



NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

To: Mayor Jan-Claire Wisdom

Councillor Kirrilee Boyd
Councillor Adrian Cheater
Councillor Nathan Daniell
Councillor Pauline Gill
Councillor Chris Grant
Councillor Malcolm Herrmann
Councillor Lucy Huxter
Councillor Leith Mudge
Councillor Mark Osterstock
Councillor Kirsty Parkin
Councillor Louise Pascale
Councillor Melanie Selwood

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions under Section 82 of the *Local Government Act 1999* that a Special meeting of the Council will be held on:

Monday 17 June 2024
7.30pm
63 Mt Barker Road Stirling

Business of the meeting:

1. Heathfield Oval Scoreboard - Request for Funding
2. Johnstone Memorial Park Changerooms – Request for Funding
3. Annual Business Plan Consultation Report

A copy of the Agenda for this meeting is supplied under Section 83 of the Act.

Meetings of the Council are open to the public and members of the community are welcome to attend. Public notice of the Agenda for this meeting is supplied under Section 84 of the Act.

Greg Georgopoulos
Chief Executive Officer



AGENDA FOR SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

**Monday 17 June 2024
7.30pm
63 Mt Barker Road Stirling**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. COMMENCEMENT

2. OPENING STATEMENT

Council acknowledges that we meet on the traditional lands and waters of the Peramangk and Kaurna people. They are Custodians of this ancient and beautiful land and so we pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging. We will care for this country together by ensuring the decisions we make will be guided by the principle that we should never decrease our children's ability to live on this land.

3. APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- 3.1. Apology
- 3.2. Leave of Absence
- 3.3. Absent

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

5. PRESIDING MEMBER'S OPENING REMARKS

6. PUBLIC FORUM

7. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

7.1. Heathfield Oval Scoreboard - Request for Funding

1. *That the report be received and noted.*

7.2. Johnstone Memorial Park Changerooms – Request for Funding

1. *That the report be received and noted.*

7.3. 2024/25 Annual Business Plan Consultation Report

1. *That the 2024-25 Annual Business Plan Consultation Results report be received and noted.*
2. *To note the responses to the draft Annual Business Plan 2024-25 public consultation undertaken from 16 May - 11 June 2023 as contained in the Annual Business Plan 2022-23 Community Engagement Outcomes Report in Appendix 1.*
3. *To note the following changes to the draft Annual Business Plan 2024-25:*
 - a. *Adjustments to budget/financial figures to account for:*
 - i. *Changes will be made to the budget for both the Amy Gillett project and Fabrik to reflect the latest information, with no change being caused to the operating surplus.*

8. CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

Nil

9. CLOSE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Administration Reports Decision Items

**ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Monday 17 June 2024
AGENDA BUSINESS ITEM**

Item: 7.1

Responsible Officer: Renee O'Connor
Coordinator Sport and Recreation
Environment and Infrastructure

Subject: Heathfield Oval Scoreboard – Request for funding

For: Decision

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide for Council's consideration a request for funding by the clubs associated with the Heathfield Oval site for a contribution towards a new electronic scoreboard.

Heathfield Oval facility is owned by Council. Council has discretion to approve the proposed project. However, under Council's current Community and Recreation Facilities Framework (CRFF) Council generally does not support funding projects of this kind. Applying for Council's Community and Recreation Facility Grant or a Council Community Loan may be more appropriate means of achieving funding in this instance.

RECOMMENDATION

Council resolves:

- 1. That the report be received and noted.**
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1. BACKGROUND

Heathfield Oval is on Crown Land vested in the Council for recreation purposes. Council has a lease in place with the Mount Lofty District Community and Sports Club until 2026. There are several sporting and community groups that utilise the site via sub-lease or hire arrangements.

The previous Heathfield Oval scoreboard was removed during the construction of the new change rooms and cricket nets in 2022. As per Council's CRFF, it is the clubs' responsibility to reinstate or replace the scoreboard.

A modified version of the old scoreboard is currently in place at the site. While this scoreboard is functional, it does require someone to stand out in the weather to operate it.

Between 2022 and 2024, the Administration provided the clubs associated with the Heathfield Oval site information regarding options to fund a replacement scoreboard,

including applying for a Council Community and Recreation Facility Grant and/or applying for a Community Loan. Staff have also supported the clubs to apply to other grant funding bodies for a contribution towards their project.

In April 2024, the Mount Lofty District Football Club (MLDFC) received \$25,000 in grant funding from the South Australian National Football League (SANFL) for their scoreboard project.

Council received a deputation from the MLDFC at its meeting of 9 April 2024. The club outlined that they were seeking a financial contribution of \$55,000 from Council for the purchase of an electronic scoreboard for the Heathfield Oval site. The total project cost was quoted as \$107,748.

Project costs and funding sources outlined during their deputation are as follows:

Source	Amount	Proportion	Status
SANFL	\$25,000	23%	Confirmed
In-kind trades and materials + club contributions	\$27,748	26%	Confirmed
Adelaide Hills Council	\$55,000	51%	Requested
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$107,748		

In a letter to Council dated 22 April 2024, the club reiterated their request for financial assistance.

The Council's draft 2024-25 Annual Business Plan (ABP) and budget was well progressed at the time the submission was received. It was considered appropriate for the proposal to be considered as part of community feedback during the consultation period.

A subsequent Motion on Notice was considered at Council's meeting of 28 May 2024 regarding this funding request. Following consideration of the matter, the Council resolved as follows:

Mount Lofty Football Club Electronic Scoreboard – Cr Malcolm Herrmann

Moved Cr Malcolm Herrmann
S/- Cr Leith Mudge

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1. The CEO conducts and investigation and provides a report on the proposal from the Mount Lofty Football Club, seeking financial assistance for the erection of an electronic scoreboard at the Heathfield Oval;
2. That the report provides (but not limited to):
 - a. An assessment of the merits of the proposal against council policy regarding grants of this nature to recreation facilities, including (but not limited to), the Community and Recreation Facilities Policy and the criteria for Community and Recreation Facility Grants.
 - b. Alternative sources of funding for this project should Council not provide full funding of the requested amount
 - c. Other ways, financial and non-financial, that Council could provide support for this project.

3. The report to be submitted with staff recommendations, on or before the Council meeting when council considers the responses received from the public consultation on the Annual Business Plan.

Carried Unanimously

2. ANALYSIS

➤ Strategic Management Plan/Functional Strategy/Council Policy Alignment

Strategic Plan 2020-24 – A brighter future

Goal 1	A functional Built Environment
Objective B2	Preserve and enhance the unique character of the Hill for current and future generations
Priority B2.1	Continue to embrace and support community led public place revitalisation across our district.
Goal	Community wellbeing
Objective C4	An active, healthy, thriving and resilient community
Priority C4.4	Support clubs and groups to continue to provide sport and recreation activities to the community.

The project also has links to Council's *Sport and Recreation Strategy* and *CRFF* and associated Policy.

At the time of publishing in 2017, Council's *Sport and Recreation Strategy* stated that there were 27 ovals/pitches in the Council district, creating a facility to population ratio of 1:1,483 with an industry benchmark of 1:4,000. While this suggests an over-supply of assets, Council's 2022 *CRFF* document acknowledges the importance and significance of the district's dispersed population and township structure (and the subsequent facilities in each township) and the 'home and away' configuration and culture of sport in the Adelaide Hills through the following Policy statement:

"Community, sport and recreation facility provision is unique in the Adelaide Hills Council, with a relatively equal number of assets that are Council Owned and Community Owned. Also unique is the number of community, sport and recreation facilities in the Adelaide Hills Council area due to the township nature of the district, which provides challenges for the funding of maintenance, renewal, upgrade and new facilities."

In addition, the *Community and Recreation Facilities Policy* (a component of the *CRFF*) outlines an aim to facilitate equitable support for all facilities in the region, despite their ownership.

➤ Legal Implications

Not applicable

➤ Risk Management Implications

Utilising principles outlined in Council’s *Community and Recreation Facilities Policy* to determine if a funding contribution towards the Heathfield Oval scoreboard project is reasonable, will assist in mitigating the risk of:

Council funding a community led project and a project on land owned by the Council leading to precedence being set for future funding requests from other community groups.

Inherent Risk	Residual Risk	Target Risk
High (2B)	Medium (2C)	Low

Council funds a project that is not appropriately planned or designed, leading to a poorly functioning asset.

Inherent Risk	Residual Risk	Target Risk
Medium (4D)	Low (2D)	Low

Council funds a project for which other funding sources can be secured, leading to ratepayers funds allocated to a project where they are not required.

Inherent Risk	Residual Risk	Target Risk
Medium (3C)	Low (2D)	Low

➤ **Financial and Resource Implications**

If Council choose to fund this project, funding would be considered as an operating expense, as it is for an asset the Council will not own, with the subsequent ownership and management of the scoreboard falling to the clubs associated with the site.

➤ **Customer Service and Community/Cultural Implications**

Not applicable.

➤ **Sustainability Implications**

Not applicable.

➤ **Engagement/Consultation conducted in the development of the report**

Consultation on the development of this report was as follows:

- Council Committees:* Not Applicable
- Council Workshops:* Not Applicable
- Advisory Groups:* Not Applicable
- External Agencies:* Not Applicable
- Community:* The clubs associated with the site have provided project information included in this report.

➤ **Additional Analysis**

The following analysis addresses the three points required in Council's 28 May 2024 resolution.

Merits of the proposal

The Council's *Community and Recreation Facilities Policy* (part of the *CRFF*) states that Council may consider a contribution to a building upgrade that results in:

- A facility that reflects the Adelaide Hills community and its built and natural form.
- A structure that reflects the local user needs, current demographics and considers long term sustainability.
- A facility that considers diverse opportunities, inclusion, and accessibility and facilitates increased participation from a wide variety of users.
- An upgrade that has been linked with an approved master planning process.
- The consolidation of assets, or higher usage levels of fewer assets.
- Meeting current legislation compliance or requirements.
- Facilities that are genuine 'multiple use' facilities.
- An increased range of activities, services, programs being offered.
- A facility that meets relevant peak body guidelines.
- Consideration of Council's commitment to energy efficiency and sustainability.
- A facility its associated management that has considered governance and financial sustainability.

The above criteria are most applicable to building type facilities or larger sporting facility development. They have limited use for the assessment of a scoreboard upgrade.

Council's *Guidelines for Maintenance and Upgrades of existing Community, Sport and Recreation Facilities* (another component of the *CRFF*) states the following:

"Sports amenity (such as player benches, sight screens, scoreboards, sports fencing) will be the responsibility of the Clubs to upgrade or renew. Projects must consider relevant asset management plans, masterplans and service levels for the site."

Alternative sources of funding

Council's *CRFF* has been developed to complement Council's Community and Recreation Facility Grants Program (CRFG). While larger building type projects can be brought to Council for funding contribution consideration (in line with criteria from the *CRFF* outlined above), the smaller facility/sports amenity projects like this scoreboard project are generally eligible for the CRFG program. As such, proposals such as this would normally be referred to the grant program.

Council's CRFG program is administered in line with Council's *Grant Giving Policy*. It would be inappropriate to assess the proposal against CRFG guidelines outside of the competitive grant program window, however, it can be noted that with information provided at this point in time, the project appears to be eligible to be considered.

The Heathfield Oval scoreboard project could apply to the CRFG's 'Major Facility Development' category that allows applicants to seek between \$10,000 and \$40,000. While funding is required to be matched, both the SANFL grant and the Club's noted 'in kind' contribution could be used for this.

The 2024/25 round will open in September 2024, with applicants notified of outcomes in December 2024.

Alternatively, Council has a Community Loan program.

Community Loans are described in the *Policy* and application package as “support loans made by Council to community groups and sporting organisations to self-fund infrastructure projects”.

The Community Loan Application Package describes that Council may agree to:

- Act as guarantor for the organisation
- Borrow funds from the Local Government Finance Authority (LGFA) on behalf of the organisation
- Loan funds from existing Council cash reserves with interest applicable.

The application package also outlines some eligibility criteria that applicants must consider.

While the CRFG and Council’s *Community Loan Policy* are the more prescribed avenues for seeking funding, the club is still able (as they have done) to seek funding via the Council’s budget process.

Other ways in which Council can support the project

Council can continue to provide letters of support for grant applications.

Should Council not wish to provide funding to the project, the Council could determine to work with the clubs associated with the Heathfield Oval site to develop an alternative project scope.

3. OPTIONS

Council has the following options:

- I. That a funding contribution towards a scoreboard at Heathfield Oval is not included in the 2024/2025 Annual Business Plan and Budget, with clubs encouraged to seek an alternate funding source or alter their project scope.
- II. That a funding contribution towards a scoreboard at Heathfield Oval is included in the 2024/2025 Annual Business Plan and Budget. This option is not recommended as it does not align with current policy and the clubs associated have alternate funding options that they can pursue.

4. APPENDICES

- (1) Heathfield Oval Scoreboard Deputation Proposal
- (2) Plan showing proposed location for scoreboard
- (3) Plan showing structural details for proposed scoreboard
- (4) Letter from Mount Lofty District Football Club dated 22 April 2024

Appendix 1

Heathfield Oval Scoreboard Deputation Proposal



Heathfield Oval Scoreboard Deputation

Proposal

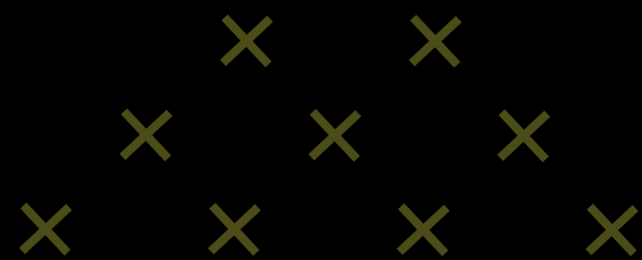
Joint submission Mount Lofty District Football Club & Community Sports Club



Introduction

The Mount Lofty District Football Club (MLDFC) and the Mount Lofty District Community Sports Club (MLDCSC) have collaborated on behalf of the Hills community to deliver an electronic scoreboard in 2024 that will benefit the entire District in the sports and recreation area.

The MLDFC have received a grant from the South Australian Football Facilities Fund of \$25,000, and have volunteers and funds for the project, however there is a funding shortfall, hence we are seeking council support, via a grant, to complete this vital community project.





Our History

Heathfield Oval was officially opened 2nd April 1966 for the Heathfield - Aldgate United FC who merged with Stirling in 1978 to become the MLDFC.

Today this extensive Crown land is home to 22 football teams playing in both the Hills Football League (HFL) and SANFL Juniors, ranging in ages from U8's to Senior Men's & Women's, with over 500 playing members, +2,000 supporters and average attendance of 1,000 people.

The Mt Lofty cricket club also play at Heathfield across 5 grades

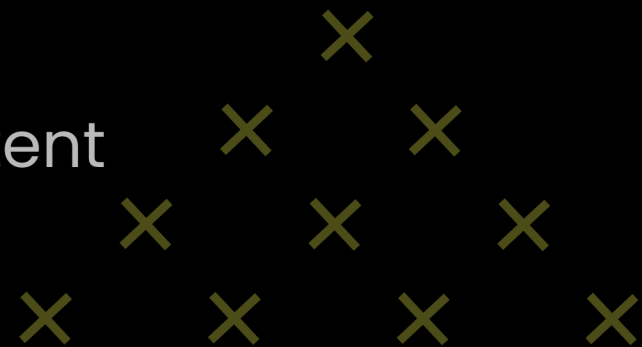




Community

Heathfield Oval is primarily a community space that enables connection & belonging and is being used by the local community. Recent events would have benefited from a digital scoreboard.

- National Orienteering Championships - Recognition
- Junior School Sports Day - Recognition & content
- Hills Cricket Association games - Recognition & content
- Hills & Fleurieu Landscape Board meeting - Content
- CFS Group Training - Content
- Birthday Functions - Content
- Hive Disability services - Content





Our Project Team



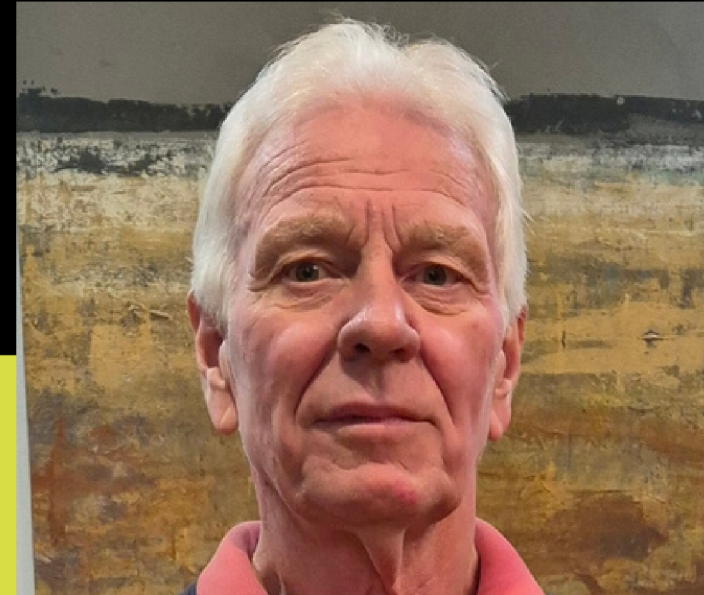
Chris Illman

MLDFC Volunteer
Project Manager



Jacq Dawes

MLDCSC Volunteer
Secretary



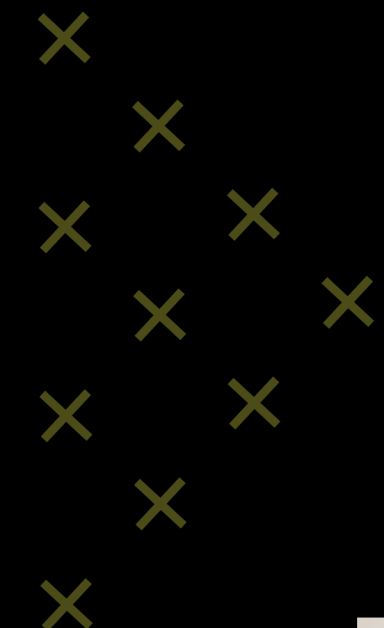
Ian Deans

Volunteer Building
Consultant



David Evans

MLDCSC Volunteer
Chairman





Project Description

As part of the Adelaide Hills Council Masterplan for the improvement of facilities at Heathfield High School and Heathfield Oval an upgraded scoreboard on Heathfield Oval is required.

The existing scoreboard was demolished in 2022 as it interfered with the upgrade of the Heathfield Oval Cricket pitch facility.

The MLDFC have been using a temporary solution since 2022, which is a health and safety risk, requires constant maintenance, requires volunteers to man and is unusable by the broader community.

Therefore we are seeking financial support from council to erect a 5.76m x 2.88m LED scoreboard including steel framework, footings and electrical works. Total estimated cost of the project is \$125,748*

* Subject to change





Project Description

Scoreboard \$73,000

BSV to supply of 5.76m x 2.88m LED Scoreboard, including spare parts, freight and technicians to install

Footings/Electricals \$11,670

Leabond Builders to prepare plans, submit applications to council, soil reports, risk analysis and OHS docs. Identify underground services, install footings and electrical services

Structural \$38,078

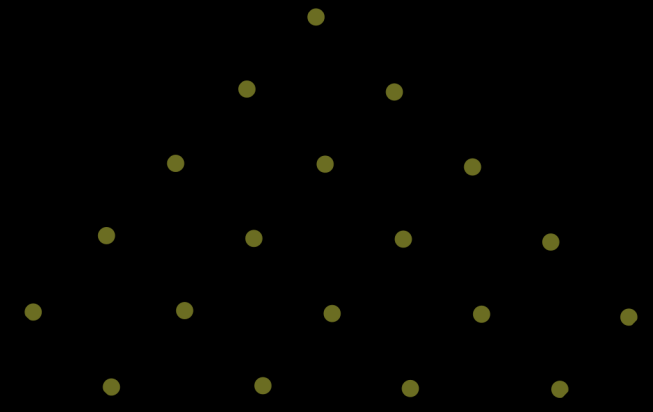
BSV to provide steel fabrication of structure, freight and installation.

Service/Software \$3,000

Annual service and maintenance contract plus software



Funding Model



SANFL

MLDFC has received a grant for \$25,000 from the South Australian Football Facilities Fund. The funding terms is 12 months from April 24.

MLDFC

Through our volunteer network and funds raised MLDFC will contribute \$45,748 to the project for structural engineering, electrical works, software and maintenance

Council

MLDFC and MLDCSC is seeking \$55,000 in council funding to complete the project in 2024



Big Screen Video

- BSV bring spaces to life through digital installations
- They deliver screens from billboards to scoreboards in Retail, Hospitality, Sport, Gaming, Transit and Education across Australia
- South Australian owned and preferred supplier to the SANFL
- Major partners include SANFL, PAC, Arkaba, Hotel, Ooh, JC Decaux, Skycity, Crown, ALH, AHA NSW, MCG.

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Quality and Innovation

ISO certified, OS and local QC teams, Innovators in tech, power usage, environmental & sustainability

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Price

Produced in China, BSV have provided competitive price versus competitive set

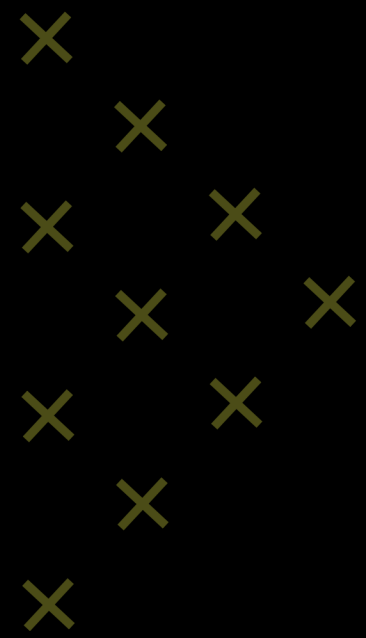
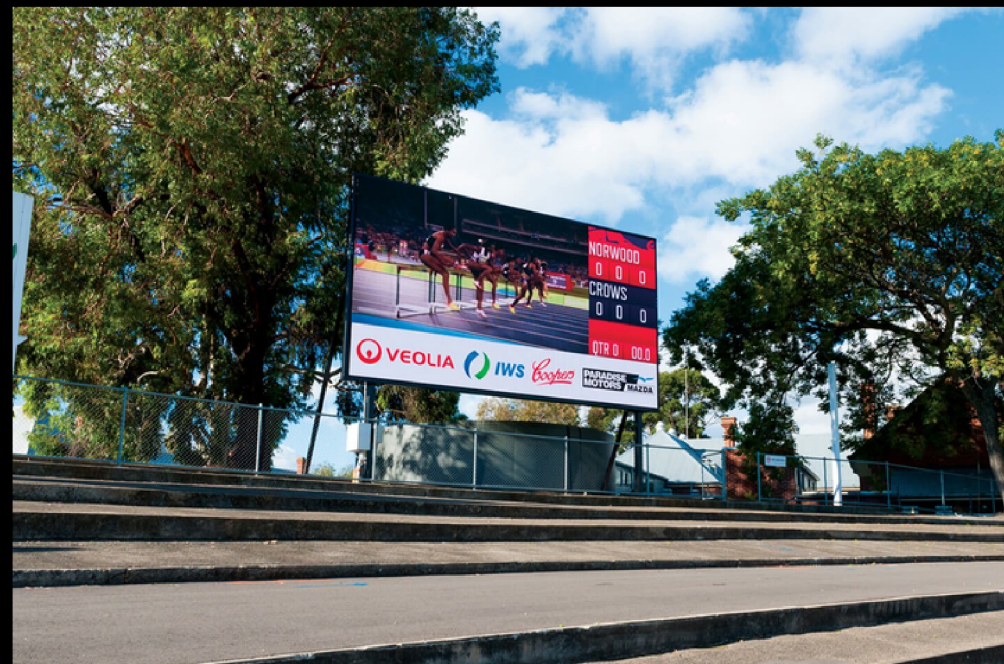
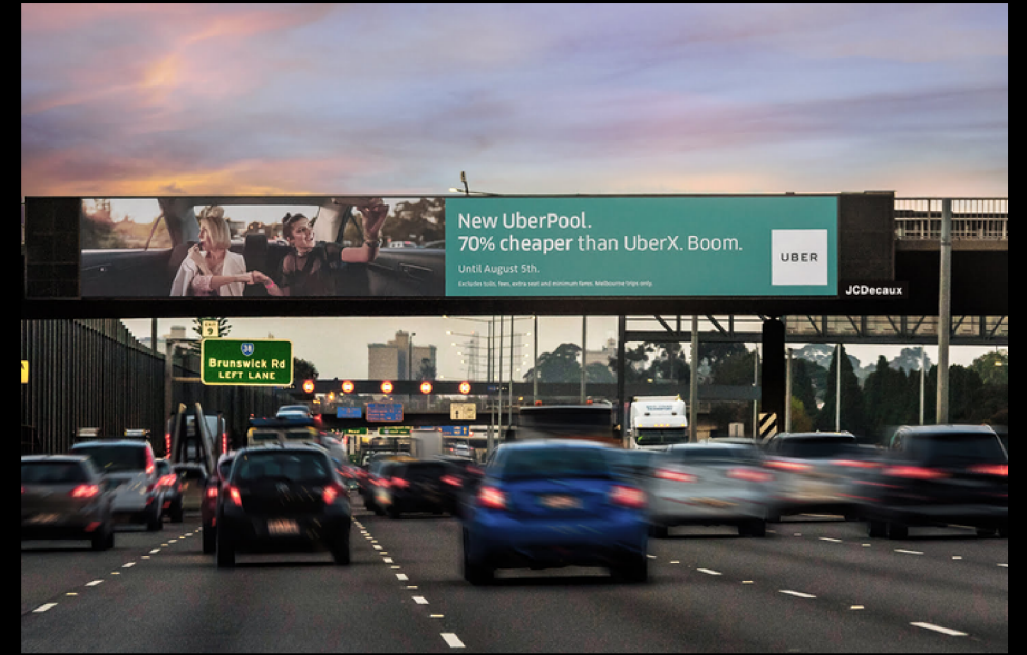
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Service

BSV's local service, maintenance & repairs , along with full monitoring is the best in Australia, with 100% success rate on their SLA's



BSV Projects





Community Benefits

Game Day

Local business profiles, leverage current sporting club partnerships, vital community messaging - health and wellbeing

Events

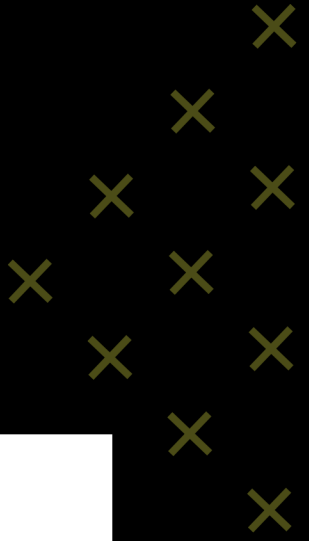
Value add to all community events on site, recognition of achievements, conduct specific community events related to the screen - movie nights

Accessibility

A modern digital screen for sport and recreation will enable a more inclusive and accessible experience for all in the community.

Volunteers

Reduce the need for volunteers at sport and recreation events at Heathfield oval



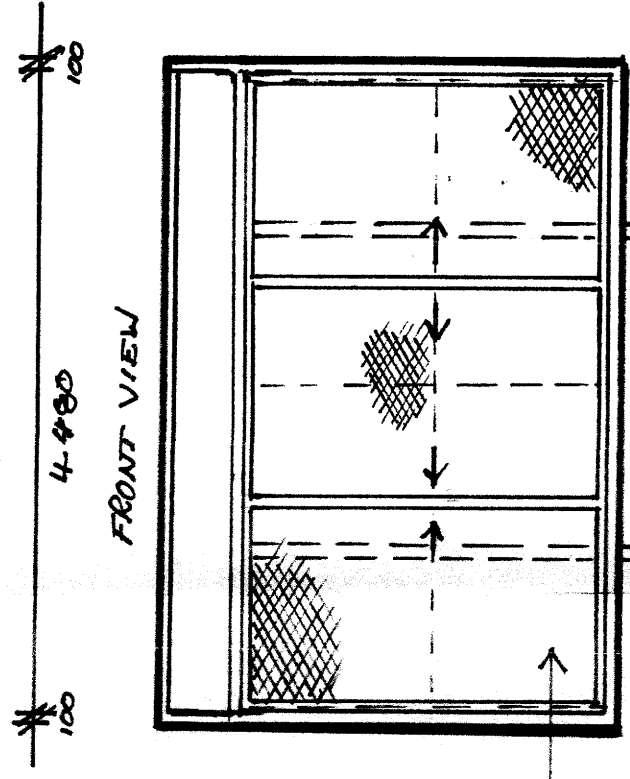
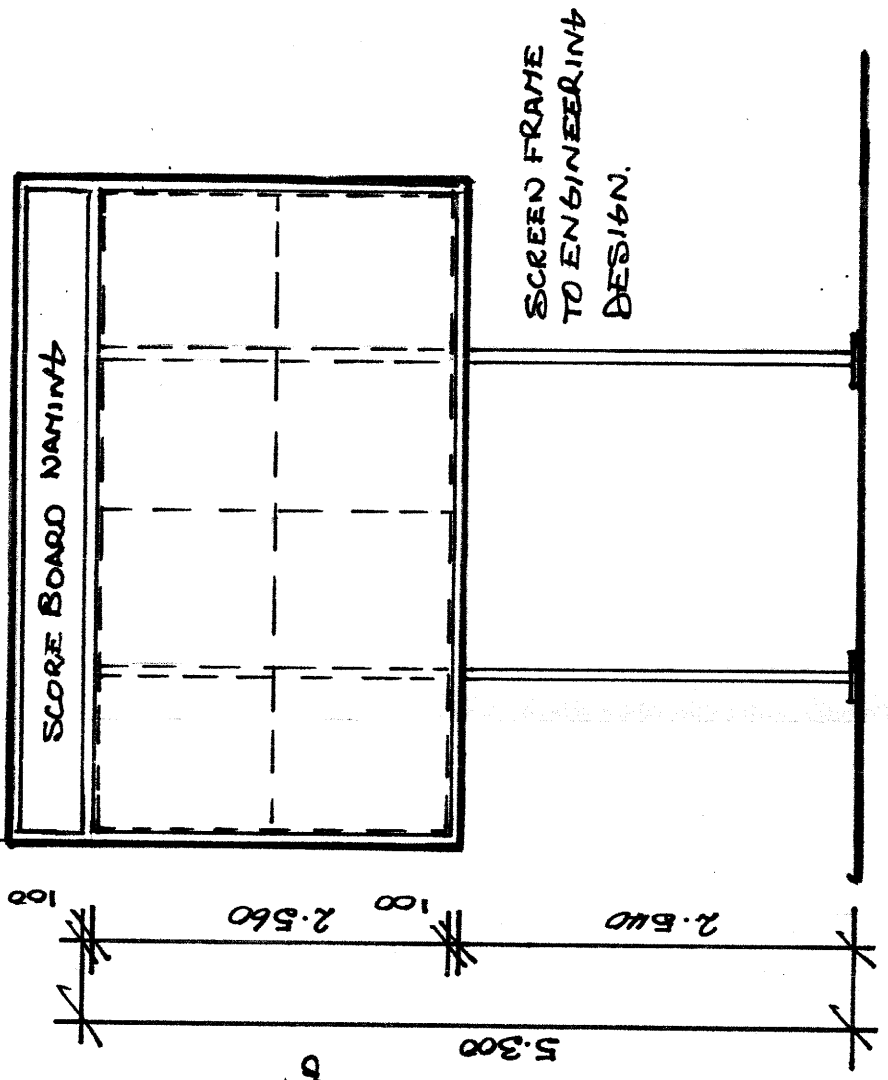


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For Your Attention

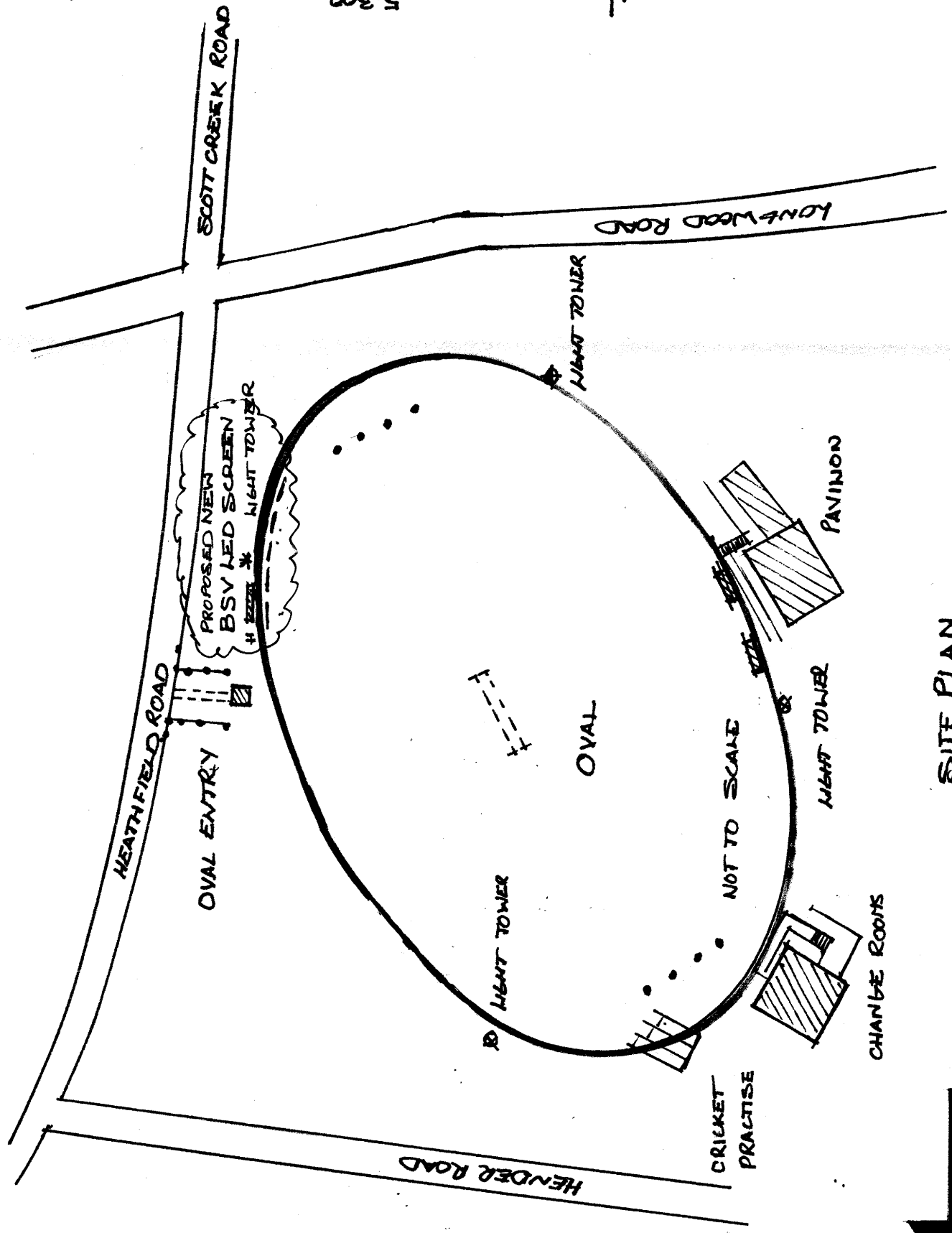
Appendix 2

Plan showing proposed location for scoreboard

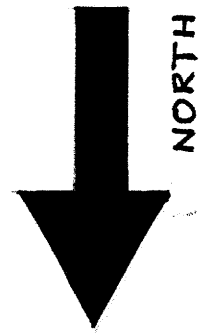


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SITE PLAN



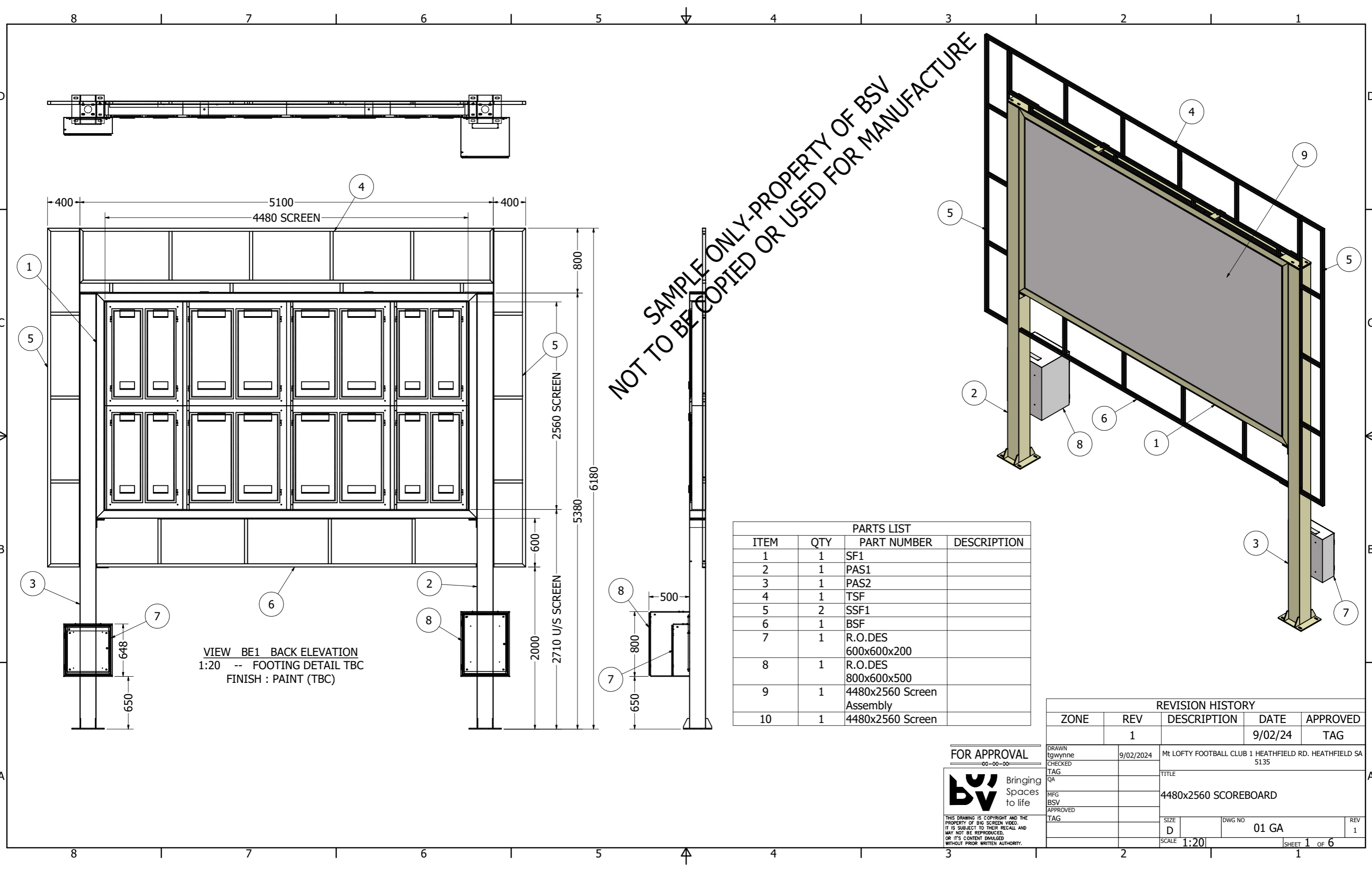
HEATHFIELD OVAL
SCOREBOARD SCREEN

FEBRUARY 2024

Appendix 3

Plan showing structural details for proposed scoreboard

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VIEW BE1 BACK ELEVATION
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2	1	PAS1	
3	1	PAS2	
4	1	TSF	
5	2	SSF1	
6	1	BSF	
7	1	R.O.DES 600x600x200	
8	1	R.O.DES 800x600x500	
9	1	4480x2560 Screen Assembly	
10	1	4480x2560 Screen	

REVISION HISTORY				
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DRAWN tgwynne	9/02/2024	MT LOFTY FOOTBALL CLUB 1 HEATHFIELD RD. HEATHFIELD SA 5135		
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QA		4480x2560 SCOREBOARD		
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FOR APPROVAL
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Appendix 4

*Letter from Mount Lofty District Football Club dated 22
April 2024*



22nd April 2024

Att. Finance and Governance

MLDFC Request for Funding Electronic Scoreboard

Post our deputation presentation on the 9th of April I am formally writing to the Adelaide Hills council seeking our proposal for an electronic scoreboard at Heathfield oval be included in the Councils 2024 annual business plan.

