

His Worship the Mayor
Councillors
City of Marion

Notice of Infrastructure and Environment Committee

Council Chamber, Council Administration Centre
245 Sturt Road, Sturt

Tuesday, 8 July 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 10 June 2025

Report Reference	IEC250708R4.1
Originating Officer	Business Support Officer – Governance and Council Support – Cassidy Mitchell
Corporate Manager	Manager Office of the Chief Executive – Sarah Vinnall
General Manager	Chief Executive Officer – Tony Harrison

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on 10 June 2025 be taken as read and confirmed.

ATTACHMENTS

1. IE C 250610 - Final Minutes [4.1.1 - 7 pages]



**Minutes of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee
held on Tuesday, 10 June 2025 at 6.30 pm
Council Chamber, Council Administration Centre
245 Sturt Road, Sturt**

**PRESENT**

His Worship the Mayor Kris Hanna
Councillor Jayne Hoffmann
Councillor Nathan Prior
Councillor Raelene Telfer
Councillor Luke Naismith
Councillor Jason Veliskou

Councillor Matt Taylor
Councillor Renuka Lama (from 7:01 pm)
Councillor Jana Mates (Chair)
Councillor Sarah Luscombe
Councillor Ian Crossland

In Attendance

Chief Executive Officer - Tony Harrison
General Manager City Services - Angela Allison
Manager Office of the Chief Executive – Sarah Vinall
Unit Manager Environmental Sustainability - Rebecca Neumann
Senior Environmental Planner – Anna Haygreen
Executive Officer to the General Manager - Tracey Stringer

1 Open Meeting

The Chair opened the meeting at 6.30 pm

2 Kurna Acknowledgement

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3 Elected Member Declaration of Interest

The following interests were disclosed:

- Nil

4 Confirmation of Minutes

4.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee Meeting held on 8 April 2025

Report Reference IEC250610R4.1

Moved Mayor Hanna**Seconded Councillor Taylor**

That the minutes of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee Meeting held on 8 April 2025 be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried Unanimously



5 Business Arising

5.1 Business Arising Statement - Action Items

Report Reference IEC250610R5.1

Moved Councillor Naismith

Seconded Councillor Hoffmann

That the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

1. Notes that there are currently no outstanding action items.

Carried Unanimously

6 Confidential Items - Nil

7 Reports for Discussion

7.1 Environmental Sustainability Plan - emission reduction review

Report Reference IEC250610R7.1

Council was presented with options for a preferred emissions reduction pathway, for inclusion into the City of Marion Environmental Sustainability Plan 2026-2030.

Jacob Potter from Dsquared Consulting presented to members, tasked with providing a review of Council's approach to emissions reduction, to inform decisions on Council's emissions boundary, revised targets and future reduction pathways based on best practices and emerging trends.

- Targets agreed to in this discussion flow into the Strategy and Implementation of the Plan
- The Strategy/Plan aims to reduce emissions that the City of Marion is in direct control of, or where the Council can minimise and influence its value chain; the Strategy has been developed in line with the GHG Protocol Corporate Standard and Climate Active Carbon Neutral Organisation Standard
- The presentation encouraged a review of existing operations, practices and behaviours to avoid activities that result in emissions and demonstrating leadership, developing an emissions reduction pathway
- Net Zero – focuses primarily on implementing large emission reduction activities to reduce emissions as close as possible to net zero, with the remainder of emissions offset by carbon sequestration
- Council previously developed a baseline corporate emissions inventory for 2015/2016 – reported on limited emissions sources and did not include Scope 3 emissions from the value chain
- Council was appraised on the 2022/23 emission inventory – financial reporting including energy retailer, vehicle fuel reports, water supply reports
- Community emission inventory – identifying opportunity for Council to facilitate and support emissions reduction with the community
- Noting applications for Government Grants are increasingly requesting emissions data in the application
- The Australian Government supports the International Finance Reporting Standards – Australian Sustainability Reporting Legislation

Members engaged with the presentation and recommendations from the report to Council with the conversation including:

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- Setting a balanced and achievable baseline – elements to be included or excluded
- The future of electric vehicles; passenger vehicles are in use currently; what is current thinking about commercial vehicles including heavy machinery
- The value chain – relationships with our suppliers, encouraging emission minimisation
- Sustainable procurement – request consideration and a response from the Local Government Association

Moved Councillor Luscombe

Seconded Councillor

That the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

1. Notes the attached emissions reduction report (Attachment 1).
2. Recommends to Council two 2022/23 boundaries - one that captures minimum emissions categories and one that captures minimum and good practice emissions categories noting efforts will be undertaken towards best practice emission categories.
3. Recommends to Council rescinding the target of "City of Marion being carbon neutral for its operations by 2030" and replacing it with an emissions reduction target of 50% by 2035 and net zero by 2050.

