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INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Agenda and Reports

for the meeting on

Tuesday, 17 February 2026

at 7.00 pm

in the Colonel Light Room, Adelaide Town Hall

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INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Meeting Agenda, Tuesday, 17 February 2026, at 7.00 pm

Members – The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith

Councillor Maher (Chair)

Councillor Freeman (Deputy Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon and Councillors Abrahimzadeh, Cabada, Couros, Davis, Giles, Martin, Dr Siebentritt and Snape

Agenda

Item **Pages**

1. Acknowledgement of Country

At the opening of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee meeting, the Chair will state:

'Council acknowledges that we are meeting on traditional Country of the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains and pays respect to Elders past and present. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land. We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kaurna people living today.

And we also extend that respect to other Aboriginal Language Groups and other First Nations who are present today.'

2. Apologies and Leave of Absence

Leave of Absence -

The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith

Apologies –

Nil

3. Confirmation of Minutes - 18/11/2025, 25/11/2025 & 2/12/2025

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held 18 November 2025 and the Special meetings held on 25 November 2025 and 2 December 2025, be taken as read and be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

View public 18 November 2025, 25 November 2025 & 2 December 2025 Minutes.

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

5. Deputations

6. Workshops

Nil

7. Reports for Recommendation to Council

8. Reports for Noting

Nil

9. Closure

Public Realm Greening Program - 5 Year Tree Planting Overview

Tuesday, 17 February 2026

Infrastructure and Public Works Committee

Strategic Alignment - Our Environment

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Approving Officer:
Tom McCready, Director, City Infrastructure

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to inform the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee on the development of a 5 - Year Public Realm Greening Program associated with tree planting and greening in the City and North Adelaide streets, medians and verges (**Attachment A**).

At its meeting held on 27 May 2025, Council resolved:

'That Council:

1. *Notes the Public Realm Greening Program Update as contained in this report.*
2. *Agrees to develop a 5-Year tree planting plan, with a focus on the coming 2 years, which will be reviewed and updated on an annual basis, to guide budget and business planning, ratepayer awareness raising and stakeholder engagement, which describes using past and current investigations:*
    - *Potential sites for tree planting based on high-level mapping of streets and based on considerations such as location of underground services and urban heat mitigation benefits*
    - *Provides an estimate of how the proposed planting program helps to achieve canopy cover targets in the City, focussing within the CBD and North Adelaide, excluding the Parks Lands*
    - *Describes the current and future species mix and maintenance and requirements for watering*
    - *Reports on trees planted each year, planting locations and species.'*

The first two years of the program has been developed in more detail to inform the Committee on where tree planting is likely to take place in streets between 2025 – 2027.

RECOMMENDATION

The following recommendation will be presented to Council on 24 February 2026 for consideration

THAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the Public Realm Greening Program – 5 Year Tree Planting Overview as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 17 February 2026.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Our Environment Lead and advocate for the environment value, productivity, quality and biodiversity of the Park Lands, squares, open space and streetscapes.
Policy	City Plan – Adelaide 2036: Strategy 1 – A Green City Grid driving the need for greener, cooler streets. The Integrated Climate Strategy 2030: Goal 1 – A Climate Resilient City, and Goal 3 – A City Where Nature Thrives, driving the need to increase urban greening for cooler, more comfortable and resilient city.
Consultation	Residents and external stakeholders / asset owners are consulted in all street designs.
Resource	Resources are currently allocated to this program for 2025/26. Further funding is required for the following years.
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Distance offsets from other assets (utilities and telecommunications) in all streets will need to be adhered to.
Opportunities	The Program, delivers a greener city that can mitigate the impacts of future climate shocks and support the health and wellbeing of residents and visitors to Adelaide.
25/26 Budget Allocation	$4,787,000 Capital Budget.
Proposed 26/27 Budget Allocation	It is anticipated that a capital budget of around $4,000,000 is required annually to deliver the yearly Street Tree Greening program. Further operational budget may also be required for ongoing maintenance works associated with an increase in tree numbers throughout the City and North Adelaide.
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Subject to ongoing funding, this program could continue until 2031.
25/26 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	With an increase in tree numbers, future operational costs will need to be increased to enable appropriate level of service to maintain these trees.
Other Funding Sources	Opportunities for extra funding will be sought from State and Federal Governments if made available, such as Green Adelaide.

DISCUSSION

Background

1. The Public Realm Greening Program is seeking to increase tree canopy cover in streets across the city and North Adelaide. Trees planted in streets will assist in making the city cooler while contributing to Council's objective of increasing tree canopy cover from 33% currently to 40% by 2035. This target includes trees in streets, squares and Park Lands.

2. Key drivers for the Public Realm Greening Program include:

    2.1. Strategic Plan 2024-2028 – Our Environment – Lead and advocate for the environmental value, productivity, quality and biodiversity of Park Lands, squares, open spaces and streetscapes.

    2.2. The City Plan – Adelaide 2036 in relation to Strategy 1 – A Green City Grid driving the need for greener, cooler streets.

    2.3. The Integrated Climate Strategy 2030 in relation to Goal 1 – A Climate Resilient City, and Goal 3 – A City Where Nature Thrives, driving the need to increase urban greening for a cooler, more comfortable and resilient city.

    2.4. The Integrated Transport Strategy 2025 in relation to Goal 3 – Health & Sustainability driving the need for streets to be cool, calm and connected to support cycling and walking.

3. In line with the above, the City of Adelaide (CoA) has set the following targets:

    3.1. 40% tree canopy cover in streets and parks by 2035.

    3.2. Net increase of 485 trees every year until 2035.

    3.3. 40% of street trees (5,143) have water sensitive urban design (WSUD) providing passive watering by 2030 and 60% by 2035.

Budget

4. To date, the CoA has committed $8,084,582 for the Program with $3,297,582 spent in the 2024/25 financial year and $4,787,000 allocated in the 2025/26 financial year.

5. It is anticipated that an annual figure of approximately $4,000,000 is required for the program to deliver 200 trees per year beyond 2025/26 financial year.

Trees planted to date

6. The 2024/2025 Program delivered 273 trees in 29 streets across the CBD with the average cost per tree of approximately $12,000.

7. For the 2024/25 financial year, the focus was a mixture of planting in streets (mostly north/south streets) with less than 5% tree canopy cover and where tree planting would fit within the timeline, being June 2025. The other key focus was boulevards with an existing central medium big enough for trees to be planted into soil.

8. There were 34 different tree species planted from CoA's preferred tree planting list. Trees planted by contractors are maintained by the contractor for the 12-month defects liability period with the trees being watered weekly over the summer months and monitored through the winter months. After the 12 months defects liability period, the trees are handed over to CoA to maintain.

9. Once CoA takes responsibility the trees are monitored closely in years two and three, with watering occurring every 14 days over the summer months in year two, and then every 21 days over the summer months in year three. After the first three years of maintenance, it is anticipated that trees will have established enough to be placed on CoA's regular maintenance cycle where watering ceases and trees are inspected every two years. From this time on, trees are reliant upon water sensitive urban designed (WSUD) infrastructure in the main for irrigation.

Key Learnings from the 2024/25 planting year

10. Based upon the 273 trees planted in the 2024/25 financial year, the average cost per tree was around $12,000 as a result of a significant number of low-cost plantings in street medians. This figure is anticipated to rise as more trees are planted in roads and footpaths, with the average cost per tree expected to more closely align with the $20,000 per tree estimate.

11. In the smaller streets where available space is limited, consideration and modification of traffic layouts, including one-way vehicle movements and rationalisation of car parking create opportunity for more plantings.

12. Boulevard streets offer more tree planting opportunities due to their width and length and are generally the hottest streets as pavement can be exposed to the sun all day.

13. Green structures, such as green walls, arbours and rooftop gardens, may be required in the future in streets where space is not available for trees.

14. It is estimated that the 273 trees planted in the 2024/25 financial year will increase tree canopy cover by approximately 1%.

Preferred Tree Planting List

15. A resilient tree species list has been prepared by Design and Technical Services within the Infrastructure program, in conjunction with the Arboriculture Team, from which trees are selected for planting, noting that opportunities exist to partner through existing relationships with the Universities to identify tree species that are resilient to pests, drought, and climate change. There are around 80 trees on this list with 49 being exotic and 31 natives. A list of the tree species is included in the 5-Year Plan and can be viewed at **Attachment A**.

16. Tree size ranges from small trees, up to 8m in height, to large trees over 15m. Two important attributes for tree selection contained in the list are shade capacity and biodiversity outcomes.

17. Given the commitment to increase both shade and biodiversity, tree selection focuses on these attributes. This list provides for a range of trees that can be chosen for any situation and is updated regularly to incorporate new trees and to remove trees that appear not to thrive in an urban environment. Diversity of species is important as it assists in preventing a disease impacting a singular type of tree.

18. Further tree trials are recommended with trees that currently grow in hotter, dryer climates, north of Adelaide. If these trials are successful, CoA's urban forest is likely to be more resilient to future heatwaves.

The 2-Year and 5-Year Program

19. A detailed 2-Year Program and a high-level 5-Year Program have been developed and are referenced within **Attachment A**.

20. This program has been structured around planting trees in Streets and Priority Boulevards and is anticipated to deliver around 1,165 trees in total across five years, starting in the 2025/26 financial year.

21. A detailed 2-Year Program lists tree numbers and street names that the Administration has a high level of confidence can be designed, constructed and planted within the two-year window.

22. The 5-Year Program lists the target locations and numbers for plantings in streets and boulevards. Also listed is the anticipated number of streets that will be investigated and designed to ensure tree planting occurs in the following financial year.

23. The data for both the 2-Year and 5-Year Programs has been collated from the initial assessment conducted on 918 streets in 2024/25.

24. Year 1 is the current 2025/2026 financial year and to date, 101 trees have been planted since 1 July 2025. Tree planting in 2026 will resume from March 2026.

25. A dashboard will be developed that tracks where and what type of tree has been planted, and which streets have been assessed and deferred as trees are potentially not viable unless changes are made to street functionality. The dashboard will be made available to the community on CoA's website once finalised.

Tree Vitality and Resilience

26. Two key aspects to support tree vitality and resilience is the provision of WSUD and underground structured soil cells.

27. WSUD is key priority of our City Plan where the aim is to increase WSUD passive watering of street trees from 1.5% to 40% by 2030 and 60% by 2035. WSUD results in all new tree pits in roads having a slotted kerb with gaps where stormwater can drain into the tree pit. This means that whenever it rains, water is filtering down into the root zone of trees.

28. The second aspect is the installation of underground structured soil cells. These are installed to increase the root zone for all trees beyond the hole that the tree is planted in. The cells support the surrounding road and footpath structures while providing greater area for roots to grow in, and for passive irrigation to drain in to. The use of underground cells will require consideration of available budget and costs per tree.

29. From the 273 trees planted in 2024/2025, around 100 received both WSUD and structured cells. The balance of trees has primarily been planted in medians where WSUD and structured cells are not required.

