

State of the City Scorecard

July 2026 update



This commentary supports the July 2026 State of the City Scorecard. It explains the movements from the December 2025 scorecard and provides context for updated, corrected or revised indicators.

Status category	July 2026 count	Commentary
On track *	32	Includes indicators assessed against a baseline or target direction, plus baseline-year indicators where 2025 results establish the first reporting point.
Not on track ^	4	Includes community connectedness, provision of usable open space, Kaurna Cultural Mapping, and people who enjoy living in the Council area.
Not reported at this time	5	Indicators awaiting new Census, LiDAR or other source data.

* Performance has been assessed using a $\pm 5\%$ point tolerance from the baseline. Variations within this range are considered acceptable and remain as "On Track."

^ Where an indicator exceeds the 5% threshold and moves in the opposite direction to the target, it is reported as "Not on Track."

Main changes since December 2025

Indicator	July 2026 status	Rationale / commentary
Provision of usable open space	Not on track	Updated status following review against the 4 ha per 1,000 people baseline/target. July 2026 result is 2.68 ha per 1,000 people.
Gross Regional Product	On track	Updated 2024/25 GRP is \$13.323B, above the 2023/24 baseline of \$13.135B.
Total commercial and industrial carbon emissions	On track	Revised FY 2023/24 data was obtained in May 2026. Baseline was corrected in July 2026 (FY 2021/22). Although the target direction was to decrease, the indicator's relative contribution to TME within each respective FY increased on the opposite direction by only 2 % (from 39% to 41%), remaining within the agreed $\pm 5\%$ tolerance threshold and therefore remains "On Track."
Tonnes of waste diverted from landfill via kerbside recycling and organics bin collection	On track	2025/26 forecast is 26,273 tonnes. Baseline was corrected in July 2026.
Total Municipal Emissions (TME)	On track	Revised 2023/24 data was obtained in May 2026 and assessed against the target direction. Although the target direction was to decrease, the 4% increase on the opposite direction (from 1,346,000 T to 1,396,400 T) remains within the agreed $\pm 5\%$ tolerance threshold and therefore remains "On Track."
First Nations culture and living heritage	On track	Baseline was updated in May 2026 using the 2023 Community Survey. Status was reviewed against the reporting threshold.
Percentage of city where Kaurna Cultural Mapping has been undertaken	Not on track	Indicator remains unchanged. Further project planning is required to establish the baseline and track toward whole-of-city mapping by 2029.
Percentage of respondents who enjoy living in the Council area	Not on track	Status updated after review of the reporting threshold. The 2025 result is more than five percentage points below the 2023 baseline.

Thriving Community

The vast majority of Thriving Community indicators remain on track. Community Connectedness remains not on track and should continue to be monitored through future Community Survey cycles.

Provision of usable open space has changed to not on track following the July 2026 update. The current result is 2.68 hectares per 1,000 people against a baseline/target of 4 hectares per 1,000 people.

Several indicators are based on 2025 survey baselines and will be more meaningful for trend analysis after the 2027 Community and Business Survey.

Prosperous Economy

Prosperous Economy indicators, where data is available, are all on track. They are generally tracking positively, with Gross Regional Product (GRP) upgraded to on track following updated 2024/25 data.

The SEIFA Index of Education and Occupation remains not reported at this time because a new result will not be available until after the Australian Government 2026 Census release.

Business survey measures continue to require monitoring, particularly where the July 2026 report establishes or refines the baseline for future comparison.

Clean and Green City

Clean and Green City includes several updated and revised environmental indicators. Commercial and industrial emissions, waste diverted from landfill, and total municipal emissions are now reported as on track.

Some environmental datasets are revised by third-party providers after initial publication. The July 2026 review includes corrected baselines and revised 2023/24 data where available.

Tree canopy and urban heat island cover remain not reported at this time while Council awaits new LiDAR (or equivalent) data.