The motion lapsed for want of a seconder

Moved Mayor Hanna

Seconded Councillor Prior

That the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

1. Notes the attached emissions reduction report (Attachment 1).
2. Recommends to Council the carbon emission baseline be reset to 2022/23, capturing the minimum emissions categories and any good practices emission categories that are currently 2% and above.
3. Recommends to Council that administration encourages all of City of Marion's suppliers use best practice carbon emission reduction measures.
4. Recommends to Council to rescind the target of "City of Marion being carbon neutral for its operations by 2030" and replacing it with an emissions reduction target of 50% by 2035 and net zero by 2050.

Carried Unanimously

6:49 pm Councillor Luscombe left the meeting
 6:51 pm Councillor Luscombe re-entered the meeting
 7:05 pm Councillor Veliskou left the meeting
 7:09 pm Councillor Veliskou re-entered the meeting
 7:29 pm Councillor Naismith left the meeting
 7:35 pm Councillor Naismith re-entered the meeting



7.2 Environmental Sustainability Plan - strategy and implementation

Report Reference IEC250610R7.2

- Following this meeting, revisions to the Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2026-2030 and the Environmental Sustainability Plan 2026-2030 will be presented to General Council for endorsement for community consultation
- The Environmental Sustainability Plan is more operationally focused, expanding on:
 - Alignment with state and national trends
 - Community and environmental indicators and goals
 - Current council services and initiatives
 - New focus areas that can be delivered within existing resources
- The Strategy and Plan have been developed to align Council's operational activities within the City of Marion Strategic Plan 2024-2034, to include a framework to guide Council's sustainability initiatives for the next 4 years
- The Environmental Sustainability Strategy and Environmental Sustainability Plan supersede the Carbon Neutral Plan 2020-2030 once approved by General Council
- A mid-term review of the full Environmental Sustainability Plan is scheduled for early 2028 to assess progress and alignment with objectives, followed by a comprehensive review in 2030.

Staff presented 5 themes from the draft Plan for consideration by Council:

1. Greening, trees and biodiversity
2. Water and coastal management
3. Waste reduction and the circular economy
4. Climate resilience and reducing emissions
5. Sustainable living and environmental engagement

Within each theme, Councillors discussed suggested priorities, alignment to the City of Marion's Strategic Plan, targets for council operations and stretch targets (unfunded initiatives) including:

- Theme 1 - Feedback to staff on council's tree canopy – noting the service level targets are applied to a particular location, must be able to ensure the target is measurable at a whole of Council level. References to the Biodiversity Plan; Remnant vegetation
- Theme 2 – discussed
- Theme 3 - SRWRA services are mentioned – a question was raised regarding what products the City of Marion purchases from SRWRA (reference to the circular economy); targets to include a baseline figure; Council requested a report with further analysis from staff, where the City of Marion uses recycled products, including advice on encouraging our community to engage in the circular economy?
- Theme 4 – reducing greenhouse emissions and public lighting was discussed, including the use of LED and sensor lighting; Council requested a report on green energy practices, cost & benefit, with an explanation for residents why green energy is better; solar installations & batteries require review and inspection to ensure the array or battery is delivering the expected output;



Community buildings – encourage the community to reduce electricity where practicable and feasible on council owned buildings

- Theme 5 – remove E3c – support community gardening and sustainable food systems - staff to revise this priority to include actionable content in the next version of the Plan.

Moved Mayor Hanna

Seconded Councillor Crossland

That the Infrastructure and Environment Committee

1. Recommend to Council for Public Consultation the Draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2026-2030 (Attachment 1) with the following changes:

Theme 1

- Tree canopy target - include a timeframe, consider expanding to across council owned land not just roads
- Biodiversity targets – reference the biodiversity plan targets.

Theme 4

- Additional objective to include LGA lobbying of sequestration and sustainable procurement practices
- C1a – include opportunity for reduced lighting times
- Include an objective on where practical and feasible integrate battery on council owned facilities.

