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## Message from the Mayor

South Australia has fortunately weathered the winter of COVID-19 extremely well. The health of citizens has generally been much better due to us all abiding by the restrictions and health procedures imposed on us. Your Council as an essential business has been providing services, almost without any noticeable external changes, all the way through. By carefully adapting and managing our work practices to the “new normal” our community and staff are remaining healthy.

As I move around the district and talk with people, I am strengthened by the positive, caring and community minded attitude of the public. Random acts of kindness, new businesses opening up, seeing opportunities where before there were none, all these things are keeping the fabric of our communities together and providing a glass half full attitude.

Our region has received welcome assistance from State and Federal governments and I expect this will continue for some time while we navigate towards the post COVID-19 stage.

If we can help each other and work together then the next phases of recovery will be easier on all of us.

As we approach the end of 2020, on behalf of all at the Adelaide Plains Council, I wish you a safe, happy and relaxing festive period and a prosperous 2021.

Mark Wasley  
*Mayor*



### Reminder: To continue receiving Council's Communicator Newsletter

Please contact Council to let us know how you would like to receive the Communicator moving forward, or if you no longer wish to receive the Communicator at all. Thank you to everyone who has contacted Council so far.

The Communicator will no longer be automatically posted out to every property in the area. To continue receiving the Communicator, please contact Council and register for either the:

- postal list; or
- electronic document (email) list

You may contact Council by post, phone, email or website:

**Post:** PO BOX 18, Mallala South Australia 5502

**P:** (08) 8527 0200 **E:** info@apc.sa.gov.au **W:** apc.sa.gov.au

# APC's Success with Grant Funding Continues

Council is delighted to announce that we have been successful, once again, in receiving grant funding from the Federal Government.

We have secured a whopping \$439,500, through the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program, towards the Two Wells Roundabout. Construction of the Two Wells Roundabout will provide a safer link between Gawler Road and Port Wakefield Road, by converting the existing T-junction to a roundabout.

Council has received a further \$107,500, through Round 5 of the Bridges Renewal Program, for the Wasleys Bridge Upgrade. The upgrade will aim to prolong the life of the Heritage status bridge.

Mayor Wasley met with Mr Rowan Ramsey MP, Federal Member for Grey and together they viewed the proposed location of the Two Wells Roundabout and travelled to the Wasleys Road Bridge to see firsthand where the grant funding will be spent. The allocation of Federal grant money to these projects will enable their delivery. Repairs to the historic bridge in order to maintain a safe transport route along with the Two Wells Roundabout that will manage traffic flows and the safety of road users are key items Council has been wanting to bring to fruition.

Management has been working feverishly to secure grant funds for these two vitally important projects for quite some time and we are absolutely thrilled with this funding announcement. The allocation of grant funds towards the Wasleys Road Bridge and the Two Wells Roundabout will ease the financial burden on our ratepayer base significantly.

Council sincerely thanks the Australian Government for their generosity and acknowledges Rowan Ramsay's hard work for the people of the Plains.

## Governor of South Australia Visits APC!

Wednesday 26 August 2020 was a special day for Adelaide Plains Council as we were lucky enough to showcase our region to the Governor of South Australia, His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC.

Mayor Wasley and James Miller, Chief Executive Officer, hosted His Excellency on a tour of the district. This was an informal visit to view some of the key areas of importance to Adelaide Plains and the State. A COVID-Safe lunch was held at the Mallala Council Chambers where elected members were able to talk freely with the Governor who showed great interest in our Councillors and how the elected body was working co-operatively for the betterment of the area.



*His Excellency Hieu Van Le, Governor of South Australia with APC Mayor, Chief Executive Officer, and Elected Members at the Mallala Council Chamber*

Amongst the sites visited during the five (5) hour tour were:

- Mallala Men's Shed
- Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary
- Greenwheat Freekeh
- NAIS lagoons
- Perfection Fresh
- Liberty Development
- Xavier College
- Two Wells Main Street public realm upgrade site

What an absolute privilege to host His Excellency for the day in our very own backyard!

# Drought Communities Programme – Stage 1

## November 2020 Update

Council was one of 14 Local Government regions in South Australia that qualified for funding under the Federal Governments Drought Communities Programme.