Heathfield Oval is home to the Mount Lofty District Football Club (MLDFC) and we have collaborated with the Mount Lofty District Community Sports Club (MLDCSC) on behalf of the Hills community to deliver an electronic scoreboard in 2024 that will benefit the entire District in the sports and recreation area.

The MLDFC have received a grant from the South Australian Football Facilities Fund of \$25,000 however there is a funding shortfall, hence we are seeking council support, via a council grant, to complete this vital community project.

Heathfield Oval is primarily a community space for the local Hills community with recent events highlighting the usage by residents, not just MLDFC or Mount Lofty cricket club. These events include,

- National Orienteering Championships
- Junior School Sports Day
- Hills Cricket Association games
- Hills & Fleurieu Landscape Board meeting
- CFS Group Training
- Various Birthday Functions
- Hive Disability services event

As part of the Adelaide Hills Council Masterplan for the improvement of facilities at Heathfield High School and Heathfield Oval an upgraded scoreboard on Heathfield Oval is required. The existing scoreboard was demolished in 2022 as it interfered with the upgrade of the Heathfield Oval Cricket pitch facility. The MLDFC have been using a temporary solution since 2022, which is a health and safety risk, requires constant maintenance, requires volunteers to man and is unusable by the broader community for events. Therefore, we are seeking financial support from council to erect a 4.48mW x 2.56mH LED scoreboard including steel framework, footings, and electrical works. Total estimated cost of the project is \$107,748.

The Supplier of the screen will be Big Screen Video, with the digital scoreboard quoted at \$58,000, footings and electrics at \$11,670 and steel fabrication of frame and installation \$38,078.

MLDFC has received a grant for \$25,000 from the South Australian Football Facilities Fund. The funding terms are 12 months from May 1, 2024. Through our volunteer network and funds raised MLDFC will contribute \$27,748 to the project for structural engineering, electrical works, software, and maintenance MLDFC and MLDCSC is seeking \$55,000 in council funding to complete the project by March 1, 2025.

The benefits of the project to the community are the game day experience will be improved with local business profiles featured to leverage current sporting club partnerships and add vital community messaging e.g. health and wellbeing which would also mean less volunteers on game day. Value adding to local events including recognition of achievements and conducting specific community events using the screen e.g. movie nights. Finally, a modern digital screen for sport and recreation will enable a more inclusive and accessible experience for all in the community.

I look forward to hearing from you in relation to the funding request.

On behalf of the

Mt Lofty District Football Club

Chris Illman

Sponsorship Volunteer

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**ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Monday 17 June 2024
AGENDA BUSINESS ITEM**

Item: 7.2

Responsible Officer: Renee O'Connor
Coordinator Sport and Recreation
Environment and Infrastructure

Subject: Johnston Memorial Park Changerooms – Request for Funding

For: Decision

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide for Council's consideration a request for funding of \$290,000 by the Onkaparinga Valley Football Club (OVFC) for the development of a new changeroom at Johnston Memorial Park (JMP), Balhannah.

The land on which the existing building and proposed facility is located is owned by a community committee (the OVFC).

The OVFC is requesting funds from Council to facilitate an application to Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing's grant funding programs.

The information outlined in this report demonstrates a justified need for upgraded changerooms at the JMP site for football purposes, but acknowledges the limited broader community benefit. It is open for Council to determine whether or not to offer a financial contribution to the project and/or provide alternative means of support.

RECOMMENDATION

Council resolves:

- 1. That the report be received and noted.**
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1. BACKGROUND

The OVFC is located on land owned by the club adjacent the Johnston Memorial Park (Balhannah Oval) site. The OVFC land includes a building which houses clubrooms and changerooms, and a shed style structure with a bar and BBQ. Council owns the adjacent oval and surrounds and has a lease in place with the JMP Committee for the management of the site. In addition to the oval, the JMP site also includes CFS facilities, some open space, a play

space, public toilets, netball courts and car parking. The JMP site is also home to a popular RV camping amenity and ‘dump point’ managed by the Club.

The site is home to several community and sporting groups in addition to the OVFC including the Onkaparinga Cricket Club (OCC), the Onkaparinga Club and Onkaparinga Tennis Club.

Existing amenities at the site do not comply with Australian Football League (AFL) standards appropriate for the site and is evidenced by a recent SANFL audit of facilities in the region. It is also assumed that the facility would not comply with relevant Cricket Australia facility guidelines. The OCC would also utilise the proposed new changerooms.

The OVFC have engaged with Council over the last 12 months in relation to their unisex changerroom project. In January 2024, a formal request was made for a letter of support from the Council Administration for a funding application being submitted to the SANFL. This letter of support was provided. The letter did not provide any indication of Council financial support.

At its meeting held on 28 May 2024, Council considered a Motion on Notice regarding this matter. Following consideration of the motion, the Council resolved as follows:

Onkaparinga Football Club Unisex Changerooms – Cr Malcolm Herrmann

Moved Cr Malcolm Herrmann

S/- Cr Nathan Daniell

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- 1. The CEO conducts an investigation and provides a report on the proposal from the Onkaparinga Football Club seeking financial assistance towards the erection of Unisex change rooms at the Johnson Memorial Park, Balhannah;**
- 2. That the report provides (but is not limited to):**
 - a. An assessment of the merits of the proposal against council policy regarding grants of this nature to recreation facilities, including (but not limited to), the Community and Recreation Facilities Policy and the criteria for Community and Recreation Facility Grants.**
 - b. Alternative sources of funding for this project should Council not provide full funding of the requested amount.**
 - c. Other ways, financial and non-financial, that Council could provide support for this project.**
- 3. The report to be presented to council with staff recommendations, on or before the date when council considers the response to the Annual Business Plan consultation.**

Carried Unanimously

The OVFC’s written request to Council can be viewed in **Appendix 1**. This document also includes plans of the proposed facility.

At its meeting held on 11 June 2024, Council received a petition signed by 107 signatories requesting Council to assist with a funding contribution towards the changerroom project. Council also received a deputation from the Club and the SANFL at the same meeting.

Requests for facility funding would normally be referred to the Council’s annual Community and Recreation Facilities Grants Program, however in this instance the amount of funding sought from OVFC from Council is significantly higher than that available through the grant program (up to \$40,000 per project). In these instances, Council’s Community and Recreation Facilities Framework (CRFF) enables a direct request for funding to Council for budget consideration.

The OVFC project cost and proposed funding sources are as follows:

Source	Amount	Proportion	Status
OVFC fundraising and small grant sourcing	\$140,000	13%	Confirmed
OVFC Building Levy	\$10,000	1%	Confirmed
Lions Club of Onkaparinga	\$10,000	1%	Confirmed
SANFL Football Facilities Fund	\$150,000	14%	Confirmed
Adelaide Hills Council	\$290,000	26%	Requested
ORSR Community Recreation and Sport Facilities Program	\$500,000	45%	Application due in August 2024
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$1,100,000		

OVFC’s eligibility for and application to the ORSR’s Community Recreation and Sport Facilities Program is dependent on Council’s contribution to the project. That is, the Club needs the Council’s funding to have enough funding secured to match the amount to be sought from ORSR.

2. ANALYSIS

➤ Strategic Management Plan/Functional Strategy/Council Policy Alignment

Strategic Plan 2020-24 – A brighter future

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|---------------|--|
| Goal 1 | A functional Built Environment |
| Objective B2 | Preserve and enhance the unique character of the Hill for current and future generations |
| Priority B2.1 | Continue to embrace and support community led public place revitalisation across our district. |
| Objective B4 | Sustainable management of our built assets ensures a safe, functional and well serviced community. |
| Priority B4.3 | Ensure Council owned or managed assets, including staff accommodation are functional and adaptive to meet service requirements. Also, where appropriate and endorsed by Council, equitably assist community owned site (halls and recreation sites) to ensure their facilities are functional and met service standards. |
| Goal 2 | Community Wellbeing |
| Objective C1 | A community for everyone – that is inclusive, welcoming and accessible |

Priority C1.1	provide welcoming spaces and places for the community through our libraries, community centres, and Council and community facilities
Objective C2	A connected, engaged and supported community
Priority C2.1	Work with community to provide a range of programs and opportunities to connect and engage around shared interests
Objective C3	A community that grows together
Priority C3.3	Empower our community group and leaders to shape and determine change in their community through the provision of training opportunities, grants that meet strategic priorities, building relationships and supporting communities to be cohesive in progressing local projects
Objective C4	An active, healthy, thriving and resilient community
Priority C3.3	Support the provision of formal and informal sport, recreation and play spaces for the community to enjoy
Priority C4.4	Support clubs and groups to continue to provide sport and recreation activities to the community

The OVFC Changeroom project aligns with Council’s Strategic Plan through two goals and several subsequent objectives and priorities as outlined above. Particular consideration could also be given to the community led aspect of this project.

The project also has links to Council’s *Sport and Recreation Strategy* and *CRFF* and associated Policy.

At the time of publishing in 2017, Council’s *Sport and Recreation Strategy* stated that there were 27 ovals/pitches in the Council district, creating a facility to population ratio of 1:1,483 with an industry benchmark of 1:4,000. While this suggests an oversupply of assets, Council’s 2022 *CRFF* document acknowledges the importance and significance of the district’s dispersed population and township structure (and the subsequent facilities in each township) and the ‘home and away’ configuration and culture of sport in the Adelaide Hills through the following Policy statement:

“Community, sport and recreation facility provision is unique in the Adelaide Hills Council, with a relatively equal number of assets that are Council Owned and Community Owned. Also unique is the number of community, sport and recreation facilities in the Adelaide Hills Council area due to the township nature of the district, which provides challenges for the funding of maintenance, renewal, upgrade and new facilities.”

In addition, the *Community and Recreation Facilities Policy* (a component of the *CRFF*) outlines an aim to facilitate equitable support for all facilities in the region, despite their ownership.

➤ **Legal Implications**

Not applicable.

➤ **Risk Management Implications**

Utilising principles outlined in Council’s *Community and Recreation Facilities Policy* to determine if a funding contribution towards the OVFC project is reasonable, will assist in mitigating the risk of:

Council funding a community led project and a project on land owned by the community leading to precedence being set for future funding requests from other community groups.

Inherent Risk	Residual Risk	Target Risk
High (2B)	Medium (2C)	Low

Council funds a project that is not appropriately planned or designed, leading to a poorly functioning and inaccessible building.

Inherent Risk	Residual Risk	Target Risk
Medium (4D)	Low (2D)	Low

Council funds a project for which other funding sources cannot be secured, leading to ratepayers funds allocated to a project which does not achieve the expected outcomes.

Inherent Risk	Residual Risk	Target Risk
High (4C)	Medium (3C)	Medium

Ongoing risk mitigation in the area of community led project management will also be something that the Administration will need to factor in, ensuring that the group has the ability to deliver the project in full.

➤ **Financial and Resource Implications**

Any contribution made by the Council to the project would be an operating expense and therefore directly impact the Council’s annual operating result (surplus/deficit).

Council may offer the amount requested by the club, a smaller amount than that requested, or no funding at all.

➤ **Customer Service and Community/Cultural Implications**

Council has received a petition in regards to this project and its inclusion in Council’s 2024-25 Annual Business Plan and Budget.

➤ **Sustainability Implications**

Not applicable.

➤ **Engagement/Consultation conducted in the development of the report**

Consultation on the development of this report was as follows:

Council Committees: Not Applicable
Council Workshops: Not Applicable

Advisory Groups: Not Applicable
External Agencies: The SANFL provided information as described in this report.
Community: Information about the project proposal was provided by the Onkaparinga Valley Football Club.

➤ **Additional Analysis**

The following analysis addresses the three points required in Council’s 28 May 2024 resolution.

Merits of the proposal

The Council’s *Community and Recreation Facilities Policy* (part of the *CRFF*) states that Council may consider a contribution to a building upgrade that results in a number of outcomes listed in the policy. These are addressed in the table below.

Policy criteria	Extent to which criteria is met
A facility that reflects the Adelaide Hills community and its built and natural form	The concept design appears in keeping with the expected built and natural form of the surroundings. It should be noted that the facility would be subject to development approval.
A structure that reflects the local user needs, current demographics and considers long term sustainability	The proposal appears to reflect the demonstrated and growing demand for basic facilities supporting increased female participation in Australian football in the Adelaide Hills. Further detail on this aspect is included in the discussion below.
A facility that considers diverse opportunities, inclusion, and accessibility and facilitates increased participation from a wide variety of users	The concept design appears to meet expected accessibility requirements. A key driver of the project is facilitating increased female participation.
An upgrade that has been linked with an approved master planning process	The Council has no current masterplan for the site. OVFC’s proposal is limited to changerroom facilities only.
The consolidation of assets, or higher usage levels of fewer assets	The proposal does not result in the consolidation of assets, although it is acknowledged that the proposal is for the one set of changerrooms to be used by all genders, i.e. not involving duplication of facilities. Male and female football games are generally played on different days.
Meeting current legislation compliance or requirements	It is assumed the proposed facility meets legislative and other relevant compliance matters. It should be noted that the facility would be subject to development approval.
Facilities that are genuine ‘multiple use’ facilities	The proposed changerrooms are intended primarily for Australian football use. There may be some use

	by other sporting teams using the site, such as cricket.
An increased range of activities, services, programs being offered	The proposal does not increase the range of activities, services or programs being offered to the community, albeit it is expected that the facility would encourage greater participation, i.e. negating the deterrent effect the current facility may have for some participants.
A facility that meets relevant peak body guidelines	The proposal is supported by the SANFL, the peak body for Australian football in South Australia.
Consideration of Council’s commitment to energy efficiency and sustainability	The proposal does not appear to incorporate any particular energy efficiency or other sustainability features.
A facility its associated management that has considered governance and financial sustainability.	The OVFC appears to have governance arrangements in place that are expected of a club of its type. The Club owns the land on which the proposed facility is to be built. The Club has successfully managed its existing facility, including its maintenance and there is no reason to expect that to be any different with the new changerooms.

While the proposed OVFC Changeroom project meets some of the above-mentioned criteria, it does not meet some areas that would help justify a financial contribution from Council ratepayers. These include being available to a wide variety of users, the consolidation of assets and being a genuine “multiple use” facility.

Council’s *CRFF* documentation outlines a facility hierarchy with classifications that assist in determining the type of facility that will meet the needs of the catchment it serves. The classifications also aim to limit facility duplication in a region. While Council cannot mandate its hierarchy and classifications to sites that it does not own, like the OVFC site at Balhannah, the rationale can be applied when determining the appropriateness of the design and Council’s preparedness to support the provision of a community owned facility in lieu of its own.

The OVFC and its site attracts its members from a wide catchment area. There is no other AFL club in the vicinity of the site, the closest in the AHC region being:

- Bridgewater - 8.7 kilometres to the West
- Uraidla -11 kilometres to the West
- Lobethal - 12 kilometres to the North

Hahndorf Oval (just outside the AHC district), is 7.5 kilometres to the South from the JMP site.

Considering the above information, the Administration has conservatively utilised the below townships and their associated demographics for the purpose of analysis in this report to determine the catchment of the JMP site.

Township	Population (at 2021 Census)	Distance to Balhannah	Township Community Facilities
Balhannah	1,756	n/a	Oval, play space, tennis courts, open space
Verdun	235	5 kms	School facilities
Oakbank	865	1.8 kms	School facilities
Woodside	1,890	7.3 kms	Woodside Rec Ground
TOTAL	4,746		

Considering these population numbers, existing ratios in the region, the Adelaide Hills ‘township’ structure and hierarchy information provided above, it is also reasonable to accept that one town in the Balhannah area would have an Australian football (and cricket) facility as proposed.

As mentioned above, the SANFL conduct regular audits of football facilities that assist to inform facility planning and in turn secure investment via collaboration with stakeholders.

The latest audit from January 2024 states the following:

SANFL has made a commitment to collect, update and monitor the state of football facilities against the AFL Preferred Community Facility Guidelines so as to:

- *Identify gaps in provision and standards*
- *Report consistently across LGA, region, state and federal boundaries.*
- *Provide relevant information to stakeholders*
- *Overlay facility information with participation data to ensure informed decision making when setting priorities.*

SANFL will use the information to:

- *Support strategic facility planning across the state and across Australia*
- *Support lobbying of funding for Local, State and Federal Government investment*
- *Ensure applications for the SA Football Facilities Fund are consistent with the SANFL Infrastructure Strategy and AFL Preferred Community Facility Guidelines*
- *Manage club expectations regarding what they want versus actual need that supports participation growth and club sustainability*
- *Identify gaps in facility provision against preferred provision*
- *Prioritise investment needs based on identified gaps, participation projects and usage*
- *Demonstrate the financial contribution our sport makes to facilities.*

The AHC specific audit states:

The Adelaide Hills Council falls into the SANFL Adelaide Hills Region. The region also includes Mount Barker and Murray Bridge Councils. All three councils are growing areas and have experienced a 66% increase in participation since 2014-2019. The region has four key targets to be achieved by 2032:

- *60% of player and umpire changerooms will be female friendly*
- *50% of ovals will be rated as good or excellent surface condition*
- *60% of playing fields will have match standard lighting (above 100 lux.)*

The Hills Football League (of which most clubs are located within the Adelaide Hills Council area) has the second largest female competition outside of the Adelaide Football

League (behind Southern Football League and excluding SANFL Juniors) with 550 registered female players in 2022.

As such, provision of female friendly facilities for players and umpires should be a priority for the Adelaide Hills Council to ensure facilities meet the needs of the changing demographic registering to play football. In addition, with the increasing number of teams, there is increased demand on oval surfaces. This too must be a priority of council to ensure drainage and grass coverage can perform under increased demand in the wet climate.

Based on information provided in the audit document, it is evident that the OVFC facilities lack compliance in both player and umpire changeroom amenity. Of particular concern is the lack of lockable showers and toilet cubicles.

The JMP site is home to a relatively new camping space and RV dump point that is becoming increasingly popular. It is evident that the Council’s public toilets, on the opposite side of the oval to the clubrooms, have experienced significant increase in use since the establishment of the dump point and camping area.

The site also has significant unstructured recreation and play benefits to the community. The play space is in good proximity to the local population and adjacent shops. Other facilities at the site include cricket nets, exercise equipment and a basketball key. It could be argued that any Council ratepayer funding invested in the site should be directed at facilities with broader community benefit, such as public toilets, play space upgrades and the like, rather than for a facility exclusive to football and cricket.

While information outlined in this report demonstrates a justified need for upgraded changerooms at the JMP site for football purposes, the proposal is limited in its broader community benefit.

Alternative sources of funding

It is understood that OVFC intends to apply to the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing’s (ORSR) Community Recreation and Sport Facilities grant program that is due to open in August this year. If the OVFC do not have sufficient matching funds to apply to the ORSR’s Community Recreation and Sport Facilities Program in August, the below table outlines several other opportunities available to them in the near future.

Grant Program	Estimated opening time	Max. amount available	Detail
ORSR (State Government) Community Recreation and Sport Facilities Program	August – Sept 2024 Funding program is ongoing	Up to \$500k	50% Co-contribution required. <i>(Note that \$150k from SANFL cannot be used as contribution)</i>
ORSR (State Government) Power of Her	August – Sept 2024	Up to \$250k Clubs Up to \$500k Council	50% Co-contribution required.

	Two more round of funding available		
Dept of Health & Aged Care (Federal Government) – Play Our Way	March – April 2025 Two more rounds of funding available	Up to \$1.5M	No co-contribution mandatory but will be well received.
Dept of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts’ (Federal Government) – Thriving Suburbs Program <i>Please note this funding program is still to be officially confirmed</i>	Two funding rounds in 24/25 & 25/26 available	Between \$500k - \$15m	Between 30% & 50% co-contribution required

It should be noted that although the amount of funding requested by OVFC is beyond that which would normally be considered in the Council’s Community and Recreation Facility Grants Program, the Club is still eligible to apply for funding from that program, up to the amount of \$40,000.

Other ways in which Council can support the project

Council can continue to provide letters of support for grant applications.

Should Council not wish to provide funding to the project, Administration is committed to work with the OVFC to develop plans for site facilities that facilitate their needs, and meet the needs of the broader community.

General considerations

There are a number of ageing sporting facilities in similar condition to those at OVFC across the district. This, along with an increase in female participation in sports like Australian Rules Football, is driving a particular need for upgrades. As such, Council can expect to receive other requests for funding for projects such as the OVFC proposal from other clubs across the district.

It is apparent that other levels of government and peak sport bodies are expecting local councils to invest heavily in club facilities. Like all councils, Adelaide Hills Council has limited capacity to support the development of sporting facilities, especially for specific club use. At the same time, participation in active organised sport should be encouraged and the Adelaide Hills has a strong club-based sports culture.

Given the large number of sport and recreation facilities across the district, the Administration would normally only recommend Council considers providing significant funding (i.e. above that which is available through the Community and Recreation Facility Grant Program) for facility development projects with broader community benefit.

3. OPTIONS

Council has the following options:

- I. Provide the funding as requested by the OVFC for the development of new change room facilities.
- II. Provide a different level of funding to that requested by OVFC for the development of new change room facilities.
- III. Decline to provide funding for the development of new change room facilities.

4. APPENDICES

- (1) OVFC Funding Request and Proposed Facility Plans

Appendix 1

OVFC Funding Request and Proposed Facility Plans

Onkaparinga Valley Football Club

FUNDING PROPOSAL – New Unisex Changerooms

PROJECT TITLE

Onkaparinga Valley Football Club - New Unisex Changerooms

PROJECT LOCATION

119 Onkaparinga Valley Rd, Balhannah SA 5242

PROJECT PRIMARY USAGE

Australian Rules Football

PROJECT APPLICANT

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PROJECT SUMMARY

The Onkaparinga Valley Club (OVFC) is a successful and growing club apart of the Hills Football League with 14 football teams (3 women's teams) and our grounds are continuously used for community events, local school carnivals, CFS training, and more. OVFC currently have inadequate and outdated changerooms to suit the growth of the game. In the Adelaide Hills, only 7% of clubrooms are female friendly despite having a 1,059% increase over the last 5 years in women participation. The current facilities were built in the late 70s and are limiting by offering communal showers with no privacy, no toilets in home changerooms, and troughs. OVFC propose new changerooms to account for all gender use and general better quality with lockable cubicle showers, individual partitioned toilet pans and private changing areas for umpires. The need for new and inclusive changerooms at OVFC is essential to the ongoing growth of football in the region, the quality and opportunity for local events, as well as its significant alignment and contribution to the SANFL Statewide Strategic Framework.

TOTAL PROJECT ESTIMATED COST (including price rise contingency)

\$1,100,203 incl. GST

FUNDING REQUEST

\$391,000 (35.5%)

*Onkaparinga Valley Football Club
119 Onkaparinga Valley Road
Balhannah SA 5242*

14th May 2024

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Onkaparinga Valley Football Club, we are pleased to present this proposal for your review.

The Onka Valley Football Club is a proud volunteered run club that represents the wider community and region of many small towns in the district. We are based in Balhannah and represent the communities of towns such as Verdun, Balhannah, Oakbank and Woodside and are represented in both genders of football from Auskick (5 year olds) then u8's right through to Senior Men and an ever-increasing Women's program.

In general terms we are represented by upward of 14 teams every weekend and have a volunteer base of up to 120 people to get these teams out on the oval every week.

Our club has a rich history of well over 50 years, we pride ourselves on key values and behaviours that best represent those who have come before us, along those currently with us. Our Family friendly environment is paramount to the expectations and success we seek from all involved.

Currently however we are in a vital point in our club's history as we seek to implement highly important and much needed club improvements to meet key standards for safe and positive people management.

Our club was hand built by our past club icons back in the mid 1970's, and without the small building upgrades along the way, we have not been in a position to execute the required improvements to accommodate both genders of football in a safe and positive environment. The AFL & SANFL have very fair and much needed requirements to make sure all players, umpires and club volunteers are always kept in a safe & compliant environment, we currently do not meet those much-respected standards.

In lieu of this, as President I am very excited to be supported by a hard-working Major Projects Committee to bring this issue to a head and complete a process to make sure we provide the best possible facilities for our community of all ages and genders. The ability to source key funding to help us get this project moving is a vital for us and more importantly the community.

We greatly appreciate the opportunity this provides us and hope that our application can be met with a positive outlook. We feel this is a wonderful opportunity for council to support this urgent worthwhile community project.

Regards,

Shane Collins
OVFC President

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PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

BACKGROUND

The Onkaparinga Valley Football Club (OVFC) was established in 1967 and adopted the red, white, and blue with the Bulldog as their emblem. The club is based at Balhannah oval and in 1977, achieved a significant milestone by becoming the sole owner of their headquarters, including change rooms and a lounge area.

Since 1977, very little change has happened to the changerooms with the same traditional features like communal showers and large troughs remain in practise to this day, even with the growth of the club and introduction of three women’s teams over the last few years. The need of an upgraded changerooms is a culmination of 50 years of tight-knit community and relentless volunteering that has led ‘Onkas’ to gain their league renowned family-orientated reputation and growing participation.

For these reasons, OVFC is continuously growing and requires overdue facility upgrades to not only accommodate for increasing overall numbers, but also to keep up with expanding female participation and inclusivity guidelines.

SCOPE & METHODOLOGY

The proposed project involves the installation of new changerooms to the eastern side of the existing changerooms to address the growing needs of our football community.

The scope of the project includes the full installation of a permanent modular changerooms with the following specifications:

- Building approval, engineering and project plans
- Service design consultants for electrical and hydraulic connections
- Footings, piers and tie-downs
- 20.1m x 12.0m Changeroom building including:
 - o Two 49m² Changerooms
 - o Two sets of Player’s Amenities
 - o One 12m² Trainers Room
 - o One 25m² Umpire’s Room with amenities and “new AFL Guidelines compliance” for the larger umpire’s briefing area
 - o One 25m² Medical & Trainers Room

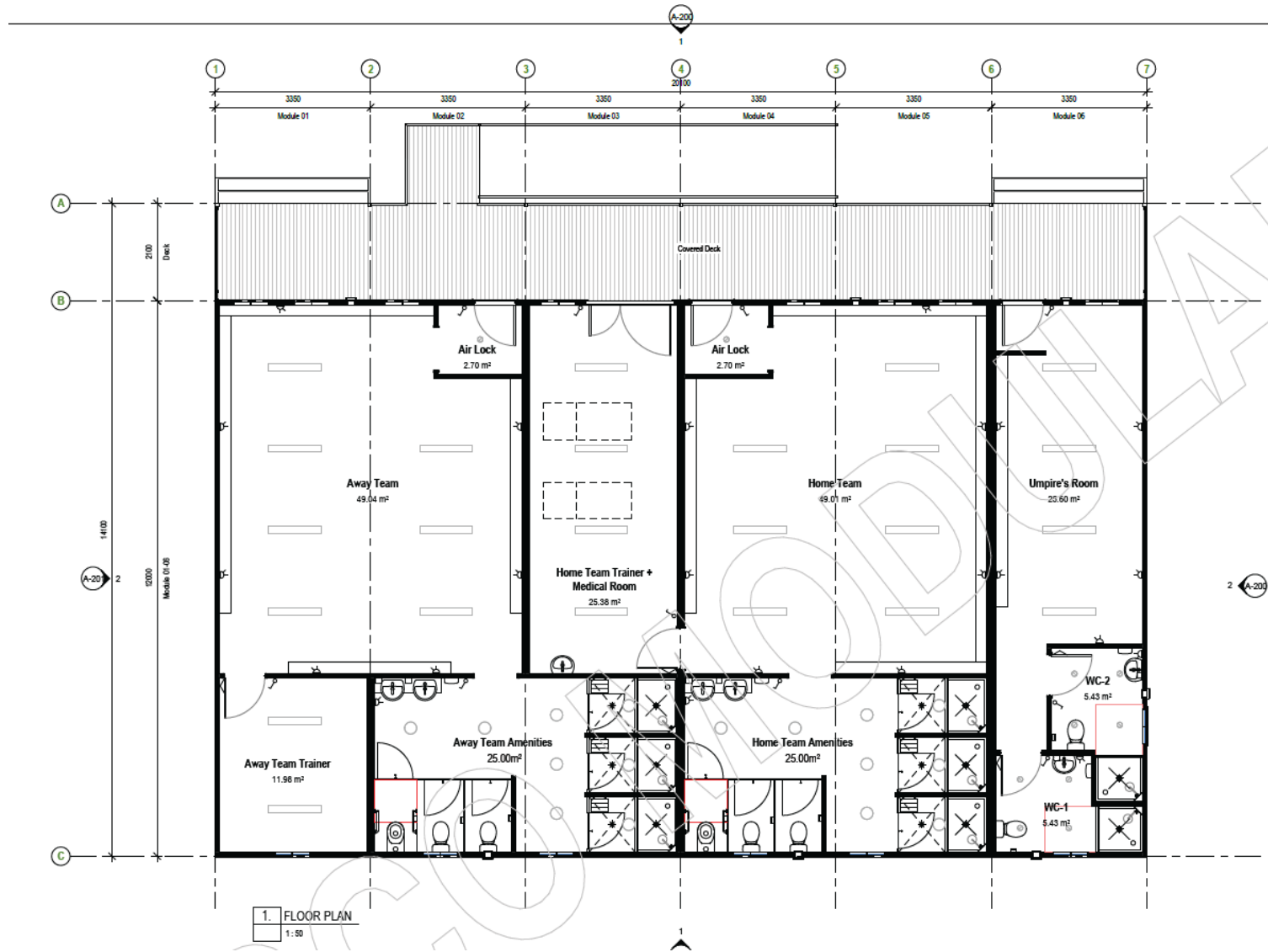
The addition of these changerooms will greatly improve the club’s inclusivity and accommodate for unisex use.

