

Annual Report Summary 2023-2024



The Annual Report is a comprehensive council document which includes information prescribed by legislation, combined with general information about our key focus themes within the City of Marion. The Annual Report for 2023 - 2024 is a reflection of achievements measured against our strategic projects, services and programs that council aimed to deliver throughout the financial year in accordance with the Annual Business Plan for the corresponding year.



Kaurna Acknowledgement

Ngadiu tampendi Kaurna meyunna yaitya mattanya yaintya yerta

This Kaurna acknowledgement was prepared in consultation with traditional custodians.

Acknowledgement of Country

The City of Marion acknowledges we are situated on the traditional lands of the Kaurna people and recognises the Kaurna people as the traditional custodians of the land.

We spent \$113.875 m on



\$75.477 m
infrastructure



\$4.521 m
development



\$27.557 m
community



\$6.32 m
environment

Our City



96,493
residents



300+
parks and reserves



56.17kms²
land area



63,492
street trees



28
suburbs

Year in review

Coastal Walkway

The Coastal Walkway project forms part of the State Governments' vision to upgrade the broader Adelaide Metropolitan Coast Park extending along Adelaide's coastline with the City of Marion receiving a significant funding contribution. The first suspension bridge at Grey Gully was completed in May 2024 and the second bridge at Kurnabinna Gully was completed in June 2024. The bridges have minimised the adverse environmental impacts and have improved accessibility for all users. The official opening is scheduled for early August 2024.

Neighbourhood Centres

Our Neighbourhood Centres offered over 2,200 classes, via more than 230 programs resulting in over 35,000 attendances for the year. Over 80 volunteers assisted with or facilitated community programs and activities.

Enhanced stormwater harvesting

The 13km of pipeline extension to our existing stormwater harvesting and reuse scheme at Oaklands Wetland was completed in April 2024. This \$5.67M project, funded by council with assistance from Federal and State Governments through an Off-Farm Efficiency Program grant, significantly enhances our infrastructure. Under this scheme, treated stormwater is used to green and cool our public open spaces and community sports facilities.

Infrastructure improvements

It is important for Council to renew roads, kerbs and footpaths to ensure they are safe, functional and fit for purpose. During 2023-2024, Council spent over \$5.3M towards infrastructure renewal including the resealing over 80,000m² of roads, replacement of 3000m of kerb and renewal of over 13,000m² of footpaths.

Reserve and Open Space Improvements

During 2023-2024, the City of Marion upgraded five reserves and developed four playgrounds. The improvements included new equipment, multi-purpose courts, nature play areas, irrigated lawns, public toilet facilities, and additional plantings and landscaping to complete the spaces. The five reserves upgraded were:

- Aldridge Avenue Reserve (jointly funded by the State Government)
- Hawkesbury Avenue Reserve
- Mema Court Reserve
- Trowbridge Avenue Reserve
- Cohen Court Reserve

Cultural arts and events

The cultural arts program provides our community with opportunities to gain a deeper understanding of different cultures, celebrate traditional and contemporary cultural diversity, and preserve cultural heritage for future generations. This included the delivery of the following events:

- Marion Celebrates Festival
- Bridging Cultures, Music & Dance Cultural Fusion
- Celebrating Refugee Week 2024
- CoM Reconciliation Exhibition VITAL