Future Opportunities to expand Tree Canopy Cover

30. The trees planted over the next five years are anticipated to raise tree canopy cover by around 5%. To ensure the 40% target is reached, other greening outcomes are required.

    30.1. One approach is to consider changing the function and layout of streets such as making them one-way in line with the Integrated Transport Strategy. If achievable, this will likely lead to more streets having trees.

    30.2. Alternatively, green structures such as green walls on buildings and/or pergolas in streets could/will be considered.

    30.3. Another approach for consideration is to plant mini urban forests comprising trees and shrubs in parks. This approach would need to ensure that current park functionality would not be affected and that safety is considered when planting a mini forest. In doing these areas, grass would be converted to forest and potentially reduce maintenance requirements.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Greening Streets – 5 Year Green Infrastructure Plan

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Greening Streets

5-Year Green Infrastructure Plan

February 2026

CITY OF ADELAIDE

Kaurna Acknowledgement

City of Adelaide tampendi, ngadlu Kaurna yertangga banbabanbalyarnendi (inbarendi). Kaurna meyunna yaitya mattanya Womma Tarndanyako.

Parnako yailtya, parnuko tappa purruna, parnuko yerta ngadlu tampendi. Yellaka Kaurna meyunna itto yailtya, tappa purruna, yerta kuma burro martendi, burro warriappendi, burro tangka martulyaiendi.

Kumarta yaitya miyurna iyangka yalaka ngadlu tampinthi.

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Executive Summary

In 2024, the City of Adelaide endorsed the Integrated Climate Strategy that set a vision for a greener, more resilient city where people can live, work, study and play and adapt to changes in the climate that bring social and economic opportunity and disruption.

The Strategy presents a bold vision in which "our city will be one where our communities are interconnected, prepared and resilient in the face of changing conditions and extreme weather. People will be able to move to, from, and around the city safely, comfortably, and sustainably as the city streets are kept cool with trees and plants and shaded against the summer sun".

The Strategy focuses Council's effort on the priorities and scale of action required by the community and through the City of Adelaide's own operations across five goals. Central to the implementation of the Integrated Climate Strategy (ICS), is greening our city's streets.

The targets for Greening Streets are underpinned by key goals from the ICS. It seeks to create a climate resilient city, by understanding risks and preparing to withstand change and a city where nature thrives, biodiversity is increased and enhanced in a changing climate.

The Greening Streets 5-Year Plan outlines how the City of Adelaide will achieve the goals and targets of the Strategy over the next 5 years through its implementation. The plan is informed and supported by heat island mapping, detailed street-by-street analysis, the latest scientific research informing species selection and innovative streetscape design to ensure new trees have the best chance of providing meaningful shade to our city and make effective use of stormwater.

As is typical in any city, many of the streets identified for greening in this plan are constrained and congested by underground services which presents unique challenges in finding space for trees, therefore calls for innovative solutions to achieve overall Climate Strategy objectives.

The plan also presents other unique solutions to achieve Climate Strategy objectives which are not just limited to tree planting. It outlines why greening our streets is so important, how it aligns with greening targets and shows where planting will occur over the next five years. It also provides an informed and feasible estimates of the number of trees which can be planted in those locations.

Why Green Streets Matter?

Climate change adaptation

Greening helps cool cities, making them more walkable and resilient to rising temperatures.

Improved liveability & place making

Greening cleans air, enhances community wellbeing, health, and recreation while creating a sense of place.

Economic benefits

A greener city attracts people and businesses and support local economies.

Biodiversity support

Greening provides habitat for native animals and birds, increasing urban biodiversity.


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Our Greening Drivers

City of Adelaide has four strategic documents that support the following outcomes:

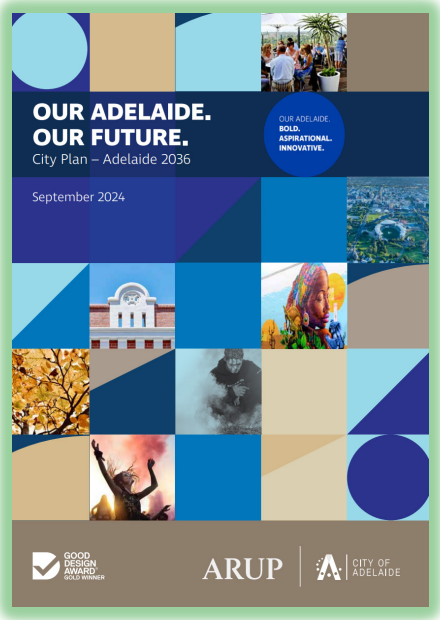
Greener streets

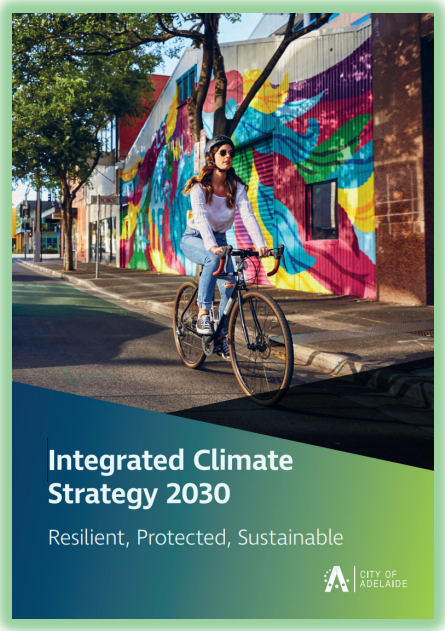
Cooler streets

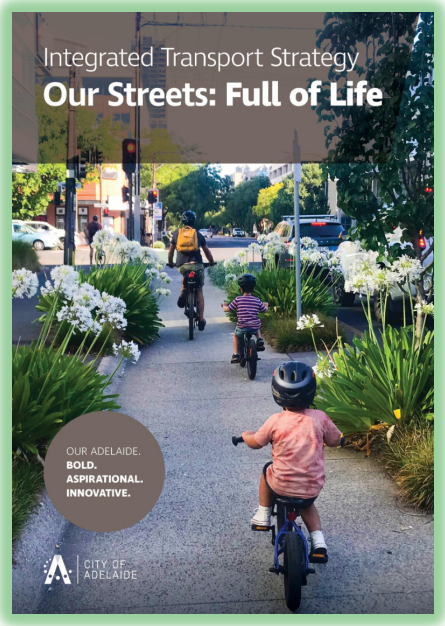
Resilient streets

Active streets

Increased biodiversity







Strategic Greening - Targets

Strategic Documents:

1. Strategic Plan 2024-2028

Our Environment – Lead and advocate for the environmental value, productivity, quality and biodiversity of the Park Lands, squares, open spaces and streetscapes.

2. The City Plan – Adelaide 2036

Strategy 1 – A Green City Grid driving the need for greener, cooler streets.

3. The Integrated Climate Strategy 2030 (endorsed 2024)

Goal 1 – A Climate Resilient City

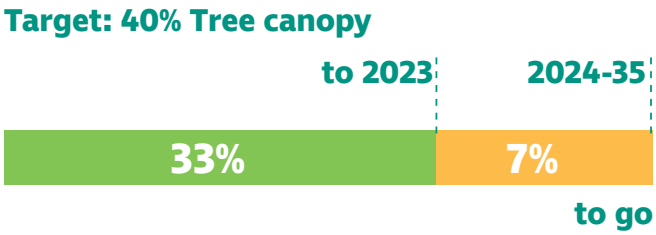
Goal 3 – A City Where Nature Thrives, driving the need to increase urban greening for a cooler more comfortable and resilient city. Refer to Urban Heat Map on page 8.

4. The Integrated Transport Strategy 2025

Goal 3 – Health & Sustainability driving the need for streets to be cool, calm and connected to support cycling and walking.

Key Greening targets include:

Increase tree canopy target from 33% to 40% in streets and parks by 2035.



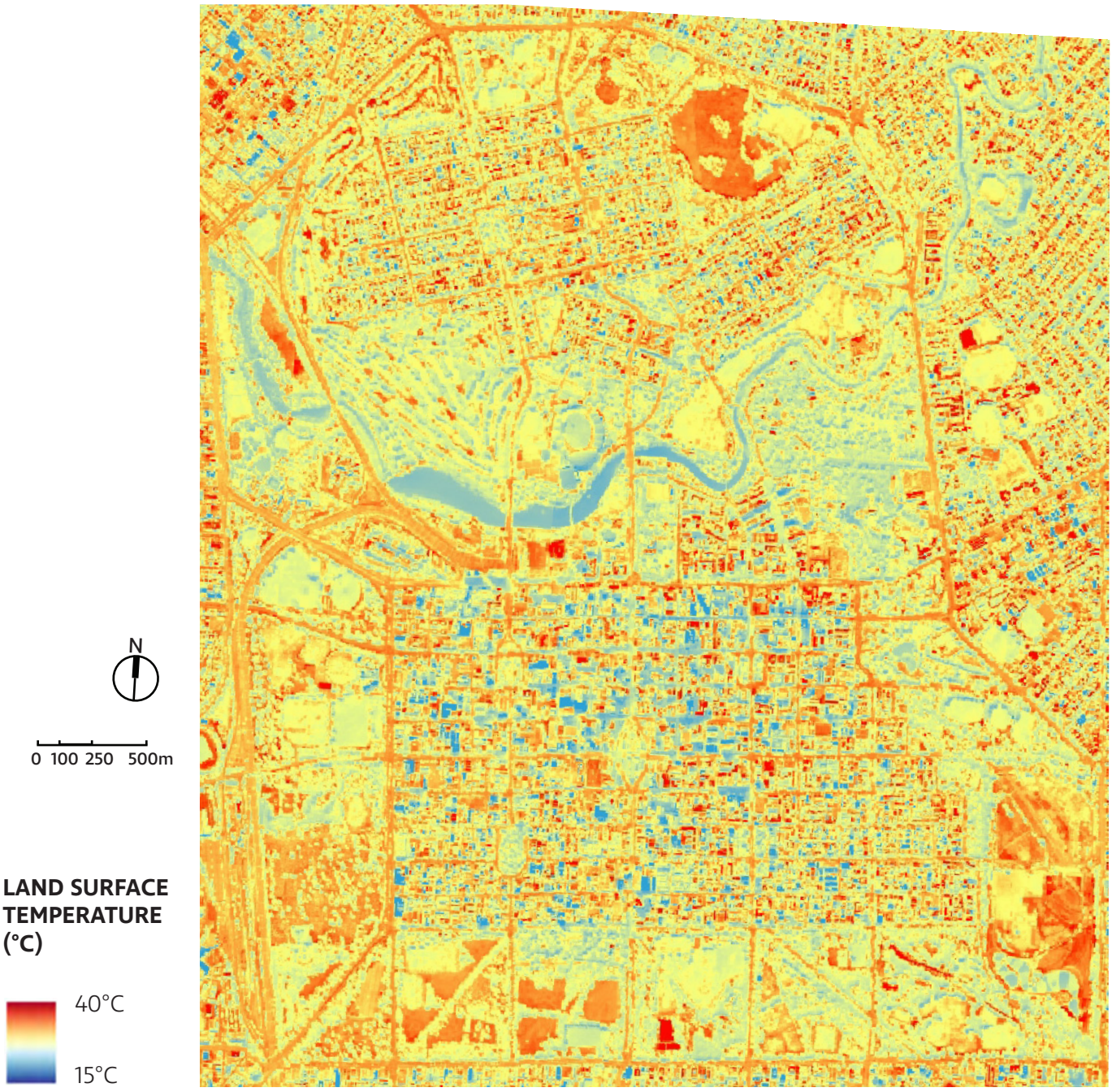
Net average increase of 485 trees every year until 2035.