Round 1 of the Programme is nearing completion. The photos below demonstrate the outcomes of the Programme which could not have been achieved without good community partnerships between the successful community groups and Council. An economic funding stimulus of \$1M has been expended between local contractors and employees.

The programme covers a range of projects across community facilities, sustainability and tourism facilities.

As many will be aware, the Federal Government announced a second round of \$1M funding. The progress and outcomes of Round 2 projects will be shared in due course.



Both the **Mallala and the Long Plains netball and tennis courts** have been resurfaced with a high quality Masters floating playing surface.



*The Mallala courts*



*The Long Plains courts*



Both playing surfaces at the **Two Wells Bowling Club** have been dug out and replaced with synthetic greens - this will result in a significant water saving and enable the facility to be used all year round.



*Two Wells Bowling Club "B Green"*



*Two Wells Bowling Club "A Green"*

# Drought Communities Programme – Stage 1



A new base has been established for the **Adelaide Plains Pony Club** at Clara Harniman reserve in Lewiston. The Pony Club now has their own training yards along with comfort facilities.



*Clara Harniman Reserve, Lewiston - Horse yards*



*Clara Harniman Reserve, Lewiston*



The **Dublin Cricket Club** has out-grown the aging clubhouse facility with numerous teams and several premierships. The Drought Communities Programme was able to fund 50% of this project to get the new clubhouse structure completed.



*Dublin Cricket Club new clubrooms*



The **Historical Two Wells, Wells Park/Reserve** reserve has had new access paths installed - the Wells are now wheelchair friendly and accessible to all.



*Wells Park/Reserve, Two Wells - Accessible path*

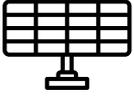


The **Thompson Beach Progress Association** has been successful in enlarging its Community Shed facility. The Community Food Van now has a home, separate male and female toilets, Wi-Fi and an enlarged carpark, which will ensure the community can manage the increased interest from tourists visiting the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary.



*Community Shed, Thompson Beach*

# Drought Communities Programme – Stage 1



A **Sustainability Audit** was undertaken of Council's operations. As a result, four (4) Solar Systems with a total of 70 KW were installed on Council buildings. 126 inefficient lights were replaced with LED lights and water saving devices have also been fitted to facilities throughout the Council area. We anticipate a significant reduction in power costs as well as significant water savings.



*Two Wells Service Centre*



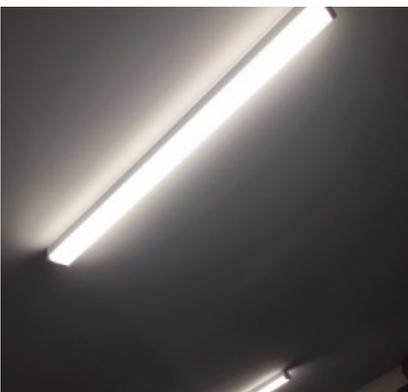
*Mallala Principal Office*



*Mallala Depot*



*Mallala Wastewater Treatment Plant*



*LED lights installed within Council offices*



*Wattage monitoring device*



*Water efficient tap, public toilets*

# Drought Communities Programme – Stage 1



Improvements have been undertaken at the **Port Parham Campground**, ensuring that the wastewater disposal management meets current health standards. These improvements now enable the park to grow with further comfort facilities for visitors.



Parham Campground - Soakage bed



Port Parham Campground - RV dump point



A new designated **Mallala Campground** has been established next to the Mallala Oval. The Mallala Lions Club have secured a lease and the facility will provide further comforts for tourists to stay longer and explore the region's sites of interest.



Mallala Campground



Mallala Campground



A new memorial for the **Pinery fires** has been established at the site of the old Grace Plains tennis courts (**Moquet Lee**) - 5kms north of Mallala. The memorial incorporates over 30 square metres of interpretative signage, installed by the Grace Plains Farmers Group. When you have a spare hour, this visit will interest all ages.



Moquet Lee Memorial

# Financial Relief to Ratepayers Extended

In April 2020, Council adopted some financial relief measures for those impacted by COVID-19. Council has recently reviewed this arrangement and has **extended the financial relief to ratepayers** as follows:

- No fines or interest charged on overdue rates, from the date of application until 1 May 2021.
- Flexible rate payment arrangement options (weekly, fortnightly or monthly).
- Postponed payment of second and third quarter 2020/2021 rates (with no fines or interest) until, 1 May 2021.