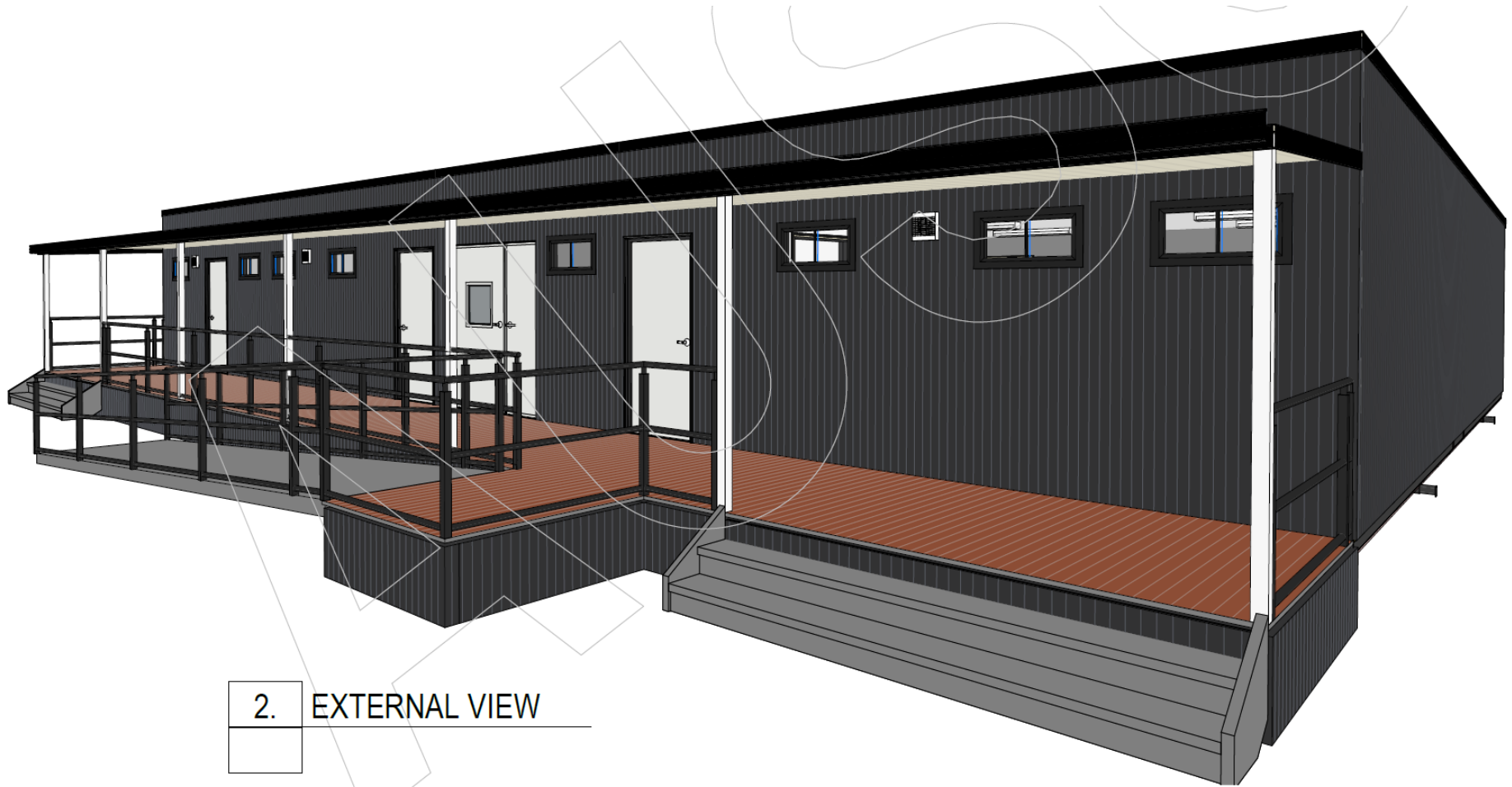
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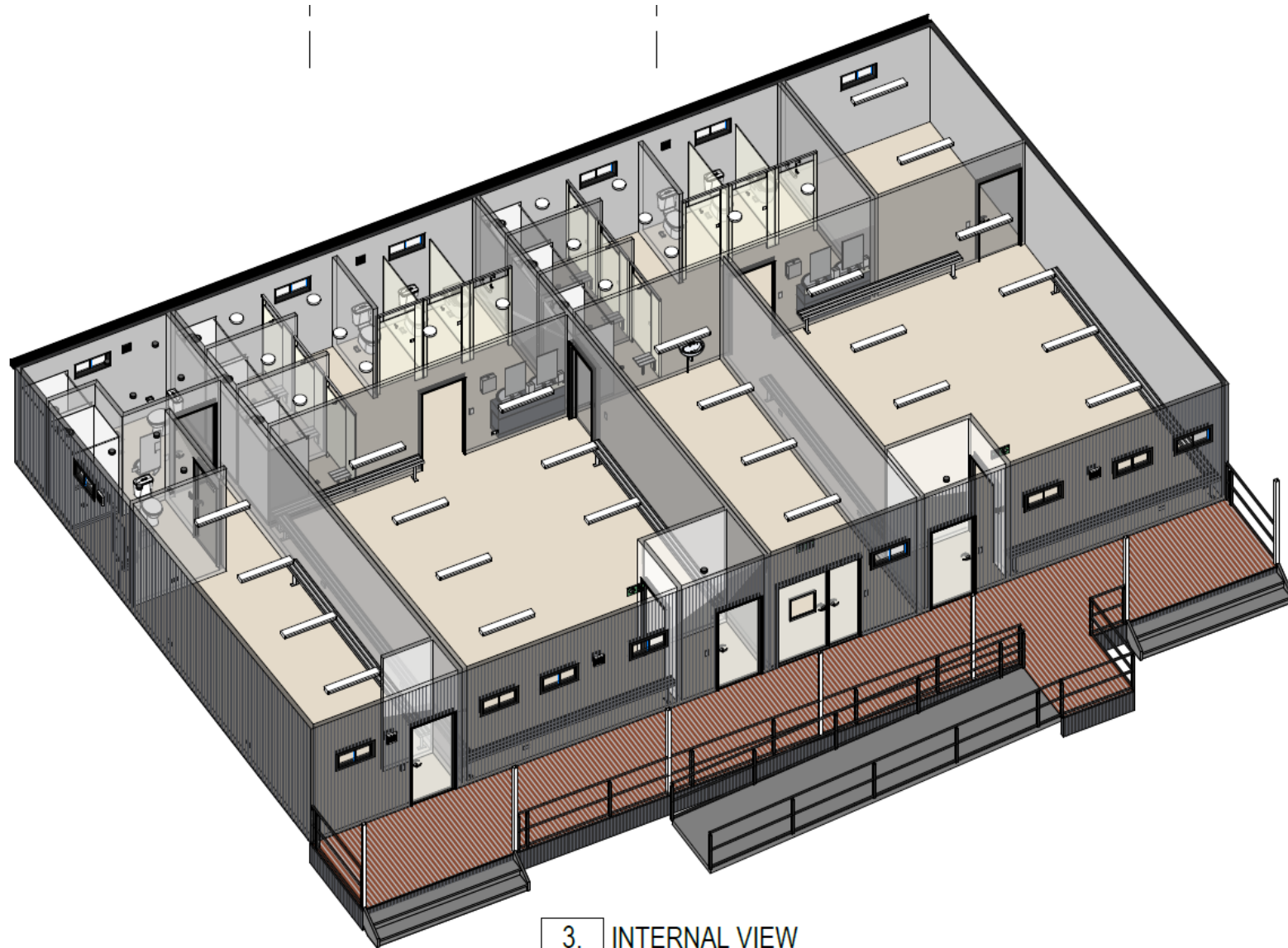
- **Increased Participation:** An inclusive changeroom can encourage more women to participate in football activities, knowing they have appropriate facilities available.
- **Equality and Inclusion:** It promotes a sense of equality and inclusivity within the club, demonstrating that all members are valued and accommodated regardless of gender.
- **Community Contemporary Expectations:** By having inclusive, high quality and professional change rooms, OVFC facilities would provide another option for SANFL and AFL as they provide more local opportunities.
- **Enhanced Comfort and Privacy:** It provides a comfortable and private space for all players to change and prepare for matches or training sessions, enhancing their overall experience.
- **Community Engagement:** It signals to the community that the club is progressive and supportive of diversity, potentially attracting more participants and supporters from diverse backgrounds.
- **Compliance with Regulations:** It ensures compliance with relevant regulations and standards regarding gender inclusivity and access to facilities.
- **Retention and Recruitment:** It can help retain current female players and coaches while also attracting new talent to the club, thus strengthening the overall team.
- **Long-term Sustainability:** Investing in inclusive facilities reflects a commitment to the long-term sustainability and growth of the club, as it adapts to the changing demographics and expectations of its members and stakeholders.
- **Community Events and Gatherings:** The improved facilities can serve as a focal point for community events and gatherings. Hosting events such as matchday festivals, community leagues, or fundraisers creates a vibrant and connected local community around the football club.

DESIGN / SCHEMATIC PLANS

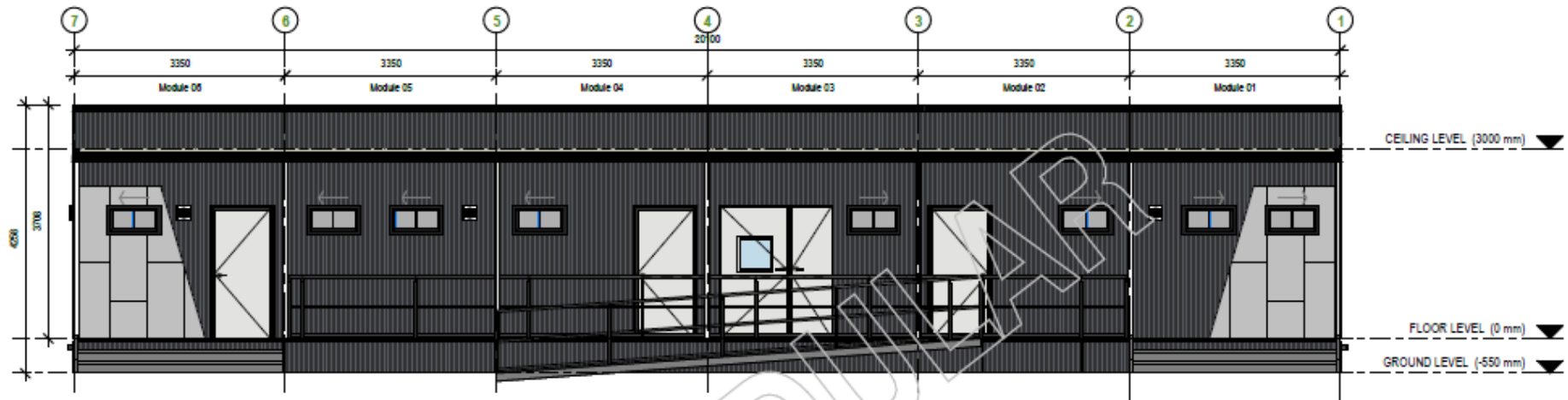




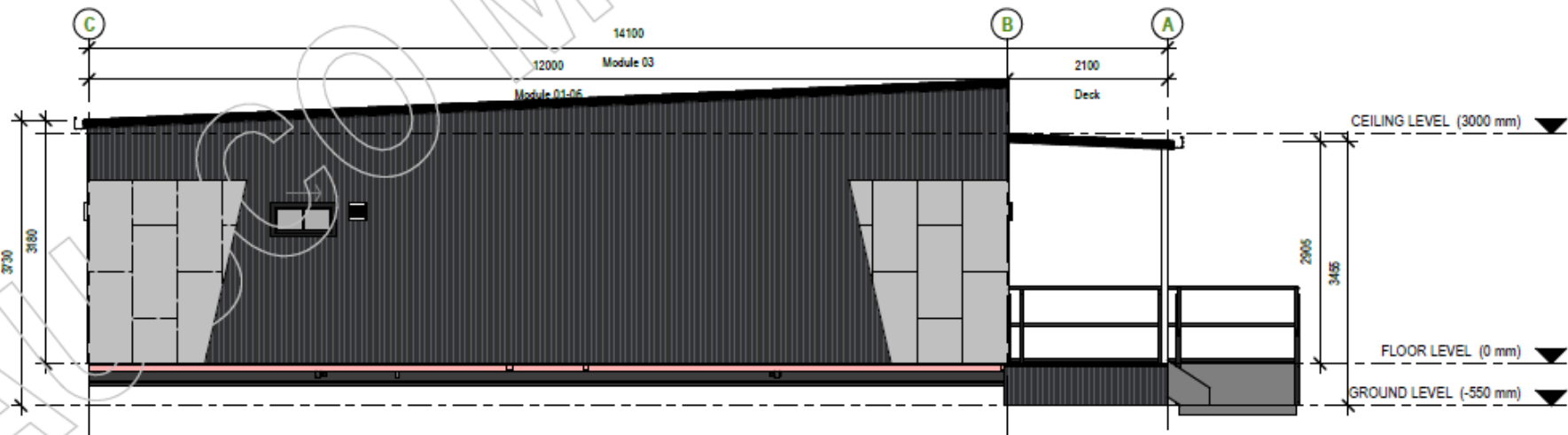
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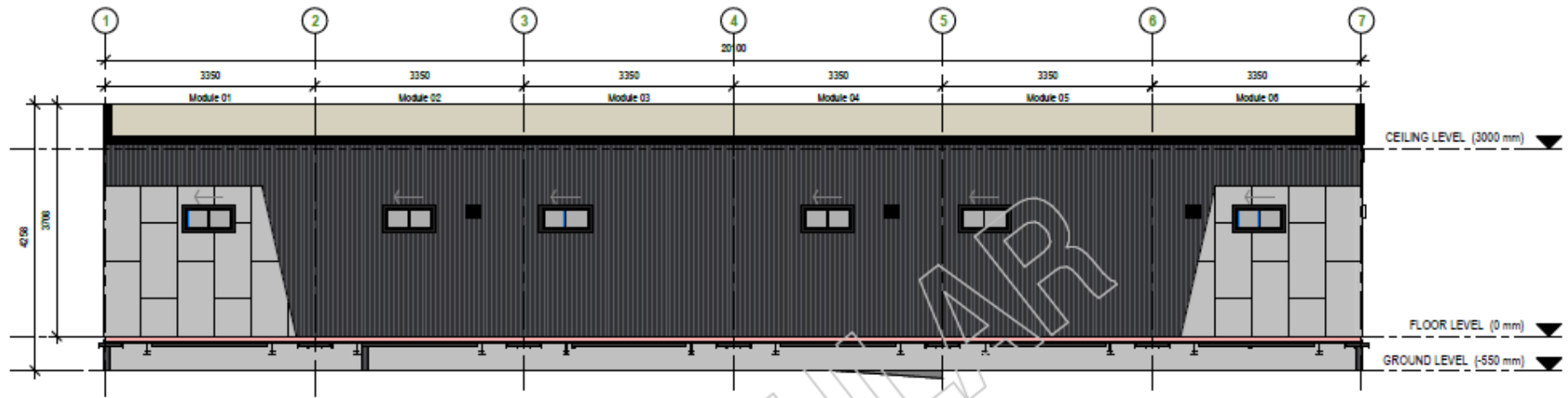
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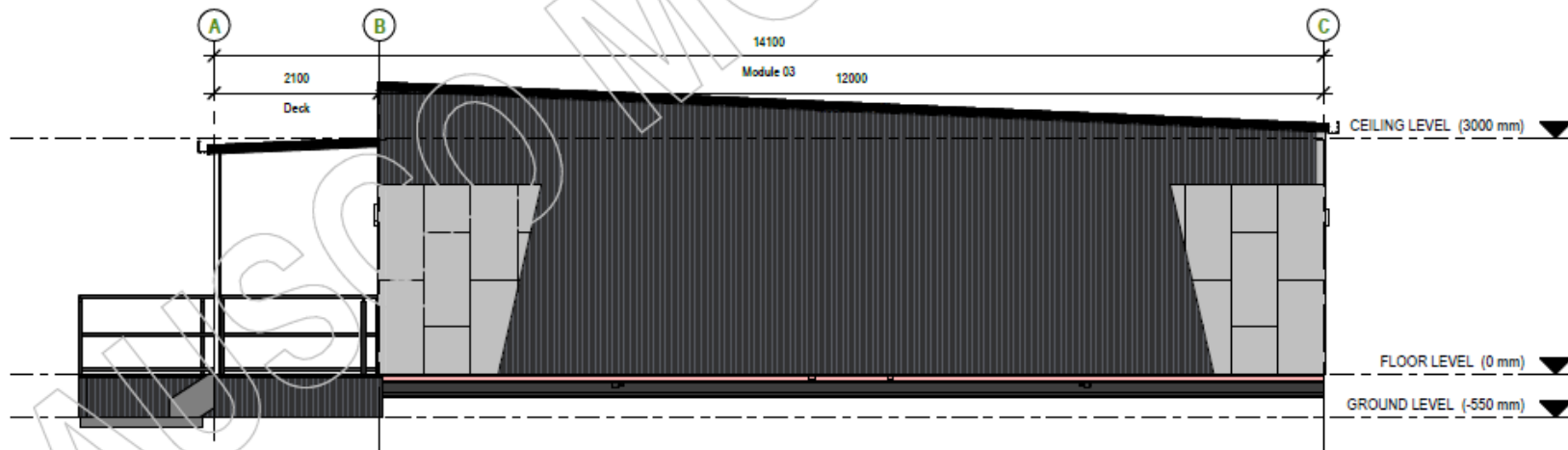
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LOCATION



PROPOSED COSTINGS & PLANNED CONTRIBUTIONS

The Onkaparinga Valley Football Club estimate the following costs, and plan to raise funding for the project via the foregoing planned contributions.

Type	COSTS	
	Provider	\$
Building approval, engineering and project plans	Ausco	\$6,022
Service design consultants for electrical and hydraulic connections		\$13,640
Footings, piers and tie-downs		\$9,746
Modular building (as per page 6)		\$1,000,745
Contingency for increased building costs	Potential 6.8% Rise	\$70,050
TOTAL		\$1,100,203 incl. GST

PLANNED CONTRIBUTIONS		
Type	Provider	\$
SANFL Football Facilities Funds Grant	SANFL	\$150,000
OVFC Current Cash (see pages 26 & 27)	OVFC	\$165,000
2024 Building Levy	OVFC	\$9,000
Fundraising/Donations/In -Kind Labour	OVFC	\$6,203
Adelaide Hills Council Contribution	Adelaide Hills Council	\$290,000
Lions Club Donation	Lions Club	\$5,000
Government Grant	Sport & Rec	\$475,000
TOTAL		\$1,100,203

LAND TENURE AND LANDOWNERS PERMISSION



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FEE SIMPLE

Registered Proprietor

ONKAPARINGA VALLEY FOOTBALL CLUB INC.
 OF 11 CORANA COURT BALHANNAH SA 5242

Description of Land

ALLOTMENT 2 FILED PLAN 5709
 IN THE AREA NAMED BALHANNAH
 HUNDRED OF ONKAPARINGA

Easements

TOGETHER WITH FREE AND UNRESTRICTED RIGHT(S) OF WAY OVER THE LAND MARKED A

Schedule of Dealings

Dealing Number	Description
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Notations

Dealings Affecting Title NIL
 Priority Notices NIL
 Notations on Plan NIL

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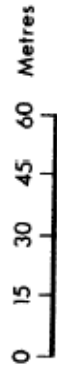
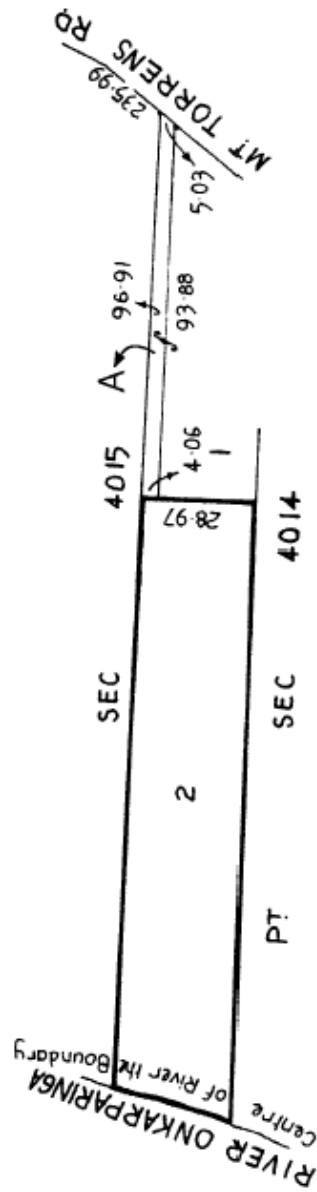
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STRATEGIC JUSTIFICATION

EXISTING CHANGEROOMS

The existing changerrooms were built in 1977 and remain unchanged today. The features of the changerrooms are extremely traditional and do not account for female gender use. The stand-out restrictions include:

- Built for men team use only
- Communal shower
- No toilets in home rooms, troughs only
- No vanity or electrical outlets for basins

Please see below existing changerroom facilities in comparison with current standards (sections 4.2 & 4.4 ‘AFL Preferred Facility Guidelines’) to showcase the current state of our facilities and moreover, to demonstrate the non-compliance and significant constraints that our existing facilities have on the players quality and football experience.

AFL Preferred Facility Guidelines	Existing HOME Rooms	Existing AWAY Rooms	Existing Compliance
Lockable cubicle showers	Open communal showers	Open communal showers, no wall separating shower and general change room area	X
Individual partitioned toilet pans	Trough only No toilets available, have to go to CFS building or clubrooms to access toilet	Trough and one toilet	X
Provide basins/sinks with vanity / shelving / ledge and mirror behind. Also provide electrical outlets in close proximity to vanities.	No basin in changerrooms, only in medical room. This basin has no vanity and no electrical outlets	One basin with no vanity and no electrical outlets	X
Umpires rooms need to be gender neutral where changing can occur in private	Open communal shower. No private showering/changing can occur.		X

EXISTING CHANGEROOM IMAGES



Image 1- HOME Open Communal Shower

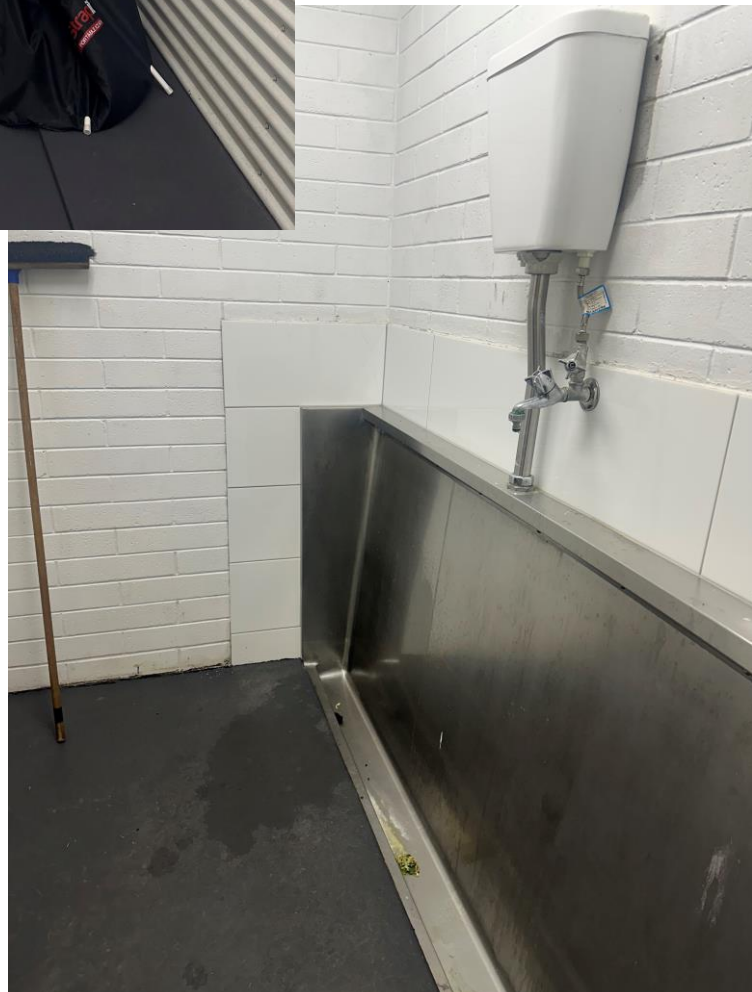


Image 2- HOME Toilet (trough only)



*Image 3- AWAY
Changeroom Area (open
shower behind whiteboard)*



Image 4- AWAY Toilet







Image 5- HOME Changeroom Area



Image 6- HOME Medical Room

NEW CHANGEROOMS

The new changerooms are chosen and designed in response to the constraints of the existing facilities to enable unisex use and a heightened player experience.

AFL Preferred Facility Guidelines	Included in new project scope?
Lockable cubicle showers	
Individual partitioned toilet pans	
Provide basins/sinks with vanity / shelving / ledge and mirror behind. Also provide electrical outlets in close proximity to vanities.	
Umpires rooms need to be gender neutral where changing can occur in private	

The proposed building by Ausco is:

- Fully quality, safety and environmentally accredited
- Complies with unisex sports facility guidelines and the national construction code of Australia
- Meets every requirement of the AFL preferred facility guidelines

COMMUNITY NEED

The prospect of new inclusive changerooms at OVFC responds to a range of crucial community needs identified by the SANFL. Some key statistics which the new changerooms contribute towards include:

- *Growth in overall participation*
 - The Region has seen a **66% increase in overall participation** since 2014 to 2019
- *Growth in female football*
 - Across Australia, almost **half (47%) of community football venues now host female** football competition
 - However, only **20% of change facilities are female friendly** across the state
 - And in the Adelaide Hills, only **7% of clubrooms are female friendly** despite having a **1,059% increase** over the last 5 years in women participation (second largest increase across SA)
 - Only **30% of umpire rooms** are female friendly statewide

The new changerooms which have a large focus on providing female-friendly umpire rooms and changerooms will contribute significantly to exploiting the above industry trends and more importantly, industry needs. The statistics clearly show community football facilities *need* to increase their unisex capabilities to keep up with the growing popularity of women's football.

When combining the extremely limiting current facilities at OVFC (see page 15) and the inevitable growth of women's football in the HFL (second largest growth in SA), it is clear to see the priority of this project. Furthermore, for the second largest growing female competition in the state, we only have 7% of our clubrooms female friendly which is undoubtedly impacting further growth and general quality of football experience for female players.

For a club with one of the most successful and attractive female programs in the league (see page 24), new changerooms at OVFC is the logical 'first step' towards improving these deficiencies.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

The installation of the proposed change rooms at OVFC will not only maximise inclusivity and quality of football on a local level, but also contribute and align with crucial community needs identified by the SANFL.

The largest correlation can be found within the SANFL’s general strategic goal to improve local football facilities to be better suited for broader community use, shared opportunities and unisex capabilities. The following points explain how the new changerooms at OVFC align with crucial community needs identified by the SANFL.

As part of the wider ‘welcoming facilities’ strategic goal of the SANFL, the Adelaide Hills Region have the 2032 goal to achieve the following:

- **60% of player and umpire change rooms to be female friendly and in line with the AFL Facility Guidelines (page 25- SANFL Infrastructure Plan 2022-2032)**

The proposed Onka Valley changerooms align with this goal by contributing female friendly player and umpire change rooms. The successful application of this project will create another female-friendly facility for the Adelaide Hills Region and will greatly assist the SANFL as they reach towards 60%.

In a broader sense, the new Onka Valley changerooms also contribute to their general goals as of the ‘Statewide Strategic Framework’ on page 19 of the SANFL Infrastructure Plan 2022-2032.

<i>Goal</i>	<i>Objective</i>	<i>Priority</i>	<i>OVFC New Changerooms Alignment</i>
<i>Goal 1 – ‘Welcoming Facilities’</i>	Our facilities meet the needs of our football community (players, officials, volunteers, and spectators) at all levels	Ensure design of facilities encourages broader community use and shared opportunities	<i>Design of changerooms optimised for all gender and user (umpire, players, medical, etc.) use that meets all AFL preferred facility guideline requirements.</i>
		Provide all gender changerooms for all those that participate in football – players, officials and umpires.	
<i>Goal 2 - ‘Growing venue capacity’</i>	Venue capacity is maximised by improving quality of ovals, lighting and supporting infrastructure.	Support the provision of multi-purpose and functional facilities that support club culture and sustainability, including the use of modular buildings.	<i>Changeroom is an Ausco Permanent Modular building which is fully quality, safety and environmentally accredited.</i>

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

STAKEHOLDER OUTCOMES

OVFC has engaged a variety of project stakeholders and local groups whom share their support of this potential project with differing positive outcomes for each. The following summarises these outcomes:

<i>Stakeholder</i>	<i>Primary Outcome</i>	<i>Support Letter Reference</i>
Adelaide Hills Council	More suitable and inclusive community facilities.	Appendix – Page 28
Local Electorate - Kavel	More suitable and inclusive community facilities.	Appendix – Page 29
Hills Christian Community School (HCCS)	Improved use of facilities for annual sports events and for sports carnivals.	Appendix – Page 30
Hills Football League (HFL)	One of HFL's preferred ovals for hosting finals – improved capabilities.	Appendix – Page 31
Johnston Memorial Park	Better opportunities for more community activities like local school events, sporting events, etc.	Appendix – Page 32
Oakbank School	Ability to share resources with the football club to give students access to quality local sporting ground.	Appendix – Page 33
Onkaparinga Cricket Club	Allows current standards to be met, gives parents & participants insurance around security & privacy, and opens up potential women's cricket team in close future.	Appendix – Page 34

PROJECT STRUCTURE



TEAM

Team Member	Project Role & Responsibility	Experience & Qualifications
Andrew Adcock	Project Leader	Business Owner
Shane Collins	Assistant Project Leader	Businessman
Aaron Galvin	OVFC Financial Director	Electrician/Estimator
Paul Tanner	Building Logistics	Licensed Builder

PARTICIPATION OUTCOMES

This Onka Valley changerooms project improves participation in South Australian football by improving quality of experience for not only the existing men's league but the growth of women's participation. This will help the club itself to provide a better football experience, and also offer another venue to SANFL and other organisations to host a broader array of events.

Further, this project will enhance participation in South Australian football by fostering inclusivity and accessibility for individuals of all genders, breaking down barriers, promoting diversity, and setting a positive example for other clubs to follow. This initiative not only improves the experience of current club members but also signals a commitment to welcoming new participants and promoting a more inclusive culture within the sport.

Moreover, the project's implementation of unisex and inclusive changerooms encourages broad community participation in football by providing a welcoming environment for individuals of all genders, backgrounds, and abilities, fostering social connection among diverse participants. This inclusive approach promotes better health and wellbeing outcomes by reducing barriers to participation and creating a supportive community atmosphere centred around the shared enjoyment of the sport.

And outside of football, this project considers multi-use and improves the quality and range of football opportunities by accommodating diverse needs within the club, such as hosting various events and activities beyond traditional football matches.

USERS

OVFC is proud to have a consistent presence in local football across the board. They have 11 male teams ranging from U8 boys to HFL Division 1 A Grade men's. OVFC also field 3 women's football teams including U14 girls, U17 girls and senior women's. Our individual participant numbers for 2023 include:

- Senior Men & U18's – 90
- Senior Women – 30
- Junior boys U8-U16 – 170
- Junior girls U8-U17 – 50
- Aus kick - 45

But OVFC does not only host football. OVFC- alongside Johnston Memorial Park- are proud to offer its facilities to a diverse range of local communities. The major users include:

<i>User</i>	<i>Use</i>
Onkaparinga Valley Football Club	Seasonal home football matches
Onkaparinga Cricket Club	Seasonal home cricket matches
Hills Football League	Commonly host of neutral finals football
Balhannah CFS	Training and education.
Hills Christian Community School	Annual school events and sporting carnivals
Oakbank Area School	Resource for students
Community Fitness Groups	Outdoor sessions
Cancer Council	Fundraisers
General community events	Hot-rod club, pony show, etc.

APPENDICES

OVFC BALANCE SHEET

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Onkaparinga Valley Football Club Inc

Balance Sheet

As of September 2023

PO Box 42

Woodside SA 5244

ABN: 58 693 722 453

Email: accruebooks@bigpond.com

Assets		
ANZ Cheque Account OVFC		\$8,989.58
ANZ Investment Account		\$5,969.79
Trade Debtors		\$3,597.85
Cash Adjustment Account		\$165.00
Floats		\$5,801.65
Bar Merchandise on Hand		\$4,100.00
Sports Merchandise on Hand		\$6,200.00
Senior Presentation Tickets Receivable		\$19,462.50
Property & Equipment		
Land - valuation date 28/8/02	\$90,000.00	
Buildings - val'n date 28/8/02	\$466,371.13	
Total Assets		\$610,657.50
Liabilities		
Credit Card		\$84.60
GST Liabilities		
GST Collected	\$8,119.05	
GST Paid	-\$4,453.15	
ATO Integrated Client Account	-\$165.78	
Total GST Liabilities		\$3,500.12
Trade Creditors		\$5,401.07
Accrued Expenses		\$2,405.01
Accrued Senior Presentation Expense		\$13,718.55
Total Liabilities		\$25,109.35
Net Assets		\$585,548.15
Equity		
Retained Earnings		\$596,336.22
Current Year Earnings		-\$10,788.07
Total Equity		\$585,548.15

This report includes Year-End Adjustments.

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OVFC JUNIOR BANK BALANCE

Balance Sheet	
Onkaparinga Valley Football Club Inc	
As at 30 September 2023	
	30 SEP 2023
Assets	
Bank	
OVFC - Everyday	24,940.12
OVFC - Incentive Saver	156,106.88
Total Bank	181,047.00
Current Assets	
Accounts Receivable	200.00
BBQ Shed Float	1,000.00
Petty Cash Float	300.00
Total Current Assets	1,500.00
Total Assets	182,547.00
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
GST	4,523.97
Total Current Liabilities	4,523.97
Total Liabilities	4,523.97
Net Assets	178,023.03
Equity	
Current Year Earnings	41,460.08
Retained Earnings	136,562.95
Total Equity	178,023.03

SUPPORT LETTER - ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL



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www.ahc.sa.gov.au

9 February, 2024
Andrew Adcock
Onkaparinga Valley Football Club

Dear Andrew,

Following review of the information provided by the Onkaparinga Valley Football Club (OVFC) regarding the proposed project to have new unisex changeroom facilities built adjacent to the current club house at Johnston Memorial Park, I'm pleased to provide this letter to document Adelaide Hills Council's in principal support for the proposed project.

With the current change room facilities not providing adequate toilets and changing facilities for female players as well as being sub-optimal for male players there is a genuine need to provide more suitable facilities.

The proposed new changerooms will ensure provision of adequate facilities for the current membership of male and female players and support continued growth in female participation at the OVFC.

OVFC's engagement of both Council staff and SANFL staff in project planning points to the considered, well planned approach to the proposed project.

Council's in principal support of this project is pending the provision of Development and Planning Approval's which the OVFC will be required to request from AHC in the project planning process.

Yours sincerely,

Ty Allen
Club Support Officer

SUPPORT LETTER – LOCAL ELECTORATE KAVEL



Assessment Panel
South Australian Football Facilities Fund
South Australian National Football League

Dear Assessment Panel

RE: Onkaparinga Valley Football Club

I extend my strong support for the application by the Onkaparinga Valley Football Club (OVFC) for funding through the South Australian Football Facilities Fund to upgrade Balhannah Oval's changerroom facilities.


Balhannah Oval is home to the OVFC which is a large and successful sporting organisation in my community that supports players across all grades with both men's and women's teams.

I know OVFC place an emphasis on providing a safe and inclusive environment for players and officials. I understand the existing changerrooms do not meet the requirements to support women's and girl's football which I am informed is a rapidly growing area of the Club.

I am advised OVFC are seeking funds to contribute to the total cost of the project which is estimated to cost between \$1,000,000 and \$1,100,000.

I wish to put on record my support for the application by the Onkaparinga Valley Football Club.

Yours sincerely


DAN CREGAN MP
Member for Kavel

8 February 2024



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SUPPORT LETTER – HILLS CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL (HCCS)



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www.hills.sa.edu.au



9 February 2024

To whom it may concern,

My name is Tony Fielke, and I am the Principal at Hills Christian Community School and we have an ongoing partnership for usage of the Onkaparinga Valley Football Club oval and facilities.

