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Message from the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer

It is hard to believe that we are already two months into the new financial year; how time flies!

Your Elected Members recently adopted the 2019/2020 Annual Business Plan & Budget and it presents as a wonderful and exciting program for our community.

Council will be embarking on the biggest capital investment spend in living memory this year with \$4.7m being injected into road re-sheeting and re-sealing projects, levee/causeway upgrades, storm water management, footpath upgrades and improvements to car parking. The level of investment is approximately \$3.0m up on last year and seeks to catch up on a backlog of vital infrastructure projects, previously deferred.

We commend the Elected Body in arriving at a sensible, well thought out budget. With significant increases to valuations, the eleventh hour announcement by the state government to hike up the waste levy, coupled with the ever-increasing backlog of projects and programs requiring completion, it was always going to be a difficult budget to adjudicate upon.

In more recent weeks, Catholic Education South Australia publicly announced a new reception to year 12 school in Two Wells. The school will be a campus of Xavier College and will be up and running by 2021, beginning with reception to year six (6). This is a wonderful announcement for our community and will really put Two Wells, and Adelaide Plains Council, on the map with the development of a long awaited reception to year 12 educational hub.

To wind out, we are pleased to report that Council recently held the second of three (3) Community Engagement Forums at the Two Wells Football and Netball Club. Similar to Dublin, we had a fantastic turn out, and those in attendance were able to pose questions to Council, and hear firsthand what we are doing in various spaces across the region. We look forward to hosting our final forum for the year in Mallala in early November.

We trust you will enjoy the read.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Wasley
Mayor

James Miller
Chief Executive Officer

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.

Please see page 5 for more information.

Local Government Reform Program

In early 2019, the State Government embarked on a Local Government Reform program which involves a review of local government legislation that South Australian councils operate under. Four (4) reform areas have been put forward by the Office of Local Government:-

- 1) **Stronger council member capacity and better conduct:** assist all council members to act in the best interests of their communities, and to ensure that their decisions are always made with the highest standards of integrity.
- 2) **Lower costs and enhanced financial accountability:** provisions to guide all councils' financial accountability to deliver a system of local government that councils' constituents see as robust, sustainable and transparent.
- 3) **Efficient and transparent local government representation:** incorporating a review of the 2018 local government elections.
- 4) **Simpler regulation:** an opportunity to identify statutory requirements whose costs outweigh their public benefits.

The Reform program has been described as an opportunity to identify efficiencies and restore confidence in decision making.

Following a public call earlier this year, and discussions with councils and other bodies, reform proposals have been developed and are presented in the recently released 'Reforming Local Government in South Australia Discussion Paper'. The proposals for reform in the Discussion Paper are based on ideas for real improvements to the system of local government in our State.

Further feedback and comments on the proposed reforms is now being sought. Comments may be submitted to the Office of Local Government at DPTI.LocalGovernmentReform@sa.gov.au by Friday 1 November 2019.

For further information regarding the Local Government Reform program, including a copy of the Discussion Paper, can be accessed at: www.dpti.sa.gov.au/local_govt/local_government_reform.

Two Wells Community Engagement Forum

Council held its second Community Engagement Forum at the Two Wells Football and Netball Sports Club on Monday 29 July 2019. The forum was well attended, with in excess of 30 people present, including community members, Council Members and Council staff.

Mayor Wasley said, the forum provided "*an opportunity for people who attended to speak with their elected representatives*" and, as with the first forum, "*accurate information was supplied to the residents who raised issues that were important to them*".

Feedback from the forum has been constructive, with the following common themes emerging by way of verbal and written submissions from the community:-

- Flood management;
- Open space management;
- Roadside dumping;
- Roads and rubble;
- Engineering;
- Waste transfer stations;
- Skate park; and
- Community group relocations.

It has been, and will continue to be, Council's priority to respond to all customer requests and feedback received (made via the community engagement forums or otherwise).

Mayor Wasley encourages community members to speak to their elected representatives, stating, "*I urge all residents to get to know your ward Councillor, speak with them – they are your link to getting things done*".

