

YOUR BUDGET - BE INVOLVED

We invite you to comment on the proposed 2018/19 Budget and Annual Business Plan.

This summary outlines the services and projects that the Council plans to provide and implement in the 2018/19 financial year and its sources of funding. Council is seeking your feedback on this proposed budget and annual business plan.

Please take this opportunity to have your say. Your feedback is important to us, and all feedback and comments will be considered by Council during its 2018/19 budget deliberations.

Terry Buss PSM
Chief Executive Officer

BUDGET SUMMARY

Council's increase in average rates has been contained to 2.3 per cent in 2018/19, 0.3 per cent lower than predicted last budget. This increase is the same as the most recently published consumer price index increase for Adelaide.

Had it not been for substantial increases in power costs and the waste to landfill levy imposed by the State Government, this rate increase would have been 1.4 per cent. These charges are \$474,364 or 19.1 per cent higher than last budget, as shown below:

Charge	\$ Increase	% Increase
Waste to Landfill Levy	160,000	15.1
Street lighting	185,000	21.8
Other power costs	129,364	22.3
Total	474,364	19.1

Council is still currently debt free and has the second lowest average residential rates in metropolitan Adelaide.

Capital expenditure of \$26.3 million is being budgeted in 2018/19, which includes further ongoing support for the Lockleys Oval / Apex Park redevelopment. Expenditure covers the following programs:

Where Spent	\$ million
Roads and footpaths	12.0
Drainage infrastructure	5.2
Lockleys Oval / Apex Park	3.0
Building upgrades	2.1
Recreational facilities	2.0
Plant and equipment	2.0
Total	26.3



PROPOSED BUDGET 2018/19 AT A GLANCE

- Total Operating Expenditure = \$56.69m
- Total Capital Expenditure = \$26.35m
- Rate Revenue = \$57.40m
- Other Revenue = \$8.10m
- NRM Levy = \$1.47m
- Loans = \$4.35m
- Operating Surplus Ratio = 13.5%
- Sustainability Ratio = 101.9%
- Loan Repayments % of Rates = 0.8%
- Cash Deficit Net of Reserves = \$36,072

THE STRATEGIC FOCUS OF THE COUNCIL

Key influences on the budget and annual business plan of the Council include:

- Financial sustainability - ensuring Council remains strong financially on a long term basis, and that future generations of ratepayers are not left to pick up the bill for work that should have been undertaken earlier;
- Asset management - ensuring a responsible, systematic and structured approach is taken to the maintenance, upgrade and operation of community assets, valued at \$934 million;
- Stormwater flood mitigation - ensuring work is undertaken to minimise the impact of floods within the West Torrens community, including the impact of the Brown Hill / Keswick Creek system.

This focus is consistent with the *Toward 2025 Community Plan* of the Council which was adopted in 2014 and subsequently updated in 2017.



A strategic focus is a must if long term issues are to be managed responsibly. Community assets must be protected and preserved for future generations to use and enjoy. Many of these assets have useful lives of 100 years, perhaps longer if managed appropriately.

COUNCIL'S 10 YEAR PLAN

A 10 year approach has been taken to the budget, based on the strategic agenda of the Council and the need to address financial sustainability, asset management and stormwater flood mitigation priorities. Forward

estimates have been compiled and they include plans over the next 10 years for:

- Capital expenditure to be committed to road and footpath infrastructure totalling \$123.4 million (or \$12.3 million per annum);
- Expenditure to be committed to drainage and other capital works totalling \$93.4 million, including \$15.9 million on flood mitigation works in the Brown Hill / Keswick Creek catchment;
- Capital expenditure to be committed to buildings, plant and equipment totalling \$51.8 million, including \$3.0 million for the redevelopment of Lockleys Oval and Apex Park;
- An amount of \$43.36 million to be borrowed - a very manageable commitment by the Council with loan repayments as a percentage of rates estimated not to exceed 6.0 per cent.

