

His Worship the Mayor
Councillors
City of Marion

Notice of Infrastructure and Environment Committee

Council Chamber, Council Administration Centre
245 Sturt Road, Sturt

Tuesday, 11 February 2025 at 6.30 pm

The CEO hereby gives Notice pursuant to the provisions under Section 83 of the *Local Government Act 1999* that an Infrastructure and Environment Committee will be held.

A copy of the Agenda for this meeting is attached in accordance with Section 83 of the Act.

Meetings of the Council are open to the public and interested members of this community are welcome to attend. Access to the Council Chamber is via the main entrance to the Administration Centre on Sturt Road, Sturt.



Tony Harrison
Chief Executive Officer

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1 Open Meeting**2 Kurna Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge the Kurna people, the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to their elders past and present.

3 Elected Member Declaration of Interest (if any)**4 Confirmation of Minutes****4.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on 12 November 2024**

Report Reference	IEC2502114.1
Originating Officer	Business Support Officer – Governance and Council Support – Cassidy Mitchell
Corporate Manager	Manager Office of the Chief Executive – Sarah Vinall
General Manager	Chief Executive Officer – Tony Harrison

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on 12 November 2024 be taken as read and confirmed.

ATTACHMENTS

1. IE C 241112 Minutes [4.1.1 - 8 pages]



**Minutes of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee
held on Tuesday, 12 November 2024 at 6.30 pm
Council Chamber, Council Administration Centre
245 Sturt Road, Sturt**



PRESENT

His Worship the Mayor Kris Hanna

Councillor Ian Crossland (left 7:53 pm)

Councillor Renuka Lama (from 6:37 pm)

Councillor Luke Naismith (from 6:42 pm)

Councillor Raelene Telfer

Councillor Jayne Hoffmann (Chair)

Councillor Joseph Masika

Councillor Amar Singh (left 8:29 pm)

Councillor Jason Veliskou

In Attendance

General Manager City Services - Angela Allison

General Manager City Development – Ben Keen

Manager Engineering, Environment and Assets - Mathew Allen

Unit Manager Environmental Sustainability - Rebecca Neumann

Environment Officer (Waste and Recycling) – Allison Byrne

Senior Strategic and Policy Planner - David Barone

Acting Manager Development and Regulatory Services – Maddie Frew

Executive Officer to the General Manager - Tracey Stringer

Matthew Hogan - Development Director, Innovation Districts, City and Port Adelaide

Steve Porch - Senior Development Manager, Innovation Districts and Port Adelaide

1 Open Meeting

The Chair opened the meeting at 6.32pm.

2 Kaurna Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the Kaurna people, the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to their elders past and present.

3 Elected Member Declaration of Interest

The following interests were disclosed:

- Nil

4 Confirmation of Minutes

4.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on 8 October 2024

Report Reference IEC241112R4.1

Moved Councillor Telfer

Seconded Mayor Hanna

That the minutes of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee Meeting held on 8 October 2024 be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried unanimously



5 Business Arising

5.1 Business Arising Statement - Action Items

Report Reference	IEC241112R5.1
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Moved Councillor Veliskou

Seconded Councillor Singh

That the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

1. Notes the business arising statement, meeting schedule and upcoming items.

Carried

6 Confidential Items - Nil

7 Reports for Discussion

The Chair sought and was granted leave of the meeting to vary the order of the agenda and consider the following item next on the agenda:

7.2 – Tonsley District Update – Governance and Car Parking

7.2 Tonsley District Update - Governance and Car Parking

Report Reference	IEC241112R7.2
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7:23 pm Councillor Crossland left the meeting
 7:26 pm Councillor Crossland re-entered the meeting
 7:31 pm Councillor Singh left the meeting
 7:38 pm Councillor Singh re-entered the meeting

Attendees from Renewal SA:

- Matthew Hogan - Development Director, Innovation Districts, City and Port Adelaide
- Steve Porch - Senior Development Manager, Innovation Districts and Port Adelaide

Presentation to Council by Renewal SA:

- Tonsley Innovation District Site Allotment Plan and Development Update
- Proposed Tonsley Governance Framework and updates on the car parking strategy and future support initiatives for the Precinct

Key Council Concerns Raised:

1. Governance Committee Representation: The Tonsley Innovation District Strategic Governance Committee, chaired by Di Dixon (State Innovation Places Lead), includes members from three SA Government departments and Flinders University for an initial term ending 31 December 2028. However, there is no representation from the City of Marion or Tonsley businesses. Council suggested creating an Advisory Group representing Tonsley businesses to provide input to the Governance Committee.
2. Car Parking Strategy: Councillors expressed concern over the current car parking plan, citing inadequate provisions that affect street parking. They requested an update and review of the Tonsley Car Parking Plan to address these issues.



3. Local Issue Engagement: The Flinders Greenway was discussed as an example of what the Council perceives as the State Government's limited engagement with local concerns.
4. Council Consultation: Council emphasised the need for direct consultation and regular updates on these matters to remain informed and involved.

Moved Mayor Hanna

Seconded Councillor Masika

That the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

1. Notes the State Government Innovation Places Framework.
2. Seeks Council endorsement to write to the State Government seeking to have a nominated delegate on the Tonsley Governance Committee.
3. Notes Renewal SA is currently developing a car parking plan for the Tonsley Precinct and requests a car parking proposal to be brought to Council for consideration during Quarter 1, 2025.

Carried unanimously

7.1 Environmental Sustainability Plan - draft scope and timeframe

Report Reference IEC241112R7.1

7:52 pm Councillor Naismith left the meeting

7:58 pm Councillor Naismith re-entered the meeting

Building on the Strategic Plan, the Environmental Sustainability Plan (2025-2030) seeks to:

- Broaden Council's environmental strategy, establishing priorities and resource needs across all services and operations.
- Address key environmental themes:
 - Biodiversity, urban greening, and tree management
 - Climate resilience and emissions reduction
 - Water conservation and management
 - Waste reduction and the circular economy
 - Sustainable living and community engagement
- Detail ongoing initiatives and identify new actions, including potential funding sources.
- Align with the 2024-2034 Strategic Plan and the City of Marion Environment Policy.
- Integrate with annual business planning to secure funding for new environmental projects.
- Incorporate the existing Carbon Neutral Plan, covering:
 - Emissions boundaries
 - Carbon neutrality targets and reporting
 - Community emission reduction efforts
- Summarize environmental expenditures to date.

Target Completion: Environmental Plan to be presented to Council by May 2025.

Council Member feedback:

- Pollution control is to be included in the Plan



- Carbon offsets and neutrality goals: balance costs with a focus on carbon reduction. Members advised there is likely to be limited support for paid carbon offsets
- Consider the carbon offsets generated by our own tree planting and even if can't be formally recorded as an offset consider how these types of contribution to greening the city can be described
- Evaluate whether a 2050 target is preferable to 2030, Options for changes to the target to be included in the May 2025 presentation
- Explore joint ventures, such as investment in a solar farm
- Incorporate the work being done by SRWRA
- Presentation of financials in a similar way to the paper could be misleading to the community. Consider financial presentation to be aligned to what the community thinks the categories of spend are – i.e. waste reduction, green electricity, education programs etc
- Address community priorities around tree planting, fleet sustainability, and eco-friendly design.

Moved Mayor Hanna

Seconded Councillor Crossland

That the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

1. Notes that an update on the drafting of the Environmental Sustainability Plan and environmental expenditure has been provided.
2. Notes that the Carbon Neutral Plan review will be integrated into the development of the Environmental Sustainability Plan.

Carried unanimously

7.3 Council's Role in Housing

Report Reference

IEC241112R7.3

7:53 pm Councillor Crossland left the meeting and did not return

8:04 pm Councillor Lama left the meeting

8:20 pm Councillor Lama re-entered the meeting

8:19 pm Councillor Singh left the meeting

8:21 pm Councillor Singh re-entered the meeting

8:29 pm Councillor Singh left the meeting and did not return

A discussion paper was prepared to explore and discuss opportunities and challenges related to housing within the City of Marion, as well as options for Council's potential involvement in housing provision.

Council Discussion Highlights:

- Rental Market Pressures: Issues with affordability and rising rental market values.
- Homelessness: Growing concern over increasing rates of homelessness.
- Developer Participation: The willingness of developers to incorporate affordable housing in their projects.
- Council's Role in Housing Delivery: Council considered options to expand its role, including potential rezoning and increased housing densities.