Theme 5

- E3c Remove.

All themes

- Incorporate the baseline figure for all targets.

2. Request administration:

- a) Email the Committee for how W1a is achieved and how we can encourage use of recycled materials.
- b) Email the Committee on the Green Energy – additional cost, how it can be verified it's green energy, explanation on how buying green energy is better than buying the cheapest energy that can be communicated to residents.
- c) Email on the comparison on energy usage on the sensor lighting and LED.

3. Recommend to Council for Public Consultation the Draft Environmental Sustainability Plan 2026–2030 (Attachment 2) incorporating all changes referred to in recommendation 1.
4. Note that graphic design of the Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2026-30 and the Environmental Sustainability plan 2026-30 will be completed prior to presentation to Council.
5. Note the Sustainability Stretch Plan will be presented to a future forum as part of the 2026-27 ABP process.

Carried Unanimously

8:57 pm Councillor Veliskou left the meeting

9:00 pm Councillor Veliskou re-entered the meeting

9:00 pm Councillor Taylor left the meeting

9:03 pm Councillor Taylor re-entered the meeting



8 Reports for Noting - Nil

9 Workshop / Presentation Items - Nil

10 Other Business

11 Meeting Closure

The meeting was declared closed at 9.30pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 08 DAY OF JULY 2025

CHAIRPERSON

5 Business Arising

5.1 Business Arising Statement - Action Items

Report Reference	IEC250708R5.1
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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

- 1. Notes the business arising statement.**

ATTACHMENTS

1. IE C 250610 Business Arising as at 10 June 2025 (1) [5.1.1 - 1 page]

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

AS AT 10 June 2025 

Meeting Date	Document	Item	Action Required	Assignee/s	Action Taken / Response	Status
10 June '25	IEC250610R7.1	Environmental Sustainability Plan – emission reduction strategy	Prepare a request for an item to be submitted, through GC, to the LGA AGM re: sustainable procurement.	S Vinal		
10 June '25	IEC250610R7.2	Environmental Sustainability Plan – strategy and implementation	Email the Committee for how W1 (Develop circular council operations) is achieved and how we can encourage use of recycled materials.	R Neumann	Email to council members (currently being drafted and will be sent to Ang)	In progress
10 June '25	IEC250610R7.2	Environmental Sustainability Plan – strategy and implementation	Email the Committee on the Green Energy – additional cost, how it can be verified it is green energy, explanation on how buying green energy is better than buying the cheapest energy than can be communicated to residents.	R Neumann	Email to council members (currently being drafted and will be sent to Ang)	In progress
10 June '25	IEC250610R7.2	Environmental Sustainability Plan – strategy and implementation	Email on the comparison on energy usage on the sensor lighting and LED.	R Neumann	Email to council members (currently being drafted and will be sent to Ang)	In progress

* Completed items to be removed are shaded

6 Confidential Items

6.1 Cover Report - Proposed Adams Road, Trott Park Code Amendment (Confidential)

Report Reference	IEC250708F6.1
Originating Officer	Business Support Officer - Governance and Council Support – Cassidy Mitchell
Corporate Manager	Manager Development and Regulatory Services - Gary Brinkworth
General Manager	General Manager City Development - Ben Keen

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

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

(m) information relating to a proposal to prepare or amend a designated instrument under Part 5 Division 2 of the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* before the draft instrument or amendment is released for public consultation under that Act

RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(m) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Committee orders that the public be excluded from attendance at that part of this meeting relating to Agenda Item IEC250708F6.1 Proposed Adams Road, Trott Park Code Amendment (Confidential) except the following persons: Chief Executive Officer, General Manager Corporate Services, General Manager City Development, General Manager City Services, Chief Financial Officer, Manager Office of the Chief Executive Office, Manager Development and Regulatory Services and Senior Strategy and Policy Planner and external advisors from URPS - Anita Allen and Sarah Lowe , to enable the Council 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 Item information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of council.

Determines, on this basis, the principle that meetings of the Council should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed be excluded from the meeting as the Council receives and considers information relating to the proposal over the land, 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 a proposal to rezone land that has not yet been made public through the Code Amendment process.