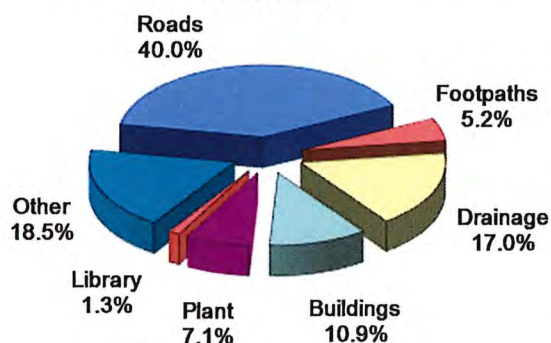
Major capital upgrades factored into the current Council budget and our forward estimates include:

Development	\$ million
Lockleys Oval / Apex Park	11.8
Weigall Oval	6.9
Camden Oval	6.2
Mellor Park	1.2
Torrensville Bowling Club	1.2
Theb Oval / Kings Reserve	0.5
Total	27.8

\$268 MILLION OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS

It is estimated that capital expenditure will total \$268 million over the next 10 years, and be committed as follows:

Capital Expenditure - 10 Years to 2027/28



More detailed information is provided in the proposed budget and annual business plan for 2018/19, a copy of which is available on-line at www.westtorrens.sa.gov.au. Copies are also available for inspection in the Civic Centre and Hamra Centre Library.

SUMMARY OF KEY PROJECTS IN 2018/19

Drainage

An amount of \$5.2 million is budgeted for further drainage and stormwater flood mitigation work to be undertaken including:

- \$2.5 million as a contribution toward the Brown Hill Keswick Creek project;
- \$1.4 million in construction work associated with Lockleys catchment drainage (upstream of Henley Beach Road);
- \$900,000 for the refurbishment and upgrade of the stormwater pump station in Shannon Avenue, Glenelg North.

This is part of an ongoing drainage commitment over many years by Council and is largely loan funded.

Road Maintenance

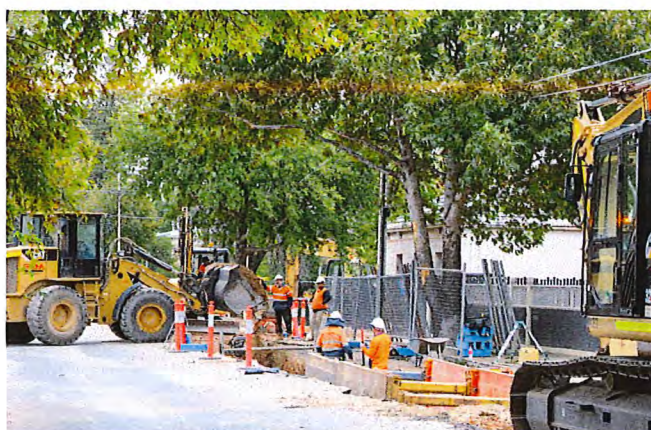
Council is responsible for 294 kilometres of local roads and 669 kilometres of kerbing, and is budgeting an amount of \$5.63 million for the ongoing maintenance of this infrastructure,

largely comprising road reseals and the replacement of kerbing and gutters.

Road Reconstruction

Council's road reconstruction program totals \$4.3 million, for the following roads to be upgraded:

- Delray Street, Fulham (Gault Avenue to Crispian Street);
- MacKirdy Street, Fulham (Henley Beach Road to Samuel Street);
- Daly Street, Kurralt Park (Garfield Avenue to Tennyson Street);
- McArthur Avenue, Kurralt Park (Tennyson Street to Garfield Avenue);
- McArthur Avenue, Plympton (Garfield Avenue to Birdwood Terrace);
- McArthur Avenue, Plympton (Urrbrae Terrace to Glenburnie Terrace);
- Durant Street, Plympton (Gray Street to James Street);
- Stephens Avenue, Torrensville (End to Ashley Street);
- Norman Street, Underdale (Sherriff Street to Holbrooks Road);
- Sherriff Street, Underdale (Norman Street to Henley Beach Road);
- Wilford Street, Underdale (Sherriff Street to Hardy's Road).



Footpath Program

Council has responsibility for 626 kilometres of footpaths throughout the West Torrens area, and is budgeting \$557,487 for replacement and new footpath construction, including remediation works.

