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CITY OF PROSPECT

A message from Mayor, Matt Larwood



Reflecting on the achievements of the past four years, it's incredibly rewarding to see how far we've come together. This progress was highlighted in this year's Draft 2026-2027 Annual Business Plan and Budget. A sincere thank you goes out to everyone who took the time to share their thoughts. Your feedback is vital as we finalise a plan that actively gives back to our community, bringing together the strategic goals myself and your Elected Members have championed throughout our term.

As we look to build a thriving future, we're driving major strategic projects forward to ensure our city keeps progressing. This includes taking the exciting and important next steps for the Prospect Lifestyle Precinct.

Our local clubs and organisations truly are the heart of this connection. Earlier this year, it was an absolute privilege to celebrate two remarkable milestones that showcase our rich history: the 100-year anniversary of the North Adelaide Croquet Club and the 50th anniversary of the Adelaide Miniature Steam Railway Station.

Even though the weather is growing colder, I'm warmed by the return of the many grants and funding opportunities for our community. If you're a local group, innovator or volunteer who makes our city a vibrant place to live, work or play, make sure to check out how we can help bring your ideas to life

Want to connect with me?

Follow **@MayorofCityofProspect** on Facebook and LinkedIn.

Cover photo: 2026 Local Schools Exhibition opening
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Stay in touch with your Councillors

Your Elected Members are here to listen!

Connect and share your thoughts on our community by reaching out via email, phone, or social media.



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City of Prospect acknowledges that we are on the traditional country of the Kaurna people, and we respect their spiritual connection to their Country.



Rolling out the welcome mat

Sometimes taking the first step to connect with people can feel like the hardest part.

That's where The Welcome Space comes in. This brand-new program provides a warm, friendly, and inclusive environment where you can drop in, meet fresh faces, build stronger connections, and access local activities or support entirely at your own pace.

Whether you're looking for a new hobby, a bit of extra guidance, or just a hot coffee and a great conversation, we're here to help bridge the gap between staying home and getting involved.

The Welcome Space is open to everyone and operates regularly across a vibrant cross-council partnership between the Prospect, Port Adelaide Enfield, and Walkerville areas - making it easier than ever to engage with your local community.

When: Every first and third Thursday, 10:30am-12:30pm

Where: Irish Harp Room, Payinthi (128 Prospect Road, Prospect)

Cost: Free, with no bookings required.

Need a lift to Payinthi?

Give our Prospect Community Support team a call on **8342 8091** and we can arrange a free door-to-door service via our friendly community bus.

To find out more, visit **prospect.sa.gov.au/the-welcome-space**.

A tribute to Elizabeth Yanyi Close

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people should be aware that this communication contains names of deceased persons.

City of Prospect is deeply saddened by the loss of Elizabeth Yanyi Close, a visionary Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara artist whose work wove together contemporary and traditional Aboriginal stories.

Our local landscape is permanently enriched by her presence, her passion, and her immense talent.

Elizabeth's incredible legacy is permanently etched into the very walls and halls of our city.

In 2018, we had the honour of acquiring her work Pitjantjatjara, Yankunytjatjara for our Civic Art Collection over National Reconciliation Week (NRW).

In 2019, Elizabeth graced the construction site of Payinthi, creating the beloved Emu Feathers onsite. Today, it serves as the heart of our children's library space, Kardi Wardli (Emu House).

In 2021, in a vibrant collaboration with Newmarch Gallery and local icons John and George, she gifted our streetscape with the iconic mural at 122 Prospect Road.

We extend our deepest, most heartfelt condolences to Elizabeth's family, friends, and all who were moved by her profound journey of connection and truth-telling through art.

It's never too late to try something new

This July, Firstival - the popular statewide festival hosted by Libraries SA - returns for its fourth spectacular year.

With hundreds of interactive events taking place across South Australia and at our very own Prospect Library, there's something on offer to spark every curious mind this winter:

Wobbly line drawing – Join us outdoors as we explore this simple but effective technique.

Snarky cross stitch – Learn the basics of this popular craft, with attitude!

Let's get mindful – Escape the chaos of the world with a series of mindfulness activities and techniques.

Pet portraits – Explore fun and creative ways to capture your fur baby on paper.

Up-cycling with plants – Save on waste and get re-using with plant guru Markus Hamence.

Brush pen calligraphy – Learn the basics of this timeless style of writing.

Colour your own kite – Bring your designs to life before they soar through the sky.

