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Member Update



Road funding methodology under review

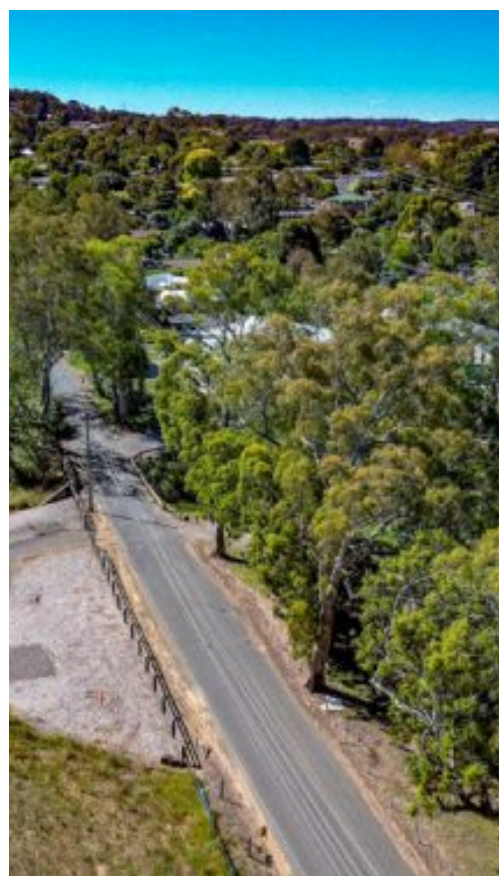
The South Australian Local Government Grants Commission is reviewing the methodology used to distribute Commonwealth road funding to councils.

The options being considered could affect councils differently according to population, road network, geographic area and revenue capacity.

SHLGA has prepared an information paper explaining the current methodology, proposed alternatives and potential implications for each constituent council. It is intended to help councils consider local circumstances and inform any submission to the review.

To request a copy, email admin@shlga.sa.gov.au.

Details about the review can be found on the State Government's [Your Say website](#).



Webinar – Short Stay Accommodation

14 October 2026
1pm – 2:30pm

Join SHLGA for a discussion on the State Government's proposed Short Stay Accommodation Register and associated regulatory reforms. Explore the implications for councils and communities, share local perspectives, and help shape a coordinated Southern and Hills regional response to the consultation.

Short Stay Accommodation Register
Discussion Paper



Facilitated by SHLGA Executive Officer, Lisa Murray



SHaRe

To register the SHLGA form for this webinar please register by emailing admin@shlga.sa.gov.au

New Upcoming Event – Short Stay Accommodation Webinar

14 October 2026 | 1–2:30pm | Online

Explore the implications for councils and communities of the State Government's proposed registration scheme, share local perspectives, and help shape a coordinated Southern and Hills regional response to the consultation.

To register, email admin@shlga.sa.gov.au.

Stronger Together: SHLGA's 2025-26 Year in Review

SHLGA's 2025-26 Annual Report highlights a year focused on strengthening the Association's value to its six constituent councils through advocacy, collaboration and regional leadership.

Key achievements included adopting SHLGA's first Advocacy Framework and four-year Advocacy Plan, delivering a coordinated State Election campaign, launching the Southern and Hills Region Exchange (SHaRe), securing \$2.07 million in Special Local Roads funding, and strengthening governance and strategic planning.

SHLGA also expanded its role as a regional knowledge hub, maintained strong partnerships within and beyond local government, and continued to bring councils together around shared challenges and opportunities.

Together, these initiatives have established stronger foundations for SHLGA to advocate with a united voice, build regional capability and translate shared priorities into action over the coming four years.

Read the SHLGA 2025-25 Annual Report [here](#).

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We exist to enable our six councils to work together to improve the quality of life for their communities, enhance the prosperity of the region and improve performance.



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YEAR IN REVIEW

Advocacy - Building a Stronger Regional Voice



Adopted SHLGA's first Advocacy Framework



Adopted the inaugural Advocacy Plan 2025-2029



Established six regional advocacy priority themes



Delivered a coordinated State Election Strategy



Prepared ten major advocacy submissions



Featured in seven national and regional media stories



SHLGA - Your Regional Voice

SHLGA President Mayor Moira Jenkins and Executive Officer Lisa Teburea met with Members of Parliament this week to discuss priorities for the Southern and Hills region.

Discussions focused on the collaboration and investment needed to support regional growth, housing, infrastructure, public transport and sustainable local government.

SHLGA continues to highlight the importance of involving councils early in policy development. Councils bring valuable on-the-ground experience and can help shape practical policies that deliver better outcomes for communities across the Fleurieu Peninsula, Adelaide Hills and Kangaroo Island.

Working with SHLGA – A new guide for councils

Through our three pillars — Advocating, Sharing and Delivering — SHLGA provides a stronger regional voice, helps councils exchange knowledge and resources, and coordinates projects that benefit the wider Southern and Hills region.

A new What does SHLGA do? guide provides a simple overview of SHLGA's role, how we operate and the value created when our six councils work together.

From connecting council staff and sharing good practice, to building regional evidence, strengthening advocacy and pursuing funding opportunities – SHLGA provides an extra resource for our six constituent councils.

Do you have an issue, idea or opportunity that could benefit from a regional approach? Get in touch at admin@shlga.sa.gov.au



2030 Regional Transport Plan

Intermediate Update - 2026



Regional Transport Plan Updated

SHLGA has completed a 2026 Intermediate Update of its 2030 Regional Transport Plan, ensuring regional road priorities remain current and evidence-based.

Prepared by HDS Australia, the project updated the Regional Roads Database, Road Deficiency Action Plans and regional route network to reflect current council priorities and completed projects. The updated resources will support future transport planning, advocacy and funding applications across the region.

The project was supported by funding from the Local Government Research and Development Scheme through its Regional Capacity Building Program.

Read about the update on the [SHLGA website](https://www.shlga.sa.gov.au).