Principles for Consideration:

1. Suggestion to focus less on principle 1 as the desire for affordability will likely achieve diversity and smaller sizes
2. Concern about principle 5 focus on social outcomes as not our core business, unless this relates to affordability – need to make this principle clearer in intent
3. Consider additional principles focussed on:
 1. Explore a 'Build-Then-Sell' Model: Examining a model where Council funds, builds, and then sells housing.
 2. Focus on Larger Developments: Prioritise developments that provide reasonable scale. Avoid individual housing lots that deliver less than five dwellings (for example) unless specific to a demonstration project.

Housing Delivery Models Discussed:

- Direct Delivery: Council builds, owns, and/or sells affordable housing.
- Public-Private Joint Venture: Council partners with private developers to deliver housing.
- Not-for-Profit Joint Venture: Council partners with a Community Housing Provider for affordable housing projects.

Next Steps:

Administration will refine criteria, incorporating Council feedback, to identify a shortlist of potential sites and report to the 2025 Planning Day for discussion and direction for preferred sites / projects.

Moved Mayor Hanna

Seconded Councillor Veliskou

That the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

1. Notes the Paper which explores the potential roles for Council in housing provision; and
2. Agrees to further explore a role in housing provision with:
 - a. The following draft principles utilised as a basis for guiding future decisions relating to any housing development projects:
 - i. Deliver increased diversity of housing types, sizes and tenure.
 - ii. Demonstrate high quality design that responds to its context.
 - iii. Achieve sustainable development that also makes a net contribution to urban greening.
 - iv. Integrate projects within their community and setting.
 - v. Deliver improved social outcomes, wherever possible using partnerships.
 - vi. Realise a return to Council or support the reinvestment in Council assets.
 - b. Direction to staff to further document the options for preferred models and potential property locations for further project definition at the 2025 planning day.

Carried

7.4 Draft Submission - EPP Review

Report Reference IEC241112R7.4

8:57 pm Councillor Lama left the meeting

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8:59 pm Councillor Lama re-entered the meeting

Council reviewed and discussed the preliminary direction of a waste management discussion paper to shape a Draft Submission for the EPA's Environment Protection Policy (EPP) Review. This includes input on the Environment Protection Authority's (EPA) Waste to Resources Policy update, which aims to integrate circular economy principles into waste legislation.

Key Focus Areas:

- Circular Economy and Procurement: Emphasizing waste prevention and design for recyclability, with connections to greenhouse gas reduction goals.
- Product Stewardship: Addressing concerns over planned obsolescence by encouraging manufacturers to design products with longer lifespans to reduce waste. Examples include potential mandates on filters for microfibers in washing machines and restrictions on plastic microbeads in products.
- Food Waste and Organics: Weekly collection of food and garden organics poses financial and logistical challenges. Council supports initiatives encouraging large businesses to donate edible food to minimize waste.
- Business Waste Management: Council advocates for educational support over regulation for businesses in managing waste.
- Public Recycling: High contamination rates and associated costs are a concern. Regulation in this space is therefore not recommended.
- Prohibited Landfill Items: Proposal to include items such as lithium batteries, e-waste, and mattresses which are high in volume and there are resource recovery pathways available to enable landfill avoidance.
- Transparency in Waste Reporting: Council supports increased accountability and public reporting from waste management depots to ensure proper recycling and processing.

Additional Points Raised by Council:

- Cost Analysis: Evaluation of the financial impacts on Council.
- Service Adjustments: Considerations include increasing green waste collection frequency and providing accessible e-waste disposal options.

Council Emphasis:

- The importance of education to influence waste disposal behaviour.
- Use of financial incentives and convenient drop-off locations to promote proper disposal practices for batteries.
- Involvement of local businesses in waste management efforts, such as offering e-waste recycling options.

Council feedback will be incorporated into the draft submission for General Council on 10 December 2024, with the final submission due by 20 December 2024.

Moved Mayor Hanna

Seconded Councillor Masika

That the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

1. Notes the EPA Discussion Paper on the review of the *Environment Protection (Waste to Resources) Policy 2010*.



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2. Provided feedback for inclusion into a final City of Marion submission that will be presented to General Council in December 2024.

Carried unanimously

8 Reports for Noting - Nil

9 Workshop / Presentation Items - Nil

10 Other Business

11 Meeting Closure

The meeting shall conclude on or before 9.30pm unless there is a specific motion adopted at the meeting to continue beyond that time.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.26pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 11 DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025

CHAIRPERSON

5 Business Arising

5.1 Business Arising Statement - Action Items

Report Reference	IEC250211R5.1
Originating Officer	Executive Officer to the General Manager City Services – Tracey Stringer
Corporate Manager	N/A
General Manager	General Manager City Services – Angela Allison

REPORT OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this report is to review the business arising from previous meetings of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee meetings, the meeting schedule and upcoming items.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

- 1. Notes the business arising statement, meeting schedule and upcoming items.**

ATTACHMENTS

1. IEC241112 Business Arising as at 12 November 2024 [5.1.1 - 1 page]

**CITY OF MARION
BUSINESS ARISING INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

AS AT 11 November 2024



Meeting Date	Document	Item	Action Required	Assignee/s	Action Taken / Response	Status
11 June 2024	IEC240611R7.1	Environmental Sustainability Plan	The committee would like to see figures on how much we spend on each environmental sustainability area included in the Draft Environmental Sustainability Plan that comes back to IEC later in 2024.	R Neumann	Report scheduled for 12 November 2024 IEC meeting.	Completed
11 June 2024	IEC240611R7.2	Carbon Inventory and Reporting	The committee suggested revising the Carbon Neutral Plan and bring it back to Council in the next 12 months for review.	R Neumann	Note that the Carbon Neutral Plan has been Included in the GC schedule of upcoming items for June 2025.	Completed

* Completed items to be removed are shaded

6 Confidential Items

6.1 Cover Report - CoMBAS unendorsed initiatives

Report Reference	IEC250211F6.1
Originating Officer	Business Support Officer - Governance and Council Support – Cassidy Mitchell
Corporate Manager	Manager City Property - Mark Hubbard
General Manager	General Manager City Development - Ben Keen

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

Local Government Act (SA) 1999 S 90 (2) 3

(b) information the disclosure of which (i) could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the council; and (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest

RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Committee orders that the public be excluded from attendance at that part of this meeting relating to ***IEC250211F6.1 1 CoMBAS unendorsed initiatives***, except the following persons: Chief Executive Officer, General Manager City Development, General Manager City Services, General Manager Corporate Services, Manager Office of the Chief Executive and Executive Officer to the General Manager, to enable the Committee to consider the Item in confidence on the basis the Council considers it necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public (excepting those persons listed above) in order to receive, discuss or consider in confidence the following information or matter relating to the CoMBAS unendorsed initiatives, upon the basis that the Council is satisfied that the requirement for the meeting to be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep consideration of the matter confidential given the information relates to commercial information including financial figures detailing projected costs of projects yet to be publicly tendered and concept designs, the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to infer a commercial advantage on a third party and prejudice Council's commercial position.

Notes the disclosure of this information would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest because it could infer a financial advantage to a third party when the project is opened to tender and impair the tender process.

Determines, on this basis, the principle that meetings of the Council should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep consideration of the information or matter confidential.

7 Reports for Discussion

7.1 Environment Report Card Update

Report Reference	IEC250211R7.1
Originating Officer	Unit Manager Environmental Sustainability – Rebecca Neumann
Corporate Manager	Manager Engineering, Assets and Environment - Mathew Allen
General Manager	General Manager City Services - Angela Allison

REPORT HISTORY

Report Reference	Report Title
EC231107R7.2	Year in Review

REPORT OBJECTIVE

To provide the Infrastructure and Environment Committee with an update on the draft Environment Report Card and seek feedback for future editions.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Environment Report Card is a snapshot of the key environment related initiatives delivered during the last calendar year. It was developed to provide the community with a broad and high-level overview of our environmental achievements, progress and projects.

The Environment Report Card covers a range of environment topics including water, biodiversity, greening, carbon emissions, waste and community engagement. It highlights achievements delivered by council, along with projects and outcomes delivered in partnership with community, other Councils, State Government and other key stakeholders.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

- 1. Notes the update on the Environment Report Card and the draft 2024 edition.**
- 2. Provide feedback for consideration in the 2025 edition of the Environment Report Card.**

DISCUSSION

The annual City of Marion Environment Report Card was initiated in response to the need to better inform our community about council's environmental services and achievements and highlight areas where we are demonstrating environmental leadership. The Environment Report Card is released annually in February, covering highlights and achievements of the previous calendar year. The first edition was released in 2020 and the fifth edition is currently in draft form and expected to be finalised in the coming weeks (Attachment 1).

