) supports this position.



**Attachments**

- 1. Mendelson Scholarship recipients who have received 2 or more**

9/06/2015	Alexandra Rice
16/06/2016	Alexandra Rice
8/06/2017	Alexandra Rice
22/05/2013	Alexandra Stewart
30/05/2013	Alexandra Stewart
16/06/2014	Alexandra Stewart
8/06/2018	Alysha Vuong
7/06/2019	Alysha Vuong
7/09/2020	Alysha Vuong
7/06/2011	Calum Cummingham
22/05/2013	Calum Cummingham
16/06/2016	Christo Pyromallis
8/06/2017	Christo Pyromallis
8/06/2018	Christo Pyromallis
7/06/2019	Christo Pyromallis
8/06/2018	Daniel Bigirimana
7/09/2020	Daniel Bigirimana
7/06/2011	Emily Lyons
13/06/2012	Emily Lyons
9/06/2015	Eva Benkic
16/06/2016	Eva Benkic
8/06/2017	Eva Benkic
8/06/2010	Gemma Myhill
7/06/2011	Gemma Myhill
9/06/2015	Jack Brendan Gerrits
16/06/2016	Jack Brendan Gerrits
8/06/2010	Jane Ireland
7/06/2011	Jane Ireland
13/06/2012	Jane Ireland
8/06/2017	Jiayi Litten
8/06/2018	Jiayi Litten
7/06/2019	Jiayi Litten
7/09/2020	Jiayi Litten

7/06/2011	Kane Valente
13/06/2012	Kane Valente
22/05/2013	Kane Valente
16/06/2014	Kane Valente
9/06/2015	Kane Valente
16/06/2016	Kane Valente
8/06/2017	Kane Valente
8/06/2018	Kane Valente
16/06/2014	Kate Obst
16/06/2016	Kate Obst
8/06/2017	Kate Obst
9/06/2015	Kenneth Do
16/06/2016	Kenneth Do
8/06/2017	Kenneth Do
8/06/2018	Kenneth Do
7/06/2019	Kristen Holden
7/09/2020	Kristen Holden
16/06/2016	Madeline Schopp
7/06/2019	Madeline Schopp
7/06/2011	Natasha Xerri
13/06/2012	Natasha Xerri
22/05/2013	Natasha Xerri
16/06/2014	Natasha Xerri
22/05/2013	Nathan Harrison
16/06/2014	Nathan Harrison
9/06/2015	Nicola Robinson
16/06/2014	Nicola Robinson
8/06/2010	Patrick Anastas
7/06/2011	Patrick Anastas
13/06/2012	Patrick Anastas
8/06/2017	Peter McCarthy
8/06/2018	Peter McCarthy

9/06/2015	Rahul Malhotra
16/06/2016	Rahul Malhotra
8/06/2017	Rahul Malhotra
8/06/2018	Rahul Malhotra
7/06/2019	Rahul Malhotra
7/09/2020	Rahul Malhotra
8/06/2018	Revania Pillay
7/06/2019	Revania Pillay
7/09/2020	Revania Pillay
16/06/2016	Rita Kellaway
8/06/2017	Rita Kellaway
7/06/2011	Ruxandra Voinov
13/06/2012	Ruxandra Voinov
13/06/2012	Shan Xiao Zhong
22/05/2013	Shan Xiao Zhong
8/06/2018	Stuart Taeuber
7/06/2019	Stuart Taeuber
7/09/2020	Stuart Taeuber
7/06/2011	Terry Savas Moschou
13/06/2012	Terry Savas Moschou
13/06/2012	Tom Gerrits
22/05/2013	Tom Gerrits
9/06/2015	Tom Gerrits
16/06/2016	Tom Gerrits
16/06/2014	Van Thanh Dang
9/06/2015	Van Thanh Dang

## 17.5 Grant Application - Gold AMT and JT Tennis Tournament

### Brief

This report presents a sponsorship grant application from the Peake Gardens Riverside Tennis Club for funding towards the cost of the Gold AMT and JT Tournament to be held in July 2021.

### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended to Council that it approves \$2,500 to the Peake Gardens Riverside Tennis Club for funding towards the cost of the Gold AMT and JT Tournament to be held in July 2021.

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### Introduction

Council's Community Grants Program (Program) provides funding to eligible groups, organisations and individuals to support community projects and initiatives that are in line with Council's Community Plan. The Program comprises community grants, community equipment grants, sponsorship, women in sports grants and junior development grants.

\$100,000 was approved for community grants in the 2020/21 budget with applications being received all year round. So far in the 2020/21 financial year, eighteen (18) grant applications have been approved totalling \$66,112. There is therefore a total of \$33,888 remaining in the budget.

A sponsorship request for \$2,500 has been received from the Peake Gardens Riverside Tennis Club for funding towards the cost of the Gold AMT and JT Tournament. The request is being presented separately because it is time critical.

The maximum funding amount for sponsorship grants is \$5,000.

### Discussion

The Peake Gardens Riverside Tennis Club (Tennis Club) is located in Marleston. The Tennis Club will be hosting a Gold AMT and JT Tournament from 12-16 July 2021. Australian Money Tournaments (AMTs) and Junior Tournaments (JTs) are ranking tournaments that offer players the opportunity to earn points towards Australian Ranking. The JTs provide a competitive pathway for aspiring tennis players in the 12/u, 14/u and 16/u age groups. The AMTs are semi-professional tournaments that offer both prize money and Australian Ranking points. They are designed to create quality match play opportunities and help with the transition for post junior athletes and act as a stepping stone towards the Australian Pro Tour.

The sponsorship grant request is for \$2,500 towards the prize money. The total prize money of \$7,500 is to be split between Tennis SA, Tennis Australia and City of West Torrens and the City of West Torrens would become the naming rights sponsor for the event. Although prize money does not meet the criteria for grants, Council has provided sponsorship to the event previously on the basis that it attracts players and their families from around Australia and will provide economic benefit to businesses within the City of West Torrens.

The grants budget for 2020/21 is \$100,000. The grant approvals so far this year total \$66,112. If this grant application for \$2,500 is approved, the budget remaining for future disbursement will be \$31,388.

### Climate Impact Considerations

*(Assessment of likely positive or negative implications of this decision will assist Council and the West Torrens Community to build resilience and adapt to the challenges created by a changing climate.)*

There is no direct climate impact in relation to this report.

**Conclusion**

This report presents a sponsorship grant application from the Peake Gardens Riverside Tennis Club for funding towards the cost of the Gold AMT and JT Tournament to be held in July 2021 for Council's consideration and approval.

**Attachments****1. Peake Gardens Riverside Tennis Club Sponsorship Application**

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**Sponsorship program application**  
**Application SP000102021 From Peake Gardens Riverside Tennis Club**  
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## Eligibility and Contact Details

\* Indicates a required field

### Applicants: please note

An online application to our grants program is an acceptance that the applicant agrees to the City of West Torrens conditions for any grant approval.

Incomplete applications and/or applications received after the activity/event date will not be considered.

### Privacy Notice

City of West Torrens pledges to respect and uphold your rights to privacy protection under the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs) as established under the Privacy Act 1988 and amended by the Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Act 2012. To view our privacy statement, go to [City of West Torrens - Privacy](#)

## Applicant Organisation Details

### Applicant organisation name \*

Peake Gardens Riverside Tennis Club

Please use your organisation's full name. Check your spelling and make sure you provide the same name that is listed in official documentation such as with the ABR, ACNC or ATO.

### Primary (physical) address \*

Bice St

Marleston SA 5033 Australia

Must be an Australian postcode.

If your organisation operates in multiple locations or from multiple offices, please pick one as your primary address.

### Postal address (if different to above)

Australia

### Applicant website

<http://www.pgrtc.net.au>

If available. Must be a URL

### Primary contact person \*

Mr Jeff Ramm

This is the person we will correspond with about this grant

### Position held in organisation \*

President

e.g. Manager, Board Member, Fundraising Coordinator

### Primary phone number \*

### Back-up phone number

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**Fax number**

If applicable

**Primary contact person's email address \***

This is the address we will use to correspond with you about this grant.

**Organisation Details**

\* indicates a required field

**Describe why your organisation exists, what does it aim to achieve and how? \***

Tennis Club holding many Community events, with 14 courts & Club room & car parking on site.

Must be no more than 100 words.

**Does your organisation have an ABN? \***

Yes  No

**ABN \***

29 331 535 239

Information from the Australian Business Register	
<b>ABN</b>	29 331 535 239
<b>Entity name</b>	Peake Gardens Riverside Tennis Club
<b>ABN status</b>	Active
<b>Entity type</b>	Other Incorporated Entity
<b>Goods &amp; Services Tax (GST)</b>	No
<b>DGR Endorsed</b>	No
<b>ATO Charity Type</b>	Not endorsed <a href="#">More information</a>
<b>ACNC Registration</b>	No
<b>Tax Concessions</b>	No tax concessions
<b>Main business location</b>	5033 SA

*Information retrieved at 3:34am today*

Must be an ABN

**What type of not-for-profit organisation are you?**



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|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Educational institution (includes pre-schools, schools, universities & higher education providers) | <input type="radio"/> Professional association   |
| <input type="radio"/> Religious or faith-based institution   | <input type="radio"/> Healthcare not-for-profit  |
| <input type="radio"/> Philanthropic organisation   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Community group                                       |
| <input type="radio"/> Peak body  | <input type="radio"/> Political party / lobby group                                    |
| <input type="radio"/> Social enterprise  | <input type="radio"/> Research body  |
| <input type="radio"/> International NGO  | <input type="radio"/> General not-for-profit (i.e. none of the sub-types listed above) |

Please choose the option that best applies to your organisation.

**What is your organisation's annual revenue?**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Less than \$50,000                | <input type="radio"/> \$1 million or more, but less than \$10 million   |
| <input type="radio"/> \$50,000 or more, but less than \$250,000    | <input type="radio"/> \$10 million or more, but less than \$100 million |
| <input type="radio"/> \$250,000 or more, but less than \$1 million | <input type="radio"/> \$100 million or more                             |

Your revenue includes grants, donations, and other fundraising activities, fees for services, sale of goods, interest, royalties and in-kind donations that have been included in your accounts as 'revenue'. The Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) has more detailed information here: [www.acnc.gov.au/ACNC/Manage/Reporting/SizeRevenue/ACNC/Report/SizeRevenue.aspx](http://www.acnc.gov.au/ACNC/Manage/Reporting/SizeRevenue/ACNC/Report/SizeRevenue.aspx)

**What is your organisation's legal structure?**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Unincorporated association                         | <input type="radio"/> Organisation established through specific legislation |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Incorporated association                | <input type="radio"/> Trust   |
| <input type="radio"/> Cooperative  | <input type="radio"/> Unknown   |
| <input type="radio"/> Company limited by guarantee                       | <input type="radio"/> Other:  |
| <input type="radio"/> Indigenous corporation, association or cooperative |   |

If your organisation is unincorporated it must have an auspice organisation

**Event Details**

\* indicates a required field

**Event title: \***

Gold AMT & JTs Tournament

Provide a name for your project/program/initiative. Your title should be short but descriptive

**Location of event \***

Bice Street, Marlestone

Please provide the address.

**Event start date \***

**Event end date \***

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12/07/2021

16/07/2021

**Type of event:**

- |   |  |                                      |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education      | <input type="checkbox"/> Community         | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sports | <input type="checkbox"/> Business    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts / Culture | <input type="checkbox"/> Charity           | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:      |
- You may select more than one option

**Event attendees expected age range:**

- |  |                                   |                                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Under 18 | <input type="checkbox"/> 31 to 40 | <input type="checkbox"/> 51 to 60 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18 to 30 | <input type="checkbox"/> 41 to 50 | <input type="checkbox"/> 60+      |
- You may select more than one option

**Where will the attendees be travelling from?**

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> City of West Torrens | <input type="checkbox"/> Adelaide metropolitan area | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Australian States |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Western suburbs      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SA generally    |  |

**What is the estimated total attendance?**

200  
 Must be a number.

**How does your event align to the strategic priorities of Council as outlined by the Community Plan? \***

Australian Ranking Tournaments and Junior JTs are the cornerstone of the Australian Tennis Ranking System which currently list 4007 males & 2146 females based on performance in tournaments over the last 12 months. AMT are Semi-professional tournaments that offer both prize money and Australian ranking points. City of West Torrens would become the naming rights sponsor of the event with the Gold JTs is for Junior players attracting a high level tennis competitors from across Australia.  
 Must be no more than 150 words.  
 Refer to the City of West Torrens Community Plan at <https://indd.adobe.com/view/cdf238c2-6408-493c-b378-4e81069d4783>

**Does this application respond to one or more of the program priority areas? \***

Event was held two years ago and the City of West Torrens sponsor the event, then COVID 19 put stop to these events.  
 Must be no more than 150 words.  
 For Program Priority areas, refer to Page 2 of the Guidelines for City of West Torrens Grants and Sponsorships.

**How does your event demonstrate innovation? Is there evidence and/or a clear reason for why it has been developed? \***

The event attracts people from all around Australia into the West Torrens area to visit & stay for over the four days and create business for everybody in the area. These events have been run for the last 10 years at this venue.  
 Must be no more than 150 words.

**How do you plan to engage the groups you are targeting for this event? \***

Tennis Australia & Tennis SA have this event on there web site for players to enter & paid to play in the event, in the hope they will get ranking points if they win. As National Event.

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Must be no more than 150 words.

**Do you have a plan for how your event will be delivered? Does your plan consider risks involved, and how you will work with partner organisations (if applicable)? \***

As Affiliated member of Tennis Australia all insurance is covered and of course a COVID19 Plan will be in action at the venue.

Must be no more than 150 words.

**Reporting your success**

**How will you evaluate the effectiveness of your event? \***

Number of players entered & how well our coach & club run the event over this days, which we have done many times before.

Must be no more than 150 words.

**Will the project be carried out in partnership with other relevant organisations? \***

- Yes  No

Name of organisation	Contact person	Role/contribution
Tennis SA	Emily Smith	Tournaments Lead
M2 Tennis	Ben Milner	Tournament Director

**Partner organisation funding**

**What is the amount to be funded by your partner organisation (if applicable)?**

\$2,500.00

Must be a dollar amount.

**What will the grant funds be spent on?**

Equipment (specify)	Materials (specify)	Other (specify)
Not applicable	Not applicable	Prize Money

**What is the total cost of the proposed purchases? \***

\$2,500.00

Must be a dollar amount.

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**What is the amount sought from Council? \***

\$2,500.00

Must be a dollar amount.

**What is the amount to be funded by your organisation? \***

\$500.00

Must be a dollar amount.

**Publicity and Promotion**

**How will you promote your event? \***

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertorials            | <input type="checkbox"/> Television         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Web site     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising - newspaper | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signage | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radio                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Letterbox Drop     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:                  |

**Provide details of the level of coverage anticipated:**

across Australia.

**Documentation checklist and further information**

**Attached is:**

**Supporting documents that may be appropriate (maximum of two pages)**

Filename: AMT Info Sheet.pdf

File size: 72.8 kB

Maximum 25mb, recommended size no bigger than 5mb

**Three quotes for purchases of any items more than \$1000**

*No files have been uploaded*

Maximum 25mb, recommended size no bigger than 5mb

**Previous Grants received from Council**

**If applicable, please list all grants received from the City of West Torrens in the past three years.**

Amount	Date received	Project, initiative or resource
2500.00	last tournament.	

**Certification and Feedback**

\* indicates a required field

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### Certification

I certify that to the best of my knowledge the statements made within this application are true and correct.

I also confirm that I have read and understood the conditions for funding as outlined in the [Guidelines for City of West Torrens Grants and Sponsorships](#) and accept and agree to abide by the conditions therein.

I also accept and agree to abide by any additional conditions outlined in any approval letter.

**I agree \***

Yes  No

**Name of authorised person \***

Mr Jeff Ramm  
 Must be a senior staff member, board member or appropriately authorised volunteer

**Position \***

President  
 Position held in applicant organisation (e.g. CEO, Treasurer)

**Contact phone number \***

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 Must be an Australian phone number.

**Mobile number**

**Contact Email \***

Must be an email address.

**Date \***

10/03/2021  
 Must be a date

### Applicant Feedback

You are nearing the end of the application process.

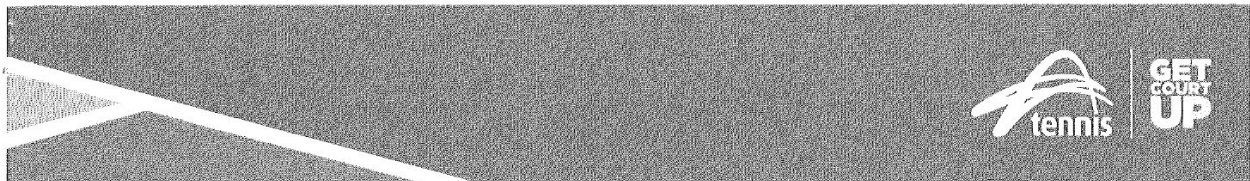
Before you review your application and click the **SUBMIT** button please take a few moments to provide some feedback.

**\*This section is not mandatory\***

**Please indicate how you found the online application process:**

Very easy  Easy  Neutral  Difficult  Very difficult

**Please provide us with your suggestions about any improvements and/or additions to the application process/form that you think we need to consider.**



## **Australian Ranking Tournaments – General Information**

### **Australian Money Tournament**

Australian Money Tournaments (AMTs) and Junior Tournaments (JTs) are the cornerstones of the Australian Ranking system, which currently lists 4007 males and 2146 females based on performances in tournaments over the past 12 months. Alex De Minaur and Ashleigh Barty currently hold the title of Australia's top ranked male and female player.

The hugely popular AMTs will continue to be spread across four tiers - Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze Series AMT's. The Platinum level tournaments will offer prizemoney between \$10,000 and \$20,000, \$7,500 (Gold), \$3,000 (Silver) and \$2,000 (Bronze). Each tier of AMT must adhere to strict minimum prizemoney distributions but can also go above this if they choose to.

AMTs are semi-professional tournaments that offer both prize money and Australian Ranking points. They are designed to create quality match play opportunities and help with the transition for post junior athletes and act as a steppingstone towards the Australian Pro Tour.

Tennis SA commit to the allocation of a minimum of one Platinum or Gold Level Australian Money Tournament for 2021 to Peake Gardens Riverside Tennis Club. The Platinum and Gold level tournaments are aimed at attracting high level tennis competitors from across Australia.

City of West Torrens would become the naming rights sponsor of the event, a Gold AMT to be held at Peake Garden's Riverside Tennis Club, July 12-16, 2021 The tournament will offer a total of \$7,500 prizemoney, provided in equal parts by Tennis SA, Tennis Australia and the City of West Torrens.

## 17.6 ALGA National General Assembly of Local Government 2021

### Brief

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) has advised that the 2021 National General Assembly (NGA) will be held as a hybrid event with both virtual registration and face-to-face registrations at the National Convention Centre in Canberra from 20 to 23 June 2021.

### RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended to Council that:

1. Subject to their confirmation, Council approves the attendance of Mayor Michael Coxon and Cr/s ..... at the 2021 National General Assembly virtually OR onsite at the National Convention Centre in Canberra from 20 to 23 June 2021.
2. Expenses be reimbursed in accordance with Council policy.

### Introduction

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) has advised that the 2021 National General Assembly (NGA) will be a hybrid event held at the National Convention Centre in Canberra from 20 to 23 June 2021.

### Discussion

The ALGA NGA is a major national event on the Local Government calendar and attracts mayors, councillors and senior management from councils across Australia.

The 2021 NGA will focus on economic recovery and it will have a strong focus on how councils can lead their communities to recovery from the issues that were faced in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic. The event will explore what councils are doing on their own or in partnership with state, territory and commonwealth governments, and others, to drive job creation and stimulate local economies.

The provisional Program is attached for Members' information (**Attachment 1**).

### Registration Fees

Type of Registration	Cost (including GST)
<b>Onsite</b>	
Early Bird Rate (by 7 May 2021)	\$989.00
Return flights to Canberra from Adelaide	\$500.00 to \$700.00
Accommodation	\$160 to \$375 per night (3nights)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,969.00 to \$2,814</b>
<b>Onsite</b>	
Standard Registration (after 7 May 2021)	\$1099.00
Return flights to Canberra from Adelaide	\$500.00 to \$700.00
Accommodation	\$160 to \$375 per night (3nights)
Late registration fee	\$100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,179 to \$3,024</b>
<b>Electronic Platform</b>	
Virtual Registration	\$689.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$689.00</b>

**Climate Impact Considerations**

*(Assessment of likely positive or negative implications of this decision will assist Council and the West Torrens Community to build resilience and adapt to the challenges created by a changing climate.)*

There is no direct climate impact consideration should Members' attend the event virtually from their home, however, face-to-face attendance at the National Convention Centre will require flying to Canberra in the most climate-intensive form of transport which cause aviation emissions resulting in effects to warming. In addition, current travel restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic will also have implications for the attendee.

**Conclusion**

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) has advised that the 2021 National General Assembly (NGA) will be a hybrid event held at the National Convention Centre in Canberra from 20 to 23 June 2021.