The full program drops soon! You can browse and book our local events from Monday 1 June at **prospect.sa.gov.au/firstival**, or explore the entire statewide program at **firstival.com.au**.



Grants to set up our community for success



A thriving City of Prospect is built on shared vision and collective momentum. We believe in empowering our residents to lead the way - which is why our grants program is designed to put resources directly into the hands of those making a difference.

Community Support Fund

Open: *13 July – 11 September 2026*

Funding available: *Up to $2,000 for small equipment or facility improvements; up to $3,000 for projects, initiatives, events, and creative ideas.*

Each year, local visionaries step up with ideas that elevate our city. We're talking about creative ways to bring people together - like North Adelaide Football Club's Good Friday Festival - or projects that champion inclusivity, like the recent tools and equipment upgrade at the Prospect Community Garden. We're even partnering with Nailsworth Primary School and local Aboriginal Elders to share vital cultural history with the next generation.

If any of these ideas resonate with your local club or non-profit organisation, please think of applying for this year's fund. From upgrading facilities to implementing a truly rewarding initiative, we want to help turn your ideas into reality.

Neighbourhood Street Party Program

Open: *Early August 2026*

Celebrate where you live and connect with your neighbours by hosting a street party for everyone to enjoy! Whether it's a spooky Halloween get-together or a festive seasonal celebration, funding is available to help cover the costs of traffic management, advertising, and insurance to help get your street closed safely for your event.

Festive Community Activation Fund

We've always loved bringing the festive spirit to life through this grant, but this year there are some exciting changes on the horizon. Stay tuned over the coming months for an announcement in this space!

Youth Sponsorship Program

Open: *1 July (until funding is exhausted)*

Funding available: *$75–$400 for individuals, or $225–$1,200 for groups of three or more from the same club/ organisation.*

Invest in the dreams of our local youth (aged 21 and under). This program offers a helping hand to those chosen to represent their community in sports, science, the arts, or culture. Help our future leaders, creators, and athletes reach their full potential and take pride in their achievements.

Public Arts Grant

Open: *1 July (until funding is exhausted)*

Funding available: *Up to $1000 for eligible artists and groups.*

Great art makes a community feel like home. This grant supports temporary creative works that enrich our local landscape. Whether it's a colourful mural or a uniquely painted stobie pole, help us add character and connection to our shared environment.

Heritage grant program

Open: *1 July**

Funding available: *50% of the cost, up to a maximum of $2,000 per property.*

Do you own a Local or State Heritage Place, or a Representative Building within the Historic Area Overlay? If you're planning conservation work to preserve our local history, you may be eligible to receive partial funding for the project.

**Subject to endorsement of the Draft 2026-2027 Annual Business Plan, Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan.*

Ready to apply? To learn more about each of these funding opportunities and check your eligibility, please visit **prospect.sa.gov.au/funding-grants**.

A symphony of stories

When a group of musicians come together their combined sounds create a beautiful symphony. Writing a story is much the same – different characters, settings and plots come together to make one harmonious whole.

This year, we're inviting all budding young writers to make their own story based on this year's Children's Book Week theme, 'A Symphony of Stories.'

There are three categories for young authors to enter:

- Reception-Year 2: up to 100 words
- Years 3-4: up to 250 words
- Years 5-6: up to 500 words.

The winner of each category will receive a $100 book voucher to spend on their favourite reads. Plus, the creative winner of the Year 5–6 category will also be honoured with the prestigious, perpetual Jenni Cotton Memorial Trophy!

This year's competition opens 1 July, and entries must be submitted by **Sunday 9 August**.

To enter, submit your story directly to our friendly library staff at Payinthi, or upload it online at **prospect.sa.gov.au/childrens-programs**.





2026 Local Government Elections - Shape your world

Local Government shapes the places where we live. Footpaths, libraries, waste services, playgrounds, community facilities - these decisions aren't made in distant offices. They're made right here, by people who know your streets because they walk them too.

Every four years, South Australians have a quiet but powerful opportunity to shape the future of their own neighbourhoods with the Local Government Elections. 2026 is one of these years, with the Electoral Commission of South Australia conducting the Local Government Elections in November.

Getting involved is simple, with the whole election unfolding in three clear phases.

Enrol

Everything starts with being on the Electoral Roll. If you want your voice heard, make sure you're enrolled on either the House of Assembly Roll, or Supplementary Roll, before the Roll closes on **31 July 2026**. Please contact us on **8269 5355** to check your eligibility. It's quick, it's easy, and it ensures that you're part of the conversation about your community's future.