We use this facility for annual sports events and for sports carnival including football, soccer, and netball. There is limited quality facilities for female sports activities in our local region and our school would strongly support any grant application that the club makes for an upgrade of their facilities.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly on 0439 886 434 if you require any more information regarding our usage and the value of an upgrade of this facility for our school.

Warm Regards.

Tony Fielke
Principal



SUPPORT LETTER – HILLS FOOTBALL LEAGUE (HFL)



Hills Football League Inc.
27 Alexandrina Road, Mt Barker, 5251
PO Box 1544, Mt Barker 5251
Phone 83982524
email hflinc@bigpond.com



6/02/2024

To whom it may concern,

We write to you, offering both our support and endorsement of the Onkaparinga Valley Football Club in their endeavours to obtain the required funding to build Brand New Changerooms and Shower areas for all players, officials, and umpires.

The Onkaparinga Valley Football Club is a very enthusiastic organisation, who are an important part of their local community. The club fields multiple junior and senior football teams, with a strong emphasis on junior development. In season 2023 they fielded 14 teams, including under-14 Girls, under-17 Girls and Senior Women.

The facilities as they are, do not comply with important SANFL/AFL standards and requirements.

All of their training sessions are held at Johnston Memorial Park- Balhannah and there are several "cross over" times between female and male training sessions. These facilities must be of an acceptable standard.

The Onkaparinga Valley Football Club is one of the Hills Football League's preferred ovals for hosting finals, as they've proved many times over the years that they can cater to a large crowd efficiently.

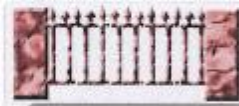
The upgrade to their facilities is vital to all concerned, to be able to train, play volunteer for or umpire in a safe and secure environment.

We hope you can support their funding application.

Samantha Stanbury
HFL Secretary.



SUPPORT LETTER – JOHNSTON MEMORIAL PARK



Johnston Memorial Park Inc.

ABN Number: 34339525615

P.O Box 1180, Balhannah. SA 5242

To Whom It May Concern,

Monday 5th February, 2024

The Johnston Memorial Park Committee Inc. (JMPC) is the management body for the Johnston Memorial Park (JMP) recreational complex at Balhannah in the Adelaide Hills. This management body comprises sporting clubs and public representation.

The Onkaparinga Valley Football Club (OVFC), whilst having their premises on their own freehold land, are an integral part of the JMP organisation, with an obvious need for an oval to facilitate their activities, an area the JMPC strives to maintain as a quality playing field.

The JMPC are very supportive of the OVFC in their endeavour to expand their clubrooms to include a wider range of changerroom facilities to accommodate their ever expanding list of players, from juniors through to seniors, including an increasing number of females now playing the game. We are aware that the existing changerroom facilities no longer comply with modern standards, especially in the case of females. The proposed upgrade also includes an improvement in umpires rooms.

The JMP also makes the oval and park areas available for community activities. Local schools, Oakbank and Hills Christian, avail themselves of the facility for some of their sporting events, however current changerroom inadequacies limit opportunities for them.

On behalf of the JMPC I have no hesitation in expressing our wish to see and be supportive of OVFC's move to seek funding for and progress the upgrade of their changerrooms in the future.

Yours faithfully,

Neil Shillabeer

President.

Johnston Memorial Park Committee.

SUPPORT LETTER – OAKBANK SCHOOL



8 February 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

We understand that the Onkaparinga Valley Football club is seeking a grant to upgrade the changerroom facilities at their club.

As the local school, just 5 min down the road, we would support this upgrade particularly to the women’s changerrooms.

Having a high-quality facility in the local area means that we can share these resources with the football club to give our students access to this local sporting ground.

Our students, including our female students, play for this football club and this provides a wonderful opportunity for them to learn not only sporting skills but how to be a supportive local community member.

The upgrade of changerrooms, particularly for the women would no doubt encourage more to become involved.

We fully endorse and support this project going ahead and a successful grant application would make this more achievable.

Yours sincerely

Lee Knight
Principal
Oakbank School



SUPPORT LETTER – ONKAPARINGA CRICKET CLUB



Onkaparinga Cricket Club President Tel 0417 860 537
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Woodside
South Australia 5244
Australia

11th February 2024.

To Whom It concern,

The Onkaparinga Cricket Club fully supports the Onkaparinga Valley Football Club in its application to the SANFL to upgrade its change room facilities. The OCC & OVFC have a close relationship & we share the same oval facilities. OVFC have been extremely kind to allow us to use those facilities during the summer period how ever these facilities are becoming very tired & aren't meeting today's standards for these types of facilities for the community. Updating those changerroom facilities not only allows current standards for toilet & changerroom facilities to be met but also gives parents & participants the peace of mind around security & privacy. This also allows clubs like us to try & attract other participants such as women to play cricket. Should you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact us.

President
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Vice president
Stuart Hanson
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Email: shanson@gardengrove.com.au

Yours Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Tim Thredgold in black ink.

Tim Thredgold
President

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Stuart Hanson
Vice President

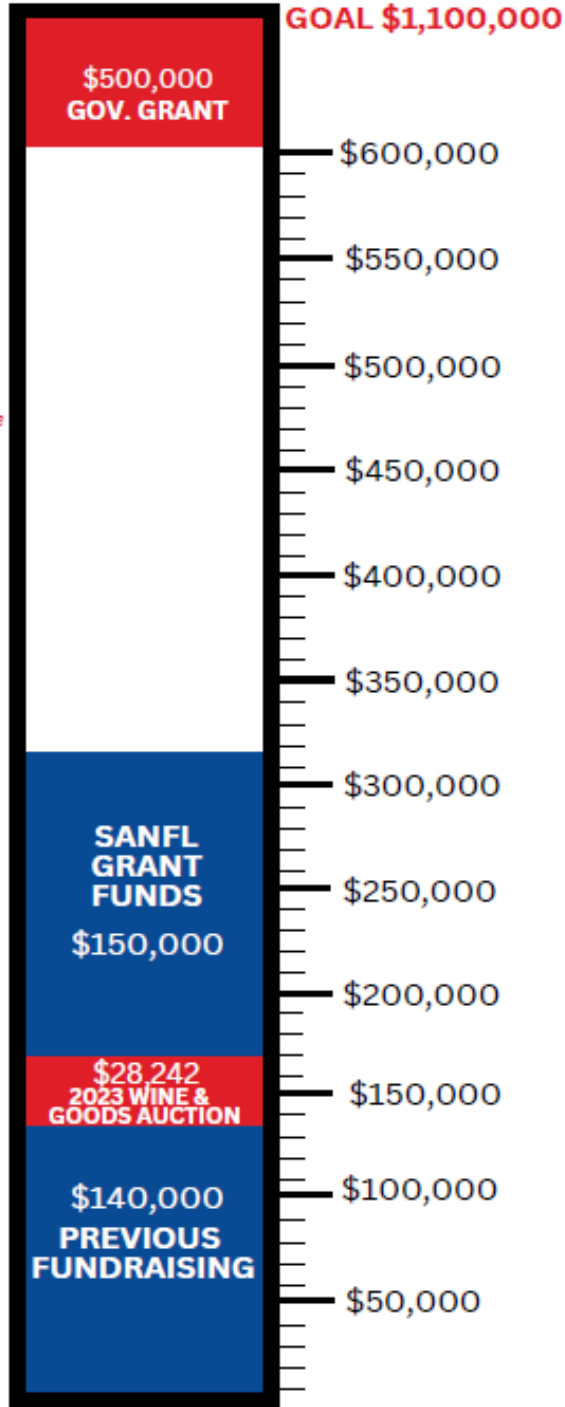
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**ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 17 June 2024
AGENDA BUSINESS ITEM**

Item:	7.3
Responsible Officer:	Gary Lewis Director of Corporate Services Corporate Services
Subject:	2024-25 Annual Business Plan Consultation Results
For:	Decision

SUMMARY

The *2023-24 Annual Business Plan* is a legislative requirement under s122 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (the “Act”) and has been developed in accordance with Section 8 of the Act – Principles to be observed by Council. It is also a key element of Adelaide Hills Council’s *Corporate Planning and Performance Framework*.

The draft *Annual Business Plan 2024-25 (ABP)* has been developed to align to the current *Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP)*, the *Asset Management Plans (AMP)* and the *Strategic Plan 2020-24 – A brighter future*. Council resolutions, staff and community feedback, and risk assessments have also informed projects and programs included in the ABP.

In accordance with Section 123(3) of the Act, Council resolved at the 14 May 2024 Council Meeting to approve the ABP for public consultation and this was undertaken from 16 May to 11 June 2024.

The purpose of this report is to provide the *2023-24 Annual Business Plan Community Engagement Outcomes Report* (the “ABP Outcomes Report”) in **Appendix 1** for consideration of the feedback and resulting recommendations for changes to the ABP.

RECOMMENDATION

Council resolves:

- 1. That the 2024-25 Annual Business Plan Consultation Results report be received and noted.**
- 2. To note the responses to the draft Annual Business Plan 2024-25 public consultation undertaken from 16 May - 11 June 2023 as contained in the Annual Business Plan 2022-23 Community Engagement Outcomes Report in Appendix 1.**
- 3. To note the following changes to the draft Annual Business Plan 2024-25:**
 - a. Adjustments to budget/financial figures to account for:**
 - i. Changes will be made to the budget for both the Amy Gillett project and Fabrik to reflect the latest information, with no change being caused to the operating surplus.**

1. BACKGROUND

The draft ABP has been developed to be consistent with the financial and strategic goals outlined in the *Strategic Plan 2020-24 – A brighter future*, current LTFP and the various AMP's.

The draft ABP was presented to Audit Committee on 15 April 2024 where it was resolved:

8.2. Annual Business Plan 2024-24 Draft for Consultation

Moved David Moffatt
S/- Pamela Lee

AC16/24

The Audit Committee resolves to provide the following three options to Council:

Option 1:

1. That the report on the Annual Business Plan 2024-25 Draft for Consultation be received and noted.
2. That Council notes that the Committee has reviewed the draft *Annual Business Plan 2024-25 (ABP)*, as contained in Appendix 1, in terms of the assumptions underpinning the Plan, its consistency with the Strategic Management Plans and the adequacy of the plans in the context of maintaining financial sustainability.
3. That the draft ABP go to community consultation, noting this results in
 - a) an Operating Deficit ratio of 0.85% (outside the approved target range of 1% to 5% surplus),
 - b) a Net Financial Liabilities ratio of 57% (within the approved target range of 25% to 75%) and
 - c) an Asset Sustainability Ratio of 100% (within the approved target range of 95% to 100%)
4. That Council notes that the committee noted that the Customer Relationship Management System and the Amy Gillett Bikeway Project are one off costs that will not impact on surplus in the future and have limited impact on financial sustainability over the long term. The committee also noted that depreciation is an ongoing increase to Council's expenses and is therefore a challenge to financial sustainability.
5. That the CEO be asked to conduct a review into Council's long term financial sustainability, which will include an organisation wide service delivery review including a detailed review of building and property assets.

Or

Option 2:

1. That the report on the Annual Business Plan 2024-25 Draft for Consultation be received and noted.

2. That the Council notes that the Committee has reviewed the draft *Annual Business Plan 2024-25 (ABP)*, as contained in Appendix 1, in terms of the assumptions underpinning the Plan, its consistency with the Strategic Management Plans and the adequacy of the plans in the context of maintaining financial sustainability.
3. That adjustments to the draft ABP be made to bring the Operating Result to a break-even level by one of the following options
 - a) Increasing Rates by inflation (CPI + 0.4%) and an additional 1%Or
 - b) A combination of
 - i. Removal of operating projects and
 - ii. Increasing ratesSuch that a break-even operating result is achieved.

noting this results in

- a) an Operating Surplus ratio of 0% (outside the approved target range of 1% to 5% surplus),
 - b) a Net Financial Liabilities ratio of 55% (within the approved target range of 25% to 75%) and
 - c) an Asset Sustainability Ratio of 100% (within the approved target range of 95% to 100%)
4. The Council notes that the committee noted that the Customer Relationship Management System and the Amy Gillett Bikeway Project are one off costs that will not impact on surplus in the future and have limited impact on financial sustainability over the long term. The committee also noted that depreciation is an ongoing increase to Council's expenses and is therefore a challenge to financial sustainability.
 5. That the CEO be asked to conduct a review into Council's long term financial sustainability, which will include an organisation wide service delivery review including a detailed review of building and property assets.

Or

Option 3:

1. That the report on the Annual Business Plan 2024-25 Draft for Consultation be received and noted.

2. That Council notes that the Committee has reviewed the draft *Annual Business Plan 2024-25 (ABP)*, as contained in Appendix 1, in terms of the assumptions underpinning the Plan, its consistency with the Strategic Management Plans and the adequacy of the plans in the context of maintaining financial sustainability.
3. That adjustments to the draft ABP be made to bring the Operating Result to a 1% surplus level by one of the following options
 - a) Increasing Rates by inflation (CPI + 0.4%) and an additional 2%Or
 - b) A combination of
 - i. Removal operating projects and
 - ii. Increasing ratesSuch that a 1% operating surplus is achieved.

noting this results in

- a) an Operating Surplus ratio of 1% (within the approved target range of 1% to 5% surplus),
 - b) a Net Financial Liabilities ratio of 55% (within the approved target range of 25% to 75%) and
 - c) an Asset Sustainability Ratio of 100% (within the approved target range of 95% to 100%)
4. The Council notes that the committee noted that the Customer Relationship Management System and the Amy Gillett Bikeway Project are one off costs that will not impact on surplus in the future and have limited impact on financial sustainability over the long term. The committee also noted that depreciation is an ongoing increase to Council's expenses and is therefore a challenge to financial sustainability.
 5. That the CEO be asked to conduct a review into Council's long term financial sustainability, which will include an organisation wide service delivery review including a detailed review of building and property assets.

Carried Unanimously

The draft ABP was then presented to Council at the 14 May meeting where it was resolved:

12.1 Annual Business Plan 2024-25 Draft for Consultation

Moved Cr Leith Mudge

S/- Cr Melanie Selwood

143/24

1. That the *Annual Business Plan 2024-25 Draft for Consultation* report be received and noted.
2. To endorse the draft *2024-25 Annual Business Plan* to enable progression to the next stage of community consultation (Recommended). That is to:

To endorse the draft Annual Business Plan 2024-25 (ABP) as contained in Appendix 1 for community consultation in accordance with Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1999, which includes a budget with an average residential rate rise of 5.78% resulting in the following financial sustainability targets as set by Council:

- a) Operating Surplus of \$365,000**
- b) Adjusted Operating surplus ratio of 0.56% (target of 1% to 5%)**
- c) Net financial liabilities ratio of 55% (target of 25% to 75%)**
- d) Asset sustainability ratio of 100% (target of 95% to 105%)**

3. That the CEO be authorised to:

- a) Make any formatting, nomenclature or other minor changes to the ABP prior to being released for public consultation and**
- b) Determine the consultation timings, media and processes while ensuring consistency and compliance with the provisions of applicable legislation and Council’s Public Consultation Policy.**

Carried

Public consultation was undertaken over the period Wednesday 16 May to 10pm Wednesday 11 June (27 days) with the aim of providing members of the community varied formats and opportunities to provide feedback. The main feedback was via the online feedback forms, however the community was encouraged to write to us or phone us with their feedback as well. Consultation activities included:

- A paid advert in the Advertiser and Courier newspaper
- The Community Engagement Hub site with copies of relevant documents and feedback form
- A 1 hour public forum at the Council Meeting on 11 June 2024 for verbal submissions to Council (per the legislative requirement)
- Four ABP information sessions held at Woodside on 30 May, Stirling on 4 June, Gumeracha on 5 June and Norton Summit on 6 June.
- Information packs and hard copy feedback forms for display at Council Libraries, Service Centres and Community Centres
- Emails to community groups to encourage sharing of the consultation opportunity as well as feedback
- Emails to Community Engagement Hub registrants inviting feedback and linking to the online resources
- Electronic notices on our website and newsletter
- Social media post on LinkedIn, Facebook and Instagram, and
- Elected member information for sharing with community to encourage feedback

All feedback participants will receive a copy of the consultation report (**Appendix 1**) where they have provided an email address, and the report will be published on the engagementHQ website.

2. ANALYSIS

- **Strategic Management Plan/Functional Strategy/Council Policy Alignment**

Strategic Plan 2020-24 – A brighter future

Objective O5 We are accountable, informed, and make decisions in the best interests of the whole community

Priority O5.3 Demonstrate accountability through robust corporate planning and reporting that enhances performance, is relevant and easily accessible by the community

The ABP has been developed based on the financial projections and targets of the *Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP)* and in alignment with the *Strategic Plan 2020-24 – A brighter future* and *Asset Management Plans*

➤ **Legal Implications**

The preparation of an ABP is a requirement of Section 123 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act), and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* (the Regulations). The ABP has been developed in accordance with Section 8 of the Act – Principles to be observed by Council.

Section 123(3) of the Act currently states that before a council can adopt its ABP it must prepare a draft ABP and follow the relevant steps set out in its public consultation policy (i.e. consultation for at least 21 calendar days).

Section 123(3) to (6a) of the Act specifies the actions that Council must take in relation to Consultation:

- (3) Before a council adopts an annual business plan, the council must—
 - (a) prepare a draft annual business plan; and
 - (b) follow the relevant steps set out in its public consultation policy, taking into account the requirements of subsection (4).
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (3)(b), a public consultation policy must at least provide for the following:
 - (a) the publication in a newspaper circulating within the area of the council and on a website determined by the chief executive officer of a notice informing the public of the preparation of the draft annual business plan and inviting interested persons—
 - (i) to attend—
 - (A) a public meeting in relation to the matter to be held on a date (which must be at least 21 days after the publication of the notice) stated in the notice; or
 - (B) a meeting of the council to be held on a date stated in the notice at which members of the public may ask questions, and make submissions, in relation to the matter for a period of at least 1 hour,

(on the basis that the council determines which kind of meeting is to be held under this subparagraph); or
 - (ii) to make written submissions in relation to the matter within a period (which must be at least 21 days) stated in the notice; and
 - (b) the council to make arrangements for a meeting contemplated by paragraph (a)(i) and the consideration by the council of any submissions made at that meeting or in response to the invitation under paragraph (a)(ii).
- (5) The council must ensure that copies of the draft annual business plan are available at the meeting under subsection (4)(a)(i), and for inspection (without charge) and purchase (on payment of a fee fixed by the council) at the principal office of the council and on the website at least 21 days before the date of that meeting.
- (5a) The council must ensure that provision is made for—
 - (a) a facility for asking and answering questions; and
 - (b) the receipt of submissions,on its website during the public consultation period.
- (6) A council may then, after considering—
 - (a) any submission made to the council during the public consultation period; and
 - (b) any new or revised information in the possession of the council that is relevant to the material contained in the draft annual business plan; and
 - (c) such other materials or information as the council thinks fit,adopt its annual business plan (with or without amendment).
- (6a) However, if a council proposes to adopt an annual business plan with amendments, the council must include in the adopted business plan a statement—
 - (a) setting out any significant amendments from the draft annual business plan; and
 - (b) providing reasons for those amendments.

AHC's *Public Consultation Policy* specifies that the period of consultation should be for at least 21 calendar days. As per the Act requirements, consultation included:

- A newspaper ad announcing consultation as well as website/social media notifications

- A 1 hour session scheduled at a Council Meeting
- The community was invited to submit their responses in writing, online via engagement HQ website or by phone.

Section 123(7) of the Act requires that each budget of council must:

- a) Be considered in conjunction with the council’s ABP (and must be consistent with that plan); and
- b) Be adopted by the council after the council has adopted its ABP.

➤ **Risk Management Implications**

Preparing an ABP as required by the Act and Regulations will assist in mitigating the risk of:

Inability to discharge role and functions of a local government entity leading to a breach of legislation and loss of stakeholder confidence.

Inherent Risk	Residual Risk	Target Risk
Extreme (5C)	High (5E)	High (5E)

It ensures that financial resources are deployed in areas that align with Council’s Strategic Management Plans, are affordable and support Council’s Long Term Financial Plan.

➤ **Financial and Resource Implications**

The ABP sets out the priorities and application of the Council’s resources over the next financial year. The plan has been developed to be consistent with the *Strategic Plan 2020-24*, LTFP and Asset Management Plans.

The finalisation of the ABP document will be primarily produced internally using mainly existing staff resources. External costs will be associated with activities such as the design and printing of the final copy and any promotional costs related to the public consultation.

➤ **Customer Service and Community/Cultural Implications**

The ABP provides transparency for the community regarding Council’s plans for the next financial year. It highlights key goals and objectives and the strategies to achieve these objectives

➤ **Sustainability Implications**

The Council’s financial sustainability is a key consideration in the development of the ABP.

The proposed average residential rate increase of 5.78% will maintain the financial sustainability of the Council. This increase is based on the LTFP assumption of CPI + 0.4% with an additional 0.37% to support the sustainability in a year when there are significant one off costs. The budgeted surplus of \$365,000 provides flexibility to Council regarding strategic initiatives that may arise during Strategic Plan development, and any opportunities that present throughout the year from Council or Community. The relationship between CPI and the budgeted expenditure is critical as it links Council expenditure with the inflation experienced by the community.

The following financial summary based on the average residential rate increase of 5.78%:

- Operating Surplus of \$365,000
- Operating Surplus Ratio of 0.6%
- Renewals Capital Expenditure of \$11,842,000
- Asset Renewal Ratio of 100%
- New & Upgrade Capital Expenditure of \$3.760m
- Net Financial Liabilities of \$32,029,000
- Net Financial Liability Ratio of 55%

➤ **Engagement/Consultation conducted in the development of the report**

Consultation on the development of this report was as follows:

- Council Committees:* The draft ABP was presented to Audit Committee at its 15 April 2024 meeting.
- Council Workshops:* An Annual Business Plan and budget workshop was held on 23 March 2024, and again on 16 April 2024 to discuss key budget elements, strategic initiatives, rating and other related topics.
- Advisory Groups:* Not applicable.
- External Agencies:* Not applicable.
- Community:* Public consultation was undertaken over the period Wednesday 16 May to 10pm Wednesday 11 June (27 days) with the aim of providing members of the community varied formats and opportunities to provide feedback.

➤ **Additional Analysis**

Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget

The following table shows the feedback received as part of the consultation process and in what form.

Activity	Number Participating
Online submissions	36
Hardcopy submission	0
Written response –email, letter, submission	31
Petition (1 petition received)	136
Attended information evening and/or provided feedback at Council Meeting	10
Representation at Ordinary Council Meeting	2
TOTAL CONSULTATION PARTICIPATION	215

Detailed analysis of the results are contained in the *Annual Business Plan 2024-25 Community Engagement Outcomes Report* in **Appendix 1**.

The main topics discussed in the various forms of feedback were:

Topic	Volume of responses on this topic
Council contribution to the Onkaparinga Football Club uni-sex changeroom upgrades	19
Upgrade of the Uraidla play space (Including petition of 136 signatures)	16
Masterplan for Uraidla/Summertown to address the increase in families and tourism	13
Waste	5
Comments on Footpaths and Roads (including safety and accessibility)	5
Tourism and the Economy	3
Sustainability and the environment	3
Verge maintenance and Fire Safety	3
Ovals and recreation space upgrades	3
Playspace upgrades (not Uraidla)	3
Stormwater upgrades	2
Council service improvements	1
Development	1
Reserve maintenance	1
Housing	1
Trails	1
Active transport	1
Libraries	1
Reduce spending in budget	1
Bridge upgrade	1

Council's proposed response and action in relation to each of the above elements of feedback is contained in Appendix B of **Appendix 1**. The feedback was sourced from all online submissions as well as emails, however full extracts of the emails are included in Appendix C of **Appendix 1**. Subject to Council concurring with these comments, they will be provided to each respondent via the consultation report distribution and publication.

A number of the responses have been identified as being useful input for the upcoming Strategic Plan development and later years' Capital Works Programs.

Proposed Changes since Draft 2023-24 ABP Consultation

As noted above, Council considered the draft ABP at their 14 May 2023 Council Meeting where it was resolved to approve the ABP for consultation.

Two changes are being proposed which will have a no impact on the budgeted operating surplus these are,

Amy Gillett

Following the review of the final documents the grant funds received will not be treated as an income but will be netted against the expected \$5.7m expense, meaning that the financial

statements will show the net expenditures only. This is a good result as it maintains consistency in the denominator for two of the KPI's.

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Following the completion of the business plan the budget will be amended to include the higher levels of income and expense set out in that plan. This will lead to an increase in operating expenses and operating income of \$187,000.

3. OPTIONS

Council has the following options:

- I. To receive and note the feedback received during the *draft 2024-25 Annual Business Plan* community consultation
- II. To note the changes to the *draft 2023-24 Annual Business Plan* and Budget (Recommended)
- III. To amend the *draft 2023-24 Annual Business Plan* in response to community consultation

4. APPENDICES

- (1) Annual Business Plan 2024-25 Community Engagement Outcomes Report

Appendix 1

*Annual Business Plan 2024-25 Community Engagement
Outcomes Report*

2024



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Draft Annual Business Plan 2024-25



Community Engagement Outcomes Report

June 2024

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1 INTRODUCTION

This report presents feedback received from 16 May to 11 June 2024 as part of Council’s *Draft Annual Business Plan 2023-24* (the “Draft ABP”).

This report will be presented to Council on 17 June 2024 and made available to those who participated in the consultation on Council’s Engagement Platform after the final Annual Business Plan is adopted on 1 July 2024.

The consultation comprised an opportunity for the Community to provide feedback via hardcopy and online submission as well as providing submissions by email, letter, and phone contact. Community also had the opportunity to provide feedback in person at one of four information/feedback evenings held at Woodside, Stirling, Norton Summit and Gumeracha, or the ordinary Council meeting held on Tuesday, 11 June 2024, 6:30 - 7:30pm at the Stirling Council Chamber. A copy of information provided on Council’s Engagement Platform, at information evenings and submission form is available in Appendix A.

There was a total of 215 Participants providing feedback on Council’s Draft ABP. 36 Respondents provided their feedback on the Draft ABP by online submission form. A further 31 participants provided a response by email. 10 provided feedback via information sessions and 2 provided feedback at the Ordinary Council Meeting. In addition to this, 136 participants signed a petition.

Comments received through submission forms and emails in relation to the Draft ABP are summarised in Appendix B along with Council responses.

All email submissions are provided in Appendix C.

Social media posts, email blasts and advertisements are provided in Appendix D.

2 SUMMARY OF ENGAGEMENT

2.1 BACKGROUND

Each year Council develops an Annual Business Plan (ABP) and Budget which is a requirement of the *Local Government Act 1999*. It is updated annually and details the programs, projects and services proposed to be delivered to the community in the next financial year and how these will be funded.

It links Council's *Strategic Plan 2020-24 – A Brighter Future*, the Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) and Asset Management Plans with the annual budget planning process. This ensures that Council continues to develop and maintain essential infrastructure services such as roads, footpaths, bridges, public toilets and open spaces as well as providing important services including libraries, health, planning, support services and waste collection that the community has told us they value, in a way that is fair, responsible and financially sustainable.

The focus in 2024-25 is on supporting and strengthening our community, environment and region by developing a responsible budget which recognises our unique constraints and is geared towards delivering essential services, prudent resource management, and sustainability.

2.2 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

A community engagement strategy was developed and consultation was undertaken with the Community over 27 days from Thursday 16 May to 10pm, Tuesday 11 June 2024.

Consultation was undertaken in accordance with Section 122 of the *Local Government Act 1999* and Council's *Public Consultation Policy*.

2.3 ENGAGEMENT APPROACH

The Council's engagement approach aimed to provide information, collect and collate community feedback about people's level of support for the Draft ABP including what they would like to see Council focus on and any suggested changes. Feedback could be provided via an online or hardcopy submission form, email, mail, phone or in person at one of four information/feedback evenings or the ordinary Council meeting held on Tuesday, 11 June 2024, 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

Information evenings included a short presentation on the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget and the opportunity to chat with Council Staff and Elected Members to share feedback. Four information evenings were spread across the Council area as listed below:

Time and date	Location	Details
Thursday 30 May 2024 6:30pm – 7:30pm	Nairne Road Positive Ageing Centre 36 Nairne Rd, Woodside	In person session + online broadcasting
Tuesday 4 June 6:30pm – 7:30pm	Stirling Council Chamber 63 Mount Barker Road, Stirling	In person session + online broadcasting
Wednesday 5 June 6:30pm – 7:30pm	Torrens Valley Community Centre Gumeracha 45 Albert St, Gumeracha	In person session
Thursday 6 June 6:30pm – 7:30pm	The Summit Community Centre Norton Summit 4 Crescent Dr, Norton Summit	In person session

A simple submission form was developed and provided online and in hardcopy format. It contained nine questions, including both closed and open style questions. Questions were designed to seek the level of support Participants had for the Draft ABP, what they would like to see Council focus on and any suggested changes.

Anyone could participate in the consultation with submission forms and information made available online and in hard copy at our customer service centres and libraries and information evenings at Gumeracha, Stirling, Woodside and Norton Summit.

A copy of information provided and the submission form is included in Appendix A.

2.4 DISTRIBUTION AND PROMOTION

The opportunity to provide feedback was promoted through a number of channels including:

- Advertisement in the Advertiser (16 May) and Courier (22 May)
- Hills Voice: your Adelaide Hills e-Newsletter to 7834 Hills Voice Subscribers including businesses
- LinkedIn

- Adelaide Hills Council Website and Community Engagement Hub Page
- Email Campaign via campaign monitor to Engagement Hub contacts
- Email to Mayor and Elected Members to share
- Messages on hold (AHC customer phone service)
- Social media
- Hardcopy information and submission forms available at customer service centres and libraries and information evenings at Gumeracha, Stirling, Woodside and Norton Summit.

Email and social media promotion statistics are presented below:

Media	Number of posts	Unique impressions (viewed)	Engagement (reaction, comment, share or opening link)
Facebook	6	9877	60
Linked In	1	609	68
X	5	237	7
Email Blast	2	474	41

All posts, email blasts and advertisements are provided in full in Appendix D.

3 PARTICIPANTS

This section provides details about participation during the engagement period and demographic information about Respondents who completed a submission and/or provided an email.

Engaged Participants are considered to be those who were not only aware of and informed about the consultation process but who also chose to provide their feedback. The number of aware and informed people who chose not to provide feedback is presented within the table below:

Table 1 Aware, informed and engaged community

	Email	Social Media	EHQ Platform
Aware <i>Sighted information that the consultation was open</i>	474	10,723	334
Informed <i>Accessed information via visiting multiple sites or downloading information</i>	41	135	210
Engaged <i>Provided feedback</i>	Unknown		36

An interesting note about the informed group of 210 people in the EHQ platform, is that 157 of them downloaded a document but did not progress further to provide any feedback.

3.1 PARTICIPATION RATE

The following table displays the level of engaged participation.

Table 2 Level of Participation

Activity	Number Participating
Online submissions	36
Hardcopy submission	0
Written response –email, letter, submission	31
Petition	136
Attended an information evening	10
Representation at Ordinary Council Meeting	2
TOTAL CONSULTATION PARTICIPATION	215

3.2 PARTICIPANT CHARACTERISTICS

Demographic data was collected from Respondents on the Suburb/township in which they lived, their age range and what their connection was to the hills.

Respondents Suburb

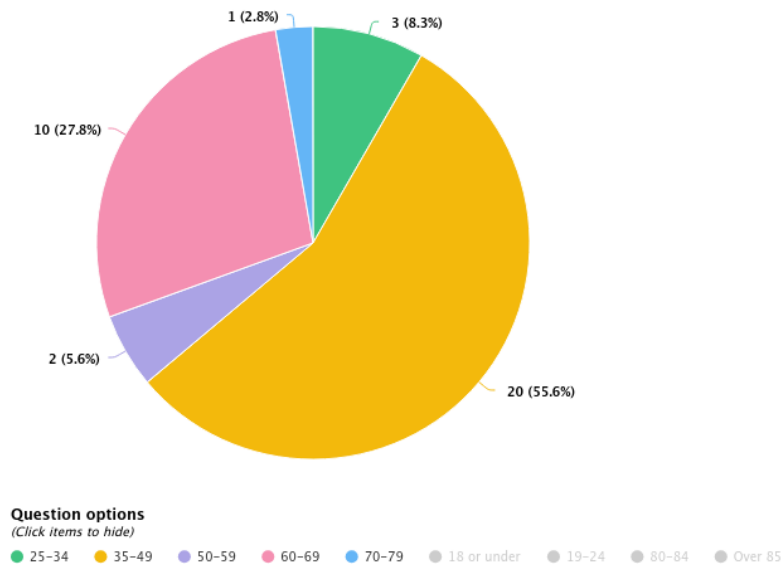
Respondents were asked if they could provide the suburb/township in which they resided. This was a mandatory question with 34 submission responses and mentioned in 32 emails.

- Balhannah (n=20)
- Uraidla (n=14)
- Summertown (n=8)
- Stirling (n=3)
- Ashton (n=3)
- Aldgate (n=2)
- Basket Range (n=2)
- Bradbury (n=2)
- Crafers (n=2)
- Bridgewater (n=1)
- Longwood (n=1)
- Birdwood (n=1)
- Aarons Pass NSW (n=1)
- Marble Hill (n=1)
- Greenhill (n=1)
- Piccadilly (n=1)
- Mount Torrens (n=1)
- Gumeracha (n=1)
- Teringie/Woodforde/Rostrevor (n=1)

Respondents Age Range

Respondents were asked to select their age range. This was a mandatory question with 36 submission responses. As seen in the chart over the page the highest response rates came from the 35-49 age group (n=20) and the 60-69 age group (n=10).

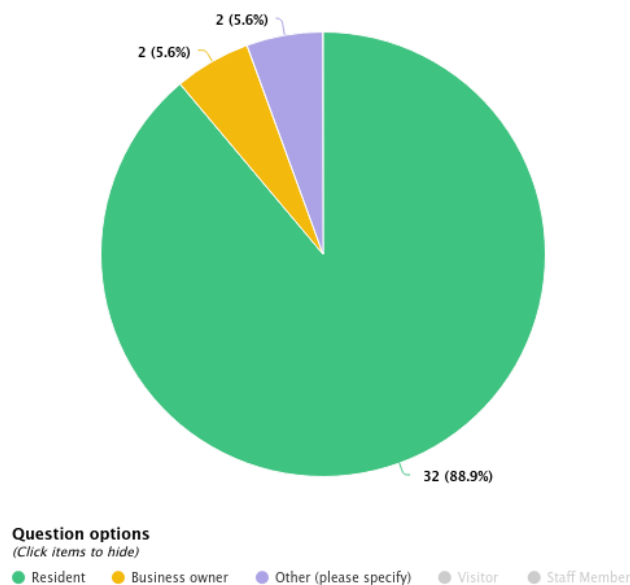
Chart 1 Respondents Age Range



Respondents Connection to the Hills

Respondents were asked what their connection was to the hills. This was a mandatory question with 36 submission responses. As seen below most Respondents (n=32) were Residents of the Adelaide Hills Council area.

