Adelaide Plains Council

COMMUNICATOR

WINTER 2026



Our roads are as unique as we are

Roads are one of the most important pieces of infrastructure that connects our communities, businesses and farms across the Adelaide Plains.

In total, there are nearly 1,000 kilometres of maintained roads across the Adelaide Plains Council area, with approximately 700 kilometres being unsealed roads. Managing and maintaining this extensive network is a significant task and a key service Council delivers for the community.

We manage and operate our own rubble pits to supply high quality materials for community infrastructure and capital works projects across the region. While many councils now rely entirely on commercial suppliers, we blend and crush our own pavement materials locally. Our bespoke blend wears better than standard commercial materials delivering longer lasting unsealed roads, improved performance and reduced maintenance requirements.

By managing this process in-house, we maintain consistent quality standards, support local operations and deliver significant cost savings by reducing reliance on commercial suppliers. This approach provides greater value for ratepayers while helping us continue to invest in essential infrastructure across the district.

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INTRODUCTION

Message from Mayor Mark Wasley

Much has happened in the first half of 2026.

State Elections have delivered us a new Member for Ngadjuri (formerly Frome) Mr David Paton MP.

Federal and State budgets have come down that have an impact on every Australian's life but surprisingly they do not conduct community consultation, unlike Councils.

The State Government has announced that the council elections, usually held every 4 years and due this November, will now be pushed out to April 2027 due to the Electoral Commission being unable to conduct the election process. Council will be providing information sessions for prospective candidates on the roles and responsibilities of being a councillor in the months ahead.

Our community and volunteer groups have been busy – as they always are – a history group burying a time capsule, work on projects at the men's shed, Red Cross committing to helping others, our CWA's, our various local action teams and action groups, our Probus, our Lions, our CFS – all are very necessary in our community and are VALUED by our community. But life can seem so busy with "just living" in todays world that we don't often make time to step back, recharge and rebalance our lives.

If you are a new resident to the Adelaide Plains area or been here for years, consider joining one of these groups or become a friend of a group. Developing friendships and sharing ideas face to face is good for everyone's wellbeing.

Get in touch

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Adelaide Plains Council acknowledges that we are located on the Traditional Country of the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains and pays respect to Elders past, present and emerging. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land and we acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kaurna people living today.

Council Members

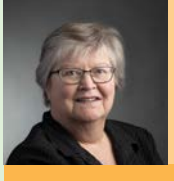
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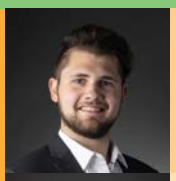
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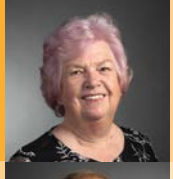
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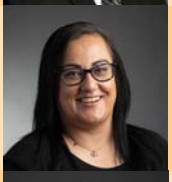
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COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Councils make decisions about local services, infrastructure and places people use in the community – from roads and parks to libraries and many other services.

Much of the work is guided by legislation, long term planning and community input. Council elections are usually held every 4 years, but this election has been postponed until April 2027.

Become involved – you can nominate for a position on council, and you can vote.

Adelaide Plains Council voters will elect 1 Mayor and 9 Council members. The two roles are different, yet similar in that both represent the whole community, not just individual groups.

For potential candidates, a free self-paced learning course is available through the LGA, which at just over one hour in length, covers what you should know before you nominate. Council elections are run by the Electoral Commission of South Australia and are managed independently to ensure they are fair, secure and transparent as well as following relevant legislation and regulations.

2027 dates

ENROL	
Close of voters roll	4 January
NOMINATE	
Nominations open	26 January
Nominations close	9 February
VOTING	
Ballot packs mail-out	11 to 17 March
Polling day (voting closes)	7 April



Visit: councilelections.sa.gov.au

Shape your world and make sure you're enrolled

If you are on the South Australian electoral roll, you are entitled to participate in your council elections. You must be enrolled to be able to vote in the council elections.

Council elections are open to a broader range of people than state elections. Being registered on the South Australian electoral roll also enables you to enrol on a council's voters roll if you are a non-resident owner/occupier, sole business owner, body corporate, group owners or group occupiers, and renters within the council region.

Check and update your enrolment details, or download an application form, on the council election website.

Our plan for the financial year



Thompson Beach Esplanade sealing, Adelaide Plains Community Grants, street trees for Dublin, Lewiston and Mallala and improvements to Lewiston Playground are just a handful of projects planned for the next 12 months.

Council has adopted a plan for this financial year that ensures we can continue to maintain services and assets for our ever-expanding community. This includes asset renewal covering 42km of road sheeting and 6km of road sealing. Pedestrian crossings and road calming are planned for the Two Wells main street.

