

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 Community Duck Race at the Pool of Siloam, Community BBQ and Meeting at the Southend Community Club as part of Council's Community Conversations and a morning tea with the Penola Men's Shed.



Southend Community Conversation

Community PRESENTATIONS

Prior to the commencement of the January meeting, Elected Members were presented with Indigenous Art Competition T-Shirts by teacher Mr Fewster, Principal Scudds and students from Newbery Park Primary School.

Grants AWARDED

Funds were awarded to the following groups in the second round of Council's annual community grants programs:

Community Financial Assistance Grants totalling \$6,300 to:

- Orphan Lamb Rescue
- Beachport Rivoli Bay Lions Club
- Penola National Trust Branch
- Wattle Range Suicide Prevention Network

Community Sport and Recreation Grants totalling \$16,000 to:

- Millicent Cricket Club
- Glencoe Football Club
- Hatherleigh Sport & Recreation
- Kalangadoo War Memorial Park & Community Sports Club
- Penola Bowling Club
- Millicent United Soccer Club
- Mount Burr United Football Club
- Millicent Golf Club



Southern Ports Highway reconstruction

Key PROJECTS

Council is delivering a total of 111 projects in the 2025/26 financial year, with a total value of \$13.14M.

As of 31 December 2025, 28% of the projects have been completed, 41% are in the process of being delivered, 11% are in the procurement phase and 17% are not yet started. 50% of the budget for the financial year has been committed.

Key project updates include:

- Roadworks for the Southern Ports Highway reconstruction paused for the Summer holiday season and the road reopened for general use with a temporary seal and line marking in place.
- The solar lighting on the walking path between the Beachport Visitor Information Centre and the Caravan Park was completed.
- The upgrade to the waste compound at the Southern Ocean Tourist Park is now expected to be completed mid February.
- Troublesome trees have been pruned and removed and a perimeter fence replaced at the Gladys Smith Early Learning Centre.

Key DECISIONS

At the January meeting, Council resolved to:

- receive and note a report regarding the Expression of Interest for the former Rivoli Bay Sailing Club land; supporting in principle its addition to the Southend Tourist Park lease. This includes support for the preparation of the required documentation and seeking quotes for demolition of the former clubrooms.
- appoint Mr Kim Williams as a community representative on the Greenrise Lake Advisory Committee for a period coinciding with the term of Council following the resignation of Mr Ray Haines from the Committee.
- receive and note correspondence from the Millicent Business Community Association (MBCA) and Penola Branch of the National Trust SA congratulating Council on the newly installed pedestrian wayfinding signage in their respective towns.

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