Nevertheless, based on the most recent results and anecdotal evidence, including the most recent reported result (8.1% in 2022), the long-term target of 35% by 2050, and the land use characteristics of the City of Port Adelaide Enfield (high proportion of industrial land), the indicator is likely "Not On Track", subject to confirmation when updated data is released.

Places for People

Places for People includes both positive baseline-year indicators and two indicators now reported as not on track.

The First Nations culture and living heritage indicator has been upgraded to on track after the baseline was updated in May 2026 using 2023 Community Survey data.

Kaurna Cultural Mapping is now not on track because progress is unchanged and the baseline needs to be confirmed through project planning.

The percentage of respondents who enjoy living in the Council area has moved to not on track because the 2025 result is more than five percentage points below the 2023 baseline.

Data interpretation notes

The State of the City Report is a tracking study rather than a real-time dashboard. Source datasets are updated at different intervals and some are subject to external publication lags.

Where external providers revise historical data or correct source datasets, the State of the City Report should update baselines and commentary to preserve consistency over time.

Where a new survey question establishes a baseline for the first time, the July 2026 scorecard treats the indicator as on track for the baseline year. Meaningful direction of travel will be available after the next Community and Business survey cycle, planned for 2027.

It is important to note that trends are only possible once three datapoints are available for an indicator. Future waves of the State of the City will allow for increased trend commentary.

State of the City Report



Thriving Community	Prosperous Economy	Clean And Green City	Places For People
We promote community capacity, connection and participation in civic life	We participate in the economy with the community in mind	We reduce the city's adverse environmental impact and participate in a circular economy	We walk together on Kaurna country
Perception of community connectedness	Perception of business respondents that Council support business and employment growth	Total commercial & industrial carbon emissions	Perception of respondents that report that Council helps create a vibrant and culturally rich community through supporting and celebrating First Nations Culture and living heritage
Perception of safety	SEIFA Index of Education and Occupation	Perception that Council manages energy and water resources efficiently and effectively	Labour Force Status - Participation rate - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
Awareness of Council activities and programs	We support local businesses, big and small, to grow, innovate and succeed	Tonnes of waste diverted from landfill via kerbside recycling and organics bin collection	Awareness of PAE's Aboriginal heritage and culture
We encourage cultural expression and recognise people's history, stories and connection to place	Awareness of events, programs and services to support businesses	Total municipal emissions	Percentage of city where Kaurna Cultural Mapping has been undertaken
Perception of respondents that report Council's welcoming to diverse cultures	Perception of business respondents that Council makes it easy to operate a business	We shape the city to tackle the challenges of a changing climate	We shape the city to be attractive and liveable and care for our cultural and built heritage
Perception of respondents that report Council helps create culturally rich community through community and cultural events	Perception of business respondents that Council provides effective services and support for local business	Perception of Council's readiness and responsiveness to climate impacts	Perception that the city is an attractive and livable destination
Perception of respondents that report Council values and celebrates our cultural and built heritage	Gross Regional Product	Perception that Council-managed spaces are environmentally resilient and future-ready	Perception of ease of movement within the city
We support and encourage people to live healthy and active lives	We invest in our local economy to benefit current and future generations	Percentage of land area covered by tree canopy	Percentage of respondents who enjoy living in the council area
Community infrastructure - accessibility	Perception of business respondents that PAE is a destination of choice to establish and operate a business	Dwellings with solar installations	Number of State and local Heritage listed sites
Provision of usable open space	Number of businesses	Percentage of urban heat island cover	People working in PAE that are residents
Perception of community wellbeing		We protect and enhance the city's natural environment	Visitation spend
		Perception that Council values the natural environment	We bring places to life through community events, culture, design and the arts
		Awareness of Council urban greening, biodiversity and community-based environmental initiatives	Perception of respondents that reports that the Council provides spaces, places and experiences that are unique and interesting
			Proportion of cultural and creative industries as a percentage of the total economy
			Tourism total as a proportion of SA Tourism per annum

Data correct as at July 2026

On track
 On track - baseline year
 Not on track
 Not reported at this time
 Bold Text = Objectives

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