

PAE environment | Report Card 2024–25

A summary of our key environmental achievements for 2024–25

Sustainability is one of five guiding principles of our City Vision that has a goal of a Clean and Green City. The Living Environment Program (LEP) was established to accelerate environmental and climate change action that moves beyond business as usual and responds to the Council's leadership and commitment on these issues.

Highlights:

3,016
trees planted in streets and reserves

100%
renewable electricity purchased for council operations

77
bird species observed across 9 survey sites

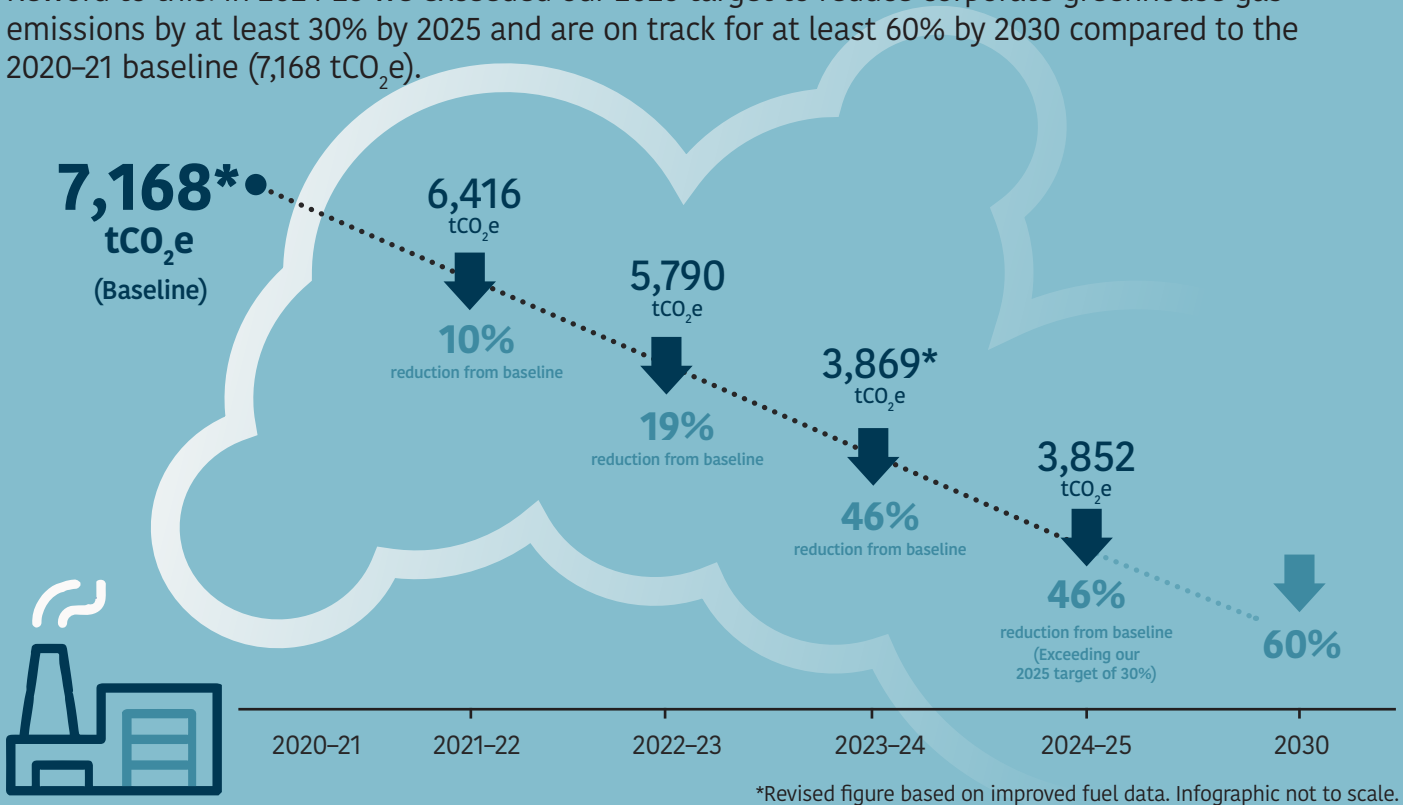
645
Living Environment e-newsletter subscribers

46%
reduction in corporate greenhouse gas emissions compared to 2020-21 baseline

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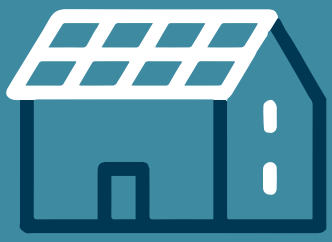
Net Zero Emissions

Reword to this: In 2024-25 we exceeded our 2025 target to reduce corporate greenhouse gas emissions by at least 30% by 2025 and are on track for at least 60% by 2030 compared to the 2020–21 baseline (7,168 tCO_2e).



