### City of Marion Annual Business Plan Summary 2024-2025



A great place to *live* 

### Mayor's message

Welcome to the City of Marion's Annual Business Plan Summary 2024-2025. This is a snapshot of our budget for the year ahead. The Elected Councillors and I have consistently tried to keep average rate increases below the rate of inflation, but it is not possible this year.

In recent years, we have been delivering muchneeded upgrades to community facilities (for example, a new Marino community hall and Cove netball facilities will soon be completed) – construction costs have gone up hugely.

This and other factors has led us to endorse a 4.8 per cent average rate increase for the coming year. Still, this will be one of the lowest average rate increases in metropolitan Adelaide. Property owners may experience variation in that figure due to changing property values which are outside of the Council's control.

Finally, it is worth mentioning that the State Government forced us, and all other councils, to pay for an audit by the Essential Services Commission – the recent report on

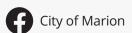
Marion Council's financial performance shows that we are performing extremely well.

Yours faithfully

KRIS HANNA

Mayor Kris Hanna

### Stay informed









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This document is a summary of the Annual Business Plan 2024-2025.

To view the complete plan please visit: marion.sa.gov.au/abp



## What we achieved 2023-2024

- 368,489 library attendees, an 8.3
- 337 programs delivered across our community centres.
- 141 road segments and 26 footpaths renewed.
- 4,465 trees planted

per cent increase.

A full list of key achievements can be viewed via City of Marion's annual report.

- Completed the Coastal Walkway Bridges (opening in August).
- Cove Sports and Community Club upgrades.
- Installation of 13km of Marion Water pipeline to transfer recycled storm water to reserves and parks.
- A record 142,411 attendees at Marion Outdoor Pool throughout the swim season.



# Key objectives 2024-2025

- Glandore Community Centre entrance upgrade and new business hub.
- Warradale Park Tennis Club upgrade.
- Planting of over 4,000 trees.
- Transition council to electric vehicle fleet.

- Completion of major projects

   eg Seacliff Golf Course, Marino
   Hall, Marion Cultural Centre Plaza.
- Deliver events eg Touch a Truck, Concert at the Cove and Citizenship Ceremonies.
- Concept designs and community consultation for the five court Marion Basketball Stadium upgrade.



### **Project priorities**

The 6 themes of the community vision are: Valuing Nature, Innovative, Engaged, Liveable, Connected and Prosperous. Project priorities for 2024-2025, under the themes of the current vision include the following:

### **Prosperous**

Glandore Community
Centre entrance upgrade
and new business hub



Annual program of business events and engagement

### **Connected**

New wayfinding signage around the city



Flinders Greenway (Bikeway) development\*

Deliver the annual capital works program

### Liveable

Warradale Park Tennis Club upgrade



Koorana gymnastics upgrade

Concept designs and community consultation for Marion Basketball Stadium upgrade

### **Engaged**

Deliver the Youth and Community Grants program



Deliver events such as Touch a Truck, Concert at the Cove and Citizenship Ceremonies

### **Innovative**

Implement the Information Services Strategy



Solar carparks (Community Energy Upgrade)\*

### **Valuing Nature**

Plant over 4,000 trees

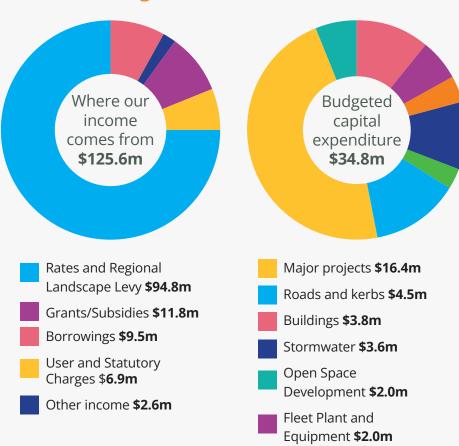


Environmental events and programs

Transition council to electric vehicle fleet

### \*Subject to grant funding

### Finances at a glance



Traffic devices/

Footpaths **\$0.9m** 

other infrastructure \$1.6m

### For every \$100 spent

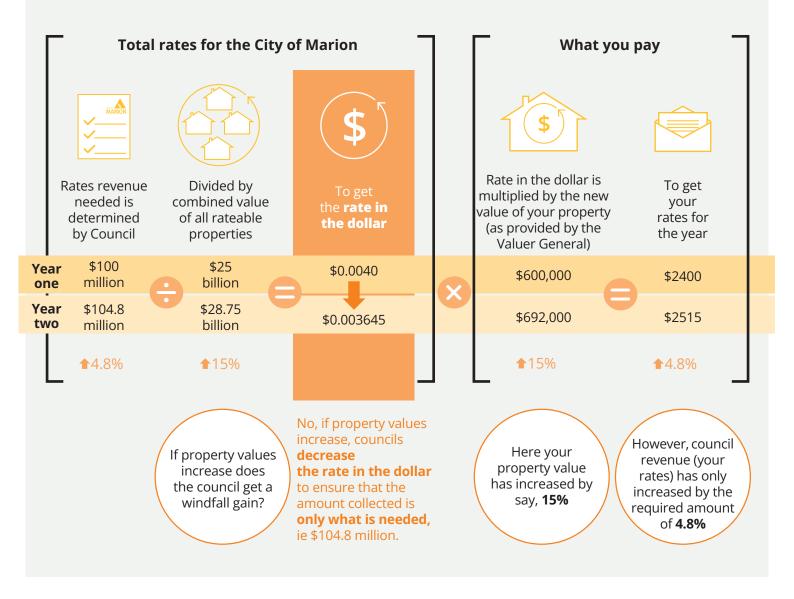
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A	\$16.14	Roads, bridges and footpath
2	\$16.12	Community facilities
面	\$11.39	Waste and recycling services
<b>_</b>	\$8.97	Open space, parks and gardens
	\$8.26	Library services
Ä	\$7.20	Other infrastructure - eg streetscapes LED streetlighting
	\$6.53	Community development and capacity building
9	\$5.39	Environmental sustainability
	\$4.42	Urban development
•	\$4.31	Health and community care
<b>E</b>	\$4.23	Culture and recreation
	\$3.57	Stormwater drainage and wetlands
•	\$3.47	Inspection, regulation and control

### How your rates are calculated

Valuations do not determine the rates income of a council. Property values are used to determine the share of the total budgeted rates that one property pays relative to other properties in the council area.

Property valuations are used by councils to determine the rate in the dollar to generate the total amount of rate revenue that councils need. Councils review the rate in the dollar annually making sure they only raise the budgeted rate revenue as required.

The following example illustrates how your rates are calculated using the rate in the dollar:



### What rates will you pay

Council is committed to fair and equitable rates with a 4.8 per cent rise in the average rate (excluding new developments and capital improvements).

In 2023-2024, Marion's relative rating position was fifth lowest out of 18 metropolitan councils. A 4.8 per cent rate rise in 2024-2025 and strategic budgeting aims to enable the city to develop according to the Community Vision – Towards 2040 without placing an undue financial burden on ratepayers.

### **Relief for rates:**

Ratepayers experiencing financial difficulties and unable to meet standard payment arrangements can contact Council to discuss alternative payment options.

Council will also continue to provide relief to qualifying ratepayers against a substantial increase in rates payable by applying a residential rate rebate. A rebate will be applied to residential properties where an increase in general rates is greater than 10 per cent, subject to meeting the qualifying criteria.