Playground Upgrade Program

Council's playground upgrade program totals \$445,000, with the following playgrounds scheduled for upgrade:

- Cromer Street Reserve, Camden Park;
- Mellor Park Reserve, Lockleys;
- Apex Park Reserve, West Beach.



Sport and Recreation Facility Upgrades

\$1.57 million is being committed to the update and maintenance of other sport and recreation facilities throughout the area. Key initiatives include:

- \$340,000 for projects along the River Torrens Linear Park;
- \$595,000 to upgrade reserve irrigation systems to meet SA Water guidelines;
- \$500,000 for other reserves works, which include upgrades for Cromer Street Reserve, Camden Park, Stirling Street Reserve, Thebarton, Mile End Common, Mile End and Kitt Street Reserve, West Beach, along with staged streetscape upgrades for Henley Beach Road, Sir Donald Bradman Drive and James Congdon Drive.

Community Facilities and Related Funding

An amount of \$3.95 million has been budgeted for further community facilities and related development, as follows:

Development	\$ million
Lockleys Oval / Apex Park	3.00
Camden Oval complex	0.50
Peake Gardens Tennis Club	0.45
Total	3.95

Further funding is planned over the next 10 years.

Building Upgrades

Building upgrades total \$1.135 million and include:

- \$200,000 for building compliance upgrades, including work on Camden Hall, Richmond Oval grandstand, the Hilton Civic Centre and various public toilet facilities;
- \$200,000 for building compliance upgrade work associated with Star Theatre;
- \$250,000 for further upgrade work for the Thebarton Theatre complex, including electrical wiring and power supply replacements;
- \$200,000 for minor building repairs and the external painting of the Hilton Civic building.
- \$100,000 to replace the roof and roof structure of the Torrensville Bowling Club.



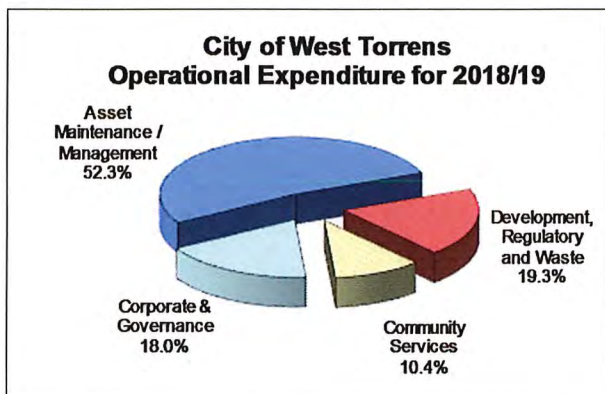
Plant and Equipment Upgrades

\$2.03 million is being committed, after trade-in values, to upgrade plant and equipment, including trucks, motor vehicles and library resources.

KEY SERVICES BEING MAINTAINED

Operational expenditure in 2018/19 has increased by \$2.94 million (or 5.5 per cent) compared with 2017/18 budget estimates.

The operational budget of the Council for 2018/19 is committed as follows:



Asset Maintenance

Council has asset maintenance teams responsible for the following:

- Road maintenance;
- Landscaping;
- Tree maintenance;
- Grass maintenance;
- Property and building maintenance;
- General maintenance.

Depot and property maintenance works expenditure is being increased to \$14.7 million (up by 15.2 per cent).

Waste Management

Council is budgeting to spend \$5.3 million on waste management services in the 2018/19 financial year.



Costs have been impacted adversely by an estimated increase of \$160,000 in the waste-to-landfill levy imposed by the South Australian government.

E-waste and hard-waste collection services will be offered again to all residential households in 2018/19, with the program against illegal dumping and food waste recycling initiatives to be continued.

The City of West Torrens has reduced its disposal to landfill by around 50 per cent since the introduction of recycling and green waste collection systems.

Library Services

The Hamra Centre Library provides a range of information and related services to the community.



An amount of \$2.7 million has been allocated in the 2018/19 budget for these services to be maintained.