7 Reports for Discussion - Nil

8 Reports for Noting

8.1 Field River - Update

Report Reference	IEC250708R8.1
Originating Officer	Coordinator Biodiversity – Jacob Lemon
Corporate Manager	Manager Engineering, Assets and Environment - Carl Lundborg
General Manager	General Manager City Services - Angela Allison

REPORT OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the current and upcoming priorities around the Field River.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council's long-standing vision for the Field River corridor is being realised through the recent proclamation of Kauwi-marnirla Field River Conservation Park, following the establishment of Glenthorne National Park in 2020. These milestones mark decades of community advocacy and government collaboration to enhance public access, ecological health, and cultural values along the river. Coordinated efforts led by Green Adelaide have overcome historic land fragmentation, enabling more integrated restoration and management across the catchment.

Ongoing revegetation, stormwater upgrades, and Aboriginal land management practices are improving biodiversity, water quality, and community connection to place. As urban development and climate pressures grow, the Field River is emerging as a key natural asset in southern Adelaide. Continued collaboration will focus on resilient planning, community access, and long-term care.

Green Adelaide's Project Coordinator and Council's Coordinator of Water Resources will provide updates on current work and future priorities.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

- 1. Notes the update report from staff and Green Adelaide on activities surrounding the Field River.**

DISCUSSION

Council has taken a long-term interest in the management of the Field River and the protection of natural, cultural and heritage values for the community benefit.

A 20-year vision for public access and management of this area was publicly launched by Council through the Marion South Plan as part of the Great Southern Urban Forest concept endorsed by City of Marion 2006.

Council's vision for this region is now being realised through recent major milestones:

- Proclamation of Glenthorne National Park-Ityamaitpinna Yarta in May 2020
- Proclamation of Kauwi-marnirla Field River Conservation Park in November 2024

This represents the culmination of years of community advocacy and government collaboration and provides a foundation for future conservation and management efforts.

Historically, sections of the Field River corridor were fragmented by private ownership, which presented significant barriers to access, restoration and coordinated management. These challenges limited the ability to maintain ecological connectivity and implement cohesive strategies across the catchment. However, progressive land acquisition, planning, and partnership efforts coordinated by the State Government (Green Adelaide) have helped overcome these issues and opened opportunities for more integrated care of the river system.

Revegetation and restoration works have been undertaken across multiple sites, led by Green Adelaide, City of Marion and City of Onkaparinga, community groups and Kaurna practitioners. These works have contributed to improved biodiversity, stabilised eroding banks, and reduced the spread of invasive species (particularly olives and ash trees). Water quality has also been a key focus, with stormwater infrastructure upgrades including small wetlands, basins and pollutant traps helping to manage urban runoff and support healthier aquatic ecosystems.

Community involvement has played a central role in the river's stewardship. The Friends of the Lower Field River, Friends of Upper Field River, local schools, and other volunteers have delivered on-ground works and educational activities that have strengthened local connection to place and promoted long-term care for the river. Cultural values have also been enhanced through management activities from traditional owners including cool burns and other Aboriginal land management practices.

The catchment has faced pressure from continued residential development and infrastructure expansion, increasing impervious surfaces and runoff. These changes have highlighted the need for planning approaches that protect ecological values and build resilience in the face of climate impacts such as flooding, erosion, and urban heat.

At the same time, recreational use of the corridor has grown, supported by investments in trails, signage, and linkages with adjacent green spaces such as Hallett Cove Conservation Park. The Field River Linear Park has become an increasingly important public space for nature connection and passive recreation.

Looking ahead, the Field River is now firmly positioned as a valued natural asset in southern Adelaide, with ongoing collaboration to enhance biodiversity, manage water quality, support community access, and embed the river corridor into long-term climate adaptation and land use planning. The recent creation of the Kauwi-marnirla Field River Conservation Park provides a platform for a more coordinated and enduring approach to the care of this important waterway.

Henry Rutherford, Project Coordinator Field River (Green Adelaide) will provide a presentation on the role of Green Adelaide and update on current activities.