**Attachments****1. 2021 NGA Provisional Program**



# 27<sup>th</sup> National General Assembly

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AUSTRALIAN  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
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## PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

### SUNDAY 20 JUNE

5.00pm Welcome Reception

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### MONDAY 21 JUNE

9.00am Opening Ceremony  
Welcome to Country

9.20am ALGA President Opens the Assembly

9.30am Prime Minister Address (*invited*)  
The Hon Scott Morrison MP

10.00am ALGA President Address  
Mayor Linda Scott, ALGA President

10.30am MORNING TEA

11.00am Keynote Address: All Politics is Local - The Context  
for the Next Federal Election  
Peter Van Onselen, Political Editor, Network Ten  
and Professor of Politics and Public Policy, Griffith  
University

11.45am Debate on Motions

12.30pm LUNCH

1.30pm COVID - The Long Goodbye  
Professor Mary-Louise McLaws, Epidemiology,  
Hospital Infection and Infectious Diseases Control,  
UNSW  
Professor Gigi Forster, School of Economics, UNSW

2.30pm Debate on Motions

3.30pm AFTERNOON TEA

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4.00pm Debate on Motions

4.30pm Shadow Minister Address (*invited*)  
The Hon Jason Clare MP, Shadow Minister  
for Regional Services, Territories and Local  
Government

5.00pm ALGA President Close

7.00pm -  
11.00pm Networking Dinner  
TBA

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## TUESDAY 22 JUNE

9.00am	<b>Keynote Address: Planning our Post COVID Future</b> Danielle Wood, CEO, Grattan Institute
9.45am	<b>Panel of Mayors: Local Economic Stimulus</b> Panelists TBC
10.30am	<b>MORNING TEA</b>
11.30am	<b>Panel of Mayors: Positive Futures</b> Panelists TBC
12.00pm	<b>ALGA - Federal Election Priorities</b>
12.30pm	<b>LUNCH</b>
1.30pm	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actions on Climate - At Home and Around the World</li> <li>• Local Government - Employer of Choice</li> <li>• The Circular Economy and You</li> </ul>
3.00pm	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>
3.30pm	<b>Federal Local Government Minister Address (invited)</b> The Hon Mark Coulton MP, Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government
4.00pm	<b>Keynote Address: 'Local Voice' and Closing the Gap</b>
4.55pm	<b>Leader of the Opposition Address (invited)</b> The Hon Anthony Albanese
7.00pm - 11.00pm	<b>NGA Dinner</b> TBA

## WEDNESDAY 23 JUNE

9.00am	<b>Keynote Address: Recovery from Crises</b>
9.45am	<b>Panel Discussion: Council Recovery Experiences</b>
10.30am	<b>MORNING TEA</b>
11.00am	<b>Keynote Address: Leadership, Human Rights and Persistence</b> Craig Foster AM, Human Rights and Refugee Ambassador
12.00pm	<b>ALGA President's Closing Address</b>
12.30pm	<b>LUNCH</b>

## 18 LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Nil

## 19 MEMBER'S BOOKSHELF

- Inclusive SA Annual Report 2019 - 2020
- Australian Migrant Resource Centre Annual Report Jan - Dec 2020

### RECOMMENDATION

That the additions to Members' bookshelf be noted.

## 20 CORRESPONDENCE

### 20.1 Release of the Inclusive SA Annual Report 2019 - 2020

Correspondence has been received from the Chief Executive of the Department of Human Services, Lois Boswell, regarding the release of the inaugural Inclusive SA Annual Report 2019 - 2020 (**Attachment 1**).

A copy of the Inclusive SA Annual Report 2019 - 2020 can be found in Member's Bookshelf.

### 20.2 Phase Three Planning and Design Code Submission Response

Correspondence has been received from the Chair of the State Planning Commission, Michael Lennon, acknowledging Council's letter dated 18 December 2020 in relation to feedback provided by Council regarding the Draft Planning and Design Code Consultation - Round Two, and informing Council that the Phase Three Code has been amended to address concerns raised by Council (**Attachment 2**).

### 20.3 Australian Mayoral Aviation Council Newsletter - February 2021

Correspondence has been received from the Executive Director of the Australian Mayoral Aviation Council, John Patterson, providing the February 2021 Issue #83 Newsletter (**Attachment 3**).

### 20.4 National Cabinet Representation

Correspondence has been received from the Federal Member for Hindmarsh, the Hon. Mark Butler MP, regarding the Federal Government's decision to exclude local government from the National Cabinet (**Attachment 4**).

### 20.5 Mayors for Peace Newsletter March 2021

Correspondence has been received from the Mayors for Peace, providing the March 2021 No.135 Newsletter (**Attachment 5**).

### RECOMMENDATION

That the correspondence be received.

### Attachments

- 20.1 Release of the Inclusive SA Annual Report 2019 - 2020
- 20.2 Phase Three Planning and Design Code Submission Response
- 20.3 Australian Mayoral Aviation Council Newsletter - February 2021
- 20.4 National Cabinet Representation
- 20.5 Mayors for Peace Newsletter March 2021

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Dear Chief Executive

Over the past year, South Australia has taken great strides towards improving access and inclusion for people with disability.

The inaugural [Inclusive SA annual report](#), was tabled in both Houses of Parliament on Thursday 18 February 2021 and outlines the range of actions delivered just one year on from the launch of *Inclusive SA* - South Australia's first state disability inclusion plan.

For the first time in South Australia's history, action to improve disability access and inclusion has been embedded across the state with 94 local councils and state agencies publishing disability access and inclusion plans (DAIPs).

I acknowledge the important role State authorities played in delivering this. We can look forward to seeing the real and meaningful impact for people living with disability as the commitments made in the plans are actioned.

You can find all the published DAIPs online at the [Inclusive SA website](#), the new living hub created to provide key resources that support access and inclusion.

Some other key achievements in the first year of Inclusive SA include:

- the launch of the SA Public Sector Disability Employment Strategy to create a more diverse, inclusive, informed, accessible and safe public sector workforce;
- the release of the Inclusive Play guidelines to guide local councils and other community groups in the development of accessible and inclusive playgrounds and play spaces; and
- the inclusion of accessible amenities, lifts, ramps, spatial designs, wayfinding signage and hearing loops in the Supreme Court complex as part of the Higher Courts Redevelopment Project.

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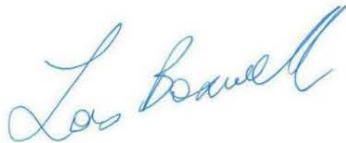
Inclusive SA was developed following extensive, wide-ranging consultation with the South Australian community, including people living with disability. It is a critical framework to make real changes that will deliver positive improvements for people with disability.

As more access and inclusion projects continue to be rolled out, the Inclusive SA website will grow and provide additional resources to educate, unite and inspire our community to realise the benefits of greater access and inclusion.

We will continue to work with the community and listen to feedback to build upon the plan over the next three years and beyond, as we work to develop a fairer and more inclusive state for all.

Thank you again for your contribution towards this meaningful work.

Yours sincerely



Lois Boswell  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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18 March 2021

Mayor Michael Coxon  
C/- CEO Terry Buss  
City of West Torrens  
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Via email: [mayorcoxon@wtcc.sa.gov.au](mailto:mayorcoxon@wtcc.sa.gov.au) /

Dear Mayor ,

### PHASE THREE PLANNING AND DESIGN CODE SUBMISSION

Thank you for your recent submission on the *Phase Three (Urban Areas) Planning and Design Code Amendment* (the Phase Three Code).

The State Planning Commission (the Commission) recognises the valuable contribution of the City of West Torrens in providing your consideration and expertise on how the Phase Three Code can be improved.

We appreciate the time you have taken to provide a submission during the statutory consultation period in Nov/Dec 2020. We note you have placed the most significant emphasis on the following areas for our consideration:

- Feedback on Residential Infill policy.
- Public Notification in Urban Corridor Zones.
- Intensification of residential development in proximity of Adelaide Airport due to application of General Neighbourhood Zone to existing Low Density Policy Area's 20 and 21 of the Residential Zone.
- Request that all of Residential Zone, Low Density Policy Area's 20 and 21 be transitioned to the Suburban Neighbourhood Zone.

The Commission has considered your submission, and after having sought to work in close collaboration with your administration, is pleased to advise that the Phase Three Code has been amended to address your concerns in the following ways:

- **Feedback on Residential Infill policy**

The Commission has made the following changes to infill policy in response to feedback from Council:

- The parking rate for 2 bedroom detached dwellings, semi-detached dwellings and row dwellings (where vehicle access is from the primary street) has been increased to 2 car parking spaces.
- The policy requiring a 7 metre opening for garage door width has been improved via the introduction of 50% maximum cap on site frontage width.
- Private open space has been increased for sites exceeding 300m<sup>2</sup> back to 60m<sup>2</sup>.

- Soft landscaping requirements are now linked to ancillary development to ensure that these requirements are not eroded by deemed-to-satisfy development.
- **Public Notification in Urban Corridor Zones**

Notification tables for the Urban Corridor Zones have been amended to:

  - Notify medium to high rise development (of 4 or more building levels) where it adjoins a low rise residential building within the zone and adjacent a neighbourhood zone.
  - Notify shop, office and consulting room where the DTS/DP floor area limit for the zone is exceeded.
- **Intensification or residential development near Adelaide Airport**

In terms of the concerns identified by Council about the intensification of residential development in proximity to Adelaide Airport, relevant Overlays address the management of residential development in proximity to the Airport including Airport Noise and Buildings Heights. A new Ministerial Building Standard has also been developed to address the issues raised.
- **Transition Low Density Policy Areas 20 and 21 to Suburban Neighbourhood Zone**

The General Neighbourhood Zone has been retained over existing Low Density Policy Area 20 and the 400 metre area around centres in existing Low Density Policy Area 21. It should be noted that the Commission has made additional amendments to the General Neighbourhood Zone which should address some of Council's concerns about density in these locations (e.g. increasing the minimum site area for row dwellings from 200m<sup>2</sup> to 250m<sup>2</sup>).

Further information on how the Commission has responded to the key policy matters raised during the consultation period is detailed in the Engagement Report prepared under Section 73 of the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*. The report includes an overview of the spatial changes made in response to submissions regarding your council area. The Commission's Engagement Report will be made available on the PlanSA portal (<https://plan.sa.gov.au>) when Phase Three of the Code goes live on Friday 19 March 2021.

One of the challenges for the Commission in considering submissions on the Phase Three Code was the need to balance a wide range of interests in a policy document that can impact on the lives of all South Australians. As such the Commission has sought to achieve the right balance between these views, as well as the degree to which existing development plans are transitioned to the Code, versus genuine policy reform.

Through the process of finalising the Phase Three Code, the Commission has focussed on a limited range of significant areas of reform including:

- lifting the bar on the quality of infill development
- strengthening our character and heritage
- protecting native vegetation
- promoting 'value adding' in rural areas.

At the same time, we have attempted to lay the groundwork on complex longer term policy issues including:

- climate change adaption and mitigation, and
- economic restructuring, investment clusters and agglomeration.

The Commission respects that for some, the policy in the Phase Three Code on these matters may not go far enough, while for others it may go too far. However, the Commission intends to continue to explore the research and evidence around these important issues and will also ensure that future areas of reform are included in its forward work program.

There are important features of the Planning and Design Code (the Code) and the broader planning system, which require careful monitoring and evaluation to ensure that the Code is responsive and operates as expected. These features include:

1. The role and scope of the State Planning Policies, which provide the overarching guidance and strategy for the Code including their application in a non-spatial sense. In many cases these are tentative expressions which require further work.
2. The take up of deemed-to-satisfy development assessment pathways in the Code (as against performance-based pathways). The intention and direction is clear but the actual delivery of a more objective and less discretionary approach to assessment will take time.
3. The benefit and utility of the process for referral of development applications to specialist agencies or bodies. There is an assumption of trust and competence that agencies will respond in the desired way.
4. The impact of arrangements for public notification of development applications. This is a matter requiring careful balance. The intention is to emphasise participation in policy making.
5. The impact of removal of desired future character statements, which were a standard feature of Development Plans. For some these are core expressions of intent. In many cases they are confusing and unnecessarily complex.

Expectations around planning systems often tend to be much greater than they legally are or can be. The gap between what planning may seek to achieve and the reality of economic and social conditions within cities and regions requires us to apply care and discipline.

The new ePlanning system allows us to report on how our system is working and the Commission intends to do just that. As part of its Annual Report, the Commission will be reporting on key indicators around the planning system, and these indicators will continue to grow as the new system evolves.

The introduction of a digital Code in an open and transparent ePlanning system is yet another significant milestone in a series of innovations in which South Australia has led the way in how land is owned, developed, conserved and managed.

I thank you for your input into the development of South Australia's new planning system. The implementation on 19 March 2021 is a major achievement and one which we can all be proud of.

Yours sincerely



**Michael Lennon**  
Chair





18 December 2020

State Planning Commission  
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Via email: [DIT.planningreformsubmissions@sa.gov.au](mailto:DIT.planningreformsubmissions@sa.gov.au)

Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: Draft Planning and Design Code Consultation- Round Two**

Thank you for the opportunity to review and respond to the current draft Planning and Design Code (Code) released for community consultation on 4 November 2020.

We also appreciate the releasing of the draft Code by Attorney-General's Department, State Planning Commission and PlanSA for the whole community to see how their earlier submissions have been addressed within the newly released Code.

In addition, the release also provides our community the opportunity to experience for themselves the electronic platform of the Development Assessment Portal (DAP).

It is important to note that Council's response was predicated on a previous undertaking that the transfer to the new Code would be on a 'like for like' basis from the current Development Plan to the new Code. This has clearly not occurred.

Further, at its 8 December 2020 meeting, Council considered its feedback to the current round of consultation and resolved that:

1. *The recommendations contained in this report and Attachments 1 and 3 be approved and submitted to the State Planning Commission as Council's formal response to the current consultation on the draft Planning and Design Code; and*
2. *The Administration continues to review the iterations of the Code as they are released by the Attorney General's Department (AGD) and/or State Planning Commission (SPC) and make recommendations that support a transition to the new Planning and Design Code in a manner consistent with the current planning legislation and the Development Plan to the closest extent possible (unless stated otherwise in Council's submission).*

The Council endorsed report and Attachments 1 (being a detailed consultation response) and 3 of the report (being a letter from the Council Assessment Panel) together form Council's submission to the current round of community consultation on the draft Code.

Letter to State Planning Commission  
Draft Planning and Design Code Consultation - Round Two  
City of West Torrens feedback  
18 December 2020  
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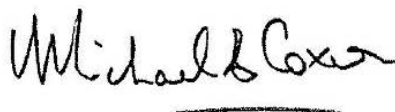
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In representing the needs of our community, Council is of the view that the following matters remain of significant concern and require further review during your finalisation of the Code as they do not currently meet our envisaged requirements:

- Car Parking
- Urban Greening and Urban Heat
- Public Notification
- Infill Policy
- Application of Neighbourhood Zones
- Urban Corridor Zones
- Policy for Performance Assessed Applications

Thank you once again for the opportunity to provide feedback and should you require any clarification regarding Council's response, please contact Sue Curran, Manager Strategy and Business on \_\_\_\_\_ or email \_\_\_\_\_

Yours sincerely



**Michael S Coxon**  
Mayor  
City of West Torrens



**Angelo Catinari**  
Chief Executive Officer (Acting)  
City of West Torrens

Attach. 2

# The **AMAC** Newsletter

ISSUE #83 | FEBRUARY 2021





## The President Says

Unfortunately, as with many businesses both large and small, the financial impact of the Covid pandemic on AMAC has been substantial.

The initial onslaught of the pandemic resulted in the forced cancellation of our 2020 Conference.

In the hope, or perhaps expectation, that the pandemic's impact would have receded over the ensuing 12 months, organisation of a 2021 Conference in Brisbane from 5 to 7 May proceeded with member Councils advised accordingly.

As we are all aware, the serious fallout from Covid remains with us. That in turn has led the Committee to make the difficult decision to once again cancel our Annual Conference.

Fluctuating border closures, quarantine and lock-down measures and rules regarding public assembly mean that there is no certainty that delegates and conference presenters from across the country could attend the Conference and return home without travel difficulties.

Furthermore it was reasonable for the Committee to conclude that even if the Conference could proceed without issue, the number of delegates seeking to attend would have been seriously impacted by personal uncertainty around travel options and health issues.

The Executive Committee will soon meet to discuss our options, including future conference planning. However, it is important to note that a future conference will mean a hiatus of some three years since we last convened. That has meant, not only a substantial break in the staging of our cornerstone event which includes the Members Annual General Meeting, but also has had a direct impact on our finances.

As the Executive Director advised in his recent email to members regarding cancellation of the May conference, the Committee asks that you continue to make budget provisions to meet annual AMAC membership subscriptions in the 2021/22 financial year.

In the meantime, the Committee will consider our options and advise all members of the outcome prior to 30 June.

I must conclude in saying that having a national association representing the interests of airport communities is as relevant and important now as it was when AMAC was established in 1982.

The opening of the new Brisbane Airport runway, even with reduced operations as a result of Covid, has led to wide-ranging community dissatisfaction. Perth has recently received approval for an additional runway while Melbourne is in the planning stage. These too will deliver community impacts not currently experienced.

Western Sydney Airport flightpath planning is currently underway with the likelihood of substantial impact on the entire Sydney Basin while slot management, operating cap and the Sydney Airport Curfew are all subject to review possibly becoming a precursor to changes to other curfew bound airports including Adelaide and Gold Coast.

Hobart has suffered from the impact of amended flight operations while our Tasmanian member Councils are in the Federal court regarding rate equivalent payments by Hobart and Launceston Airports.

**Mayor Phil Marks**  
City of Belmont  
AMAC President

## Around the airports

**Brisbane** - The massive Brisbane Airport additional runway construction project which commenced in 2004 finally came to fruition with its opening in July 2020. During the period of construction Brisbane Airport undertook, what was billed as, “best practice” public consultation. Unfortunately, even with reduced flight operations as a result of the pandemic, there has been a substantial community backlash in relation to its impact on surrounding communities.

**Sydney** – Sydney Airport has purchased the airports jet fuel infrastructure awarding the contract to operate fuelling services to Skytanking which currently operates at 80 airports in 13 countries. The airport has indicated the acquisition will provide for greater supply competition and provide the opportunity to introduce sustainable fuel options.

**Melbourne** – The airport has reacted positively to announcements by the Commonwealth and Victorian governments regarding planning and construction of the Melbourne Airport Rail Link.

**Hobart** – Has announced the appointment of Norris Carter as its CEO following a 4-year term as CEO of the North Queensland Airport Group which operates both Cairns and Mackay airports preceded by senior management roles with Auckland Airport and Qantas.



**Adelaide** – The opening of a new international departures hall and northern retail concourse is the first major terminal development since the original terminal opening in 2005. The terminal expansion will see more than 80% increase in retail and dining areas and international assembly areas.

**Perth** – The Federal Government has granted approval for Perth’s planned parallel runway to proceed following an extensive community consultation (See Brisbane’s “best practice” outcome referenced above). Perth is also planning Australia’s first common departure lounge for both domestic and international passengers incorporating biometric facial recognition technology as a central security feature following the long-standing successful application of the technology at a number of surveillance overseas airports.

## AMAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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*City of Belmont, WA*

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John Patterson  
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The Australian Mayoral Aviation Council (AMAC) was established in 1982. Initially, membership was restricted to Mayors, Presidents and Wardens of Australian Councils whose communities were impacted by the operation of Australian airports. AMAC affords a national voice in representing the interests of communities in relation to aviation matters. AMAC’s Constitution was subsequently amended and, while for the purpose of continuity the Association’s name continues to include “Mayoral,” membership now rests with the council so allowing each member council to determine how it might be represented.



## Western Sydney – Airport and all

Construction of the new Western Sydney Airport continues apace and remains on track for its mooted 2026 opening.

In the meantime a variety of public space amenities are either in final planning or under construction in several local government areas titled collectively as the Western Parklands City Councils.

The eight Councils – Blue Mountains, Camden, Campbelltown, Fairfield, Hawkesbury, Liverpool, Penrith and Wollondilly, all in the vicinity of the new airport, are receiving a variety of publicly funded “sweeteners” under the Western Sydney City Deal which is a 20 year partnership between the Australian and NSW Governments and the 8 Councils.

Each of the Councils is under substantial development pressure and warrant the timely provision of essential infrastructure as they provide the bulk of greenspace available for the future development of Sydney.

However, with the adverse experience of other airport communities following the introduction of new runways and/or altered operating procedures one can only contemplate what “paying the piper” could mean for Western Sydney, and perhaps a large chunk of the rest of the Sydney Basin, come 2026.

## The future of Australian aviation

Following the government’s release of an issues paper on Australia’s Aviation Future an impressive list of submissions were lodged.

As might be expected, there were a number who saw the opportunity to push for the amendment or abandonment of existing regulations and government legislation to their own stakeholder benefit but to the detriment of others, including community amenity.

For Sydney-siders, a more focussed study entitled the Sydney

Airport Demand Management Review provided yet another opportunity to push for the substantial watering down or dismantling of rules and regulations originally formulated by the government in direct response to the public outcry following the third runway debacle.

It is surely no coincidence that the bulk of sunseting regulations, now due to be reviewed by April 2024, currently regulate these “constraints” including the airport’s curfew and operating cap.

Add to that the opening of an unrestricted Western Sydney Airport in 2026 and it won’t be long before “comparative advantage” and the need for the ubiquitous “need for a level playing field”

arguments will arise. These propositions will of course be further supported by the “fact” that “aircraft are now quiet” and, possibly also by the suggestion that the community’s anger has abated.



## Loyal wingman powers on

The jet powered UAV being developed here in Australia by a Boeing led team for the RAAF is at testing status, demonstrating the concept of a comparatively low-cost unmanned aircraft operating in unison with combat, electronic attack or surveillance manned systems.

Boeing Australia in collaboration with a number of local suppliers is developing and financing the project along with a Defence Department injection of \$10M per annum to a maximum of \$40M.



## Australia and the new aviation frontier

Australia too is an active player in the "new aviation technologies" arena with a range of studies and proof-of-concept trials in various parts of the country having featured in earlier Newsletters.

While Airservices' record regarding public consultation methodology may have proven wanting, the same cannot be said regarding its proactive approach to addressing the flight management demands on our doorstep, with a raft of projects underway.

A collaboration with Australian space services company, Skykraft Pty. Ltd. Will see a mid-year launch of a low earth orbit satellite designed to be a proof-of-concept for the implementation of a space based air traffic management system.

