



16th Annual SA Major Projects Conference 2026

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Adelaide Convention Centre
Adelaide, SA, Australia

Conference Agenda

Day 1 - 4th May 2026

08:00 - 08:50
REGISTRATION

08:50 - 09:00
MC OPENS

09:00 - 09:30

Speed Networking

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09:30 - 09:50

Ministerial Address

09:50 - 10:10

Infrastructure SA Update



- Infrastructure SA consults broadly with all levels of government, infrastructure providers and users, local councils and communities.
- Hear key updates and priorities from the independent advisory body on their 20-year state infrastructure strategy.

Jeremy Conway, Chief Executive, Infrastructure SA

⌚ 10:10 - 10:30

Adelaide Airport Upgrades



- In late 2023, Adelaide Airport Ltd announced a \$1 billion, five-year, capital investment plan to fund significant upgrades to the airport's infrastructure.
- \$600 million of the \$1 billion investment is allocated to an aeronautical infrastructure upgrade program called Project Flight.
- Hear about Project Flight and other developments at Adelaide Airport.

Peter Taylor, Head of Project Delivery, Adelaide Airport Limited

⌚ 10:30 - 10:50

Innovation Centre at Lot Fourteen



- The \$400 million Entrepreneur and Innovation Centre (EIC) at Lot Fourteen is due to commence construction in 2026.
- The centre's construction will create over 400 jobs at project peak.
- Once completed, the EIC will be the workplace for between three and four thousand workers across high-growth industries.
- Hear about the latest project developments.

Diane Dixon, State Project Lead, Lot Fourteen, State Innovation Places Lead, Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Government of SA

⌚ 10:50 - 11:20
MORNING TEA

⌚ 11:20 - 11:40

Tarrkarri - Aboriginal Art and Culture Centre

- 'Tarrkarri' means 'the future' in the Kaurna language.
- In this session, the future of the Tarrkarri - Aboriginal Art and Culture Centre will be discussed, and the design plans for the centre will be shared.

⌚ 11:40 - 12:00

The State Planning Commission



- The State Planning Commission is an independent body providing advice and leadership on all aspects of planning and development in South Australia.
- The Commission is also the state's principal development assessment and planning advisory body.
- Hear about plans and updates from the State Planning Commission.

Craig Holden, Chair, State Planning Commission

⌚ 12:00 - 12:20

Keystone Tower

- The Adelaide city skyline is set to be transformed following the planning approval of a 183 metre (37-storey) skyscraper which will become the city's tallest building.
- The skyscraper, which will tower over the Grand Lodge, incorporates a 240-room hotel, student accommodation, conference facilities, a business lounge, a wellness retreat, and a three-story observation deck.
- Hear about the Keystone Tower project.

⌚ 12:20 - 12:50

FIRESIDE CHAT

Harmonising Modern Skyscrapers with Heritage Listed Buildings



- Hear about the need to conserve Adelaide's heritage buildings while making provision for the city's expanding population.
- Heritage architects will discuss challenges involved in harmonising modern skyscrapers with heritage listed buildings such as Parliament House.

Elizabeth Vines OAM, Partner, McDougall & Vines
Sandy Wilkinson, Director, Alexander Wilkinson Design

⌚ 12:50 - 13:50
LUNCH BREAK

⌚ 13:50 - 14:10

The Future of Adelaide

- An overview of growth opportunities for Adelaide.
- Find out why developers are choosing to invest in Adelaide and what effect current and planned major projects will have on the city and the state's economy.

⌚ 14:10 - 14:30

Purpose Built Student Accommodation



- Increased demand for student accommodation is anticipated following the merger of the University of Adelaide and UniSA.
- SCAP granted planning permission in August 2025 for two new purpose-built student accommodation (PBSA) towers.
- Find out how PBSA is part of the solution to the housing crisis.

Anouk Darling, Chief Executive Officer, Scape Australia

⌚ 14:30 - 14:50

88 North Terrace Student Accommodation



- Adelaide is set to welcome the city's largest purpose-built student accommodation (PBSA) development, with the state's independent planning board giving the green light for a \$400 million, 33-storey, 1002-room project on North Terrace.
- Hear about the PBSA tower's historic site and other project details.

Jason Di Iulio, Managing Director, 1835 Property

⌚ 14:50 - 15:20
AFTERNOON TEA

⌚ 15:20 - 15:40

Adelaide Central Plaza Tower



- In September 2025, the SCAP approved plans for a \$260 million, 30-storey commercial tower, to be built at the rear of 100 Rundle Mall, facing 210 North Terrace, in the Adelaide CBD.
- Hear about plans for the Adelaide Central Plaza Tower.

Tom Jarrett, Director, PACT Architects

⌚ 15:40 - 16:20

PANEL DISCUSSION Housing Affordability



- Like all states and territories in Australia, South Australia is facing a shortage of affordable housing for both rent and purchase.
- In this session, participants discuss steps that are being taken to ensure people have access to affordable housing.

Craig Holden, Chair, State Planning Commission

Julie-Anne Burgess, Chief Executive, SA Housing Trust

Shane Wingard, Acting Chief Executive, Renewal SA

⌚ 16:20 - 16:40

\$3.2 billion New Women's and Children's Hospital

- A state-of-the-art, all-electric Women's and Children's Hospital (WCH) is being constructed at the SAPOL Barracks - adjacent to the Royal Adelaide hospital.
- The new WCH will be 25 percent bigger than the current WCH in North Adelaide.
- Hear about the new WCH project and progress to date.