The Environmental Sustainability team coordinates the Environment Report Card with support from the Marketing and Communications team. Data is collated from various teams across the organisation that deliver projects or initiatives with positive environmental outcomes including Open Spaces Operations, City Activation and Engineering.

The Environment Report Card provides a snapshot of different environmental achievements delivered by council including:

- project and event outcomes
- community engagement and partnerships
- tracking our progress on carbon neutral, greening and waste reduction targets.

Attachment 2 shows the data included in the 2023 edition alongside the data proposed for the 2024 edition.

The format of the Environment Report Card has been developed with the community as the key audience in mind. It has been designed to be concise, engaging and easy to read in both hardcopy and digital formats. It includes environmental stories and data that the community is interested in, rather than a comprehensive report on the full breadth of our environmental work or achievements.

Two hundred copies of the Environment Report Card are printed annually for distribution to key stakeholders and at selected council events. Hard copies are also available for the community to pick up at selected council venues including the Administration Centre, City Services and some libraries and neighbourhood centres. A digital version of the current and past editions is available on our website at marion.sa.gov.au/environment-report-card

Highlights from the Environment Report Card are further promoted through other promotional channels including social media campaigns, City Limits, media releases, and council's enewsletters such as Etalk and the Green Thymes.

A brief presentation on the Environment Report Card will be provided (Attachment 3) and feedback is sought for consideration in future editions.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Environment Report Card 2024 03 b [7.1.1 - 4 pages]
2. Environment Report Card content comparison [7.1.2 - 4 pages]
3. I E Committee Environment Report Card Presentation [7.1.3 - 3 pages]

Environment Report Card 2024

Greener spaces, sustainable
water, less carbon emissions

The City of Marion is dedicated to creating a liveable sustainable community. In 2024, our efforts focused on five key areas:

- Nature connection
- Greener spaces
- Minimising waste
- Sustainable water
- Climate resilience



Highlights from 2024



4300
trees planted



20,000
native seedlings
planted to improve
habitat for wildlife



\$37,000
in rebates provided
to support big trees
and greening verges



70%
reduction in carbon
emissions from
council's operations
since 2015/16



21,800
tonnes of waste
diverted
from landfill



A great place to live
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Taking climate action



16,500
tonnes of carbon
stored in our
trees*



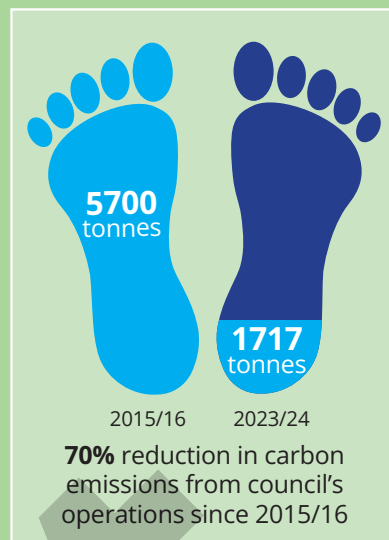
23
compost and
worm farm
rebates provided
to residents to
support food
waste recycling



106
street tree inlets
installed



100%
renewable
Green Power
energy
purchased



Trees and planting

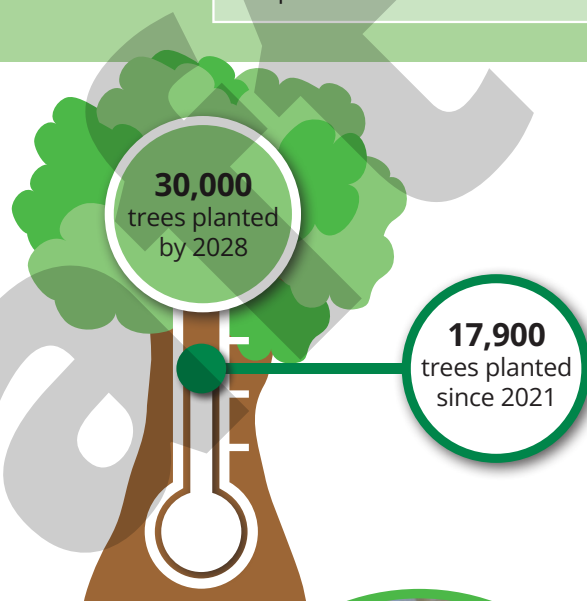
South Plympton, Seacombe Gardens, Park Holme and Trott Park were the focus of our planting efforts.

27,000 council trees maintained.

13,200 council trees watered.

66,700 council trees mapped.

\$20,400 of rebates provided to assist 12 residents to maintain their regulated/significant trees on their property.



Habitat for wildlife



Council has supported

100

different native
plant species
planted in our
biodiversity
reserves

82

hectares
of native
remnant
vegetation
protected

500

metres of
fencing
installed to
protect native
vegetation

20,000

local native
seedlings
planted
across 32
biodiversity
reserves



**30 endangered
Winter Spider-orchids
planted at Hallett
Cove and Marino**

* Based on measurements from Forestreet (a software solution to help manage trees): trees.marion.sa.gov.au

Kerbside collection

How much was collected in 2023/24



57% of waste was diverted from landfill

Closing the loop

7200 tonnes of concrete asphalt recycled at our Southern Depot from council operations, reducing landfill waste and supporting sustainable construction.

1600 cubic metres of green waste from council operations recycled into mulch for public green spaces



Taking action locally

Seed library

- Library visitors are encouraged to grow their own vegetables at home by taking two free packets of vegetable seeds per month.
- Seed donations back to the library are also welcome.
- Over **200** packets taken from the seed library.



Common Thread

- A series of community events that inspire, connect and empower people to live more sustainably.
- **6** Common Thread events held.
- **4.6** out of **5** average star rating.
- Participants described the sessions as a comfortable space for connection which provided practical information.



Caring for nature

- Thousands of volunteer hours planting and weeding our biodiversity areas.
- Gazania control program includes **58,000** plants mapped, **13,000** controlled and **65** households participated in plant swap to replace gazanias with natives.



Urban greening and cooling

- New raingarden installed and greening along Alawoona Avenue, Edwardstown.
- **11** street trees planted in specially designed underground boxes at Marion Cultural Centre, creating a cooler and greener community space.
- **500m** of major streetscape improvements.
- **106** street tree inlets installed in Glengowrie and Edwardstown.
- **\$16,600** of funding to assist **54** residents to improve landscaping on their verges.
- **166ML** or **66** Olympic swimming pools of recycled water used to irrigate local sports grounds, reserves, street trees and to provide urban greening and cooling benefits.**

** 23/24 financial year.





Working with our community



Working regionally together with State Government, Councils and other partners.



Discover more about our environmental initiatives at: marion.sa.gov.au/environment

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Printed carbon neutral
Designed by CoM Marketing and Communications 2025

	2024 Draft Environment Report Card Data	2023 Environment Report Card
Greener spaces, sustainable water, less carbon emissions (front cover)	<p>Intro sentence:</p> <p>The City of Marion is dedicated to creating a liveable sustainable community. In 2024, our efforts focused on five key areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nature connection 2. Greener spaces 3. Minimising waste 4. Sustainable water 5. Climate resilience 	<p>City of Marion continues to be a leader in delivering environmental sustainability services for our community.</p> <p>Greening our urban environment and reducing our carbon emissions are ongoing priorities along with the sustainable delivery of water and engaging with our community to improve our environment.</p>
Highlights from 2024 (front cover)	4300 trees planted	4600 trees planted
	20,000 native seedlings planted to improve habitat for wildlife	15, 000 native seedlings planted to improve habitat for wildlife
	\$37,000 in rebates provided to support big trees and greening verges	\$27, 900 in rebates provided to support big trees and greening verges
	70% reduction in carbon emissions from council's operations since 2015/16	61% reduction in carbon emissions from Council's operations since 2015/16
	21,800 tonnes of waste diverted from landfill	22, 700 tonnes of waste diverted from landfill
Taking climate action	16,500 tonnes of carbon stored in our trees	15, 300 tonnes of carbon stored in our trees
	23 compost and worm farm rebates provided to residents to support food waste recycling	18,500 rolls of compostable bags given to households for recycling food waste (22/23)
	106 street tree inlets installed	12km of new pipeline delivering recycled water
	100 per cent renewable Green Power energy purchased	100 per cent renewable Green Power energy purchased
	70% per cent reduction in carbon emissions from council's operations since 2015/16	61% reduction in carbon emissions from council's operations since 2015/16
Trees and Planting	South Plympton, Seacombe Gardens, Park Holme and Trott Park were the focus of our planting efforts.	Marion, Tonsley, Seacombe Heights, Seaview Downs, Morphettville and Dover Gardens were the focus of our planting efforts.
	27,000 council trees maintained	20, 400 council trees maintained
	13,200 council trees watered	13, 600 council trees watered