Council is committed to working with the community; we value all feedback and look forward to the next forum anticipated to be held at Mallala in November 2019.



New Catholic School for Two Wells

Council is delighted that South Australia's newest Catholic School will open in Two Wells in 2021.

The school will be a campus of Xavier College, and will open with students from Reception to Year 6, progressively catering for all year levels up to Year 12.

"Council fully supports the need for a new educational establishment in the Two Wells community," said James Miller, Chief Executive Officer, noting that the announcement brought a buzz of excitement to the Council Chamber. *"Elected Members were briefed on the project last week, and the news was met with resounding applause."*

"A new school, in a new development with new facilities. This is a valuable investment in the educational future of generations ahead. Council will endeavour to assist wherever possible, for the betterment of our community," stated Mayor Mark Wasley.



Mayor Mark Wasley, Janet Coomber (Head of Xavier Two Wells Campus), James Miller CEO and Lyn Martin (Principal Xavier College). Photo credit to the Plains Producer.



Photo from the Liberty Two Wells Website (Image for illustration purposes only).

Adelaide Plains Business Council

Following the successful nomination process for the newly formed Business Council, Adelaide Plains Council would like to congratulate the nominated business representatives who we are sure will add to the continuation of our thriving community.

Nominated Representatives:-

- Colin Mayberry - IWS Group;
- Chris O'Bryan - Australian Grain Export Pty Ltd;
- Norm Dicks - Mallala Fuel and Fodder;
- Jamie Koch - Landowner (Carslake Road, Dublin);
- Ian O'Loan;
- Trevor Taylor - Regional Development Australia (RDA) Business Development Officer (Including other specialists when required);
- Yuandamarra Keily - Red Centre Enterprises Pty Ltd; and
- David Cowell - APC Economic Development Officer (Executive Support - Non Member).

The aim of the Business Council is to guide initiatives that support and improve the economic viability and resilience of the local economy, industry and businesses.

Having industry input into APC's operations is critical to:-

- A) Provide local commercial business input into the development of the APC Economic Development Strategy;
- B) Participate in regional and state-wide partnerships which influence policy;
- C) Promote the advantages of conducting ambassadorial activities to engage businesses in networking events;
- D) Review relevant APC policies and procedures that support a sustainable, viable and growing business sector;
- E) Provide advice on State and Local Government infrastructure and services that are impacting on the growth potential for the district; and
- F) Create sub-committees when required, to investigate and handle specific issues or activities.

Celebrating One Year

From a small but enthusiastic beginning on 28 August 2018, the Adelaide Plains Library Facebook Page has grown in leaps and bounds. Our first post featured the Library's South Australian Living Artists (SALA) exhibition and since then posts have covered a variety of topics from local history to digital learning, from library and community events to new items and book reviews.

We now have over 225 followers, and this number continues to grow. If you would like to keep up with what's happening in your local library community, like us at @AdelaidePlainsLibrary.

To celebrate this milestone, join us for cake at the Two Wells Library on Wednesday 28 August 2019 from 12pm to 7pm. Once cake runs out, there will be no more, so get in before it's too late. We look forward to seeing you there!



July School Holiday Events

School Holiday Fun: Lego Play and Balloon Twisting

The Library was pleased to offer two (2) free school holiday events during July 2019.

The first week saw children learning the art of Balloon Twisting. The children made a belt (which they all wore), then a pirate sword (to stick in the belt), then a dog (this was pretty tricky, and definitely no two dogs were the same!), and finally a hat. After that there was free time to experiment. Over 300 balloons were used in the making of this event and yes, sadly, a few did not survive!

The second holiday activity was Lego Fun. Have you ever seen so much Lego? There were over 3,000 brick pieces alone. And that doesn't even scrape the surface because there were also plates and bases, trees and flowers, wheels and car parts, animals and people, just to name a few! Children could build whatever they wanted. Creations included horse ranches, space stations, a wagon, houses, a fairy park, cars and space ships. To finish the session, all the work was pushed together to make a mega Lego city. Everyone agreed the event was "awesome fun!"