Continuation of Community Care Programs

In recognition of the increased need for community-based personal care services for the elderly and those with disabilities, Council has maintained its level of services with assistance from the state and commonwealth governments. This has included home assistance and maintenance support, and in-home personal support programs.



The budget allocation for 2018/19 is \$578,600, although this is largely state and commonwealth government funded.

Other Community Services

Other services to the community involve a budget allocation in 2018/19 of \$2.3 million and include:

- Community development programs and events;
- Community information and consultation.

These programs are partly supported by state and commonwealth government funding.

COUNCIL INCOME

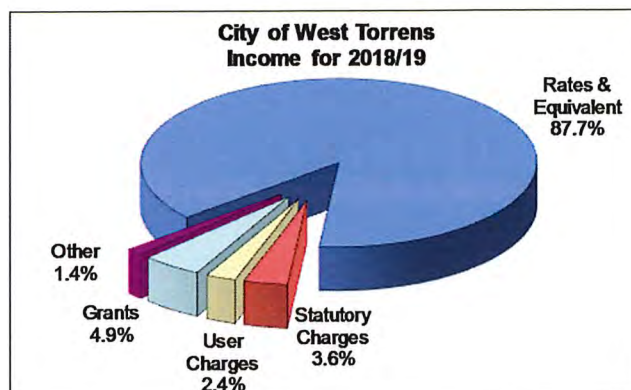
Key financial indicators are all positive in the 2018/19 budget, based on the following rate increases:

Minimum Rate	:	Up 2.3%
Non-Residential	:	Up 2.3%
Residential	:	Up 2.3%

These increases provide the foundation for addressing long term asset management and sustainability requirements.

Council's operating statement in the proposed 2018/19 budget projects a surplus from operations of \$8.8 million (operating income less operating expenses), and forward estimates project modest surpluses over the next 10 years. Asset sustainability ratios are better than break even, cash flow projections are strong and indebtedness levels are low.

Council relies heavily on rates to fund its community programs, rates being 87.7 per cent of the 2018/19 income budget, as shown in the following chart.



Council has the 2nd Lowest Average Residential Rates in Metro Adelaide

The average residential rates for West Torrens Council in 2017/18 were \$1,181 - the second lowest in metropolitan area - as shown in the table that follows.

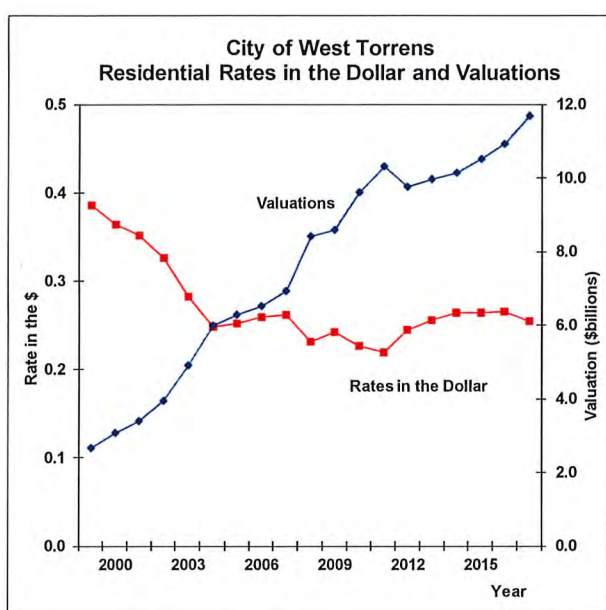
Council	Average Rates \$	Ratio %
Walkerville	2,025	1.7
Unley	1,786	1.5
Prospect	1,780	1.5
Burnside	1,704	1.4
Mitcham	1,654	1.4
Tea Tree Gully	1,582	1.3
Playford	1,556	1.3
Holdfast Bay	1,528	1.3
Onkaparinga	1,511	1.3
Campbelltown	1,510	1.3
Marion	1,472	1.2
Norwood, Payneham	1,467	1.2
Charles Sturt	1,360	1.2
Salisbury	1,307	1.1
West Torrens	1,181	1.0
Pt Adelaide Enfield	1,021	0.9
Average	1,531	1.3

Source: LGA Survey

Does Council have a rates windfall when property values increase?