	66,700 council trees mapped in Forestree	60,900 council trees mapped in Forestree
	\$20,400 of rebates provided to assist 12 residents to maintain their Regulated/ Significant trees on their property	\$9,900 of rebates provided to assist residents to maintain Regulated/ Significant trees on their property
	Tree thermometer: 17,900 trees planted since 2021	Tree thermometer: 13,600 trees planted since 2021
Habitat for wildlife – make the bees blue banded bees!	100 different native plant species planted in our biodiversity reserves	58 different native plant species plant in our biodiversity reserves
	82 hectares of native remnant vegetation protected	82 hectares of native remnant vegetation protected
	20,000 local native seedlings planted across 32 biodiversity reserves	15,000 local native seedlings planted across 30 biodiversity reserves
	30 endangered Winter Spider-orchid planted at Hallett Cove and Marino	Improving 18 hectares of native coastal vegetation
	500m of fencing installed to protect native vegetation	
Kerbside collection	16,400 tonnes to landfill in 23/24	16,600 tonnes to landfill in 22/23
	6,900 tonnes of recycling in 23/24	6,900 tonnes of recycling in 22/23
	14,900 tonnes organic waste in 23/24	15,800 tonnes organic waste in 22/23
	57 % of waste was diverted from landfill	58 % of waste was diverted from landfill
Closing the loop –	In 2023/24: 7,200 tonnes of concrete asphalt recycled at our Southern Depot from council operations, reducing landfill waste and supporting sustainable construction. 1,600 cubic meters of green waste from council operations recycled into mulch for public green spaces.	220 new waste, recycling and organics bin hubs inside council offices, libraries and neighbourhood centres 12 ‘Which Bin Recycling Roadshows’ Results: 20% reduction in waste to landfill for council operations
Taking action locally	Seed library Library visitors are encouraged to grow their own vegetables at home by taking two free packets of vegetable seeds per month. Seed donations back to the library are welcome too. Over 200 packets taken from the seed library.	Grow It Local A national program made available to our community to grow, share and eat locally grown food. 670 residents registered with Grow It Local
	Common Thread A series of community events that inspire, connect and empower people to live more sustainably.	Sustainable Homes 13 webinars on sustainability and climate ready homes

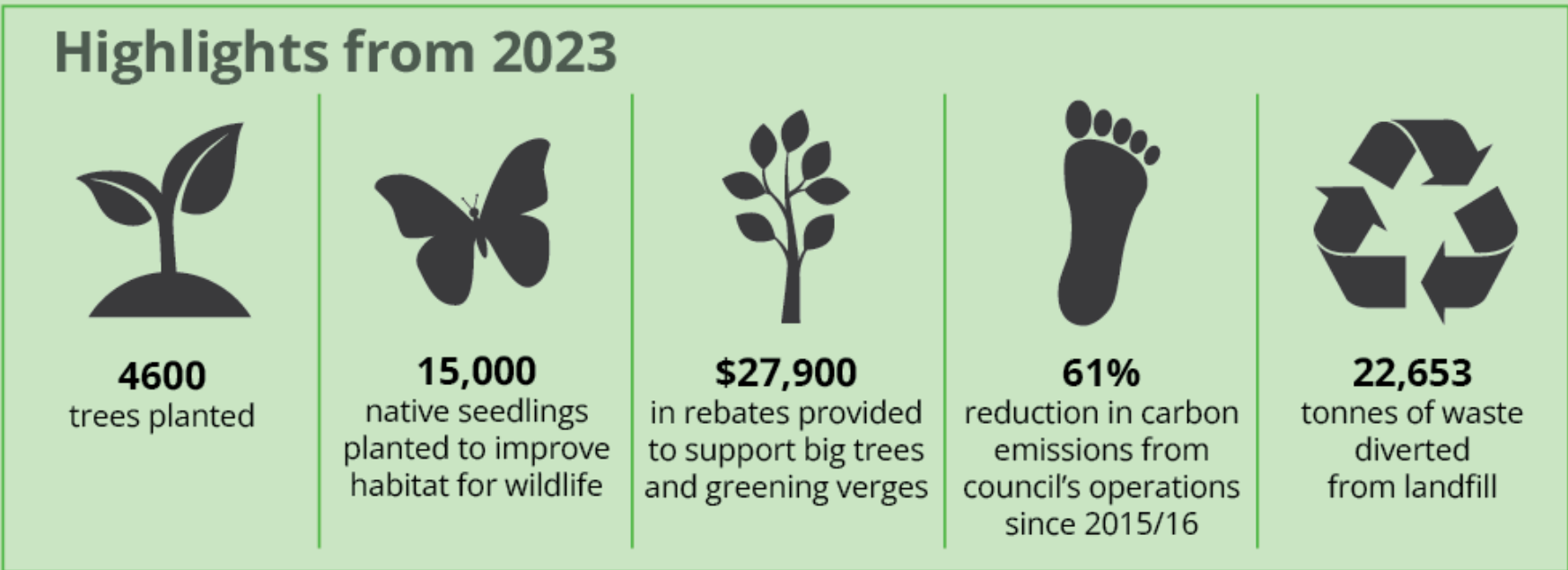
	<p>6 Common Thread events held</p> <p>4.6 out of 5 average star rating</p> <p>Participants described the sessions as a comfortable space for connection which provided practical information</p>	<p>Series rated 8.6 out of 10 for usefulness 86% (star rating icon)</p> <p>129 Marion residents registered for sessions</p>
	<p>Caring for nature</p> <p>Volunteers participated in 85 working bees</p> <p>Thousands of volunteer hours planting and weeding our biodiversity areas.</p> <p>Gazania control program includes 58,000 plants mapped, 13,000 controlled and 65 households participated in plant swap to replace gazanias with natives.</p>	<p>Love Our Trees</p> <p>Working together with the City of Holdfast Bay and Marion Living Smarties to celebrate trees</p> <p>68 tree stories collected from our community</p> <p>150 attendees at the tree celebration event</p>
Urban Greening and Cooling	New raingarden installed and greening along Alawoona Avenue, Edwardstown.	New Edwardstown raingarden treats stormwater runoff
	11 street trees planted in specially designed underground boxes at Marion Cultural Centre, creating a cooler and greener community space.	New sustainable recycled water business (Marion Water)
	500m of major streetscape improvements	Reduces demand for SA Water by 250ML per year and assists River Murray environmental flow.
	106 street tree inlets installed in Glengowrie and Edwardstown	Additional 12km pipeline to green Seacliff Park, Flinders University and nearby playing fields.
	\$16,600 of funding to assist 54 residents to improve landscaping on their verges.	\$18, 100 of funding to assist 66 residents to improve the landscaping on their verges
	166ML or 66 Olympic swimming pools of recycled water used to irrigate local sports grounds, reserves, street trees and to provide urban greening and cooling benefits (23/24 FY)	53 hectares of irrigated public open space
Working with our Community (back cover)	250 volunteers planted 10,000 seedlings at community planting events	263 volunteers planted 8760 seedlings
	1700 subscribers to Green Thymes	1600 subscribers to Green Thymes
	100 community sessions on nature, sustainability and recycling education	110 community sessions on nature, sustainability and recycling education

	New Community Garden approved at Perry Bar Farm, Hallett Cove.	98 Community Garden members across 6 community gardens
	212 responses to Biodiversity and Tree management plans with the majority of respondents supportive.	39 Urban Tree Warriors looking after 19,900 trees
	22 school and community education sessions delivered in partnership with Green Adelaide	30 school and community education sessions delivered in partnership with Green Adelaide
	257 environment posts on social media with a reach of 396,000 people	106, 300 views of our environment webpages
		52 responses to the Regional Climate Adaptation Plan