CoA is targeting 200 trees to be planted in city streets each year.

40% of street trees (5,143) to have Water Sensitive Urban Design passive irrigation by 2030, and 60% by 2035.

Strategic Greening - Urban Heat Map

Research on the Urban Heat Islands in Adelaide by the Government of South Australia (Department for Environment and Water) has produced an urban heat map for the City of Adelaide. By aligning greening targets and prioritising the hottest areas, we can achieve a cooler, more resilient city.



Urban Heat Map - Day (Mar 2022 to Jan 2023), Government of South Australia
(Source: <*http://spatialwebapps.environment.sa.gov.au/urbanheat/?viewer=urbanheat*>)

Key Greening Infrastructure Outcomes

The integration of greening initiatives is an important aspect for the program, aiming to deliver on the following key greening infrastructure outcomes:

- Streets with more trees and biodiversity.
- Trees with passive irrigation through Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD).
- Creating larger root zones under pavements that support long term tree vitality, subject to costs and available budget.
- Trees integrated with other street functions.
- Integrate green infrastructure with street assets and buildings.

Market Street trees showing WSUD, increased root zone under pavement and integration with street functions

5-Year Plan Objectives & Costs

The objective of the 5-Year Plan is to systematically increase the provision of trees and associated WSUD infrastructure in streets by:

- Maximising tree planting in East/West streets to mitigate the impacts of urban heat island effects. East/West streets are hotter as sun heats pavements all day long while North/South streets can benefit from built form shadow. This may require changes to current street layout such as the introduction of a central median for trees.
- Continuing to plant in North/South streets with priority given to streets that have less tree canopy and can easily accommodate new trees.
- Maintain a database of streets that have not been planted due to existing constraints and to reinvestigate these streets in later years. Some of these constraints include existing on-street parking, vehicle movements, underground services, as well as upcoming property developments.
- Retrofitting existing trees where possible with passive irrigation devices such as kerb inlets that direct rainwater to tree root-zones. This can be considered in Years 4 and 5.

Future Budget:

The cost per tree in will increase from the 2024-2025 planting season as more trees are planted in pavements.

An average cost is anticipated to be approximately $20,000 per tree due to excavation, underground cells and passive irrigation components.

To plant a minimum of 200 trees per year a budget of $4,000,000 is required.

Artistic Impression:

Trees to be planted between existing Central Market Flag poles

BEFORE

AFTER

2024-2025 Initial Desktop Analysis

In 2024 a desktop assessment was conducted for 357 streets (which equates to 918 GIS locations/ segments of streets) to determine their suitability for tree planting. The table below shows the outcome of that assessment with tree planting across four streams:

Stream 1 – Road & Footpath Renewals

Stream 2 – Streetscape Projects

Stream 3 – Heat Map Greening for small streets & laneways

Stream 4 – Priority Boulevards & Squares

Road Categories		2024 Assessment Phase Breakdown						
		Total GIS* locations	PASSED Stream 1	PASSED Stream 2	PASSED Stream 3	PASSED Stream 4	Retimed [1]	On Hold [2]
Small	**Small Streets & Laneways**	**508**	**38**	**7**	**88**	**4**	**23**	**348**
Medium	**Local Activity Retail Streets**	**14**	**4**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**5**	**1**
	Local Streets	**27**	**1**	**4**	**8**	**0**	**1**	**13**
	Village Streets	**37**	**9**	**1**	**15**	**0**	**1**	**11**
	Village Terraces	**44**	**8**	**1**	**7**	**7**	**5**	**16**
Large	**City Streets**	**50**	**8**	**4**	**9**	**1**	**11**	**17**
	City Terraces	**16**	**0**	**7**	**1**	**1**	**5**	**2**
	Transit Boulevards	**52**	**0**	**0**	**7**	**21**	**5**	**19**
	High Activity Areas	**11**	**1**	**4**	**2**	**0**	**2**	**2**
	Gateway Boulevards	**8**	**0**	**5**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**0**
	City Boulevard & Terraces	**45**	**5**	**1**	**14**	**2**	**6**	**17**
	Ceremonial Boulevards	**18**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**17**
Green	**Park Lands Avenues**	**15**	**4**	**0**	**1**	**3**	**5**	**2**
	Park Lands Roads	**18**	**5**	**0**	**0**	**10**	**3**	**0**
	Park Lands Boulevards	**15**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**9**	**6**	**0**
	Squares	**40**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**22**	**11**	**4**
TOTALS		**918**	**86**	**37**	**153**	**81**	**92**	**469**

Notes: [1] 'Retimed' streets that have been assessed and require extra review for delivery in future years if appropriate.

[2] 'On Hold' streets are due to narrow street widths, traffic layout and/or underground services. These streets can be reconsidered in the future if changes are made to the street configuration or other forms of greening such as climbing structures are introduced.

* GIS = Geographical Information System.

Tree Planting Locations 2024-2025

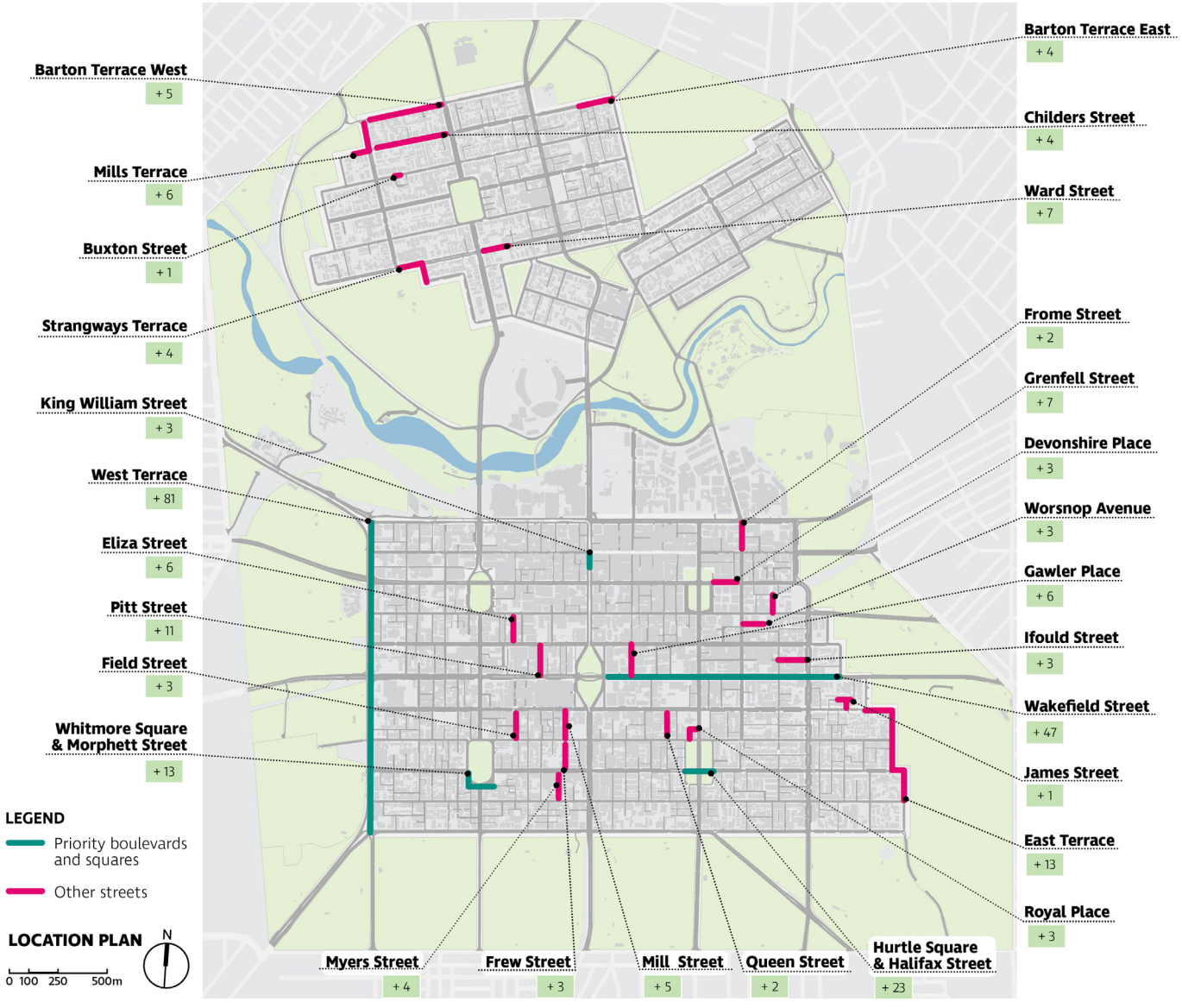
From the initial desktop assessment of 357 streets, in 2024-2025, **273** trees were planted in 29 streets across the City and North Adelaide.

This map highlights the streets and tree quantities planted. The two colours designate either a boulevard (green) or street (pink).

This has resulted in a future increase in tree canopy cover of around 1%.

To consider every street that has progressed from initial desktop assessment, will require long-term commitment.

Total trees planted = 273



Map showing tree planting in streets across the city

2024-2025 Tree Planting Cost Analysis

The overall cost in 2024-2025 was approximately $3.3M with the average cost per tree being $12,189. The following table is a breakdown of the costs associated with different planting types.

Planting Type		Total number of trees planted	Average cost per tree
1.	Tree in road with underground cells	38	$ 40,214
2.	Trees in footpath with underground cells	11	$ 20,000
3.	Trees in footpath with no underground cells and no kerb inlet	45	$ 10,716
4.	Tree in footpath with kerb inlet	0	no data for 2024-25
5.	Tree in existing median	134	$ 6,475
6.	Tree in park edge	45	$ 5,102
	TOTAL	**273**	**$3,327,749**

Trees in existing median along West Terrace

Trees in footpath with underground cells along Pitt Street

2024-2025 Tree Species Data & Maintenance Provisions

There were 35 different tree species planted in 2024-2025.

Trees are chosen from Council's preferred tree planting list of around 80 trees with an even percentage for both native and exotic trees.

All trees are maintained for the first 12 months by the contractor and then handed over to Council to maintain.