Nominate

If you've ever thought, "*I could help make this better*," this is your chance to step forward and nominate as a candidate. Nominations open **25 August** and close **8 September 2026**. You don't need to be a political insider - just someone who cares about the future of City of Prospect and wants to contribute. Councils rely on everyday locals bringing big picture thinking, fresh ideas and lived experience to the table.

Vote

From **mid October**, keep an eye on your letterbox for postal voting packs to begin arriving. Voting is simple, you don't even need to line up at a polling booth! Once you've read through the information about Candidates and made your choice, return your ballot via post before **11 November 2026**. Scrutiny and vote count will then occur from 14 November 2026.

Why Local Government Elections are important to you

Council elections are democracy at its most personal. These elections decide who will represent your Ward, advocate for your community, and make decisions that affect the future of City of Prospect. Whether you're passionate about green spaces, safer streets, better facilities, or simply being heard, this is your chance to influence what happens next.

So mark the dates, check your enrolment, and get ready to take part. City of Prospect is your Council. Your community. **Your say.**

For more information visit **prospect.sa.gov.au/elections**.

Authorised by Chris White, CEO, City of Prospect

100 reasons to plant a tree... or three

Following an encouraging debut in 2025, Treebate, our popular tree rebate initiative, returns with an even greater incentive to help grow our local tree canopy.

Last year, our community truly rallied together for the environment. Residents and renters answered the call from us by planting 158 new trees on private property. Coupled with the 462 trees planted by Council on our local streets, parks and reserves, this collective effort delivered a massive boost to our urban forest, helping to filter our air, support local wildlife, and create cooler, shaded neighbourhoods for hot summers to come. This amazing momentum proves what we can accomplish when we work as a team.

To build on this success and bring us closer to our goal of a 24.5% canopy cover by 2045 as outlined in our 2021-2026 Tree Strategy, we're doubling our support for your planting efforts. The process remains as simple as last year: plant up to three trees on your private property, and we'll reimburse you 50% of the purchase price. But for 2026, we've **increased the maximum rebate from $50 up to $100 per tree**.

Whether you're a homeowner or a renter (with landlord permission), you can make a tangible difference. Once your new tree is in the ground, simply submit your proof of purchase along with a photo of it thriving in your yard.

Every single tree we plant together transforms a property and contributes to a cooler, greener, and more vibrant Prospect.

Ready to make an impact? Learn more at **prospect.sa.gov.au/treebate** and make sure to apply by **Tuesday 30 June.**



Advancing the Prospect Lifestyle Precinct

Following an extensive 20-month, multi-phased community engagement process, including our recent public consultation period in February and March, Council has officially endorsed the draft Prospect Lifestyle Precinct Code Amendment at a Special Council Meeting in April.

This important statutory milestone has now been submitted to the State Government's Minister for Planning for final approval. It represents the legal mechanism required to update local zoning rules and unlock our Council-endorsed Masterplan.

"This decision reflects Council's commitment to securing the future of one of the city's most valued community assets in a fiscally responsible way," said Mayor Matt Larwood.

What the draft Code Amendment proposes

To balance growth with the protection of our cherished local character, the amendment introduces clear, structured zoning rules:

- Protecting green space: Rezoning Prospect Oval/Payinthi Yarta and the Memorial Gardens to a Recreation Zone, ensuring these open spaces are protected for generations to come.
- Enabling mixed-use growth: Rezoning the Main North Road corridor to an Urban Corridor (Boulevard) Zone to invite vibrant new business and residential opportunities.
- Tiered height transitions: Introducing strict design controls, with buildings directly adjacent to established character homes capped at a three-storey limit, rising gradually to a maximum of 12 storeys only along Main North Road.

Listening to our community

We received invaluable feedback during the consultation phase, and Council has adjusted the plans to directly address resident insights. Key changes include:

- Realigning the proposed eight-storey maximum building height to better protect and respect the historic Prospect Air Raid Shelter.
- Introducing a mandatory minimum three-metre setback along Main North Road to create a more pedestrian-friendly environment.

"We didn't make this decision lightly," Mayor Larwood said.

"Over the past two years, our community has been incredibly clear about wanting us to protect local heritage, manage traffic, and respect the character of our quiet streets."

"We've listened, and I believe these amendments show we've struck the right balance, securing the funding to improve our community assets while protecting what makes Prospect so special."

To view the full details of the endorsed draft Code Amendment, explore the project timeline, or track the next steps of the project, please visit **prospect.sa.gov.au/plp**.