Access to the financial hardship rate relief due to COVID-19 **will be granted upon application**. Ratepayers can make an application for financial relief by:

- Website: [apc.sa.gov.au/council-services/rates/RateReliefCOVID19](http://apc.sa.gov.au/council-services/rates/RateReliefCOVID19)
- Email: [info@apc.sa.gov.au](mailto:info@apc.sa.gov.au)
- Telephone: (08) 8527 0200
- Attending the Mallala Principal Office or Two Wells Service Centre

Ratepayers who have previously applied for a postponement of rates until 1 November 2020 will not need to re-apply, as existing arrangements will automatically be extended until 1 May 2021.

Please contact Council's Rates Officer if you would like to discuss these options in more detail.

## Rates by Email

Council remains committed to providing easily accessible options for ratepayers to receive their rates notices.

Council has recently introduced the distribution of rates notices by email as an option, and invites its residents to register to receive their rates notices electronically, either by:

1. Email – send a request to: [info@apc.sa.gov.au](mailto:info@apc.sa.gov.au) or
2. Council's website – visit [apc.sa.gov.au/council-services/rates/ratesbyemail](http://apc.sa.gov.au/council-services/rates/ratesbyemail) and fill in the online form

When registering you will be asked to provide the following information:

1. A current email address
2. Information from your rates notice:
  - Your assessment number
  - Names that appear on the rate notice
  - Property address
3. A contact number

You can cancel the delivery of your rates notice by email at any time by submitting a request to [info@apc.sa.gov.au](mailto:info@apc.sa.gov.au).

*Please Note:* residents who register to receive their rates by email will no longer receive a hard copy notice by post.



# Australian Citizenship Day Celebrated in Style

Australian Citizenship Day is celebrated each year on 17 September and provides us with the opportunity and privilege of welcoming new Australians to our growing community as part of the celebrations. This year, Council welcomed five (5) new Australian citizens in a ceremony held at the Two Wells Chambers.

The conferees, from India, Ireland and the Philippines, became Australian citizens in an uplifting ceremony facilitated by Council.

Australian Citizenship Day provides us all with an opportunity to reflect on the meaning and importance of Australian citizenship and the shared values that unite us. It is also an occasion for individuals, schools, community groups and organisations to reflect on the contributions of citizens to our local communities.

While COVID-19 guidelines resulted in fewer citizenship ceremonies than usual on Citizenship Day in 2020, more than 2,500 people received citizenship at more than 100 online or in-person ceremonies across the country.

Mayor Wasley, who presented Citizenship Certificates to the conferees, said

*“It was a very pleasant experience for all concerned. Although the new citizens have been living in our region for years and contributing to society, it was interesting to hear their background and stories. The highlight of every ceremony I have conducted so far is the smiles on their faces and how proud they are to be accepted as Australian – I really enjoy this job!”*



*Mayor Wasley presenting Citizenship Certificates to the conferees*



# Mallala Museum and Historical Committee

## Call for Volunteers and Committee Members

The Mallala Museum is always looking for volunteers to take an active role in preserving and maintaining its extensive historical collection. The Museum is currently closed to the public whilst maintenance work is being undertaken in the Old Mill building, however, there are still a range of interesting tasks that need to be undertaken including assisting with mounting displays, working bees on Tuesday mornings, maintenance of the building and grounds and general local history research. With the Museum members working hard to establish a new transport section of the Museum, and grant funding from the History Trust South Australia, there are lots of exciting opportunities for volunteers.



*Mallala Museum*

The Adelaide Plains Council Historical Committee still has some vacancies on its Committee. The Committee generally meets on the first Wednesday evening of the month. The Committee coordinates the management of the Mallala Museum and makes recommendations to Council on broader historical and heritage matters.

If you are interested in joining the Museum as a volunteer or Adelaide Plains Council Historical Committee as a Committee member, please contact Council's Manager Library and Community.

## Community Partnerships Fund

### Individual Sports and Cultural Fund

Council recognises the outstanding talents of individuals within the district who have excelled in their chosen field of sport, recreation or cultural activity through the Community Partnerships Fund. Residents who have been selected to represent South Australia at a state, national or international level may be eligible to receive financial assistance (in line with the Funding Guidelines).