Tree maintenance is as follows:
Year 1 – weekly completed by contractor
Year 2 – council water every 14 days (summer months only)
Year 3 – council water every 21 days (summer months only)

Maintenance also includes mulching, fertilising and pruning. After 3 years, trees are placed on Council's regular maintenance cycle and are inspected every two years.

If Council maintains a tree for the first 3 years, the cost is around $1,000 per tree. This will increase if a contractor maintains trees for the first year. This cost varies due to site conditions and contract details.

Tree species (common name)	Total number of trees planted
Australian Blackwood	3
Australian Teak	23
Bottle Tree	9
Box Elder Maple	1
Bull Bay Magnolia	2
Callery Pear	6
Cape Chestnut	2
Chinese Flame Tree	10
Chinese Pistachio	5
Cimmaron Ash	6
Claret Ash	6
Crepe Myrtle	1
Dwarf Lemon Scented Gum	3
Evergreen Ash	10
Golden Ash	5
Golden Rain Tree	2
Green Ash	2
Honey Locust	5
Jacaranda	3
Japanese Elm	14
Kurrajong	1
Lemon Scented Gum	10
London Plane Tree	4
Maidenhair Tree	2
Montpelier Maple	4
Native Frangipani	1
Norfolk Island Pine	2
Pin Oak	9
Purple Orchid Tree	7
Purple Cherry Plum	1
Smooth Barked Apple Myrtle	1
Spotted Gum	92
Tuckeroo	4
Water Gum	3
White Cedar	18
TOTAL	**273**

Key Considerations for the 5-Year Plan

The following outlines key considerations for the 5-Year Plan, after lessons learned from the 2024-2025 tree planting program were collected:

- Managing the cost per tree to minimise average costs.
- Focusing on the hotter East/West streets which are mostly boulevards, with existing medians/enough widths for new medians and potentially can accommodate more trees that contribute to cooling.
- Development of a tree dashboard so the community can see where trees have been planted, where consultation is occurring and highlight where trees are not possible due to street circumstances.
- Consideration of a network of one-way streets to accommodate more trees in streets where space is limited.
- Consideration of greening beyond tree planting where plants grow on structures in streets or on buildings (vertical green walls, green roofs, and arbours) positively contributing to city cooling.
- Trial new trees in partnership with TREENET to further diversify tree planting list with climate resilient trees (TREENET is an independent, not-for-profit organisation that shares knowledge and participates in research to assist tree managers in sustaining urban forests).

Eliza Street showing new trees in a one-way street

Year 1: Plan for 2025-2026

This table lists the streets planted to date and tree planting that is anticipated in 2025-2026, subject to final designs. Key highlights are:

Anticipated tree total is 243 trees with **101 trees already planted to date (January 2026).**

Boulevard planting to occur in existing central median along Anzac Highway.

Carrington Street will see new trees planted in footpaths.

In addition, there are 27 streets being designed to enable tree planting to continue in 2026-2027.

Streets		
Barton Tce East	*Road Renewals*	9
Carrington Street	*Road Renewals*	28
Churchill Street	*Road Renewals*	1
Marlborough Street	*Road Renewals*	3
Tatham Street	*Road Renewals*	4
Ifould Street	*Road Renewals*	4
Bewes Street		8
Cardwell Street (North)		5
Cardwell Street (South)		1
Logan Street		6
Marian Street		4
Vincent Street & Vincent Place		14
Nelson Street		3
Mansfield Street		8
Phillip Street		5
Rose Street		5
Wilson Street		3
Elizabeth Street	*Pedestrian-Cycling Corridors*	10
Market Street	*Pedestrian-Cycling Corridors*	10
Responses & Requests		
88 O'Connell Street O'Connell Street (2) Archer Street (1) Tynte Street (1)		4
175 Waymouth Street		5
185 Pirie Street		2
248 Flinders Street		2
255-259 Gilbert Street		2
258 Gouger Stret		2
266 North Terrace		1
278 South Terrace		2
116 North Terrace		2
123 Brougham Place		1
Priority Boulevards & Squares		
Carrington Street	*Priority Boulevards*	23
Whitmore Square	*Roads in Squares*	16
Anzac Highway	*Priority Boulevards*	35
South Terrace	*Priority Boulevards*	15
	TOTAL	**243**

Year 2: Plan for 2026-2027

This table list the streets and potential tree planting that could be achieved in 2026-2027, subject to final designs. Key highlights are:

Anticipated tree total of 289 trees by June 2027, subject to final design.

There are numerous Priority Boulevards currently listed, which may change once further investigations are done. Sturt Street (East) is identified as a priority with the introduction of a new central median accommodating up to 55 trees.

It is expected that more streets will be listed once designs are completed during 2025-2026.

Streets		
Steuart Place	*Road Renewals*	**1**
Symonds Place (South)	*Road Renewals*	**6**
Ward Street	*Road & Footpath Renewals*	**20**
Cairns Street		**2**
Gladstone Street		**3**
Howard Florey Street		**6**
Hume Street		**3**
Responses & Requests		
Gunson Street	*Requested Locations (External)*	**10**
Priority Boulevards & Squares		
Pulteney Street	*Priority Boulevards*	**20**
Hindmarsh Square	*Roads in Squares*	**20**
Pirie Street	*Priority Boulevards*	**16**
Sir Donald Bradman Drive	*Priority Boulevards*	**10**
Grote Street	*Priority Boulevards*	**27**
Sturt Street (East)	*Priority Boulevards*	**55**
Hurtle Square	*Roads in Squares*	**10**
Melbourne Street	*North Adelaide Precinct*	**39**
Montefiore Hill / Palmer Place	*North Adelaide Precinct*	**41**
	TOTAL	**289**

Vincent Street upgrade with 14 new Chinese Pistachio

Year 2: Greening Initiative

- New Boulevard for Sturt Street (East)

An opportunity around the greening initiatives for 2026-2027 would see a continuous boulevard treatment from Halifax Square to Whitmore Square along Halifax and Sturt Streets.

Existing central median in Halifax Street from Hurtle Square to King William Street

Sturt Street showing potential for new central median with trees from King William Street to Whitmore Square

Years 3 to 5: Overview Plan 2027-2030

These tables show the current breakdown for tree planting in Years 3-5.

Currently there are 35 streets (29 in 2027-2028, and 6 streets in 2028-2029) with design in progress that are not shown in these tables. Some streets are yet to be assessed for initial tree assessment, and as each street reaches a level of design confidence, it will be added to the program.

Streets		
Boulton Street		2
Kent Street		1
Mann Street		2
Old Street & New Street		4
Sussex Street		9
Symonds Place North		2
Tynte Street		3
Walter Street		3
Responses & Requests		
-		
Priority Boulevards & Squares		
Montefiore Road (North)	*Priority Boulevards*	55
Rundle Road	*Priority Boulevards*	46
Sturt Street (West)	*Priority Boulevards*	33
Brougham Place	*North Adelaide Precinct*	55
	TOTAL (2027-2028 PROGRAM)	**215**

Streets		
Norman Street	*Pedestrian-Cycling Corridors*	4
Responses & Requests		
-		
Priority Boulevards & Squares		
Grenfell Street	*Priority Boulevards*	50
Waymouth Street (West)	*Priority Boulevards*	10
Waymouth Street (East)	*Priority Boulevards*	16
Franklin Street	*Priority Boulevards*	25
Flinders Street	*Priority Boulevards*	55
Halifax Street (East)	*Priority Boulevards*	15
Gilbert Street	*Priority Boulevards*	30
	TOTAL (2028-2029 PROGRAM)	**205**

Streets		
Gawler Place (North)	*Pedestrian-Cycling Corridors*	5
Responses & Requests		
-		
Priority Boulevards & Squares		
Currie Street	*Priority Boulevards*	70
Halifax Street (West)	*Priority Boulevards*	10
Gilles Street	*Priority Boulevards*	18
Stanley Street	*North Adelaide Precinct*	30
Frome Road	*North Adelaide Precinct*	10
Kermode Street	*North Adelaide Precinct*	30
Pennington Terrace (West)	*North Adelaide Precinct*	40
	TOTAL (2029-2030 PROGRAM)	**213**

5-Year Plan Summary 2025 to 2030

Tree numbers are an estimate and will be finalised once designs are complete and annual budget confirmed.

Currently, the 5-Year planned total is 1,165, with 925 trees proposed for boulevards and 240 proposed for streets. The potential total of streets/boulevards with greening is 157. These totals do not include 2024-2025.

CATEGORY	2025-2026		2026-2027		2027-2028		2028-2029		2029-2030		
	LOCATION	TREE NUMBERS	LOCATION	TREE NUMBERS	LOCATION	TREE NUMBERS	LOCATION	TREE NUMBERS	LOCATION	TREE NUMBERS	
Streets	31	154	27	51	31	26	28	4	6	5	
Priority boulevards	5	89	9	238	7	189	6	201	7	208	
Street Designs in Progress	27	TBC	31	TBC	28	TBC	6	TBC	31	TBC	
TOTAL TREES	**-**	**243**	**-**	**289**	**-**	**215**	**-**	**205**	**-**	**213**	**1,165**

Future Greening Opportunities

If the 5-Year Plan delivers the proposed 1,438 new trees, tree canopy cover will increase by around 5%, this includes 2024-2025 trees.

To achieve an increase in tree canopy cover from 33% to 40% some of the following should be considered:

- Converting key streets to one-way will increase tree numbers
- Rationalise on-street carparking to allow for more trees
- Increase use of green walls and structures that span streets and footpaths
- Increase tree planting in parks by replacing some areas of lawn with mini urban forests
- Collaborate with residents to co-design greener streets
- Partner with utility providers to relocate underground service encumbrances.

Remove irrigated turf and replace with more tree planting, low understorey planting including shrubs and groundcovers to create a mini urban forest to increase habitat, biodiversity and cooling

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Future Greening Opportunities - Continued

Ellis Park / Tampawardli (Park 24)

Remove irrigated turf and replace with more tree planting, low understorey planting including shrubs and groundcovers to create a mini urban forest to increase habitat, biodiversity and cooling

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Future Greening Opportunities - Continued

Install arbours/pergolas in streets to grow climbers to create green canopy.

Example of arbour structure in Chesser Street

Example of arbour with vertical greening modules in Gawler Place

Work with stakeholders to create more green walls, green roofs and green roof bus shelters.

Opportunity for alternative greening on bus shelter, Currie Street

Example of green stops in Bialystok, Poland (Source: The Mayor EU, <*https://www.themayor.eu/en/a/view/the-green-stops-in-bialystok-receive-architecture-recognition-5142*>)

Future Greening Opportunities - Continued

Consider promoting green walls at street level through an incentive scheme. Developing incentive schemes for building owners to provide green walls in streets.

The benefits include:

- Cooling of streets.
- Cleaner air in streets.
- Insulate buildings.
- Increased energy efficiency.
- Increase connection to nature.
- Support well-being.
- Potential to capture/trap rainwater to irrigate plants.
- Habitat and food for urban birds and insects.

Green wall on private property, Pirie Street

Future Greening Opportunities - Continued

Explore options for greening Council-owned building façades as exemplars.