Let's get batteries out of our bins

Batteries might seem harmless when they're sitting on a counter, but when they're tossed into your household kerbside bins, they become a major hazard. When combined with other materials and crushed inside a waste collection truck, the risk of a toxic, fast-moving fire increases dramatically.

With more of our everyday electronic devices containing embedded batteries, East Waste, our waste contractor, has faced a spike in lithium-ion battery-related fires in their recycling trucks over recent months.

When these batteries are crushed by a truck's heavy hydraulic compactors, they can ignite instantly and without warning. This not only puts our waste drivers and the community at risk, but the trucks can sustain serious damage. To put out the flames, drivers often have to dump the burning load directly onto the road, causing a messy spill on our local streets and forcing tons of recyclable material straight into landfill.

How you can dispose of your batteries safely (and for free:)

- **Removable household batteries**: Drop these off at our Resource Recovery Hub at Payinthi (128 Prospect Rd) or your local grocery store, like Aldi or Coles.
- **Embedded batteries:** For items where the battery cannot be removed (like electric toothbrushes or electronic toys), take them to a designated e-waste drop-off point. Our nearest permanent site is the Campbelltown Works Depot (6 Newton Rd, Campbelltown).

To look up drop-off locations for any type of battery, visit **greenindustries.sa.gov.au/batteries**.

Did you know ?

Along with standard household batteries, our Resource Recovery Hub collects a wide range of other tricky to recycle items, including eyeglasses, light globes, small e-waste and cords, mobile devices, and fluorescent tubes. On your next visit, check out the dedicated hub located right by the lifts. Learn more at **prospect.sa.gov.au/resource-recovery-hub**.

Thank you for providing a voice for your city

A huge thank you to everyone in our community who recently shared their feedback online or joined us in person as part of consultation on Council's draft 2026-2027 Annual Business Plan, Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan.

As the final Plan to be delivered by our current elected Council, this year marks the culmination of a dedicated four-year commitment to our community. By focusing on our top four priorities and the four key pillars of Quality Infrastructure, Community Value, Sustainability, and Funding our Future, Council has worked to ensure a lasting positive impact on our city.

We've listened closely because we want the legacy of these efforts to truly reflect what matters most to you. Beyond the strategic goals and financial targets, your feedback reminds us that every decision we make impacts the places you call home.

Whether it's ensuring your street feels safe, making our local parks more welcoming for your families, or supporting the community clubs where our residents connect, we're committed to delivering results that honour your investment in our city.

While final decisions rest with Council, the diverse perspectives provided by our community have been central to refining this final document. Through this ongoing collaboration, City of Prospect will continue to grow as a sustainable, vibrant, and progressive community.

The final 2026–2027 Plan will be presented to Council for formal endorsement this June. Once adopted, the complete document will be available for everyone to view online at **prospect.sa.gov.au/annual-business-plans**.



Churchill Road Drainage Upgrade



Want to track the project? To view maps, read FAQs, and stay up to date with the final stages of the Churchill Road Drainage Upgrade, visit **prospect.sa.gov.au/churchill-road-drainage-upgrade**.

When City of Prospect joined forces with the Stormwater Management Authority and the Australian Government, we had one crucial goal in mind: protect our community from flooding.

This September, Stage 1 of the $16 million Churchill Road Drainage Upgrade (CRDU) - a top priority in our 2021-2026 Strategic Community Plan - will be officially completed, protecting 441 local properties east of Churchill Road from future flood events.

Stay tuned for details on the official opening, alongside a major announcement regarding an exciting new public art piece coming to the upgraded Islington Shared Path.

Much of this incredible engineering work occurs completely out of sight beneath our feet. Here is a snapshot of our progress:

Completed works: We've successfully completed the new trunk drain in Pedder Crescent and the launch and retrieval pits for the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) either side of the railway corridor. We've also installed heavy-duty box culverts beneath the Regency Road Bridge and 2100mm wide concrete pipes beneath the Islington Shared Path, from the Renewal SA development to Devonport Terrace.

Works in progress: The team is currently preparing for the arrival of the TBM and putting the finishing touches on the areas surrounding the launch and retrieval pits. This establishes access to the critical underground zones designed to safely install pipes under the railway using specialised drilling equipment.

Upcoming works: The most exciting and major milestone is the long-awaited arrival of the specialised TBM from Queensland, which will handle the trickiest phase yet – drilling under the active Gawler Railway Line. Crews will also begin laying the new trunk drain down Devonport Terrace.

What's the big deal about the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM)?