Applications are open throughout the year (funding permitting) with ongoing assessments taking place as required. Applicants will be notified of the outcome as soon as possible. To be considered eligible for this grant funding, the applicant must be a resident of the Adelaide Plains Council area and is required to provide written evidence of their selection by the relevant body.

Application forms can be downloaded from Council's website. For further information or assistance, please contact Council's Community Development Officer.

## Community Car

Council is a partner council with the Mid North Community Passenger Network (MNCNP). The MNCNP provides a transport service for residents who are unable to access transport for medical and health appointments. Transport may also be arranged for shopping, banking, hairdressing and social appointments or visiting friends (conditions apply).

Community cars are based within each region, with the Council car based in Mallala. The cars are driven by volunteers who choose to give their time, energy, skills and experience to help others. A small fee is charged, based on distance travelled. Carers may travel free with the client. A wheelchair accessible vehicle can be booked, pending availability.

For further information or to book the car, please contact the Mid North Community Passenger Network direct on (08) 8842 1677.

## Community Bus

### Community Bus Service Suspended Due to COVID-19

Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, Council's Community Bus service was suspended in March 2020 and will not operate for the remainder of the year. Council is hopeful that the service will resume in early 2021 and will update the community accordingly.

## Australia Day 2021

# AUSTRALIA DAY 2021



Come along and join the celebrations for

## Australia Day

Tuesday 26 January 2020

Dublin Cricket Club

Dublin Oval Complex

South Terrace, Dublin



Due to Covid-19 further information will be provided closer to the event

## Author Visit – Georgie Brooks

Council was proud to host local Adelaide author Georgie Brooks as guest speaker at the Two Wells Bowling Club on Friday 4 September 2020.

Georgie grew up in Adelaide and studied law. She initially practised as a solicitor, however decided to pursue other career paths. Georgie's memoir 'A Year in the Mud and the Toast and the Tears' tells the story of Georgie and her young family who decided to buy an 1840's cottage in the Adelaide Hills. To say they were unprepared for a semi-rural lifestyle was an understatement. Instead of Georgie's dreams of tending chooks and growing her own vegetables she was faced with a series of sticky situations including an overflowing septic tank, a millipede invasion and a failing water system. Georgie delighted the audience of 40 people with her many humorous stories.

This was Council's first author event since the gradual lifting of COVID-19 restrictions across South Australia. Library staff implemented safety measures in accordance with SA Health Guidelines to ensure the safety of all persons present.



*Georgie Brooks with local Two Wells resident Sue Lange*

## Summer Reading Club Challenge

During the 2020/2021 school summer holidays, Adelaide Plains Library will run its annual Summer Reading Club Challenge for children and young people aged from 4-17 years. Over the course of the January school holidays, participants are challenged to read a minimum of ten books of their choice, record the titles on their reading log and return the reading log to either the Two Wells or Mallala libraries, or the Windsor library depot, by the end of January 2021.

Those children who complete the Summer Reading Club Reading Challenge will be invited to the Summer Reading Club Party in February 2021 at the Two Wells Library, where the Mayor will present participants with a book prize and certificate, before enjoying a typical sugar-filled afternoon tea (with some healthy alternatives!). The Summer Reading Club Challenge Party is always a fun event with the Library bursting at the seams with children and their parents.

Summer Reading Club Challenge packs are available for collection from the Adelaide Plains Libraries (Two Wells, Mallala and Windsor) from December 2020.

To keep up with all the library news and events, follow us on facebook @AdelaidePlainsLibrary.



# Summer Reading Club 2020

Starts December 2020

Register at Adelaide Plains Library -  
Two Wells or Mallala

Suitable for ages 4 to 17

# Fire Danger Season 2020/2021...Prepare Now!

**Fire Danger Season:** 15 November 2020 until 30 April 2021 (inclusive)

Owners and occupiers of all properties within Adelaide Plains Council are reminded to prepare now for the upcoming Fire Danger Season.

