



Burnside 2030

Strategic
Community
Plan



We acknowledge this land that we meet on today is the traditional land of the Kurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country.

We also acknowledge the Kurna people as the custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the Kurna people today. We pay respect to the cultural authority of Aboriginal people visiting or attending from other areas of South Australia and Australia.

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Message from the Mayor and CEO

This update of the Burnside Strategic Community Plan is the culmination of extensive research and consultation with our valued community, Council Members and staff.

This is the most critical of all Council plans because it provides us with direction as we make decisions that impact on all of us in the Burnside community and beyond. In it we share our vision and values, and through its unique, overarching pillars of Community, Environment and Place, it provides us with a roadmap for the future.

Through communication with you, the community, to develop this plan, we have articulated our priorities. We want this City to provide us with a place, a community and an environment where we feel safe, our families can grow and our businesses flourish. You told us that you want to maintain and improve the greenery, activities, parks, facilities and services you have come to rely on, and a lifestyle that you appreciate and are proud of and your thoughts are constant in this updated document.

Burnside 2030 outlines the Council principles, key themes, goals and priorities in the delivery of Council services and projects that are responsive to community desires and needs. We thank those who participated in our community consultation and contributed to the shaping of this document.

Local Government is the closest tier of government to people and is generally the most accessible. We encourage and foster an environment where people can build the type of community they can be connected to. Our services are created specifically for our community, with a strong focus on the environment, partnering with our community to protect and preserve our trees, our native habitats and pristine parks. The health and wellbeing of all is uppermost in our considerations. As a Council, we need to continue to respond to the needs of the young, vulnerable, the not-so-young, families and those with a disability, taking into consideration changes to population demographics.



We recognise that the land on which our City is built is Kurna land and we respect their long-lasting and enduring culture, their connection to this land, their ancestors and their leaders today.

Burnside 2030 is the Strategic Community Plan for the City of Burnside that articulates Council's vision, goals and priorities that guide decision making over a ten-year period. Four years into that period, this Plan has now been refreshed based on the latest trends and community sentiment.

Our City is a diverse, green and vibrant place in which to live, work, study, play and visit. Even before the City of Burnside was established in 1856, people came from many parts of the world to live and work here. It is a place of history with heritage-listed buildings, old mines, parks, creeks, reserves and vineyards that reflect our State's early development. An increasingly rich tapestry of people, ideas, experiences and perspectives continues to inspire its citizens and influence its growth.

Careful and evidence-based planning for the future of the City of Burnside is a vital part of our commitment to constantly improve the way Council conducts its business and operations in order to keep up the momentum with changing community expectations, priorities and needs. Above all, we strive to be accountable to you, our residents and ratepayers. To enable this we developed a set of associated action plans and key result areas as a way of communicating to you how we are tracking against this plan and achieving against the priorities set.

We are pleased to advise that community engagement for this 2024 update confirmed it is consistent with community expectations.



Using our knowledge and understanding of the City, right across the organisation, our actions reflect our shared vision and reaffirm Council's ongoing efforts to implement the Strategic Community Plan via existing Council processes and budgets. This vision is of a prosperous City with a healthy, safe, connected and active community, living in green, leafy neighbourhoods, where lifestyle is admired, heritage is valued and people and nature live in harmony.

We thank the Burnside community for taking the time to provide input into this important document and we look forward to working with you, our Council Members and the City of Burnside Team at the next stage of our journey.

Anne Monceaux
Mayor

Chris Cowley
Chief Executive Officer

Planning for our future

Burnside 2030 provides a vision for the City of Burnside and sets out the goals and priorities that will guide Council's decision making for the period 2024 to 2030.

Informed by the community, it will set the direction for some of our most important projects and programs and help us respond to emerging opportunities and challenges. This Plan builds on our past achievements in providing highly valued community services and identifying and preserving those qualities that are uniquely Burnside.

Burnside 2030 has been developed through consideration of regional, state and national objectives and substantial data and trend analysis. It considers the future composition of our community and emerging trends such as climate change, technology and demographic change.

The Plan has been informed by extensive community consultation. Feedback from hundreds of community members passionate about both the future of their City and the role that their local Council can play in preserving and enhancing it, has generated many ideas. Their high-level aspirations are expressed in the goals and accompanying priorities.

For Council to carry out this work and our 'business as usual', principles have been developed to provide guidance on how Council will deliver both the Plan and all its services.

Delivering the Plan

Burnside 2030 outlines our big picture goals, the future aspirations for our City. The Plan sets direction for our other strategic plans and is delivered through actions that our community will benefit from every day. The Plan does not include everything we do, but rather focuses on the main priorities identified by our community.

Burnside 2030's vision describes the aspirations our community and Council Members have for our City. This will be implemented through:

- Four principles that provide guidance on how Council will deliver the Plan.
- Three themes which reflect the shared priorities of our community and Council and are consistent with our proud history and vision for a liveable future.
- Three goals that describe broad areas for action.
- Fifteen priorities with a description on what we aim to achieve with this Plan, based on what our community has told us.