PRESENTATION

The following themes will be covered in the presentation:

- **Green Adelaide Update:** Henry Rutherford, Project Coordinator Field River
 - History and activities of the past 20 years
 - Kauwi-marnirla – Field River Conservation Park
 - Current and future management activities
- **Council Stormwater Management Update:** Glynn Ricketts, Coordinator Water Resources
 - Field River Stormwater Management Plan Update

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

8.2 Marion Water Update

Report Reference	IEC250708R8.2
Originating Officer	Water Resources Coordinator – Glynn Ricketts
Corporate Manager	Manager Engineering, Assets and Environment - Carl Lundborg
General Manager	General Manager City Services - Angela Allison

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide the Infrastructure and Environment Committee with an update on the Marion Water business and to discuss future opportunities.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Marion Water business is actively exploring future opportunities to enhance the recycled water network and strengthen long-term water security. These opportunities include:

- Potential involvement in the Torrens to Darlington (T2D) Project,
- Expression of Interest (EOI) for additional groundwater allocations
- Majors Road network extension under the Alternative Water Supply Efficiency Measures (AWSEM) program.

The 2025/26 Marion Water pricing has been set at \$2.53/KL. Despite increased operational costs due to high internal demand and limited aquifer recharge, the system performed reliably, with no environmental or infrastructure compliance issues reported.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

1. **Notes the report**
2. **Notes that future reports will be presented to the General Council meetings seeking endorsement of the initiatives outlined in this report.**

DISCUSSION:

1. TORRENS TO DARLINGTON PROJECT

The opportunity to supply recycled water to the Torrens to Darlington (T2D) project has been discussed with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) offering "green credits" to the successful contractor delivering environmental initiatives during construction. One such initiative includes the potential use of Marion Water.

The T2D project will require significant volumes of water for construction and earthworks.

Following engagement with the project team, we have received details on the required water quality and volumes.

Marion Water can realistically supply no more than 33% of the southern section's water demand. As a result, the project team has arranged for substantial SA Water connections to supply new large storage tanks.

Marion Water has been asked to cost the supply of up to 1.2ML per day during the tunnelling phase, with water blended from both Marion Water and SA Water sources.

To deliver this supply, the distribution network would need to be extended from Alawoona Reserve through Tonsley to Selgar Avenue with an estimated project cost of \$600K.

To enhance water security, a new injection and extraction well is also proposed at Oaklands Wetlands. The extraction well would be funded by the T2D Alliance (approx. \$600K, subject to conditions), while City of Marion would need to fund the \$600K pipe extension.

This opportunity would significantly increase operational expenditure and water volume supplied. Initial modelling indicates the supply price could be reduced to approximately \$1.77 per kilolitre, assuming a \$600K contribution from the Alliance (DIT) and a network extension to Majors Road and smaller City of Marion sites along the route. This reduced price would benefit all Marion Water customers throughout the construction period.

Estimated revenue from this arrangement is \$1.162M. Additionally, the Alliance would be required to extend Marion Water's pipe from the temporary tanks, creating a permanent irrigation mainline along the west side of the transport corridor.

This infrastructure would support the irrigation of new public realm spaces delivered by the project and would be formalised in the supply agreement. The two key legacy assets from this opportunity would be the new mainline and the injection/extraction well.

The Alliance (DIT) is currently reviewing the proposal. Marion Water has clarified that it cannot guarantee water volume or quality, with this limitation acknowledged. It is anticipated that a minimum take or payback clause will be proposed to offset risk. The Marion Water Steering Committee has provided in-principal support for this opportunity, pending a detailed Business Case and a formal report to General Council.

The Business Case will include a supply risk assessment, particularly considering the potential for increased salinity during summer extraction.

The forthcoming General Council report will also include modelling potential payback scenarios to Council at 25%, 50%, and 75% supply volumes to assess associated risks and overall viability.

UNALLOCATED GROUNDWATER

Marion Water has submitted an Expression of Interest to the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) for additional groundwater allocations, proposed to be staged over 10 years at a cost of \$3.00 per kilolitre. This is a non-binding application with indicative volumes outlined below.

EOI for New Groundwater		
Year	Amount ML/Proposed site	Cost Profile
2025/26	0	\$0
2026/27	10 (Mitchell Park/Glengowrie/Depot)	\$30,000
2027/28	20 (Marion Golf Club 3 rd Well)	\$60,000
2028/29	20 (Start blending with ASR)	\$60,000
2029/30	0	\$0
2030/31	20	\$60,000
2031/32	20	\$60,000
2032/33	40	\$120,000
2033/34	20	\$60,000

2034/35	50	\$150,000
Total	200	\$600,000

This was considered by the Marion Water Steering Group in March 2025 and determined a cost-effective approach to improving our water security, especially in a dry climate. SA Water prices are only predicted to increase; the cost of native groundwater extraction is circa \$1.20 k/L.