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Artist's impression: Green wall on the Wyatt UPark building

Future Greening Opportunities - Continued

Partner with residents and business owners wanting greener outcomes.

Conduct a co-design process that explores opportunities for greening that will change the function and urban amenity of a street.

Gunson Street - a street with potential for greener outcomes, noting this may impact the availability of on-street parking

Future Greening Opportunities - Continued

The 5-Year Program will continue to enhance Adelaide as the first city in Australia and the second in the world after London to be named a National Park City.

Through tree planting, co-design and new planting typologies in streets and parks, a **Bold, Aspirational and Innovative** approach to greening will enhance the liveability of Adelaide into this climate change century.

Established tree-lined street, Buxton Street, North Adelaide

Preferred Tree Planting List

The following pages contain Council's Preferred Tree Planting List. This list is dynamic as trees are either included or removed from time to time. Trees that are removed are seen as not suitable from a maintenance and safety perspective, or they will not be resilient to future heatwaves.

New trees will be added that are considered more resilient to future heatwaves and to increase the biodiversity of Council's urban forest.

Common Name	Botanical Name	Foliage	Origin	Size	Height (m)	Spread (m)	Design Canopy Spread (m)	Carbon Index	Shade Index	Biodiversity
-	-	(Evergreen, Deciduous, Semi-deciduous)	(Australian native, Exotic)	Height - (Small [<8m], Medium [8-12m], Large [>12m])	-	-	(Spread average)	(High, Medium, Low)	(High, Medium, Low)	-
Australian Blackwood	*Acacia melanoxylon*	Evergreen	Australian native	Large	10-15	5-8	6.5	high	high	Bird, Insect, Mammal / Lizard, Pollinator
Australian Red Cedar	*Toona ciliata*	Deciduous	Australian native	Large	8-20	6-8	7	high	high	Insect, Pollinator
Australian Teak	*Flindersia australis*	Evergreen	Australian native	Large	10-15	10	10	high	high	Bird, Insect
Birchleaf Pear	*Pyrus betulaefolia 'Southwarth' dancer*	Deciduous	Exotic	Small	7-8	4-5	4.5	no data	medium	no data
Blue Mallet	*Eucalyptus gardneri*	Evergreen	Australian native	Medium	8-12	4-6	5	medium	low	Insect, Pollinator
Blueberry Ash	*Elaeocarpus reticulatus*	Evergreen	Australian native	Medium	5-9	3-4	3.5	no data	medium	Bird, Insect, Pollinator
Bottle Tree	*Brachychiton rupestris*	Semi-deciduous	Australian native	Medium	8-10	6-7	6.5	high	high	Bird, Insect, Pollinator
Box Elder Maple	*Acer negundo* 'Sensation'	Deciduous	Exotic	Medium	8-10	4-6	5	no data	medium	Insect, Pollinator
Brachychiton cultivar	*Brachychiton populneus x acerifolius* 'Bella Donna'	Semi-deciduous	Australian native	Small	5-6	3-4	3.5	no data	high	Bird, Insect, Pollinator
Brachychiton cultivar	*Brachychiton populneus x acerifolius* 'Jerilderie Red'	Semi-deciduous	Australian native	Medium	6-8	5-7	7.5	no data	high	Bird, Pollinator
Brachychiton cultivar	*Brachychiton populneus x discolor 'Griffith Pink'*	Evergreen	Australian native	Small	5-8	2-3	2.5	no data	high	Bird, Pollinator
Brown Pine	*Podocarpus elatus*	Evergreen	Australian native	Large	15	5	5	no data	high	Bird
Brush Box	*Lophostemon confertus*	Evergreen	Australian native	Large	15-20	5-10	7.5	no data	high	Bird, Insect, Pollinator
Bull Bay Magnolia	*Magnolia grandiflora 'Exmouth'*	Evergreen	Exotic	Large	10-15	5-8	6.5	high	high	Bird, Insect, Pollinator
Callery Pear	*Pyrus calleryana 'Bradford'*	Deciduous	Exotic	Large	9-12	4-6	5	high	high	Insect, Pollinator
Callery Pear	*Pyrus calleryana* 'Capital'	Deciduous	Exotic	Small	6-7	2-3	2	high	high	Insect, Pollinator

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Campbell's Magnolia	*Magnolia campbellii*	Deciduous	Exotic	Large	10-15	8-10	9	high	medium	Bird, Insect, Pollinator
Canary Island Pine	*Pinus canariensis*	Evergreen	Exotic	Large	20-40	10-12	11	no data	low	no data
Cape Chestnut	*Calodendrum capense*	Evergreen	Exotic	Small	5-8	5-8	6.5	high	high	Bird, Insect, Pollinator
Cape Lilac	*Virgilia oroboides*	Evergreen	Exotic	Small	5-7	3-5	4	low	low	Bird, Insect, Pollinator
Carob Tree	*Ceratonia siliqua*	Evergreen	Exotic	Medium	8-10	4-5	4.5	high	medium	Insect, Pollinator
Chinese Elm	*Ulmus parvifolia 'Todd'*	Deciduous	Exotic	Medium	8-10	9-11	10	high	high	no data
Chinese Flame Tree	*Koelreuteria bipinnata*	Deciduous	Exotic	Small	5-7	5-6	5.5	high	high	Insect, Pollinator
Chinese Pistachio	*Pistacia chinensis*	Deciduous	Exotic	Medium	5-12	6-8	7	high	medium	Bird
Cimmaron Ash	*Fraxinus pennsylvanica 'Cimmzam'*	Deciduous	Exotic	Large	13-15	6-8	7	no data	high	no data
Claret Ash	*Fraxinus oxycarpa 'Raywoodii'*	Deciduous	Exotic	Large	10-15	6-7	6.5	no data	high	no data
Coral Gum	*Eucalyptus torquata*	Evergreen	Australian native	Medium	6-12	5-10	6.5	medium	medium	Bird, Insect, Pollinator
Coral Tree	*Erythrina variegata*	Deciduous	Australian native	Large	10-15	10-12	11	high	high	Bird
Cork Oak	*Quercus suber*	Deciduous	Exotic	Large	15-20	10-15	12.5	high	high	no data
Corkwood	*Melicope elleryana*	Evergreen	Australian native	Medium	8-12	3-4	3.5	high	low	Bird, Insect, Pollinator
Dogwood	*Cornus controversa*	Deciduous	Exotic	Medium	10-12	10-12	11	medium	high	Bird, Insect, Pollinator
Dogwood	*Cornus florida*	Deciduous	Exotic	Small	5-6	3-6	4.5	medium	medium	Bird, Insect, Pollinator

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Drooping She Oak	*Allocasuarina verticillata*	Evergreen	Australian native	Medium	5-9	4-6	6	medium	medium	Bird
Dwarf Lemon Scented Gum	*Corymbia citriodora* - dwarf cultivar	Evergreen	Australian native	Small	6-8	3-5	4	high	high	Bird, Insect, Mammal / Lizard, Pollinator
Dwarf SA Blue Gum	*Eucalyptus leucoxylon* (small form ssp.)	Evergreen	Australian native	Small	5-7	4-5	5	high	high	Bird, Insect, Pollinator
Dwarf Sugar Gum	*Eucalyptus cladocalyx* 'Nana'	Evergreen	Australian native	Small	6-10	5-7	6	no data	high	Bird, Insect, Pollinator
Eastern Cottonwood	*Populus deltoides*	Deciduous	Exotic	Large	20-25	18-20	19	high	high	no data
Eastern Redbud	*Cercis canadensis* 'Forest Pansy'	Deciduous	Exotic	Small	5-6	4-5	4.5	no data	low	Insect, Pollinator
Evergreen Ash	*Fraxinus griffithii*	Evergreen	Exotic	Medium	6-10	2-3	2.5	no data	high	no data
Evergreen Magnolia	*Magnolia doltsopa*	Evergreen	Exotic	Medium	8-10	3-5	4	medium	low	Bird, Insect, Pollinator
Flame Tree	*Delonix regia*	Semi-deciduous	Exotic	Large	10-15	10-15	12.5	high	high	Bird, Insect, Pollinator
Forest Elder	*Nuxia floribunda*	Evergreen	Exotic	Medium	5-8	2-3	2.5	no data	high	Insect, Pollinator
Ghost Gum	*Eucalyptus laeliae*	Evergreen	Australian native	Large	12-18	4-6	5	high	medium	Bird, Insect, Pollinator
Golden Ash	*Fraxinus excelsior 'Aurea'*	Deciduous	Exotic	Medium	6-10	6-7	6.5	no data	high	no data
Golden Penda	*Xanthostemon chrysanthus*	Evergreen	Australian native	Medium	7-15	5-12	8.5	no data	high	Bird, Insect, Pollinator
Golden Rain Tree	*Koelreuteria paniculata*	Deciduous	Exotic	Small	6-8	5-6	5.5	high	high	Insect, Pollinator
Goldfields Blackbutt	*Eucalyptus lesouefii*	Evergreen	Australian native	Medium	10-12	8-10	9	medium	medium	Bird, Insect, Pollinator

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Green Ash	*Fraxinus pennsylvanica 'Urbdell' - Urbanite*	Deciduous	Exotic	Medium	10-11	6-8	7	no data	high	no data
Grey Corkwood	*Erythrina vespertilio*	Deciduous	Australian native	Small	4-6	3-4	3.5	medium	high	Bird
Hackberry	*Celtis occidentalis*	Deciduous	Exotic	Large	15-20	5-10	7.5	high	high	Bird, Insect, Pollinator
Holm Oak	*Quercus ilex*	Evergreen	Exotic	Large	20-24	8-12	10	high	high	no data
Honey Berry	*Celtis australis*	Deciduous	Exotic	Large	12-15	5-8	6.5	high	medium	Bird, Insect, Pollinator
Honey Locust	*Gleditsia triacanthos var. inermis '* Shademaster' / Sunburst'	Deciduous	Exotic	Medium	9-12	5-6	5.5	no data	medium	no data
Indian Horse Chestnut	*Aesculus indica*	Deciduous	Exotic	Large	15-20	5-12	8.5	high	high	Bird, Pollinator
Irish Strawberry Tree	*Arbutus unedo*	Evergreen	Exotic	Small	5-7	2-5	3.5	low	medium	Bird, Insect, Mammal / Lizard, Pollinator
Jacaranda	*Jacaranda mimosifolia*	Deciduous	Exotic	Medium	8-10	8-10	9	high	high	Insect, Pollinator
Japanese Elm	*Zelkova serrata*	Deciduous	Exotic	Large	12-18	8-12	10	no data	high	Birds, mammals
Japanese Elm Green Vase	*Zelkova serrata 'Green vase'*	Deciduous	Exotic	Medium	10-14	8-10	9	no data	high	Birds, mammals
Lemon Scented Gum	*Corymbia citriodora*	Evergreen	Australian native	Large	20-25	11-13	12	high	high	Bird, Insect, Mammal / Lizard, Pollinator
Liquidambar	*Liquidambar styraciflua*	Deciduous	Exotic	Large	10-15	5-9	7	high	high	no data
London Plane Tree	*Platanus x acerifolia* (Maple leaf form)	Deciduous	Exotic	Large	10-15	10-15	12.5	no data	high	no data
Magnolia	*Magnolia champaca*	Evergreen	Exotic	Medium	8-10	3-5	4	medium	low	Bird, Insect, Pollinator
Maidenhair Tree	*Ginkgo biloba*	Deciduous	Exotic	Large	20-30	20-25	22.5	no data	medium	no data