During the October school holidays the Library will be going Bonkers with Bubbles and making yummy Cold Rolls & Bliss Balls. Follow us on Facebook by searching @AdelaidePlainsLibrary, look out for our posters on local notice boards or visit the Two Wells or Mallala Library for more information.



Two Wells Community Fund Cheque Presentation and Ceremony

In November 2012, Hickinbotham Developments and Council signed the Two Wells Residential Development Deed relating to the Eden and Liberty Housing Projects. As part of the Deed, the Two Wells Community Fund (TWCF) was to be established, with Council and Hickinbotham contributing a set amount of money after the finalisation of each property settlement in the estates.

The TWCF aims to support local community groups deliver sustainable services and programs which achieve social and practical outcomes for the community. Council endorsed the TWCF Committee in February 2019, and named the Honourable John Dawkins as the Independent Chairperson. The Committee also includes representatives from Council and Hickinbotham.

With a total of \$25,000 in grant funding available in the first grant round, three (3) local community groups were awarded funding by the Committee for their respective projects.

The Two Wells Regional Action Team received \$5,000 towards the construction of a nonpermanent "pump track" in Hart Reserve. The Two Wells Community Centre was awarded \$3,100 to replace all toilets in the Centre with environmentally friendly dual flush systems. The Two Wells Lions Club received \$5,000 to install a shade sail over the picnic tables at the Two Wells playground.

The Two Wells Community Fund Cheque Presentation Ceremony took place at the Two Wells Library on Wednesday 31 July 2019, with the Hon. John Dawkins leading the formalities.

The Two Wells Community Fund's second grant round will be open from Monday 9 September 2019 until Friday 4 October 2019. Application forms and Guidelines will be available from the Mallala Principal Office, Two Wells Service Centre and Two Wells Library, can and also be downloaded from Council's website – www.apc.sa.gov.au. Please contact Council's Library and Community Services Coordinator on (08) 8527 0200 or at info@apc.sa.gov.au for further information.



Ruth Vagnarelli, Rob Veitch, Robyn Ford (Two Wells Community Centre), John Dawkins, Tony Lange (Two Wells Regional Action Team), Mayor Mark Wasley and Caroline Scutcheon.

Toddler Read and Rhyme Entering into the SALA Spirit

The Council runs Toddler Read & Rhyme session throughout the year on the first Wednesday of each month (except October and January) at the Two Wells Library. Come along between 9.30am and 10.30am for stories, craft and a healthy snack. Ideal for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. There is no need to book in.

In August, the children each did a string art piece of work, which graced the foyer entry doors to the Library for the 2019 SALA exhibition.

Thank you to everyone who has contacted Council to let us know how you would like to receive the Communicator moving forward. 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
- Electronic document (email) list

You may contact Council by:

- Post: PO BOX 18, Mallala South Australia 5502
- Phone: (08) 8527 0200
- Email: info@apc.sa.gov.au
- Website: www.apc.sa.gov.au

Justice of the Peace

Council offers a free Justice of the Peace (JP) service every Saturday from 9am - 11am at the Two Wells Library.

We are currently looking for another volunteer JP to join us.

Are you a registered Justice of the Peace?

Do you have a spare two (2) hours on a Saturday morning – approximately once every six (6) weeks?

If so, we would love to hear from you!

Calling all JPs – Council has arranged two (2) free training sessions to cover the topics of Advanced Care Directives, Enduring Power of Attorney and Affidavits and Annexures.

Where: Two Wells Old Council Chambers (next to the Library)

When: Saturday 7 September 2019 – 11am to 1pm and Tuesday 10 September 2019 – 6pm to 8pm

Please register for one (1) of the sessions by Wednesday 4 September 2019.

For further information please contact Council's Library and Community Services Coordinator on (08) 8527 0200 or email info@apc.sa.gov.au.



