

City of Marion Annual Business Plan Summary 2026-2027

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Mayor's message

Welcome to the City of Marion's Annual Business Plan Summary 2026-2027. This is a snapshot of our budget for the year ahead. Over the last 11 years, Marion Council has aimed at keeping rate rises to no more than the general rate of inflation. We are aware that times are tough for many residents as prices rise, and Council also faces rising costs. The Israel/ US attack on Iran is already having an impact on the cost of fuel and construction costs, which are integral to council operations. Even while we are proposing capital investment of nearly \$100 million over the next 2 years, we are proposing an average residential rate rise of 4.8 per cent this year; which compares well with most councils in metropolitan Adelaide. Cost pressures faced by your council include:

1. Wage increases: Staff costs make up about 40 per cent of our budget.
2. Irrigation: There was a proposal to add 41 irrigation projects and 8 natural landscaping projects to our Open Space Plan
3. A new 4-court Marion Basketball Stadium has been approved to meet the needs of the huge South Adelaide Basketball Club

We will continue to provide a high standard of service and encourage a prudent, common-sense approach in the way council operates.

Yours faithfully

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Mayor Kris Hanna



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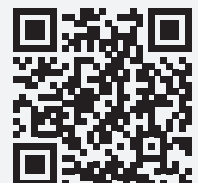
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Key objectives 2026-2027

- Build a new four-court indoor basketball stadium at Norfolk Road, Marion.
- Plan and design a major upgrade of Cove Sports Ground and clubrooms*.
- Rebuild the Morphettville Park Tennis Clubroom.
- Complete major upgrades at Glandore Oval.
- Upgrade Hazelmere Reserve netball facilities.
- Continue footpath and other capital works upgrades across the city.
- Upgrade playgrounds, expand irrigation and continue annual tree planting to keep open spaces green and welcoming.

** Subject to grant funding being received.*

What we achieved 2025-2026

- Celebrated 50 years of Marion Outdoor Pool and 40 years of Trott Park Community Centre.
- Opened modernised facilities at Warradale Park Tennis Club.
- Started major upgrades at Marion Basketball Stadium and Glandore Oval.
- Completed designs for Morphettville Park Tennis Club improvements.
- Revitalised community spaces, including Newland Avenue and Southbank Boulevard playground.
- Planted 3,500+ trees and 33,000+ native plants.
- Welcomed 21,300+ visits to our expanded events calendar, 152,000+ Marion Outdoor Pool visits and 370,000+ library visits.
- Supported safe neighbourhoods, responding to 9,500+ community safety cases.
- Renewed city infrastructure, including 2,550m² footpaths, 1,366m stormwater pipes and 5,200m² road resealing.

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



Project priorities

Our priorities for 2026-2027 focus on delivering the Community's Vision for 'A Liveable, Sustainable, Community', while strengthening council for the future. Key projects and initiatives include:

Liveable

Deliver Flinders Greenway Stage 3 to improve cycling links.

Start building new sporting facilities for Marion Tennis Club and Sturt Marion Thunder Soccer Club.

Sustainable

New household programs to encourage tree planting, recycling and emission reduction.

Continue restoring the Sturt River Biodiversity Corridor with more native planting.

Work with nearby councils on stormwater and climate action planning.

Community

Deliver events, including Touch a Truck, Concert at the Cove, Citizenship Ceremonies and business networking forums.

Trial after-hours library access for flexible use of library spaces.

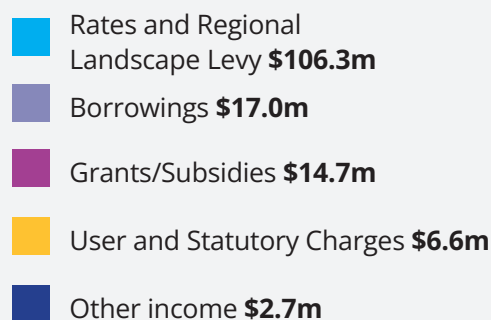
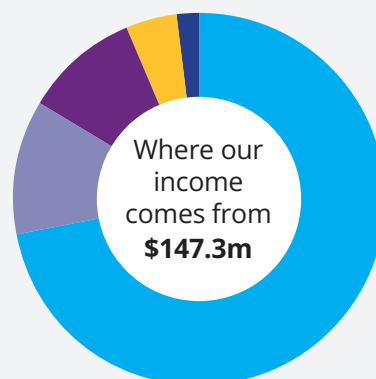
Help older residents find local services so they can stay active and independent.

