

Mayor's Message



I am pleased to present the City of PAE's Annual Business Plan 2026-27, which outlines the services, facilities and programs we will deliver over the coming year in support of our City Vision. Together with our Long-Term Financial Plan and Four-Year Business Plan, this document sets out how we will continue working towards a welcoming, liveable city made by people.

This year, to support a **thriving community**, we will begin implementing a Social Infrastructure Plan to guide the delivery of welcoming, safe and fit-for-purpose places and spaces across PAE. We will continue to grow programs at Yitpi Yartapuultiku and progress upgrades to selected parks, gardens and sporting grounds.

To strengthen our local **economy**, we will establish a business advisory panel and continue supporting small businesses through our Small Business Growth Grant program. We will also partner with service providers to promote tourism and deliver business events that support local enterprise.

To progress a **clean and green city**, we will deliver waste initiatives that support a circular economy, plant at least 3,000 new trees and work with partners to expand canopy on private land. We will also continue investigating opportunities to better utilise water across our city.

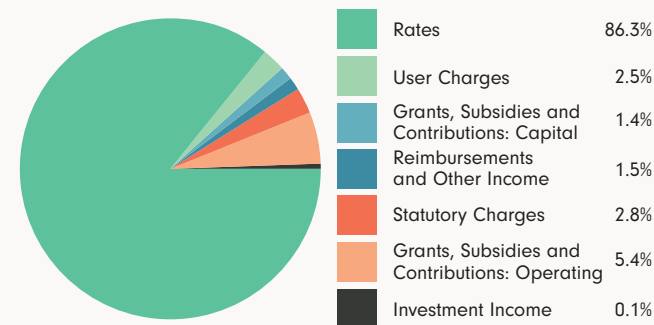
To help create **places for people**, we will commence the Semaphore Foreshore redevelopment and deliver a series of celebrations and events across our city that enable us to connect with one another.

This plan has been shaped through consultation with our community, staff and Elected Members to ensure resources are aligned with local priorities. While we have minimised expenditure where possible, we will continue to invest in key infrastructure and community assets. This approach supports long-term financial sustainability while remaining responsive to changing economic conditions.

Above all, it's the people of PAE who make our city a vibrant, safe and healthy place, and I look forward to continuing our work together.

Claire Boan
Mayor, City of PAE

Sources of funding:



Your rates at work

How every \$100 of your rates payment is spent

\$28.24
Environment,
Stormwater and
Waste Management

\$25.30
Sporting Facilities,
Parks and
Recreation

\$23.42
Road and Footpath
Infrastructure

\$8.20
Community Safety
and Support
Services

\$6.34
Libraries, Culture
and Heritage

\$4.68
Building, Planning
and Health Services

\$2.53
Depot
Operations

\$1.19
Tourism and Economic
Development

\$0.10
Council
Governance

You can read more about how rates work
and how to pay on our website at:
cityofpae.sa.gov.au/rates

During 2025–26 we:

- Were recognised by ESCOSA in its formal advice as financially sustainable, and we identified \$5.9 million in efficiency savings through improved operations
- Delivered flagship celebration events, including New Year's Eve, Christmas Parade and New Found Sound, to activate places and strengthen arts and cultural participation in our city
- Delivered the Living Environment Program in partnership with community groups, supported Clean Up Australia activities and progressed the Living Environment Plan and related plans for community consultation
- Engaged with the community and endorsed a Social Infrastructure Plan for community centres, libraries and halls, alongside the Inclusive Communities Plan, to guide sustainable service provision and access
- Delivered more than \$60 million in capital works, including renewing and replacing existing assets and constructing new and upgraded assets

You can read more detail about what we have planned in the Annual Business Plan 2026–27 available online at

cityofpae.sa.gov.au/council/plans-reports
or at the City of PAE Civic Centre,
163 St Vincent St, Port Adelaide.

2026–27 highlights:

The following highlights represent just a selection of the initiatives we have planned. The full list of initiatives is available in the Annual Business Plan 2026–27.



Thriving Community

We will expand Yitpi Yartapuultiku programs to support cultural learning, connection and community participation.



Clean and Green City

We will deliver wetlands management, tree planting and Living Environment Program actions to support our environmental sustainability.



Prosperous Economy

We will support local businesses through grants, advisory services, and tourism and investment attraction initiatives.



Places for People

We will begin redeveloping Semaphore Foreshore to deliver accessible, welcoming public spaces and strengthen local connections.