Chart 2 Respondents Connection to the Hills



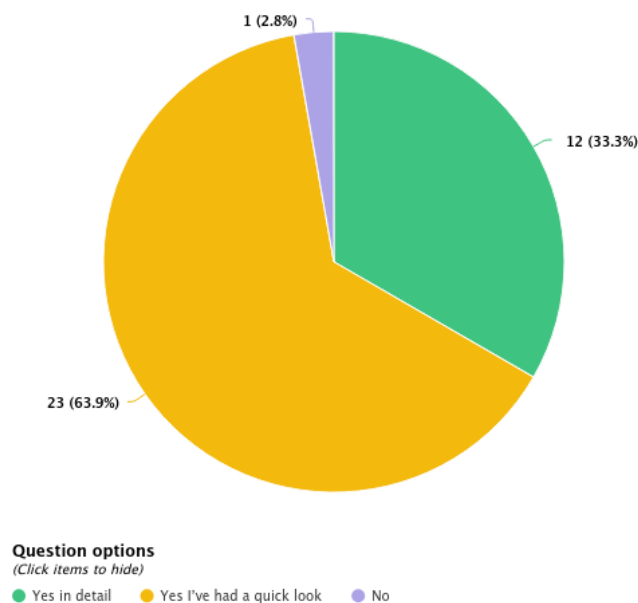
4 ONLINE SUBMISSION FEEDBACK

36 online submission responses were received as part of this consultation. Analysis of questions in the submission form on the Draft ABP are provided below.

4.1 WHO READ THE DRAFT ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN

Respondents were asked if they had read the Draft ABP. This was a mandatory question with 36 Respondents. As presented below 33% (n=12) of Respondents said they had read the Draft ABP in detail while 64% (n=23) said they had a quick look. 1 Respondent did not read the Draft ABP.

Chart 3 Respondents Reading of the Draft ABP



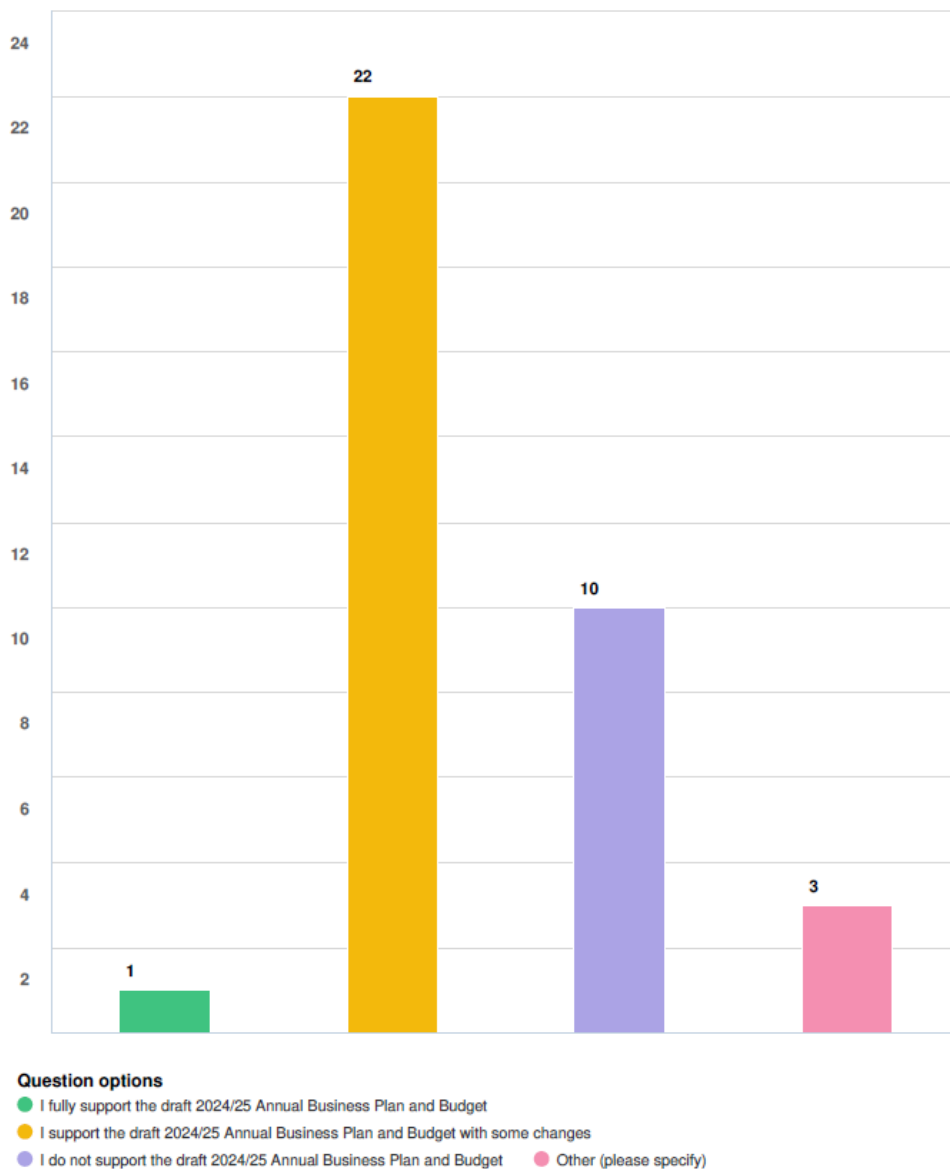
4.2 LEVEL OF SUPPORT FOR THE DRAFT ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN

Respondents were asked to what extent they supported the Draft ABP. This was a mandatory question with 36 Respondents. As presented below:

- 61% (n=22) supported the Draft ABP with some changes
- 28% (n=10) did not support the Draft ABP
- 3% (n=1) said they fully supported the Draft ABP.
- 8% (n=3) selected 'Other' and provided further information as seen below:

- How can we only spend 2% of such a huge budget on biodiversity in such an environmentally sensitive area? Where is management of feral animals? Why is there no engagement with soft plastics recycling?
- I would like to see the following amendments (no amendments were listed).
- Several residents of Mt Torrens have expressed interest in the creation of a pathway through the Mt Torrens Heritage Trail. I believe there was a proposal to include this in the budget. In particular some form of works to enable users of the trail to cross the marshy area without sinking to ankles in mud. It is noteworthy that there has been absolutely nothing said about this in the budget.

Chart 4 Respondents Level of Support for the Draft ABP



Respondents who did not support the Draft ABP were asked if they could tell us why they chose that option. 6 Respondents provided their reasons:

- Nothing really impacts us as residents of Basket Range, except a possible green bin option with loss of weekly waste pickups.
- There must be a greater focus on clearing roadside vegetation to reduce bush fire risk. Whatever Council has allocated to this work is seriously underfunded. Around the Ashton area over the last summer there were many areas which needed clearing. Some work was done but it was nowhere near enough. Whilst I support projects such as extending the Amy Gillett bikeway and the extra facility at the Woodside pool, I don't think these should be given priority over reducing the potential for bush fires. The fuel load must be reduced. If this isn't part of Council's plan, then it must be given immediate attention.
- I live in Ashton just off Greenhill Road and I'm disappointed to see that the Uraidla playground update has been removed from this year's budget. I request you reconsider. Uraidla is significantly lacking in facilities for families, we have to rely on the primary school infrastructure which is only available on weekends. (Even on school holidays it is reserved for the holiday program, we have been asked to leave.) The current Uraidla playground is not stimulating and very run down.
- I would like to see a commitment from the Adelaide Hills Council to update the play space area in Uraidla.
- There could be much more investment in Education and Business. While I hate pollution and greed - I see that building wealth for the future is most important. So, monies should be invested for the future. Does the bike path create wealth. Or maybe a smaller vision should be enhanced - a small great biking experience.
- Clayton Church Homes has invested significant finances in the Adelaide Hills over the past 12 months and employ over 100 local residents at its facilities in the Adelaide Hills area. In particular, the new \$30MIL re-development of Summerhill Aged Care site at Uraidla, and furthermore investments at its Retirement Villages across the hills, circa \$1.5MIL. I cannot see any council investment at Uraidla to enhance the liveability of the city, especially for our Aged Care residents that live both across our care facility at Uraidla and Retirement Villages in Uraidla.

We support the idea of addressing the following:

- Significant and dangerous traffic management issues in the Uraidla Main Street
- Parking issues, including Uraidla Main Street and Uraidla Bowls Club car park
- Place making ideas that can help tie together the public community spaces with a sense of identity.
- Public amenity and communal spaces for the community and visitors alike to enjoy.

4.3 WHAT PARTICIPANTS WOULD LIKE TO SEE COUNCIL FOCUS ON

Respondents were asked what they would like to see Council focus on. 34 Respondents provided feedback and below is a summary of responses received (many Respondents provided feedback on more than one theme/topic):

Respondents Summarised Responses	No. of Respondents
Uraidla Play Space Upgrade	13
<p>Footpaths</p> <p>4 x Respondents referred to a focus on footpaths in general and across the whole Council area. Ensuring there are safe walking paths in all areas. Footpaths are seen as an essential provision for all residents and are seen as neglected in some areas</p> <p>5 x Respondents referred specifically to footpaths in the Uraidla/Summertown area. Respondents would like walking paths that allow safe access to the township from surrounding key facilities such as the primary school, kindy, aged care facility, oval and bowls club.</p>	9
<p>Uraidla/Summertown Masterplan to address the increase in families and tourists to the area including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant and dangerous traffic management issues in the Uraidla Main Street • Parking issues, including Uraidla Main Street and Uraidla Bowls Club car park • Place making ideas that can help tie together the public community spaces with a sense of identity • Public amenity and communal spaces for the community and visitors alike to enjoy • Advice on how to link significant parts of our community together (CCH Summerhill, Uraidla Primary School and Uraidla Kindy, Uraidla oval (including football, netball and bowls clubs), Uraidla playground, Summertown and Uraidla as townships, Uraidla market, Showgrounds, local businesses) • Suggestions for improved accessibility, especially considering the growth of new families as well as residents at CCH Summerhill who wish to be integrated into the local community (this includes active transport corridors, footpath accessibility, way finding, signage) • Via Imagine Uraidla, the local communities are actively engaged in building a vibrant local culture and visitor destination. We now need assistance to formalise our direction and aspiration from a governmental perspective. 	8

<p>Traffic and Parking Issues</p> <p>5 x Respondents referred to specific traffic and parking issues in Uraidla (including in the main street and Bowls Club) 1 x Respondent referred to parking issues in general due to tourism in the Hills.</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>Bushfire Preparedness</p> <p>Focus on Roadside vegetation clearance, Indigenous fire management practices and development approvals in fire risk areas.</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>Roads</p> <p>Council should focus on roads in the area being safe including free from potholes.</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>Waste</p> <p>More green waste days needed Green waste bins council wide (increased collection) Weekly general waste (opt in if needed).</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>Community wellbeing</p> <p>References to a focus on wellbeing through the provision of play spaces, green spaces, recreation spaces and safe walking routes.</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>Sustainability</p> <p>Continue focus on.</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>Improvements to reserves, grounds and facilities</p> <p>This includes things like mowing, weed control and seating.</p>	<p>2</p>

Other focuses raised by 1 Respondent each included:

- Disabled Parks
- Inclusivity
- Not increasing Rates
- Reducing spending
- Pedestrian and bike safety
- Libraries
- Protection for native vegetation and animals
- Less lighting
- Small business support and development
- Climate resilience
- Environmental Issues
- Community Services
- Facilities for Families
- Heritage Trail
- Organic agriculture
- Water security
- Retain ambience and appeal of the hills including retaining character and heritage of additions and renovations
- Minimise tree removal
- Pro-active with illegal developments
- Not promoting tourism.

4.4 PARTICIPANTS FURTHER FEEDBACK INCLUDING SUGGESTED CHANGES

Respondents were asked if they had any further feedback including any suggested changes. 15 Respondents provided further feedback and suggested changes. Below is a summary of responses received (many Respondents provided feedback on more than 1 theme/topic):

Further Feedback	Respondents Suggested Changes	Number of Respondents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disappointed to see that the Uraidla playground is not being upgraded as planned this year. We have had a significant growth in children and young families in the area and surrounding suburbs and there are limited facilities that cater to this growth. Our children are missing out on a local play space, and the community is losing a vital meeting place to connect with others. There has been significant change in Uraidla over the past five years, and a playground on the main street would greatly benefit our efforts to create a more connected and vibrant community. I believe that an upgrade of the Uraidla playground facilities would provide positive outcomes for families and improve the mental wellbeing of both young and old alike. • The current play space is really inadequate for the local need - there's been a huge increase in the number of young families in the local area over the past five years and there's a real need for public community child spaces. This is an 	<p>Add the Uraidla Play Space Upgrade to the 2024/25 ABP</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p>

Further Feedback	Respondents Suggested Changes	Number of Respondents
<p>opportunity to create a playground that will foster a sense of community and connection.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reiterated Township plan for Uraidla/Summertown • Have an engaged and active community, both residents and businesses, which has helped the two townships and the immediate surrounding area grow and develop substantially. Now is the right time to plan coherently - to consider traffic flow, parking and especially provision for walking and cycling. Uraidla needs some help with the built infrastructure to realise its full potential. At the moment it is a bit messy and pedestrian movement is difficult and becoming dangerous. • Within the community we have a structure with Imagine Uraidla that will allow grass roots consultation, as was shown to Council during the pedestrian crossing campaign. This would be useful to develop a master plan. • Uraidla and Summertown have had a huge change in the past five years, with many young families moving into town and the popularity of the pub and bakery changing the dynamic of the whole main street. There is a huge opportunity to continue to build this thriving community by connecting long established groups and places (like the oval, 	<p>Add Township plan for Uraidla/Summertown to the 2024/25 ABP</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p>

Further Feedback	Respondents Suggested Changes	Number of Respondents
<p>school, netball, institute and show hall). A master plan would go a long way to help the town plan for the future and work towards future projects that would really benefit the local community and benefit local businesses.</p>		
<p>The bridge on Onkaparinga Rd and lack of appropriate footpaths in Bridgewater presents a significant hazard to public safety.</p> <p>I have a baby (8 months) and several friends with infants also in the area who cannot walk with prams on the (limited) available rock walkways. I am also a witness to / experience several near accidents a week on the bridge with vehicles not giving way.</p> <p>We have raised this issue a number of times.</p> <p>I fear there will be a fatal accident on the bridge one day with the sheer volume of near hits I have both witnessed as a Walker and experienced as a driver.</p>	<p>Add to road/footpath upgrade focus areas.</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>Providing Active Transport corridors through and between communities is the cheapest way to give teens and young adults a means of moving independently. A common criticism of our district.</p>	<p>Include global Active Transport movement in the ABP.</p>	<p>1</p>

Further Feedback	Respondents Suggested Changes	Number of Respondents
<p>Active Transport corridors make it safer for parents to demonstrate active transport as a means of commuting to school, shops and recreation to their children so choosing an active life is second nature as they grow.</p> <p>Active Transport Corridors will enhance the Adelaide Hills as a global Active Transport Tourism Destination encouraging local economic development through accommodation, food and services.</p> <p>Active transport corridors are not isolated 'parks' for occasional recreation or sport.</p> <p>Active Transport corridors are a safe, strategic network of paths and routes that link communities to schools, sport facilities, healthcare, shops, services and each other so cars are no longer the only option for families and the frail to move around our district.</p> <p>Active Transport corridors positively impact Sustainability, Youth Development, Economic Development, Community Development, Public Health and Sport and Recreation and will be a consideration for Civil Services and Open Space Operations. It takes a lot less space to park a bike and even less to park a pedestrian.</p>		
<p>Invest for the Future. Housing is in a huge crisis - should the Hills provide land for housing ? a new town or two YES.</p>	<p>Consider future housing investments</p>	<p>1</p>

Further Feedback	Respondents Suggested Changes	Number of Respondents
<p>On behalf of the Stirling Cricket Club - we note there is irrigation renewal listed in the draft ABP for Stirling Oval but not anything for drainage. From a practical point of view, it would surely be better to do both at the same time rather than doing the irrigation now and the drainage in a subsequent year (we understand we are at or near the 'top of the list' for drainage, as the oval gets very boggy as no/little drainage currently. So drainage would actually be the priority over irrigation. It would also make sense to only have to dig the oval up once, rather than causing massive disruption for sporting clubs and the wider community by digging it up twice? Digging it up twice would also cost twice as much.</p>	<p>We would urge council to consider doing both irrigation & drainage as part of the same project.</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>The pedestrian access along Swamp Road in Uraidla is extremely unsafe; it is a primary access point to the local primary school and is 80km for majority of the road with no safe walking access. We will not walk along it as a family as it is gravely dangerous. I urge the council to consider the safety of children walking and riding to school and take this opportunity to provide a beautiful walking trail for the community.</p>	<p>Provide provision for a walking trail along Swamp Road, Uraidla.</p>	<p>1</p>

5 EMAIL AND WRITTEN FEEDBACK

31 Respondents provided a response by email, written submission or letter.

Key issues raised via emails included:

Key Issues	Number of Respondents
Uraidla playground Upgrade (includes petition).	136
Upgrades required to the Onkaparinga Valley Football Club Changerooms, medical and umpire facilities.	18
<p>Uraidla and Summertown Township Plan to address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant growth in the past five years • Significant and dangerous traffic management issues in the Uraidla Main and key links to schools, GP and aged care for people walking and people on bikes (especially for elderly and young people) • Parking issues, including Uraidla Main Street and Uraidla Bowls Club car park • Place making ideas that can help tie together the public community spaces with a sense of identity • Advice on how to link significant community and recreation parts of our community together (CCH Summerhill, Uraidla Primary School and Uraidla Kindy, Uraidla oval (including football, netball and bowls clubs), Uraidla playground, Summertown and Uraidla as townships, Uraidla market, Showgrounds, local businesses) • Public amenity and communal spaces for the community and visitors alike to enjoy including realising the potential of our Main Street institute • Suggestions for improved accessibility, especially considering the growth of new families as well as residents at CCH Summerhill who wish to be integrated into the local community. <p>There is an engaged local business group and many committed community members who are passionate about continuing to grow the accessibility, vitality and connectedness of the Main Street and townships.</p> <p>Imagine Uraidla Chair did a deputation to Council in 2023 on this issue, sharing community support for the project, as well as wrote to the Mayor and CEO in early 2024 to express the community's desire for this project.</p>	4
<p>Upgrade Play Space at Bradwood Park</p> <p>Facilities are used by thousands of visitors each year, in particular with our Twilight Competition which has approximately 1,000 players registered each year as well as the families they bring with them. Our winter season now has about</p>	2

300 players registered with over 200 of them being juniors so their families come along and the playground is used by those families. The other issue with the playground is the public toilets adjacent to the playground. Often as a Club, we get complaints about these toilets, as the condition of them is terrible. They are dark, cold, dirty and some of the doors do not close.	
Significant review of Councils financial position including Council's working Capital Deficit and financial health of the Council – Respondent shared a lack of Financial Governance with significant documentation provided for review.	1
Parking issues in Crafers especially along Castle Close, Atkinson Road, and Hillcrest Avenue, in Crafers West. Poor appearance of Crafers as a tourist hub and residential location.	1
Rabbit plague in Crafers.	1
Mount Torrens Heritage Walking Trail upgrade required.	1
Concerns in regard to the smallest surplus in many years.	1
Rate rise concerns.	1
Specific edits to the Draft ABP required (Email 21)	1
Undertake a study and improve the stormwater management near 7 Bridge Street and 7 Nairne Road/West Street, Balhannah.	1
Support Budget and regional projects proposed.	1
Federation Park Gumeracha – ongoing minor upgrades required.	1
General concern there are no playground upgrades (Federation Park Gumeracha and Redden Drive Cudlee Creek both 15 years old).	1
Transparency around footpath planning for this year and the future (schedule).	1
Service responsiveness delays.	1
After hours services delays.	1
Gumeracha Library (including its recent upgrade and new operating hours), and the Torrens Valley Community Centre are both key assets for the local community, which allows local community participation without needing to travel far.	1

All emails are provided in full in Appendix C.

6 FEEDBACK RECEIVED AT COUNCIL INFORMATION / FEEDBACK SESSIONS

An opportunity was promoted for members of the community to attend one of four information/feedback sessions held in Woodside, Stirling, Norton Summit and Gumeracha. A total of 10 Residents attended the information sessions.

Topics discussed and feedback received included:

Woodside (Number of community member in attendance=1)

- Communications - why is everything digital? Some non-digital is still needed, e.g.: why wasn't the info sessions added to a community notice board? What about a printed community newsletter?
- This side of the hills' (Woodside) doesn't get as much done for it. Wants to see things happen and not be treated differently just because 'our rates aren't as high'.
- Love Woodside will be part of rail care network with DIT.
- Station Rd site; amenity, serenity, mental health, and community connection. Would love 'biodiversity people' from council to come down and provide advice. Would love a shelter down there too, big enough to hold a meeting in.
- Love Woodside group emails to Councillors from now on.
- Query if Community Development Officer – Youth and Recreation would be replaced? Need in area for young local people.

Stirling (Number of community members in attendance=1):

- Query how is rate money being spent. What are we doing to improve accessibility. what are the big-ticket items in the budget - were they community driven.
- Safety in the community - not feeling safe walking and running on paths at night. Need for better footpaths and lighting for safely walking and running. This would also help with promoting community being active.
- Wants to see more connected areas - paths between townships lit and safe. eg: soft bollard lighting on paths rather than bright overheads. Lighting discourages bad behaviour. Also, on the connection - many footpaths connect to nothing, or no path, then gravel, then dirt. Want to see better connectivity.
- Are we hearing enough from the community? Should we be trying to engage with the community more as many have opinions but wouldn't come to a session like this.

Gumeracha (Number of community members in attendance=4):

- Communications

- What percentage of people actually read and respond to the digital channels we have in place, e.g. the newsletters.
- Can there be more local communications utilising notice boards, leaflets, post, and community/local newsletters. More collaboration with community groups to use their communication networks.
- Rates discussion
 - People are struggling to meet their payments/bills. How is 5.78% rate rise truly reflecting the needs of the community.
- Council costs
 - How does the corporate/administration costs compare to similar Councils?
 - Can we be leveraging more shared services with other Councils?
 - What does Council spend on contractors and consultants and in what areas? Can this be made more visible in Annual reports, etc.
- Gumeracha Playground is due for renewal, however no longer in the capital works programs. It is often necessary to delay works and make budget-based decisions, however why haven't the community been notified of the change and the impact? Communication should be done and reasons included whenever there are delays. When will Gumeracha playground now be looked at?
- Gumeracha federation park oval irrigation – this is also a works project that has been changed without notifying community. How will the community be notified if it doesn't go ahead in 2024-25? The next step of irrigation for the oval and federation park has impacts to the community – currently volunteers are going down and watering to keep things green and without water and irrigation there is no parks. We need basic facilities to be improved and maintained. Again, needs better communication with community.
- Positive discussion about the effort Council has been making to coordinate and work with local town hall . Encourage council to continue working with volunteers and community groups as it is very positive to the community.
- Waste discussion
 - Green waste days – can there be more of them
 - Plastic waste is a real concern – lack of soft plastic recycling. Can council be doing something in this space and other problem areas like batteries (and EV car batteries/solar panels)
- Also, appreciation for the Resilience Team

Norton Summit (Number of people in attendance=4)

- Rubbish collection:
 - Can we organise a skip bin once a year for townships/large properties?

- The area that is “just on the foothills from town” are the worst place for illegal dumping of rubbish. Perhaps skip would assist. Can there be a formal analysis of the hotspots and methods to deter.
- Cost of hard waste – can this be reviewed?
- When building sites are operating, rubbish on the curb and in the street is everywhere. Are builders charged for the rubbish spreading offsite? Council should be doing more to police developers.
- Community engagement
 - How do you encourage an engaged community to do more?
 - Talk about setting up a Norton summit group. What role can council play in better supporting the community groups.
- Development
 - Who is responsible for the “face” and colour of houses on hill face? Advised this is a development compliance issue that should be reported to council via that channel.
- Traffic - Can council be doing more to deter speeding? E.g.: speed monitoring on certain streets.
- Discussion about support for Woodforde remaining in AHC and not moving to Campbelltown council.

7 PRESENTATION OF FEEDBACK AT COUNCIL MEETING

An opportunity was promoted for members of the community to present feedback in person at the ordinary Council meeting, Tuesday 11 June 2024, 6:30 - 7:30pm at the Stirling Council Chamber. There were 2 submissions and feedback provided via this opportunity.

1. Onkaparinga Valley Football Club
 - Requested that the upgrade request for the Onkaparinga football club be taken seriously by elected members in their budget deliberations. That is an important community need relevant to safety of the women and children who participate at this venue.
 - As an educator, indicated it is important to encourage young people to thrive in a safe environment, and a footy club is an important provider of this.
 - As a mum of 3 children, she is aware of the high risk of the current facilities in not being adequate for the privacy and safety of women and children. She often “polices” people coming in and out of the shared changeroom space to assist with protecting the children.

2. Uraidla Playground

- Disappointed that the renewal of the Uraidla playground was removed from the 2024-25 capital works program after years of waiting.
- It is an important community asset that is being underutilised and delaying the project further is not good for the community.
- Also mentioned a petition (submitted separately) has been signed with 136 signatures of local residents.

8 COUNCIL RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

A proportion of Community feedback included requests for specific works and queries. Council has provided a response to these queries alongside summarised comments in Appendix B which address various topics that were raised via the online form or email.

9 CONCLUSION

A total of 215 people participated in the consultation. Participation this year was high when compared to last year. A key factor which may be attributed to this is that 2 key communities in the Adelaide Hills Council area came together to provide information and seek support for their projects. These included the Onkaparinga Valley Football Club changerooms, medical and umpire facilities upgrade and the Uraidla/Summertown Master Plan , and the Uraidla Play Space Upgrade.

61% (n=22) of Respondents supported the Draft ABP but with changes. Only 1 Respondent fully supported the Draft ABP. 28% (n=10) of Respondents did not support the Draft ABP at all and 6 of these Respondents provided feedback that their lack of support was due to the need to prioritise more bushfire protection, a Uraidla/Summertown Master Plan, an upgrade to the Uraidla play space, not wanting to lose a weekly general waste service and building wealth for the future.

The most consistent topics discussed in comments and submissions from the community in which changes could be considered included:

- Onkaparinga Valley Football Club changerooms, medical and umpire facilities upgrade
- Uraidla/Summertown Master Plan
- Uraidla Play Space Upgrade
- Additional footpath upgrades

Feedback and proposed actions will be reviewed and considered at the special Council meeting on 17 June 2024. Subsequently the final draft with changes will be presented in the Council report for adopting the *Draft Annual Business Plan 2024-25* at the 1 July 2024 Council meeting.

This report will be shared with the wider community and anyone who participated in the consultation via Councils Engagement Platform.



Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget



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Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024-2025



Thank you for taking the time to find out more about the [Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024-25](#).

The Annual Business Plan and Budget is our way to ensure that we continue to develop and maintain essential infrastructure services such as roads, footpaths, bridges, public toilets and open spaces as well as providing important services including libraries, health, planning, support services and waste collection.

Our focus in 2024-25 is on supporting and strengthening our community, environment and region by developing a responsible budget which recognises our unique constraints and is geared towards delivering essential services, prudent resource management, and sustainability.

Some of our key projects and activities planned for 2024/25 include:

- Extending the Amy Gillett Bikeway from Mount Torrens to Birdwood
- Implementing technology upgrades to improve the customer experience
- Setting goals and a pathway to achieving net zero corporate carbon emissions
- Installing a splash park at the Adelaide Hills War Memorial Swimming Centre

We wish to know if our focus is in the right area before we finalise the plan and start work.

- [Read the Full ABP](#)
- [Read the Summary ABP](#)

Information sessions will be held across the region and we would love to see you in attendance.

Council is hosting a number of information briefings across the Council to share the draft Annual Business Plan and Budget and hear your feedback. At the sessions you will hear a short presentation followed by an opportunity to chat with staff and Elected Members. We encourage you to register and come along to one of the sessions.

Please register using the form at the bottom of this page.

Time and date	Location	Details
Thursday 30 May 2024 6:30pm – 7:30pm	Nairne Road Positive Ageing Centre 36 Nairne Rd, Woodside	In person session + online broadcasting Link to online — Click here Meeting ID — 850 1057 5855 Meeting Passcode — 436814

Document Library

[DRAFT for consultation.pdf \(3.14 MB\) \(pdf\)](#)

[DRAFT ABP Summary - Consultation.pdf \(1.9 MB\) \(pdf\)](#)

[ABP 2024-25 Feedback Form.pdf \(237 KB\) \(pdf\)](#)

[DRAFT Capital Works Program 2024-25.pdf \(569 KB\) \(pdf\)](#)

FAQs

[What's an Annual Business Plan and Budget in a snapshot?](#)

[Why do we have a business plan and budget?](#)

[I want to attend an information session but I am not sure which is right for me](#)

[What can you expect at the public Council meeting on Tuesday 11 June?](#)

[When does this consultation close?](#)

[Can I ask a question about the Annual Business Plan ?](#)

Tuesday 4 June 6:30pm – 7:30pm	Stirling Council Chamber 63 Mount Barker Road, Stirling	Meeting Passcode — 436814 In person session + online broadcasting Link to online — Click here Meeting ID — 850 1057 5855 Meeting Passcode — 436814
Wednesday 5 June 6:30pm – 7:30pm	Torrens Valley Community Centre Gumeracha 45 Albert St, Gumeracha	In person session
Thursday 6 June 6:30pm – 7:30pm	The Summit Community Centre Norton Summit 4 Crescent Dr, Norton Summit	In person session

Please note the Stirling and Woodside sessions will be broadcast and will be accessible from the following zoom link:

Link — [Click here](#)
Meeting ID — 850 1057 5855
Meeting Passcode — 436814

Tips for participating

- We encourage you to review all the documents relating to this consultation before taking the time to provide your feedback (take a look in the document library on this page)
- We've also collated some FAQs which may help answer some of your questions.
- Ask us a question using the Q&A tool on this page.
- Come along to ask questions and chat with Council staff and Elected Members at one of four upcoming information and feedback sessions.
- For feedback to be considered it must be received by Council no later than 10pm Tuesday 11 June 2024.

Feedback can be provided in a number of ways

- Preferably using the online submission form below
- Email to engage@ahc.sa.gov.au
- Send a letter to Community Engagement, 63 Mount Barker Road, Stirling SA 5152
- Print and send us a hardcopy feedback form which can be printed from the document library on the right or collected from any AHC Library or Customer Service Centre at Gumeracha, Stirling or Woodside.
- **In person, at one of the information sessions (in the table above) or at the Council meeting, Tuesday 11 June, 6:30pm - 7:30pm at the Stirling Council Chamber, 63 Mount Barker Rd, Stirling.**

What happens with feedback?

Your input is appreciated, and all feedback received during the consultation period will be considered.

Accessibility

If you need assistance to complete the feedback tools or need an alternative format, please email engage@ahc.sa.gov.au or call 8408 0400.

Further information

You can ask us a question by email engage@ahc.sa.gov.au or by calling Kira Marie Laverty on 8408 0400 during business hours.

- Where can I see a hard copies of the Consultation Documents?
- How did Council develop this year's Draft Annual Business Plan?
- What is the budget for the 2024-25 year in summary?
- What will happen to my feedback?
- What are your 2024-25 key projects and activities planned?
- What is the difference between the information sessions and the public meeting on 11 June?

Consultation Timeline

- Open - 16 May 2024**
The 21 day consultation period runs from Thursday 16 May to Tuesday 11 June (10pm).
- Public Forum 11 June 2024**
Your chance to share your views in person in Stirling Council Chambers 6.30pm on Tuesday 11 June 2024.
- Consultation Closes**
The consultation closes at 10pm, on 11 June 2024
- Consultation feedback assessed from 12 June**
All feedback received will be collated and considered at a Council Workshop and at an Ordinary Council Meeting following the close of the public consultation.
- Final report & ABP Adoption**
The final outcomes of the consultation will be collated into a report to be published on this site. The final draft of the ABP will be considered and adopted at an Ordinary Council Meeting taking into account any of the feedback received through the consultation.

Submission Form

Q&A

Register to attend Information Session

Submission form (Annual Business Plan)

Thank you for taking the time to consider Council's Draft Annual Business Plan 2024-25.

We wish to know if you think we are focusing on the right things before we finalise the plan and start work.

[Accessibility](#)

If you need assistance to complete this survey, or need it in an alternative format, please email engage@ahc.sa.gov.au or call 8408 0400 and ask to speak to a member of the Community Engagement Team.

You can also email any feedback to engage@ahc.sa.gov.au

COMPLETE SUBMISSION



Who's Listening

Kira-marie Lavery

Corporate Planning and Performance Coordinator



Phone 8408 0400

Email klavery@ahc.sa.gov.au

FEEDBACK FORM – DRAFT ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN 2024-25

This form is available online via engage.ahc.sa.gov.au

The full *Draft Annual Business Plan 2024-25* is available for viewing at Council's Customer Service Centres or can be downloaded from Council's website engage.ahc.sa.gov.au. Alternatively, you can request a copy by email at engage@ahc.sa.gov.au or by phone on 8408 0400.



For feedback to be considered it must be received by Council no later than 10pm on 11 June 2024.

1. What's your connection to hills?

- Resident
- Business owner
- Visitor
- Staff member (non-resident)
- Other (please specify) _____

2. Have you read the *Draft Annual Business Plan 2022-23*?

- Yes in detail
- Yes I have had a quick look
- No

3. To what extent do you support the draft 2024/25 Annual Business Plan and Budget?

- I fully support the draft 2024/25 Annual Business Plan and Budget
- I support the draft 2024/25 Annual Business Plan and Budget with some changes
- I do not support the draft 2024/25 Annual Business Plan and Budget
- Other (please specify) _____

If you do not support the draft 2024/25 Annual Business Plan and Budget can you tell us WHY you chose that option?

4. What would you like to see our Council focus on?

Use this space to provide any further feedback on the draft Annual Business Plan and Budget (include any suggested changes)

Note: If you can please let us know which part of the Annual Business Plan and Budget your comment refers to.

Please feel free to attach additional pages if you need more space.

5. Please provide your full name (required): _____

6. Please provide your suburb / township (required): _____

7. Please provide your age group by ticking the appropriate box below (required):

Under 18 18 – 24 years 25 – 34 years 35 – 44 years 45 – 54 years 55 – 64 years
 65 – 74 years 75 – 84 years 85 years or over

Thank you for taking the time to provide your feedback.

Please either:

- Scan and send a copy of this form to engage@ahc.sa.gov.au
- Mail a copy to ABP Consultation, 63 Mount Barker Road, Stirling SA 5152
- Drop a copy to any of our Customer Service Centres in Woodside, Gumeracha or Stirling

APPENDIX B – FEEDBACK AND COUNCILS’ RESPONSES SUMMARY

The following summary includes all extracts from all of the online submissions as well as associated email feedback. The full emails can be read in Appendix C.