The answer to this question is no - Council does not benefit from property value increases.

The following graph shows how rates in the dollar are reduced to compensate for increased property values, and so remove any windfall gain that might otherwise have occurred.



LOANS

Council's loan program for 2018/19 totals \$4.35 million and is largely for drainage infrastructure.

Loan repayments expressed as a percentage of rates is the benchmark that is best used to assess Council's indebtedness. Projected percentages for West Torrens are as follows:

Year	Loans % of Rates
2018/19	1.0
2019/20	2.3
2020/21	3.8
2021/22	4.1
2022/23	4.3
2023/24	4.6
2024/25	4.9
2025/26	5.1
2026/27	5.4
2027/28	5.7

These percentages are considered moderate and manageable.

RATING OPTIONS

Rating powers available to the City of West Torrens are established by state government legislation under the Local Government Act, and a number of flexibilities and options are available for consideration. These include:

- Site and capital valuation systems;
- Differential rating;
- Minimum rates;
- Fixed charges;
- Service rates/charges;
- Rate capping.

All options are reviewed in detail in the budget and annual business plan of the Council.



PLANNED RATE INCREASE

An overall average rate increase of 2.3 per cent is budgeted for 2018/19, which is 0.3 per cent lower than that foreshadowed in the forward estimates of last year's budget.

RATING POLICIES

Council intends that inequities, hardship and significant rate increases within the community be managed using existing provisions of the Local Government Act that allow:

- Rates to be rebated (reduced) on a range of grounds, including to provide relief from what would otherwise amount to a substantial change in rates;
- Rates to be remitted (cancelled or reduced) or postponed if the payment of rates would cause hardship.

Council has a rating policy in place in support of these arrangements.



Rate postponement for seniors is mandatory following amendments to the Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (General) Regulations 1999. These changes mandate an entitlement to postponement if:

- The ratepayer holds a state seniors card or has an application pending when an entitlement exists;
- The property in question is the principal place of residence;
- The property is owned by the principal ratepayer or the principal ratepayer and their spouse.

Applications are required in a manner and form to be determined by Council, and are only required to be submitted in the first year, rather than on an ongoing annual basis. The first \$500 in rates cannot be postponed.

An application can only be rejected if capital liabilities associated with the property at the time of application exceed 50 per cent of the capital value of the land, based on current

mortgages over the property that were registered prior to 25 January 2007.

EARLY PAYMENT INCENTIVES

Early payment incentives are available again in 2018, in the form of three travel vouchers valued at \$500 each. Rates must be paid in full by 3 September 2018 to be eligible for these prizes.



Council officials, employees and their immediate families are not eligible to enter.

The prize draw will take place at the 18 September 2018 Council meeting and the winners will be announced in Council's newsletter *Talking Points*.

NRM LEVY

Under State Government legislation Council is required to collect a tax, totalling \$1.47 million in 2018/19 on behalf of the State Government, known as the natural resource management levy.



This is not part of Council's rates and the amount collected is passed on in full to the State Government.

ATTAINMENT OF OBJECTIVES

Council's objectives for 2017/18 were achieved as follows:

- New and replacement works were undertaken, including 3,102 square metres of footpaths, 3,378 lineal metres of kerbing and 77,002 square metres of road surface, along with 72,594 square metres of road surface rejuvenation. The construction of 1.9 kilometres of roads was also completed.
- The installation of underground stormwater drainage for further stages of the Lockleys catchment (north of Henley Beach Road) commenced (totalling approximately \$3.0 million).
- The reconstructions of George Street, Thebarton, Birmingham Street, Mile End, St Andrews Crescent, Novar Gardens, Wainhouse Street, Torrensville, Cambridge Avenue, West Beach, Toledo Avenue, West Beach and Britton Street, West Richmond were completed.
- Detailed design and documentation was undertaken for the proposed upgrade of the stormwater pump station located in Shannon Ave, Glenelg North. The project is scheduled to commence in 2018/19.
- The undergrounding of electrical power in West Thebarton Road and Phillips Street, Thebarton was completed, allowing the upgrade of West Thebarton Road to commence.