Environment Report Card

Purpose of this presentation

- Update on the Environment Report Card
- Receive feedback for the 2025 edition



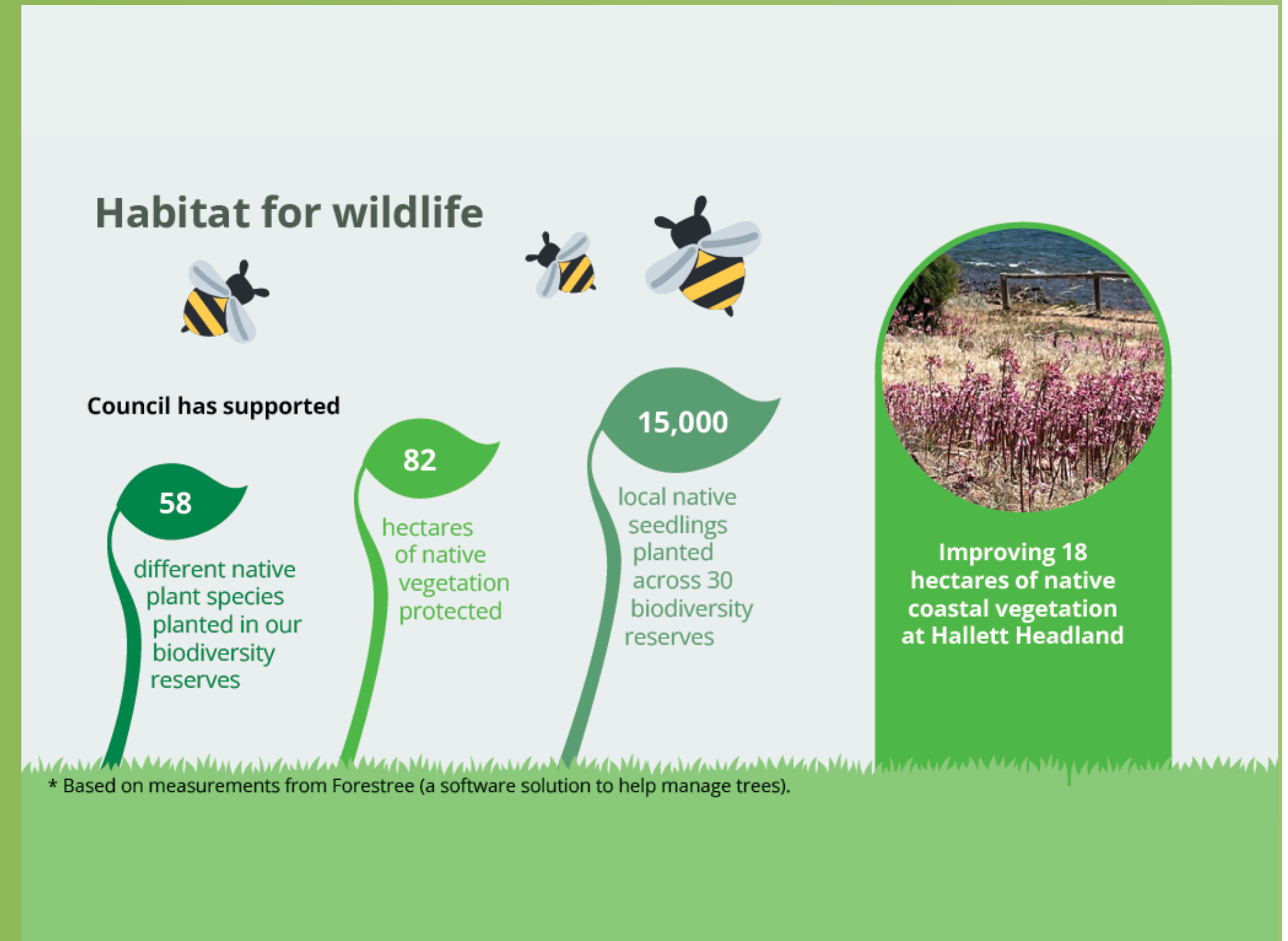
Jess Mitchell, Environmental Engagement Officer
11 February 2025



Environment Report Card

Background

- Informs community of Council's environmental services and achievements
- High level overview of water, greening, biodiversity, waste, carbon emissions and community engagement outcomes
- First released in 2020
- Target audience is the community



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Environment Report Card

- Includes data reported on annually and project outcomes
- Printed and available electronically
- Highlights promoted in social media campaign, City Limits, E talk and Green Thymes newsletters

Do you have any feedback that can be incorporated into the 2025 edition?

Taking climate action



15,300
tonnes of carbon
stored in our
trees*



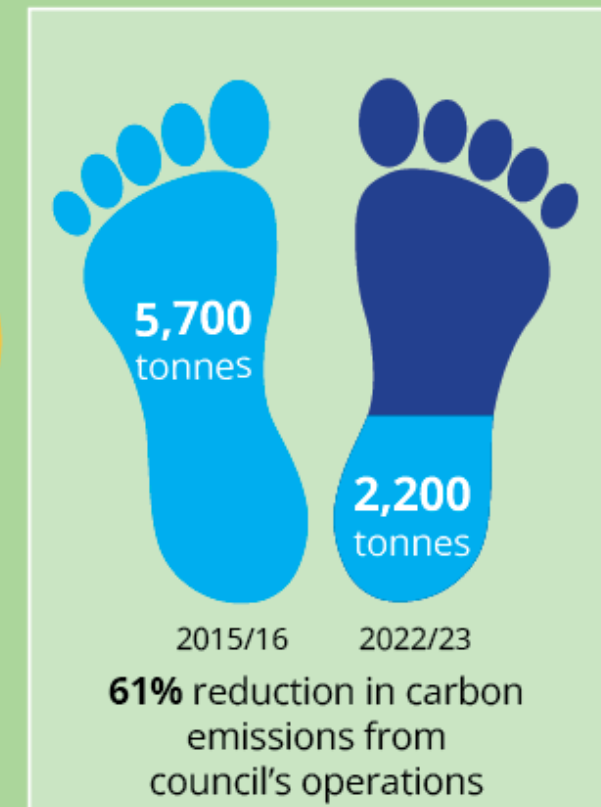
18,500
rolls of
compostable
bags given to
households for
recycling food
waste (22/23)



12km
of new pipeline
delivering
recycled water



100%
renewable
Green Power
energy
purchased



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7.2 Community Solar Savings Scheme Campaign Summary and Future Directions

Report Reference	IEC250211R7.2
Originating Officer	Unit Manager Environmental Sustainability – Rebecca Neumann
Corporate Manager	Manager Engineering, Assets and Environment - Mathew Allen
General Manager	General Manager City Services - Angela Allison

REPORT OBJECTIVE

To present a summary of the Community Solar Savings Scheme and present options for future directions.

REPORT HISTORY

Report Reference	Report Title
EC231107R9.1	ShineHub VPP Presentation
GC231212M14.2	Community Renewables Program
IEC240213R7.2	Community Renewables Program
GC240514R11.7	Community Renewables Program
IEC240806R6.2	Sustainable Solar Savings Scheme Update
GC240924R13.6	Power Purchase Agreement

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Community Solar Savings Scheme was a collaborative effort between ShineHub and the City of Marion (CoM) to provide residents with affordable solar and battery solutions, promoting environmental sustainability and reducing energy costs. Running from August to December 2024, the campaign effectively engaged the community through a variety of engagement strategies.

Two bulk-buy events attracted 250 attendees from the City of Marion, resulting in 62 agreements for residential solar and battery system installations.

The program goals included:

1. **Reduce Climate Change:** Lower carbon emissions within the community by reducing electricity consumption.
2. **Enhance Energy Resilience and Alleviate Cost-of-Living Pressures:** Educate residents on renewable energy benefits and provide cost-effective access to sustainable electricity.
3. **Educate and Build Trust:** Offer transparent and accessible information about solar technologies, battery systems, and the advantages of Virtual Power Plants (VPPs).
4. **Raise Awareness:** Showcase the City of Marion's commitment to sustainability.

The electricity market and renewable energy technologies are rapidly evolving. This report provides a summary of the program's outcomes, emerging trends, and key options for Council to consider for future initiatives that support energy efficiency and renewable energy in the community.

Options for Consideration:

- **Option 1 - ShineHub:** Continue the Community Solar Savings Scheme with ShineHub for an additional 2 years.
- **Option 2 - Market Test:** Continue the Community Solar Savings Scheme but conduct a review of suppliers.
- **Option 3 - Sustainable Living Program:** Develop a new program that includes incentives and educational support to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy adoption.
- **Option 4 - No Community Solar Program:** Discontinue the current Community Solar Savings Scheme and instead promote existing programs within current resources.