Volume of feedback	Summarised Feedback	Council Response
19	<p>Council contribution to the Onkaparinga Football Club uni-sex changeroom upgrades</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple requests for financial assistance in upgrading the unisex changerooms to support privacy and safety of women and children at the club. <p>These submissions were via email and full submissions can be read in Appendix C.</p>	<p>Noted. This feedback has informed a Council report being presented in 17 June 2024.</p>
16	<p>Upgrade of the Uraidla play space (Including petition of 136 signatures)</p> <p>Multiple requests for upgrades with similar responses (below are 8 example submissions):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I live in Marble Hill and I am disappointed to see that the Uraidla playground is not being upgraded as planned this year. We have had a significant growth in children and young families in the area and surrounding suburbs and there are limited facilities that cater to this growth. Our children are missing out on a local play space, and the community is losing a vital meeting place to connect with others. There has been significant change in Uraidla over the past five years, and a playground on the main street would greatly benefit our efforts to create a more connected and vibrant community. I believe that an upgrade of the Uraidla playground facilities would provide positive outcomes for families and improve the mental wellbeing of both young and old alike. I urge the Council to please reconsider the current budget and include the playground renewal this financial year. I live in Summertown and Uraidla is my main hub for services (e.g. school, post, medical, shop). I am disappointed to see that the Uraidla playground is not being 	<p>The Uraidla Play Space was earmarked / prioritised for replacement in 2024-25 but has been excluded from the draft 2024-25 capital works project due to prioritisation of other capital works projects.</p> <p>Council may elect to fund this project citing the feedback provided in the ABP process.</p>

Volume of feedback	Summarised Feedback	Council Response
	<p>upgraded as planned this year. The current play space is really inadequate for the local need - there's been a huge increase in the number of young families in the local area over the past five years and there's a real need for public community child spaces. This is an opportunity to create a playground that will foster a sense of community and connection. I urge the Council to reconsider the current budget and include the playground renewal this financial year. I'd particularly love to see a playground that meets the needs of a range of ages, from toddlers to primary school age children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground upgrade in Uraidla needs urgent attention! The playground in Uraidla is an utter embarrassment. This community has grown significantly with new and young families needing a place to take their young ones and to connect with other families in the area. Uraidla Primary school is now a zoned school which should indicate to the council the growth of young children in the area, thus needing a vital playground upgrade. • I live in Ashton just off greenhill road and I'm disappointed to see that the uraidla playground update has been removed from this years budget. I request you reconsider. Uraidla is significantly lacking in facilities for families, we have to rely on the primary school infrastructure which is only available on weekends. (Even on school holidays it is reserved for the holiday program, we have been asked to leave.) The current uraidla playground is not stimulating and very run down • A further development of family and children friendly play area like playground and nature park. • I live in Uraidla and I am disappointed to see that the Uraidla playground is not being upgraded as planned this year. Our kids are missing out on a local play space, and the community is losing a vital meeting place to connect with others. There has been significant change in Uraidla over the past five years, and a playground on the main street would greatly benefit our efforts to create a more connected and vibrant community. I urge the Council to reconsider the current budget and include the playground renewal this financial year. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The town has long outgrown the very small and underwhelming town playground. Uraidla and surrounding areas has grown immensely in population in the past few years; especially families with young children. So much so that the local primary school has two reception classes this year for the first time in its history! Our young people deserve a fun place to play; the main street and community will greatly benefit • Looking at the changing demographic of the Adelaide Hills township of Uraidla. I would like to see the Adelaide Hills council support our community to update the current play space in Uraidla township. I rang the council about this when I first moved to the area (2018) and I was told the basic swings and slide had been signed off for 14 years. I was also told that the current playground was also the source of much conversation, and many people have requested change over the years. Just over 6 years on, our town is bustling with more and more young families joining our vibrant community. Uraidla school and Kindergarten is at capacity, we also have a very busy weekly kindergym program. They all signal that we have a growing community of families to support and meet the needs of. I ask the council to consider Uraidla community wellbeing in the current business plan 	
13	<p>Masterplan for Uraidla/Summertown to address the increase in families and tourism</p> <p>Multiple submissions with similar comments (6 examples of submissions below):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An AHC sponsored township plan for Summertown / Uraidla would conform to ‘Our Goals’ in the Annual Business Plan and help us create an overarching plan for our townships that addresses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Significant and dangerous traffic management issues in the Uraidla Main Street ○ Parking issues, including Uraidla Main Street and Uraidla Bowls Club car park ○ Place making ideas that can help tie together the public community spaces with a sense of identity. 	<p>Due to increasing interest from community groups across the Council area in recent years to improve township and placemaking outcomes, Council can consider in the development of the Council’s new Strategic Plan a revitalised approach to township planning and placemaking.</p> <p>Such an approach would aim to establish clear frameworks to support these outcomes, with a key piece being to develop prioritisation criteria to ensure equitable</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Public amenity and communal spaces for the community and visitors alike to enjoy ○ Advice on how to link significant parts of our community together (CCH Summerhill, Uraidla Primary School and Uraidla Kindy, Uraidla oval (including football, netball and bowls clubs), Uraidla playground, Summertown and Uraidla as townships, Uraidla market, Showgrounds, local businesses) ○ Suggestions for improved accessibility, especially considering the growth of new families as well as residents at CCH Summerhill who wish to be integrated into the local community (this includes active transport corridors, footpath accessibility, way finding, signage) <p>Via Imagine Uraidla, the local communities are actively engaged in building a vibrant local culture and visitor destination. We now need assistance to formalise our direction and aspiration from a governmental perspective.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We have young kids would attend primary school, who love to rides bikes, and ourselves active runners and riders. Significant and dangerous traffic management issues in the Uraidla Main Street, as well as the general lack of accessible footpaths for access to Main Street safely. Parking issues, including Uraidla Main Street and Uraidla Bowls Club car park. The lack of a bus linking Crafers to Summertown Uraidla along Piccadilly rd needs to be addressed. Most morning traffic is us parents dropping kids to Crafers to catch buses to school down the freeway. ● I would like to see money provided for a Town Plan for Uraidla and Summertown. We have an engaged and active community, both residents and businesses, which has helped the two townships and the immediate surrounding area grow and develop substantially. Now is the right time to plan coherently - to consider traffic flow, parking and especially provision for walking and cycling. Uraidla needs some help with the built infrastructure to realise its full potential. At the moment it is a bit messy and pedestrian movement is difficult and becoming dangerous. Within the community we 	<p>investment is occurring across AHC’s 57 township/localities in the planning, infrastructure upgrade and ongoing management phases.</p> <p>Council may also elect to fund this project in 2024-25 citing the issues raised in the ABP feedback and their alignment with current strategic plan goals. This will be discussed along with all other consultation feedback at the Council Meeting on 17 June 2024.</p>

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	<p>have a structure with Imagine Uraidla that will allow grass roots consultation, as was shown to Council during the pedestrian crossing campaign. This would be useful to develop a master plan. Please find space in your budget for this work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a resident, business owner, and member of volunteer groups in the Uraidla and Summertown community I urge Council to help us with funding to have a Town Planner create a Master Plan for our two townships to develop a cohesive picture of works that would support community connection, walkability, rideability, safety, parking, business flow, sports and community activities. This big picture vision would help our vibrant community work towards a cohesive plan over time. The Sustainability Fair Committee’s submission to Council’s business plan consultation is to encourage a township plan for the Uraidla and Summertown community. This community has experienced significant growth as a destination for visitors and new businesses. This is a great opportunity to have a better-connected community, this will particularly support active and sustainable transport and walkability. A better planned and connected community would be a great improvement for visitors and locals alike, being able to ride or walk from wineries and cafes in Summertown to Uraidla. Better planning and infrastructure would also benefit children using active transport to commute to school, building lifelong habits. An improved township plan would have positive impacts on the community and local businesses thus having a positive alignment with councils’ Strategic Plan in areas: B1, C1, C2, C4, E1, E2. The Fair would be very pleased to partner with Council to help share the positive impacts of the plan at future Fairs and on social media. Clayton Church Homes has invested significant finances in the Adelaide Hills over the past 12 months and employe over 100 local residents at its facilities in the Adelaide Hills area. In particular, the new \$30MIL re-development of Summerhill Aged Care site at Uraidla, and furthermore investments at its Retirement Villages across the hills, circa \$1.5MIL. 	

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	<p>I cannot see any council investment at Uraidla to enhance the liveability of the city, especially for our Aged Care residents that live both across our care facility at Uraidla and Retirement Villages in Uraidla</p>	
5	<p>Waste</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased collection of green bin waste. • Nothing really impacts us as residents of Basket Range, except a possible green bin option with loss of weekly waste pick ups. • improved waste management, ie green bin council wide with the option of weekly waste pick up (opt in for nappies etc). I know it was trialed in a couple of areas, but it would be really handy here, as I know we are offered organics drop off days, but we don't have a ute, or access to a trailer, so it is very hard to do. • many many more organic waste free drop off days are needed. We are in Ashton and don't have green waste but we do have truck loads of leaves to get moving. The alternative is that we burn them and that's not what we want to do. Bad for the environment. • Green waste days – can there be more of them • Plastic waste is a real concern – lack of soft plastic recycling. Can council be doing something in this space and other problem areas like batteries (and EV car batteries/solar panels) 	<p>Green waste: Council is currently undertaking a trial of changes to the kerbside bin system including the potential expansion of Food Organic Garden Organic (FOGO) bins to rural areas, weekly collection of FOGO bins and fortnightly collection of the residual waste bins. The trial concludes in October 2024 and the data collected will be analysed and used to inform future decision making regarding potential changes to the kerbside bin system.</p> <p>The number of free green waste drop off days was doubled in 2021/22 to assist residents with bushfire fuel reduction activities. Council is currently focused on completion of the trial of changes to the kerbside bin system outlined above that is exploring potential changes to green waste service provision to the community.</p> <p>Plastic waste: Council's ability to minimise these wastes and to recover recycled content at their end</p>

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		of life relates to undertaking community education, awareness and advocacy to stakeholders who have greater ability to make material reductions to these waste streams.
5	<p>Comments on Footpaths and Roads (including safety and accessibility)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before spending vast amounts of money on the Ag walkway (option item) , we need to cover the basics needs first, Foot paths, Disable parks, and other things to be more inclusive, and the roads are a mess- pot holes etc etc so only spend 25% of budget on AG walk way (by the way a very small % of locals use) every one uses the roads and foot paths. • More focus on Roads and Footpaths • Better pedestrians and bike safety for all residents of the council. • The pedestrian access along Swamp Road in Uraidla is extremely unsafe; it is a primary access point to the local primary school and is 80km for majority of the road with no safe walking access. We will not walk along it as a family as it is gravely dangerous. I urge the council to consider the safety of children walking and riding to school and take this opportunity to provide a beautiful walking trail for the community. • I assume that some form of 'planning' or 'prioritisation' document on footpath renewal and new footpath development could be published by Council - again this would give the public some certainty as to when their footpath will be repaired, and/or when their area may get a new footpath. From my perspective, there are still some areas in Gumeracha in need of footpaths (either sealed or unsealed), including the southern end of both John Fisher Avenue and Victoria Streets in Gumeracha, as well as a safer pedestrian link to Kingston Place, Gumeracha. 	<p>The Amy Gillett Bikeway project is 93% funded by the State and Federal Governments.</p> <p>In general, the 2024-25 budget is focussed on renewing existing assets as a priority to developing new ones. The particular suggestion about pedestrian safety along Swamp Road, Uraidla, can be investigated and consideration given to upgrades in future budgets.</p>
3	Tourism and the Economy	Support for tourism funding (via grant to Adelaide Hills Tourism) is maintained at

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No more tourism until parking issues and safe roads and footpaths have been addressed development and support of small business, noting recent closures of some of eateries in the area. There could be much more investment in Education and Business. While I hate pollution and greed - I see that building wealth for the future is most important. So, monies should be invested for the future. 	<p>current levels. Council staff have increased monitoring of parking compliance in the last twelve months.</p> <p>Economic development, including small business support, is currently being reviewed so this feedback can be taken into account.</p>
3	<p>Sustainability and the environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We need a real Sustainable focus... not just greenwashing and essentially business as usual.... Protection of native vegetation and animals. Make the hills a dark sky zone. <p>Future focus on Environmental issues and community services</p>	<p>Council is currently developing a new Carbon Management Plan and has plans to develop a new Biodiversity Strategy in 2024-25.</p> <p>Council is unlikely to ever be able to pursue official 'dark sky' status due to the proximity of the metropolitan street lit area. Further, there are compelling community safety reasons for some level of public lighting at night.</p>
3	<p>Verge maintenance and Fire Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Future focus - Better verge maintenance for road safety and fire safety. There must be a greater focus on clearing roadside vegetation to reduce bush fire risk. Whatever Council has allocated to this work is seriously underfunded. Around the Ashton area over the last summer there were many areas which needed clearing. Some work was done but it was nowhere near enough. Whilst I support projects such as extending the Amy Gillett bikeway and the extra facility at the Woodside pool, I don't think these should be given priority over reducing the potential for bush fires. The fuel load must be reduced. If this isn't part of Council's plan then it must be given immediate attention. 	<p>Council has recently adopted a new Bushfire Mitigation Landscape Strategy which describes how Council prioritises bushfire mitigation works in places including road reserves. While additional funding for verge maintenance has not been included in the 2024-25 budget, Council will continue to review and reprioritise its verge maintenance works based on identified risks.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I would like to see a continued focus on sustainability, climate resilience, bushfire preparedness and introducing indigenous fire management practices to the area. 	
3	<p>Ovals and recreation space upgrades</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On behalf of the Stirling Cricket Club - we note there is irrigation renewal listed in the draft ABP for Stirling Oval but not anything for drainage. From a practical point of view, it would surely be better to do both at the same time rather than doing the irrigation now and the drainage in a subsequent year (we understand we are at or near the 'top of the list' for drainage, as the oval gets very boggy as no/little drainage currently. So drainage would actually be the priority over irrigation. It would also sense to only have to dig the oval up once, rather than causing massive disruption for sporting clubs and the wider community by digging it up twice?? Digging it up twice would also cost twice as much so we would urge council to consider doing both irrigation & drainage as part of the same project. Federation Park, Gumeracha - it appears no specific funds are allocated to this major regional recreation space this year - whilst I acknowledge some funds have been spent on the area in recent years, my understanding is that the community simply wants ongoing minor upgrades, rather than a wholesale masterplan - therefore in future budgets, maybe small amounts could be set aside for new initiatives in Federation Park (e.g. shelter upgrades, seating upgrades, amenity improvements to Skate Park, civil works at Oval etc) Gumeracha federation park oval irrigation. How will the community be notified if it doesn't go ahead in 2024-25? The next step of irrigation for the oval and federation park has impacts to the community – currently volunteers are going down and watering to keep things green and without water and irrigation there is no parks. We need basic facilities to be improved and maintained. Again needs better communication with community. 	<p>Stirling Oval drainage works have been deferred from the draft 2024-25 capital works project due to prioritisation of other capital works projects. It is acknowledged that both irrigation and drainage works should be undertaken together to minimise disruption to the use of the oval and maximise cost efficiencies. As such, the irrigation works would be deferred until such time as drainage works are funded.</p> <p>Works at Federation Park Gumeracha, in line with the Masterplan for the site were earmarked for 2024-25 but have been deferred from the draft 2024-25 capital works project due to prioritisation of other capital works projects.</p> <p>The irrigation issue at Gumeracha Federation park is acknowledged. A recent tender process was undertaken and prices came in well over the budget allocated. Council will need to consider and explore the implications of this in a future budget review.</p>

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3	<p>Playspace upgrades (not Uraidla)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have just been looking at your Annual Business Plan and notice the upgrade of the Playground at Bradwood Park is no longer listed as an item for an upgrade. We have had members of your staff tell us it was on the plan so disappointed to see this. As you are aware our facilities are used by thousands of visitors each year, in particular with our Twilight Competition which has approximately 1,000 players registered each year as well as the families they bring with them. Our winter season now has about 300 players registered with over 200 of them being juniors so their families come along and the play ground is used by those families. The other issue with the playground is the public toilets adjacent to the playground. Often as a Club, we get complaints about these toilets, as the condition of them is terrible. They are dark, cold, dirty and some of the doors do not close. I invite anyone to come and see these toilets and you will see they are not up to any sort of standard or code. These toilets are an embarrassment to our Club and District and we would like to find out what position they are on the list to get them replaced There appears to be no new funding for AHC Playgrounds in this budget - whilst \$375k appears allocated to "Sports & Recreation (incl. playgrounds)", Page 23 of the Draft Capital Works shows this as being planned to be spent on sports infrastructure, irrigation and car parking for the 24/25 FY - given the importance of the 39 playgrounds within AHC, can the "framework" or similar that is used to guide playground renewal/upgrades be published for public perusal? This would provide transparency about how playgrounds are assessed and when each one may be in line for renewal/upgrade. From my perspective, the two playgrounds that our family frequents most (Federation Park, Gumeracha and Redden Dr, Cudlee Creek) are both over 15 years old, and are showing their age. I would have thought that 15 years is around the maximum life for a playground, especially in the extremes of weather experienced in the hills. 	<p>The Bradwood Park Space was earmarked for replacement in 2024-25 but has been deferred from the draft 2024-25 capital works project due to prioritisation of other capital works projects.</p> <p>Public toilet upgrades / works should be strategically considered with other works planned for the site, such as changerooms.</p> <p>In line with Council's Play Space Framework, Play spaces in the region are prioritised for upgrade based upon several criteria including compliance with Australia Standards, strategic considerations, value to the community, local demographics, current user experience, cost benefit, etc. At this point in time, the proposed upgrade of the Federation Park Play Space is not due for another approx. 3-4 years.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gumeracha Playground is due for renewal, however no longer seen in the capital works programs. It is often necessary to delay works and make budget based decisions, however why haven't the community been notified of the change and the impact? Communication should be done and reasons included whenever there are delays. When will Gumeracha playground now be looked at? 	
2	<p>Stormwater upgrades</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion of funding in the 2024-25 ABP and Budget for capital works to improve stormwater drainage in the Nairne Road/West Street precinct of Balhannah. There are a number of properties which get inundated on occasion during high rainfall events when water overtops the road kerbing and also as it fails to drain adequately at the rear of the Nairne Road properties. It has been identified a problem with the common drainage pipe running along the rear of the Nairne Road and West Street properties and has asked for this aspect to also be taken into account in the works. A resolution has been sought to the situation for a number of years on behalf of himself and the other affected residents. Undertake a study and improve the stormwater management near 7 Bridge Street Balhannah 	<p>Funding for stormwater upgrades in Balhannah is currently included in the draft 2024-25 Capital Works Program.</p>
1	<p>Council service improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> whilst I do acknowledge that due to my very civic minded attitude and pride that I have in the Northern Adelaide Hills, I am one of the highest volume 'requestors' for services/CRM's in the AHC area, I note over the years that it is taking longer for smaller tasks to be undertaken e.g. illegal rubbish being removed, graffiti cleaned, signs fixed, landscaping managed etc. This may just be my perception, however it would be interesting to publish data on Council's website as to how responsive Council is to CRM's and/or have a more interactive CRM system e.g. the customer can check online where the job is up too, rather than just receiving an email when the job is logged. 	<p>Council is introducing a new CRM system in 2024-25 to address customer concerns raised and to create better communication and transparency as well as improving the overall customer experience.</p> <p>The suggestion on After hours matters has been referred to the team and can be considered in future reviews on our services</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have called the AHC after-hours number on several occasions for various matters (often regarding urgent matters I've noticed at a Council facility or infrastructure matters) - on 1 recent occasion it took 15 minutes for Council's contracted call centre to answer the call - my question is, could Council obtain a cost saving by not utilising the after-hours call centre, but rather have Council on-call staff (who presumably already are paid an on-call allowance) to answer calls (this could work via customers leaving a voicemail if the staff need to 'screen' calls etc). Customers could be directed via a recorded system e.g. press 1 for after-hours ranger, 2 for on call civil works officer, 3 for on call facilities officer etc. 	
1	<p>Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B2. Retaining the ambience and visual appeal of the Adelaide Hills, in particular the appearance of the townships. For example - minimising tree removal, including when considering development applications. Being more pro active in identifying renovations/additions etc which have not been submitted for approval. Being more insistent that additions/renovations must complement the existing dwelling, especially where the dwelling has historical or aesthetic value. 	<p>The feedback has been shared with our development services and compliance area for consideration in their processes</p>
1	<p>Reserve maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic improvements to reserves and footpaths such as mowing, weed control, seating and footpath surfaces. Reserves and footpaths are essential facilities and are neglected in our area. (Aldgate) 	<p>Council's open spaces are maintained according to a maintenance program and reactive works are prioritised by risk.</p> <p>Where there is a need for increased service levels and upgrades, this would require additional funding and can be considered in future planning</p>
1	<p>Housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invest for the Future. Housing is in a huge crisis - should the Hills provide land for housing ? a new town or too (he he) YES 	<p>Addressing the housing crises can be considered in the development of the Council's new Strategic Plan. This would</p>

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		support the development of a strategic response to addressing housing needs while balancing expectations regarding character and growth
1	<p>Trails</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councils budget is OK in other areas - EXCEPT for ignoring the issue of the Heritage Trail. Some attention needs to be put towards this and at least some answer put out there to residents about councils thoughts and intentions on the trail. Not acceptable to just ignore it after an upgrade was proposed. 	This trail at Mount Torrens was earmarked for works in 2024-25 but has been deferred from the draft 2024-25 capital works program due to prioritisation of other capital works projects.
1	<p>Active transport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I'd like to see my council get on the front foot of the growing global Active Transport movement. My suggestion is to include Active Transport within the plan so it is harder to overlook. Providing Active Transport corridors through and between communities is the cheapest way to give teens and young adults a means of moving independently. A common criticism of our district. Active Transport corridors makes it safer for parents to demonstrate active transport as a means of commuting to school, shops and recreation to their children so choosing an active life is second nature as they grow. Active Transport Corridors will enhance the Adelaide Hills as a global Active Transport Tourism Destination encouraging local economic development through accommodation, food and services. Active transport corridors are not isolated 'parks' for occasional recreation or sport. Active Transport corridors are a safe, strategic network of paths and routes that link communities to schools, sport facilities, healthcare, shops, services and each other so cars are no longer the only option for families and the frail to move around our district. Active Transport corridors positively impact Sustainability, Youth Development, Economic Development, Community Development, Public Health and Sport and Recreation and will be a consideration for Civil Services and Open Space Operations. It takes a lot less space to park a bike and even less to park a pedestrian. 	The concept of 'active transport' can be considered in the development of the Council's new Strategic Plan. This would drive further investment in cycling and walking infrastructure and facilities.

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1	Libraries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> future focus – More funding for libraries for all areas 	The draft budget includes funding of \$1.8m for council library services across 3 branches and mobile library. This includes approximately \$300,000 funding from the State Government. Funding considered appropriate for the current level of service.
1	Reduce spending in budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing spending so that rate payers aren't slugged a rate increase every year. 	The draft budget for 2024-25 includes significant budgets reductions across a range of areas to offset the cost of several one off projects that Council aims to deliver in 2024-25. Several of Councils ongoing costs have also increased by significantly more than inflation and for Council to remain sustainable it needs to cover its costs. The budget is delivered at a time of affordability challenges across communities and rising costs. In such an environment the aim is to present a responsible budget which will not compromise the community either now or in the future.
1	Bridge upgrade The bridge on Onkaparinga Rd and lack of appropriate footpaths in Bridgewater presents a significant hazard to public safety and I would like to see this included within the road/footpath upgrade focus areas.	The Onkaparinga Road bridge over the freight railway line at Bridgewater was reduced to a single lane some years ago to improve safety due to its narrow width. Traffic flow is governed by a 'give way' sign

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	<p>I have a baby (8 months) and several friends with infants also in the area who cannot walk with prams on the (limited) available rock walkways. I am also a witness to / experience several near accidents a week on the bridge with vehicles not giving way.</p> <p>We have raised this issue a number of times - through public forums and direct to council - but it has not been deemed a hazard warranting investigation. Despite being persistently raised as an issue by the community.</p> <p>We are now considering moving from the area due to this lack of accessible walkways (I am a daily walker and it is not enjoyable) but most importantly, I fear there will be a fatal accident on the bridge one day with the sheer volume of near hits I have both witnessed as a Walker and experienced as a driver.</p>	<p>at one end. There was just one recorded crash (no injury, no fatality) at the site in the 15 years to 2022.</p> <p>A traffic consultant can be engaged to undertake a cursory review and suggest whether or not the existing traffic arrangement is still the best arrangement for the bridge.</p> <p>While specific footpath improvement suggestions were not made, it is acknowledged that footpath provision, type and state varies across the district. Council fully funds the renewal of existing footpaths at the end of their economic life and routinely budgets for new footpaths in annual works programs. New footpaths are generally prioritised based on concentrations of vulnerable users, like in proximity to schools, aged care facilities, shopping centres, etc.</p>

APPENDIX C – EMAILS AND WRITTEN FEEDBACK

Draft ABP Email Feedback 1

Afternoon [REDACTED]

It was recently brought to my attention the article in the Advertiser regarding Legal Fees incurred by Adelaide Hills Council. It caused a large discussion in our area people in other Local Council Area.

This prompted me to look at the Council Financials and initially looked at their overall wages, and then their working Capital deficit. Definition:- Also called net working capital, represents the difference between a company's current assets and current liabilities. Working capital is a measure of a Councils liquidity and short-term financial health. The working capital deficit is significant and led me to look at overall financial health of the Council and discovered an overall lack of Financial Governance.

The 2024-25 Proposed Budgets would currently be being prepared are and impact of the rates.

Rates will shortly be a very talked about issue especially in view of the current cost of living financial crisis.

Councils are generally managed by the Mayor, Councilors, and CEO. However, in recent years, the Councilors appear to be more interested in their political agendas rather than ratepayers' requirements. Concerned with issues being dealt with State and Federal Governments. Also holding events, such as Medieval festivals that few ratepayers attend or need.

Some Councilors have face-book pages styled "Their Name - Councilor for Adelaide Hills Council" that some rate payers have been block not allowing some ratepayers knowledge of their activities.

There is currently a debate as to whether Hamilton Hights, Woodford and a portion of Rostrevor should be transferred from Under Adelaide Hills council to Campbelltown Council. A logical discussion as those areas are only a short distance from Campbelltown Council yet a significant distance from Stirling, where the Head office of Adelaide Hills Council is situated. The real issue is about rates because significant rates Adelaide Hills Council receives from those areas. Australian Bureau of Statistics shows the significant variation in culture and requirements in those areas to Adelaide Hills Council residents. If the transfer of ratepayers eventuates, and it is logical that it will, there will be a financial transfer to Adelaide Hills Council, but this will also lead to Council needing more scrutiny of income and expenses, bureaucracy, Councilor's abilities to financially manage, or alternatively lead to further significant rate increases for Adelaide Hills Council ratepayers. As past financials demonstrate I fear just rates increases and lowering of essential services.

At present what do I get for my rates considering many say Council is primarily function is Roads, Rubish and Rates? The road in front of my house is maintained by State Government. Rubish is collected yet Council wants to change what is in my rubbish bins. Rates that are ever increasing beyond projected inflation rates and wage growth rates. Council head office is situated at Stirling which is a considerable distance away. Their argument could be the local CFS, yet the area of Morialta Falls directly below my house has not been had a controlled burn since the 1971 Bush Fire, 53 years ago. (Nether has the majority of the 5.33 Square Kilometers of Morialta Conservation Park or 7.58 Square Kilometers of Black Hill Conservation Park) When the next bush fire occurs and Teringie and the Neighboring towns goes up in flames the media and public will yell "Climate Change" when the real reason will be lack of maintenance. (There are, according to the 2021 census, 831 resident in Teringie alone).

Attached are

- Word Document outlining some of the issues in more depth
- Register of Salaries Adelaide Hills Council

Could you please

- Ring me regarding this email, and I can better discuss issues and know for certain you received my email.

My phone number is [REDACTED]

Attachment:

- Council Rates and Adelaide Hills Council lack of financial governance

- The Council previous years financials show they have a **severe working capital deficit** (This is discussed in depth in this paper). Recently one near by Rate payer said there is very minimal road repairs being carried out because no ability to pay, however their excessive wages are being paid.
- Projected Budgets are constructed of previous year's budget and not previous years actual income and expenditure. (This and other related issues and discussed later in this paper)

- Excessive rate increases especially in a cost-of-living crisis. (Discussed later in this paper)
- Council is not addressing poor financial governance, not reducing excessive spending, or controlling expenditure. Councils.
- Wages accounts to 38% of expenditure. If depreciation is excluded, after all depreciation is a non-cash item included in the P&L, wages accounts for 48.64% of expenditure. However, if Fringe Benefits granted to employees together the allowances given to the Mayor and Councillors is included the total expenses would be close to 50%. (This is covered deeper in this Pape.)
- Commonly said Council are mainly in charge of Roads , Rubish and Rates. However, With some employees highly paid. If the council were acting responsibly, they would trim their costs, and not increase them. I see no logical reason why all rate payers, many who are struggling, should support a few to earn excessive wages
- The Council own assets that are not used and do not appear to be addressing the issue. Example Windmill Reserve on Norton Summit Road , which is very small barely visible piece of land that I believe not one ratepayer has been on in past decade. The reserve is situated within 3 kilometres of the 12.91 Square Kilometres Morialta and Black Hill Conservation Park.

RATES

- 2021 Bureau of Statistics data for Adelaide Hills Council shows at that time there were 40,879 people residing in 16,248 private dwellings. The data shows in relation to that of all the 16,248 private dwellings :-

	Weekly	Monthly	Annual	% of Income
Medium house hold income	2,067.00	8,981.61	107,779.29	
Medium household mortgage repayments	428.05	1,860.00	22,320.00	20.71%
Medium rent	350.00	1,520.83	18,250.00	16.93%

However, is commonly accepted that if rent or mortgage repayments exceed 30% of the household income that they are suffering rent or mortgage stress which is compounded by the cost-of-living crisis.

A closer look at the 2021 statistic shows in regard to household income of the occupied private dwellings

Household income :- Less than \$650 total household weekly income (33,682 p.a) 12.1%

Household income :- More than \$3,000 household weekly income (156,428 p.a) 31.4%

It is very clear in 2021 12.1% (and also many others) of the households and doing it extremely tough

RENTING

Normally if council rates increase so does the rent for the private dwelling

2021 Data shows

Renter Households where rent payments are less than

Or equal to 30% of household income 57.9%

Renter households with rent payments greater than

30% of household income 31.6%

It is very clear in 2021 that 31.6% of the renting households were doing it extremely tough

Currently the medium house rental in Adelaide hills is \$606-00 per week (\$31,598 p.a) Accordingly that the % of renters with rent greater than 30% would now be significantly higher than in 2021.

MORTGAGE

In regard to mortgage households where mortgage (Taken from the 2021 Census data

Repayments are less than or equal to 30% of household income 77.9%

Owners with mortgage household with mortgage

Repayments greater than 30% of household income 11.1%

It is very clear in 2021 that 11.6% of the mortgaged households were doing it extremely tough,

As a result of interest rate increases since 2021 that % would have significantly increased.

Many Economists are forecasting there might be more pain, and no relief in near future.

I could not locate the current medium weekly mortgage repayments for Adelaide)

Pensioners

The Centrelink Aged pensions are as follows

Single \$1,064 per fortnight \$27,664 per year

Couple 802- each per fortnight. Combined \$1604 per week), \$41,704 per year

Last week a pensioner rate payer I would estimate in his 70s told me during his working life he scrimped and saved to live on in his retirement. He cannot sub-divide because his block is Hills face zone. So seriously considering selling because he cannot afford the rates. This is not how we should treat our pensioners in their last years.

RATES

Calculation

Rates are calculated as a Fixed Charge plus a Variable Charge levied on the Valuer General's valuation of your property. The Fixed Charge provides a mechanism to recognise that all properties have access to core Council services, regardless of valuation, and need to make a contribution to the cost of providing those services. The remainder of the rates calculation is based on an average percentage charge on the value of all properties in the Council area.

Property values have risen by 45% over last 4 years so the portion of rates applicable will valuation of the property has risen

As outlined previously above there is a large % in the Adelaide Hills Councils rate payers that are suffering severe Mortgage, Rent Stress and the cost-of-living crisis.

Adelaide Hills Council lack of financial governance)

- A Significant working capital deficit that is not being addressed
 - Whilst knowing the Reserve Bank of Australia projected inflation they applied a larger % increase in the proposed Budgets
 - The calculation of Projected Income and Expenditure was based on the previous years Budget and not actual performance (This does not only recognise actual expenditure but adds to previous years poor projected budgets.
 - The projected Balance sheet for 30th June 2024 does not reflect the Projected Income and Expenditure of 2023-24. (It is very misleading and incorrect)
 - Projected Rates increases appears to be based more on how to meet their projected expenditure is.
 - Expenditure items show they have not been assessed according to rate payers needs
- Especially relevant in the Cost-of-living Financial Crisis**

If a Council cannot control their own financial responsibility, how can they be relied on to set rates

- Adelaide Hills Council's lack of Financial Governance

Working capital

Definition :- Also called net working capital, represents the **difference between a company's current assets and current liabilities**. Working capital is a measure of a company's liquidity and short-term financial health.

shows restated 2022 Balance sheet

as at 30th June 2022			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalent assets	3,215	Trade and other payable	9,647
Trade and other receivables	3,025	Borrowings	9,581
Inventories	32	Provisions	4,072
Total Current Assets	6,272	Total Current Liabilities	23,300
Working Capital Deficit	17,028		

As At 30th June 2023

Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalent assets	489	Trade and other payable	6,107
Trade and other receivables	3,573	Borrowings	1,721
Inventories	17	Provisions	5257
Total Current Assets	4,079	Total Current Liabilities	13,085
Working Capital Deficit	9,006		

Movement 2022 to 2023			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalent assets	-2,726	Trade and other payable	-3,540
Trade and other receivables	548	Borrowings	-7,860
Inventories	-15	Provisions	1,185
Total Current Assets	-2,193	Total Current Liabilities	-10,215
Working Capital Deficit	-8,022		

The Council elections are held every four years, so the current councillors were the same in 2022 and 2023.

Financials show

	2022		2023
Rates General	39,123	Rates General	41,549
Working Capital Deficit	17,028	Working Capital Deficit	9,006
Working capital deficit as % of rates	43.52%	Working capital deficit as % of rates	19.307%
	2022	2023	Movement

Borrowings

Current	9,581	1,721	(- 7,860)
Non-Current	5,200	13,230	+ 8,030
Total	14,781	14,951	+ 170

From the above it is clearly seen that the working capital deficit decreased from 17,028,000 as at 30th June 2022 to only 9,006,000 as at 30th June to 2023. An improvement in working capital position of . On the face of this , the improvement of 8,022,000 could be viewed as positive.

However current borrowings were transferred to Non-current Current borrowings and thus reduced by 7,860,000 but non-current increased by 8,030,000. The financials also show the Bank overdraft limit has since been reduced to \$1,000,000.

Looking at current liabilities and Councils ability to pay expenses as they fall due the Council's Financials at 30th June 2023 are of concerns week.

Especially as within the current liability trade and other payables was as at 30th June 2023 of 6,107,000. At the same time Total Current assets show only 4,079,000. (Trade and other payables exceed Total Current Liabilities by 2,028,000, and assuming the majority of Trade and other payables (Both Assets and Liabilities) are subject to 30 days payment) on the 30th June 2023 the Council only had an overdraft limit of 1,000,000 the Working Capital issue is further highlighted

If the Adelaide Hills Council cannot produce a letter confirming the Bank Overdraft will be increased to from 1,000,000 as at 30th June 2023 to approximately 8,000,000 then at the setting of the budget were not assured of their ability to increase the overdraft to meet the budget. This is irresponsible management

THIS IS DEMONSTRATING A SERIOUS CAUSE OF CONCERN, DEMONSTRATING THE COUNCIL'S POOR LIQUIDITY AND POOR SHORT-TERM FINANCIAL HEALTH.

Long Term debt in general terms is to fund long term asset purchase and not to exceed the life of the asset. Otherwise, future rate payers are paying for the benefits of past ratepayers.

Accordingly in future rate pays will pay increased rates to pay for past working capital issues.