The TBM is a massive, moving underground factory that can drill through dense dirt and rock without breaking the surface, while progressively installing the new concrete pipes to ensure that the ground above is always supported. The arrival of this highly specialised piece of equipment from Queensland has been years in the making and is critical to the success of this project.

The TBM will allow us to cross directly under the busy Gawler Railway Line without digging up the physical tracks, which would otherwise disrupt train services for months. Keeping local transit and interstate freight rail running safely and smoothly is our top priority, and this clever machinery means it's 'business as usual' on the surface, while the massive stormwater pipes are quietly and efficiently installed below.



What's on



CLUB5082 MUSIC EVENT

Eliza Hall, Payinthi
128 Prospect Rd, Prospect

Winter series

Twice a month, Fridays from
5 Jun - 21 Aug, 7pm

eventbrite.com.au/cc/club5082-winter-series-4840483



SPECIAL EVENT

Nailsworth Community Shed
and RL Pash Reserve
31 D'Erlanger Ave, Collinswood

Bloke's brunch - Men's Health Week event

Wed 10 Jun, 10am

blokesbrunch.eventbrite.com.au



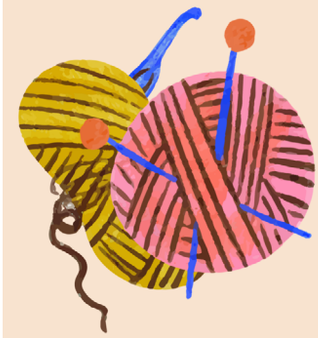
EXHIBITION

Newmarch Gallery, Payinthi
128 Prospect Rd, Prospect

The Nature of Things

12 Jun - 11 Jul

newmarchgallery.com.au



LIBRARY EVENT

Prospect Library, Payinthi
128 Prospect Rd, Prospect

Worldwide knit in public day

Sat 13 Jun, 11am

worldwideknitinpublicday.eventbrite.com.au



LIBRARY EVENT

Eliza Hall, Payinthi
128 Prospect Rd, Prospect

Get online with confidence

Thu 25 Jun, 1pm

getonlinewithconfidence.eventbrite.com.au



KIDS AND YOUTH

Various locations
across Prospect

Winter school holiday program

5 – 20 Jul
Various times and tickets

prospect.sa.gov.au/school-holidays



EXHIBITION

Newmarch Gallery, Payinthi
128 Prospect Rd, Prospect

SALA Festival – 27th Prospect Community Art Show

17 Jul - 15 Aug

newmarchgallery.com.au



EXHIBITION

Newmarch Gallery, Payinthi
128 Prospect Rd, Prospect

SALA Festival - In Between

21 Aug - 19 Sep

newmarchgallery.com.au

Promote your event with us!

Do you have a community event coming up? We can help you get the word out!

City of Prospect supports local community events, festivals and exhibitions, and we want to help promote these events.

There are several ways we can help, provided it meets our eligibility criteria.

For more information, please visit **prospect.sa.gov.au/submit-your-event**.





Social photos

We loved celebrating the recent opening of our annual Local Schools Exhibition. Students beautifully explored this year's theme of 'home,' filling Newmarch Gallery with vibrant, heartfelt artworks. It was an amazing night showcasing their creativity and hard work over the past few months.

Photography: John Nieddu Photography











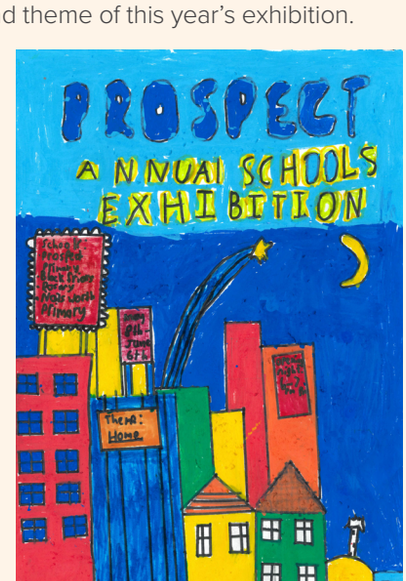


2026 Annual Schools Exhibition Poster Winners

Congratulations to our winners Maxwell and Elijah L from Prospect Primary School. Their posters best displayed the intent and theme of this year's exhibition.



Maxwell



Elijah L







Prospect Community Garden

Did you know Prospect has a community garden?

We are just off Willcox Avenue, down the laneway next to the tennis courts

Open Tuesday & Saturday 9-12 noon

New volunteers and visitors are always welcome









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