Airservices is also collaborating with a subsidiary of aircraft manufacturer, Embraer in developing a new concept of operations for the urban air mobility sector leading to Australia becoming one of the world's first urban air mobility markets. Using Melbourne as a model the project explores practical concepts for the safe introduction of the air taxi industry while simultaneously preparing to scale up operations applying new traffic management technologies to cater for an expanded urban mobility market.

Further support for this project will come from an international call for partners in the development of a flight information system capable of providing airspace information to urban airspace vehicle operators ensuring safe integrated flight operations in Australian airspace.

Finally, Airservices has been awarded the prestigious ISG Paragon Award for its data-driven 'Digital Twin of the Skies' project which has gained global attention.

In essence, the artificial intelligence based system creates a digital replica of Australia's airspace including all aircraft and weather systems as they are in real time. It is then possible to run alternative scenarios such as alteration of flight-path, weather avoidance options and the like, and accurately predict real-time outcomes of possible options.

### First there was responsible sale of alcohol, now responsible sale of drones

CASA has published, on its website, a list of drone safety advocates who pledge to follow guidelines when selling drones so as to ensure purchasers are provided with safety information in relation to the safe use of their purchase.

Retailers who have signed up include Harvey Norman, Domayne and Joyce Mayne who have joined other major retailers including JB Hi-Fi, Officeworks, DJI and Zero-X.



## Aircraft noise research released

The US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) recently released the results of a multi-year research project seeking to quantify the impact of aircraft noise exposure on airport communities.

The project collected information from a statistically representative adult population surrounding 20 American airports which were selected based on externally reviewed balanced sampling methodology.

Information obtained was used to generate aircraft noise dose-response curves for each airport in the sample which were then applied in developing a national dose-response curve.

Between 9 and 22 percent of respondents were highly annoyed by various items listed. However 42 percent were highly annoyed by aviation noise at any level within a range between DNL 50dB and DNL 75dB with 66 percent at DNL 65dB.

The result exceeds the previous annoyance level established in a study from 1992. It also demonstrates that the measures identified on the Schultz Curve, which has been the accepted the standard for describing the transport noise exposure-annoyance relationship, are below those identified in the new study and so may not accurately reflect the current American public perception in relation to aviation noise.

The full study report is available on the FAA's website.



# Where to from here?

The impact that the pandemic has had on aviation is painfully clear for any observer, but more so for anyone whose livelihood is directly or indirectly involved with the sector.

Along with the temporary or permanent loss of employment, there are some 30 substantial airlines around the world that have gone out of business with others on the brink of following. At the same time a substantial number of start-ups, mainly following the low cost, low frills model are opening their doors, seeing the timing as right, and thereby placing further pressure on the operating costs incurred by full service airlines.

In the area of aircraft construction, the days of the super-jumbo were already numbered prior to the pandemic. The sector is now pretty much extinct with airlines cancelling orders, selling down or mothballing their aircraft.

The financial impact of the pandemic has also impacted both the financial capacity and the appetite of airlines to introduce new aircraft meaning a massive decline in production and delivery expectations which will take some time to recover.

In this climate it would be quite reasonable to assume that everything is pretty much on hold. Nothing to report here.

The truth is quite different.

While the mainstream debate has been around single aisle versus twin aisle, full service versus low cost carriers and how to reduce the climate impact of "traditional"

aviation, the aviation playing field continues to grow ever wider.

Now a serious part of the mix (in no particular order) are:

- ✦ Development of Bio and Synthetic fuels;
- ✦ Electric and hybrid-electric propulsion;
- ✦ Hydrogen propulsion;
- ✦ Supersonic aircraft rebirthing;
- ✦ Manned, unmanned and adaptable operating formats.

Serious, not only because of the billions being invested, but also because of the industry heavy hitters from a range of sectors as well as state and national governments either funding or carrying out research and trials directly.

Of course the major incentives for all involved are, not only delivery of a more sustainable system and meeting climate targets, but also the opportunity to be among the first, thereby cornering a substantial share of a massive potential market.

The other major driver is comparative operating cost. For example, electric versus fossil fuel aircraft – up to a 90% reduction in fuel cost, a 50% reduction in maintenance cost, 66% reduction in take-off and landing noise emissions and 0% tailpipe emissions.

The range of projects and the players involved are too many and varied to detail however there is substantial public funding of a range of initiatives by Nordic, UK, European, Asian, American and Canadian governments. A number of these projects have already advanced to the operational assessment and product enhancement stage.

Along with government funding and research programs, all of the major aircraft development companies, engine manufacturers, many major automotive companies, a slew of investment companies, public companies and a plethora of academic institutions, big tech companies and start-up players are either working collaboratively or stand-alone to deliver aviation game changing results.

As has been reported in earlier Newsletters, the regulatory arm of governments around the world, recognising that technological change is imminent, are struggling to be ready to license and regulate the safe operation of these technologies in their growing numbers in both international, national and community airspace.

Communities also may struggle to become comfortable with the "aircraft" and associated ground-based infrastructure not far from coming to a suburb near you.

While drone operating technology has achieved breakthroughs in ever broadening fields of endeavour the infrastructure to dock, charge, host and control multiple vehicles is comparatively non-existent.

In fact the comparison has been offered that the lack of widespread ground-based support infrastructure can be likened to the motor vehicle industry in the 1900's without garages, petrol stations and parking.

Infrastructure development too is being fast-tracked, and, along with the growth in various craft designed to operate in low level community airspace, demanding that communities have representation at the decision-making table.





## Leopards and their spots

Many airport communities across the length and breadth of the country have experienced the upheaval caused by the introduction of new or amended Airservices endorsed flight paths into and out of our major airports.

Much of the community blow-back is not to do with the amendment to operating procedures per se, but with the lack of proper consultation and adequate feedback.

In recent years the agency's consultation processes saw the Aircraft Noise Ombudsman produce a damning report on its handling of changes to do with Hobart Airport.

Airservices accepted the ANO's recommendations and promised to do better.

More recently Airservices produced a draft document entitled Flight Path Design Principles, with AMAC as one of a number of parties providing comment and raising issues with the framing of the proposed processes to be followed.

All had very little impact on the final documents release which appeared almost concurrent with the closure of commentary.

In fact, and true to form, Airservices had failed to even advise the Sydney Airport Community Forum of the intended publication until after submissions

had closed, leading to an extended period for submissions.

Well, it seems that the agencies modus operandi is not only limited to dealings with the general community.

At this point in time Australia's General Aviation sector is having conniptions about being blindsided by Airservices' proposal to reduce Class E airspace between Cairns and Melbourne from 8500 feet to 1500 feet thereby removing an entire aircraft class from operating in airspace 7000 feet high and approximately 4600 kilometres long.

## Rate equivalent payments by Airports

The issue of liability for payments to airport Councils for "rates" and the quantum of such payments has been a regular bone of contention across most Australian States since the leasing of the major airports to commercial entities.

The major contributor to these disputes has proven to be the imperfect construction of the Clause requiring airport operators to meet this obligation.

In the past, pursuit of these payments by Councils, via legal action, has often been quashed on the premise that the councils are not a party to the lease between the Commonwealth and the airport entity and therefore have no standing to seek a determination.

Over the last few years, as reported in earlier Newsletters, AMAC member Councils in Tasmania – Clarence City and Northern Midlands Councils, have been pursuing this matter through the Federal Court.

In a 2019 Federal Court determination handed down by O'Callaghan J, his honour supported the contention that, as the councils were not party to the lease arrangement between the Commonwealth and the operators of Hobart and Launceston Airports, the councils did not have standing and therefore he dismissed the case.

The councils appealed the decision and, last August, the Appeal Court panel of Jagot, Kerr and Anderson JJ set aside the previous order.

The court found the Councils did have standing to seek declaratory relief referring the matter back to the primary judge for determination.

The latest chapter in the case has seen special leave to appeal proceedings in the High Court with a hearing on 12 February before Keane and Steward JJ.

The court has granted special leave to appeal with a hearing date yet to be set.

A transcript of the High Court hearing and determination are available via the following link:

<http://www.austlii.edu.au/cgi-bin/viewdoc/au/cases/cth/HCATrans//2021/26.html>



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# Mark Butler

Labor Member for Hindmarsh



Mr Michael Coxon  
Mayor  
City of West Torrens  
165 Sir Donald Bradman Drive  
Hilton SA 5033

Dear Mayor Coxon *Michael*

It was almost a year ago that things came to a grinding halt across the world.

During this time, the councils in my electorate of Hindmarsh have gone above and beyond, continuing to deliver essential services to their communities.

Regrettably, throughout this crisis local government has been forgotten by the Morrison Liberal Government.

After 28 years as a member of COAG, local government was excluded from the new National Cabinet.

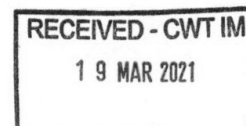
This month, Labor Leader Anthony Albanese delivered his 'Future of our Cities' speech to the AFR Business Forum. Anthony used this as an opportunity to announce that Labor will ensure that local government will have a voice in a genuine National Cabinet process, bringing a focus on urban policy to the national stage.

I believe that the decision to exclude local government from National Cabinet failed to acknowledge the experience of yourself and all other local mayors and councillors across the country working with state and federal government, as well as delivering services and providing information to the communities you represent.

Local government needs representation in National Cabinet. I write today to assure you that local government will have a seat at the table in an Albanese Labor Government.

Yours faithfully

**MARK BUTLER MP**  
Federal Member for Hindmarsh





# Mayors for Peace News Flash

March 2021 / No.135

## Mayors for Peace Member Cities

**8,019** cities

**in 165 countries and regions**

(as of March 1, 2021)

**Help us achieve 10,000 member cities!**

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## President comments on UK plans to increase nuclear warheads ceiling

On March 16, the United Kingdom published the Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy, in which they announced to increase their overall nuclear warheads stockpile ceiling by over 40 percent.

In response, President of Mayors for Peace Mayor Matsui of Hiroshima released a comment expressing great concern on behalf of the global network of cities for peace composed of 8,019 member cities in 165 countries and regions. In the comment, he pointed out that such action can only result in further acceleration of the arms race, and strongly called on the UK government to commit to the realization of a world without nuclear weapons.



**Comment by President of Mayors for Peace in response to the UK government's announcement of plans to increase its nuclear warheads ceiling**

The comment is available at the link below:

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/statements/calling/210318\\_statement\\_en.pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/statements/calling/210318_statement_en.pdf)

Through close solidarity between member cities, Mayors for Peace will continue to urge the United Nations and national governments to act toward achieving total elimination of nuclear weapons.

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**Member city activities**  
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● **Hiroshima, Japan**  
**Youth Peace Volunteers shoot video introducing monuments in Peace Memorial Park**

Since 2019, we have been supporting the activities of Youth Peace Volunteers—volunteer guides who take visitors from overseas for tours in Peace Memorial Park, conveying the realities of the atomic bombing in English. Total of 26 high school and university students participated in the 2020 training program. They attended a series of 7 lectures to gain knowledge and acquire skills needed to give tours.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they are unfortunately unable to conduct such tours with foreign tourists now. They instead filmed a short video in March, introducing 10 different monuments in the park, including the Cenotaph for the Atomic Bomb Victims and the Atomic Bomb Dome, in English.

The video is currently being edited and will be posted on the Mayors for Peace website once it is completed (on the [Member Cities' Activities page](#)).

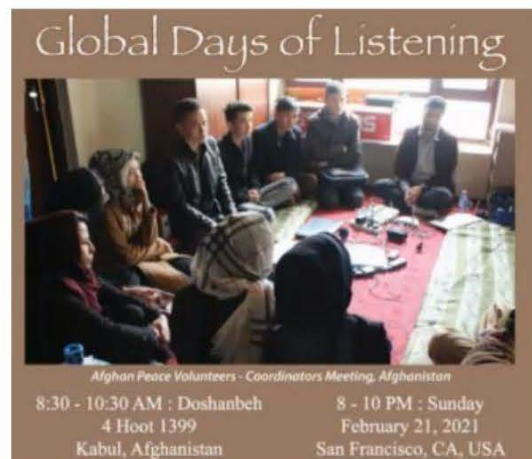
We will continue to strengthen peace education programs and make efforts to nurture young people to take leadership in passing down the atomic bomb survivors' experiences and their desires for peace to future generations.



● **Des Moines, U.S.**  
**Mayors for Peace U.S. Vice-President Frank Cownie meets virtually with Afghan Youth Peace Volunteers in Kabul**

Report by Ms. Jacqueline Cabasso, Executive Advisor for Mayors for Peace

On February 21, 2021 Mayors for Peace Vice-President Frank Cownie of Des Moines, Iowa and Mayors for Peace Executive Advisor, Jackie Cabasso of Oakland, California spoke via Zoom with a group of Afghan Peace Volunteers in Kabul and their supporters in China, India and the United States. This was a session of the Global Days of Listening project of the Afghan Peace Volunteers, peace activists who are high school, university, and graduate students working for nonviolent solutions in their war-torn country. Each month they pose a question. This month's question was: "Do 'nonviolent politics' exist today? If so, how are they being practiced, or how could they be practiced?"



Mayor Cownie explained that as we look to make decisions at the local level, politics are out of it, race and gender are out of it, religion is out of it. "We serve all the people all the time at the local level." Mayor Cownie underscored that whether it's war and peace, nuclear disarmament, or nuclear test bans, national leadership needs to hear from local governments, because the consequences of national actions or inactions often take place in the cities. "Just think of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Just ask those mayors if local government isn't affected by the decisions made at other levels of government.

🔗 Read the full report:  
[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activities/2021\\_desmoine\\_yvp.html](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activities/2021_desmoine_yvp.html)

● **Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina**  
**Sarajevo works on the *White Room* project**

Report by Ms. Azra Genjac, the City of Sarajevo

The City of Sarajevo, in cooperation with its partners, is currently working on the *White Room* project. The idea for this project came from parents gathered in the *Association of Murdered Children in Besieged Sarajevo in 1992-1995*, during which around 1,600 children were killed. This memorial room will be located near the *Monument to the Murdered Children of Besieged Sarajevo*, forming a whole, and it is a unique example of museum practice in the world.

The memorial *White Room* will be decorated as a children's room filled with objects, toys and other exhibits donated by the parents of the murdered children (pictured right). It will have its permanent exhibition, but also a historical part about the siege of Sarajevo.

Many difficult stories are contained in the objects that are collected and which will find their place in the *White Room*. Children's drawings are a special story, created in the war and talk about how much art helped them cope with everyday trauma.

This room, designed to show a sudden cessation of childhood, will convey strong message that indicates what the parents have gone through by losing their loved ones during the siege of Sarajevo. This room will serve as a reminder of what happened and be a warning to everyone that no child should be killed again.



Photos: Courtesy of the City of Sarajevo

● **Tehran, Iran**  
**The 5th edition of Tehran Golden Adobe Global Award**

Report by Ms. Sahar Seyed Tafreshiha, Tehran Municipality

Tehran Golden Adobe Global Award (TGAGA) is an international award to conglomerate projects and practices from cities, regions and local communities worldwide with the objective of gathering successful experiences leading towards the recognition of the extreme importance of local governance and urban management in promoting the socio-economic environment, sustainability, and encompassing peace and health, that is the main focal point in the well-being of the citizens. The award has been held since 2014 and is co-organized by the Communications and International Affairs Center of Tehran Municipality, the World Association of Major Metropolises (Metropolis) and UN-Habitat.


On 26th January 2021, a prestigious closing ceremony was organized in Milad Tower Conference Hall to not only announce the winners of the 5th edition of the Tehran Golden Adobe Global Award but to bring high officials of different nations under one roof to yet again dissipate the message of global unity.

The long list of keynote speakers included the Mayor of Tehran, Iranian government officials, UNDP Resident Representative in Iran and many more. Moreover, the video message of the Executive Director of the UN-Habitat, President of UCLG-MEWA, Secretary General of UCLG, and the CEO of Metropolis was presented to the audience. The written message of the President of Mayors for Peace and Mayor of Hiroshima was also read and published on the [award's website](#).

A total of 541 projects from all around the world had participated in the award. Among all, there were 296 international projects, 58 countries and 194 cities. The submitted projects were evaluated and the best candidates were selected and announced. In total, 21 projects were selected of which 7 projects received the Tehran Golden Adobe Global Award memento and 14 projects received commendations.

- **Oświęcim, Poland**  
**International art competition for children and youth "Let's Give Peace to the World"**

The City of Oświęcim, Poland, which is known for being the site of the Auschwitz concentration camp, has been a member city of Mayors for Peace since 1993. The City supports the annual international art competition: "Let's Give Peace to the World." For the 20th competition, children and youth aged 7-19 are invited to submit artworks that present the surrounding reality in an artistic way, expressing the right to live in a world free of wars. The submission deadline is June 30, 2021.

 For more information including submission details, see the flyer:  
[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activities/data/2021/oswiecim\\_competition\\_flyer.pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/whatsnew/activities/data/2021/oswiecim_competition_flyer.pdf)

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## Regional chapter activities

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- **UK and Ireland Chapter**  
**Roundtable meeting introducing the Disarmament Parliamentary handbook to UK Parliamentarians**  
Report by Mr. Sean Morris, UK & Ireland Mayors for Peace Chapter Secretary

The UK & Ireland Mayors for Peace Chapter Secretary was one of the invited expert guests to a special UK Parliament roundtable event organised by PNND and the IPU British Group on the 9th of March. The roundtable meeting allowed for publication and discussion of the PNND Disarmament Parliamentary handbook to UK Parliamentarians. The handbook provides Parliamentarians with assistance and best practice guidance in promoting disarmament from all types of explosive weapons and weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear weapons. Speaking at the meeting was the former UK Ambassador to the United Nations Lord Hannay, the Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Explosive Threats Matthew Offord MP, and PNND Co-ordinator Alyn Ware.

The web-based meeting welcomed the publication of the handbook and discussed some of the key future risks and opportunities in the national and international debates on disarmament. The handbook also summarises for MPs the core issues from the United Nations Secretary General's Common Future agenda looking at all weapons of mass destruction, conventional weapons and new, emerging weapons. The handbook has been developed after positive discussion with the United Nations in consultation with the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the Geneva Centre for Security Policy and the World Futures Council. The roundtable included a wide cross-party of UK MPs and security and disarmament experts. The UK & Ireland Mayors for Peace Chapter welcome the handbook and the opportunity to understand more about it.

 Weblink to the handbook:  
<https://disarmamenthandbook.org>

- **Please send us a report on your city's peace activities**

Help us tell other members what you are doing! Please send the Secretariat a short report on a peace activity or initiative by your city so that we can share it on our [website](#) or the News Flash. Reports on your city's activity or initiative that stimulate youth to be engaged in peace activities or promote 'culture of peace' are especially welcome! We look forward to receiving ones.

Email: [mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp](mailto:mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp)

\*Please write a short (up to 200 words long) report in English, and send it to the above email address with photos (if any). Please include key information such as the date, venue, description, and result.

- **Notice from the Secretariat**

It has come to our attention that a person associated with a member city has sent out messages and released documents at an international conference as a representative of Mayors for Peace without the prior consent of the Secretariat.

If your city intends to make a public announcement or release information and document as the organization Mayors for Peace (not as a member city or a chapter of Mayors for Peace), please contact and consult with the Secretariat in advance.

● **Please update your city's information on our information system**

We are now updating the member cities' information registered on our database. Please log-in to the Mayors for Peace Information System (link below), and update your city's information.

<https://www.mfpinfosys.org/>

If your city has trouble logging-in, please contact the Mayors for Peace Secretariat at:

[mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp](mailto:mayorcon@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp)

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**Children's Art Competition "Peaceful Towns" 2020:  
 Award ceremonies held in member cities**  
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Since 2018, Mayors for Peace has held the annual Children's Art Competition "Peaceful Towns," in order to further promote peace education in member cities around the world.

For the 2020 competition, its third iteration, a total of 3,122 artworks were submitted to 99 member cities in 19 countries. The artworks went through a screening process handled by their respective member cities, after which a total of 466 works were sent to the Mayors for Peace Secretariat in Hiroshima. The final screening was conducted by the Secretariat, and 12 artworks were awarded prizes.

Recently, award ceremonies were held in member cities, where mayors of winners' cities of residence presented them with certificates and commemorative gifts.



Isahaya, Japan



Herzogenaurach, Germany



Kokubunji, Japan



Akita, Japan

We sincerely hope that this competition provides opportunities for children around the world to think about peace through creating art. We plan to hold the competition again this year, once more inviting children of member cities to participate.

🔗 Click the link below to see the prize-winning artworks:

[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/vision/initiatives/2020\\_Art\\_Competition\\_result.html](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/vision/initiatives/2020_Art_Competition_result.html)



**Mayors for Peace member cities - 8,019 cities in 165 countries/regions**

On March 1, we gained 7 new member cities, bringing our total membership to 8,019. We thank all involved in promoting expanded membership for their invaluable support. Below is the breakdown of the new members.

Country	New Members	Total	Remarks
Germany	4	709	Thanks to efforts by Hannover, a Vice President and Lead City.
Luxembourg	2	58	Continuing from February, new cities joined.
Thailand	1	17	Thanks to efforts by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand in response to a request by the Ambassador of the Royal Thai Embassy who met the Secretary General of Mayors for Peace last November.

Last [October](#) and [November](#), Secretary General Koizumi visited 8 embassies in Tokyo, and requested their support in recruiting member cities in their countries. In response, the embassies asked their foreign ministries and local government-related organizations in their countries to offer support in recruiting member cities. As a result, 1 city from Argentina and 3 cities from New Zealand joined in February, and 1 city from Thailand joined this month. In total, 5 cities joined in response to Secretary General’s visits to the embassies to date. We will continue to request embassies’ support, while remaining alert to the COVID-19 pandemic situation.