PROJECTED BUDGETS

The 2023- 2024 the budget showed

	2022-23	2023-2024	Movement	% Movement
	Budget	Proposed Budget		
Total Income	53,512	56,644	+3,132	5.85%

Total Expenses	52,542	55,416	+2,874	5.47%
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Surplus not	970	1,228
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Expenditure as a

% of surplus	1.85%	2.26%	The margin for error is extremely low.
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Interestingly the Proposed budget for year ending 30/6/2024 was constructed based on the budget for year ending 2023. **Budgets should never be constructed on the previous year's budget** but as a starting point **should be based on previous years actual income and expenditure.**

Then based on **actual** income and expenditure in the previous year, each monthly income and expenditure should be examined ascertain trends, inflation, and interest rates act. Then assumptions clearly stated to arrive at the 2024 budget. The budget should reflect where savings can be made or additional income. But the budget appears to just increase income to pay expenditure. Any Corporate or Institutional business would not be allowed to operate in this manner. Further more the Adelaide Hills Councils Statement of Financial position 2023 Budget could not have been constructed on the Income and expenditure budget and therefore meaningless. Note the amounts shown for 2022-23 are exactly the same for the 2023-24 proposed budget for the following \$ ' 000

Current assets	3,372
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Current liabilities :-

Trade and other payable	6,215
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Non-Current liabilities

Provisions	1,751
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This is impossible and shows the amounts shown had no calculations applied. Therefore, it brings all other amounts into question, and the financial ability of the council staff and councillors.

Furthermore, the Council has not addressed the working capital deficit of 8,022,000 as at 30th June 2023 in the 2023- 2024 Budget. Obviously overall , the council did not achieve the surplus projected in 2022-23 budget, or on face value the working capital would have improved by roughly 970,000 from that source.

The Council financials show the overdraft limit (Current Liability) reduced from 7,000,000 to 1,000,000 with no explanation on how they were going to continue to trade to fulfill their proposed budget.

Interestingly Income was projected to increase by 5.85% and expenses to increase by 5.47%

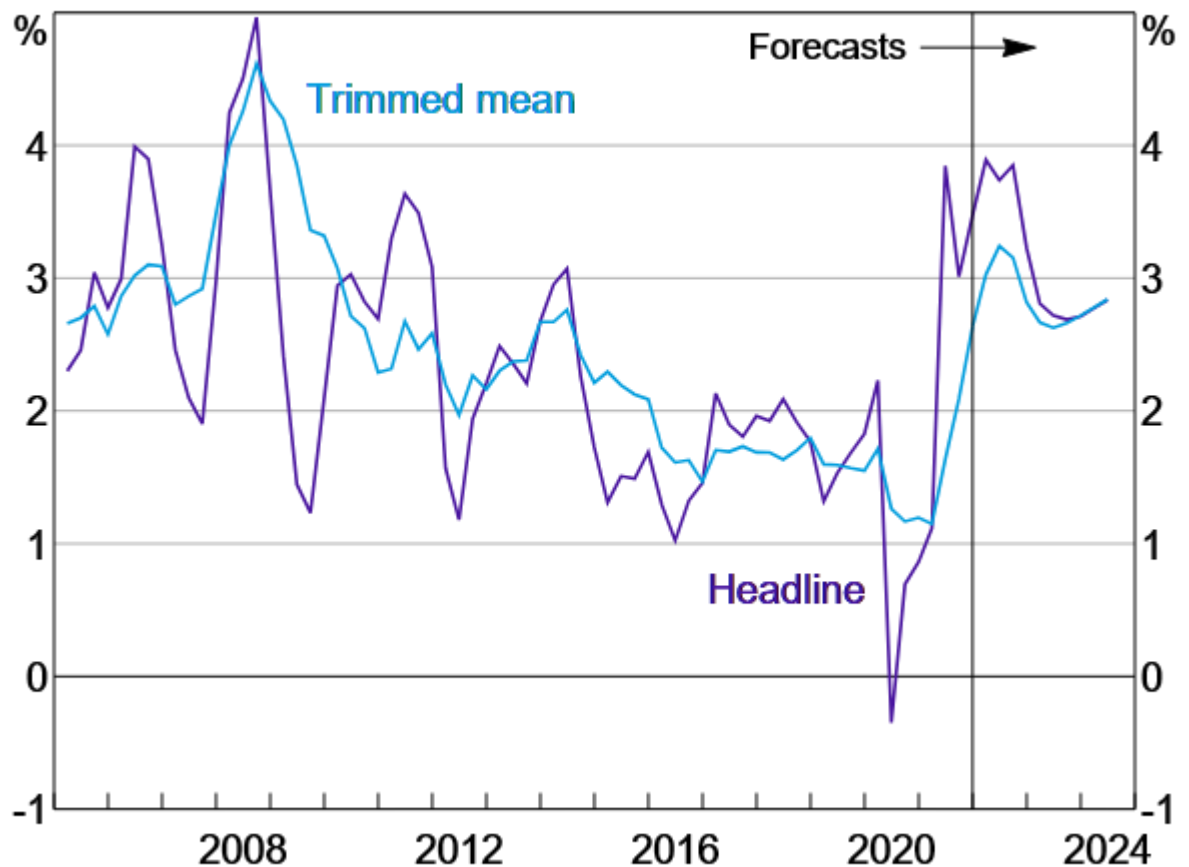
On face value, being sceptical, it would appear the budget was very crudely constructed and flawed on assumptions.

When the 2023-24 budget was constructed inflation was significantly lower than 5.85%

The RBA economic outlook in February 2022 projected inflation to be less than 4% during 1/7/23 and 30/6/24. Copy of their projected inflation within that publication is shown below. Accordingly, council's projections were not in line with Reserve Bank at that time. They must be assuming they know better than the Reserve Bank of Australia.

As inflation was significantly lower than what the budget was constructed on

Inflation Forecasts Year-ended



Sources: ABS; RBA

On Expenditure in the budget (same as Income)

At all times when projecting budgets, as previously stated, budgets should be based on

- Past actual performance (Not Past Budgets)
- The past actual expenditure should at least examine previous 12 months expenditure, they examine on a monthly basis the trends shown. Both fixed and operating.
- Then outline the assumptions on expenditure budget expenditure such as

Capital expenditure and month anticipated and (In regard to Income. Capital Sales and anticipated time)

Inflation

Interest rates

With regard Income –Trade ad other receivables collection rates in days for each item

With regard Expenditure – Trade Creditor payment rate in days for each item

Expenses. Where major items budgeted expenditure varies by 5% or more to the previous actuals the reason outlined and appropriate corrections made. (This also applies to income items)

Debt repayment schedule on monthly basis. Outlining Principal component and interest component and the total of each repayment. Also anticipated completion date

Projected Bad Debts

Projected Depreciation schedule based on current assets and projected

From Above a cash flow forecast can be prepared for Income and Expenses(realising that depreciation and other non-cash items are not included in the cash flow.)

Then using the above data a Projected Balance Sheet Budget, with a starting point at the commencement period, can be prepared.

It is very clear from projections are not being prepared this way, entitling the reader (or rate payer) a clear view of the Income and Expenditure. In the case of a Corporate or Intuitional organisation have the right as a shareholder to attend shareholders meeting to question the activities and financials.

A quick examination of expenditure shows to 30th June 2023	\$ ' 000	% If Depreciation is excluded	% of Total
Expenses			
Employee costs	20,693	48.64%	39.03
Materials contracts and other expenses	21,273	50.01%	40.13
Depreciation, amortization and impairment	10,479		19.77
Finance costs	551	1.29%	1.04
Net loss - equity accounted council businesses	19	0.04%	0.04
Total Expenses	53,015		100.00

Just taking one item show above being wages which comprises of 39% of the total expenditure requires an audit on needs, cost, and if it is required by rate payers. If depreciation is excluded, because it is a not cash expense, the percentage increases to 48.54%.

The list showing the positions held and annual employee costs attached. (Shows excessive and over servicing)

However, employee costs do not include

- Fringe Benefits provided to employees such as vehicles for private use etc etc., and allowances Councillors are paid (There is Mayor Deputy Mayor, 11 councillors)

Revised	Annual Allowance prior to 23/11/22	Annual Allowance after 23/11/22
Mayor / Principal member	74,211	76,440
Deputy Mayor / Presiding member of a prescribed committee	23,171	23,887
Other Council Members	18,533	19,110

If depreciation is excluded, and above expenses included, the % is close to 50%

In 2023-24 budgeted expenditure is difficult to ascertain with any accuracy or transparency in a quick overview. But we do know overall expenses we budgeted to increase by 5.4% so we can assume either

- . They applied 5.47% increase across the board or if they did not
 - Then other expenses increased above inflation rate
 - However, wages were forecast, by the Reserve Bank of Australia, in 2023-24 to increase much lower than 5.47% when the budget was prepared.

Draft ABP Email Feedback 2

Dear Kira-Marie,

I am writing as a parent of a U18 footballer at the Onkaparinga Valley Football club.

My understanding is the club is progressing with an application to support their need to upgrade the changerooms and medical facilities.

I have been associated with the club for over 20 years as a player and parent.

The club works tirelessly to provide a safe, nurturing and enjoyable environment for children, male footballers, female footballers and their families. I know first hand it is seen as one of the most family friendly clubs in the Adelaide Hills.

The growth of the club generally but especially the female football program over recent years has put extreme pressure on the current facilities and they are simply not fit for the use of the club and do not meet basic requirements for men's but especially Womens football.

The changerooms are not only old and in need of repair but are not even close to meeting the specifications required. No toilets, shower cubicles, presence of a male urinal in the open are but a few of the issues let alone the general hygiene and state of repair.

I know that many other organisations use the facilities including cricket club, netball club, CFS and I also understand the council itself has hired the facilities previously.

I am not aware of what is on the current council program for the 2024/25 financial year but I cannot think of a facility that is more deserving of funding and that would benefit a wide number of participants in your council area.

I urge the council to consider any proposal put forward by the OVFC with a positive lense.

Regards,

Draft ABP Email Feedback 3

My Name is [REDACTED] and I am a current life Member at the OVFC.

I am writing regarding our future expansion and New Uni-Sex Changerooms, Medical Rooms & Umpires Facilities for the Onkaparinga Valley Football Club

The club and the facilities are very important to me and my family as this has been a place for us to engage and be part of this great community.

I have 3 sons currently playing for OVFC: U9 / U12 and A grade. Both of my parents and my 2 brothers are also life members.

We as a family have always been proud of our club and its beliefs, I believe the current state of our changing room facilities are not just way out of date but a little embarrassing.

We as a club have worked hard o building our Women's football programme and our changing facilities are just not up to standard.

The help from council would be greatly appreciated and would assist us as a club to improve these facilities and give our community something to be proud of.

Our great oval at Balhannah has always been a safe place to play football and given a lot of our community a real sense of belonging.

My Dad has served at the local CFS for over 50 years and I know they have always used the facilities to assist CFS needs in the past. To offer them somewhere to be able to shower and refresh privately during any bushfire in the future would also benefit.

The current facility has no separate toilet cubicle and my kids along with all the others need to walk a cross a dark carpark to use the facility at the rear of the CFS sheds, this is unsafe and even my self I am not that keen to use these facilities. It is unsafe and unhygienic.

I believe financial support from council is important in Sport & Recreation and would really appreciate if the Councils would prioritise this in the Annual Business Plan & Budget for 24/25 financial year.

This is important for our Club and community and would not be possible with out the support from our local council.

Thanks for your help and support.

Kind regards,

Draft ABP Email Feedback 4

Annual Business Plan Submission Dot Points

Dear Adelaide Hills Council

Thank you for the opportunity to submit feedback for the Annual Business Plan Draft. I am writing on behalf of Imagine Uraidla, a grassroots community group in the Adelaide Hills with more than 350 members.

Our community would like to see AHC support for a township plan for Uraidla and Summertown reflected in the 2024-25 Annual Business Plan.

Broad community support for this is demonstrated in the 300 responses Imagine Uraidla had to its 2022 Community Vision project, where township planning was one of the key issues identified by community in their submissions.

The townships of Uraidla and Summertown have experienced significant growth in the past five years. This has been heavily influenced by the work of the community, businesses and Imagine Uraidla reinvigorating the Main Street and attracting businesses, visitors and new residents. This reinvigoration, combined with people moving out of cities during/post-COVID has resulted in significant numbers of new residents/businesses in the area.

We have experienced significant growth in visitors to Uraidla and Summertown, so much so that we now have significant traffic and parking issues. Our town has grown rapidly and we need to ensure our planning matches this growth. We have an engaged local business group and many committed community members who are passionate about continuing to grow the accessibility, vitality and connectedness of our Main Street and townships.


A township plan would help us have an overarching plan that addresses:

1. Significant and dangerous traffic management issues in the Uraidla Main and key links to schools, GP and aged care for people walking and people on bikes (especially for elderly and young people)
2. Parking issues, including Uraidla Main Street and Uraidla Bowls Club car park
3. Place making ideas that can help tie together the public community spaces with a sense of identity.
4. Advice on how to link significant community and recreation parts of our community together (CCH Summerhill, Uraidla Primary School and Uraidla Kindy, Uraidla oval (including football, netball and bowls clubs), Uraidla playground, Summertown and Uraidla as townships, Uraidla market, Showgrounds, local businesses)
5. Public amenity and communal spaces for the community and visitors alike to enjoy including realising the potential of our Main Street institute
6. Suggestions for improved accessibility, especially considering the growth of new families as well as residents at CCH Summerhill who wish to be integrated into the local community

We have an engaged community who support this project and through Imagine Uraidla a track record of being able to consult with and engage our community to feed into large projects. As Imagine Uraidla Chair I did a deputation to Council in 2023 on this issue, sharing community support for the project, as well as wrote to the Mayor and CEO in early 2024 to express our community's desire for this project. Imagine Uraidla feels it has clearly requested this project using Council channels, and demonstrated significant support for the project from our community.

We value the support and partnership of the Adelaide Hills Council, and hope that the Council can support this critical community priority.

Best wishes,


Chair, Imagine Uraidla

Draft ABP Email Feedback 5

To whom it may concern,

Please see below reasons as to why we need the Councils help to financially contribute to the building on new uni-sex changerooms (for players and umpires) and medical rooms.

As a player, sponsor, committee member and local resident (80m from the oval), the importance for female friendly facilities are of high importance to our local area and I believe this needs to have high priority in the Councils Annual Business Plan & Budget for 2024/2025 Financial Year.

From a local sporting club, we currently have in excess of 300 players in our club, the growth of women's football in the last 5 years have been enormous and we are at a really crucial stage where our facilities are simply not up to scratch for women's sport. We urgently need women friendly showers/toilets/cubicles to ensure our growth of women's football can not only continue to grow, but to thrive.

The need for the abovementioned reason isn't only necessary for women's football. We are also in a crucial period where anxiety is at an all time high and there are so many affected by this. The inclusion of cubicles ensures privacy for those showering, toileting and also getting dressed. I firmly believe this will ensure more players are confident in joining the game and staying in the game longer. This will increase the benefits of our community club greatly.

From a Community point, during the 2019 bushfires our oval was used as a Safe Haven for all the CFS and support personnel helping fight the fires, living close by I saw first hand the sheer amount of personnel that were involved in the operation to keep our community safe. Having suitable toilets, changerooms and showers for all involved (men & women) would go a long way to supporting those involved.

Again from living so close by, I notice our oval and facilities are always being used for many different sporting teams, schools, community groups and fundraisers. The inclusion of new toilets, changerooms and showers will enhance the experience and useability for these groups moving forward and encourage other groups to use our community facilities.

Thank you for your time in reading my email. I strongly believe this is money well spent in our community and the benefits will be a great addition to our already great community!

Kind regards,

Draft ABP Email Feedback 6

Dear Adelaide Hills Council,

I am writing in support of the funding submission that the Onkaparinga Valley Football Club has just submitted.

I am the Coach of the OVFC Under 14 girls and I also play in the senior women's team, so I have first hand knowledge of how terrible our current facilities are, particularly for women and girls. The current facilities have no private showers, no toilet cubicle and therefore nowhere that females can have any privacy when needing to change before or after games or trainings. My U14 girls in particular are never able to change or clean up as at their age, they are very self-conscious and privacy is a major concern for them. I am trying to create a safe and comfortable environment for them so that we can build their self-confidence, but our current facilities really do not allow that to occur.

A facility like Balhannah Oval, which is used by 4 different sporting clubs and is on the same plot of land as the local CFS brigade, really does need a private area for people (woman and men) to shower, use the toilet, have a safe sheltered space to wait for medical assistance. Our facilities were also used as an emergency staging point for both the community and the CFS during the Cudlee Creek fires; & while we hope it is never needed for this purpose again, it would be so much better for the CFS and community if we were able to provide private and safe changing, shower and toilet facilities in their times of need.

Having a Council that is willing to invest in a facility like new changerooms would show how important sports and having health and fitness based activities available to everyone really is. I view sport and my position as Coach for such a young group of impressionable players as a unique opportunity to be able to guide them towards health and happiness, rather than focussing on the pitfalls of things like social media, but unfortunately our current facilities hinder that greatly as it prevents self-conscious young girls from having the privacy that they need to be confident.

Thank you very much for your time,

Draft ABP Email Feedback 7

To whom it may concern,

I am the current child safety officer for the Onkaparinga Valley Football Club. As a part of this role I drive the club to ensure it provides a safe, inclusive and friendly environment for children and young people.

I am also a parent of a child who plays football at Onkaparinga Valley Football Club. I have been a police officer for 26 years and have spent a significant amount of my time in the child protection environment.

A key component to ensure the safety of children and young people is providing appropriate facilities for them to use. This includes change rooms to enable them to prepare for games safely and comfortably. The current facilities do not provide this. They are not fit for purpose, without any privacy for children when showering and there are limited cubicles for females to use. The club has a home and away change room which are used by adults and children, as well as male and female players. On occasions there is an overlap between these groups creating risk on children who are using these facilities. There are currently 3 female teams and this need will continue to grow as the women's program grows.

There is an expectation from the children, the parents and the community that the football club provides a safe environment for these children and young people. Not having dedicated change rooms creates significant risk to the children, the club and the community.

I believe the council should invest and financially contribute to the building of New Uni-Sex change rooms, Medical Rooms & Umpires Facilities for the Onkaparinga Valley Football Club. These facilities are not just used by the football club but are also used by many local sporting clubs and we can all share the facilities.

I can be contacted via the below email or on my mobile 

Regards,

Draft ABP Email Feedback 8

To The AHC,

I urge the council to invest in and support the construction of new uni-sex change rooms, medical rooms, and umpire facilities for the Onkaparinga Valley Football Club. This investment is crucial for the well-being of our community and the club's members.

I believe that financial support from the council should be a top priority in the Council's Annual Business Plan & Budget for the 2024/2025 financial year. Community clubs like ours provide significant social and health benefits to the residents, and it's important that they receive the necessary financial support.

As a parent of a 16-year-old son or a 13-year-old daughter who plays at the OVFC, I am concerned about the current facilities. The existing facilities are not up to standard, especially for the 3 female teams. There is no privacy for showering and the only washbasin is in the small trainers' room, where players receive treatment, raising hygiene concerns. Furthermore, the current home change room only has a male urinal and no toilet for the girls/women. Players/coaches/support staff have to walk approximately 100m sometimes at night to the CFS station during training sessions to use the toilet there.

Numerous local sporting clubs and other groups (Cancer Council, Motor Cycle Clubs, etc) utilize the Balhannah Oval all year round, and it would be beneficial for all of us to share the facilities. Noting that the CFS and Emergency Services used our grounds and existing facilities during the Cudlee Creek fires a few years ago for critical functions and last resort, having modern facilities for our emergency service personnel/community members would be highly desirable in the future.

Thanks and Regards,

Draft ABP Email Feedback 9

Dear Adelaide Hills Council,

We have been made aware that the Onkaparinga Valley Football Club are currently fundraising to build new unisex changeroom facilities at Balhannah Oval.

As local AHC residents and rate payers, we believe this project should be of highest priority to receive funding in the 2024/25 AHC budget. We believe it is very important for the AHC to support community & volunteer run organisations.

We have a son playing in the junior competition and a daughter participating in the Auskick programme run by the Onkaparinga Valley Football Club.

Currently, the condition of the changeroom facilities is well below a reasonable standard. There are no female friendly changeroom facilities, nor is there any privacy in current showering facilities, which we are concerned about as our children progress through the grades as they become older. The OVFC changerooms have no toilet facilities at all, with the children needing to walk to the nearest CFS station toilets, often in the dark, which is also a safety concern.

Our family are also involved in the use of the oval and its facilities for other activities held at Balhannah Oval. We are involved with the Onkaparinga Cricket Club, and have participated in many other events held at this location over the years; Cancel Council Relay for Life, Hotrod & Classic Car Picnics, Australian Pony Stud. The facility is also used by other organisations, namely the CFS during the recent bushfires, and emergency services when needed.

We believe this project receiving funding is critical to support the promotion of an active lifestyle, and significantly improve inclusivity and safety for all current and future community members.

Many thanks,

Draft ABP Email Feedback 10

Hi AHC

As a member of the Onkaparinga Valley Football Club, I have kids at the club and I believe the financial support from the council is important to the community.

The Football Club is important as it brings the community together. I believe sport and recreation should be high on the council's priority list heading into the Council's Annual Plan & Budget for 24/25 financial year.

The Onkaparinga Valley Football Club needs a new building as the game is growing and has become a Uni-Sex sport. It's amazing to see so many families come together in the community and the sport grow so much over the past few years. The new building will consist of New Uni-Sex Changerooms, Medical Rooms, Umpires Facilities which will hopefully encourage more people to be active and join the Football Club.

We currently have 3 female teams, and the current facilities are not appropriate for females. There is no privacy for my kids whilst showering and that concerns me, the hygiene is not the best either as the only wash basin is located where the players are getting treated in the tiny trainers room and the current home changeroom only has a urinal for men and no toilet for the girls/ women. My children along with other team members all need to walk 100m to the CFS Station at training to use the toilet. I believe the Balhannah oval is used by many different sporting clubs and we can all benefit from the upgraded facilities.

A few years ago during the fires the CFS used the facilities, it would be highly desirable to have up to date facilities where the fire fighters can shower in private. I hope the council will seriously consider financially investing in the Onkaparinga Valley Football Club as its very beneficial for the community.

Draft ABP Email Feedback 11

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The Annual Business Plan has been developed to align with the AHC's Strategic Plan 2020-24 – **A Brighter Future**, and yet the uglification of Crafers continues with the state initiative of turning Crafers **into one massive car park**. This is hardly "a brighter future" for the people of Crafers.

Specific questions:

- How does this fit into the AHC's B2 Goal to "Preserve and enhance the unique character of the Hills for current and future generations"?
- Was the AHC consulted by the state? If not, why not? Did the AHC agree?
- When is the AHC going to regulate/reduce/disallow all the random car parking on Castle Close, Atkinson Road, and Hillcrest Avenue, in Crafers West, through the introduction of fines?
- When is the AHC going to introduce parking permits for AHC ratepayers only?
- Does the Council really believe the new car park in Crafers will alleviate the car parking problem in Crafers, or does it agree that this will simply encourage even more car parking in Crafers?
- Given that there is another AHC plan to turn Crafers into "a tourist hub", when is the AHC going to spend some real money on improving the appearance of Crafers once the car parking work is finished? (It is obvious how much money the AHC continues to spend on Stirling; it is equally obvious that very little money has been spent elsewhere!)

The most recent rabbit plague has decimated gardens throughout Crafers (and elsewhere) and cost people a lot of money!

Specific questions:

- Why did it take the AHC so long to react so inadequately to this plague, especially when the Mount Barker Council was so much more pro-active in announcing its own release of a virus months earlier?
- Why did the responsible AHC staff member react very disinterestedly to a phone call asking when the AHC would be doing something about the plague and suggest that one could move to the Mount Barker Council area?
- How does this lack of action fit into goal N2 to "recognise the benefits of ecosystem services and improve environmental resilience **by reducing environmental impacts**"?

The Council's specific responses would be much appreciated!

Kind Regards

Draft ABP Email Feedback 12

Hi,

I write this email as a Life Member & current Committee Member of the Onkaparinga Valley Football Club (OVFC) and an Oakbank resident heavily involved in the local community both personally and in business.

OVFC is more than just a Football Club. It's also a Community Club utilised by many & various organisations throughout the year and is a central social hub in the local community each Saturday.

Our current player Changerooms are quite simply not fit for use and do not meet any current minimum standards for both Male & Female Football. They are an embarrassment to both visiting teams and our players alike and its fair to say our changerooms would be the worst in the Hills Football League.

We have 3 Female teams from Juniors to Seniors and there is not 1 toilet in the changerooms. Only a Men's Urinal. This is clearly not good enough and is a bad reflection on our fast growing Women's Football Programme and may prevent us from keeping current players or recruiting new players to our club.

We also have over 150 Junior Footballers and 60 Senior male Footballers who are also negatively impacted by the state of the current Changeroom facilities.

We desperately require New Uni-Sex Changerooms, Umpires Facilities & Medical Rooms and are seeking the financial support of the Adelaide Hills Council to improve the facilities of the biggest sporting club in our community. The benefits to the OVFC and other numerous local community users would be significant.

Thank you in advance for your consideration & support of this email

Kind Regards,

Draft ABP Email Feedback 13

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to seek the council's support for the building of new uni-sex changerooms along with medical and umpire rooms at the Onkaparinga Valley Football Club (OVFC).

As a parent of children who participates at OVFC and as a club volunteer, I have personally seen the urgent need for improved facilities. The current changerooms are outdated and inadequate, particularly for our three female teams. The current home change rooms only has a urinal and no toilet. As my children enter their teen years they now shower after games, there is no privacy for them to do so.

Updating these facilities will significantly benefit our community by providing safe and inclusive spaces for all players, regardless of gender. Modern facilities are essential for fostering an environment where everyone feels welcome and supported, particularly as our club continues to grow and diversify.

Sports plays a crucial role in our community, especially for our youth. It offers a structured, healthy, and social activity that helps develop teamwork, discipline, and leadership skills. For many young people, the football club is not just a place to play a sport but a second home where they build friendships and learn valuable life lessons. By investing in these new facilities, we can ensure that all players, including our growing number of female athletes, have access to the appropriate amenities, feel safe in their club environment and encourage more people to play sport.

This upgrade will make the OVFC a more attractive and sustainable community hub. This investment in our local sports infrastructure will have positive long-term effects on the Adelaide Hills area for many years to come.

The OVFC plays a vital role in promoting health and social interaction in our area. Investment in sports and recreational infrastructure must be prioritized in the council's Annual Business Plan & Budget for the 2024/25 financial year.

Thank you for considering this important request.

Sincerely,

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To whom it may concern,

I am currently a member of the Onkaparinga Valley Football Club Junior Committee, I am the girls representative ensuring that girls feel safe, included and there is equity for both boys and girls in our football club.

I have been in the field of Education for 28 years. I was Head of Hills Christian Community School for 10 years and currently have a teaching role at Woodside Primary School, as well as running our family business which supports young people with disabilities in our local community.

I am also a mother of 3 children, who all play football at the club. I have two boys, one in the Senior Program, one in Under 18's and a daughter who plays in the Under 14 girls team.

Through all these experiences I am well aware that providing a safe environment where all people feel safe and included is paramount in ensuring young people thrive. A major part of ensuring the safety of young people is providing appropriate facilities for them to use. This includes change rooms to enable them to prepare for games safely and comfortably with appropriate privacy.

Sadly our current facilities do not provide this. They are not up to standard, there is no privacy for young people when showering and there are limited cubicles for females to use. The current change rooms are used by both young people and adults, both males and females also share these spaces. At times there is an overlap between these groups which potentially creates a risk for our young people, particularly the girls who are using these facilities.

I am particularly concerned for our young girls as our current facilities are not appropriate for females. Currently we have 3 girls teams in our club. Our numbers are high, we hope to continue to attract more females to our club and continue to build our strong program. An upgrade of our facilities will be essential to ensure that we are able to reach this goal.

Our football club aims to provide a safe environment for all young people, which we know is also an expectation of our community and parents. Not having dedicated change rooms creates significant risk to our young people, the club and the community.

I am asking that the council help our community club to continue to provide important social and health benefits in a safe and inclusive way for all young people and would ask that the council contribute financially to build new change room facilities at the Onkaparinga Valley Football Club.

Kind Regards

Draft ABP Email Feedback 15

Good Evening,

Hope you are well.

My names is [REDACTED] and I am writing to you in support to the submission that the Onkaparinga Valley Football Club is applying for funding/support from the Adelaide Hills Council for our new Unisex Changerooms/medical rooms & umpire facilities. I cannot stress how important it is for our club to receive funding to enable us to update our facilities.

I have been associated with the OVFC for over 35 years. Firstly as a little sister who went and watched her older brothers play, then growing up supporting my male friends and longing for my chance to play for the OVFC. Back then teenage girls were not allowed to play with the boys so I briefly travelled to Adelaide in my teens just so I could play but this was not sustainable. Then in 2020 at age 38 I finally got my turn to play for the club I loved so much. Women's football has come along way of recent times but unfortunately we still have the same facilities as when I watched my brothers play and it is very apparent they are not suitable for young girls/women.

As a woman playing football not having toilets in our changerooms is not ideal on so many levels. We currently have to walk over to the Balhannah CFS (around 100ms) away and as these are a public toilet you can not always guarantee that they are in fact clean or stocked with toilet paper. As football is a winter sport there are many occasions that a hot shower (in private) after the game is required but unfortunately this isn't possible either. Having both toilets/separate showers at the OVFC would be of great benefit to the players and parents affected. We currently have 3 female teams U/14s, U/17s and Open Women's and as a parent I would like to think it would be great if players have the facilities available to them to feel safe and hygienic whilst participating in a sport they enjoy. Mental health is so important these days and I would hate to think if any of our younger girls feel uncomfortable due to the state of our current facilities.

The OVFC along with the local community would greatly appreciate the Adelaide Hills Council financial support for our upgraded facilities and I hope you will allow for this in the Council's 2024/25 Annual Business Plan and Budget. Having updated facilities will not only benefit the football club but all the people who use the Balhannah oval for other events eg Relay for Life, Motor Shows etc. These kind of events are great for our local residents and attract people from the wider community to the area, thus in turn helping boost tourism in the Adelaide Hills and raising funds for all our local sporting clubs.

I hope the Council will pledge their financial support and together we will upgrade the OVFC facilities to make it a place for the players, families and the community to enjoy for many years to come.

Kind Regards,

Draft ABP Email Feedback 16

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to ask you as a priority to support and invest in brand new uni-sex changerooms for the Onkaparinga Valley Football Club (OVFC). Umpires and medical staff will also benefit from the upgrade as they will have new medical rooms and umpires facilities.

At the moment our changerooms are well below the standard and I believe we have lost players due to this. We currently have 3 senior, 11 junior & 3 womens teams registered in the Hills Football League.

I have 2 boys that play for OVFC, 1 will not shower after football until he gets home and the other showers in his clothes due to their lack of privacy. The fact that there is no privacy for the boys/girls to shower and change is a concern for me. I also team manage one of the boys teams and it makes it very difficult and uncomfortable to do my role as there is no privacy for the boys to shower, change or even go to the toilet. The fact that the home changerooms have no toilet, only a urinal is extremely unacceptable for me, the girls have no way of going to the toilet in their own changerooms. At trainings the boys/girls have to walk over the CFS toilets or into the club rooms, if they are open, and at night time it can be quite dark which leads to them being unsafe. On top of the shower and toilet issue we have only one wash basin which is in the medical staff portion of the change room which leads to a very unhygienic environment when people are being treated for medical issues whilst people are washing their hands after using the urinal. All of this is not OK in 2024 and needs to be rectified as a priority.

I believe this upgrade will not only benefit OVFC but the wider community. It gets used by other sporting clubs, has been used for various events at the oval. The CFS have used it on occasion and I know they used it during the 2019 Cuddle Creek fires to shower & rest. It would be amazing to provide our community with updated facilities they can use and have some privacy whilst using them.

If you could help us reach our goal of a new uni-sex changeroom that would be fantastic. I believe this project should be a high priority in the Councils Annual Business Plan & Budget for 24/25 financial year. Your support and financial contribution will be greatly appreciated by myself, my children, my OVFC family and the wider Adelaide Hills Council community.

Thank you for taking time to read this.

Kind regards,

Draft ABP Email Feedback 17

Dear Adelaide Hills Council,

As President of the local Onka Valley Football Club, I wished to contact you regarding a very important role we seek your assistance with in helping our community.

As a leading sporting engagement discipline in the region, who now represent all ages and genders, we need to prioritise key community standards expected within our society today. These standards are well supported and required by our sporting governing organisation the Australian Football League (AFL), South Australian Football League (SANFL) and Hills Football league (HFL).

The Onka Valley Football Club is proud to be a base for over 15 individual football teams, from Auskick programs for 5-year-olds, to Open Men and Women's programs. This includes over 350 players to come and play, exercise and train while enjoying the fruits of local community sport. Our entire clubroom and more importantly the change room facility, was built by our volunteer members in the 1970's, is sadly now well outdated. Some examples are we have no individual toilets, a shared shower facility without privacy and with us now being a major player in women's & girls' football, the optical display of a Men's urinal trough is very uncomfortable for all.

So, we are on a very important pathway of raising enough money to provide new facilities to our community so that all people of all ages and gender feel safe and can be confident that individuals' privacy and personal hygiene is prioritised.

This major investment by our club is vitally important, and for our hard-working volunteer committee we all share the same passion to make this upgrade of facility happen.

Importantly we all acknowledge and respect this project is not prioritised around any form of a return of investment or supporting a positive financial income stream, it is purely around providing safe, hygienic and private facilities that our community can use with a level of comfort and respect they so deserve.

Our Football Club is very proud to also open our doors for many community events and support other requirements within the region. Our club is often utilised as a 'safety base' in the unfortunate advent of a catastrophic weather event (fire or flood) and these facility upgrades become very important to the role we play in supporting this also.

The council's role in supporting local community projects is vital and the resulting rewards will be shared by many, so on behalf of all of your local Football Club and the Committee, Players, Members, Volunteers and Families in the region, we hope you can find a positive outcome in our clubs' requirements of financial assistance to get this project completed.

Feel free to contact me if you seek any further information, otherwise we look forward to hopefully working together on providing our valued community a positive result.

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Kind regards,

Draft ABP Email Feedback 18

Hi council

The current changerooms @ ovfc are not upto code for women as my daughter is looking at playing footy moving forward. This will benefit the community with an upgrade .

Cheers [REDACTED]

Draft ABP Email Feedback 19

Hi,

I'm writing to you as a current committee member of the Onkaparinga Football Club & also a past player. The club needs your financial support in its quest to update & bring its changerooms, medical rooms & umpires' rooms up to current standards to include unisex facilities to ensure that both male & females have the appropriate facilities that make them feel safe & secure. The current facilities are not up to current day standards, they don't have appropriate female facilities from as simple as a toilet through to privacy for showing & changing. OVFC now has 3 x female teams from U14's through to seniors & its important to make these female players feel part of our club by providing them with the facilities that makes them feel welcomed & also the parents knowing that they are comfortable & safe. Privacy & their sexuality are of the highest importance for these young females in regard to development & belonging & our club wants also provide those facilities that helps them thrive & feel safe. This issue is of the highest priority for the footy club but requires local council financial support to help deliver on their vision of providing the best facilities for all its players. I'm asking that the Onkaparinga Valley Football club be put at the forefront of any discussions relating to financial support for local sporting clubs.

Thanks for listening.

Kind Regards

Draft ABP Email Feedback 20

To Adelaide Hills Council,

My name is [REDACTED] and I currently have a son (aged 9) playing football at OVFC. Additionally I am also a member of the Junior Committee and coach the [REDACTED] team that my son plays in.

My wife and I moved to Oakbank about 2.5 years ago after relocating from Brisbane. We also have a daughter aged 11 (playing netball for Onkaparinga Netball Club) and another son aged 7 (playing football next year). Community sport for us has always been a key part of our lives and has assisted us in meeting new people when we have moved previously. OVFC has played a key role in helping us and the kids to settle into our new environment - the club has been extremely welcoming.

