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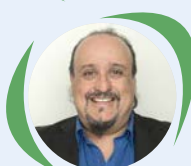
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Lewiston Ward

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Hello readers.

Summer is officially over and we missed out on the usual extended heat waves. Combined with unusual weather patterns and heavy downpours it has been a memorable season. I hope everyone made the best of the summer holiday break, relaxing and recharging for 2022.

Some would say we are living in a world with an uncertain economic outlook and difficult living conditions, but pessimism and negativity feeds off itself – quite evident these days on social media. There seems to be a culture of blaming someone else for our troubles – but we are not sheep and do not need to accept the negative attitudes – we rise above it.

What we need is to lift ourselves to be better people, be more resilient and optimistic. An open mind lets fresh ideas come in and solutions are found quicker.



Council projects have continued to be completed and a drive around the region will show improvements to roads, footpaths, and streetscapes. Parks and reserves have been getting attention and of course the Two Wells Village Green has become a drawcard for both locals and tourists.

Residential growth continues to be healthy in the Two Wells and Lewiston areas and a big welcome to our new residents joining us on the Plains. The trend at the moment is around 20 new home applications are being processed each month – testament to the desirability of living in our region.

Much is happening behind the scenes with strategic long term planning for the years ahead to meet the needs of our changing world. Your elected members understand the need for good foundations for the future and this term of Council is working responsibly and effectively to meet this challenge.

Adelaide Plains has not and is not slowing down despite the alleged economy crisis nor is COVID-19 having such a dramatic affect as it once was.



Our businesses, our sporting clubs, and our local communities have been adapting and making changes to ensure prosperity, goodwill and support continues through these times.

Thank you everyone for the bit you do in making Adelaide Plains our place, our proud place.

Mark Wasley
Mayor



REPRESENTATION REVIEW

Section 12 of the Local Government Act 1999 requires Council to undertake a complete review of all aspects of its composition and the division (or potential division) of the Council area into wards, at least once in each relevant period that is prescribed by the regulations (determined by the Minister – approximately every eight (8) years).

Adelaide Plains Council completed its most recent review in September 2021, in accordance with the Local Government Act and as determined by the Minister.

Council engaged Mr Craig Rowe of C L Rowe & Associates to facilitate the representation review. Work commenced in September 2020 and has included workshops, public consultation on a Representation Options Paper from late 2020 to early 2021 and, on 22 February 2021, the making of in principle decisions regarding Council's preferred composition and ward structure:

- Retain a Mayor, elected by the community
- Abolish wards
- Composition of 9 area councillors and 1 Mayor

Council, at its Ordinary Meeting on 22 March 2021, then considered, and endorsed for public consultation, a Representations Review Report pursuant to section 12(8a) of the Local Government Act. Public consultation was undertaken from Wednesday 24 March 2021 until Wednesday 21 April 2021 and a total of four submissions were received, representing 0.06% of eligible electors. Council considered the submissions, and a Second Submissions Report, at its Ordinary Meeting on 28 June 2021, and reaffirmed its in principle decisions set out above.

A Final Report was prepared and submitted to the Electoral Commissioner on 28 September 2021. On 11 November 2021, the Commissioner wrote to Council's Chief Executive Officer, confirming that he had assessed Council's Representation Review

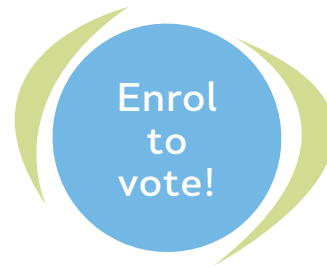
Report and determined that the requirements of the Local Government Act were met. The Commissioner's letter serves as the necessary certificate and the necessary notice was published in the Government Gazette on 9 December 2021, completing the Council's Representation Review.

In accordance with section 12(18) of the Local Government Act, the revised representation arrangements will take effect after the first day of the first periodic election held after the publication of the notice in the Government Gazette, being the 2022 general election.

For more information regarding Council's Representation Review, including a copy of each report considered by Council during the process, please visit <https://www.apc.sa.gov.au/our-council/representation-review>



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 2022



The next local government election will occur in November 2022.