- The Weigall Oval complex upgrade has commenced for stage 1, which includes a new reserve play space, pathways, tennis courts and car parking. This project will continue into 2018/19, with further development to include a new sporting

facility / clubrooms and ovals for both soccer and baseball.

- The development of Apex Park Reserve has commenced and will continue into 2018/19. These works include a new clubrooms and an equestrian facility, the upgrade of reserve and associated facilities, and improvements to the wetlands / local drainage.



- Detailed design and documentation for the upgrade of the Lockleys Oval complex has been finalised and the project is scheduled to commence early in 2018/19. It includes a new combined sporting facility and clubrooms, along with various improvements to the existing sporting facilities on the reserve.
- Detailed design and documentation for the upgrade and improvement of the Mellor Park Reserve has commenced.
- The Camden Oval complex upgrade has commenced on site and will continue into 2018/19. Works undertaken include the completion of the new synthetic senior soccer pitch and will continue with the upgrade of the existing facilities and clubrooms for the sporting clubs.
- The City of West Torrens' Road Safety Group worked with the local community along with the assistance of the SA Police and the State Government, to promote road safety and awareness.
- Local area traffic management plans for the Torrensville / Thebarton area have been completed. Plans for Novar Gardens / Camden Park and Mile End / Cowandilla areas are in progress.
- The River Torrens Linear Park staged pedestrian lighting project involved the completion of an upgrade to LED lighting between Tapleys Hill Road, Fulham and the Council boundary.

- New LED lighting along the Westside Bikeway in Marleston / Plympton / North Plympton was installed.



- Various playgrounds were replaced and upgraded, including those at Joe Wells Reserve, Dove Street Reserve, East Parkway Reserve, and the Jubilee Park Reserve. Shade cloth was also installed at Baroda Avenue Reserve and St Georges Avenue Reserve
- Ongoing irrigation improvements were undertaken, which included work at Joe Wells Reserve (Netley), Mile End Common Reserve (Mile End), Jubilee Park Reserve (Glandore) and Westside Bikeway (Richmond).
- Staged building compliance upgrade works were undertaken at the Star Theatre complex.
- The upgrade of St Georges Avenue Reserve, Glandore occurred, which included improvements to pathways, irrigation, fencing, furniture and play equipment.
- The ongoing improvement and development of the Kings Reserve / Thebarton Oval complex occurred, which including the construction of a wetland and stormwater feature to assist local drainage.
- Ongoing electrical and structural compliance upgrade works were

undertaken at the Thebarton Theatre complex.

- Detailed design and documentation was undertaken for the planned future upgrade and replacement of the Peake Gardens Reserve Tennis Club clubrooms.
- Lean thinking and cultural development programs progressed substantially.
- Council collected and recycled 7,086 tonnes of green waste in the last 12 months, along with 4,646 tonnes of recyclables.
- Council collected and disposed of 11,912 tonnes of waste to landfill in the past 12 months.
- 7,302 hard waste collections occurred in the last 12 months, resulting in the collection of 1,166 mattresses and 825 tonnes of waste, 95 per cent of which was diverted away from landfill.
- Further progress occurred with a scheme to divert food waste from the residual waste stream to the green organics waste stream.
- Council's program against illegal dumping continued to achieve a removal rate by those responsible of more than 45 per cent.
- In the past 12 months, 52 per cent of waste for which Council is responsible was diverted away from landfill.
- E-waste and hard waste collection services occurred without charge to residents.

RESULTS

- Council Compliance staff investigated 1,901 complaints in the first nine months of 2017/18, most of which were animal and parking related.
- Parking permits were assessed and issued to 221 residents.
- In the first nine months of 2017/18, 64 dog attacks were investigated, 7 dog orders were issued and 272 dogs were picked up for wandering at large.

- 89 wasp and bee removals took place over the same period.
- In the first nine months of 2017/18, 8,225 parking expiations were issued, and 2,594 appeals / objections were received and assessed.



