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Member Update

A fair and practical short-stay accommodation register

SHLGA supports a state-run short-stay accommodation register that strengthens tourism, supports fair commercial rating and responds to community concerns.

Our submission calls for consistent statewide administration, funded through cost recovery without shifting costs to councils and ratepayers. The register should distinguish occasional home sharing from commercial operations and provide reliable information for council rating and future housing policy.

Any Code of Conduct must deliver timely, practical remedies for serious or repeated misconduct. SHLGA also seeks clear planning guidance, privacy protections and 12-month transition period.

Find further details on the SHLGA position here.





SHLGA Board Meeting - 24 November 2026

Our next Board meeting will be hosted by the Adelaide Hills Council.

On the Agenda - Federal advocacy priorities, Little Corella Management, Elected Member Leave policy, streamlined procurement to support grant applications, appointments to the SHLGA Management Committee, and updates from our regional and sector partners.

You can view the Meeting Agenda on our website.

New council resource launched

Trails connect more than places. They support active communities, access to nature, local businesses and memorable visitor experiences.

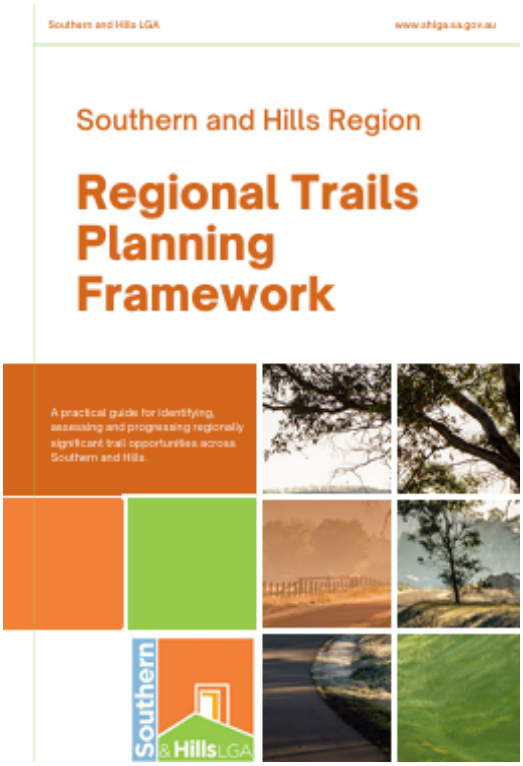
SHLGA has launched the Southern and Hills Regional Trails Planning Framework, a practical advisory resource for our six member councils.

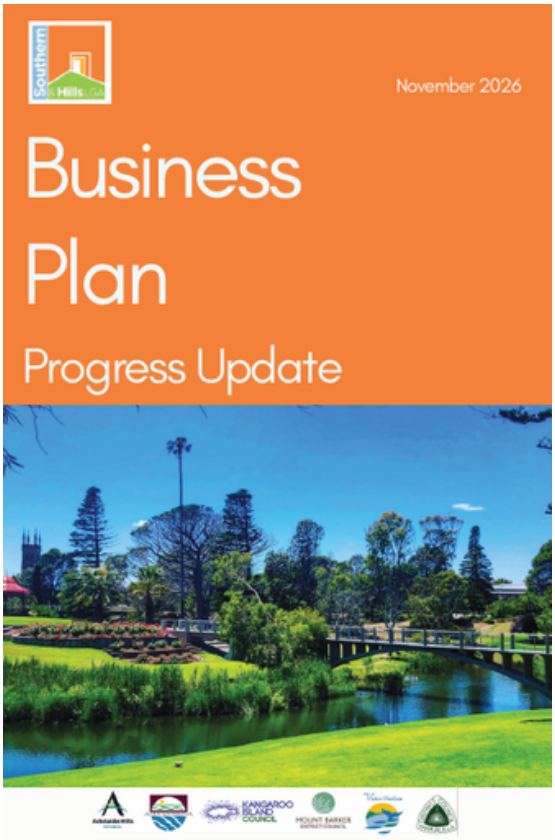
Developed under the Regional Public Health and Wellbeing Plan, it provides guidance and worksheets to identify, assess and progress regionally significant trail opportunities, including where collaboration across council boundaries could add value.