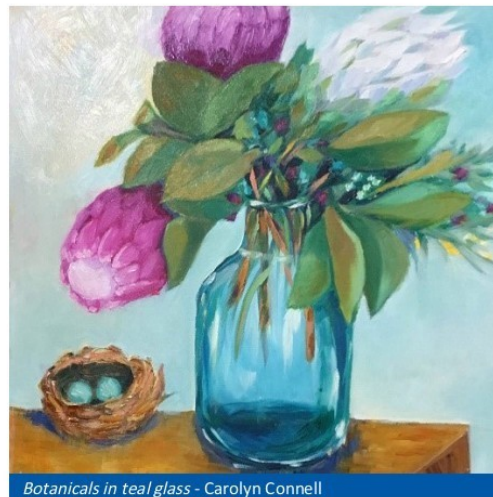
SALA Exhibition at the Two Wells Library

Each year during the month of August thousands of artists' works are displayed for free as part of the annual SALA festivities, and this year was no exception. This year 16 talented artists entered the exhibition and over 45 pieces of work were on display at the Two Wells Library. Mayor Mark Wasley officially launched Council's SALA festival at the conclusion of the Two Wells Fund Cheque Presentation Ceremony on 31 July 2019. This year's theme was "*Spread your wings*" and many of our artists cleverly incorporated this theme into their artwork.

This amazing collection of work was available for viewing throughout the month of August during the Library's regular opening hours.



String quartet macramé - Judy Frost



Botanicals in teal glass - Carolyn Connell



Calling all Book Clubbers

Do you belong to a Book Club? Do you struggle to find enough copies of a book each month to share amongst your members?

The Adelaide Plains Library has a number of Book Discussion Sets available for borrowing. These are sets of up to ten (10) copies of the same title – perfect for book group reading. Titles include, but are not limited to, *The Chaperone* by Laura Moriarty, *The Hours* by Michael Cunningham, and *Philomena* by Martin Sixsmith.

Book sets are free to borrow but terms and conditions apply. For more information, please visit the Two Wells Library.



Community Car

The Adelaide Plains Council is a partner Council with the Mid North Community Passenger Network (MNCNP). The MNCNP 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 the Adelaide Plains 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 and is based on distance travelled. Carers may travel free with the client. A wheelchair accessible vehicle is available (pending availability). For further information or to book the car, please contact the Mid North Community Passenger Network direct on (08) 8842 1677.

Development Update - The Plains are Growing



Hickinbotham's Liberty and Eden earthworks, to the north-west and north-east of Two Wells.

22 June 2019 Aerial image courtesy of Nearmap

Council has experienced steady population growth over the past ten years and is now transitioning to a faster moving growth trend. Exciting times are upon us as our population growth accelerates thanks to housing developments within Two Wells, Lewiston and more recently, Mallala. The above image highlights the substantial works undertaken so far within the Eden and Liberty housing developments in preparation for the current and forecast population growth.

Reminder to Service your Aerobic Wastewater System

Council would like to remind residents that as a condition of their wastewater approval, the occupier of the premises must maintain their system to ensure that recycled water complies with safe water-quality standards. This comprises quarterly servicing by an appropriately trained person or as recommended by the manufacturer in the service manual.

Shortly, Council will be commencing random inspections and audits on approved wastewater systems throughout the Adelaide Plains region to ensure compliance with the relevant standards. This is a timely reminder to residents to ensure their systems are operating within the conditions of their wastewater approval.

If you are unsure of your obligations, or would like a copy of your wastewater approval, please contact Council's Environmental Health Officer on (08) 8527 0200 or info@apc.sa.gov.au.

Better Prepared at Webb Beach

In collaboration with the Webb Beach Community, Council has developed a Community Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) for Webb Beach to help make the community safer and better prepared for floods.

Webb Beach has experienced numerous sea water flood events in recent years and evidence from previous emergencies across Australia has shown that communities that plan and prepare for emergencies are able to cope better and recover more quickly.

Council successfully applied for funding from the South Australian Government to develop the CEMP and to help guide the planning and preparation for flood events at Webb Beach.

Council consulted with the Webb Beach community via a number of public workshops to develop and implement the CEMP. Members of the SES, CFS and Coast Protection Board provided advice and guidance throughout the project and attended the community workshops.