- Over the same period, 518 properties were assessed for being a fire hazard, with 67 clean up notices issued along with 10 expiations.
- In the first nine months of 2017/18, Council has conducted 33 public immunisation clinics and delivered the school based immunisation program, administering 1,694 vaccines. A further 1,016 vaccines were also administered during the influenza season at public and workplace clinics.
- For the 12 months to 31 March 2018, 357 food premises were inspected and 40 food related complaints were investigated.
- Council responded to 194 environmental nuisance complaints, which largely involved noise, dust, odour and stormwater pollution issues, in the first nine months of 2017/18.
- Council administered a food safety rating scheme for food businesses in its area, issuing 120 certificates in the first 9 months of the financial year.
- Council's Service Centre responded to almost 53,000 telephone calls and almost 19,000 payment transactions in the first nine months of the financial year.

- New telephony software and contact channels were introduced in Council's Service Centre.
- A three year Work Health and Safety and Injury Management Plan was finalized in March 2018.
- Council assessed 324 rate rebate and remission applications.
- Significant progress was made with the rollout of mobile technology to the outside workforce.
- The redevelopment of Council's website occurred to cater for increasing web traffic via mobile devices.
- Collaboratively developed and launched the *Adelaidebeaches.com.au* website to increase sustainable tourism jobs within the region and encourage dispersal of economic spend by promoting western Adelaide as a must-visit destination for all visitors to South Australia.
- Continued to participate in the Building Western Adelaide Alliance for Economic Development of the western region with neighbouring councils.
- Heritage Grants were reinstated through the new online grants management system to support maintenance of privately owned heritage listed properties and contribute to skilled employment in the area.
- Completed the Employment Lands Analysis project to inform conversion of industry and commercial land into the Planning and Design Code.



- Completed the Underdale /Torrensville Urban Renewal DPA to facilitate opportunities to transition from industry to land uses more compatible with a mixed use zone, including residential.

- Effective advocacy to the Minister resulted in the reconsideration of the Inner and Middle Metro Corridor (Sites) DPA to not include rezoning of land adjacent a historic heritage area and amend provisions in other areas to mitigate potential impacts of multi-storey dwellings on adjacent existing residential development.



- Reviewed the West Torrens Development Plan as part of DPTI's collaborative work program to convert development plans to the one overarching Planning and Design Code.
- Completed the Western Adelaide Urban Heat Mapping Project to identify heat islands and hot spots across the region. Results will inform decision making in relation to climate change adaptation, green infrastructure, community health and planning.
- A successful native plant giveaway and community planting event were held in June with 5,000 local native seedlings distributed to residents, and 100 volunteers planting 4,500 seedlings along the River Torrens at Lockleys.
- The residential rainwater rebate scheme provided \$6,000 to residents for rainwater tank rebates, assisting with water conservation and providing a total storage capacity of 85,000 litres.
- The Environment Grants Program provided \$10,000 to support the implementation of local environment initiatives.
- Assessed the percentage of green cover in the public realm and the private realm across the City. Also analysed tree canopy cover for each suburb to help understand differences across the City and to prioritize actions aimed at

increasing the city's overall tree canopy cover.

- Successfully obtained funding from the South Australian EPA to help fund construction of a new raingarden and to develop an interpretive trail of raingardens across the city.
- Commenced preparation of a Public Realm Design Manual, including a set of guiding principles to help inform decision making when selecting elements for the public realm.
- A review of the process for development and approval of Council's strategic and corporate plans was undertaken using the LEAN methodology. This will ensure consistency of and accountability for Council's current and future plans.
- Progressed the (draft) Disability Access and Inclusion Plan to public consultation.
- The city's five by-laws were reviewed and came into operation on 1 January 2018.
- Developed and implemented tendering guidelines for online electronic tendering, achieving the goal of no hard copy tenders and improved internal controls
- Developed customer centric webpage, providing suppliers with timely information about new open market contracts, processes and policies.



- Reduced risk and red tape for Council and contractors with improved, clear processes to manage contractors, contracts, contractor compliance and contractor performance
- The 2018 Summer Festival was a huge success and included our third Fork on the Road for food lovers at Kings Reserve and Thebartonia, a partnership event with the Wheatsheaf Hotel. An estimated 12,000 people attended the various Summer Festival events.