It's not a trails masterplan or prioritised project list. It's a resource to inform future planning and discussions with potential partners.

This is one way SHLGA supports its member councils: developing shared resources, bringing a regional perspective to local opportunities and creating a foundation for collaboration.

Access a copy of the Regional Trails Planning Framework here.





Business Plan progress update

SHLGA adopted a new four-year Business Plan in 2026, setting a clear direction for regional advocacy, collaboration and delivery.

Our November progress update provides a snapshot of how ongoing activities and priorities for 2026 are being progressed. Highlights include policy submissions, SHaRe forums, the Regional Trails Planning Framework and work commencing on shared services investigations and regional health evidence.

The update supports transparent reporting and accountability to member councils and regional stakeholders.

Read the November 2026 Progress Report here.

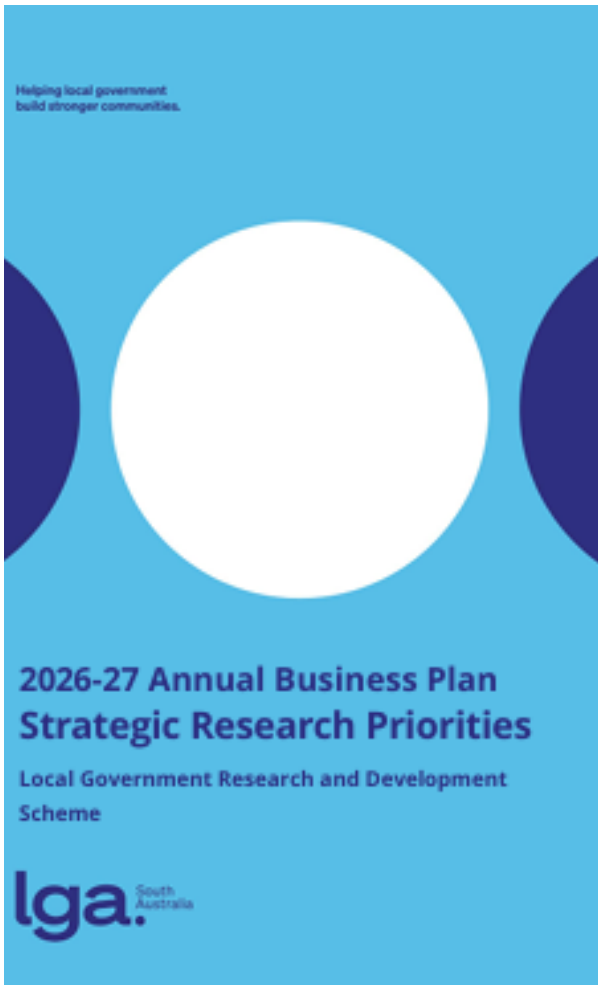
Funding secured for regional projects

SHLGA has secured $40,000 in Regional Capacity Building funding: $15,000 for the State of the Region Insights report and $25,000 for Shared Services Investigations.

Both projects are underway, building an evidence base for regional public health planning and investigating opportunities for councils to collaborate on service delivery.

The findings will inform future priorities, support council planning and identify practical opportunities to share resources and strengthen regional outcomes.

We thank the Local Government Research and Development Scheme for supporting this work to strengthen regional knowledge, capacity and collaboration.



SHaRe
SOUTHERN AND HILLS REGION EXCHANGE

Share your ideas for SHaRe 2027

Approximately 70 council members and staff have participated in Southern and Hills Region Exchange (SHaRe) forums since the program launched in May 2026.

Councils have come together to learn about advocacy, workforce development, regional drought resilience and short-stay accommodation.

We're developing our 2027 program and welcome suggestions for topics, projects or partnerships your council would like to showcase.

Share your ideas for SHaRe with us at admin@shlga.sa.gov.au.