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Manchurian Pear	*Pyrus ussuriensis*	Deciduous	Exotic	Large	9-12	6-7	6.5	high	high	Insect, Pollinator
Marri	*Corymbia calophylla*	Evergreen	Australian native	Large	15-20	8-13	10.5	high	high	Bird, Insect, Mammal / Lizard, Pollinator
Montpelier Maple	*Acer monspessulanum*	Deciduous	Exotic	Small	6-8	6-8	7	no data	medium	Insect, Pollinator
Moreton Bay Ash	*Corymbia tessellaris*	Evergreen	Australian Native	Large	20-25	10-15	12.5	no data	medium	Bird, Insect, Pollinator
Mushashino	*Zelkova serrata* 'Mushashino'	Deciduous	Exotic	Medium	9-12	4-6	5	no data	high	Birds, mammals
Native Frangipani	*Hymenosporum flavum*	Evergreen	Australian native	Large	6-10	4-6	5	no data	low	Bird, Insect, Pollinator
Norfolk Island Pine	*Araucaria heterophylla*	Evergreen	Australian native	Large	60	15	15	no data	medium	no data
Orchid Tree	*Bauhinia purpurea*	Deciduous	Exotic	Medium	10-12	3-6	4.5	medium	medium	Insect, Pollinator
Orchid Tree	*Bauhinia variegata*	Deciduous	Exotic	Small	5-6	2-3	2.5	medium	medium	Insect, Pollinator
Oriental Plane Tree	*Platanus orientalis*	Deciduous	Exotic	Large	10-15	10-15	12.5	high	high	no data
Pagoda Tree	*Sophora japonica*	Deciduous	Exotic	Small	5-8	4-6	5	high	high	Insect, Pollinator
Pecan Tree	*Carya illinoinensis*	Deciduous	Exotic	Large	20-25	18-22	18.5	high	high	Insect, Pollinator
Persian Silk Tree	*Albizzia julibrissin*	Deciduous	Exotic	Small	4-5	3-4	3.5	medium	medium	Pollinator
Pin Oak	*Quercus palustris*	Deciduous	Exotic	Large	15-20	8-16	12	high	high	no data
Purple Orchid Tree	*Bauhinia x blakeana*	Deciduous	Exotic	Small	8-9	4-5	4.5	medium	low	Insect, Pollinator
Red Alder	*Alnus rubra*	Deciduous	Exotic	Large	12-15	4-8	6	high	medium	no data
Red Capped Gum	*Eucalyptus erythrocorys*	Evergreen	Australian native	Small	6-8	4-5	4.5	medium	medium	Bird, Insect, Pollinator

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Red Flowering Gum	*Corymbia ficifolia*	Evergreen	Australian native	Medium	8-11	5-10	7.5	high	medium	Bird, Insect, Mammal / Lizard, Pollinator
Redbud	*Cercis siliquastrum*	Deciduous	Exotic	Small	6-8	3-4	3.5	high	low	Insect, Pollinator
SA Blue Gum	*Eucalyptus leucoxylon*	Evergreen	Australian native	Large	15-20	7-15	11	high	high	Bird, Insect, Pollinator
Silky Oak	*Grevillea robusta*	Evergreen	Australian native	Large	10-15	5-10	7.5	high	high	Bird, Insect, Pollinator
Southern Blue Gum	*Eucalyptus globulus*	Evergreen	Australian native	Large	15-20	15-20	17.5	high	high	Bird, Insect, Mammal / Lizard, Pollinator
Spotted Gum	*Corymbia maculata*	Evergreen	Australian native	Large	15-20	8-10	9	high	high	Bird, Insect, Mammal / Lizard, Pollinator
Torwood Coral Gum	*Eucalyptus 'Torwood'*	Evergreen	Australian native	Small	5-8	3-6	4.5	no data	low	Bird, Insect, Pollinator
Trident Maple	*Acer buergerianum*	Deciduous	Exotic	Medium	6-10	3-8	5.5	medium	medium	Insect, Pollinator
Tuart	*Eucalyptus gomphocephala*	Evergreen	Australian native	Large	12-18	10-15	12.5	high	high	Bird, Insect, Pollinator
Tuckeroo	*Cupaniopsis anacardioides*	Evergreen	Australian native	Small	7-8	4-5	4.5	no data	medium	Bird, Insect, Pollinator
Tulipwood	*Harpullia pendula*	Evergreen	Australian native	Large	8-15	2-3	2.5	no data	high	Bird, Insect, Pollinator
Water Gum	*Tristaniopsis laurina*	Evergreen	Australian native	Medium	5-10	4-8	6	no data	medium	Bird, Insect, Pollinator
Water Gum	*Tristaniopsis laurina 'Luscious'*	Evergreen	Australian native	Medium	5-10	4-8	6	no data	medium	Bird, Insect, Pollinator
White Cedar	*Melia azedarach*	Deciduous	Australian native	Medium	10-12	5-7	6	high	high	Bird, Pollinator
White Orchid Tree	*Bauhinia aculeata*	Deciduous	Exotic	Small	3.5-6	4-5	4.5	medium	low	Insect, Pollinator
Willow Myrtle	*Agonis flexuosa*	Evergreen	Australian native	Medium	8-12	8-10	9	high	high	Bird, Insect, Mammal / Lizard, Pollinator


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Capital Works Monthly Project Update - January 2026

Strategic Alignment - Our Corporation

Public

Tuesday, 17 February 2026

Infrastructure and Public Works Committee

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This report provides a summary view of the Capital Works Program delivery and financial performance as of 31 January 2026 including a snapshot of headline projects either complete or in progress, future procurement activities and upcoming community consultation and engagement activities.

The Infrastructure Program will present a monthly report to the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee reflecting the previous monthly performance.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the Capital Works Program Update for January 2026 as contained within this report and Attachment A to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 17 February 2026.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

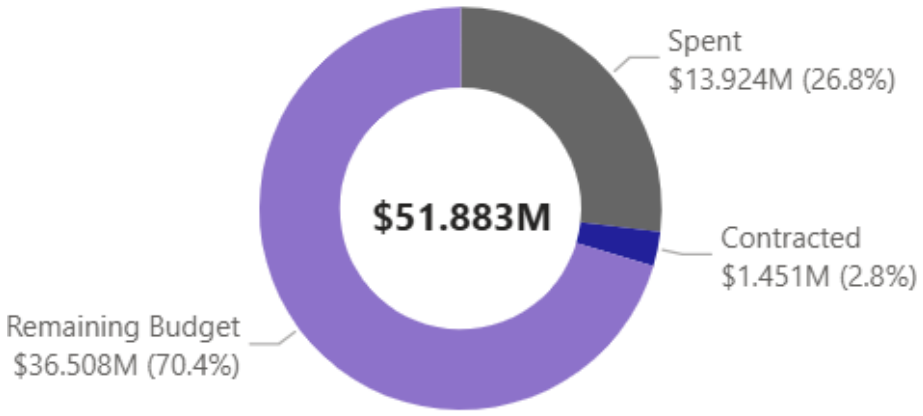
City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Our Corporation Strategy, Value and Efficiency - Strategic and Capital Projects are delivered on time and on budget (target 75%)
Policy	Not as a result of this report
Consultation	Consultation and / or engagement to various levels as required for the delivery of each project has or will be undertaken.
Resource	Projects delivered through a combination of Council resources, contract staff and external contractors and suppliers.
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Not as a result of this report
Opportunities	Not as a result of this report
25/26 Budget Allocation	This report tracks capital works performance against the 2025/26 Capital Works budget of $120.663m. *Note the figure listed is subject to Council consideration and approval of 2025/26 Business Plan & Budget Quarter 2 Review.*
Proposed 26/27 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Life expectancy of assets varies by asset class.
25/26 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Ongoing costs for the maintenance of new and/or renewed assets will be factored into future Asset Management and Maintenance Plans, Business Plans and Budgets.
Other Funding Sources	Projects reported on are primarily funded from Council's Capital Budget, however various State and Federal grant funding opportunities have been leveraged against a number of projects.

DISCUSSION

1. The total revised Capital Expenditure Budget for 2025/26 subject to Council approval as part of the 2025/26 Business Plan & Budget Quarter 2 Review is $120.663m.
2. The Capital Works Program is itemised as follows:
    2.1. New and Upgrade Projects are identified through Council's Strategies and Plans and defined as complex in nature, installation of new infrastructure and upgrades to existing infrastructure. The revised funding allocated within the 2025/26 financial period totals $51.883m.
    2.2. Renewal Projects are grouped against multiple asset categories and are directly aligned to maintenance service levels contained within Council's Asset Management Plans. The funding allocated within the 2025/26 financial period totals $68.780m.
3. The monthly Capital Works Update provides the status of these two capital programs as at the end of each calendar month.
4. Contractors returned mid-January to our construction sites. The sites remained safe and secure over the break. January was a quiet month in the field; extreme heat also resulted in lost hours of work.

New and Upgrade

5. New and Upgrade Projects as of 31 January 2026 reflects $13.924m in spend and a further $1.451m in contracted works.



6. New and Upgrade Summary:
    6.1. New and Upgrade projects are classified as complex in nature, new infrastructure installation and or upgrade to infrastructure that already exists.
    6.2. As we move into the second half of financial year 2025/26, the New and Upgrade program is delivering outcomes on several fronts, including projects tied to State Government funding, continuing support to our five Mainstreet upgrades, as well as current and forward commitment to ageing Park Lands building upgrades through a recurrent annual budget.
    6.3. There were two New and Upgrade projects achieving Practical Completion in January 2026:
        6.3.1. Christmas Decorations – City Wide Capital Budget.
        6.3.2. Greening – North Terrace (Blyth Street to Victoria Street).
7. Examples of New and Upgrade Projects within this category are:
    7.1. Peacock Road Cycle Route: project continues to progress in alignment with City Plan 2036 and the Integrated Transport Strategy. The project is a Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) funded program. The project will deliver a separated on-road cycle lane along Peacock Road between

South Terrace and Greenhill Road, a key cycling corridor to and from the city, supporting mode shift to active transport and improving cycling amenity and safety along the City Spine.