Many of the priorities contained in *Burnside 2030* will require a partnership approach with our community, stakeholders and all levels of government. Council will also work together with its subsidiaries to achieve the goals and priorities contained within this Plan.

Council's Strategic Management Plans consist of this Plan, Asset Management Plans and the *Long-Term Financial Plan*. These Strategic Management Plans are supported by a hierarchy of Council strategies and policies which will be delivered through action plans, management plans, internal work plans and the Annual Business Plan and Budget.

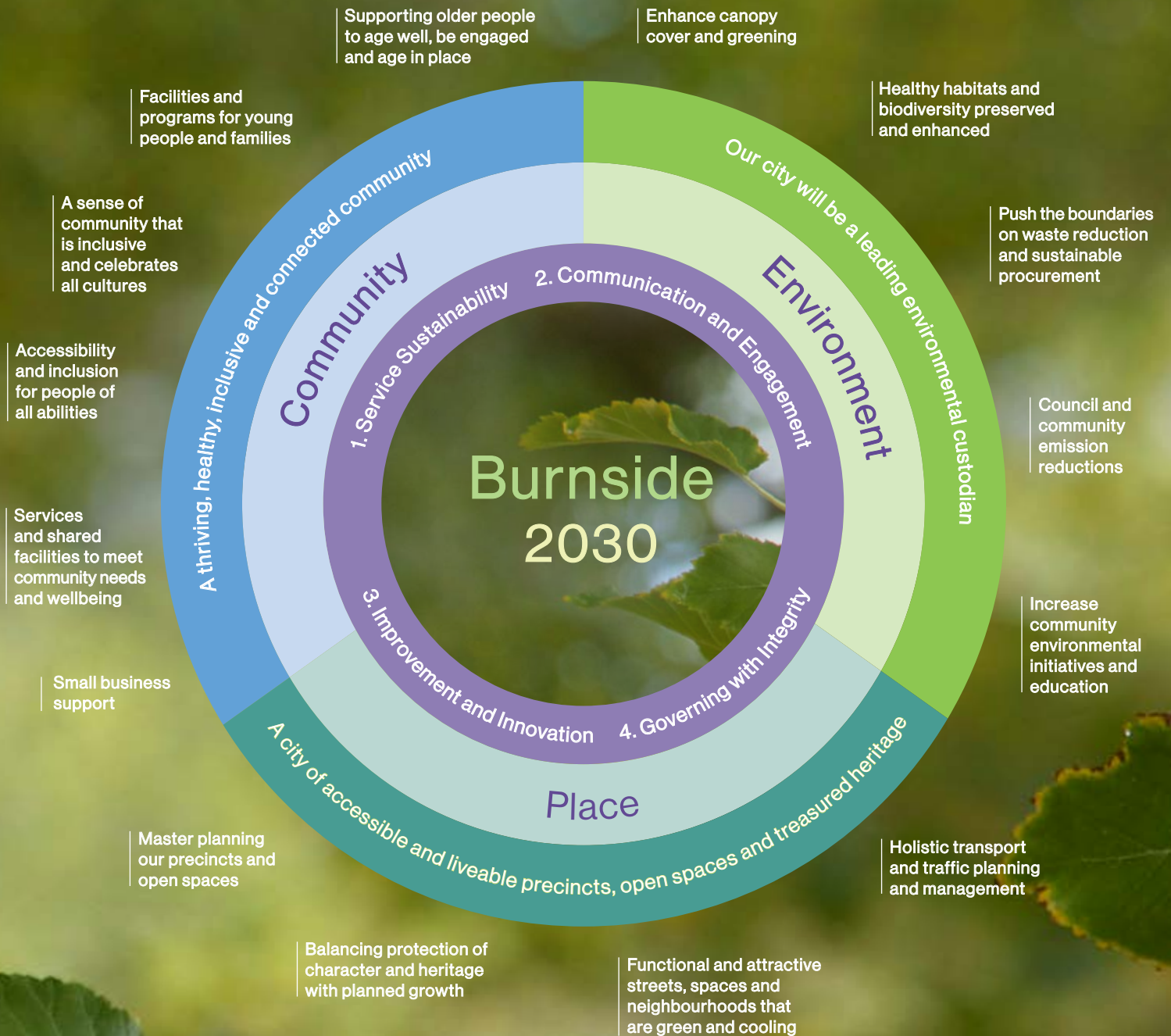




Vision

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Strategic Community Plan 2024-2030



Principles



1 Service Sustainability

The community, natural environment, local culture, and heritage will be at the forefront of our decisions as we responsibly manage Council's resources while sustaining the quality of our services, infrastructure, and places, now and for future generations.

2 Communication and Engagement

Council will continue to communicate and engage with our community to ensure they are informed and able to participate in important decisions in meaningful ways. We will celebrate the successes of our community and promote opportunities for people to be empowered to participate in Burnside life.