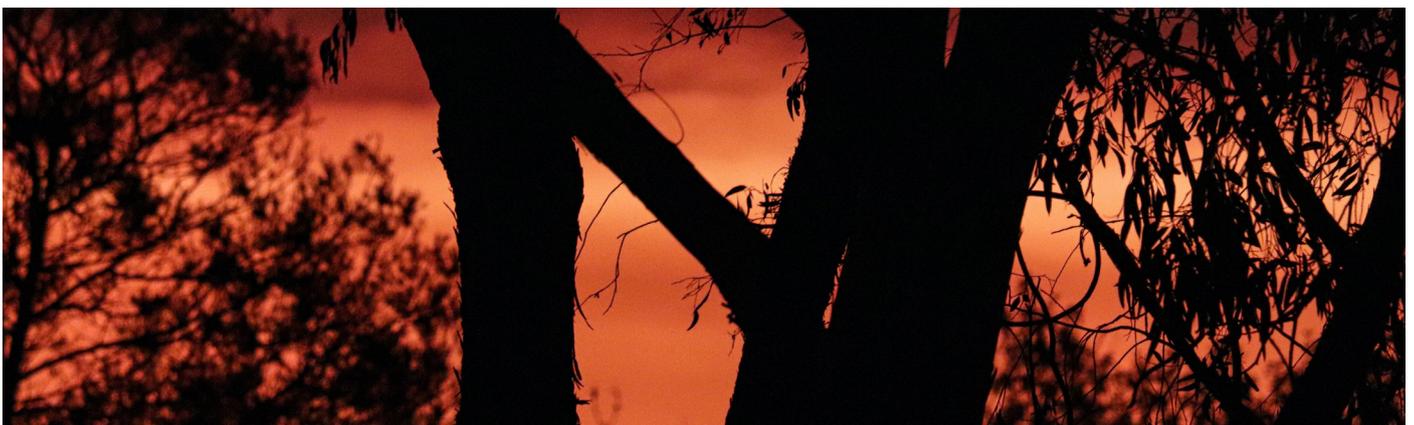
The Fire & Emergency Services Act 2005 requires the owners of private land to take reasonable steps to protect property on the land from fire, to prevent or inhibit the outbreak of fire on the land, or the spread of fire through the land and minimise the threat to human life from a fire on the land. To achieve these requirements Council requests your support in completing the following hazard reduction measures:

- Vacant town blocks are required to have all dry flammable material reduced to a maximum height of 10 cm by means of slashing, mowing or removing, and maintained throughout the year;
- House blocks are required to have all dry flammable material reduced to a maximum height of 10 cm by means of slashing, mowing or removing, and maintained throughout the year;
- Larger blocks (more than 0.5 hectare or 5,000 square metres) will require a firebreak, slashed or mowed to a maximum height of 10 cm, to a minimum width of 5 metres around property boundaries, and with a minimum width of 20 metres around any building or asset on the property. The 5 metre boundary firebreak should be extended where necessary to ensure any building or asset on an adjoining property can maintain a 20 metre firebreak. This must also be maintained throughout the year; and
- All flammable material must be stored in a safe manner.

Your early consideration and undertaking of the above fire prevention maintenance measures will assist in helping to protect your family, friends, pets, property and community from the danger of fire.

Council's Fire Prevention Officer has also commenced inspections to assess compliance with these requirements. Property owners issued with a Compliance Notice are required to comply with the requirements of that notice within 14 days. Failure to comply with a Compliance Notice carries a Maximum Penalty of \$10,000 and an Expiation Fee of \$315.

If you live within the Adelaide Plains Council area and have a fire prevention concern, please contact Council's Fire Prevention Officer.



# Bushfire Preparedness

-  **Step 1:** Complete your Bushfire Survival Plan
-  **Step 2:** Organise your Emergency Kit
-  **Step 3:** Ensure you clean up around your home

## Emergency Kit

Every household will require different items in their Emergency Kit. You will not know exactly what should be in yours until you have written your Bushfire Survival Plan.

Prepare your kit well before the Fire Danger Season starts in November 2020. The best kit is one that can be used for all hazards – not just bushfires.

### Items to Include

Emergency kits should contain what you need to help survive a bushfire, what to take with you to safety and what you may need for up to four (4) days following a fire.