Access to this new water was again discussed in June, after DEW released the application process (due by end of October) with the Steering Group requesting a report with a Business Case be presented to General Council in August/September 2025.

2. MAJORS ROAD GRANT

DEW have now advised that funding for City of Marion AWSEM project has been provisionally approved for funding as a stage two project.

The Program was over-subscribed, and DEW have therefore approved several projects provisionally as a second stage subject to the successful negotiation of a variation to the funding agreement with the Australian Government.

Once we have received formal notification of the amended grant agreement between the State and Federal Government (expected in August) we will progress towards notifying Council to seek approval of the Business Case for this extension (64ML of potable water solely from CoM's sites to be displaced using Marion Water). This additional volume, in an average climatic year, will take our annual baseline target volume to 314ML p/a.

It is anticipated that the new supply to Majors Road South Soccer Facility will be in time for the 2026/27 irrigation season.

The grant, if successful, is expected to be finalised by August/September 2025 (delayed due to recent Federal Election) with tender, contract award before December 2025 and construction and commissioning completed by March 2026.

3. WATER PRICING 2025/26

A price for Marion Water in 2025/26 has been set using the revised hindcasting (based on actuals) and forecasting water pricing model. The model assumes that the Majors Road extension project is built and commissioned in 2025/26 with capex and grant contributions on the ledger and in the pricing model, but increased costs and internal additional volumes not applied till the following irrigation season in the 2026/27 financial year.

The price for 2025/26 is set at \$2.53.

4. BAU OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The target volume for Marion Water is 250ML per annum. Actual volume was 334ML, significantly exceeding our full cost recovery baseline volume (Figure 1).

Figure 1 Volume and Revenue 2025/26

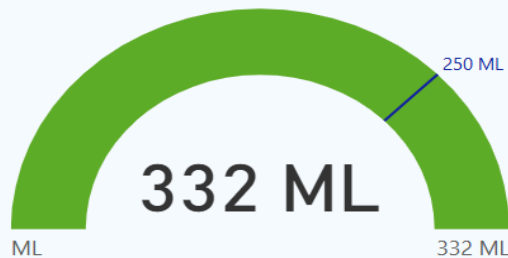
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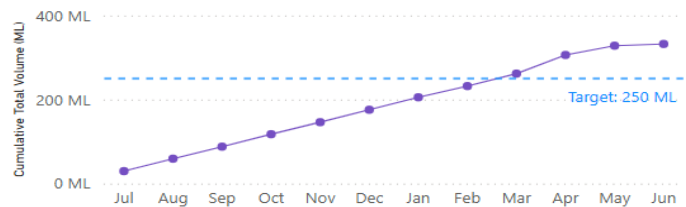
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Cumulative Total Volume (ML) by Month vs. Target

Latest Volume Date: 18/06/2025

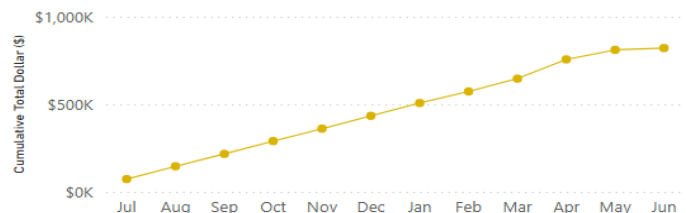


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Total Revenue

Cumulative Total Dollar (\$) by Month

\$2.47 / KL



From total revenue, circa 60% is internal usage, due to Marion Water prioritizing internal supply over any 3rd party demand.

Due to a dry winter in 2024/25 and essential wetland maintenance only circa 50ML of stormwater was injected into the aquifer for future usage. This is significantly down on previous years' injection volumes. This has resulted in a drawdown of our water bank (groundwater allocation for Managed Aquifer Schemes trading account). The other consequence was that towards the end of the irrigation season the water extracted increased in salinity. This resulted in the groundmen at Flinders University and at St Mary's (Mitcham) temporarily switching over to SA Water supplies. This winter injection volumes are expected to freshen the aquifer.

Operating costs for the year exceeded budget due to higher volumes than forecasted.

There were no major breakdowns during the year and new distribution pipes, pumps and connections to irrigation systems performed well.

No licenses or permit breaches were recorded for infrastructure or environmental compliance.

ATTACHMENTS

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.