*Revised figure based on improved fuel data. Infographic not to scale.

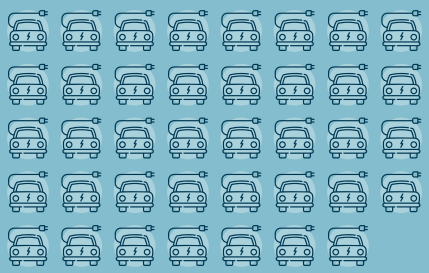
924kW
of rooftop solar on **47 council owned, operated or leased buildings (incl. 35kW added in 2024-25)**



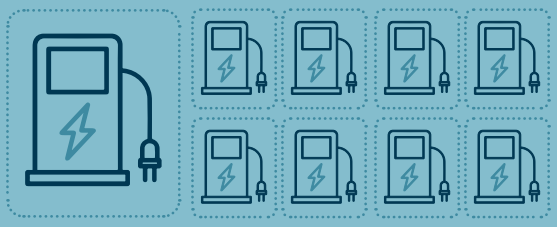
85kW
of battery storage installed across **5 council sites**

Our electric fleet has grown to

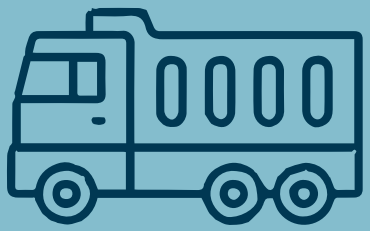
39



light EVs by the end of 2024–25



Our EV charging network remains at 9 charge stations, with a review undertaken to plan for future heavy-fleet requirements.



1,136t of emissions generated by our kerbside collection vehicles was **offset by Cleanaway**

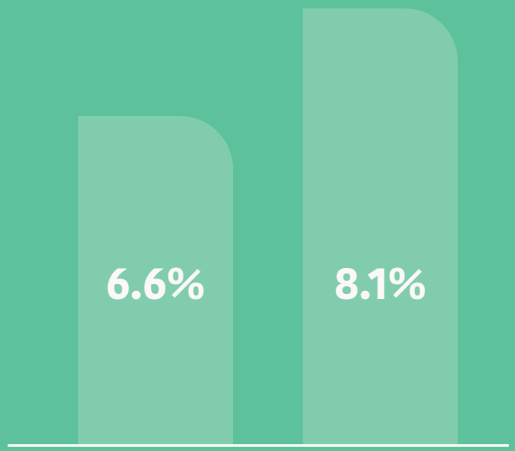
Greening Our City

Target to increase tree canopy cover by

35%

by 2050

Tree Canopy Cover
increase of 1.5% from 2018



12,700

local native seedlings planted to enhance biodiversity and improve habitats for wildlife

Tree planting - annual target of **2,500 street trees, 500 reserve trees** (plus 500 trees on private land*)



2023–24

3,044

Trees Planted

2,540 street trees and
504 reserve trees
(plus **512** on private land*)

2024–25

3,016

Trees Planted

2,508 street trees and
508 reserve trees
(plus **449** on private land*)

*Includes trees given away at community events and via Get Shady program

Get Shady

Since 2022 we've given away more than 1,199 trees to residents to plant in their yard.



In 2025 **449** native trees were given away to households to increase our tree canopy on private land, including **330** through giveaway events and **119** through a new tree rebate program.

Trees given away:

150	300	300	449
(2022)	(2023)	(2024)	(2025)



In May 2025 an uncommon sighting of more than 40 Red-capped Plovers were observed by one of our citizen scientists at Barker Inlet Wetlands.

Waste & Recycling

9,155t
Recyclables

13,538t
Organics

23,571t
General Waste

65,147 households accessing the kerbside collection service

2,258 tonnes of hard waste materials collected

23,361 hard waste collections booked

2,600 tonnes of garden waste dropped off

Recycled Roads

12,301

tonnes of recycled asphalt saved **471 tonnes** of greenhouse gas emissions



2,189

tonnes diverted from landfill in 2024–25 through the use of Downer's Reconophalt in our road resealing program.

Reconophalt™

Community Environment Action

37
school and community waste education sessions with KESAB, CAWRA and Bin Thinking

$28,025
Environmental Grants provided to 7 local community groups

277
people registered to attend 9 Port Environment Forum sessions supported by Council

$30,250
Green Business Incentive Scheme grants provided to 5 businesses

1005
residents involved in Grow It Local activities (partnership with Green Adelaide)

115
bird surveys undertaken in council reserves by our volunteers