A template for a Household Emergency Management Plan (HEMP) was developed to provide residents and landowners with a checklist to get their homes flood ready, prepare an emergency kit and provide advice on evacuating in the event of a flood and what to remember during a post-flood clear up. Both the CEMP and HEMP documents are available on Council's website.

In addition to the development of emergency management plans, a topographic survey was undertaken measuring the approximate ground floor level height (above mean sea level) of all homes at Webb Beach to enable individual flood risk maps to be prepared for each dwelling.

A flood information sign to increase flood awareness for locals and visitors has been installed near the rotunda at Webb Beach and as a result of community feedback, additional road markers have been installed along the causeway to improve safety. Following on from the final project workshop, Webb Beach residents are currently in the process of setting up a community phone tree to help quickly spread a message in the event of a flood emergency.

APC Mayor Mark Wasley said *"increasing awareness in our coastal communities on the risks associated with sea water flood events is paramount. I am pleased that so many members of the Webb Beach community were involved in the project workshops and I hope that completing a Household Emergency Management Plan will help residents better able to prepare for future sea flood events"*.

A sum of \$250,000 has recently been allocated in Council's 2019/2020 Budget towards the maintenance of the Webb Beach levee and upgrades to the Webb Beach causeway.

It is intended that the project, and its ensuing initiatives, will ensure that residents and visitors at Webb Beach are better able to 'Prevent, Prepare, Respond and Recover' from future flood events.



Capital Works Program 2019/2020

Council's Infrastructure & Environment Department will be embarking on a large and exciting Capital Works Program this year. Works intended to be undertaken prior to December 2019 include:-

Roads and Footpaths:-

- Chivell Street, Mallala – Resealing and Kerbing (from Wasleys Road to Joseph Street);
- Chivell Street, Mallala – New Footpaths (from Wasleys Road to Mary Street);
- Elizabeth Street, Two Wells – New Footpath;
- Drew Street – Resealing, Street Tree Renewal & Kerbing renewal (from Gawler Road to Old Port Wakefield Road);
- Old Port Wakefield Road – Resealing;
- Port Parham Road – Resealing (from Beach Road to First Street); and
- Old Mallala Road Two Wells – Kerbing renewal.

Building Maintenance:-

- Two Wells Old Council Chamber Improvements;
- Mallala Museum – Roof, Ceiling & Window Frame Repairs;
- Mallala Institute/CWA – Underpinning; and
- Mallala Office – New Flag Pole.

Other Items:-

- Middle Beach CWMS – Irrigation Wobblers;
- Williams Road & Connell Vale – Pump Station Repairs;
- Pram Ramp Renewal to DDA Compliant;
- Plant Renewal;
- Mallala Oval Playground – Softfall Renewal;
- Thompson Beach Foreshore – Shelter, Seating and Carpark Renewal;
- Parham Camping Ground – Septic Renewal;
- Wasleys Bridge – Maintenance; and
- Secomb Road, Two Wells – Levee Design.



Repairs to kerbing has been undertaken on various properties in Rowe Crescent, Two Wells, where the trees had lifted the kerb in numerous places.

Resource Recovery Centres

Council, at its Ordinary Meeting on 25 March 2019, resolved to undertake public consultation in relation to the proposed closure of the Mallala and Two Wells Resource Recovery Centres.

Public Consultation was undertaken in accordance with Council's Public Consultation Policy, and concluded on 21 June 2019.

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 22 July 2019, Council Members made the decision to close the Mallala Resource Recovery Centre located on Limerock Road Mallala. The closure comes into effect on **30 September 2019**.

Residents are encouraged to utilise Council's Two Wells Resource Recovery Centre located on Wells Road, Two Wells as an alternative for waste disposal.

For additional information about the closure of the Mallala Resource Recovery Centre contact Council's Depot Operations Coordinator on (08) 8527 0200.

Consideration of Additional Waste Service

Council, at its Ordinary Meeting on 25 March 2019, resolved to undertake public consultation in relation to proposed weekly waste collection.