While the club has been extremely welcoming, there is no doubt that the facilities are tired and in need of upgrade. In particular the change rooms are in desperate need of improvements. The investment in the upgrade of facilities will support the changing expectations within our community by providing a better environment for our kids and the development of the game outside of the traditional mens only programs.

The investment in these facilities will benefit and further support the role sporting clubs play in our communities and I believe an investment from council should be a high priority this year.

Kind Regards

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Submission

In the 2022/23 Annual report there is the following on page 26 under the heading of other reserves

Biodiversity SEB Reserve	17K
Scott Creek Progress Association (for Scott Creek Cemetery)	1k
Significant Tret Reserve	5k
TV Community Centre	88k

Can council use these funds to meet expenditures either in the current year to offset expenditure or use them in 2024/25 to improve the bottom line.

Subject: AB Plan submission 2024/25

1. Page 3 - 0.6% is NOT "just outside the target range of 1% to 5% . Reword please to reflect the true position
2. Page 12- C6006 TDU- footnote to show that an additional \$31k for tree management E4001 for TDU is also proposed (p13)
3. All pages- it would be useful to show the classification of expenditure i.e. Capital or Operating
4. Rating Policy pages 8 and 9 - reference is made to Verrall Road. Page 9 states that it ceases in 2023/24 but then it goes on to state that this is the last year that the rate will be levied (2024/25). Clarification please.
5. Mount Torrens Heritage Walk Trail- this trail passes below a private dam which leaks. A spring is also in the area. The path is wet all the year, making walking virtually impossible for at least 9-10mths on the year. Funds should be provided to ensure the path can be used safely in the short term with a longer term strategy being developed to improve this popular trail.

In regard to the proposed rate increase, many residents feel that while the intention to keep the surplus and rate increase small, it may well have unforeseen outcomes.

- the surplus of \$365k is one of the smallest in recent years. The ABP for 2024 indicated a surplus of \$1.228m, 2023 \$1.430m and 2022 \$1.142m, 2019 \$951k and 2018 \$508k - the latter two on much lower rate bases. Past experience shows that unexpected expenditure demands are made on the Council during the year. In the past these demands have been met by using the surplus and still remain in the approved range >1%. Council members are already aware of two projects being assessed which, if deemed to provide a community benefit, warrant funding. The excuse of not having funds to subsidize the projects (especially when external funding is secured) is not a valid reason for not assisting (vide the Houghton Community Hub which could have been funded from a surplus if the state had approved its share). The surplus should be raised to at least 1% to provide flexibility. The State Treasurer, in his budget speech, stated "forecast surpluses are important to provide a buffer in case of lower economic growth to provide greater support to the community": Council could well listen to this advice.

There is an argument against a higher rate rise on the basis that "people are doing it tough". Council has built in safe guards in the rating policy to address ratepayers in genuine need. The state government is providing addition concessions. Families with two school age children will receive \$600 in concessions and a further \$244 to ease financial pressures Council could also examine a shift in the fixed charge by lowering it such that lower valued properties receive the benefit and transferring the cost to the higher valued properties.

Final comments on ABPlan

1. Page 25 Unsealed Renewals -Cranes Road. This work is certainly necessary to improve safety (albeit for a few residents one of whom is over eighty!!) While this is being done, please instal a sealed apron on to Torrens Valley Road. There are always deep holes at the edge of the bitumen possibly caused by the school bus stopping there to collect children from Cranes/Black Snake roads.
2. It is disappointing that AHBTC culvert renewal is scheduled for 25/26. Is any work (Design etc.) being planned in 24/25? AHC has known about this probably for many years and it is about time do something about it. How is project related to the relocation of the community groups' storage needs off site?
3. In the Plan itself, I would find it very useful if totals were placed at the end of each section. Some areas do have a total. (page 24

Draft ABP Email Feedback 22

Submission

Undertake a study and improve the stormwater management near [REDACTED] Bridge Street Balhannah.

Property floods (raised by the father of the owner [REDACTED])

Draft ABP Email Feedback 23

To whom it may concern,

Please find attached a letter from Oakbank/Balhannah CFS. We ask that Council make this a priority in the coming budget as this project will benefit the whole community.

With kind regards

On behalf of [REDACTED] Captain



South Australian
**Country
Fire Service**

**Oakbank/Balhannah
Brigade**



4 June 2024

To Whom it May Concern

I write on behalf of the Oakbank-Balhannah Country Fire Service Brigade, in support of the application for a grant to provide for the essential update of facilities at the Onkaparinga Valley Football Club.

The Onkaparinga Valley Football Club is planning to build individual toilets and showers, to provide for both male and female players, at their Johnston Memorial Park facility. Currently there is only a single change room facility. The growth of SAWFL competition means that it is even more important to provide equal facilities for the female players. The provision of dual facilities will improve the Clubrooms' year-round operations for hosting a variety of elite sporting events, community festivals, showcases, community meetings and major local functions.

Both the Oakbank-Balhannah CFS and the Onkaparinga Valley Football Club have a close working and operating relationship, as we are collaborating tenants at Johnston Memorial Park, Balhannah, since the early 1970s. The existing Onkaparinga Valley Clubrooms have played a critical operational role in supporting the CFS and the wider community in bushfire management.

One memorable example is when the Club opened its doors during the terrible summer fires of 2019/2020 to support the community's defence of our towns. The Clubrooms were used as a safe triage and ambulance base, for casualties from the Cudlee Creek fire; as a staging area for strike teams to be deployed into the firegrounds and as a forward command point for the larger defensive operation against the fires. The facilities provided a vital respite facility for crews of both male and female firefighters between deployments to the fireground. This is just one example of where an upgrade to the Clubroom facilities provides for the CFS and wider community; as well as the many sporting clubs.

Having separate private facilities available for both females and males is essential in this day and age. As with the many community groups that use the Clubrooms, our South Australian CFS crews have a growing female representation, who rightfully expect equal consideration and facilities.

The refurbishment of the Clubrooms is in the interest of the whole community. The Oakbank-Balhannah CFS Brigade, and the wider Oakbank and Balhannah population, see this development as a necessary progression, providing equality and the up to date facilities that our community should be able to expect.

Oakbank-Balhannah Country Fire Service completely supports the Onkaparinga Valley Football Club in its application for funding for this project.

Yours sincerely



Captain



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**URAILLA
PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

17 Kidney St
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Phone 8390 3209
Principal [REDACTED]



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

4 June 2024

Dear Adelaide Hills Council

I'm writing to express support for a **township plan for Uraidla** and Summertown by AHC.

As principal of the local school, I have experienced first-hand the unprecedented growth in Uraidla and Summertown in the past five years. Our school numbers have grown so quickly that we have had to introduce a capacity management plan to manage this change. Similar changes can be seen throughout the local town and district, and I believe there now needs to be a coordinated plan to manage this.

While it is exciting to be part of such a thriving community, naturally we need to make sure that planning matches growth so that there is a coordinated and measured approach to expansion. In addition to growth in families living in the region, I've seen a huge increase in tourism to the area since beginning here in 2017, which, although welcome, also brings its own challenges.

Some of the issues that could be addressed through a plan are:

- Traffic management and parking challenges in and adjacent Uraidla Main Street
- Place-making concepts to unify public community spaces with a distinct identity
- Enhancing public amenities and communal spaces for both residents and visitors to enjoy
- Increased opportunities and safe recreation activities for children and young people
- Recommendations on connecting key community areas (CCH Summerhill, Uraidla Primary School, Uraidla Kindy, Uraidla Oval including football, netball, and bowls clubs, Uraidla Playground, Summertown and Uraidla townships, Uraidla Market, Showgrounds, local businesses)
- Ideas for improving accessibility and safety, especially considering the growth of new families and the integration of residents at CCH Summerhill into the local community

Uraidla has an engaged and passionate community willing to participate in a coordinated planning approach. Town planning is an identified need of local residents (2022 Community Vision project, Imagine Uraidla). I've been personally inspired by the engagement of this community and I sincerely hope that the ADC will support their endeavours with a funded township plan.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Principal

Draft ABP Email Feedback 25

Dear Adelaide Hills Council,

I am a Summertown local, a member of Imagine Uraidla community group, and have children attending Uraidla Primary.

After reading the Adelaide Hills Council's Annual Business Plan draft I am writing to urge you to reconsider the needs of the growing community of Uraidla and Summertown.

As it stands, the Annual Business Plan draft does not provide a clear plan for our rapidly growing township.

The townships of Uraidla and Summertown have grown significantly in the last couple of years - we have an increase in young families, an increase in residents at CCH's redeveloped Summerhill, and regularly see large numbers of visitors and tourists enjoying our district.

We would love to see some more planning for our township with a focus on:

- Improving accessibility between Summertown and Uraidla, with a focus on safety for pedestrians and cyclists
- Utilising our communal spaces for locals and visitors to enjoy, including upgrading the very small and uninspiring Uraidla playground
- A clear identity for our main street through signage for our community spaces
- More opportunities to connect different parts of our community, including Uraidla Kindergarten and School, CCH Summerhill, local businesses, Uraidla oval & sporting clubs, Uraidla Market, and Uraidla Showgrounds.
- Improving parking and traffic issues on our increasingly busy main street

We are very proud of our active and connected community, and would love you to further support us to create a shared vision for Uraidla and Summertown.

Kind regards,

Draft ABP Email Feedback 26

I write, as a resident of Uraidla, to ask you to allocate funds to a master Plan for our township on the upcoming budget. If you visit Uraidla on a Friday evening, Saturday or a Sunday, you will see that the number of visitors we receive is far above capacity. It often takes 1/2 hour to get a coffee at the Cafe/Bakery because of the lineup. The number of cars seems to be increasing and parking is often haphazard. There are football games at the oval on all 3 days, and netball on Saturdays further increasing traffic in the winter months.

What we need is a strategic master plan to address aspects of safety, access and activity in our township.

Imagine Uraidla has, as you hopefully realise, revitalised our town over the last number of years and we are proud of our efforts. We need the AHC to acknowledge our reforms by partnering us in our development - a master plan would be vital to our continued development as a community.

Yours,

Draft ABP Email Feedback 27

Hi Adelaide Hills Council

I have just been looking at your Annual Business Plan and notice the upgrade of the Playground at Bradwood Park is no longer listed as an item for an upgrade.

We have had members of your staff tell us it was on the plan so disappointed to see this.

As you are aware our facilities are used by thousands of visitors each year, in particular with our Twilight Competition which has approximately 1,000 players registered each year as well as the families they bring with them. Our winter season now has about 300 players registered with over 200 of them being juniors so their families come along and the play ground is used by those families.

The other issue with the playground is the public toilets adjacent to the playground. Often as a Club, we get complaints about these toilets, as the condition of them is terrible. They are dark, cold, dirty and some of the doors do not close. I invite anyone to come and see these toilets and you will see they are not up to any sort of standard or code. These toilets are an embarrassment to our Club and District and we would like to find out what position they are on the list to get them replaced.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Many Thanks

Draft ABP Email Feedback 28

Hello

Please find below my submission for the AHC ABP consultation that closes at 10pm tonight.

Follow a review of the Draft ABP and Draft Capital Works Program, I believe that this a good budget that should be supported, particularly given the focus on two key 'regional' projects that will provide value for residents and attract visitors to the Northern Adelaide Hills. The proposed contributions to the Woodside Splash Park and the Amy Gillett trail extension will both provide a good return for Council in terms of community satisfaction, quality of life and increased visitation.

Some other comments that I have are -

1) Gumeracha - I note that there is no allocation for any renewal or civil works of any kind in Gumeracha this year - whilst this is a little strange given the prominent nature of the town in the Northern Adelaide Hills, I understand Gumeracha has had a lot of investment in recent times, which the community is very grateful for.

2) Federation Park, Gumeracha - it appears no specific funds are allocated to this major regional recreation space this year - whilst I acknowledge some funds have been spent on the area in recent years, my understanding is that the community simply wants ongoing minor upgrades, rather than a wholesale masterplan - therefore in future budgets, maybe small amounts could be set aside for new initiatives in Federation Park (e.g. shelter upgrades, seating upgrades, amenity improvements to Skate Park, civil works at Oval etc)

3) Playgrounds - There appears to be no new funding for AHC Playgrounds in this budget - whilst \$375k appears allocated to "Sports & Recreation (incl. playgrounds)", Page 23 of the Draft Capital Works shows this as being planned to be spent on sports infrastructure, irrigation and car parking for the 24/25 FY - given the importance of the 39 playgrounds within AHC, can the "framework" or similar that is used to guide playground renewal/upgrades be published for public perusal? This would provide transparency about how playgrounds are assessed and when each one may be in line for renewal/upgrade. From my perspective, the two playgrounds that our family frequents most (Federation Park, Gumeracha and Redden Dr, Cudlee Creek) are both over 15 years old, and are showing their age. I would have thought that 15 years is around the maximum life for a playground, especially in the extremes of weather experienced in the hills.

4) Footpaths - similar to the above, I assume that some form of 'planning' or 'prioritisation' document on footpath renewal and new footpath development could be published by Council - again this would give the public some certainty as to when their footpath will be repaired, and/or when their area may get a new footpath. From my perspective, there are still some areas in Gumeracha in need of footpaths (either sealed or unsealed), including the southern end of both John Fisher Avenue and Victoria Streets in Gumeracha, as well as a safer pedestrian link to Kingston Place, Gumeracha.

5) Service responsiveness - whilst I do acknowledge that due to my very civic minded attitude and pride that I have in the Northern Adelaide Hills, I am one of the highest volume 'requestors' for services/CRM's in the AHC area, I note over the years that it is taking longer for smaller tasks to be undertaken e.g. illegal rubbish being removed, graffiti cleaned, signs fixed, landscaping managed etc. This may just be my perception, however it would be interesting to publish data on Council's website as to how responsive Council is to CRM's and/or have a more interactive CRM system e.g. the customer can check online where the job is up too, rather than just receiving an email when the job is logged.

6) After-hours services - I have called the AHC after-hours number on several occasions for various matters (often regarding urgent matters I've noticed at a Council facility or infrastructure matters) - on 1 recent occasion it took 15 minutes for Council's contracted call centre to answer the call - my question is, could Council obtain a cost saving by not utilising the after-hours call centre, but rather have Council on-call staff (who presumably already are paid an on-call allowance) to answer calls (this could work via customers leaving a voicemail if the staff need to 'screen' calls etc). Customers could be directed via a recorded system e.g. press 1 for after-hours ranger, 2 for on call civil works officer, 3 for on call facilities officer etc.

In closing, I thank Council for the ongoing operation of both the Gumeracha Library (including its recent upgrade and new operating hours), and the Torrens Valley Community Centre. Both are key assets for the local community, which allows local community participation without needing to travel far. This is refreshing for our community, as we are very used to having to travel anywhere for most other services - therefore I hope Council will continue operating both these facilities at the current levels well into the future.

Thank you for your time considering my submission, and I am more than happy to be contacted should you wish to discuss this further.

Cheers

Draft ABP Email Feedback 29

Dear AHC

I would like to reiterate the sentiments in [REDACTED] email.

The playground at Bradwood park is an essential facility to keep the children of senior players and siblings of junior players entertained and happy whilst their relatives play sport. It allows families to function and sport to be enjoyed by more people. The playground is also utilised by the general public too.

Our public toilet facilities at Bradwood Park is pretty grim, unsanitary, poorly lit and unpleasant with most players trekking up from the changing rooms to the clubhouse to use the toilets there. Unfortunately the general public is unable to use this option. An upgrade would be most welcome!

Kind Regards

Draft ABP Email Feedback 30

Hi Kira

On 28 May 2024 I spoke with [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Nairne Road, Balhannah.

He wished to reiterate his support for the inclusion of funding in the 2024-25 ABP and Budget for capital works to improve stormwater drainage in the Nairne Road/West Street precinct of Balhannah.

His is one of a number of properties which get inundated on occasion during high rainfall events when water overtops the road kerbing and also as it fails to drain adequately at the rear of the Nairne Road properties. He has identified a problem with the common drainage pipe running along the rear of the Nairne Road and West Street properties and has asked for this aspect to also be taken into account in the works.

[REDACTED] has been seeking a resolution to the situation for a number of years on behalf of himself and the other affected residents. He specifically asked that I take his verbal advice as his feedback on the draft ABP and that this be included in the Council's considerations.

Please include the above information in the submissions.

Thanks.

Draft ABP Email Feedback 31

Hi

We would like the following petition for the Uraidla Playground to be considered as part of the feedback on this year's annual business plan.

The online petition can be found here:

<https://www.change.org/p/urge-the-adelaide-hills-council-to-upgrade-uraidla-playground>

I have also attached:

1. Online signatures as of 11/06/2024
2. Signed signatures on the petition form

Please let me know if there's anything further to do as part of the process.

Many thanks

Urge the Adelaide Hills Council to Upgrade Uraidla Playground



Started 9 June 2024
Petition to [Adelaide Hills Council](#)

Why this petition matters



Started by [Krystle Helps](#)

[Media Inquiries](#)

Our local playground in Uraidla's main street is far from serviceable and with the only other nearby playground being the Uraidla PS playground, which is unavailable on weekdays up until 6pm due to school & OSHC, this leaves young families with few play options.

For the past few years, a group of parents have been discussing ways to convince the Adelaide Hills Council to bring forward its renewal. Last year, the Council earmarked the playground for renewal. However, their published draft budget for this financial year does not include funding for the project.

Upgrading our playground will provide a safe and engaging space for our children to play and develop. Please sign this petition to urge the Council to prioritise funding for upgrading Uraidla Playground!



Share this petition in person or use the QR code for your own material.

[Download QR code](#)

 **200**
Signatures Next goal

 **people** signed this week

Sign this petition

First name

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Email

Stirling, 5152
Australia 

Display my name and comment on this petition

Sign this petition

By signing, you accept Change.org's [Terms of Service](#) and [Privacy Policy](#), and agree to receive occasional emails about campaigns on Change.org. You can unsubscribe at any time.

Late Submission (Individual/group have already participated in the consultation and with the same information

Hello Elected Members,

I hope you are well.

I was sorry to miss the chance to attend the Council meeting last night to speak to you in person about our request for an option to be moved in the Budget Review, to include once off funding for a Uraidla and Summertown Township Masterplan / Main Street Design. Unfortunately our kids were unwell, and so I could not attend.


As previously stated, our community is in strong support of this plan. This is evidenced in:

- A community vision project run by Imagine Uraidla, with 300 locals participating. Main Street planning came out as a top community priority.
- More than 25 submissions to the Annual Business Plan Draft process, including submissions from residents, Uraidla Primary School, Clayton Church Homes.
- Support for my Deputation to the Chamber in late 2023

Our townships have experienced exponential growth in the past 5 years. We have serious concerns about parking, traffic management, walk and bike-ability, access to local businesses as well as the safety of our children and new residents of CCH Summerhill.

We also see fantastic opportunities to connect our community in a coherent and holistic plan for thoughtful works that contribute to the amenity and enjoyment of our community in decades to come.

Best wishes,

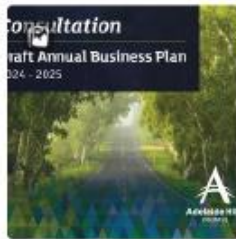

Chair, Imagine Uraidla

APPENDIX D - SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS, E-BLASTS AND ADVERTISEMENTS

SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT
2024-2025 Draft Annual Business Plan



MONDAY 20 MAY 2024



We've released our 2024-25 Draft Annual Business Plan and...

20 May 2024, 12:18
ID: 86482543374874

Interactions

8 reactions 1 comment 3 shares

Performance

<p>Impressions</p> <p>Total</p> <p>1,754</p>	<p>Reach</p> <p>Total</p> <p>1,675</p> <p>Organic 1,675 (100%) Paid 0 (0%)</p>	<p>Engagements</p> <p>Reactors</p> <p>8</p> <p>Comments 1 Shares 3</p> <p>View Details</p>	<p>Negative interac...</p> <p>Total</p> <p>0</p> <p>Unique 0</p>
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Feed preview

Adelaide Hills Council
Published by Hootsuite • 20 May at 12:18

We've released our 2024-25 Draft Annual Business Plan and we'd love your feedback 🙌 <https://ow.ly/j3el5DRMMbL>

It outlines how we'll achieve our goals over the next financial year. 📈 Goals refined by community consultation. 🗣️ In 2024-25, we're committed to community, environment, and regional support with a responsible budget focused on essential services and sustainability. Key projects include:

- Extending the Amy Gillett Bikeway
- Upgrading tech for better customer experience
- Aiming for net zero corporate carbon emissions
- Installing a splash park at the Adelaide Hills War Memorial Swimming Centre

Read more 📄 <https://ow.ly/2QIT30RMMbK>



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Councillor Chris Grant, Adelaide Hills Council and 3 others

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Comment as Adelaide Hills Council

Comments

and don't forget the approval of a solar farm on the edge of Birdwood. Terrible

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SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

2024-2025 Draft Annual Business Plan



SUNDAY 26 MAY 2024



Info Sessions
Draft Annual Business Plan
2024 - 2025

We're hosting four info sessions across the area to share the ...
26 May 2024, 16:00
ID: 16665231072805

Interactions

👍 11 reactions 💬 0 comments ➦ 7 shares

Performance

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Adelaide Hills Council
Published by Hootsuite · 26 May at 16:00

We're hosting four info sessions across the area to share the draft 2024-25 Annual Business Plan and hear your feedback. Hear a short presentation followed by an opportunity to chat with staff and Elected Members.

- 30 May (🕒 6:30 - 7:30 pm) 📍 Woodside
<https://ow.ly/9t9s50RSeFu>
- 4 June (🕒 6:30 - 7:30 pm) 📍 Stirling
<https://ow.ly/q8SY50RSeRr>
- 3 June (🕒 6:30 - 7:30 pm) 📍 Gumeracha
<https://ow.ly/1W4CS0RSeFs>
- 6 June (🕒 6:30 - 7:30 pm) 📍 Nanson Summit
<https://ow.ly/hcuC50RSeFt>

Note: The Woodside and Stirling sessions will be live on Zoom. The Zoom link is on the event pages.
Register here: <https://ow.ly/huKa50RWpox>

Info Sessions
Draft Annual Business Plan
2024 - 2025

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SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

2024-2025 Draft Annual Business Plan



TUESDAY 28 MAY 2024



Keen to learn more or provide feedback on the draft 2024-2...

28 May 2024, 11:45
ID: 863754828527512


Interactions

3 reactions 1 comment 1 share

Performance

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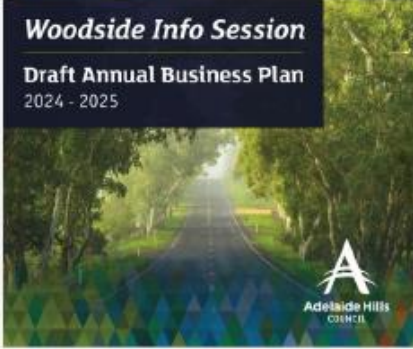


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Keen to learn more or provide feedback on the draft 2024-25 Annual Business Plan? Come to an info session at the Woodside Positive Ageing Centre. this Thursday 30 May 6:30 - 7:30 pm or join via Zoom.
Hear a short presentation followed by an opportunity to chat with staff and Elected Members. Learn more and register <https://ow.ly/UR4M3OR5efz>

Woodside Info Session
Draft Annual Business Plan
2024 - 2025



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1 comment 1 share

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Adelaide Hills Council

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Comments

Still reeling from the LACK OF CONSULTATION given to the people of Birdwood, in relation to the solar farm on the very edge of the town. A gross intrusion to the character of the Adelaide Hills. Apparently, only the immediate neighbours to this project was notified. At least 270 locals have joined a group to oppose this disastrous project, however, Adelaide Hills Council, sneaked the approval through.

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SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

2024-2025 Draft Annual Business Plan



SATURDAY 1 JUNE 2024



Are you keen to provide feedback or learn about our draft 2024-25 Annual Business Plan? Come to an info session at the Stirling Council Chambers, this Tuesday 4 June (6:30 - 7:30 pm) or join via Zoom.

1 June 2024, 13:00
ID: 8733060488601

Interactions

8 reactions 1 comment 11 shares

Performance

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<https://ow.ly/GtrRS00nCZ>

Stirling Info Session
Draft Annual Business Plan
2024 - 2025



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Comments

More information and planning than the poor folks at Birdwood got for the solar farm on their doorstep

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SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

2024-2025 Draft Annual Business Plan



SUNDAY 2 JUNE 2024



Keen to learn more or provide feedback on the draft 2024-2...

2 June 2024, 13:00
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Interactions

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Hear a short presentation followed by an opportunity to chat with staff and Elected Members. Learn more and register <https://ow.ly/R0yY30R0nFA>

Gumeracha Info Session
Draft Annual Business Plan
2024 - 2025



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SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

2024-2025 Draft Annual Business Plan



TUESDAY 4 JUNE 2024



Are you keen to provide feedback or learn about our draft 2...

4 June 2024 · 12:00
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1 reaction · 0 comments · 0 shares

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Are you keen to provide feedback or learn about our draft 2024-25 Annual Business Plan? Come to an info session at the Norton Summit Community Centre. this Thursday 6 June 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Hear a short presentation followed by an opportunity to chat with staff and Elected Members. Learn more and register <https://ow.ly/Tj950RxnGg>

Norton Summit Info Session
Draft Annual Business Plan
2024 - 2025



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SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

2024-2025 Draft Annual Business Plan



LinkedIn Post Reach and Engagement

MONDAY 20 MAY 2024



Adelaide Hills Council
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We've released our 2024-25 Draft Annual Business Plan and we'd love your feedback 🗨️ <https://ow.ly/PZV950RMMbP>

It outlines how we'll achieve our goals over the next financial year. 🎯 Goals refined by community consultation. 🤝 In 2024-25, we're committed to community, environment, and regional support with a responsible budget focused on essential services and sustainability. Key projects include:

- Extending the Amy Gillett Bikeway
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- Installing a splash park at the Adelaide Hills War Memorial Swimming Centre

Read more 🗨️ <https://ow.ly/VWPO50RMMbQ>

#AdelaideHillsCouncil #AdelaideHills #Consultation #AnnualBusinessPlan #FinancialPlan



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Organic engagement

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SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

2024-2025 Draft Annual Business Plan



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MONDAY 20 MAY 2024

Adelaide Hills Council @AHCouncil · May 20
 We've released our 2024-25 Draft Annual Business Plan and we'd love your feedback ow.ly/L7MV50RMMcP

The plan outlines how we'll achieve our goals over the next financial year.
 @ Read more ow.ly/bLso50RMMcO



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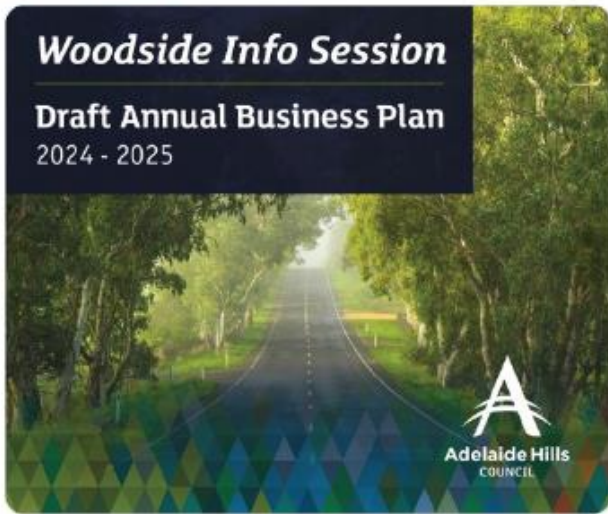
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2024-2025 Draft Annual Business Plan



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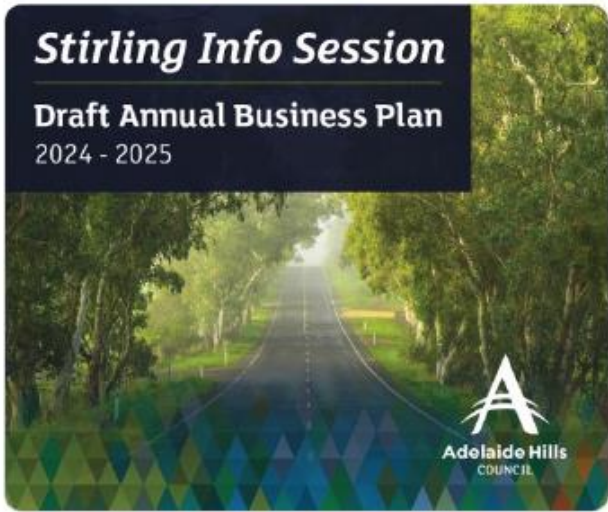
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SATURDAY 1 JUNE 2024

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SUNDAY 2 JUNE 2024

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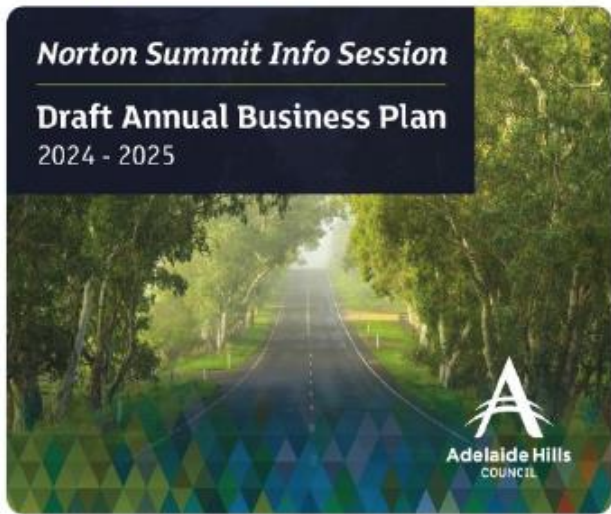
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Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024-25 Consultation

[Read the Business Plan and Budget](#)

Hi there,

Everyone is invited to provide feedback on Council's budget for the coming financial year.

The Annual Business Plan and Budget is our way to ensure that we continue to develop and maintain essential infrastructure services such as roads, footpaths, bridges, public toilets and open spaces as well as providing important services including libraries, health, planning, support services and waste collection.

Our focus in 2024-25 is on supporting and strengthening our community, environment and region by developing a responsible budget which recognises our unique constraints and is geared towards delivering essential services, prudent resource management, and sustainability.

Some of our key projects and activities planned for 2024/25 include:

- Extending the Amy Gillett Bikeway from Mount Torrens to Birdwood
- Implementing technology upgrades to improve the customer experience
- Setting goals and a pathway to achieving net zero corporate carbon emissions
- Installing a splash park at the Adelaide Hills War Memorial Swimming Centre

We wish to know if our focus is in the right area before we finalise the plan and start work.

- [Read the Full ABP](#)
- [Read the Summary ABP](#)

Tips for participating

- We encourage you to review all the documents relating to this consultation before taking the time to provide your feedback (view the documents above)
- Come along to ask questions and chat with Council staff and Elected Members at one of the upcoming information and feedback sessions (more details to be provided soon via engage.ahc.sa.gov.au)
- For feedback to be considered it must be received by Council no later than 10pm Tuesday 11 June 2024.

Feedback can be provided in a number of ways

- Preferably using the online submission form available via engage.ahc.sa.gov.au
- Email to engage@ahc.sa.gov.au
- Send a letter to Community Engagement, 63 Mount Barker Road, Stirling SA 5152
- Collect a hardcopy feedback form from our AHC Customer Service Centres at Gumeracha, Stirling or Woodside
- **In person at the Council meeting, Tuesday 11 June, 6:30pm - 7.30pm at the Stirling Council Chamber, 63 Mount Barker Rd, Stirling.**

Accessibility

If you need assistance to provide feedback or need an alternative format, please email engage@ahc.sa.gov.au or call 8408 0400.

Further information

You can ask us a question by email engage@ahc.sa.gov.au or by calling Kira Marie Lavery on 8408 0400 during business hours.

To be considered by Council, all feedback must be received by us no later than 10.00pm Tuesday 11 June 2024.

Kind regards

29 May 2024 – E-blast Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024-25

Everyone is invited to hear about the draft Annual Business Plan 2024-25 No images? [Click here](#)



The banner features a background image of a vineyard with rows of grapevines. On the left, the Adelaide Hills Council logo is overlaid. A white speech bubble on the right contains the text 'You're Invited to'. Below this, the text 'Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024-25' is written in white, and 'INFORMATION BRIEFINGS' is written in yellow. At the bottom, a green button contains the text 'Register to attend a briefing session'.

You're Invited to

Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2024-25
INFORMATION BRIEFINGS

[Register to attend a briefing session](#)

[Join us at an upcoming information briefing](#)

Good afternoon,

We welcome your attendance at one of our coming information briefings to hear more about our draft Annual Business Plan and Budget, and provide your feedback. Please register to secure your place (using the green button above).

At the sessions you will hear a short presentation followed by an opportunity to chat with staff and Elected Members.

There are four information briefings:

- **Woodside*** | Thursday 30 May | 6.30pm - 7.30pm (AHC Positive Ageing Centre, 36 Narine Road)
- **Stirling*** | Tuesday 4 June | 6.30pm - 7.30pm (Stirling Council Chamber, 63 Mount Barker Road)
- **Gumeracha** | Wednesday 5 June | 6.30pm - 7.30pm (Torrens Valley Community Centre Gumeracha, 45 Albert St, Gumeracha)
- **Norton Summit** | Thursday 6 June | 6.30pm - 7.30pm (The Summit Community Centre Norton Summit, 4 Crescent Dr, Norton Summit)

Please note the Stirling and Woodside sessions will be broadcast and will be accessible from the following zoom link:

Link – [Click here\(External link\)](#)

Meeting ID – 850 1057 5855

Meeting Passcode – 436814

Further information

You can ask us a question by email engage@ahc.sa.gov.au or by calling Kira Marie Laverty on 8408 0400 during business hours.

To be considered by Council, all feedback must be received by us no later than 10.00pm Tuesday 11 June 2024.

Kind regards,

Kira-Marie Laverty

Corporate Planning and Performance Coordinator | Adelaide Hills Council



Open for comments

Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget

Adelaide Hills Council invites you to comment on the *Draft Annual Business Plan (ABP) 2024-25*.

The ABP provides a detailed overview of our proposed programs, projects and services for the next financial year, and outlines how this work contributes to our broader strategic goals.

For further information, to provide feedback or to access the full Draft ABP visit: engage.ahc.sa.gov.au or any of our libraries or customer service centres.

Provide your feedback

-  engage.ahc.sa.gov.au
-  engage@ahc.sa.gov.au
-  63 Mount Barker Road, Stirling SA 5152
-  8408 0400
-  In person: 6:30pm, Tuesday 11 June 2024 at the Stirling Council Chamber

Council considers community feedback on the Draft ABP before finalising and adopting it and encourage you to provide your comments.

Share your feedback by 10pm on 11 June 2024.



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**Consultation
Open - Draft Annual
Business Plan**

Adelaide Hills Council invites you to comment on the Draft Annual Business Plan (ABP) 2024-25. It provides a detailed overview of our proposed programs, projects and services for the next financial year, and outlines how this work contributes to our broader strategic goals.

ACCESSING A COPY OF THE ABP

For further information, to provide feedback or to access the full Draft ABP visit: engage.ahc.sa.gov.au, or any of our libraries or customer service centres.

PROVIDE FEEDBACK

Council will consider community feedback on the Draft ABP before finalising and adopting it. Email: engage@ahc.sa.gov.au Mail: Annual Business Plan 63 Mount Barker Road, Stirling SA 5152 In person: 6:30pm, Tue 28 May 2024 at the Stirling Council Chamber.

Consultation is open from **16 May 2024** and closes **11 June 2024**.

For further information: Kira Laverty Corporate Planning and Performance Coordinator 8408 0400 ahc.sa.gov.au



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