Read more: apc.sa.gov.au/annual-business-plan

COMMUNITY



Youth Week 2026

Youth Week 2026 ran from 9 April to 17 April overlapping the April school holidays. What did it look like?

- 7 programs, activities workshops or events
- Located across 3 townships
- 300 approximate attendees

In a fitting finale, Lighthouse Youth Project ran Get Stoked! A popular bike skills workshop spanning 4 hours. They provided quality bikes, safety equipment, ramps, jumps, coaching and encouragement to the assembled group.



SALA Festival celebrates and showcases local artists.

THRIVE

The South Australian Living Artists Festival art exhibition at our Two Wells Library this year is themed Thrive.

Discover art from talented local artists, during library opening hours, throughout August. See the back page for Library open times.

Adelaide Plains Community Grants

Seven grants have been approved for local community groups in the recent round of Adelaide Plains Community Grants.

Long Plains Cricket Club received support to bring the pitch and training nets up to safety standards, subject to additional funding.

Mallala and Districts Men's Shed were successful with a grant to improve accessibility to the Shed with a concrete path and ramp.

Mallala RSL Sub-Branch was successful with two grants, one to assist in catering the popular Community Soup lunches and other events throughout the year. The second grant is for a Memorial acknowledging all conflicts and wars that Australians have served in.

Two Wells Softball Club obtained funding for a Softball in Schools kit, introducing children to softball.

Two Wells Football and Netball Sporting Club received funding for mobile grandstands that will suit multiple sport disciplines.

The Two Wells Community Centre will be adding a large screen and laser projector to the centre.

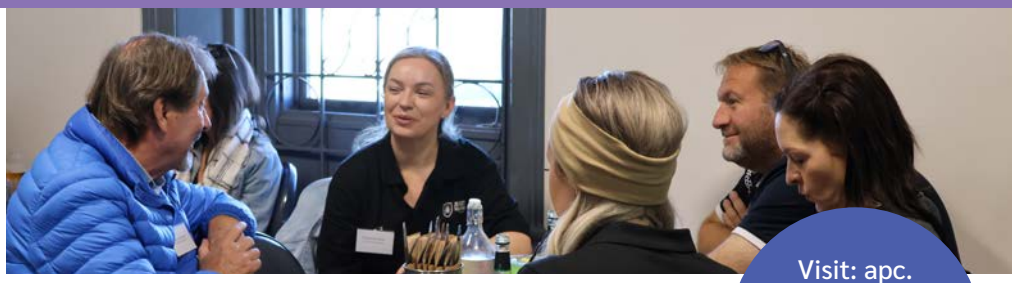
Two Wells Melodrama Group obtained funding to replace aging backdrops.

$25,000 has been allocated for the 2026/27 year for the Adelaide Plains Community Grants to support local community projects. Visit our website to apply.

COUNCIL NEWS

Local business support

Small businesses are at the heart of the Adelaide Plains.



They create local jobs, support community events, sponsor sporting clubs and contribute to the unique character of our townships. Whether someone is starting a new venture, expanding an existing business, or simply looking for guidance, there is a myriad of support services available.

For many business owners, finding the time to navigate permits, planning processes or support services can feel like just another challenge on an already full to-do list. That is why we are continuing to focus on making it easier for local businesses, home-based operators, and future entrepreneurs to access practical support, clearer information and valuable connections through the Prosperity Path Program.

Support is available locally.

From business networking opportunities and workshops to referrals to external support agencies and funding information, our services are designed to help businesses feel more connected and supported at every stage of their journey.

Visit: apc.sa.gov.au/council-services/business-support

Current initiatives include the development of a Business Welcome Pack, clearer planning and development checklists and improved referral pathways to connect people with the right information faster. Just another way we are working to improve services and communication with businesses. Sign up for our newsletter to be kept up to date.

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Upcoming scheduled council meetings

AUG	SEP
Wednesday 19 5:30pm	Wednesday 16 5:30pm
OCT	**NOV**
Wednesday 21 5:30pm	Wednesday 18 5:30pm

Mallala Chamber, Redbanks Road

Attend meetings in person, or watch them live online. apc.sa.gov.au/meetings

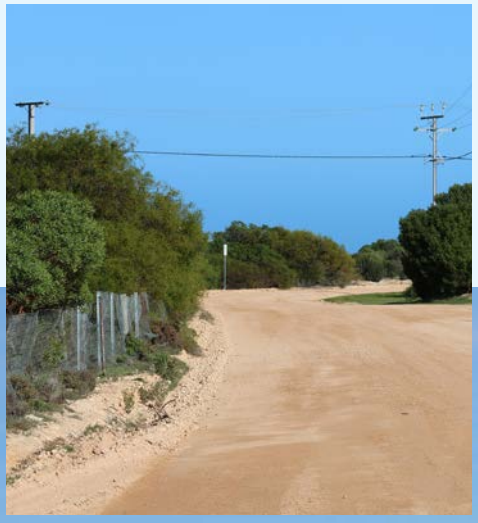
Information sessions are typically scheduled on the first Wednesday of the month, and the topics are published in advance on our website.