⌚ 16:40 - 17:00

MATES in Construction



- MATES in Construction is a national charity dedicated to addressing mental health challenges and suicide prevention within the construction industry.
- This not-for-profit organisation has commenced mental health support training with construction workers on the new WCH.

Karyn Dale, Chief Executive Officer, MATES in Construction SA

⌚ 17:00 - 17:05
MC CLOSES

⌚ 17:05 - 18:05



NETWORKING & DRINKS FUNCTION

Day 2 - 5th May 2026

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Lord Mayor's Address



Dr Jane Lomax-Smith AM, Lord Mayor, City of Adelaide

⌚ 09:50 - 10:10

Market Square Development



- The \$400 million Market Square project, a joint venture between the City of Adelaide and ICD Property, incorporates an expansion of the Market, together with an all-electric commercial office tower, retail, on-site childcare, 231 luxury residences, a premium hotel offering 248 rooms and activated public spaces.
- Hear about this major mixed-use project in the heart of Adelaide's city centre.

Matt Rodda, Manager Property Development, City of Adelaide

Matthew Khoo, Chief Executive Officer, ICD Property

⌚ 10:10 - 10:30

Flinders Medical Centre Redevelopment



- The Flinders Medical Centre is undergoing a \$496 million upgrade and expansion, jointly funded by the State and Federal governments.
- The multistage project aims to significantly increase hospital capacity in Adelaide's south.
- The current stage focuses on building the new seven-storey Acute Services Building, with 98 new clinical spaces and the expansion of medical imaging.
- Hear about the project and progress to date.

Evan Hayes, Director, Studio STH

Jesse Judd, Director, ARM Architecture

⌚ 10:30 - 10:50

ICN Major Projects Update



- The Industry Capability Network (ICN) provides a pivotal link between major project requirements and suppliers.
- ICN SA is part of a national network with offices in all states and territories.
- Hear about key projects in SA across infrastructure, construction, water, energy, mining and defence.

Bettina Venner, Head of ICN South Australia, Industry Capability Network

⌚ 10:50 - 11:20
TEA BREAK

⌚ 11:20 - 11:40

Securing Water for South Australia



- This session will provide an overview of major projects underway to provide water security and services for South Australia.

Peter Seltsikas, General Manager, Sustainable Infrastructure, SA Water

⌚ 11:40 - 12:00

New Mount Barker Hospital Development



- The South Australian Government has committed \$365.8 million to the new Mount Barker Hospital development which will see a major redevelopment on the existing site and provide greater access to high-quality health services closer to home for the expanding population of Mount Barker and the Adelaide Hills region.
- Hear project updates.

Peter Harrison, Senior Project Manager: Capital Projects, Infrastructure, Department for Health and Wellbeing

⌚ 12:00 - 12:20

Sivior Graphite Project



- Hear about development plans for Renascor's Sivior graphite deposit on the Eyre Peninsula, which is the world's second largest proven graphite reserve.
- The Sivior graphite project will contribute to Australia's critical mineral strategy by increasing the supply of graphite and expanding Australia's capability to refine and process rare earth minerals.
- Rare earth minerals are an essential component in the manufacturing of technology such as mobile phones, laptops, medical equipment and electric cars.

Adam Rusinski, Commercial and Business Development Manager, Renascor Resources

⌚ 12:20 - 12:40

Deep Maintenance and Modification Facility



- A \$200 million Deep Maintenance and Modification Facility (DMMF) is being constructed in Adelaide's northern suburbs.
- The DMMF is an enormous defence aircraft modification facility, utilising almost two thousand tonnes of structural steel.
- Renewal SA will provide an overview of the project.

Tim Tape, Development Director, Industrial and Defence, Renewal SA

⌚ 12:40 - 13:40
LUNCH

⌚ 13:40 - 14:00

Major projects centred on SA Tourism infrastructure provisioning

- Hear from the South Australian Tourism Commission about major projects centred on SA tourism infrastructure provisioning.

⌚ 14:00 - 14:30

PANEL DISCUSSION:



Circular Economy – Minimising Waste and Maximising Value

- Hear from a panel of experts about the need for a circular economy in the construction industry and other sectors.
- By prioritising reuse and recycling, the construction industry can reduce its reliance on virgin materials, minimise landfill waste, and lower the embodied carbon emissions associated with new material production, while also creating economic opportunities.

Serena Yang, Manager Policy and Projects, Green Industries SA

⌚ 14:30 - 14:50

\$15.4 billion Non-stop North-South Corridor



- Construction work is underway on the biggest infrastructure project in the state's history.
- The finished project will deliver 78km of non-stop motorway between Gawler and Old Noarlunga, enabling motorists to avoid 21 existing sets of traffic lights between the River Torrens and Darlington.
- The Torrens to Darlington (T2D) project is the final and most complex section of South Australia's North-South Corridor.
- The expected completion date for the North-South Corridor is late 2031.

Malcolm Short, Director, Engineering for North-South Corridor, River Torrens to Darlington Project, Department of Infrastructure and Transport

⌚ 14:50 - 15:10

Transport Infrastructure Future for South Australia

- Hear about strategic plans and projects that will shape South Australia's transport infrastructure future.

⌚ 15:10 - 15:15
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