The voter's roll for council elections is made up of the:

1. State (House of Assembly) electoral roll and
2. Council supplementary roll.

If you are on the State electoral roll, you will automatically receive a voting pack for the local government election.

If you are not enrolled on the State electoral roll, you may be eligible to register on the Council supplementary roll if:

- You have been a resident at your current address for one month (including if you are not an Australian citizen)
- You are a sole owner/occupier of rateable property
- You are a landlord for rateable property
- You are an organisation/business owner or occupier of rateable property
- You are a group of owners or occupiers of rateable property.

For example: If you are not an Australian citizen, and not on the State electoral roll you can vote in a council election, as long as you are above 18 years of age and have lived in the council area for more than one month. You can also vote in a council election if you own a rateable property in the area, regardless of whether you live in it.

For more information regarding enrolment, including to check if your enrolment details are up to date and to actually enrol, please visit <https://www.ecsa.sa.gov.au/enrolment/council-voters-roll>

Did you know that voting in local government elections is open to a broader range of people than state and federal elections?



2022 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS AND CEREMONY



On Wednesday 26 January 2022, Council hosted its annual Australia Day Ceremony at the Two Wells Oval.

Despite the uncertainty of COVID-19, and the hot and humid weather conditions on the day, approximately 150 guests enjoyed a successful (and COVID-safe) event including a delicious breakfast, provided by Council and kindly prepared by the Two Wells Cricket Club.

Formalities commenced at 9am, with Mayor Mark Wasley introducing Council's Australia Day Ambassador, Mr Barry Lewis. Mr Lewis, a former long serving Police Superintendent and well known football umpire, gave a captivating address. He spoke about his keenness for visiting rural communities and the significance of Australia Day.

Mayor Wasley then announced, and presented certificates to, the 2022 Australia Day Award recipients, as determined by Elected Members at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 13 December 2021.

After the formalities, local Country Fire Services (CFS) members paid tribute to fallen CFS volunteer, Louise Hicks, who passed away whilst valiantly fighting a bushfire near Lucindale in January 2022. Guests observed a minute's silence before the signalling of a CFS fire truck parked at the Oval's grounds.





Australia Day Citizen of the Year Allan Parker

Allan has been a dedicated volunteer, upkeeping the Long Plains Memorial Hall for most of his adult life. He has been responsible for the preservation of the Long Plains local history collection, with the comprehensive picture gallery in the "Hall's" kitchen covering local pioneers from the 1880s.



Australia Day Young Citizen of the Year Chloe Sharpe

An active and passionate member of the Two Wells Scout Group, Chloe has successfully obtained and been awarded numerous 'high level' achievement badges. She is currently undertaking training in becoming a church group leader.

Community Group of the Year Two Wells Regional Action Team (TWRAT)

Over 30 years, TWRAT has successfully undertaken numerous projects in Two Wells. TWRAT is a not for profit organisation whose community minded members undertake, advocate and/or support various projects that improve and enhance the township's facilities. Projects range from securing funding for the installation of a pump track at Hart Reserve to the co-ordination of the very popular Two Wells Xmas Street Parades.



Community Project of the Year Dublin Cricket Club – Update to Oval and Clubroom

Members have volunteered many hundreds of hours in their fundraising endeavours that more than matched the money they received from the Drought Community Programme funding. In addition to a much improved and needed clubroom facility, the volunteers worked tirelessly to resurface the oval, install a pop-up irrigation system and a water storage catchment system. The upgraded Clubroom facility was the setting of Council's Australia Day event in 2021!



Mayor Wasley also conducted a citizenship ceremony for three new Australian citizens.

Adoption of the LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2023-2032

The Long Term Financial Plan 2023-2032 is available to view/download on Council's website.

Under section 122 of the Local Government Act, a council must develop and adopt a Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) for a period of at least 10 years. Councils should review their LTFP annually and a comprehensive review must occur within two years after each general election.

The purpose of a council's LTFP is to express, in financial terms, the activities that it proposes to undertake over the medium to longer term to achieve objectives stated in its strategic documents.

