

COUNCIL MEETING

in *Summary*

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Mayoral UPDATE

Over the past month, the Mayor has represented Council at a range of civic and community meetings and engagements.

This included attending the Beachport Art Gallery opening, Harmony Day celebrations at the Domain Playground and the Mt Burr BBQ and Chat with Council.



Beachport Art Gallery opening

Key PROJECTS

Following the 2025/26 Budget Review 2, Council is delivering 106 projects this financial year, with a total value of \$11.75M.

As of 31 March 2026, 55% of the projects have been completed, 29% are in the process of being delivered, 6% are in the procurement phase, 3% have been deferred and 7% are not yet started. 73% of the budget for the financial year has been committed.

Key project updates include:

- Roadworks for the Southern Ports Highway continue with over 24,000 tonnes of crushed rock material carted to construct the road base. Sealing is scheduled to begin this month. The road is closed with detour via Hatherleigh from 7am to 5pm weekdays when crews are working on the road.
- The staged demolition of the former Council office building continues, with materials being salvaged and separated for recycling where possible.
- An agreement with a contractor has been finalised for the supply and installation of Fire Services at McCorquindale Park in Penola. Following consultation with stakeholders, the location of the fire water tanks and pumps has been revised and will now be adjacent to the basketball stadium.
- Upgrade of the library façade including the curved library entrance feature will be undertaken after the autumn school holidays to minimise impact on library access.
- The bin enclosure fencing and gates have been erected for the Southern Ocean Tourist Park waste compound, final works on the project are to be completed this month

- Bird proofing of the Civic & Arts Centre has been completed with a lower cost solution found. Remaining funds have been reallocated to the Millicent Library Façade Upgrade project, aimed at improving the overall aesthetic of the Library precinct.

Key DECISIONS

At the April meeting, Council resolved to;

- appoint Mr Peter Weinberg as a community representative on the Greenrise Lake Advisory Committee for a term of four years coinciding with the term of Council;
- advise the Dog and Cat Management Board that the fees and rebates for the 2026/27 dog registration remain unchanged;
- endorse a one off payment of \$87,000 to the Millicent Lions Club for construction of a multi sport half court, adjoining footpaths and accessibility ramps at Millicent Lions Park, and authorise the CEO to negotiate a funding agreement;
- note the feedback received through the recent Cat Management consultation and provide in principle support for developing a new Cat By law, to be presented to Council for consideration at a future meeting;
- accept an invitation to partner with Redman Media on a historical documentary about the Geltwood shipwreck, approving a funding contribution of \$9,517;
- endorse the reallocation of budget funds of \$85,000 from the recently completed Civic & Arts Centre bird proofing project to allow for the completion of the Millicent Library Façade upgrade;
- refer development of a Centennial Park, Beachport Masterplan to the 2027–2031 Strategic Management Plan;
- adopt the updated Buildings and Structures Asset Management Plan; and
- write to a number of relevant State Ministers, along with the President of Football South Australia, to express concern that the future of the Millicent United Soccer Club is at risk due to a discriminatory rule that requires clubs to have a Senior A Grade Men's Team to participate in the league.

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