**Help us achieve 10,000 member cities!** 

[List of new members \(PDF\):](#)  
[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/data/03\\_newmembers/2021/newmembers2103\\_en.pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/data/03_newmembers/2021/newmembers2103_en.pdf)

[Membership by country \(PDF\):](#)  
[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/data/01\\_monthly Updating/07\\_membership\\_by\\_country\\_en.pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/data/01_monthly Updating/07_membership_by_country_en.pdf)

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## Reports by Executive Advisors

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- **Webinar: The International Nuclear Disarmament Agenda; Civil Society Perspectives from Seven Key States**

Report by Ms. Jacqueline Cabasso, Executive Advisor for Mayors for Peace

With the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists'* Doomsday Clock set at 100 seconds to midnight, and the world's nuclear powers upgrading their nuclear arsenals and dangerously engaging in provocative military "exercises", activists and advocates around the world are working to prevent nuclear war and build a nuclear weapons free world.

In the runup to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT) Review Conference scheduled for this August at the United Nations, the international Peace & Planet Network, a project of Abolition 2000, seeks to hold the nuclear weapons states accountable to their NPT Article VI commitment to engage in good faith negotiations for the complete elimination of their nuclear arsenals. The first in a series of in-depth webinars, bringing together NGO experts and activists from five nuclear-armed states and Iran, took place on February 23, 2021.



### Speakers:

Oleg Bodrov	Public Council of the South Coast of the Gulf of Finland (Russia)
Jackie Cabasso	Western States Legal Foundation (US)
Sharon Dolev	Middle East Treaty Organization (Israel)
Kate Hudson	Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (UK)
Daryl Kimball	Arms Control Association (US)
Emad Kiyaei	Middle East Treaty Organization (Iran)
Zhau Tong	Tsinghua University (China)

Watch the webinar at [2021 Toward August's NPT Review Conference – Campaign For Peace, Disarmament & Common Security \(cpdcs.org\)](https://www.cpdcs.org/2021-Toward-Augusts-NPT-Review-Conference-Campaign-For-Peace-Disarmament-Common-Security).

- **Webinar on “Let’s Talk Nuclear Disarmament: Why You Should Care”**

Report by Mr. Randy Rydell, the Executive Advisor for Mayors for Peace

On 27 February, the UN Youth Association of Denmark hosted a webinar on youths and disarmament (video at <https://www.facebook.com/UNYADK/videos/166117645185016/>).

Maria Fernanda Espinosa (Ex-Foreign Minister of Ecuador) urged youths to promote disarmament, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), and development.

Tarja Cronberg (SIPRI) urged women and youths to change Danish disarmament policy.

John Kieruff (ex-Danish diplomat) welcomed the TPNW and the extension of the New START treaty. He urged youths to encourage NATO to support the TPNW, “no first use”, and Denmark’s withdraw from NATO’s nuclear planning group.

Alyn Ware (PNND) identified opportunities for women and youths to advance disarmament. He urged youths to support “no first use”, a disarmament timetable, the Reagan/Gorbachev joint statement against using nuclear weapons, and an Arctic nuclear-weapon-free zone.

Michaela Higgins Sorenson (PNND) saw the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women as a focus for youths to encourage a greater role for Denmark in disarmament.

Ian Anderson (lawyer) discussed the environmental effects of the 1968 crash in Greenland of a US bomber with four nuclear weapons. He hopes the Danish public will support the testing of chromosomes of women of child-bearing age who bear the highest risks.

● **Webinar on “World Future Day: Launch of Youth Fusion Elders”**

Report by Mr. Randy Rydell, the Executive Advisor for Mayors for Peace

On 1 March, “Youth Fusion” (with 116 participants) held a webinar to launch a “Youth Fusion Elders” initiative. [Youth Fusion](#) is a youth network of [Abolition 2000](#) to promote nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation. Its Elders initiative encourages intergenerational dialogue on disarmament, peace, climate, development and the pandemic.

Uta Zapf (German Bundestag 1990-2013) described existing challenges and urged persistent youth advocacy for step-by-step progress in achieving disarmament goals.

Mogens Lykketoft (former Danish foreign minister, speaker of parliament, and president of the UN General Assembly) traced the history of disarmament to the present disappointing period. In seeking nuclear disarmament, he urged youth groups also to seek cuts in military spending.

Anna Maria Cetto (Professor, Institute of Physics, National University of Mexico) encouraged youths to pursue careers in science, which will help to advance disarmament goals.

Bruce Kent (Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, UK) focused on the immorality of nuclear weapons as grounds for youth activism; he stressed both the horrific effects and the high cost of these weapons. His message to youths: 1) persistence; 2) avoid self-promotion; and 3) cooperate with others who share your commitment.

For information on Youth Fusion Elders, see:  
<https://www.youth-fusion.org/youth-fusion-elders/>

The webinar video is at:  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/2N8wOaUWHW\\_AHSiB-73Za7ywipeOxlaUd0cPzA2IoR-T06b4iE0dThCD1\\_MTibZl.G\\_6ST68vJk8s9cSx](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/2N8wOaUWHW_AHSiB-73Za7ywipeOxlaUd0cPzA2IoR-T06b4iE0dThCD1_MTibZl.G_6ST68vJk8s9cSx).

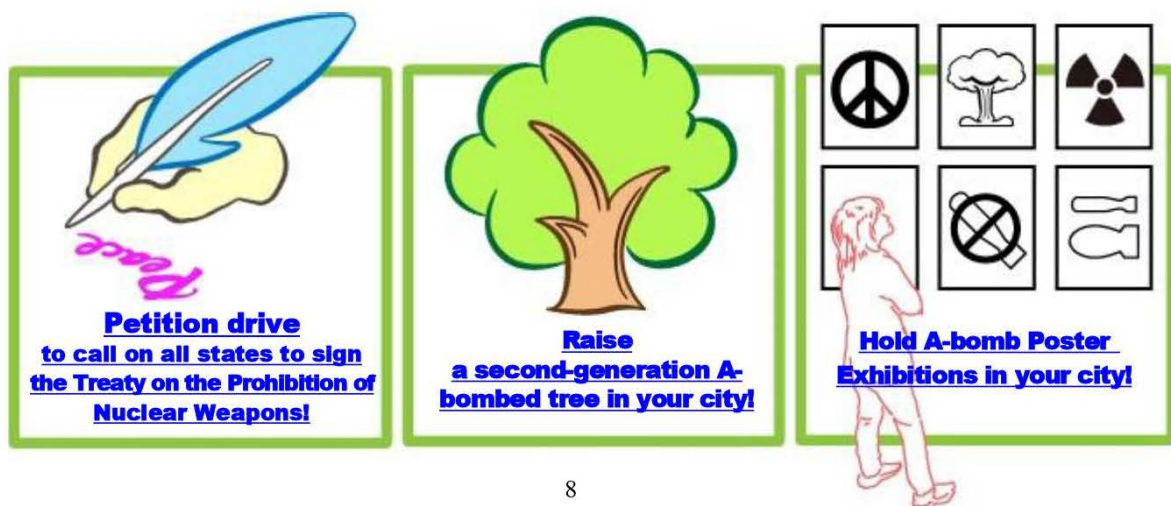
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**Request to promote various measures based on the Mayors for Peace Action Plan**  
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At the 9th General Conference of Mayors for Peace held in Nagasaki in August 2017, we developed our Action Plan (2017-2020\*), aiming for lasting world peace. Together, we hope to make significant strides toward realizing this goal. Please promote all appropriate measures based on the Action Plan within your own municipality or regional group.

\*A new Action Plan is to be developed and adopted at the 10th General Conference of Mayors for Peace, which was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and is now planned to be held around August 2021. The current Action Plan will temporarily remain effective until then, and initiatives and activities based on it continue to be implemented.

📄 **Mayors for Peace Action Plan (PDF):**  
[http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/conferences/general/data/9th\\_gc/9th\\_gc\\_Action\\_Plan\\_en.pdf](http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/conferences/general/data/9th_gc/9th_gc_Action_Plan_en.pdf)

📄 **Initiatives implemented under the Action Plan:**  
<http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/vision/initiatives.html>




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## Call for input: examples of initiatives to foster peace-seeking spirit

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The Mayors for Peace Secretariat has been seeking examples of peace education initiatives conducted by any organization (city hall/school/NGO, etc.) in Mayors for Peace member cities that are conducive to raising peace-seeking spirit among future generations. The Mayors for Peace Secretariat accepts reports on a rolling basis, so please send your report whenever your project is completed. The submitted reports will be posted on our website and in the Mayors for Peace News Flash as a source of information for other member cities that are planning to launch their own peace education program.

 Call for Input on the Mayors for Peace website:  
<http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/vision/initiatives.html#section10>

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## Peace news from Hiroshima

(Provided by the Hiroshima Peace Media Center of the CHUGOKU SHIMBUN)

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March 11, 2021, marked the 10th anniversary of the massive earthquake and *tsunami* that struck northeastern Japan and triggered the accident at the Fukushima No. 1 (Daiichi) nuclear power plant operated by the Tokyo Electric Power Company. Residents of Hiroshima and those who had evacuated to the city from the disaster area placed their hands together in prayer that day at 2:46 p.m., the exact time of the earthquake 10 years ago. When evening came, members of citizens groups assembled at the open riverside area Shinsui Terrace across from the Atomic Bomb Dome. They used paper lanterns to illuminate the numerals “3.11” and prayed for the repose of the souls of victims.

At the time of the earthquake, when A-bomb survivors witnessed communities devastated by the tsunami and learned of yet another nuclear disaster in Japan happening in Fukushima, many felt they had been transported back in time to the atomic bombings.

The nuclear accident made us all realize that, once out of control, nuclear power is impossible for humans to contain even with state-of-the-art technologies. Though reduced in area, the zones deemed as being difficult for people to return in the areas surrounding the power plant still exist today, and there is still a long way to go before the power plant is decommissioned. To therefore call the past 10 years a juncture and to treat the anniversary as a turning point seems a bridge too far. How should we pass on the negative lessons of nuclear power to future generations? For those of us living in Hiroshima, this is a serious question indeed.

Please see the following for more peace-related news.

HICARE has contributed to healthcare of radiation-exposed for 30 years  
<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=104124>

Peace Museum on Ninoshima Island to open in April for preservation, exhibition of war remains  
<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=103960>


Thoughts from Hiroshima: “Survivors wherever they are” Brazil A-bomb survivors association disbands after 36 years  
<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=103976>

Setsuko Thurlow film attracts large audiences, will be put on screens nationwide starting in April  
<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=103820>

Drawings by survivor of Hiroshima and Nagasaki A-bombings unique among 5,000 pieces of art stored at Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum  
<http://www.hiroshimapeacemedia.jp/?p=103978>

Prayers and promises—After 10 years of hardship, Ms. Watabe still thinks of her hometown after moving to Hiroshima prefecture’s town of Saka-cho  
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Nil

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Committee Members are required to:

1. Consider Section 73 and 75 of the *Local Government Act 1999* and determine whether they have a conflict of interest in any matter to be considered in this Agenda; and
2. Disclose these interests in accordance with the requirements of Sections 74 and 75A of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

**5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the City Services and Climate Adaptation Standing Committee held on 2 March 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**6 COMMUNICATIONS BY THE CHAIRPERSON****7 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil

**8 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE****9 MOTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil

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## 11 CITY SERVICES AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION REPORTS

### 11.1 Community Services Activity Report - March 2021

#### Brief

This report details the activities of the Community Services Department for March 2021.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends to Council that the Community Services Activity Report: March 2021 be received.

#### Introduction

The Community Services department (Department) provides a report to each City Services and Climate Adaptation Committee meeting detailing the status of key projects and activities for the preceding month.

#### Discussion

The key projects and activities undertaken by the Department during the month of March 2021 are as follows:

##### Community Centres

Thebarton and Plympton Community Centres continue to be booked at regular capacity and demand for Apex Park for private functions continues to be high. A couple of highlights in March include Apex Park hosted the IICSA – Islamic Information Centre of SA conference and UnitingCare Wesley rebooked Plympton Community Centre for another year to provide free financial counselling to the CWT community. The Community Centres developed and implemented a COVID Safe checklist for hirers to support hirers in meeting COVID Safe requirements and protocols.

Facility	# Groups	Hours used	Notes
Apex Park Community Facility	22	246	Activities restricted - Covid19
Cowandilla Community Room	-	-	Closed for staff use only - Covid19
Lockleys Community Room	-	-	Closed for Mellor Park major works
Lockleys Sports Facility	5	61	Activities restricted - Covid19
Plympton Community Centre	30	360	Activities restricted - Covid19
Thebarton Community Centre	78	1156	Activities restricted - Covid19
Weigall Oval Sporting Facility	-	-	N/A - Public bookings live ETA 30/07/2021

##### Library Services

#### Book Club

A new book Club was formed for Thursday evenings and already has 8 participants. This increases the number of City of West Torrens (CWT) Book Clubs to four (4) groups, all meeting once per month.

#### Writer's Week

Writer's week was held from 1 to 4 March 2021. This event was live streamed in the Hamra Centre Sun Room during opening hours and was very popular with approximately 120 people attending the live stream sessions at different times over the four (4) days.

### Harmony Day

A small community workshop was held on 24 March to celebrate Harmony Day. The workshop, teaching people to make 'god's eyes mandalas, completely booked out.



### Chinese New Year

At the end of February, the library held an evening with Chinese music and food. A Chinese song and dance troupe performed classical Chinese folk, Tibetan and modern dance and demonstrated kung fu fan. Customers were invited to enjoy traditional Chinese food and be immersed in Chinese culture. The program was completely booked out.



### Active Ageing

The CHSP program developed a new program involving volunteers visiting social isolated people in their homes. The program is now in the volunteer recruitment phase.

The Movers & Shakers activity, held weekly on Friday mornings at Plympton Community Centre, was at full capacity all month. The program is now receiving calls and referrals from local GP's who have recognised the benefits that it has been having for their clients.

### Community Outreach & Projects

#### Family and Domestic Abuse

The team attended the monthly Western Adelaide Violence Against Women Collaboration (WAWA WC) meeting, the Love Bites Working Group meeting, participated in the online ANROWS conference themed around 'Evidence in Action' and coercive control, and met with Port Community Limited to discuss possible collaboration with their Power to End Violence program.

### Youth Resilience

The team, in collaboration with Red Cross, ran the first of three (3) youth emergency resilience workshops at Plympton International College. The workshop was well received and the young people engaged well. The outcomes of these workshops will be able to be shared across youth networks and schools in the community.

### Quilters

The Orange Tree Quilters, a community quilting group who quilts in the Hamra Centre Sunroom each fortnight, on Fridays, recommenced for the year during March 2021. The group donated 30 quilts to CWT for disbursement to vulnerable residents.



### SPN (Suicide Prevention Network)

The team met with the State Government Suicide Prevention Network Officers to begin planning the set-up of a Suicide Prevention Network in the CWT. An information forum for the community is being organised and will include a speaker with lived experience and an explanation of how the networks work and how to get involved. Following this session a series of workshops will be organised with interested participants to actually set up the Network.

### Climate Impact Considerations

*(Assessment of likely positive or negative implications of this decision will assist Council and the West Torrens Community to build resilience and adapt to the challenges created by a changing climate.)*

All Community Services programs have, when relevant, implemented climate adaptation strategies.

### Conclusion

This report provides details on the activities of the Community Services Department for the month of March 2021.

### Attachments

#### 1. Community Services Activities - April 2021

## Community Services Activities and Events - April 2021

Date	Time	Activity/Event	Location
Thu 1/4	8.00am	NHF Walking Group	Kurralta Park
	8.30am	Brickworks Shopping Bus Run	Brickworks Marketplace
	10.30-11.00am	Baby Time: 0-18 months	West Torrens Auditorium
	11.15-11.45am	Toddler Time: 18 months - 3 years	West Torrens Auditorium
	4pm-6pm	Red Cross Youth Resilience Workshop	Plympton International College
Fri 2/4		<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	
Sat 3/4		<b>EASTER SATURDAY</b>	
Sun 4/4		<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	
Mon 5/4		<b>EASTER MONDAY</b>	
Tue 6/4	10.30-11.00am	Baby Time: 0-18 months	West Torrens Auditorium
	11.15-11.45am	Toddler Time: 18 months - 3 years	West Torrens Auditorium
	1pm	Learn English class with free crèche	Hamra Centre
	2pm	Baby & Toddler Time Facebook Live	
Wed 7/4	10.30-11.30	Story Time: 5 years and under	West Torrens Auditorium
	10.30am	Learn English Reading Group: post beginner - pre intermediate	Hamra Centre
	10.30am-12.30pm	Book Club	Hamra Centre - Sun Room
	11am-2pm	Sewing Studio	Plympton Community Centre
Thu 8/4	8.00am-9.00am	NHF Walking Group	Kurralta Park
	9.00am	Brickworks Shopping Bus Run	Brickworks Marketplace
	10.30-11.00am	Baby Time: 0-18 months	West Torrens Auditorium
	11.15-11.45am	Toddler Time: 18 months - 3 years	West Torrens Auditorium
	4pm-6pm	Red Cross Youth Resilience Workshop	Plympton International College
	6pm	Financial counselling face to face	Hamra Centre
	6-8pm	Book Club	Hamra Centre - Sun Room
Fri 9/4	8.30am	Hilton Shopping Bus Run	Hilton Plaza Shopping Centre
	10am-2.30pm	Orange Tree Quilters	Hamra Centre - Sun Room
	10am-12pm	Active Ageing - Movers and Shakers	Plympton Community Centre
	10.30-11.30am	Story Time: 5 years and under	West Torrens Auditorium
	12.00pm	Kurralta Park Shopping Bus Run	Kurralta Park
	12.00pm	Brickworks Shopping Bus Run	Brickworks Marketplace
	1-4pm	Rewire tech help by phone	
	3-5pm	Book Club	Hamra Centre - Sun Room
4pm	Friday Fun: 10 years and over	Hamra Centre	
Sat 10/4	10am-1pm	Rewire tech help by phone (subject to staff availability)	
	11am	Skate Park Leagues - West Beach Competition	West Beach Skate Park
Sun 11/4			

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity/Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Mon 12/4</b>	8.am-9pm	NHF Walking Group	Kurralta Park
	9.30am-11.30am	Concussion Education & Prevention	AFL Max
	10am-12pm	Yarn Knitting Group	West Beach Skate Park
	10am-11.30am	CSHP - Monday Meet Ups	Plympton Community Centre
	1pm-3pm	How to be a Dungeon Master - D&D	West Torrens Auditorium
	6pm-9pm	Sewing Studio	Plympton Community Centre
<b>Tue 13/4</b>	10am-11am	"A Very Cranky Bear" Sensory Play	West Torrens Auditorium
	12pm-2pm	Active Ageing - Share a Table	Plympton Community Centre
<b>Wed 14/4</b>	10.30-11.15am	Oriental Jazz Family Concert	West Torrens Auditorium
	11am-2pm	Sewing Studio	Plympton Community Centre
	11.30am-1.30pm	Kesmond Reserve Little Day Out	Kesmond Reserve - Keswick
<b>Thu 15/4</b>	8am-9am	NHF Walking Group	Kurralta Park
	8.30am	Brickworks Shopping Bus Run	Brickworks Marketplace
	10am-11.30am	Dog Man Party	
	2pm-4pm	Introduction to Golf - Westware Ho Golf Club	West Beach Golf Park
<b>Fri 16/4</b>	9.00am	Brickworks Shopping Bus Run	Brickworks Marketplace
	10am-12pm	Active Ageing - Movers and Shakers	Plympton Community Centre
	12.00pm	Kurralta Park Shopping Bus Run	Kurralta Park
	1-4pm	Rewire tech help by phone	
	3pm-5pm	World Creativity & Innovation Week mini Expo for teens	Hamra Centre - Sun Room
<b>Sat 17/4</b>	10am-1pm	Rewire tech help by phone (subject to staff availability)	
	2pm-4pm	Introduction to Golf - Westware Ho Golf Club	West Beach Golf Park
<b>Sun 18/4</b>			
<b>Mon 19/4</b>	8am-9am	NHF Walking Group	Kurralta Park
	10am-11.30am	CHSP - Monday Meet Ups	Plympton Community Centre
	10am-12pm	Yarn Knitting Group	West Torrens Auditorium
	6pm-9pm	Sewing Studio	Plympton Community Centre
<b>Tue 20/4</b>	10.30am-12pm	Library in the park	Parkway Playground
<b>Wed 21/4</b>	9am-9.45am	Sensory Lego Club Session 1	Hamra Centre - Sun Room
	10am-10.45am	Sensory Lego Club Session 2	Hamra Centre - Sun Room
	11am-2pm	Sewing Studio	Plympton Community Centre
	1pm-2.30pm	Lego Club	West Torrens Auditorium

Date	Time	Activity/Event	Location
<b>Thu 22/4</b>	8am-9am	NHF Walking Group	Kurralta Park
	8.30am	Brickworks Shopping Bus Run	Brickworks Marketplace
	10am-11am	"A Very Cranky Bear" Sensory Play	West Torrens Auditorium
	2pm-4pm	Get your moves on - Chess	West Torrens Auditorium
	6pm	Financial counselling by phone	
	7pm	Movie Night: <i>Resistance</i> (M)	West Torrens Auditorium
<b>Fri 23/4</b>	8.30am	Hilton Shopping Bus Run	Hilton Plaza Shopping Centre
	10am-12pm	Come & Try Badminton Session 1	Badminton SA Lockleys
	10am-2.30pm	Orange Tree Quilters	Hamra Centre - Sun Room
	10am-12pm	Active Ageing - Movers and Shakers	Plympton Community Centre
	10am-12pm	"The Gruffalo" Party	West Torrens Auditorium
	12.00pm	Kurralta Park Shopping Bus Run	Kurralta Park
	12.00pm	Brickworks Shopping Bus Run	Brickworks Marketplace
	12.30pm-2.30	Come & Try Badminton Session 2	Badminton SA Lockleys
	1-4pm	Rewire tech help by phone	
4.00pm	Teen Book Taster Online		
<b>Sat 24/4</b>	10am-1pm	Rewire tech help by phone (subject to staff availability)	
<b>Sun 25/4</b>			
<b>Mon 26/4</b>		<b>ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY</b>	
<b>Tue 27/4</b>	10.30-11.00am	Baby Time: 0-18 months	West Torrens Auditorium
	11.15-11.45am	Toddler Time: 18 months - 3 years	West Torrens Auditorium
	12pm-2pm	Active Ageing - Share a Table	Plympton Community Centre
	1pm	Learn English class with free crèche	Hamra Centre
	2pm	Baby & Toddler Time Facebook Live	
<b>Wed 28/4</b>	10.30-11.30am	Story Time: 5 years and under	West Torrens Auditorium
	10.30am	Learn English Reading Group: post beginner - pre intermediate	Hamra Centre
	11am-2pm	Sewing Studio	Plympton Community Centre
<b>Thu 29/4</b>	8am-9am	NHF Walking Group	Kurralta Park
	9.00am	Brickworks Shopping Bus Run	Brickworks Marketplace
	10.30-11.00am	Baby Time: 0-18 months	West Torrens Auditorium
	11.15-11.45am	Toddler Time: 18 months - 3 years	West Torrens Auditorium
<b>Fri 30/4</b>	8.30am	Brickworks Shopping Bus Run	Brickworks Marketplace
	10am-12pm	Active Ageing - Movers and Shakers	Plympton Community Centre
	10.30-11.30am	Story Time: 5 years and under	West Torrens Auditorium
	12pm-2pm	Kurralta Park Shopping Bus Run	Kurralta Park
	1-4pm	Rewire tech help by phone	
	4pm	Friday Fun: 10 years and over	Hamra Centre

\* Dates and times are correct from date of publication

## 11.2 Urban Services Activities Report

### Brief

This report provides Elected Members with information on activities within the Urban Services Division.

### RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends to Council that the Urban Services Activities Report be received

### Discussion

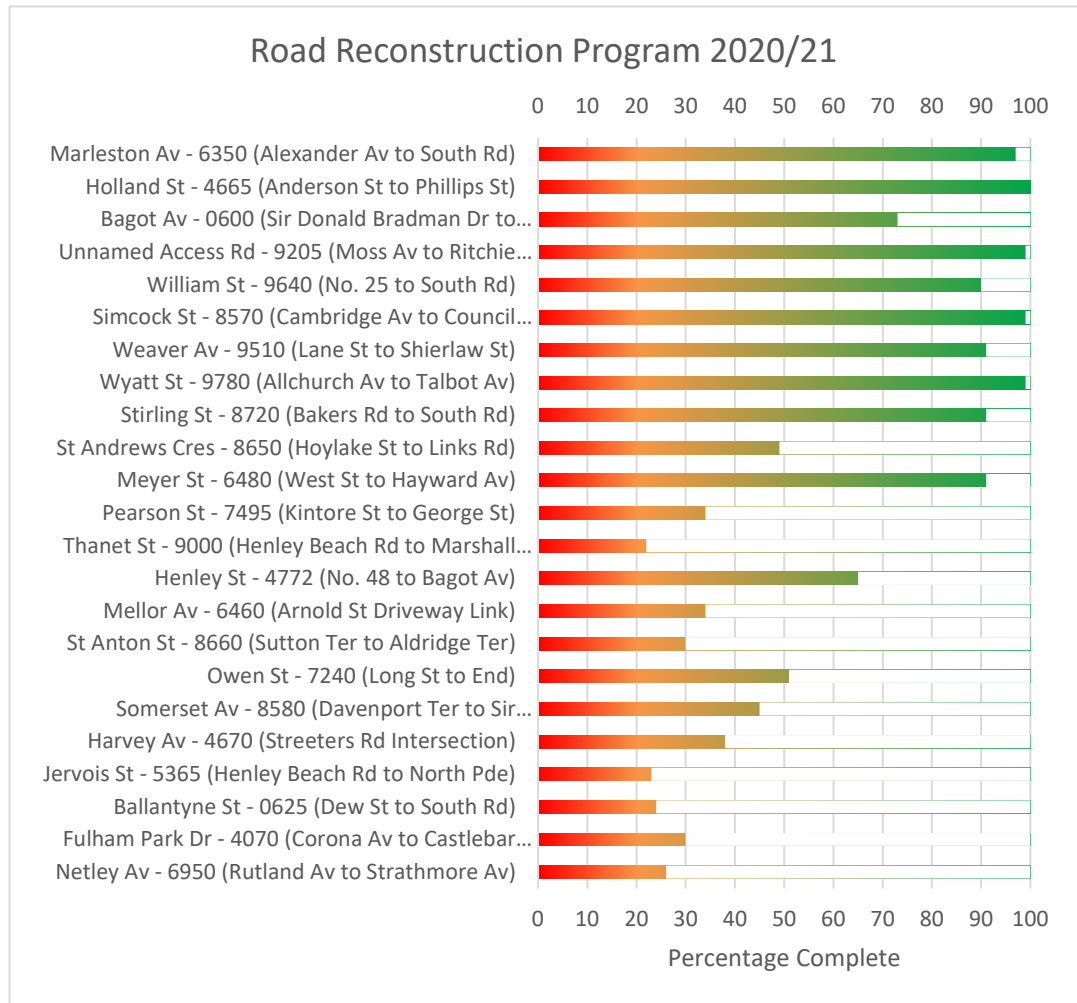
This report details the key activities of the City Assets, City Development, City Operations and City Property departments.

Special Project Work	
State Government's Electric Vehicle Action Plan	<p>The State Government is encouraging property owners and Councils to participate in a Registration of Interest process to host public charging stations. In addition to the two initial sites nominated by the Administration (i.e. the Hamra Library carpark and the Apex Park Community Centre carpark) additional sites have been nominated, including the car parks at Camden Oval, Weigall Oval and Lockleys Oval.</p> <p>The Administration has publicised the state's program amongst the West Torrens business network and through social media.</p>
Stirling Street Stormwater Drainage Upgrade, Thebarton	Construction works are in progress with an expected completion in mid-May 2021.
Admella Street and Reserve Upgrade	Construction works are scheduled to commence in the last quarter of 2020/2021.
LED Street Lighting Upgrade	Contracts have been finalised for the continued transitioning of the remaining "P" Category street lights to LED. The project has seen a delay due to a shortage in material supply. The program is now scheduled to commence in April 2021.
Daly Street Crossing Upgrade, Kurralta Park	The project documentation has been prepared and works awarded to a civil contractor. Construction works are scheduled to commence on 12 April 2021.
Bagot Ave, Hilton, Cowandilla and Mile End, Road Reconstruction and Urban Streetscape Upgrade	<p>The process of tendering the construction works associated with this project have been undertaken and works awarded to a civil contractor.</p> <p>Preliminary on ground works have commenced.</p> <p>Construction works are scheduled to commence mid-April 2021.</p>

**Capital Works**

**Road Reconstruction Works**

The progress of works associated with the 2020/2021 Road Reconstruction Program are as follows:



Construction works have commenced on the following Roads:

- Marleston Avenue, Ashford (South Road to Alexander Avenue)
- Henley Street, Mile End (Bagot Avenue to Property No. 48)
- Somerset Avenue, Hilton (Sir Donald Bradman Drive to Davenport Terrace)

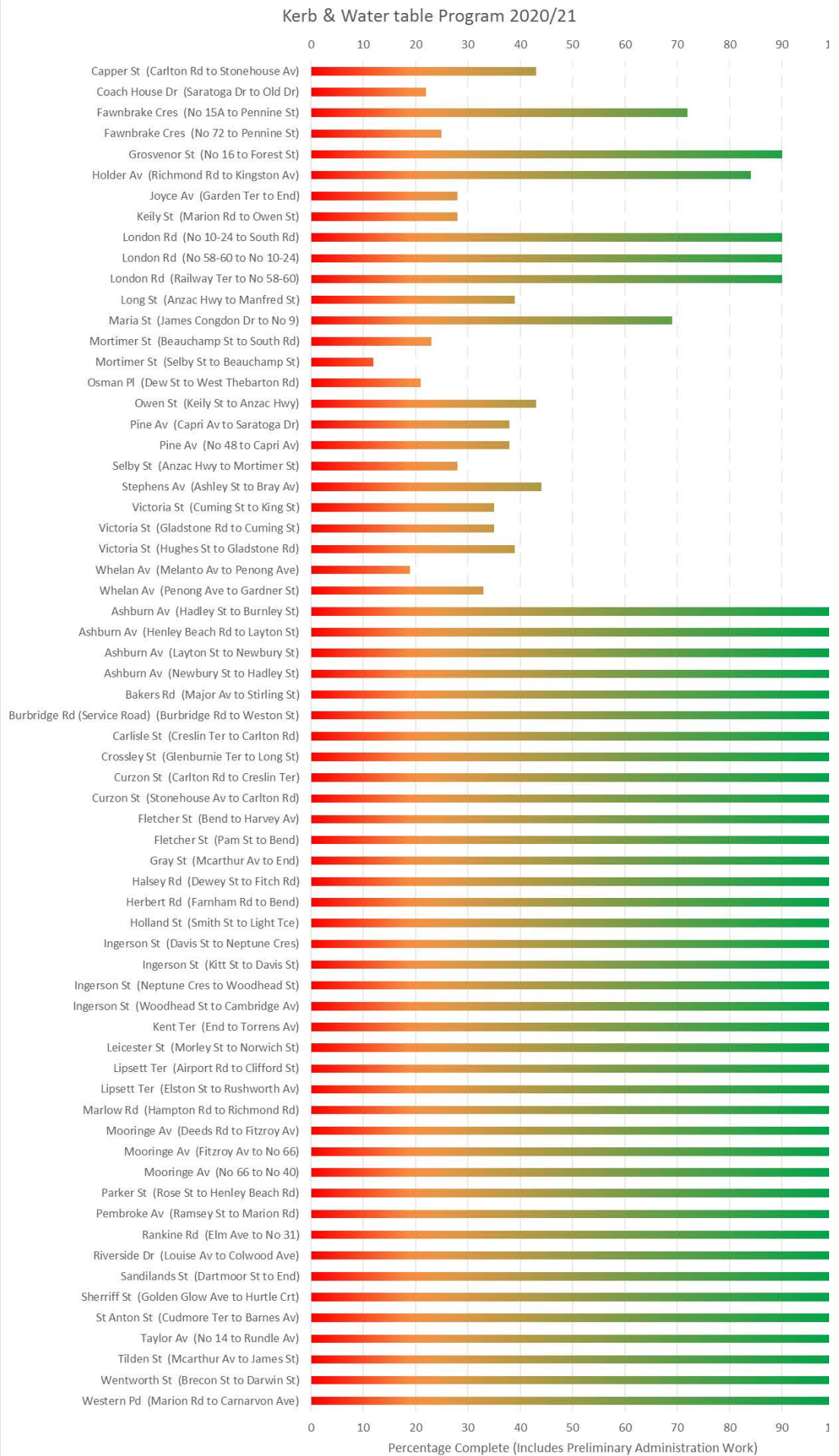
Construction works have been completed for the following Roads:

- Holland Street, Thebarton (Phillips Street to Anderson Street)
- Stirling Street, Marleston (Bakers Road to South Road)
- Weaver Avenue, Richmond (Lane Street to Shierlaw Street)
- Meyer Street, Torrensville (West Street to Hayward Street)
- Simcock Street, West Beach (Cambridge Avenue to Council Boundary)
- Service Road, Marleston (Moss Avenue to Ritchie Terrace)
- William Street, Mile End, South (South Road to Property No. 25)

The kerbing works for Wyatt Street, North Plympton (Allchurch Avenue to Talbot Avenue) have been completed. Road pavement works have been deferred until 2022 following the completion of the Packard Street Drainage Upgrade.



<p>Kerb and Gutter Program 2020/2021</p>	<p>The progress of works associated with the 2020/2021 kerb and gutter program are as follows;</p> <p><b>Construction works completed in February:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ashburn Avenue, Fulham (Newbury Street to Hadley Street)</li> <li>• Ingerson Street, West Beach (Davis Street to Neptune Crescent)</li> <li>• Ingerson Street, West Beach (Kitt Street to Davis Street)</li> <li>• Ingerson Street, West Beach (Neptune Crescent to Woodhead Street)</li> <li>• Ingerson Street, West Beach (Woodhead Street to Cambridge Avenue)</li> <li>• Rankine Road, Torrensville (Elm Avenue to No 31)</li> </ul> <p><b>Kerb and gutter works that are currently in progress:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whelan Avenue, Camden Park (Penong Avenue to Gardner Street)</li> <li>• Whelan Avenue, Camden Park (Melanto Avenue to Penong Avenue)</li> <li>• Victoria Street, Mile End (Hughes Street to Gladstone Road)</li> <li>• Victoria Street, Mile End (Gladstone Road to Cuming Street)</li> <li>• Victoria Street, Mile End (Cuming Street to King Street)</li> <li>• Stephens Avenue, Torrensville (Ashley Street to Bray Avenue)</li> <li>• Selby Street, Kurralta Park (Anzac Highway to Mortimer Street)</li> <li>• Pine Avenue, Novar Gardens (No 48 to Capri Avenue)</li> <li>• Pine Avenue, Novar Gardens (Capri Avenue to Saratoga Drive)</li> <li>• Owen Street, Plympton (Keily Street to Anzac Highway)</li> <li>• Osman Place, Thebarton (Dew Street to West Thebarton Road)</li> <li>• Mortimer Street, Kurralta Park (Selby Street to Beauchamp Street)</li> <li>• Mortimer Street, Kurralta Park (Beauchamp Street to South Road)</li> <li>• Maria Street, Thebarton (James Congdon Drive to No 9)</li> <li>• Long Street, Plympton (Anzac Highway to Manfred Street)</li> <li>• London Road, Mile End (Railway Terrace to No 58-60)</li> <li>• London Road, Mile End (No 58-60 to No 10-24)</li> <li>• London Road, Mile End (No 10-24 to South Road)</li> <li>• Keily Street, Plympton (Marion Road to Owen Street)</li> <li>• Joyce Avenue, Underdale (Garden Terrace to End)</li> <li>• Holder Avenue, Richmond (Richmond Road to Kingston Avenue)</li> <li>• Grosvenor Street, Glandore (No 16 to Forest Street)</li> <li>• Fawnbrake Crescent, West Beach (No 72 to Pennine Street)</li> <li>• Fawnbrake Crescent, West Beach (No 15A to Pennine Street)</li> <li>• Coach House Drive, Novar Gardens (Saratoga Drive to Old Drive)</li> <li>• Capper Street, Camden Park (Carlton Road to Stonehouse Avenue)</li> </ul>
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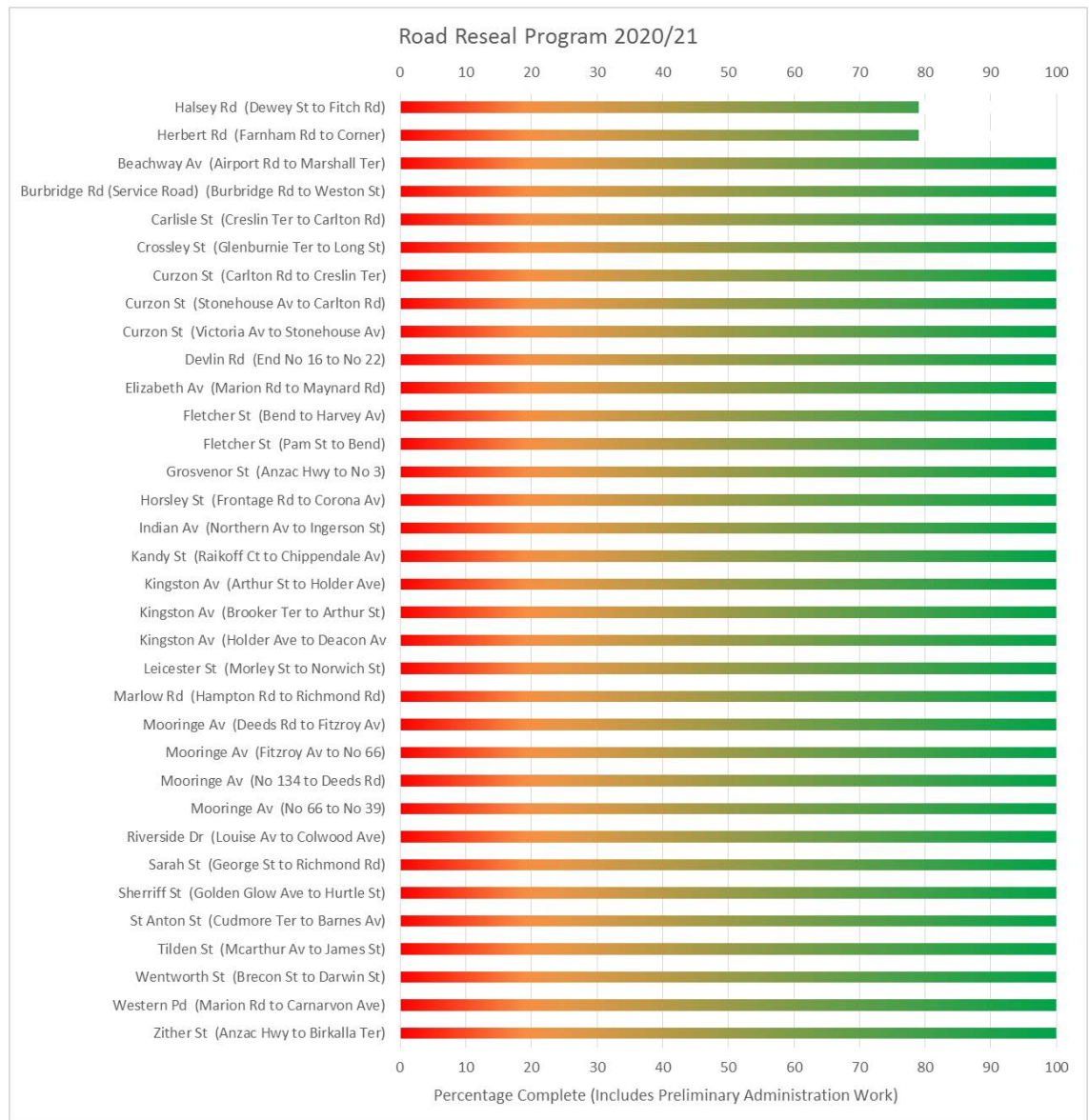
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**Construction works that have been completed in February**

- Sherriff Street, Underdale (Golden Glow Avenue to Hurtle Street)

**Road Reseal works currently in progress;**

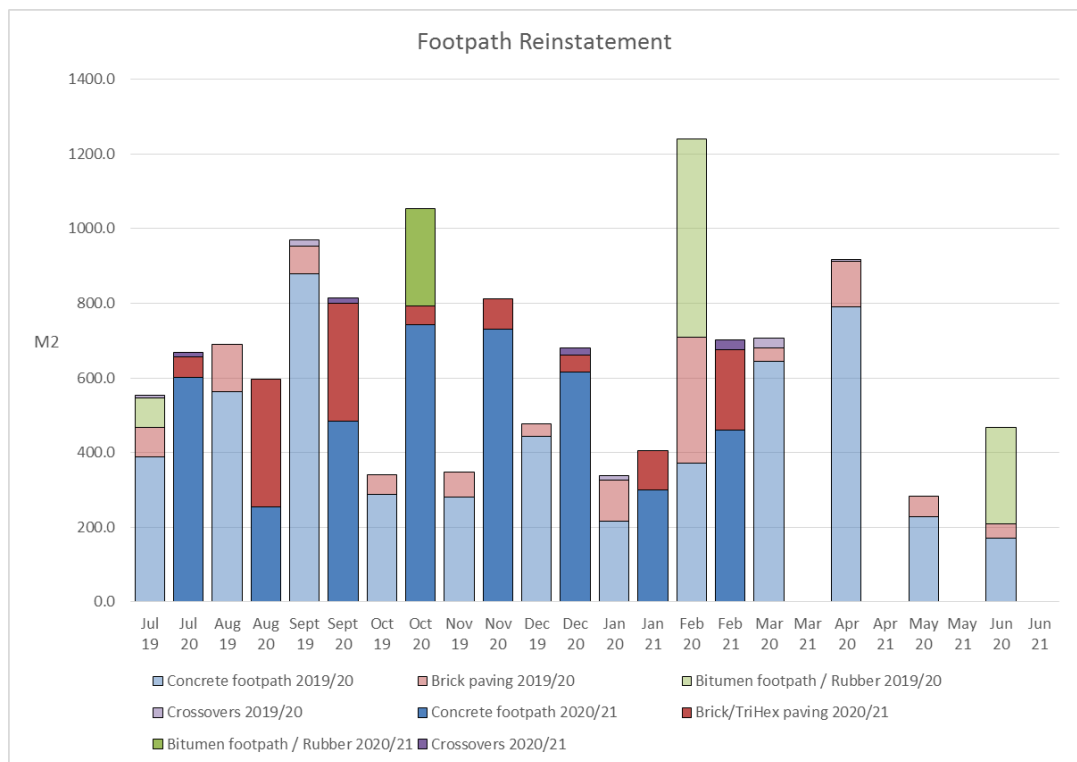
- Halsey Road, Fulham (Dewey Street to Fitch Road)
- Herbert Road, Ashford (Farnham Road to Corner)