It is a guide for future actions and its preparation requires a council to consider not just the upcoming financial year, but also the long term impact of revenue and expenditure proposals and decisions.

Following extensive planning, workshops, public consultation and input and recommendations by Council's Audit Committee, Elected Members, at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 28 February 2022, adopted Council's Long Term Financial Plan 2023-2032. Strategically positioning Council to be 'growth ready' has been front of mind in 2021/2022, with a number of key blueprints (such as the 2021-2024 Strategic Plan and the Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan) now informing the LTFP.



UPCOMING PUBLIC CONSULTATION Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2022/2023

Did you know that under section 123 of the Local Government Act, a council must have, for each financial year, an annual business plan and a budget?

Before a council adopts an annual business plan, the council must prepare a draft and undertake public consultation.

Elected Members, at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 31 January 2022, endorsed a timeline for the preparation and adoption of Council's Annual Business Plan and Budget for the 2022/2023 financial year.

We anticipate that the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget will be released for public consultation in early May 2022.

Updates will be published on Council's website and in the local newspapers – keep an eye out and be sure to have your say!

Planning for LIVEABLE GROWTH

Moving about Adelaide Plains you'll have noticed it is changing. Urban growth is impacting Two Wells whilst land divisions at Mallala and Lewiston remain under consideration.

Two Wells is forecast to grow to around 10,700 in 2041. This is 7% per annum. By comparison, Mount Barker has grown at 4.25% per annum, and Greater Adelaide is around 0.8% per annum.

Adelaide Plains and Two Wells Population Forecast Estimates

	Adelaide Plains	Two Wells
2020 ¹	9441	2743
2041 est	17,800	10,700
Increase est	8,400	8,000
Dwellings/ Annum est	150	140
Residents / Annum est	400	380

1. profile.id.com.au/adelaide-plains/population-estimate
accessed 14 October 2021

At Two Wells, demand for living is being driven by available and serviced land, government stimulus, the northern connector, and opening of new facilities such as Xavier College. Land is available at comparatively affordable price points for metropolitan Adelaide.

As part of urban growth some key questions should be asked including; What social infrastructure does a growing Two Wells need for a community with high levels of wellbeing? How does growth impact Council's direct role in libraries, recreation, sport, parks, walking, cycling and culture? How does growth impact the viability of public transport at Two Wells? What transport network might best serve a growing horticultural area and Two Wells township? What is the best retail mix in Two Wells Main Street?

More residents presents opportunities and challenges that need careful and coordinated planning to ensure a lifestyle with nearby work, diverse housing, and opportunities for leisure.

Investigations and discussions are underway to prepare a coordinated approach to growth. The intent is to address gaps and plan for the urban growth that is already underway and will continue over the next 20 years.

A strategic growth perspective informs Council's operational and service decisions, including how Council works with other spheres of government, other councils and the development sector.

[Contact us for more information.](#)

Updating community infrastructure – like at Two Wells with Village Green adjacent the Library and Xavier School – are critical to support liveable population growth.





THOMPSON BEACH FENCING UPGRADES



Council is undertaking a significant coastal protection project to replace 2.7km of rusted out dune fencing at North Thompson Beach.

The project, at an estimated cost of \$125,000, is being funded mainly by grants, including a significant allocation of \$75,000 under the Regional Coast Protection Fund and is one of only 13 coastal projects across the state to be awarded funding under this stream! The project is supported with further funding by Green Adelaide Landscape Board (\$11,000), Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Grassroots Grant (\$8,560), Coastal Board Community Grant (\$5,520) and Council will also be contributing \$26,000 to deliver the project.

The Thompson Beach dunes have suffered significant dieback of regionally important coastal species *Alyxia buxifolia*. As the dominant plant species in this system, the dune risks erosion and storm surges if measures are not implemented to protect the remaining vegetation.

Action to replace vegetation in the northern section via revegetation started in June 2021; however, the fence condition does not provide the protection it once did. The current fencing is 30 years old and is rusted, has holes and fallen over in parts providing limited protection from herbivores (Rabbits and Kangaroos). Current herbivore pressure on the vegetation and the natural regeneration is heavily impacting the recovery of the dunes.

