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## Outcomes of Meeting 84



### Outcomes of meeting 84

The board of the Stormwater Management Authority met on 4 December 2023 in Adelaide.

Key outcomes of the meeting were:

- The board approved funding of up to \$135,000 to the District Council of Loxton Waikerie for the Loxton and Waikerie Stormwater Management Plans.
- The board approved funding of up to \$292,785 to the City of Prospect for the HEP channel upgrade project.
- The board approved a variation for the Yandra Terrace Outlet upgrade work being undertaken by the City of Victor Harbor.
- The board approved funding of up to \$1.225 million to the City of Charles Sturt for the detailed design and construction of the Gleneagles Reserve detention (stage 1).



## Category C funding round now open



The Stormwater Management Authority is now calling for applications for funding for Category C (capital works) projects under the Stormwater Management Fund. Up to 50% of costs will be considered. Eligible projects include:

- Detailed design of civil works
- Construction of civil works
- Land acquisition

Projects should be consistent with approved Stormwater Management Plans. Projects not consistent with an approved stormwater management plan will only be considered if there are demonstrated exceptional circumstances.

For further information see the Stormwater Management Authority website [www.sma.sa.gov.au](http://www.sma.sa.gov.au)

[Stormwater Management Fund Guide for Applicants](#)

[Application form](#)

[Watch our recent webinar on the Category C application and assessment process](#)

**Applications close 5pm, 22 March 2024.**

Applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss proposals with SMA staff prior to developing an application for funding.

Please contact us via email [sma@sa.gov.au](mailto:sma@sa.gov.au) or leave a message on the SMA voicemail 8124 4740.

Farewell and thanks to David Trebilcock





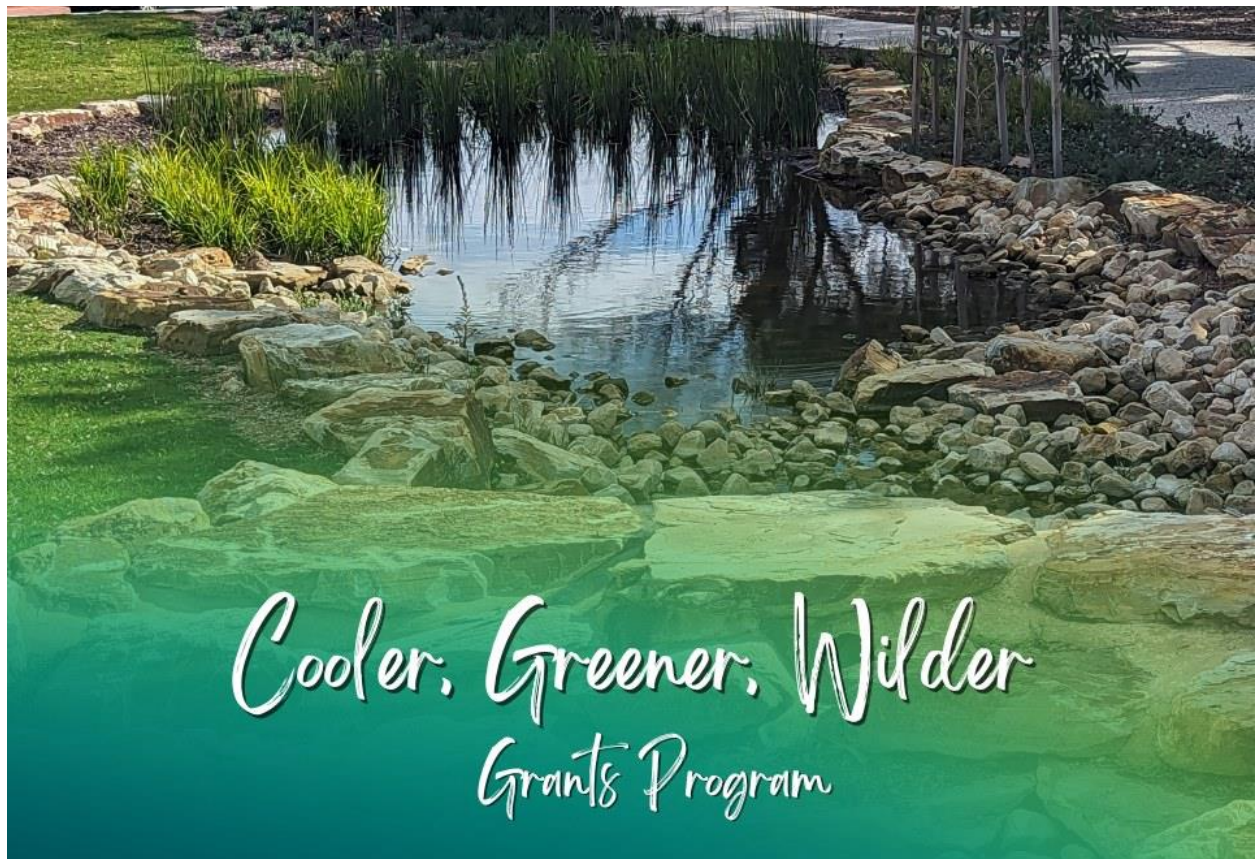
General Manager, David Trebilcock has recently left the Authority to take up a role in local government. The board and Authority staff wish David Trebilcock well in his new role. David served 22 years in state government including leading the implementation of the state's first flood information system with the SES and most recently in the role of General Manager of the SMA for nearly six years.