General items include:

- Battery powered radio plus spare batteries
- Waterproof torch and spare battery
- 100% woollen blanket
- Clothing to protect you during a bushfire
- First aid kit
- A bottle of artificial tears to help flush ash and provide relief from smoke in your eyes
- Sunscreen
- A can opener or multi-tool
- Emergency contact numbers
- P2 (dust) face mask and sturdy boots suitable for walking across burnt ground
- Dried fruits, packaged foods, drinks
- Candles and matches



# Snake Awareness

In South Australia, the majority of venomous snakes found in residential areas are the:

- Eastern brown snake
- Red-bellied black snake
- Copperhead snake
- Western brown snake
- Tiger snake

Australia, Snakes tend to be inconspicuous. They will try and avoid confrontation with a human by either moving away and hiding, or lying still until the person has moved away. However, like most wild animals, snakes will defend themselves if they are startled, feel threatened or are cornered.



*A red-bellied black snake*

## Why are there snakes in urban areas?

Some snake species, like the eastern brown snake, seem well-adapted to co-exist with humans. In urban environments, their diet consists mainly of introduced species like rats and mice.

Snakes shelter in wood heaps, under corrugated roofing iron and in piles of rubbish, all of which are often found close to houses. They will make use of any cover close to the ground.

Like any other animal, snakes need food, water and shelter. And people inadvertently provide these requirements, making their property a haven for snakes.

There are several things you can do to make your property less attractive to snakes and reduce your chances of being confronted or bitten by one:

- clean up rubbish around the home
- keep gardens tidy
- take steps to reduce mice and rats
- check boots before putting them on if left outdoors
- never put your hand somewhere that cannot be seen

## If you find a snake

If you do come across a snake, keep children and pets well clear and do not try to touch it. Almost all snake bites occur when people try to handle, kill or harm a snake. Contact a licensed snake removal service as they will be able to catch the snake and remove it. If possible, watch where the snake goes so the snake catcher can find it.

## For snake removal services

Look under 'snake' on the Yellow Pages website:

[yellowpages.com.au](http://yellowpages.com.au)

Additional information is available at:

[environment.sa.gov.au](http://environment.sa.gov.au)

## Snake catchers

Snake catchers are licensed under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972.

If an eastern brown snake is causing anxiety or danger to a person snake catchers have the authority to locate, capture, translocate (i.e. relocate within two (2) kilometres of the capture site), or humanely destroy them.

If a snake catcher captures a snake that is not an eastern brown snake, it must be either relocated back into a suitable habitat within two (2) kilometres of where it was captured, or humanely destroyed. Snake catchers can also locate, capture and relocate common reptiles that are causing anxiety to a person, such as bluetongue lizards and bearded dragons.

# Christmas & New Year

## Opening Hours



Adelaide  
Plains  
Council

### Council Administration Offices

**CLOSED** 12.00pm on Wednesday 23 December 2020  
**OPEN** 9.00am on Monday 4 January 2021

### Kerbside Waste Collections

Please **place bin out the night before**

#### RECYCLING

<b>Mon 21 Dec</b>	Normal collection service
<b>Tues 22 Dec</b>	Normal collection service
<b>Wed 23 Dec</b>	Normal collection service
<b>Thurs 24 Dec</b>	Normal collection service
<b>Fri 25 Dec</b>	NO COLLECTION
<b>Sat 26 Dec</b>	Collection of Friday's run

#### GENERAL WASTE

<b>Mon 28 Dec</b>	Normal collection service
<b>Tues 29 Dec</b>	Normal collection service
<b>Wed 30 Dec</b>	Normal collection service
<b>Thurs 31 Dec</b>	Normal collection service
<b>Fri 1 Jan</b>	NO COLLECTION
<b>Sat 2 Jan</b>	Collection of Friday's run

### Transfer Station

**Wed 23 Dec**

OPEN

**Thur 24 Dec - Fri 1 Jan**

CLOSED

**Sat 2 Jan**

OPEN

### Libraries

#### MALLALA

**CLOSED** 5pm Fri 18 Dec 2020

**OPEN** 10am Wed 6 Jan 2021

#### TWO WELLS

**CLOSED** 5pm Tues 22 Dec 2020

**OPEN** 9am Tues 5 Jan 2021

Safe &  
happy  
holidays  
to all!

#### Council related EMERGENCIES

 (08) 8527 0200