These options will be discussed at the meeting, and Committee feedback will be used to determine the preferred approach for future programs.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee:

1. **Notes the achievements of the Community Solar Savings Scheme and indicates a preferred option for future promotion of community renewable energy.**

DISCUSSION

The Community Solar Savings Scheme ran from August – December 2024. A summary of the campaign approach and outcomes is included in Attachment 1.

The campaign approach included:

- Promotion through multi-media channels:
 - A mix of organic and paid social media, on-hold messages, website landing pages, email newsletters and printed collateral.
 - Testimonial videos and a video endorsement from Mayor of Marion, Kris Hanna, introduced the partnership and enhanced credibility.
- Community touchpoints:
 - 10 pop-up events/engagements at key locations such as libraries and shopping centres informing people of the partnership and product/s.
 - Personalised and face-to-face interactions supported trust-building efforts.
- Event promotions:
 - Two well-attended bulk-buy events featured expert consultations and educational sessions.
 - Additional marketing to promote the events across digital and traditional channels.

The results of the campaign included:

- Significant Reach:
 - The campaign used a mix of digital, traditional, and community-driven tactics, achieving:
 - 33,985 total reach and 549 link clicks on social media.
 - Over 46,000 residents reached via direct mail, rates inclusion and City Limits magazine.
- Opt-in and event registrations:
 - 593 residents opted in for campaign updates.
 - 502 registrations occurred for ShineHub events.
- Website visitation:

- Featured as web banners between this period. Homepage amassing 42,824 views.
- A purpose-built landing page for the scheme received 533 visits over this period.
- Attendance:
 - Two bulk-buy events collectively hosted 250 attendees.
- Lead Generation:
 - Over 268 requests for estimates.
- Sales:
 - 62 agreements signed:
 - 97% of these included a battery component.
 - 38 purchases combined solar and battery systems.

Options now exist to make a decision on future stages of this program. These options have been presented below for discussion with the Committee.

Option 1 - ShineHub. Continue the Community Solar Savings Scheme with ShineHub for a further 2 years.

This option continues the current arrangement with ShineHub and includes delivering at least one bulk-buy community event per year in 2025 and 2026.

Strengths / Benefits	Risks / Costs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The program is known to be successful in increasing renewable energy in the community. City of Mitcham and several other metropolitan Councils will continue to promote this program over the coming years. Promotion of the program can be achieved by Council within existing resourcing in the marketing and communications team. Batteries support delivery of renewable energy into the grid during high demand times in the evening when solar generation is low. This reduces reliance of fossil fuelled electricity generation in the evening. Local suppliers are subcontracted by Shinehub for installation. City of Marion will receive a financial benefit from VPP revenue. This will be detailed in a contractual agreement with ShineHub for the life of the Community Solar Savings Program (detailed not supplied here due to confidentiality). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Batteries and panels supplied by ShineHub are new to the market in 2024 and uniquely connect to their VPP (limiting options to connect to other VPPs). Other Virtual Power Plants (VPPs) are now available to the community e.g. Origin VPP and Amber VPP. Due diligence assessments by the City of Mitcham were conducted in 2021/2022, and market changes have occurred – including the brands provided by ShineHub and other VPPs on the market. Ongoing “white labelling” without further market testing presents a reputational risk to the program. 97% of sales included batteries during the bulk buy events. Promoting behaviour change (load shifting) to avoid high electricity consumption in the evenings can be more cost effective than batteries. The proposed program agreement will lock the City of Marion into a contract to work with ShineHub for a defined period (proposed at 3 years). There is a high potential for changes in the market over this period. ShineHub is not a local company.

Option 2 - Market Testing. Continue the Community Solar Savings Scheme but conduct a review of suppliers.

This option continues the current model (solar bulk buys) but includes further market testing. The result could be a continuation with ShineHub or the development of an agreement with another supplier. This option could be included with Option 1.

Strengths / Benefits	Risks / Costs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows further promotion of solar and batteries to the community and therefore reduces reliance on fossil fuels and associated negative climate impacts. Allows further market testing and the potential to create an alternative model for a similar outcome – e.g. a panel of local suppliers. Could include partnering with other Councils for efficiency. Promotion of the program can be achieved with existing resourcing in the marketing and communications team. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are already services that provide household renewable energy information and reviews of local solar providers. E.g. Free services from: Solar Quotes www.solarquotes.com.au Solar Choice www.solarchoice.net.au Or paid support from community energy efficiency companies such as: MAC Trade www.mactradeservices.com.au YESS www.yess.net.au Will involve addition work in development of tender documentation and contract agreements that could not be managed within existing resources. The program would benefit from additional budget to run independent educational workshops e.g. \$10,000 per year to cover costs of a specialist facilitator and energy efficiency experts. City of Marion may no longer be eligible to receive a profit share from ShineHub from existing VPP revenue.

Option 3 - Sustainable Living Program. A new program that includes incentives and educational support to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy adoption.

This option includes the development of a comprehensive education program including incentives for positive behaviour change towards sustainable living. This option could be included with Option 2 above.

Strengths / Benefits	Risks / Costs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Customised approach to education and behaviour change. e.g. workshops on home energy auditing and efficiency, directing community to existing information sources. A large proportion of household energy efficiency can be achieved with behaviour change and cost effective solar-only purchases on time-of-use tariffs. Provides financial assistance to residents for small items that are not covered under existing schemes e.g. draft sealing, converting from gas to electric appliances. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reliant on additional budget. City of Marion may be no longer eligible to receive a profit share from ShineHub from existing VPP revenue.

Option 4 - No Community Solar Program. Discontinue the current Community Solar Savings Scheme and instead promote existing programs within current resources.

Strengths / Benefits	Risks / Costs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No financial impact. Risks of continuing existing program are eliminated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reputational risk to City of Marion if we are not actively providing a program to support uptake of renewable energy and sustainable living in our community. City of Marion may be no longer eligible to receive a profit share from ShineHub from existing VPP revenue.

Investment in solar and batteries at Council sites

As part of the commitment to renewable energy in the *City of Marion Carbon Neutral Plan 2020 – 2030*, council has already invested in 520kW of solar panels across 12 council-owned properties with a total generation capacity of 800 megawatt hours annually. Of this, around 700 megawatt hours are used by council assets during the day, with the remaining 100 megawatt hours being fed back into the electricity grid. None of these solar installations are equipped with batteries or connected to virtual power plants. Historically payback periods of batteries at council sites under the current electricity tariffs has been around 8-10 years and therefore not considered feasible.

Council's electricity contract is due to expire at 30 June 2025 and procurement options are currently being considered. This procurement will include options for securing renewable electricity. Concurrent to this process, the feasibility of batteries at council sites is also being reconsidered.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 Post Marketing Campaign Report 20Nov24 [**7.2.1** - 10 pages]
2. Attachment 2 Options Presentation [**7.2.2** - 4 pages]

2024 Post marketing campaign report **Community Solar Savings Scheme**

Marketing and Communications
August to November 2024



Campaign summary: August launch – December.

This years' bulk buy activity and results from the initial partnership between ShineHub and the City of Marion, highlights consumer demand for affordable and accessible solar and battery solutions – whilst demonstrating that our residents are engaged with the program.

ShineHub have provided the sales results included in this summary report and have highlighted City of Marion results being on-par with other local Councils.

The success of this campaign is a testament to a combined marketing approach, aligned messaging and 'trust-built' relationship supported by ShineHub, City of Marion and Council Members.

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Key marketing objectives:

- **Awareness** of the bulk-buy event and CoMs sustainability positioning through various owned media channels, organic and paid social media.
- **Community engagement:** Through local pop-up activations across Neighbourhood Centres, Libraries and other CoM facilities.
- **Host informative events and product information:** Provide hands-on education sessions to help residents understand the benefits of solar panels, batteries, and virtual power plants. Offer opportunities to meet solar experts in person to ask questions.
- **Customer/community benefits:** Exclusive bulk-buy discounts for solar, battery and VPP solutions. Engage with solar experts. Trusted partnership. Council providing a platform for community to learn-more.
- **Lead acquisition:** Attract and guide potential participants to register for events, ensuring follow-up and engagement.