3 Improvement and Innovation

Council's capable, motivated and safe workforce will continuously pursue improvement and new ways to achieve outstanding performance and reputation, while adapting our services, places and facilities to meet emerging trends, technology and our community's evolving needs.

4 Governing with Integrity

Council will be open, accountable, transparent, and reliable in our decisions, service provision and project delivery. We will foster a culture of evidence-based, risk-aware decision making.

A woman wearing a colorful bucket hat, sunglasses, a green t-shirt, black leggings, and a backpack is walking a brown, scruffy dog on a purple leash along a dirt path. The path is surrounded by lush green trees and foliage. In the upper right corner, there is a light green circle with a purple border containing the text "Goals and Priorities".

Goals and Priorities

Theme: Community

Goal 1

A thriving, healthy, inclusive and connected community

The City of Burnside is an inclusive city that ensures enhanced health and wellbeing, where all people feel safe and socially connected.

Priority 1.1

Supporting older people to age well, be engaged and age in place

Council promotes a community that is resilient and enjoys a high quality of life, safety and wellbeing. People are supported to be able to age well in their community and continue to be active, engaged and enjoy participation and social connection through a wide variety of opportunities.

Priority 1.2

Facilities and programs for young people and families

Our growing number of young people and families are connected with their local community and able to participate in a wide range of activities and programs that meet their diverse needs. Council provides and promotes a variety of accessible facilities and spaces that help families be active and spend time together.

Priority 1.3

A sense of community that is inclusive and celebrates all cultures

Our community feels welcomed and included and embraces diversity and reconciliation. With a focus on neighbourhood social connection, Council delivers initiatives that promote inclusion, reconciliation and cultural diversity, with opportunities for all people to be involved in their community.

Priority 1.4

Accessibility and inclusion for people of all abilities

Council is committed to working with our residents, businesses and service providers to ensure people of all abilities are welcome and feel included, especially those facing greater barriers in relation to disability. Council also has a leadership role in facilitating and encouraging improved physical access to community and privately-owned facilities and services.

Priority 1.5

Services and shared facilities to meet community needs and wellbeing

We provide programs and opportunities for our community to learn, connect and pursue recreational, cultural and sporting passions in flexible and quality multipurpose spaces and facilities that meet the broad, intergenerational needs of the community now and into the future.

Priority 1.6

Small business support

Council works together with relevant partners to provide effective engagement and support for local small business, ensuring they continue to provide services and goods for our community and contribute to Burnside's liveable and connected community.



Theme: Environment

Goal 2

Our City will be a leading environmental custodian

The City of Burnside and our community pioneer urban forestry and biodiversity initiatives and take bold action on emissions reductions and resource efficiency.

Priority 2.1

Enhance canopy cover and greening

The extent and quality of urban canopy cover, streetscapes, landscaping and greening throughout our city is maximised, including on private land. Our urban canopy enhances the character, identity and liveability of the City of Burnside and helps cool our suburbs.

Priority 2.2

Healthy habitats and biodiversity preserved and enhanced

Council maintains and enhances biodiversity values throughout the city and works with our community to preserve and celebrate our natural habitats and wildlife.

Priority 2.3

Push the boundaries on waste reduction and sustainable procurement

Council is working with our community to reduce waste, as well as improving management of recycling and organics. As an organisation, our procurement processes result in sustainable purchasing and a focus on circular economy.

Priority 2.4

Council and community emission reductions

Council demonstrates sustainability leadership by reducing emissions and using renewable energy, while supporting our community in this endeavour.

Priority 2.5

Increase community environmental initiatives and education

Council supports and empowers our community to be more environmentally sustainable, while collaborating to develop and implement initiatives that improve the environmental performance of our city.







Theme: Place

Goal 3

A City of accessible and liveable precincts, open spaces and treasured heritage

The City of Burnside is planned and built to support community life and connectivity. Quality streetscapes, parks and gardens are valued and our distinctive character and heritage is enhanced.

Priority 3.1

Master-planning our precincts and open spaces

Our high-quality open spaces are accessible, sustainable, well-used and balance the natural environment with social connectivity and a diversity of activities and recreational opportunities. Council maintains and strengthens the vibrancy, presence and local identity of our village precincts and activates spaces where businesses, people and nature can prosper.

Priority 3.2

Balancing protection of character and heritage with planned growth

Council manages population growth in a holistic way that provides housing to meet the intergenerational needs of our community while protecting our city's heritage, neighbourhood character and tree canopy. Our evolving community's future infrastructure, open space and transport needs are all planned and managed in a coordinated way.



Priority 3.3

Functional and attractive streets, spaces and neighbourhoods that are green and cooling

Council upholds our community's expectations for high quality streetscapes and spaces that are green and cooling and enhance the lifestyles of our residents and the attractiveness, connectivity and safety of our local neighbourhoods.

Priority 3.4

Holistic transport and traffic planning and management

Council's city-wide approach to traffic and transport planning supports effective and safe movement of all traffic across our local and state roads, while ensuring safer and more connected bicycle and pedestrian networks, greater use of public transport and integrated management of traffic and parking on residential streets.



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