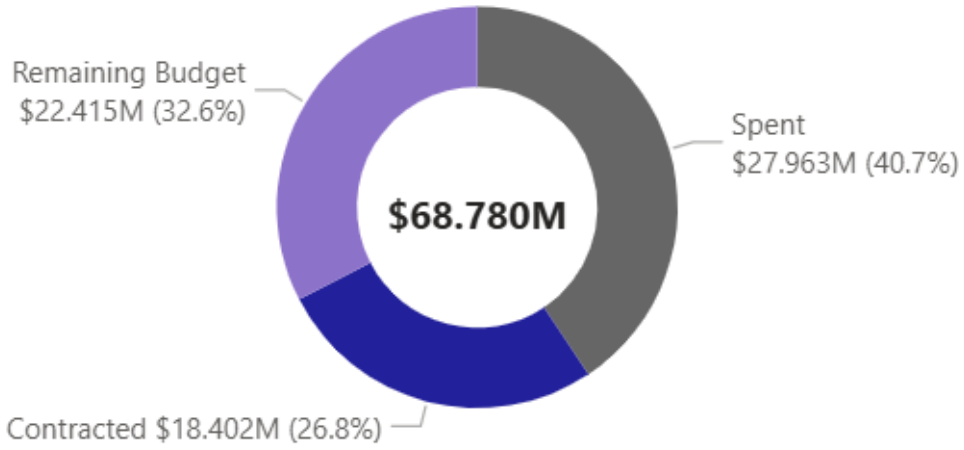
Funded through the National Road Safety Grant, the project remains on track for completion by 30 September 2026. The upgraded, more accessible cycling infrastructure will connect with the City of Unley's King William Road cycling project, further strengthening links to the inner suburbs.

7.2. Golden Wattle/Mirnu Wirra (Park 21 West) Community Sports Building: tender is currently at Contract/Issue for Construction (IFC) stage with award of Contract anticipated early to mid-February. The Sporting Club and CoA are assessing process and value managing where required. The project team are also coordinating with South Australian Power Networks to achieve a better value for money solution for a High Voltage Power Supply.

7.3. Two 'Bike and Pedestrian Actuated Crossing' (BPAC) projects - Sir Donald Bradman Drive and Glen Osmond Road have completed concept design phase and have now been moved into detailed design. Risks and design issues have been worked through with the project team to allow the detailed design phase to progress. Supported by a DIT funding agreement, construction is anticipated to be well underway this financial year on both BPACs with completion forecast to occur by September 2026 as per the deed with the funding agency. Town Clerk's Walk footpath renewal is in construction between King William Road and Frome Road, as is the renewal of the Park Lands access road from Sir Edwin Smith Avenue into the University Cricket Club. The project involves widening existing footpath and future proofing for lighting infrastructure along the length of the path. The project is anticipated to be completed in March 2026.

Renewal Projects

8. Renewals Projects as at 31January 2026 reflects $27.963m in spend and $18.402m in contracted works.



9. Renewal Project Summary:

9.1. Major renewal works are in progress including the Glen Osmond Road culvert and resurfacing of King William Road, North Terrace to Victoria Square.

9.2. Looking toward 2026/27, the Assets' Planning Team has been working closely with the Infrastructure Delivery Team to identify renewals projects and associated budgets for next year.

9.3. There were five Renewals projects achieving Practical Completion over January:

9.3.1. Adelaide Town Hall Façade Conservation Works.

9.3.2. Traffic Signal and Cables and Conduits Rehabilitation: Pulteney Street/Grenfell Street.

9.3.3. Traffic Signal Cables and Conduit Renewal – Anzac Highway/Park Trail.

9.3.4. Veale Gardens Veale Park/Waylu Yarta (Park 21) footpath renewal – various locations.

9.3.5. Electrical Switchboard Design and Renewal Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi (Park 16).

10. Examples of Renewal Projects within this category:

    10.1. Torrens Weir Gate Refurbishment: tender closed 15 January 2026 with evaluation meeting held in January 2026. Work to the north gate is anticipated to commence in March 2026 and ending in June 2026. A demobilisation plan is being sought from the tenderer to consider risk (particularly due to inclement weather). Given the risk and complexity of this work which will involve under water activities, stringent review and approval of the Work Health and Safety (WHS) Management Plan and Safe Work Method Statements (SWMS) will be undertaken prior to commencing. Delivery schedule has several dependencies, such as inclement weather, long lead time on materials, protracted tender negotiation stage and potential latent conditions. Works on the South Gate are currently programmed to occur in 2026/27.

    10.2. Flag Poles Victoria Square: several major milestones have been reached on the project, and we are on track to complete the installation towards the end of this financial year: Designs are finalised including flagpoles and footing design, drainage pits for poles and surrounds. Designs have passed Development Approval.

    Construction of new footings is scheduled to commence in April 2026. Footings will be left to cure for 28 days before the old poles can be removed, and new poles installed. This work is anticipated to commence in late May/June 2026, clear of any major events in Victoria Square.

    10.3. Glen Osmond Road Improvements: stormwater drainage infrastructure located in the Park Lands adjacent Glen Osmond Road (spanning from Greenhill Road to Marshmallow Park) including the renewal of the bridge/culvert at the junction of the creek and open drainage channel is being delivered in conjunction with renewal of public lighting on Glen Osmond Road. Construction is progressing well; and is Council's largest Renewals project for 2025/26 (by budget). Completion is anticipated before end of financial year.

    10.4. Pirie Street Improvements, Pulteney to East Terrace: the purpose of this project is to deliver asset renewals for Pirie Street, between Pulteney Street and Frome Street, in line with the Asset Management Plans which includes road resurfacing, partial renewal of sections of Kerb and Water table and explores street tree opportunities incorporating Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) features. Detailed design pending, works are anticipated to be procured early in 2026 with construction commencing April 2026.

Greening Adelaide Streets

11. The below table reflects progress with tree planting at the end of January 2026. It should be noted that tree planting will resume in March/April 2026 when temperatures are cooler. New tree pits will be installed from now until then.

12. A further five streets have been awarded to contractors to begin constructing tree pits for a total of 48 trees. This work will begin in the coming weeks.

13. Another four streets have been issued to contractors for pricing for another 51 trees. Once prices have been received these will also be issued for construction.

14. Tree Planting 2025/26 as of 31 January 2026 shows positive progress toward our target of 200 trees.

Street	Common Tree Name	Number
Cardwell Street North/South	*Callery Pear*	6
Nelson Street	*Box Elder Maple*	3
South Terrace	*Japanese Elm*	15
Barton terrace East	*Japanese Elm,* *Mediterranean Hackberry* *Chinese Flame Tree* *Chinese Pistachio*	9
Market Street	*Chinese Pistachio*	10
Marion Street	*Birchleaf Pear, Callery Pear*	4
Logan Street	*Dwarf Lemon Scented Gum*	6
116 North Terrace	*London plane Tree*	2
O'Connell Street	*London plane Tree*	2
Tynte Street	*European Ash*	1
Archer Street	*Gleditsia triacanthos- Shademaster*	1
Ifould Street	*Australian Blackwood*	4
Bewes Street	*Cape Chestnut*	8
Vincent Street & Vincet Place	*Chinses Pistachio* *Callery Pear*	14
Whitmore Square	*Japanese Elm*	16
	Running Total this FY.	**101**

Capital Works Program

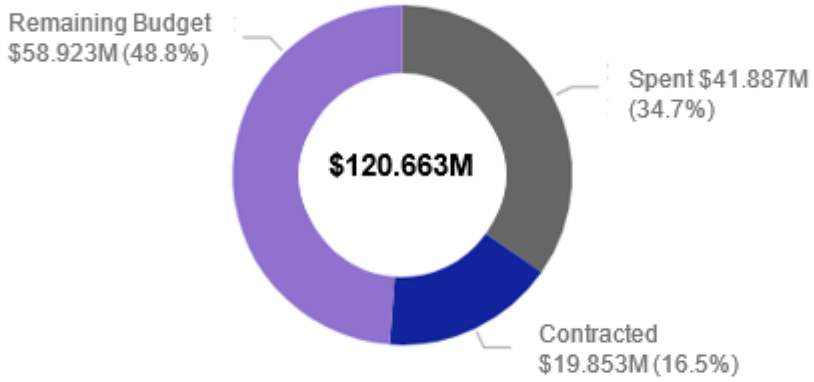
15. There are 377 projects within the approved program in the 2025/26 financial year.

16. Within the 2025/26 Capital Works Program there are currently 107 projects within the Initiate, Concept and Design phase.

17. The total value of projects within the Initiate, Concept and Design Phase is $6.055m.

18. There are 270 projects currently in the Delivery Phase with a total value of $114.607m. Of these projects, Practical Completion has been achieved on 34 New and Upgrade, 44 Renewals and four combined New and Upgrade and Renewals projects – 82 projects in total.

19. The total expenditure against the Capital Works Program to the end January 2026 is $41.887m spent with a further $19.853m contracted, totalling $61.740m in the first seven months.



20. Summary of commitments and expenditure by asset class for January 2026.

Capital Works	No. of Projects*	Approved Budget	Commitments	Expenditure	Remaining Budget
Asset Renewals	**289**	**$68.780M**	**$18.402M**	**$27.963M**	**$22.415M**
Corporate Overhead		$6.464M	$0.000M	$4.015M	$2.449M
Bridges	3	$0.190M	$0.004M	$0.028M	$0.158M
Buildings	51	$14.138M	$4.075M	$5.255M	$4.809M
ICT Renewals	12	$1.693M	$0.026M	$0.905M	$0.762M
Light'g & Electrical	40	$4.106M	$2.851M	$1.315M	($0.059M)
Park Lands Assets	14	$1.561M	$0.728M	$0.554M	$0.279M
Plant and Fleet	4	$2.427M	$0.593M	$0.991M	$0.842M
Traffic Signal	16	$2.838M	$0.773M	$1.769M	$0.295M
Transport	93	$23.286M	$7.023M	$10.392M	$5.870M
Urban Elements	46	$4.558M	$0.654M	$0.738M	$3.166M
Water Infrastructure	10	$7.519M	$1.675M	$1.999M	$3.845M
New/Upgrade Projects	**112**	**$51.883M**	**$1.451M**	**$13.924M**	**$36.508M**
Corporate Overhead		$7.736M	$0.000M	$2.578M	$5.158M
New/Upgrade Projects	67	$16.614M	$4.105M	$3.652M	$8.857M
Buildings	7	$9.384M	$0.267M	$0.764M	$8.354M
ICT Renewals	2	$0.130M	$0.058M		$0.072M
Light'g & Electrical	2	$0.233M			$0.233M
Park Lands Assets	4	$5.804M	($4.526M)	$4.526M	$5.804M
Plant and Fleet	5	$0.684M	$0.000M	$0.044M	$0.640M
Streets	2	$0.667M	$0.000M	$0.006M	$0.660M
Traffic Signal	4	$3.125M	$0.086M	$0.063M	$2.975M
Transport	14	$6.018M	$1.401M	$2.199M	$2.418M
Urban Elements	2	$0.821M	$0.000M	$0.001M	$0.820M
Water Infrastructure	3	$0.667M	$0.059M	$0.091M	$0.517M
Total	**377**	**$120.663M**	**$19.853M**	**$41.887M**	**$58.923M**

Inclusive of combined, New and Upgrade and renewal projects.