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Key Considerations:

Market saturation: 300+ solar competitors in the region. Customers have many choices. Offer a reliable product, supported by Council. Clear and informed communications, outlining benefits, value, opportunity to learn more (events etc.).

Trust: Building on a new partnership. Customers unsure about picking the right solar option. Saturation in market. Mixed messages and aggressive advertising from competitors. Service delivery standards unknown.

Time constraints: Efficient and timely marketing required. Utilising Council channels and digital to get to market quickly. Support cost-effective strategies to talk to our audience (pop-ups / events, etc).

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High-level results summary

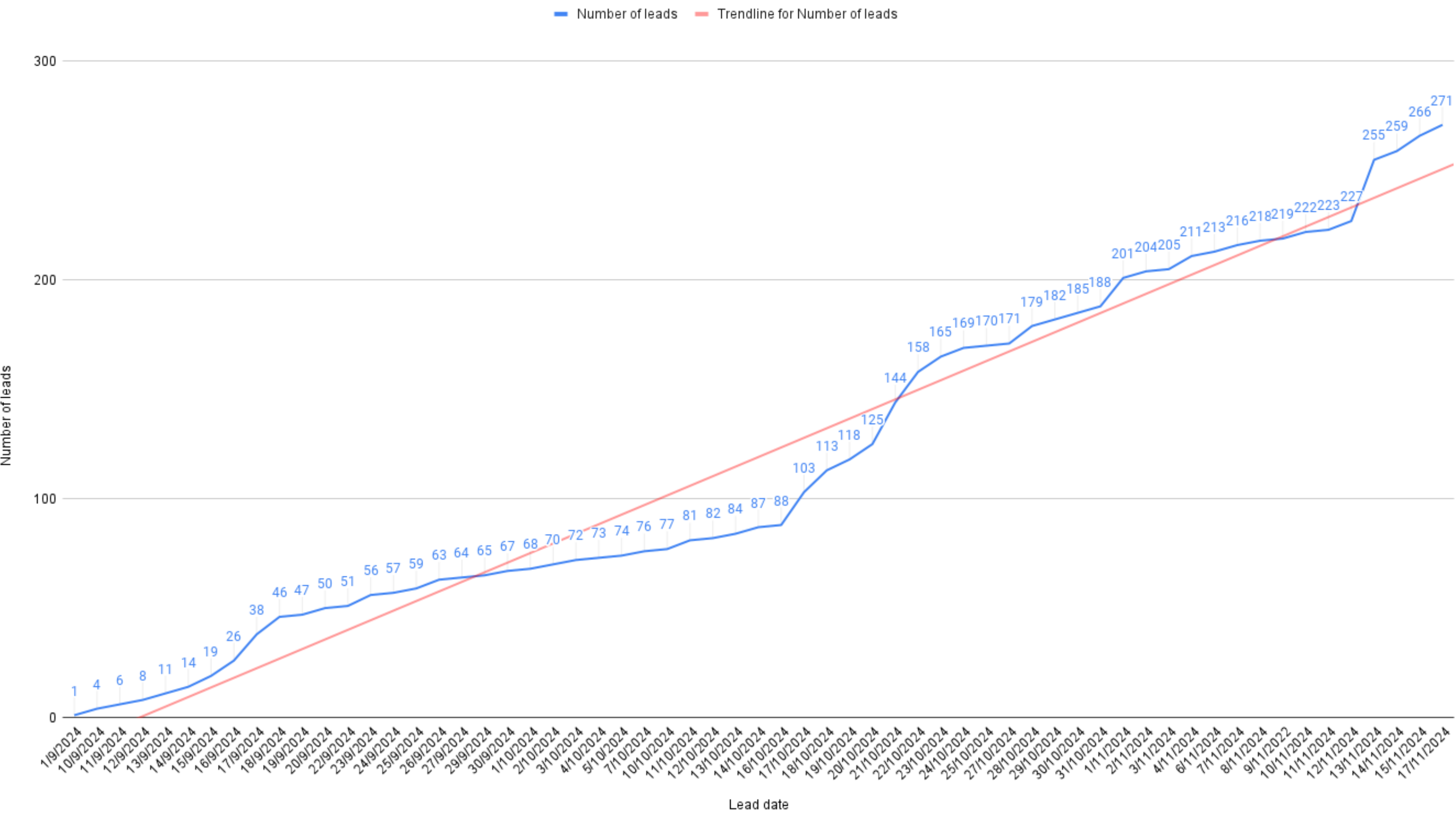
593	Registered (opt-in) to receive information (ShineHub database)
260	Event tickets (1 x event Cove. 1 x event MPSCC)
230	Attendees
293	Requests for estimates
62	Confirmed sales – no. of signed agreements
60	Residents opting in for Virtual Power Plant

Breakdown of sales:

- Battery add on: 1
- Battery retrofits: 19
- Solar only systems: 2
- Solar + battery systems: 38
- Solar + battery ad on: 2

Of the 62 total sales, 97% of people chose to get a battery. This demonstrates an understanding of the benefit of solar with a battery amongst the community.

Campaign tactics – Leads vs. lead dates



Promotional channels and activity

The campaign utilised traditional and digital media, social media, pop-up events and video content. Activity results to follow are based on the campaign period of August to early December.

- Mayor video
- customer testimonial videos
- CoM homepage banner
- CoM landing page
- CoM Facebook (paid and organic)
- CoM LinkedIn
- on-hold message
- pop-up engagements
- eDM (eTalk and Green Thymes)
- digital screens
- EV Jolt charging stations
- City Limits (August and October editions)
- printed collateral
- pull up banners
- kerbside vinyl banners
- October rates notice

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Channel results:

Channel	Results
Website: landing page	Visits: 533 Users: 273 Sessions: 398 Average session duration: 2m 55s 16 leads captured via website (UTM tags)
Social media (Facebook, LinkedIn)	Facebook Reach: 27,397 Engagements: 206 Link clicks: 323 LinkedIn Reach: 6,588 Engagements: 265 Link clicks: 296 8 leads captured via social media (UTM tags)
Paid social media	Campaign 1 Budget: \$50 Reach: 9,231 Engagements: 62 Link clicks: 246 Campaign 2 Budget: \$40 Reach: 2492 Engagements: 88 Link clicks: 73 Campaign 3 Budget: \$30 Reach: 1962 Engagements: 85 Link clicks: 9



Channel results cont.

Channel	Results
Website	<u>Homepage banner</u> : 1 August to 14 November <u>Trending now link</u> : 1 August to 18 November <u>Homepage</u> : 83,341 views
Direct mail	<u>eTalk: August (3110 subscribers)</u> 67 direct link clicks <u>eTalk: September (2945 subscribers)</u> 31 direct link clicks <u>Green Thymes: August (1666 subscribers)</u> 70 direct link clicks
Rates notice	October rates notice - distribution to 28,000 ratepayers 29 leads captured via rates notice (UTM tags)
M2 on-hold message	Average of 6,309 calls per month 1:52 minute average on-hold period Message plays 30 seconds in
City Limits	Overall reach: 46,000 residents, 2 editions Issue #87 – August Issue #88 – October 9 leads captured via CityLimits (UTM tags)