David led significant change in the sophistication of the Authority's systems and processes. He also played a significant role in supporting the recent Stormwater Expert Panel process and the development of the Urban Water Directions statement.

Thanks for all your hard work and advice David you will be missed!

Belinda Skilton will continue as acting General Manager of the SMA until the position is filled.

## Other funding opportunities



### **Cooler, Greener Wilder Grants Program**

Green Adelaide's Cooler, Greener, Wilder Grants Program is now open. The program provides support to Adelaide's metropolitan councils to undertake projects that deliver greening outcomes, incorporate water sensitive urban design or biodiversity sensitive urban design principles.



One million dollars is available for councils in the Green Adelaide region to cool or green urban settings at a site, street or precinct scale. Grants of between \$25,000 and \$200,000 are available to local councils, with the expectation that recipients match any funding granted with an equal co-contribution.

To be successful in gaining funding, consider incorporating on-ground works (including planning and design work that links directly to on-ground works) that achieve integrated urban greening, water-sensitive urban design and biodiversity-sensitive urban design outcomes.

Applications close 23 February 2024.

For further information visit: [Cooler, Greener, Wilder Grants Program | Green Adelaide](#)

### **Disaster Ready Fund**

The Australian Government is providing up to one billion dollars over five years through the [Disaster Ready Fund](#) (DRF), from 1 July 2023. The investment will improve Australia's resilience and reduce risk to natural disasters, with funding matched by state, territory, local government and other applicants, where possible.

Round Two of the DRF will deliver up to \$200 million of Australian Government funding for disaster risk reduction and resilience initiatives.

Proposals for South Australian projects must be submitted to SAFECOM, South Australia's lead agency, between 9am (local time) Monday 22 January to 5pm (local time) Wednesday 20 March 2024.

Applications can include in-principle contributions such as an application to the Stormwater Management Fund. The program focusses on projects that treat risks as identified in risk management plans (this could include stormwater management plans). This could also include the development of stormwater management plans referencing the Authority's priorities for stormwater management planning <https://www.sma.sa.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/Stormwater-Management-Planning-Priorities-2022.pdf>

An expression of interest process for South Australian projects run by SAFECOM has now closed but applications will still be considered, and applicants are encouraged to engage early with SAFECOM in the development of applications. For further information visit: [Disaster Ready Fund - Round Two | National Emergency Management Agency \(nema.gov.au\)](#) or contact SAFECOM via email: [safecom.drf@eso.sa.gov.au](mailto:safecom.drf@eso.sa.gov.au)

### **Urban Rivers and Catchments Program**

The Australian Government's \$200 million Urban Rivers and Catchments Program is now open for applications, with the aim of restoring the health of urban waterways for native plants, animals, and local communities.

Projects funded will help conserve native plants and animals such as birds, platypus and native fish. They will also improve access to waterways which provide for health and social wellbeing.

The program will support projects that improve waterways in urban, outer-urban/peri-urban and regional centres areas by:

- restoring and/or improving river areas, stream banks or aquatic habitats
- improving water quality, water in the landscape, and waterway connectivity
- improving urban green and blue space, water quality, and community access to nature.

Round two of the program is now open and applications close on 13 February 2024.

\$109 million (from 2024-25) is available for project grants under the opportunity. It is expected this will fund around 100 projects that bring life back to our rivers, creeks, wetlands, and waterways in urban, outer urban and regional centres.

There are two grant opportunities:

- Stream one - small to medium-sized project grants of between \$150,000 to \$2 million for community-led projects. A total of \$51 million is available under this stream.
- Stream two - large scale project grants of between \$2 million to \$10 million for projects that include co-investment. A total of \$58 million is available under this stream.

For further information visit: [Urban Rivers and Catchments Program - DCCEEW](#)

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The [Stormwater Management Authority](#) (SMA) is a partnership between the Government of South Australia and the Local Government Association of South Australia. The SMA operates under the [Local Government \(Stormwater Management Agreement\) Amendment Act 2016](#) and comprises a nine-member board appointed by the Minister for Climate, Environment and Water. The board meets approximately bi-monthly.