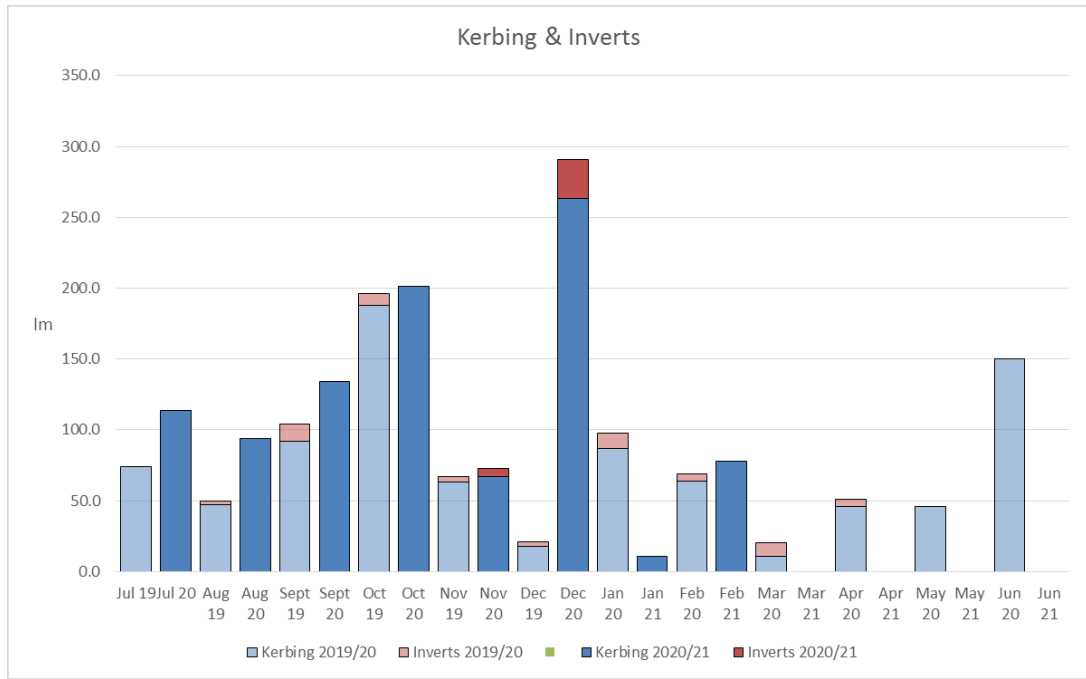
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<p>Playground Upgrade 2020/2021</p>	<p>Community consultation for the following playgrounds have been completed. Council staff are currently evaluating the responses and will consider the feedback received.</p>																
	<p>The playgrounds include:</p>																
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rex Jones Reserve, North Plympton. The consultation process has been completed. Quotes for the playground have been resubmitted and are being reviewed.</li> <li>• Britton Street Reserve, West Richmond. The playground equipment has been ordered, with installation expected to be completed in May 2021.</li> <li>• Helenslea Avenue Reserve, Brooklyn Park. The playground equipment has been ordered, with installation expected to be completed by the end of April 2021.</li> <li>• Westside Bikeway (Creslin Terrace, Camden Park) - gym equipment (only). The gym equipment has been ordered, with installation expected to be completed in June 2021.</li> <li>• Douglas Street Island, Lockleys. Construction of the playground has been completed.</li> </ul>																
<p>Reserve Irrigation Upgrades 2020/2021</p>	<p>The following is an update on the irrigation upgrade program for reserves.</p>																
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pine Avenue (verge area), Novar Gardens - works are completed.</li> <li>• River Torrens Linear Park, Michael Street, Lockleys - works are completed.</li> <li>• Westside Bikeway, Marlestone / Plympton, (staged project, selected areas within the linear park (Birdwood Terrace / McArthur Avenue) - landscape and irrigation have been completed.</li> <li>• Lockleys Oval and surrounds - Landscaping and installation has been completed.</li> <li>• Weigall Oval, Plympton - Irrigation bore replacement and upgrade. Works are scheduled to commence in January however due to the continual unavailability of parts, the project has been delayed again and now expected to be completed in April.</li> </ul>																

- James Congdon Drive corner of Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Mile End - Irrigation system is currently being designed.
- Brownhill Creek / Adelaide Airport - Captain McKenna Bikeway (sections by bikeway). Public consultation was expected to be completed by end of January, however due to delays from the designer we are expecting to go out to consultation during March and April.
- Apex Park Reserve, West Beach. - Irrigation system is currently being designed.
- Creslin Terrace, Westside bikeway between Stonehouse Avenue and Cromer Street, Camden Park. Irrigation system is currently being designed.
- Mellor Park, Lockleys, please refer to the Committee Meeting Agenda dated 23 March 2021 for the City Facilities and Waste Recovery General Committee.

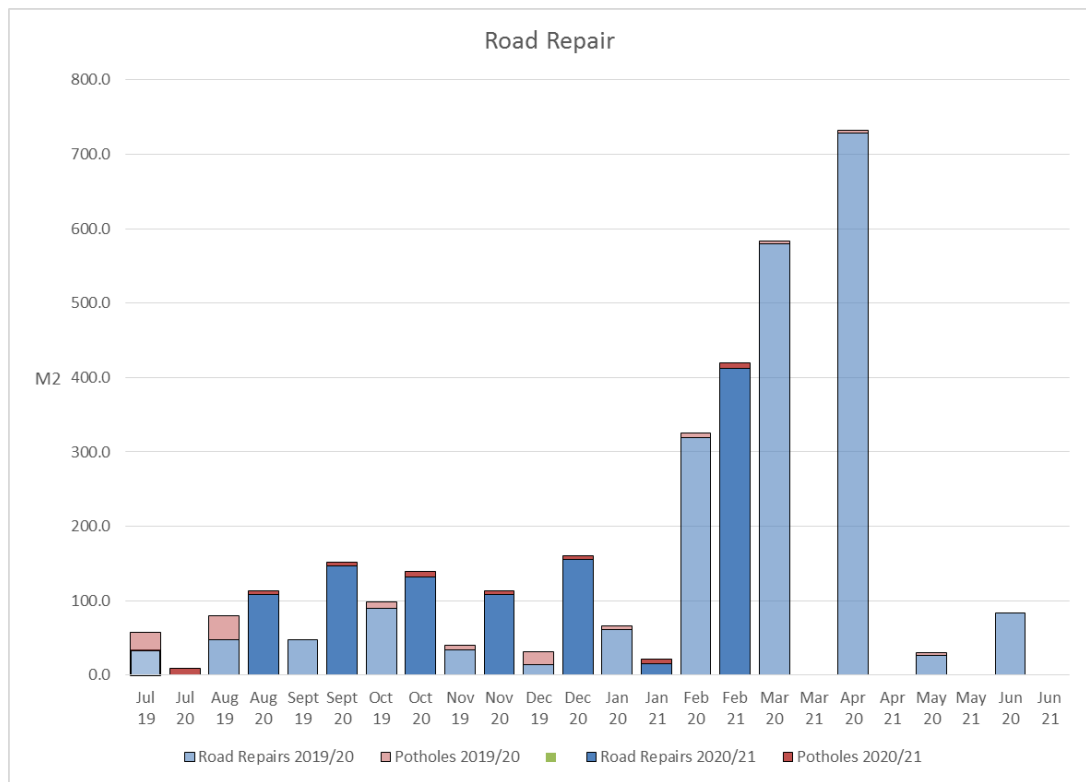
Footpath Re-instatement



**Kerb and Watertable/  
Invert Re-  
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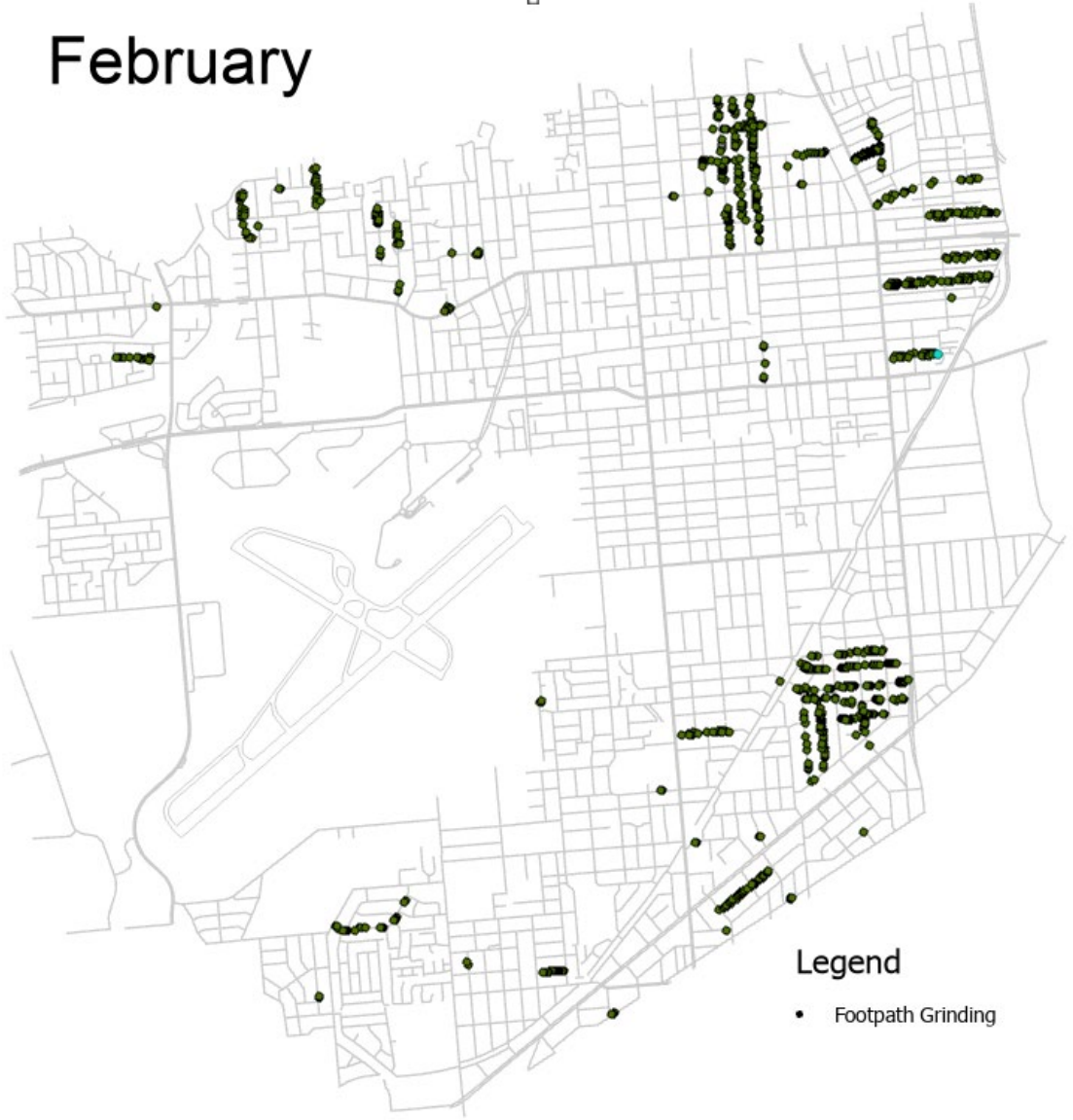


**Road Repair and Potholes**



Footpath  
Grinding  
Program

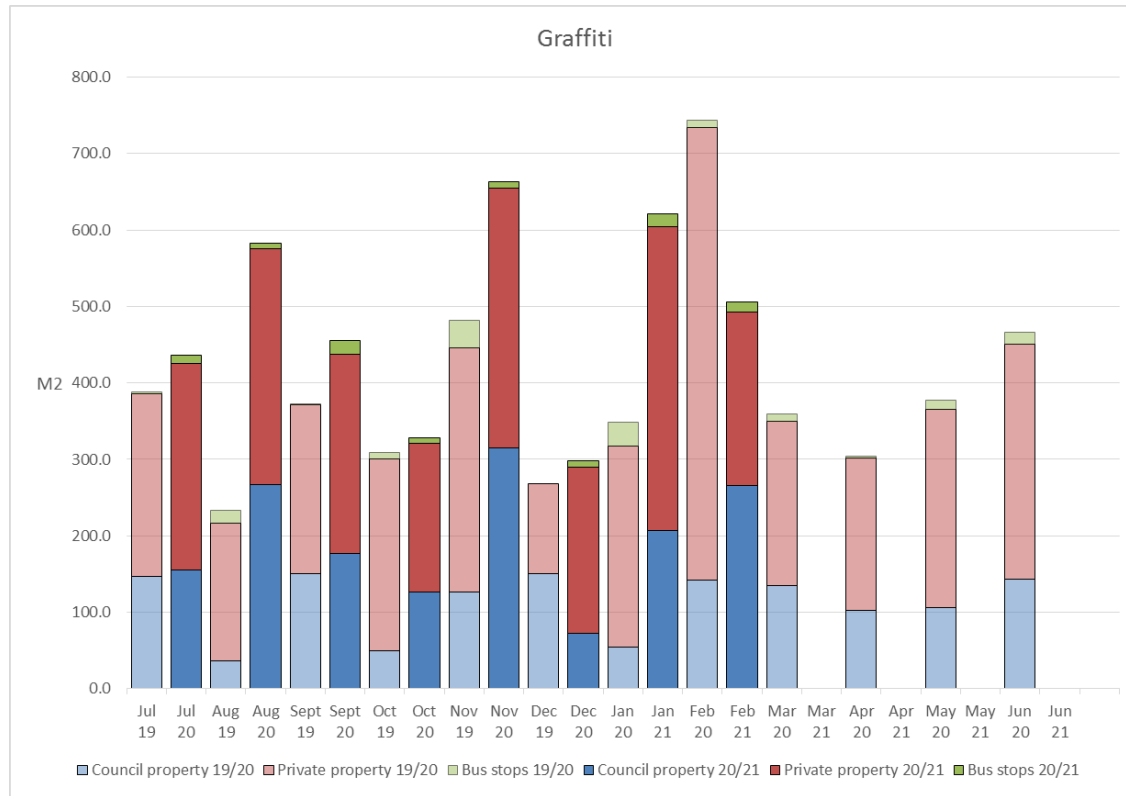
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### Legend

- Footpath Grinding

Graffiti Removal





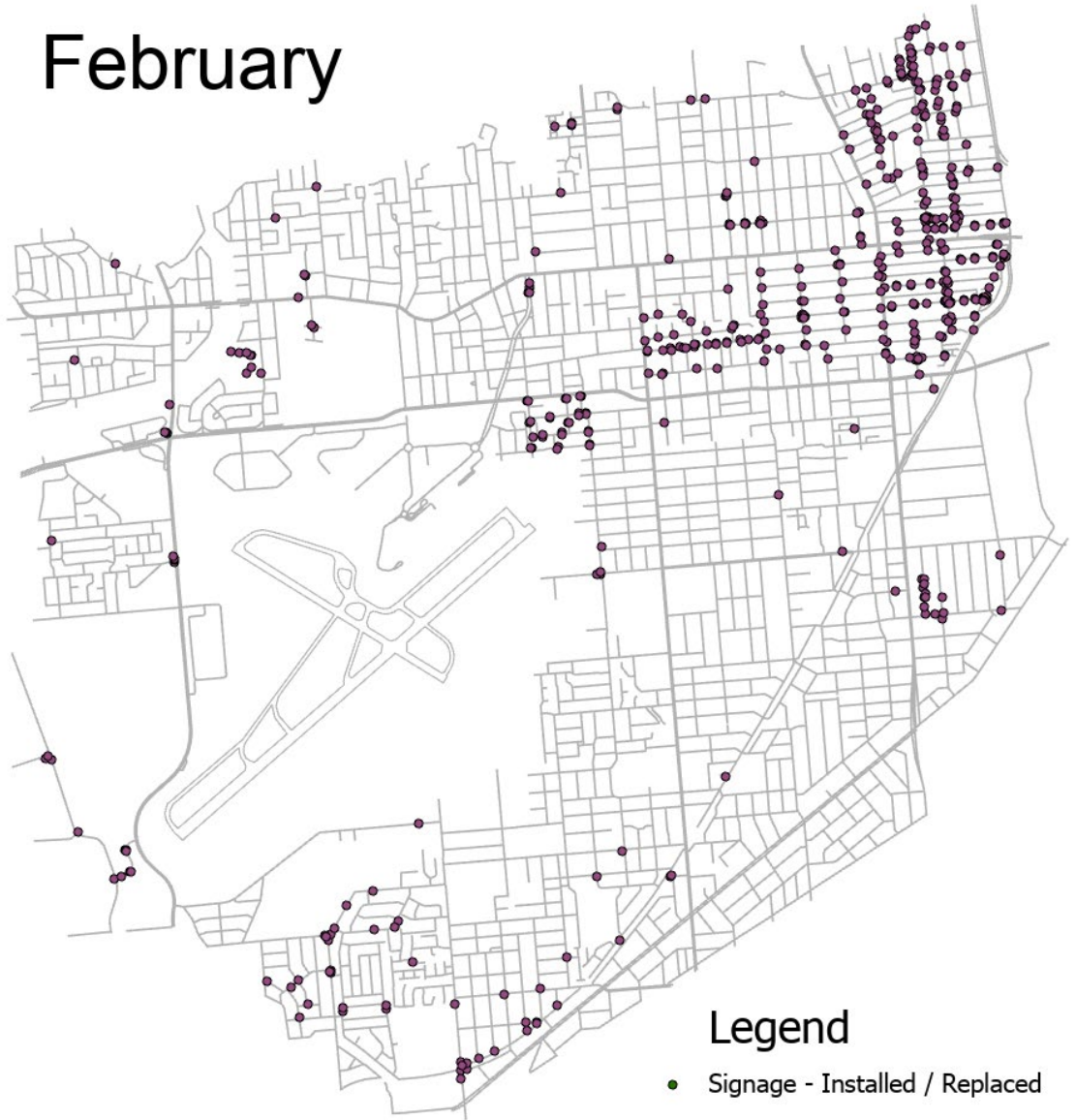
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Marking

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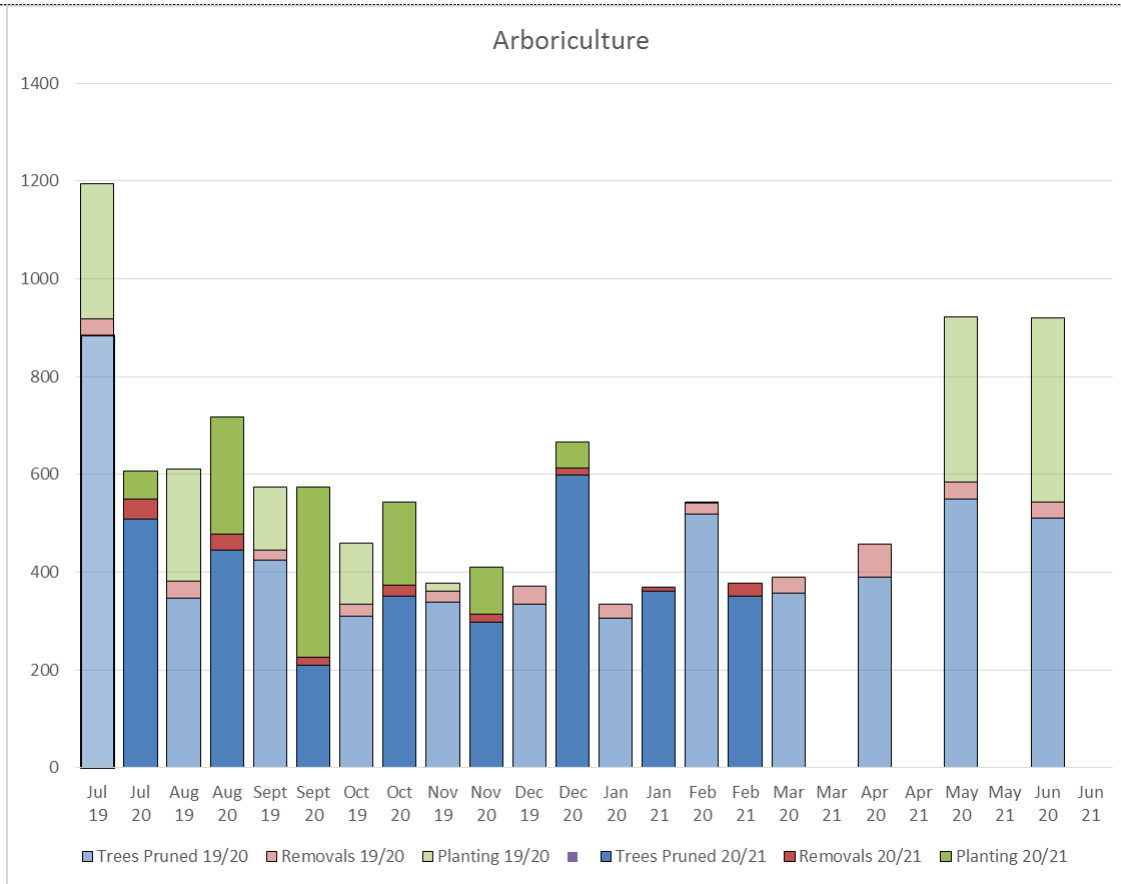