The project aims to replace 2.7km of the North Thompson Beach Dune system fencing with 1.5m high rabbit proof fencing to protect the coastal vegetation from herbivore pressure. A new fence, combined with other rabbit control measures, will aid in the natural revegetation efforts to protect the dune system.

This project aligns with priority actions from the Metropolitan Adelaide and Northern Coastal Action Plan and Thompson Beach Biodiversity Action Plan, which notes that the Thompson Beach cell has high conservation values and supports the Thompson Beach to Third Creek Management Plan priorities.

Council extends its sincere thanks to all relevant funding partners and, in particular, the State Government for its generous allocation.



being digital

Need some help
with your device?
Do you want to build
your confidence
with technology?

Being digital is here to help you gain more skills and know-how, with a range of session types to suit you – group classes, one to one or one to one online (call to request this option). Group classes will be at the Two Wells Council Chamber next to the library.

April – May 2022 Session times

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Contact Adelaide Plains Library to book in.

Ph. 08 8520 2100 or email library@apc.sa.gov.au

Connecting with others online

Group Session

Thursday 14 April
10am – 11:30am

One to One Two Wells Library

Thursday 14 April
1pm – 2:30pm

One to One Mallala Library

Wednesday 13 April
1pm – 2:30pm

In this session, we will be introducing you to video calling using both Zoom and Skype.

Online shopping and safety

Group Session

Thursday 12 May
10am – 11:30am

One to One Two Wells Library

Thursday 12 May
1pm – 2:30pm

One to One Mallala Library

Wednesday 11 May
1pm – 2:30pm

Let's go shopping! Online that is. Join us in learning how to shop online and to do it safely.

Leisure and fun

Group Session

Thursday 26 May
10am – 11:30am

One to One Two Wells Library

Thursday 26 May
1pm – 2:30pm

One to One Mallala Library

Wednesday 25 May
1pm – 2:30pm

What are your interests? How can you explore them further online? We will be taking a look at simple gaming, family history, and blogging.

Expressions of Interest JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

We are currently seeking another JP to join us.

Council provides a free, volunteer Justice of the Peace service every Saturday from 9am-11am at the Two Wells Library.

Are you a registered Justice of the Peace? Do you have a spare two hours on a Saturday morning approximately once every six weeks? If so, we would love to hear from you!



SUMMER READING CLUB PARTY 2022

Council's Library once again participated in the national Summer Reading Club program which aims to encourage children and young people up to 17 years of age to enjoy reading, as well as patronizing their local library service.

This year just over 60 children registered their interest in the Summer Reading Club competition and 47 children completed reading their quota of at least 10 books of their choice during the January school holidays.

On Wednesday 23 February 2022, Mayor Wasley hosted the Summer Reading Club party in the Two Wells Village Green – the first of many library events in this exciting new space! Children received their book prize and certificate from Mayor Wasley before tucking into an array of cakes and icy-poles, washed down with orange cordial. Many families stayed after the event to appreciate the ambience of the Village Green.

Those children who were unable to attend the party will pick up their book prize and certificate at a later date from one of Council's libraries.



SUMMER READING CLUB



Community Partnerships Fund

INDIVIDUAL SPORT & CULTURAL FUNDING

The Adelaide Plains Council recognises the outstanding talent of individuals within the District who have excelled in their chosen field of sport, recreation or cultural activity.

Funding is available to provide financial assistance to residents who have been selected to represent South Australia at a

State, National or International level or have been selected for a significant development opportunity as a result of excellence in a particular field.

Applications are open throughout the year (funding permitting) with assessments taking place as required. Applicants will be notified of the outcome as soon as possible.

For more information, please contact Council.

school holiday activity

SHRINKIES WORKSHOP

Join us for 45 minutes of colourful and creative Shrinkie fun!