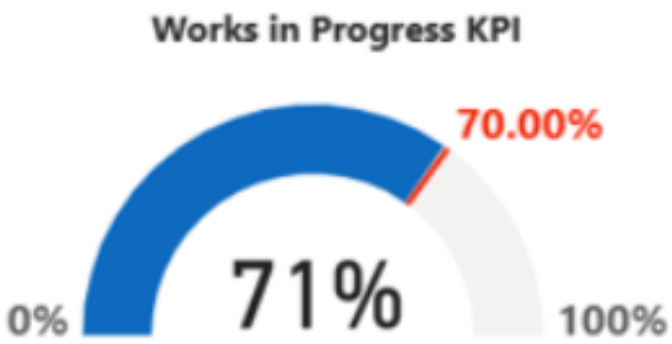
Plant and Fleet includes Commercial, Plant and Fleet.

Transport is made up of Roads, Pathways, Kerb and water table.

Total Project Count (TPC): Mixed-Funded projects are only counted once in the TPC.

21. Examples of those works completed or in progress are reflected in **Attachment A** - Capital Works.

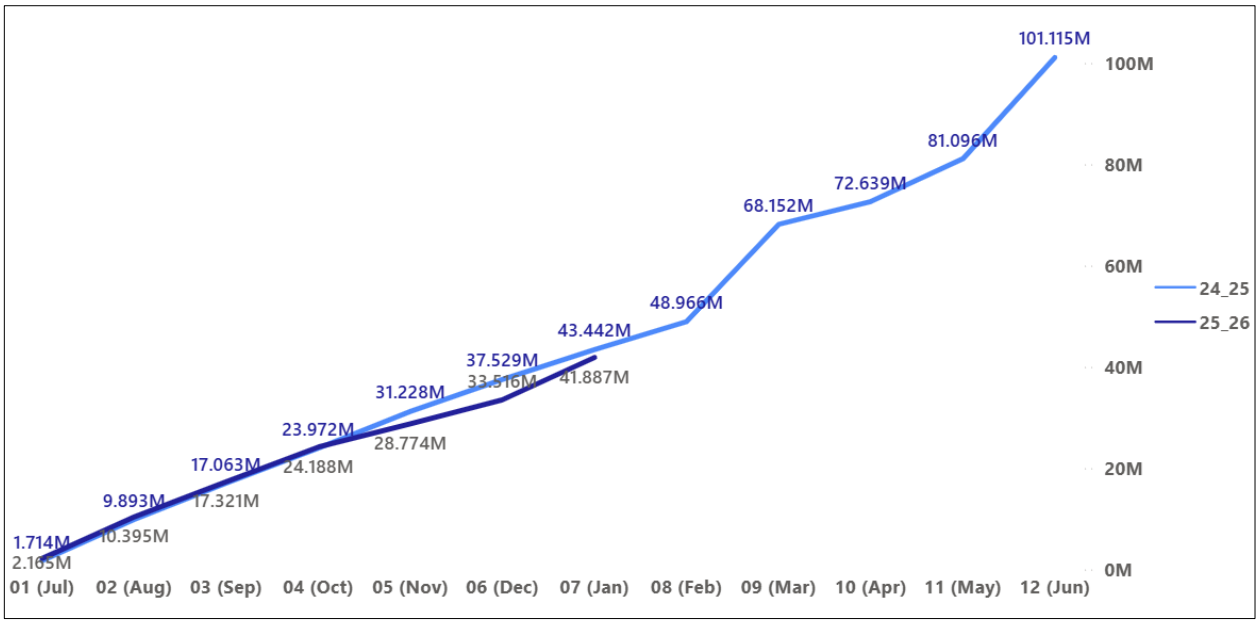
22. Works in Progress (WIP) is the capitalisation of projects within 10 weeks following Practical Completion. WIP currently sits at 71%, against our KPI target of 70%.



23. Our WIP progress has been impacted by earlier tree planting contracts and the need for as built documents and information for capitalisation, this has been addressed.

Capital Works Year on Year Spend Profile

24. The spend profile for January 2026 reflects a capital spend of $41,887m year to date, compared to $43.442m in January 2025. This represents a 4% decrease on the same period last year.



Future Procurement Activities

25. The following procurement activities are currently being undertaken or will commence shortly:

    25.1. Melbourne Street improvements: Wombat Crossings / tender evaluation phase.

    25.2. Christmas tree renewal: Award pending.

    25.3. Gouger Street revitalisation: Out to Market.

    25.4. Torrens Weir Gate Refurbishment: Tender Open.

Future Community Consultation and Engagement Activities

26. The following are some of the community consultation activities and engagements that are ongoing or planned:

    26.1. Melbourne Street: Program context (endorsed by Council – Dec 2025), Community and stakeholder engagement on concept plans: March – June 2026.

    26.2. Blue Gum Park/Kurangga (Park 20) Glover playground: Planning is underway for a two-stage engagement approach. The team is aiming to start early March 2026 with the concept stage needing to be progressed by June 2026.

    26.3. King William Road Improvements – road resealing. Night works is being undertaken with communication undertaken to nearby businesses.

Grant Funding Confirmed

27. The table below reflects the year-to-date position relating to achieved funding.

Grants awarded in 25/26		
Grant Scheme	**Project**	**Grant Amount**
Roads to Recovery *	King William Road	$ 449,564
Financial Assistance Grant	Currie / Grenfell Street	$ 191,960
State Government	Statues Commemorating South Australian Aboriginal Leaders	$ 291,260
Charter Hall	James Place	$ 500,000
State Bike Fund	Franklin Street-Elizabeth Street-Byron Place Cycling and Walking/Wheeling Priority Intersection - Detailed Design	$ 20,000
State Bike Fund	Barton Terrace East Roundabout with Safer Shared Cycling and Park Lands Trails Crossings - Construction	$ 58,171
State Bike Fund	River Torrens Linear Park - Shared Use Path Improvements (West of Victoria Bridge	$ 200,000
State Bike Fund	Pulteney St, South Tce, Unley Rd Intersection Improvements	$ 20,000
Blackspot	Morphett and Grote Street	$ 245,000
Blackspot	Morphett and Franklin Street	$ 260,000
Special Local Roads	Jeffcott street	$ 1,000,000
	Total	**$ 3,235,955**

*Note: Roads to Recovery have awarded CoA $2,247,818 to be expended over 5 years, $449,564 is the amount allocated for the 2025/26 financial year.

28. The information provided reflects the first seven months of the 2025/26 financial year. For further details on the 2025/26 Capital Program, the Council Member Corporate Dashboard has a dedicated Capital Works section.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Capital Works Projects in Focus – January 2026

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Capital Works

January 2026 Update

Infrastructure & Public Works Committee

This report provides an overview of Capital Projects either complete or progressing for the month of January 2026.

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Central Market Arcade Redevelopment

New/Upgrade

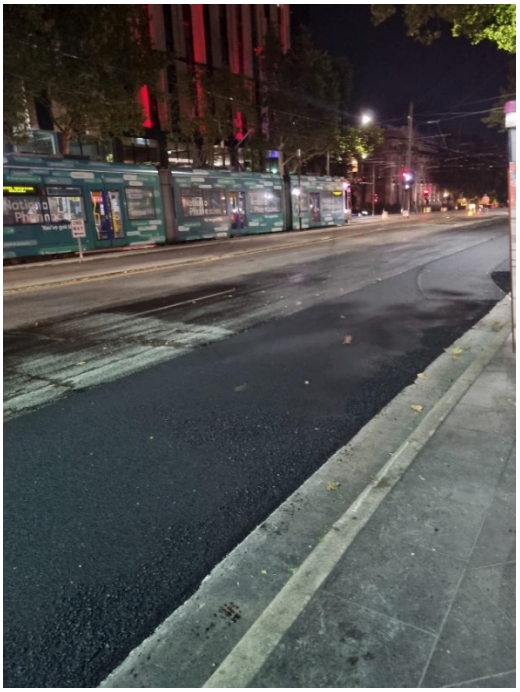
There are 540 personnel working on site. The northern residential/ hotel tower has now reached Level 34.

The north tower facade installation is now up to Level 30 and the southern tower installation is complete. The Gouger Street brick façade is complete. The Grote Street brick façade continues to the east. Balconies along both facades are now being installed.

Ongoing utilities works continued to occur on Gouger Street to enable site services connection including SAPN, SA Water, APA (gas). These have now concluded.

King William Street Pavement Rehabilitation

Renewal



After 6 months of planning and coordinating with multiple external parties and authorities, works commenced on the King William Street pavement in late January.

Works include removing the existing road pavement between North Terrace and Waymouth Street/Pirie Street and replacing it with new road pavement and relining.

Victoria Drive Footpath Renewal

Renewal

This project renews the asphalt footpath along Victoria Drive on the southern side of the road between Frome Road and the second driveway crossover (southern side).

The renewal of the spoon drain has been completed.

Works are anticipated to be completed by the end of February.

Glen Osmond / Hutt Road and Park 17 Improvements

New/Upgrade and Renewal

During January, works continued along the old creek alignment, with culverts installed.

Stage 2 works include New & Upgrade elements, namely an extension of the shared-use path on the eastern side of Hutt Road and lighting which has now been brought forward from 2026/27.

The new road surface is scheduled for early March with the shared-use path and landscaping to follow.

Works are scheduled for completion by 30 June 2026.

Veale Gardens Footpath Renewal

New/Upgrade

Footpath renewal works across several locations within Veale Gardens have recently been completed.

This project focused on renewing pedestrian paths, creating smoother and more comfortable routes for users. Path widths generally range between 1.5 and 2 metres where space allowed, helping improve accessibility while working within the natural garden setting.

Adelaide Central Market Basement Structural Rehabilitation

Renewal

This project commenced in October 2025 and aims to undertake a detailed structural rehabilitation program targeting the key elements of the basement framework.

The works will not only restore the integrity of the structure but also ensure its compliance with relevant safety standards and extend the operational life of the facility.

The team achieved some key milestones during January including removal of all the old concrete and fill (approx. 400mm to base layer) and installing the hydraulic stormwater system prior to the first concrete pour on Monday 2 February.

Works have been undertaken between 7pm - 3am to avoid disruption to Market trading.

Hutt Street & South Terrace Stormwater Improvements

New/Upgrade

Road modification works have been completed successfully on the South Terrace / Hutt Road intersection.

Vehicle ride quality issue in kerbside south-bound lane, south of the intersection have now been resolved.

The project included kerb and footpath enhancements on the intersection corner.

Contractor commenced on site on 12 January 2026 with works to be completed in early February 2026.

Archer Street: O’Connell Street to Jeffcott Street

Renewal

The concrete flagstone footpath is being renewed along Archer Street (north and south side) between Jeffcott Street and O'Connell Street.

Works are progressing well with large format flagstones being laid to maintain the heritage aesthetic of the street.

The project is anticipated to be completed in April 2026.