Our Organisation

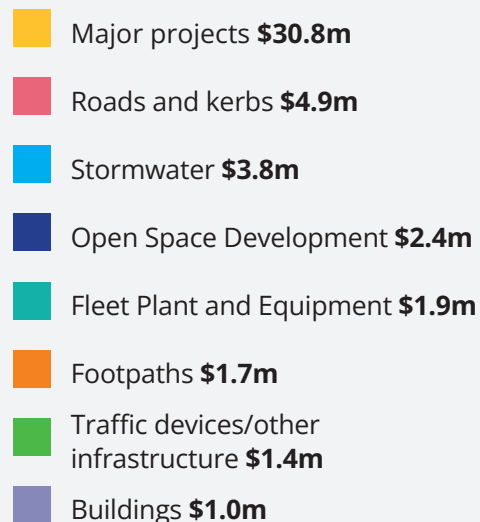
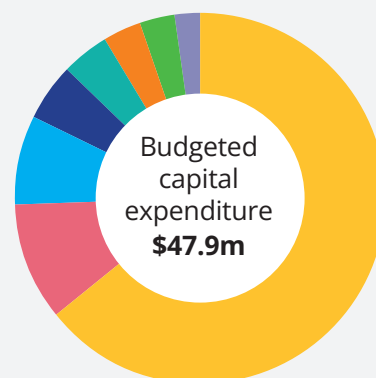
Continue Gap Year and Inclusive Traineeships programs.

Make it easier for residents to find information and contact us (i.e. Snap Send Solve / My Local Services).

Finances at a glance



For every \$100 spent on operations

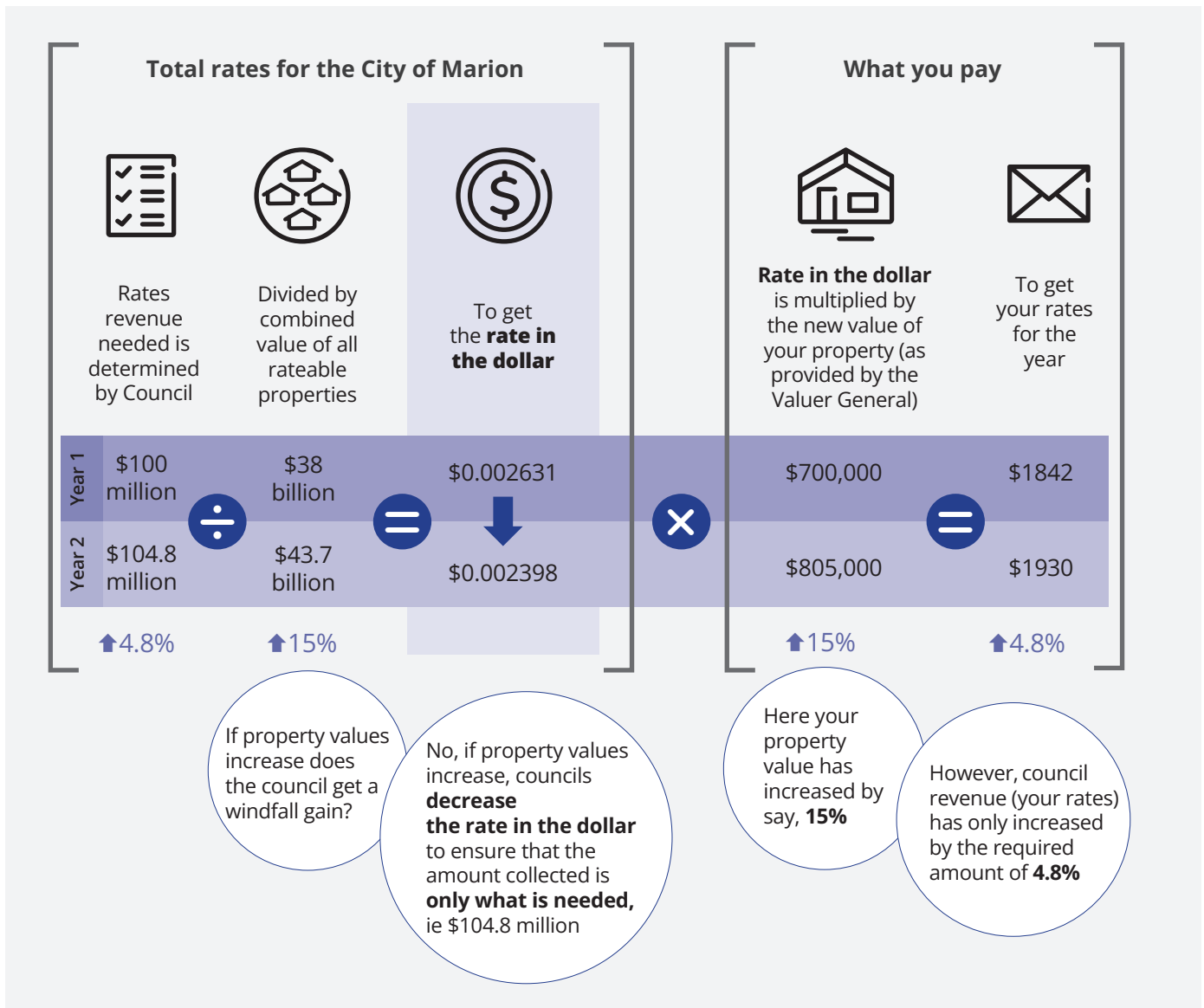


How your rates are calculated

Property values 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 required budgeted rate revenue.

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



What rates will you pay

Council's average rate increase of 4.8% reflects a balanced and responsible approach to long-term financial sustainability. In 2025–2026, Marion's relative rating position continued to be the fifth lowest out of 18 metropolitan councils. This measured increase in 2026–2027 helps maintain essential services and supports the city's future priorities, while keeping rates affordable for the community.

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%, subject to meeting the qualifying criteria.