We will be making a variety of Shrinkies to keep - including a bag tag and a key chain. Suitable for school aged children. Multiple sessions of the same program will be run.



when Thursday 21 April 2022

time **session 1**
1 pm to 1:45 pm

session 2
2:15 pm to 3 pm

where TW Council Chamber
(next door to library)

cost **FREE** Bookings essential

BRAIN BENDERS

A 30 minute illusion science show, followed by a 1 hour hands-on workshop including a brain tingling illusion discs activity.

Suitable for school aged children. Session will be facilitated by Lee of Mobile Science Education.



when Thursday 28 April 2022

time 9:30 am to 11 am

where TW Uniting Church Hall

cost **FREE** Bookings essential



Bring your CU passport to get it stamped.

bookings are essential

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Tel: 8520 2100 or Email: library@apc.sa.gov.au

Presented by Adelaide Plains Library

 @AdelaidePlainsLibrary





COMMUNITY CAR

Council is a partner council with the Mid North Community Passenger Network (MNCPN).

The MNCPN provides a transport service for residents who are not able 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 Council's car being located 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 the distance travelled. Carers may travel free with their 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

Adelaide Plains Council provides a monthly bus service to the Elizabeth City Centre on the third Friday of each month.

Departing Mallala, the bus travels to Elizabeth via Parham, Two Wells and Lewiston. Additional stops along the normal travel route including Dublin, Lower Light and Lewiston may be added to suit passenger needs (by arrangement only).

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

For further information or to book your seat please contact Council

2022 TIMETABLE

Thursday APR 14th	JUL 15th	OCT 21st
MAY 20th	AUG 19th	NOV 18th
JUN 17th	SEPT 16th	DEC 16th

Due to Easter the bus will run Thursday 14 April

BUS DEPARTS

9.00am Mallala Post Office

9.15am Pt Parham Sports & Social Club

9.40am Two Wells Motel

ESTIMATED ARRIVAL

10.15am Elizabeth City Centre

RETURN BUS DEPARTS

3.00pm Elizabeth City Centre

Return bus travels same route in reverse

Return Trip
\$5.00 per person

Children under 16 may travel free but must be accompanied by an adult.



WANDERING DOGS

Dogs that are found wandering on the streets or in public areas are deemed to be wandering at large under the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995.

These dogs are often lost and distressed and in some cases may attack or harass people or other animals and cause property damage. They may also cause road accidents resulting in injury to the dog and on occasions to vehicle occupants. All of the above become the responsibility of the owner of the dog.

Dogs usually escape and wander as a result of inadequate fencing or a gate left open. Council picks up many dogs throughout the year, and may issue a \$210 expiation notice to the owner of a dog deemed to be wandering at large.

If you lose your dog please contact Council as soon as possible with a description of the dog and your contact details. Your dog may already have been collected and placed in the Council pound. If not, Council can advise if someone has found or has seen your dog. It is also important to ensure that your dog is registered and microchipped, a legal requirement, and that all registration and microchip contact information is up to date.

If you locate a dog please contact Council as soon as possible, as the identity of the owner may be available on Dogs and Cats Online (DACO) and obtained using details linked to a dog tag or microchip implanted on the dog. If the owner cannot be contacted, Council's Community Safety Officer is able to impound the dog in the Council pound.



This ensures that the dog is secure, under shelter and with food and water available.

When a dog has been impounded, every effort is made to contact the owner so the dog can be returned. This includes the placement of notices at Council offices and on the website. Fortunately, most dogs are returned to owners within 24 hours, however if an owner is not located within three days, animals are either taken to the Animal Welfare League for assessment and possible re-homing, or on some occasions re-homed by Council staff, such as this dog (pictured above) who is now happily living with a new family.

FOOD RECALLS

Food can be recalled for a variety of reasons, but generally it's because there is a concern for public health and safety.

SA Health notify Council when a food product is suspected to be of risk to the public. Council staff will then monitor food businesses within the area and ensure they are aware of the recall and have taken measures

to remove the product from use or sale. Food recall notices are also placed on Council's website to increase awareness for residents and include information about what you should do if you have purchased or consumed a recalled product.

Monitor Council's website for food recall updates. If you have any questions, please contact Council.

Did you know about Council's role in food safety?



MALLALA MUSEUM



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OPEN EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON
2PM – 4:30PM