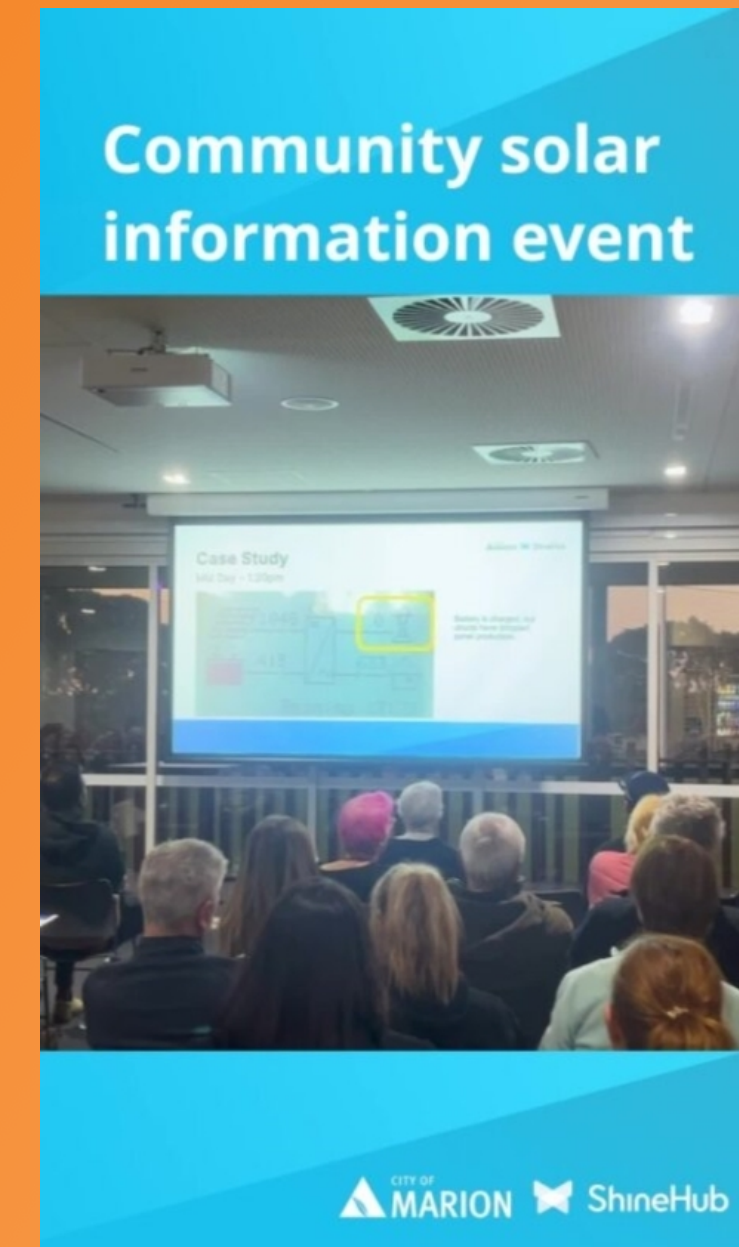
Testimonial videos – Marion residents

ShineHub supported the campaign by creating a number of testimonial videos from customers post-event. This could be used for future promotions of the scheme.

Dolores: *“Very self-explanatory, it's easy to understand how the battery system works”*

Fiona: *“It wasn't a big sales pitch, there was no pressure. Due diligence has been done, ShineHub are legit.”*

Sharon: *“I had a whole list of questions and as I was just going through the presentation, oh yeah, there's that one, there's that one, there's that one”*



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Option 1 ShineHub:

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Option 3 Sustainable Living Program:

A new program that includes incentives and educational support to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy adoption

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Option 4 No Community Solar Program:

Discontinue the current Community Solar Savings Scheme and instead promote existing programs

Strengths / Benefits	Risks / Costs
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8 Reports for Noting - Nil

9 Workshop / Presentation Items

9.1 Workshop IEC meeting agenda for 2025

Report Reference	IEC250211R9.1
Originating Officer	Manager Engineering, Assets and Environment – Mathew Allen
Corporate Manager	- N/A
General Manager	General Manager City Services - Angela Allison

REPORT OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this report is to engage Committee Members in providing feedback and identifying environmental and infrastructure topics for future agendas. Additionally, this workshop will seek the Committee Members' views for prioritising these suggestions.

To support the discussion, a schedule of upcoming agenda items has been provided as **Attachment 1**. This schedule is intended to serve as a reference to align the Committee's priorities and identifying opportunities for further consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

1. Adopts the following items as part of the 2025 Infrastructure and Environment Draft Agenda:

- **8 April (Topic/s)**
 - Public EV Charging Stations
 - Tonsley Update
 - Greening Open Space - Irrigation & Natural Landscaping - Open Space Plan
 - Lot 707 Proposed Development
- **10 June**
 - Workshop the Environmental Sustainability Plan
- **8 July (Topic/s)**
 - Marion Water
 - Field River
- **5 August (Topic/s)**
 - Development Updates
- **9 September (Topic/s)**
 - Reducing Food Waste to Landfill
- **7 October (Topic/s)**
- **11 November (Topic/s)**

ATTACHMENTS

1. Schedule of Upcoming Items 2025 [9.1.1 - 4 pages]

Infrastructure and Environment Committee – 2025 Schedule of upcoming items

Infrastructure and Environment Committee		Date: Tuesday, 11 February	Time: 6.30pm – 9.30pm	Venue: Chamber	
Topic	Type of Report	Description	External Attendees	Staff Responsible	
Business Arising	R	Business arising from previous meetings, the meeting schedule, and upcoming items		T Stringer	
Environmental Report Card Update	R	Provide overview of current environmental sustainability initiatives		R Neumann A Haygreen	
Community Solar Savings Scheme Campaign Summary & Future Directions	R	Provide progress update for the Solar Savings Scheme and seek feedback on next steps		M Allen R Neumann	
Workshop agenda for 2025	R	Seek Committee Member feedback on ideas for Infrastructure and Environment future agenda items		M Allen	
Placeholder - CoMBAS unendorsed initiatives	R	Consideration of unendorsed initiatives including prioritisation of projects – possible inclusion of HC Seaside Pool		M Hubbard	

Infrastructure and Environment Committee		Date: Tuesday, 8 April	Time: 6.30pm – 9.30pm	Venue: Chamber	
Topic	Type of Report	Description	External Attendees	Staff Responsible	
Business Arising	R	Business arising from previous meetings, the meeting schedule, and upcoming items		T Stringer	
Public EV Charging Stations	R	Seek feedback on proposed Public EV charging station locations		M Allen	
Tonsley Update	R	Update Parking Management Plan		B Grimm N Saxty	
Greening Open Space - Irrigation & Natural Landscaping - Open Space Plan	R	Outline project scope and process for Open Space upgrades		R Pitcher A Liddicoat	
Lot 707 Proposed Development	R			G Brinkworth	
Glenthorne Master Plan	R	Discussion on the Master Plan and proposed Majors Road precinct rezoning		G Brinkworth	

Infrastructure and Environment Committee – 2025 Schedule of upcoming items

Infrastructure and Environment Committee		Date: Tuesday, 10 June	Time: 6.30pm – 9.30pm	Venue: Chamber	
Topic	Type of Report	Description	External Attendees	Staff Responsible	
Business Arising	R	Business arising from previous meetings, the meeting schedule, and upcoming items		T Stringer	
Draft Environmental Sustainability Plan	R	Workshop the content of the plan – no other agenda items for this meeting		R Neumann	

Infrastructure and Environment Committee		Date: Tuesday, 8 July	Time: 6.30pm – 9.30pm	Venue: Chamber	
Topic	Type of Report	Description	External Attendees	Staff Responsible	
Business Arising	R	Business arising from previous meetings, the meeting schedule, and upcoming items		T Stringer	
Field River	R	Provide outline of status and plans for the Field River (consider DEW guest speaker)		G Ricketts R Neumann J Lemon	
Marion Water	R	Update strategy and treatment of water		G Ricketts	

Infrastructure and Environment Committee		Date: Tuesday, 5 August	Time: 6.30pm – 9.30pm	Venue: Chamber	
Topic	Type of Report	Description	External Attendees	Staff Responsible	

Infrastructure and Environment Committee – 2025 Schedule of upcoming items

Business Arising	R	Business arising from previous meetings, the meeting schedule, and upcoming items		T Stringer
Development Updates	R	Provide status updates on Developments across the Council area		G Brinkworth / A Wright

Infrastructure and Environment Committee		Date: Tuesday, 9 September	Time: 6.30pm – 9.30pm	Venue: Chamber	
Topic	Type of Report	Description	External Attendees	Staff Responsible	
Business Arising	R	Business arising from previous meetings, the meeting schedule, and upcoming items		T Stringer	
Reducing Food Waste to Landfill	R	Update on the State's Policy review and the progress of Council's food waste education program (SGC241015-11.1)		A Byrne R Neumann	

Infrastructure and Environment Committee		Date: Tuesday, 7 October	Time: 6.30pm – 9.30pm	Venue: Chamber	
Topic	Type of Report	Description	External Attendees	Staff Responsible	
Business Arising	R	Business arising from previous meetings, the meeting schedule, and upcoming items		T Stringer	

Infrastructure and Environment Committee – 2025 Schedule of upcoming items

Infrastructure and Environment Committee		Date: Tuesday, 11 November	Time: 6.30pm – 9.30pm	Venue: Chamber
Topic	Type of Report	Description	External Attendees	Staff Responsible
Business Arising	R	Business arising from previous meetings, the meeting schedule, and upcoming items		T Stringer

10 Other Business**11 Meeting Closure**

The meeting shall conclude on or before 9.30pm unless there is a specific motion adopted at the meeting to continue beyond that time.