PROJECT UPDATES

Capital works

Our roads and open spaces program for 2025/2026 is complete!

We invested around $2.47m towards renewing sealed and unsealed roads around the region in the last financial year. Our dedicated and skilled civil team have worked on 41 roads to improve their condition, in addition to regular patrol grading of unsealed roads.



Some of our achievements over the last 12 months include:

- Resealed 10km of road
- Resheeted 41km of road
- Patrol grading
- Processed over 66,000 tonnes of rock into rubble to deliver to our road resheeting and levee works
- Completed stage 2 of the Two Wells levee
- Lighting for the Two Wells Main street playground and off street car park

What's planned for the next 12 months?

Asset renewal is the focus of this financial year's capital works program.

New or upgraded capital works to look forward to include:

- 42km of road resealing
- 6km of road resheeting
- Traffic calming pedestrian crossings in the main street in Two Wells
- 900m of new footpaths in Dublin, Mallala and Two Wells
- Sealing 3.3km of Thompson Beach Esplanade

Our full capital works program, including a list of roads, is available in our Annual Business Plan & Budget 2026/2027.



ENVIRONMENT



Native plant giveaway

Despite the wet weather, many dedicated residents braved the rain in June to collect native plant seedlings through our giveaway, with 300 households taking part.

Thank you to everyone who participated. Your support helps protect and enhance our region's native vegetation, contributing to local biodiversity and creating a healthier environment for future generations.



African Boxthorn biocontrol

African Boxthorn is a declared weed in South Australia. It can fruit any time of year with a bright red berry that contains thousands of seeds. A wide range of birds eat the berries which cause the seeds to be widely dispersed.

A biological control release program of a fungal rust named *Puccinia rapipes* has started.

The National Parks and Wildlife team from the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary – Winaityinaityi Pangkara joined Green Adelaide and the CSIRO to introduce the biocontrol rust recently.

While the fungal rust does not kill the African Boxthorn, trial data showed it can reduce fruit and seed production by up to 63%, limiting to plant's ability to spread.





Native orache

Atriplex australasica or Native orache has been successfully propagated by the Two Wells Community Nursery for a few years. This vulnerable classed saltbush now has a healthy population in the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary.



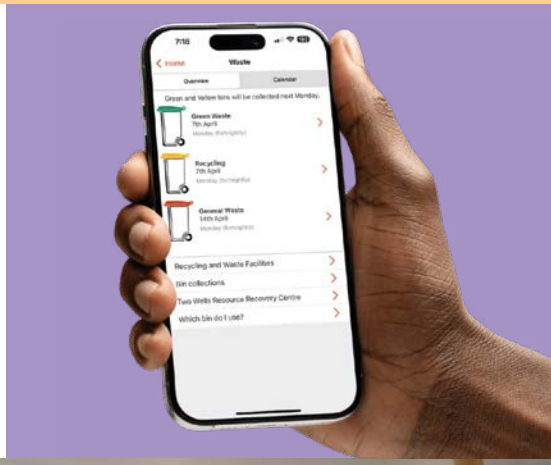
SERVICES



Bin reminders

Never forget bin day again, with weekly reminders from the My Local Services app!

Search My Local Services in the app store, or visit localcouncils.sa.gov.au/my-local-services-app





Talk, play, read, sing

Words Grow Minds is an initiative that supports early childhood development with simple, evidence-based tips and resources to nurture your child's development.

Collect your free Words Grow Minds family resource pack from our Two Wells and Mallala library. With ideas for talking, playing, reading and singing with babies and very young children, the pack supports families to boost their positive interactions across the day!

Community bus

Our monthly bus service to Elizabeth City Centre travels through Mallala, Parham and Two Wells. Additional stops can be made at Dublin, Lower Light and Lewiston by request.

Third Friday of the month

$5 return trip

Children under 16 travel free, accompanied by an adult

Book your seat, call 08 8527 0200

Visit our libraries

Mallala

2a Wasleys Road, Mallala
Wednesday 10am to 12pm
Friday 3pm to 5pm

Two Wells

61 Old Port Wakefield Road, Two Wells
Tuesday 9am to 5pm
Wednesday 12pm to 7pm
Thursday 9am to 5pm
Friday 9am to 5pm
Saturday 9am to 11:30am

Closed public holidays

Justice of the Peace

Two Wells Library,
Saturdays 9am to 11am

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