



Your local council provides services to support the way you and other members of your community in the way you live, work and play. Councils care for communities. They consult widely on their plans and programs. Services can vary greatly from one council to another – some need to look after beaches, some build roads in hilly areas and some communities highly value a local swimming centre – others have different needs and priorities.

The 68 councils in South Australia collectively employ more than 11,000 South Australians, support almost 9,000 volunteers and spend more than \$2 billion a year on providing services. About half goes on roads and drainage, with the remaining investment going towards waste and recycling, street lighting, sport and recreation facilities, public health, library and information services and many other services. Many council services are largely invisible, such as stormwater drainage that prevents flooding in local streets throughout the year.

Did you know?

Combined, South Australian councils maintain over \$24 billion in public assets such as roads, pavements, jetties, parks & playgrounds.

Did you know?

Councils spend around 37% of their total operating expenditure on 'Infrastructure', that includes things like roads, bridges, footpaths, kerbing, parks and gardens, sports facilities, swimming centres, jetties, cemeteries and public toilets.

What services do councils provide?

Councils provide many services to households and businesses, some of which are required by State laws and other are provided based on needs and preferences of communities. Whether a service is required by law or is chosen by an elected council, the Local Government Act 1999 requires that a council is "responsive to the needs, interests and aspirations of individuals and groups within its community..." and that it must "...seek to ensure that council resources are used fairly..."

Services provided by many councils at the request of their communities include:

- Libraries
- Hard rubbish collection and street cleaning
- Sporting and recreation facilities
- Parks, gardens, playgrounds and public toilets
- Street lighting
- Food safety inspections
- Immunisation programs
- Home support for older Australians and people living with a disability

Council services required by legislation include:

- Rubbish collection
- Stormwater and drainage maintenance
- Town planning and building controls
- Environment protections, public nuisance and noise management

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A Council services story: On Saturday morning, you wake up and decide to cycle down the road to the beach for a quick swim and take a walk along the jetty. Heading home along the bike-path, you decide to stop by your local library and browse on the internet and check out that book you have been meaning to read. Later on you head down to the local oval to watch a game of footy and use the community grill to have a BBQ with a few friends as the kids play on the playground in the park nearby.



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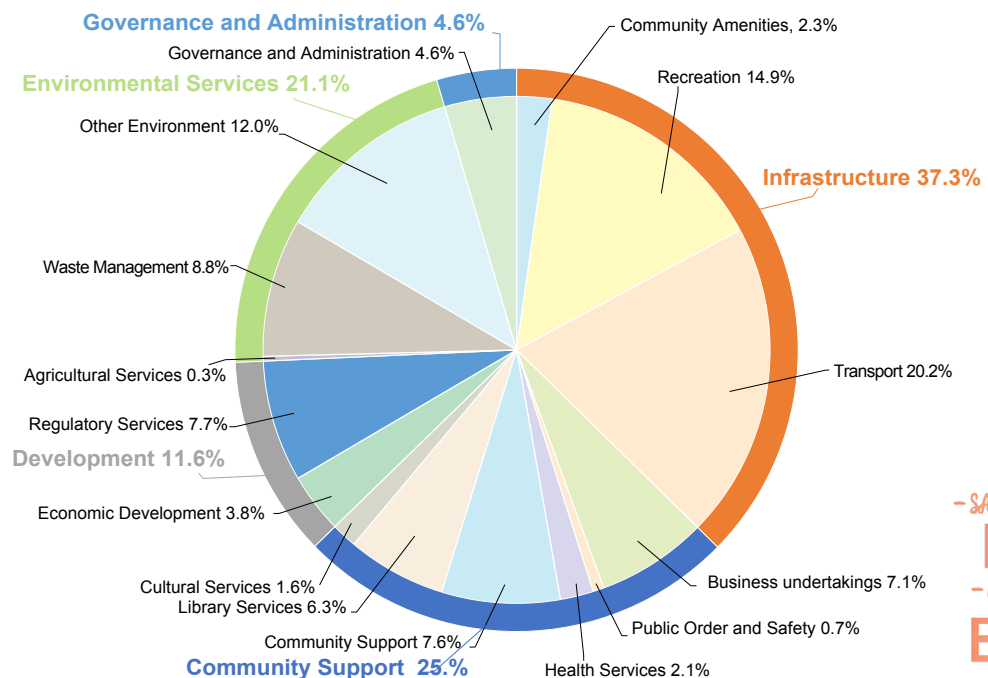
Council Services



Councils are about more than roads and rubbish collection. They're responsible for delivering hundreds of services and facilities that contribute to building strong and vibrant communities. Some examples of council services and activities are listed below:

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| A | Aged Care Services
Abandoned Vehicles
Arts & Cultural Programs | E | Economic Development & Business Support
Employment/Training Programs
Environmental Services
European Wasp Control | P | Parks & Gardens
Picnic Areas
Planning Applications
Playground
Public Swimming Pools
Public Toilet |
| B | Bicycle Tracks
Building Applications and Approvals
Bus Shelters
Bushfire Prevention
Burning Permits
Busking Permits
By-laws | F | Festivals & Events
Fire Prevention
Food & Health Inspections
Footpaths
Free Internet in Libraries | R | Rates
Recreation & Sport Facilities
Recycling |
| C | Caravan Parks
Cemeteries
Children's Services & Support
Coastcare and Dunecare
Community Buses
Community Centres
Community Leadership & Advocacy
Community Wastewater Management Systems (CWMS)
Control of Public Nuisances
Cultural Development | G | Graffiti Control | S | Skate Parks
Stormwater Drainage & Reuse
Street Cleaning
Street Lighting
Street Signs |
| D | Dog & Cat Management
Disability Services | H | Heritage Protection | T | Tourism & Information Centres
Traffic Control |
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| | | L | Libraries
Local Museums & Heritage
Local Roads | W | Waste Management |
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On Street Parking
Ovals | Y | Youth Support |
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Council outlays (operating and capital) by function



Source: South Australian Local Government Grants Commission - Report 9 - Operating Expenses Summary for 2017-18 Financial Year

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