- In honour of the many migrants who have chosen to make West Torrens their home, we printed a once off 12-page magazine feature, 'We are West Torrens', which depicted the stories and photographs of families and individuals from various cultural backgrounds.



- The Hamra Gallery has been successful in rolling out 14 exhibitions throughout the year that showcased local and emerging artists.
- The Hamra Gallery hosted numerous community events, exhibitions and support for Council programs such as cultural nights, school holiday programs, movie nights, book launches and local author visits.
- The volunteer service provided mental health first aid training, manual handling and child safe environments for individuals and community services across the region.
- A total of 162 residents received assistance by volunteers through the 2017 tax help program.
- The Commonwealth Home Support program funding that caters for over 1,000 aged and vulnerable residents each year was extended.
- A very popular new weekly Active Ageing program focussed on wellness and healthy ageing was implemented at Plympton Community Centre.
- A very busy program of school holiday indoor and outdoor events and activities over the year were run very successfully, with some events attracting up to 400 people.
- A number of successful pop-up cafes to increase community connectedness were delivered in local parks through the Thriving Neighbourhoods collaboration.

- The Community Development team won a Local Government award for the after school swim safety program for newly arrived children run in collaboration with local schools and Thebarton Aquatic Centre.
- A collaboration between City of Charles Sturt, City of Port Adelaide Enfield and West Torrens provided a youth expo for over 700 students and teachers across the western suburbs, showcasing employment, education and recreational services available to young people living in the western region.
- Thebarton Community Centre had a total of 2,000 bookings and Plympton Community Centre had a total of 780 bookings, ranging from one-off events to regular weekly meetings.
- In the last 12 months Council received 1,117 residential development applications with an estimated value of \$204 million, and 98 commercial and industrial development applications with an estimated value of \$37 million.



- Over the same period Council completed 594 residential building code inspections, 82 commercial and industrial building code inspections and 16 swimming pool safety inspections.
- Council has received and processed 1,521 Section 12 certificate requests in the last 12 months.
- Over the same period Council has received, investigated and resolved 214 complaints about breaches of the Development Act.
- Council has reviewed and provided feedback to the Officer for Liquor and Gambling on 38 liquor licence applications in the last 12 months.

HAVE A SAY IN SHAPING YOUR CITY

Council is keen to seek the views and comments of ratepayers and interested parties prior to making final decisions on budget and rating arrangements for 2018/19.



An analysis will be undertaken of the results of the consultation process, and amendments to budget and rating arrangements may be proposed to Council for consideration.

THE CONSULTATION PROGRAM

Council's consultation program for this review includes:

- The preparation of a comprehensive budget and annual business plan, incorporating budget and rating proposals for 2018/19, and this being made available to the public;
- The preparation of a summary of the budget and annual business plan for 2018/19;
- The release of information electronically on Council's website and in hard copy form at the Civic Centre and Hamra Centre Library;
- The issue of public notices describing the annual budget and business plan, and offering opportunities to participate in the consultation process;
- An invitation for written submissions on the budget and annual business plan, along with rating policy and practice;
- A Council meeting for the public to ask questions and make submissions.

The Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 June 2018 from 7.00 pm, in the Civic Centre, 165 Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Hilton.

You are encouraged to be involved and have your say by:

- Attending the Council meeting;
- Preparing a written submission;
- Reading and making comment on the summary budget and annual business plan;
- Viewing the proposed budget and annual business plan on Council's website (at www.westtorrens.sa.gov.au), at the Civic Centre or Hamra Centre Library;
- Recording your views or asking questions using our website (at www.westtorrens.sa.gov.au);
- E-mailing Council at csu@wtcc.sa.gov.au

All responses must be received by Friday 8 June 2018 and be addressed to:

The Chief Executive Officer
City of West Torrens
165 Sir Donald Bradman Drive
HILTON SA 5033

or

e-mail csu@wtcc.sa.gov.au



Your views will be recorded and analysed as part of the consultation process, with a summary report presented to Council on 19 June 2018.