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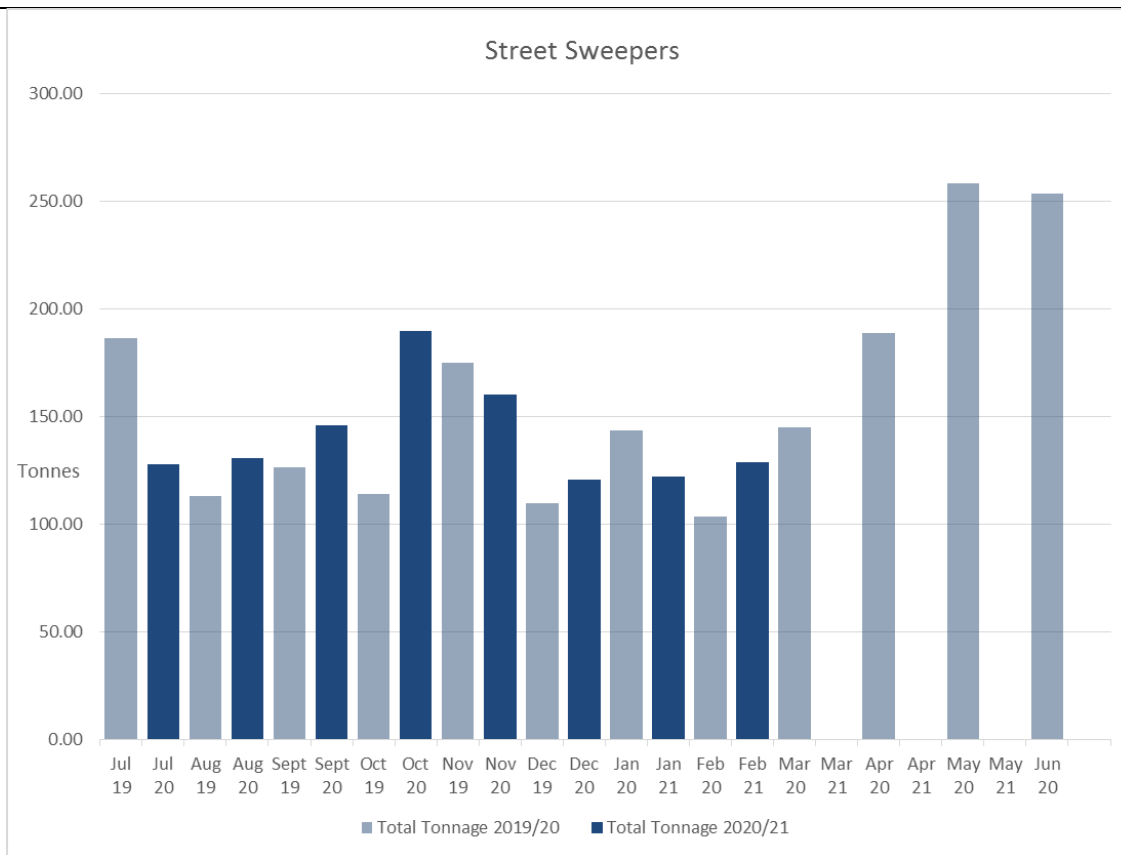
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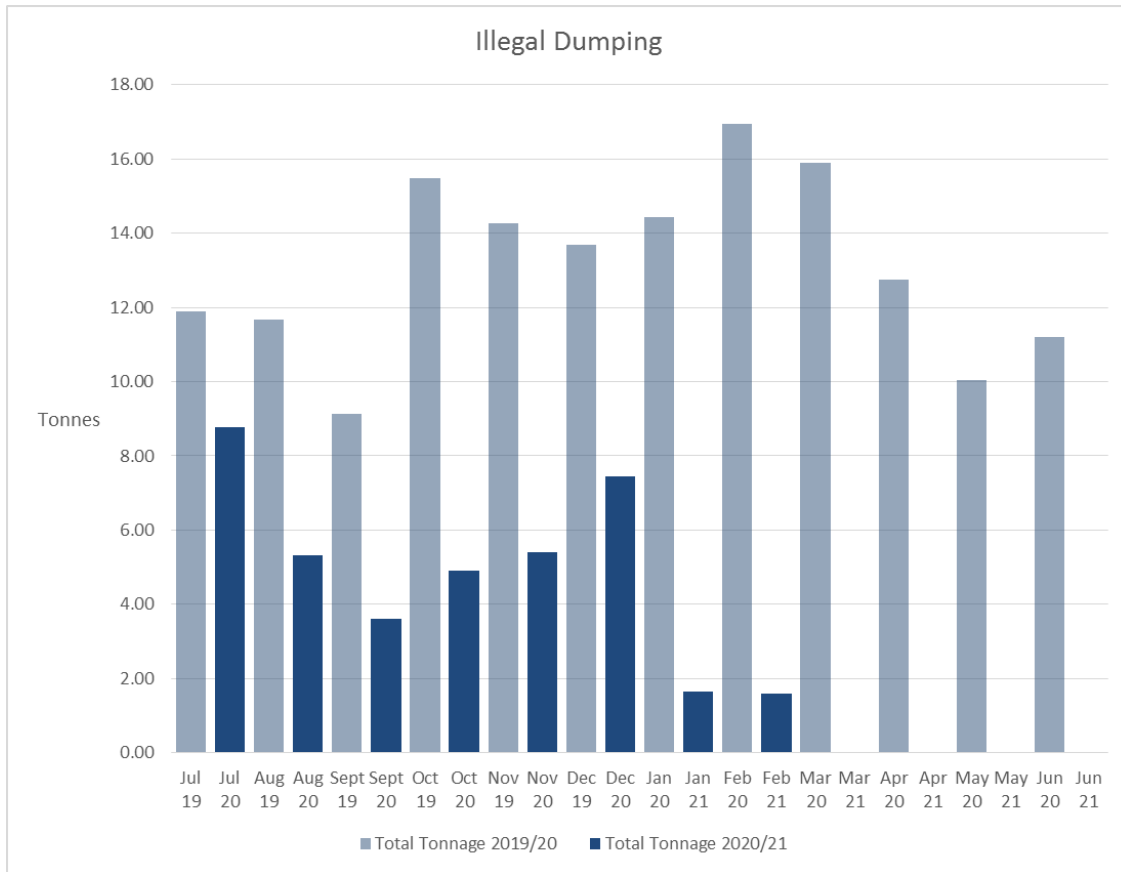
Arboriculture



Street Sweeper

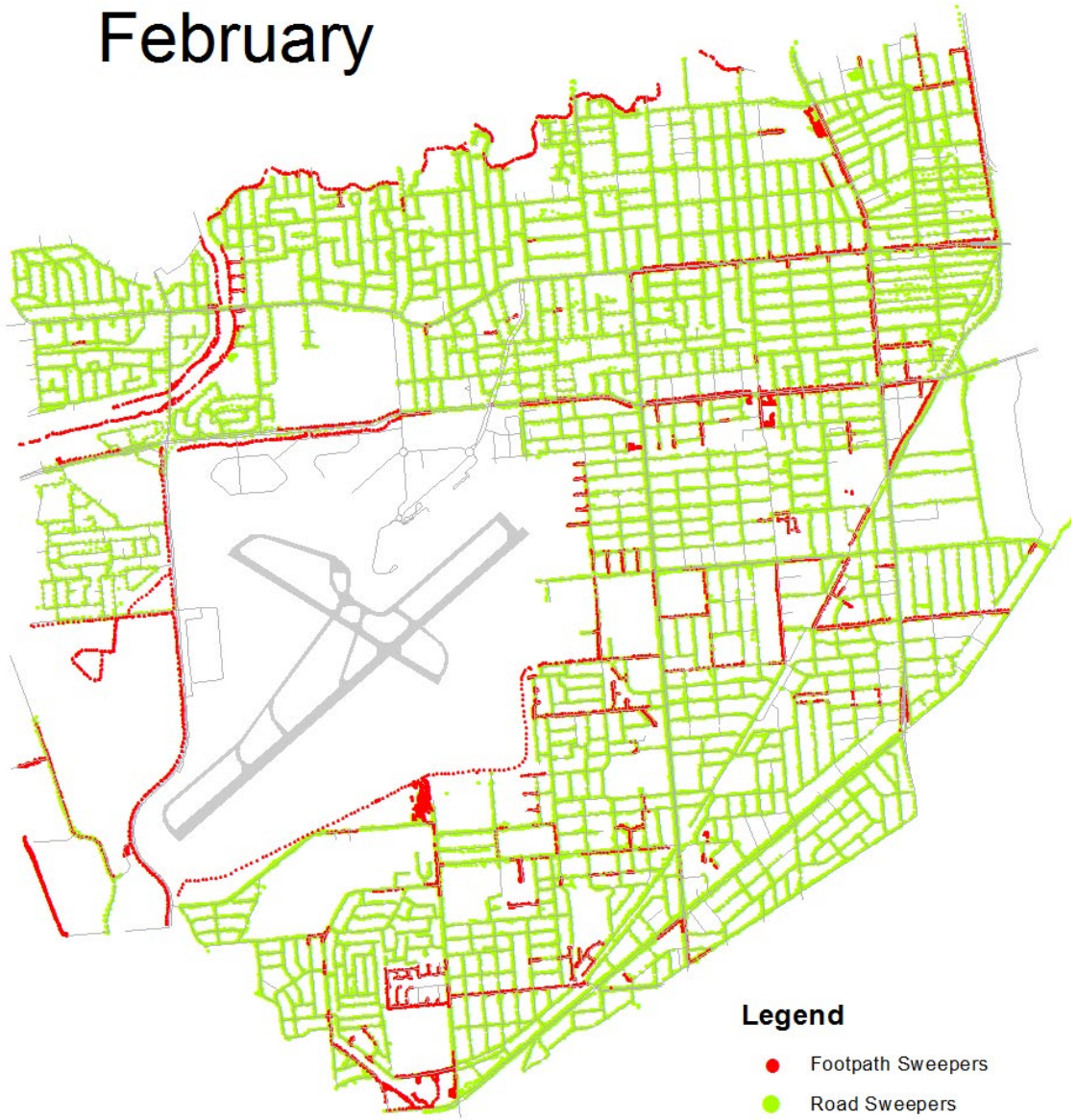


Illegal  
Rubbish  
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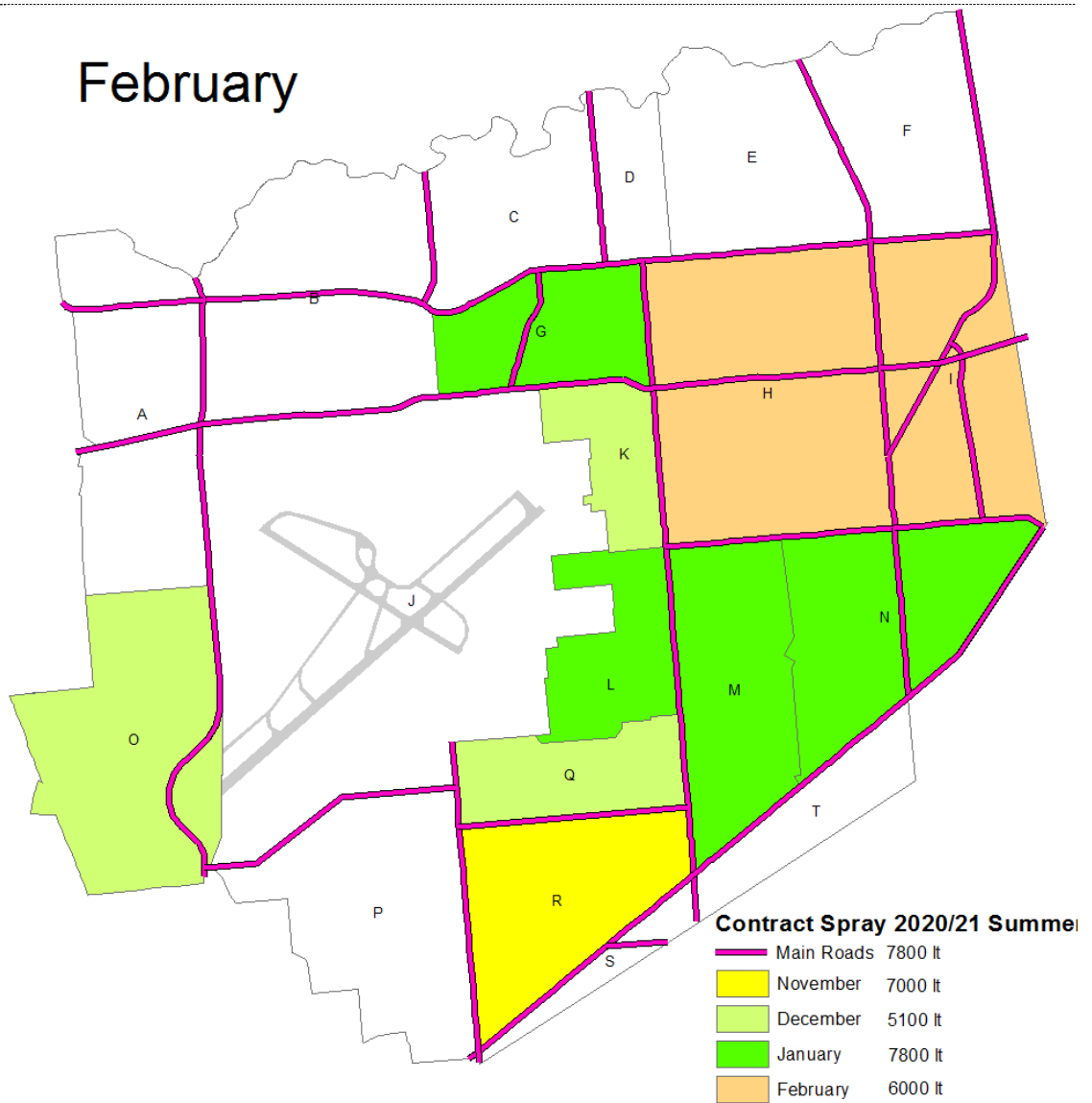


Road and  
Footpath  
Sweeping

# February



Contract  
Weed  
Spraying



Traffic Projects and Parking Management	
Torrensville/ Thebarton LATM	Final design of the Driveway Link in Hayward Avenue, at its junction with Ashley Street and associated underground stormwater upgrade has been completed. Final consultation with affected residents was distributed week beginning 29 <sup>th</sup> March and are works scheduled for late April 2021
Novar Gardens/Camden Park LATM	<p>The various LATM traffic calming projects are currently being detailed designed. Commencement of the construction of the traffic calming device at the junction of Bonython Avenue and McCann Avenue is scheduled for construction during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2020/2021 financial year.</p> <p>The remaining traffic control devices are being considered in the 2021/2022 draft budget submission:</p> <p>(1) Roundabout at the intersection of Bonython Avenue and Shannon Avenue;                      (2) The traffic control device on Saratoga Drive, and                      (3) Road speed humps in Coorilla Avenue.</p>

Richmond/ Mile End LATM	<p>Further to the completion of concept designs, a draft Local Area Management Plan (LATM) for this study area has now been completed.</p> <p>Community consultation regarding the draft plan and project concepts was distributed in late October/early November and closed on 27 November 2020. The consultation period was informally extended at the request of a group of residents.</p> <p>Administration are currently summarising the responses and developing a position paper for a Working Party meeting has been scheduled for the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021.</p>
Marleston / Keswick / Kurralta Park / North Plympton / Ashford	<p>A review of the community concerns from the initial community consultation has been finalised and a draft solutions paper has been developed.</p> <p>As part of this study, local residents, businesses and other key stakeholders within the study area including Marleston / Keswick / Kurralta Park / North Plympton / Ashford were previously surveyed to help identify key traffic issues in conjunction with Council's traffic investigations.</p> <p>At the Working Party meeting on 5 November 2020, the key findings and preliminary draft solutions were presented. The meeting subsequently informed the further development of the draft solutions into concept plans for discussion at subsequent Working Party meeting scheduled on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021.</p> <p>Concept plans have been completed for precincts 19, 20 and D. Concept plans for precincts 17 and 18 are in progress (90% complete).</p> <p>The <i>Local Area Traffic Management Plan Report Part 1: Issues and Discussion Paper</i> is 65% complete.</p>
Traffic and Parking Review	<p>Parking Review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meyer Street, Torrensville, between East Street and Jervois Street. An on-street parking saturation survey has been completed and currently being analysed to determine if timed parking controls are warranted.</li> <li>• Moore Lane, Mile End - Notification sent to residents in the week ending 19 March to implement the new no stopping zones.</li> <li>• Marlow Avenue, Keswick - Notification was sent to stakeholders on 24 March to advise of changing the 1P limit to 2P limit.</li> <li>• Franciscan Avenue, Lockleys - Notification was sent to residents on 24 March for implementation of new no stopping zones for school related traffic movements.</li> <li>• The Promenade, Underdale - Consultation period closed in the week ending 19 March. Feedback is currently being reviewed.</li> <li>• Ritchie Terrace, Marleston - Consultation material has been prepared and distributed to stakeholders during week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021, seeking comment on proposed 3 hour timed parking control (Monday - Friday between 8am and 5pm)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pearson Street, Thebarton - Consultation was sent to resident in week ending 19 March for the new 4P timed parking.</li> <li>• Filsell Street, Thebarton - Notification was sent to residents in week ending 19 March for the new 4P timed parking.</li> </ul> <p>Traffic Review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relocation of Bus Stop 205 Airport Road West Side - Consultation was sent to residents to seek feedback on this development related relocation.</li> <li>• Beckman Street - New "keep clear" pavement line marking work order has been issued for implementation.</li> </ul>
<b>Property and Facilities</b>	
<p>Kesmond Reserve, Keswick - Masterplan</p>	<p>The initial consultation on the masterplan has been consolidated and common requests grouped together. This formed the basis of further community consultation undertaken on Thursday 26 March where over 50 local residents attended a drop-in-consultation session at Kesmond Reserve.</p> <p>The residents assisted in further refining and prioritising elements for a masterplan. An additional consultation day for families will be held on Wednesday 14 April as part of the school holiday program and an online survey is also available until 19 April.</p> <p>Following this consultation, a masterplan will be developed and presented to Council for review and endorsement.</p>
<p>Camden Oval - Glenlea Tennis Club</p>	<p>Works to address drainage and repairs on the existing courts at Glenlea Tennis Club have been completed and is available for club use. The construction of the two new additional courts is now underway with an expected completion for May. A further update will be provided at the next report.</p>
<p>Mellor Park Upgrade</p>	<p>The carpark works have been completed and the contractor will now focus on upgrading the recreation and community elements on the site. The Administration is investigating movie posters for inclusion on memorial walls constructed and is working with the State Branch of RSL on the design of a suitable war memorial for the site.</p>



## Development Assessment

### Development Applications

#### Planning Reform

Phase 3 of the Planning Reforms under the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* for Metropolitan Adelaide councils commenced on Friday 19 March 2021.

The *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 (PDI Act)* is now the relevant legislation for all development assessment, control and compliance matters. The *Development Act 1993* has been repealed and the West Torrens Development Plan has been revoked.

The PDI Act and Regulations provides for applications under assessment at the time of the transition to the new system to still continue to be assessed under the previous system. The existing planning consent applications will continue to be assessed against the Development Plan.

All planning consent applications submitted from 19 March 2021 onwards will be assessed against the Planning and Design Code ([www.code.plan.sa.gov.au](http://www.code.plan.sa.gov.au)).

In addition, on 19 March 2021, PlanSA also published updates to the following statutory instruments to be used during planning and building assessment of development applications:

- Amendments to the *Ministerial Building Standard MBS 007—Modifications to the Building Code of Australia* relating to water efficiency
- Amendments to the *Ministerial Building Standard MBS 010—Construction requirements for the control of external sound* to expand the scope to include aircraft noise
- Amendments to State Planning Commission (SPC) *Practice Direction 3 (Notification of Performance Assessed Development Applications) 2019*
- Amendments to SPC *Practice Direction 11 (Deemed Planning Consent Standard Conditions) 2020*
- Amendments to SPC *Practice Direction 12 (Conditions) 2020*
- Introduced a new SPC *Practice Direction 14 (Site Contamination Assessment) 2021*
- Introduced a new SPC *Practice Direction 15 (Building Envelope Plans) 2021*

The PlanSA Portal ([www.plan.sa.gov.au](http://www.plan.sa.gov.au)) will now be used for the lodgement and assessment of all applications submitted in accordance with the PDI Act. Applicants may pay an additional fee for the relevant authority to lodge the application on the Portal on their behalf.

The PlanSA Portal does not currently integrate with Council's internal systems. The Administration is currently working on a work-around to still provide reporting on the dual systems. Until this integration is implemented some reporting functions will be affected.

As at 22 March 2021, a total of 9 applications had been submitted in the PlanSA Portal with an estimated development cost of \$344 670.

City Development experienced a significant surge of new applications in the weeks leading up to 19 March 2021, and in the final week over double the number of lodgements normally anticipated were received. It is understood that many applicants were unsure of the new system and wanted to secure their position in the previous system before the Go Live date.

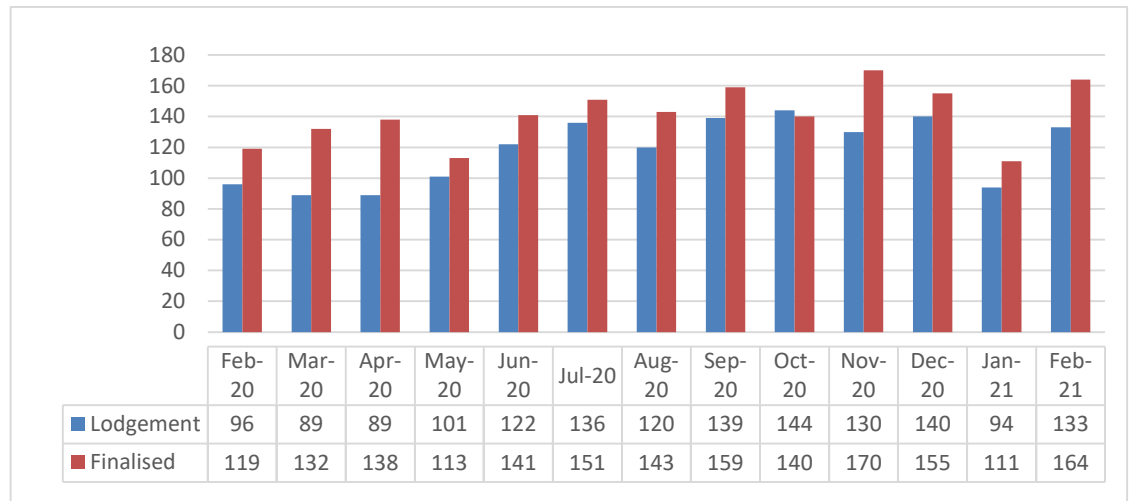
COVID-19 State Emergency

Since July 2020, City Development have received 71 development applications where applicant has applied for or intends to apply for the HomeBuilder Grant as part of the Federal Government's COVID-19 stimulus.

COVID-19 emergency legislation giving the Minister for Planning powers to call in development applications that have been delayed to be assessed by SCAP has not been used for any applications in the City of West Torrens with assessment of application continuing as scheduled.

Lodgments and Decisions

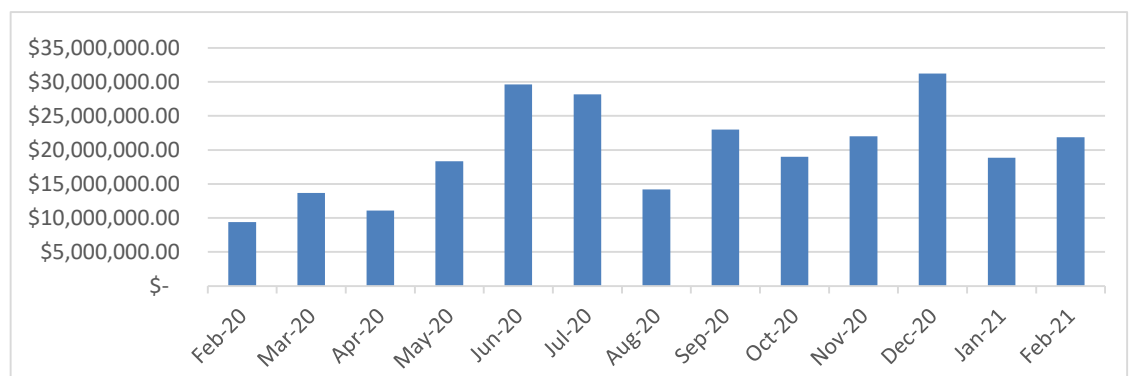
One-hundred and thirty-three (133) applications were lodged and one hundred and sixty-four (164) applications were finalised in February 2021.



*Note: 'Lodgement' relates to the number of new development application lodged during the month which is represented by the number of new development application numbers issued (including variation applications). 'Finalised' relates to the number of decision notification forms issued during the month and may including decisions relating to development plan consent, land division consent, building rules consent and development approval. This includes consents issued by both Council and private certifiers.*

Estimated Construction Cost (Lodged Development Applications)

Development applications with a total estimated construction cost of \$21,839,263.00 were lodged in February 2021.



**Planning Assessment**

	2019		2020			
	Dec Qtr. 4	Mar Qtr. 1	Jun Qtr. 2	Sept Qtr. 3	Dec Qtr. 4	
<b>Assessment Timeframes (Staff Decisions)</b>	<b>BUILDING CODE ONLY</b>					
	Total applications	59	27	41	62	46
	Median timeframe	2 days	1 day	2 days	1 day	1 day
	<b>COMPLYING</b>					
	Total applications	49	38	35	45	36
	Median timeframe	2 days	3 days	3 days	3 days	3 days
	<b>CAT 1 MERIT</b>					
	Total applications	192	169	179	203	252
	Median timeframe	12 days	12 days	7 days	7 days	9 days
	<b>CAT 2 MERIT</b>					
	Total applications	12	10	9	7	6
	Median timeframe	34 days	58 days	87 days	33.5 days	37.5 days
	<b>CAT 3 MERIT</b>					
	Total applications	4	3	4	7	1
	Median timeframe	65.5 days	76 days	62 days	8 days	31 days
	<b>CAT 1 NON-COMPLYING</b>					
Total applications	1	2	3	1	4	
Median timeframe	58 days	82 days	76 days	45 days	115 days	
<b>CAT 3 NON-COMPLYING</b>						
Total applications	1	3	0	0	0	
Median timeframe	211 days	176 days	-	-	-	
<b>Assessment Timeframes (CAP Decisions)</b>	2019		2020			
	Dec Qtr. 4	Mar Qtr. 1	Jun Qtr. 2	Sep Qtr. 3	Dec Qtr. 4	
	<b>CAT 1 MERIT</b>					
	Total applications	2	2	4	0	0
	Median timeframe	29 days	68 days	18 days	-	-
	<b>CAT 2 MERIT</b>					
	Total applications	0	3	2	3	2
	Median timeframe	-	19 days	85 days	71 days	37 days
	<b>CAT 3 MERIT</b>					
	Total applications	1	0	3	0	0
	Median timeframe	126 days	-	55 days	-	-
	<b>CAT 1 NON-COMPLYING</b>					
	Total applications	1	0	0	1	0
	Median timeframe	58 days	-	-	100 days	-
	<b>CAT 3 NON-COMPLYING</b>					
	Total applications	2	0	0	1	1
Median timeframe	105.5 days	-	-	111 days	113 days	
<p><i>Note: This data does not include withdrawn applications, refused applications, Land Division Consent applications and decisions under appeal. Category 3 Non-complying applications are not included until SCAP have made a decision whether to concur with Council's decision.</i></p> <p><i>Maximum statutory time frames (excluding additional time for further information requests, statutory agency referrals and SCAP concurrence) are summarised as:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Building Rules Consent only: 4 weeks</i></li> <li><i>Complying Development: 2 weeks for Development Plan Consent only; additional 4 weeks for Building Rules Consent</i></li> <li><i>Category 1-3 Development: 8 weeks for Development Plan Consent only; additional 4 weeks for Building Rules Consent.</i></li> </ul>						

Assessment Appeals

There was one (1) ongoing court matter in February 2021.

- An appeal against Council's decision to refuse development plan consent for a *Variation to Development Application 211/356/2016 - Increase Group 'C' building from 3 storeys to 5 storeys containing a total of 98 dwellings (38 additional dwellings) at 48-50 Davenport Terrace, Richmond.*

A directions hearing is scheduled to be held on 31 March 2021.

There are no new or finalised appeals against Council's development assessment decisions as at 24 March 2021.

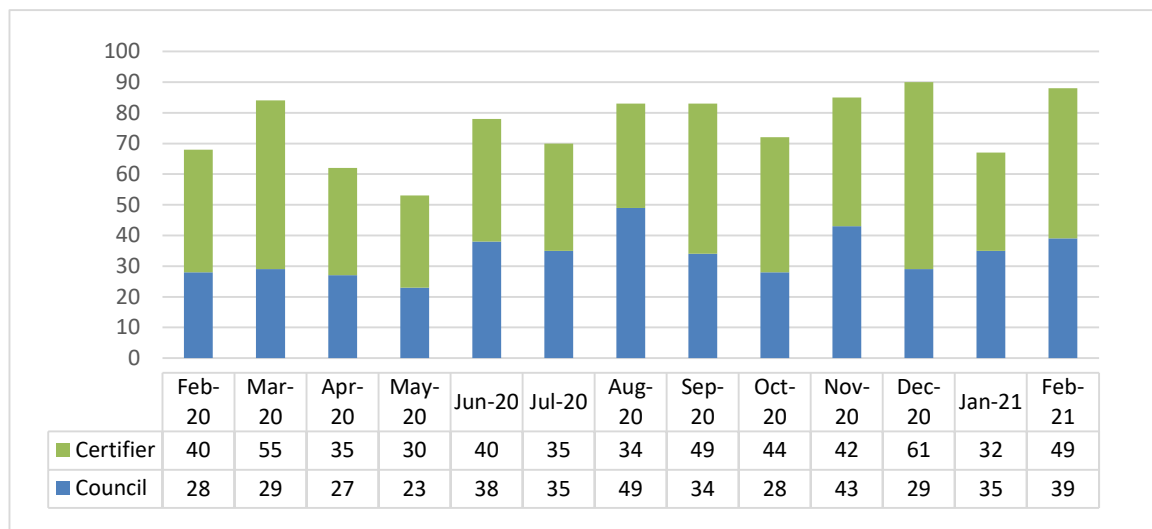
There are 2 ongoing appeals against SCAP decisions within the City of West Torrens area:

- to refuse an application for a six-storey residential flat building (32 dwellings) & associated car parking at 1 Glenburnie Terrace, Plympton.
- to refuse an application for a multi-storey mixed use development, incorporating commercial tenancy, 2 storey car park, 9-storey residential flat building, four x 3-storey residential flat buildings and car parking at 79 Port Road, Thebarton.

**Building Rules Assessment**

Building Rules Consent issued By Relevant Authority

Council issued thirty-nine (39) building rules consents and private certifiers issued forty-nine (49) building rules consents in February 2021.



*Note: Building Rules Consents are assessed by Council or private assessors known as Private Certifiers, these privately certified assessments still need to be registered and recorded with Council.*

**Community advice and education**

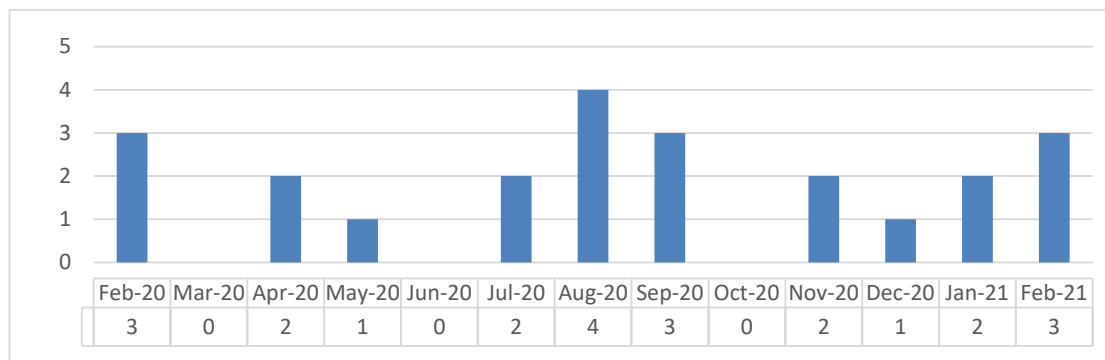
Pre-lodgment advice

Rostered Duty Planner and Duty Building Officers are available to answer preliminary pre-lodgment and general enquiries during Service Centre opening hours. Advice is provided to the general public and applicants via the phone, email and in person at the Service Centre.

The Administration participates in DPTI's Pre-lodgement case management service for development five storeys or more in height within the Urban Corridor Zone.

Category 3 Public notification

Three Category 3 applications were notified in February 2021.



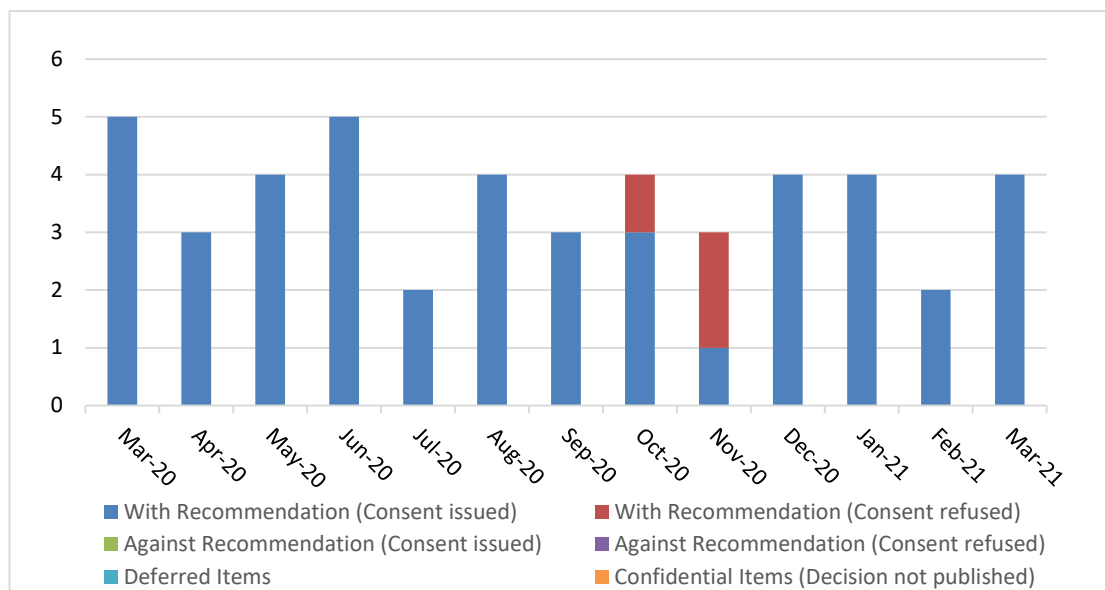
**Council Assessment Panel**

The Council Assessment Panel (CAP) held a meeting on Tuesday 9 March 2021 at the City of West Torrens Civic Centre.

The Presiding Member and Assessment Manager attended a briefing session on the Planning Reform for Council Assessment Panels presented by the Local Government Association on Wednesday, 24 February 2021.

The next CAP meeting will be held on Tuesday 13 April 2021.

Council Assessment Panel Decisions



**Referrals from other statutory agencies**

Council is a statutory referral agency for some applications that are assessed by other agencies, including State Commission Assessment Panel (SCAP), Minister for Planning, Governor of South Australia (under the Development Act 1993) and Adelaide Airport Limited (Airports Act 1996). Council is also informally referred applications for development five storeys or more in height within the Urban Corridor Zone that are assessed by SCAP.

Please refer able to the Assessment Appeals section for two SCAP appeals currently before the ERD Court.

**Service improvements**

Work has continued on a suite of business improvement initiatives including:

- City Development staff are contributing to internal Planning Reform working parties on internal processes, assessment pathways, communications, finance and the ePlanning Portal.
- City Development staff have attended specialist planning and building assessment Planning Reform training in preparation for PDI Act implementation on 19 March 2021.

**Development compliance**

Twenty-eight (28) new development compliance requests were received in February 2021. Nineteen (19) development compliance requests were resolved within the month and eighteen (18) requests were resolved from a previous month in February 2021. At the end of February there were thirty-three (33) ongoing development compliance requests.

Compliance Requests

Month/Year	No of Requests Received	Requests resolved within the month	Requests resolved from previous months	Total Ongoing Actions
Feb 2020	18	16	5	35
Mar 2020	16	9	7	35
April 2020	22	17	5	35
May 2020	33	20	1	48
June 2020	26	19	12	41
July 2020	20	11	1	49
Aug 2020	29	22	8	36
Sep 2020	18	13	3	38
Oct 2020	22	17	4	39
Nov 2020	21	12	7	41
Dec 2020	26	20	6	41
Jan 2021	16	14	2	42
Feb 2021	28	19	18	33

*Note: Compliance actions include investigating potential use of properties for activities that haven't been approved, buildings being constructed without the required approvals, checking of older buildings that may be becoming structurally unsound.*

Enforcement Action

One Section 84 enforcement notice was issued in February 2021. No Section 69 enforcement notices were issued in February 2021.

There were no new, ongoing or finalised court matters as at 19 February 2021.

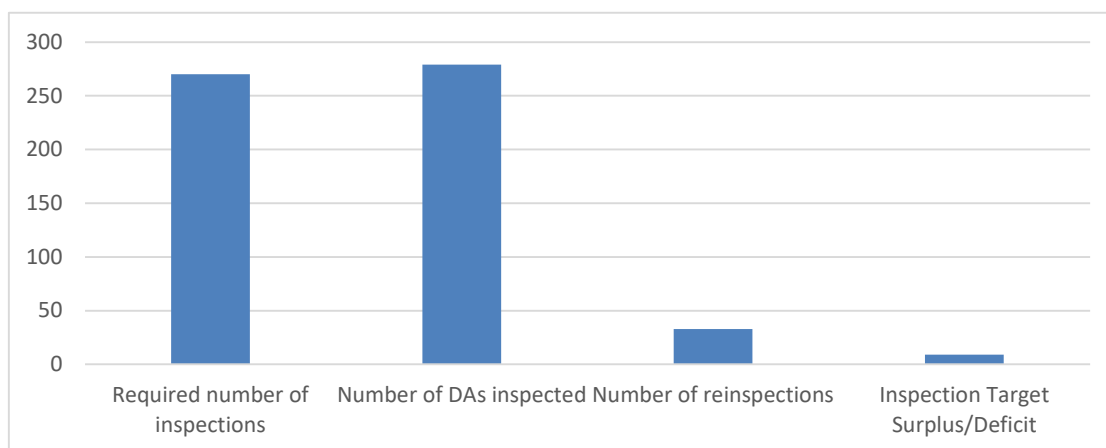
Month/Year	Section 84 Issued	Section 69 Issued	New Actions with ERD Court	Resolved Actions with ERD Court	Total ongoing Actions with ERD Court
Feb 2020	-	-	-	1	-
Mar 2020	-	-	-	-	-
April 2020	-	-	-	-	-
May 2020	-	-	-	-	-
June 2020	-	1	-	-	-
July 2020	-	-	-	-	-
Aug 2020	2	-	-	-	-
Sep 2020	4	-	-	-	-
Oct 2020	-	1	-	-	-
Nov 2020	-	-	-	-	-
Dec 2020	-	-	-	-	-
Jan 2021	1	1	-	-	-
Feb 2021	1	-	-	-	-

*Note: Section 84 enforcement notices are the first stage of prosecution for unapproved development. Section 69 emergency orders are the first stage of prosecution for unsafe buildings.*

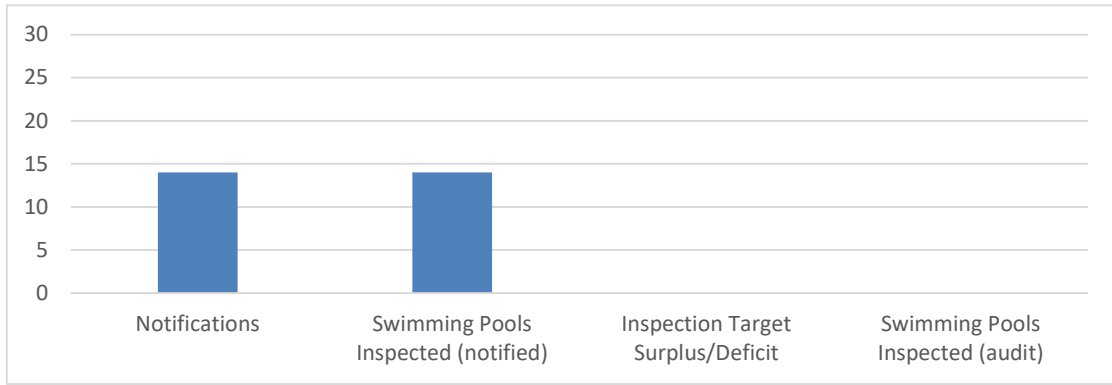
**Building compliance inspections**

Building Inspections (July 2020 - Feb 2021)

Council's Building and Swimming Pool Inspection Policy sets out the minimum number of inspections required to be undertaken during the year.



Swimming Pool Inspections (July 2020 - Jan 2021)



*Note: The Development Act and Council's Building and Swimming Pool Inspection Policy requires that a minimum number of approved buildings and notified swimming pools are inspected for compliance with their associated Development Approval documentation. Where 100% of inspections have not been met in a month the requirement is rolled over to the next month until all required inspections have been undertaken. The inspection target is based on the first inspection of a building or swimming pool and re-inspections are not included in the target.*

**City of West Torrens Building Fire Safety Committee**

Meetings

A Building Fire Safety Committee was held on 11 March 2021.

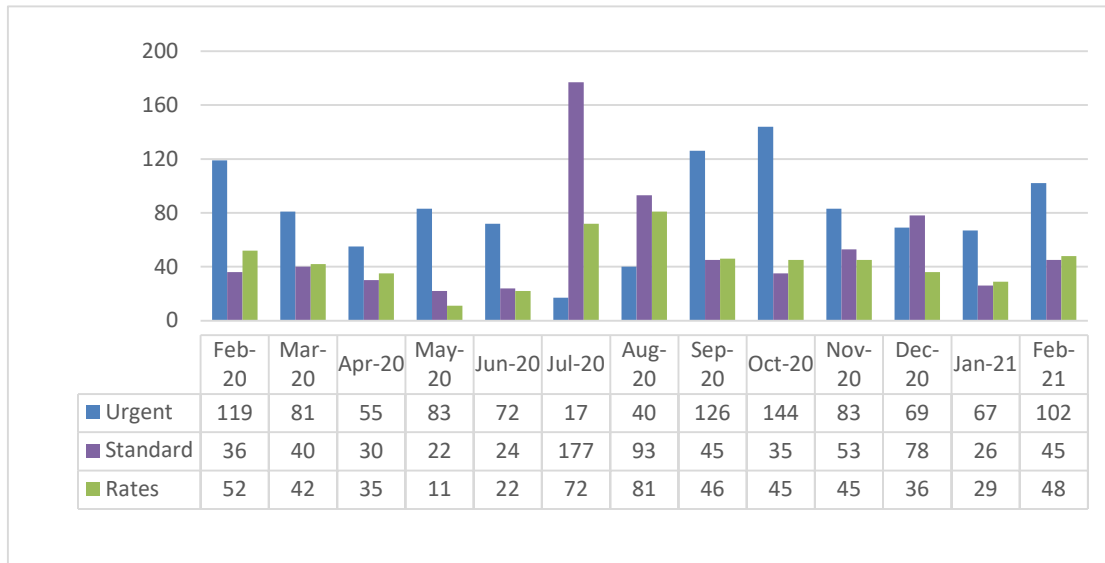
The next Building Fire Safety Committee meeting will be held in June 2021.



**Property and land information requests**

One-hundred and two (102) urgent search requests, forty-five (45) standard search requests and forty-eight (48) rates search requests were received in February 2021.

Property Searches



*Note: When a property is purchased, the purchasers are provided with a Form 1 (commonly known as cooling off paperwork) Council contributes to this Form 1 with a Section 12 Certificate, the certificate provides the potential purchaser with all relevant known history for the property. Prior to settlement on the property the relevant Conveyancer will also request a Rates statement from Council to ensure the appropriate rates payments are made by the purchaser and the vendor (seller).*

**Climate Impact Considerations**

*(Assessment of likely positive or negative implications of this decision will assist Council and the West Torrens Community to build resilience and adapt to the challenges created by a changing climate.)*

There is no direct climate impact consideration in relation to this report.

**Attachments**

Nil

**12 MEETING CLOSE**