Public Consultation was undertaken in accordance with Council's Public Consultation Policy, and concluded on 21 June 2019.

At its Ordinary Council Meeting on 22 July 2019, Council Members considered the feedback received through public consultation, and resolved to continue with the current fortnightly waste collection service.

Residents are strongly encouraged to utilise their recycling and green waste bins to both save the environment and reduce disposal costs.

Garden Escapees

Garden Escapees are a serious threat to our coastal environments. Garden Escapees are plants that escape backyards and are considered weeds in our natural environments. Weeds are a major coastal issues, threatening biodiversity and native flora and fauna.

Weeds are costly to manage and divert resources from being spent on other important coastal management. A field survey of Council's coastal towns has highlighted the spread of Garden Escapees. Control work was undertaken in April and early May across all of the townships but unfortunately a lot of Garden Escapees are still present due to the cost of control method.

Weeds can be introduced into natural environments in numerous ways, either spread accidentally or deliberately. Weeds can spread through seed by wind, water, animals, cars and humans carrying them. Coastal weeds can reproduce vegetatively (which means when a segment of stem breaks off, it can take root to form a new plant), such as succulents and cactus.

What can you do to help prevent Garden Escapees?

- Make informed choices when selecting plants for your garden in coastal areas;
- Avoid buying and planting invasive plants;
- Remove invasive plants from your garden;
- Dispose of plants correctly;
- Plant native species from your local area.

Community education and action are key to limiting the ongoing spread of Garden Escapees. In early April, Council, in partnership with Natural Resources Adelaide Mount Lofty Ranges, held a Coastal Garden Design workshop at Two Wells. The workshop guided participants through the design process to create coastal gardens and highlighted how native plants can be utilised to achieve desired results.

For additional information about Garden Escapees and how to prevent them, contact Council's Coastal Conservation Officer on (08) 8527 0200.



Protecting our Environment

The Adelaide Plains Region is well known for its beautiful scenery and natural environment. To ensure it stays this way, Council needs your assistance in taking action against illegal dumping.

Nobody likes illegal dumping. There are significant penalties for those caught illegally dumping waste.

How can I report illegal dumping?

Reporting illegal dumping is easy. If you see illegally dumped waste, or if you see someone, or suspect something in relation to dumping, report it to Council. Reports can be made by calling (08) 8527 0200 or by emailing info@apc.sa.gov.au.

Two Wells Cemetery

A new water line was recently extended at the Two Wells Cemetery to install additional taps towards the back of the Cemetery, to aid in beautification of the Cemetery and ease of gaining water for floral displays on memorials.



Horticulture Beautification and Re-Vegetation

With the kerbing works conducted along Rowe Crescent, Two Wells, Council replaced the existing trees. Once established, the new trees, (commonly referred to as Tuckeroo) will provide ample shade and street appeal for many years to come.

Council's Horticulture Team completed works within the Dublin main street median strip. Old, dead and dying vegetation was removed and replaced with drought tolerant Australian natives which complement the town nicely.

Outside of the coastal projects, Council has been active with other revegetation works, including adjacent to the Port Parham playground and along Shannon Road.

Road Re-Sheeting

The Re-Sheeting programme was completed in March 2019. As part of the Re-Sheeting works, a trial of Polymer Stabilisation was conducted on a 350 metre section of Shellgrit Road. The trial used a product called 'Polycom' and used the remaining pavement blended with sub grade soils, without the need for rubble to be added. The dust suppression and wear factors are being monitored and measured for evaluation.

Shannon Road

Work has been completed on Stage 1 of the Shannon Road construct and seal project (Old Dublin Road to Carslake Road).

Snake Awareness

It is never too early to prepare for snake season, and it is likely that we will see snakes earlier than usual this year. In South Australia, the majority of venomous snakes found in residential areas are the:-

- Eastern brown snake;
- Tiger Snake; and
- Copperhead snake;
- Red-bellied black snake.
- Western brown snake;

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.

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 its 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 bitten:-

- Clean up rubbish around the home
- Check boots before putting them on if left outdoors
- Keep gardens tidy.
- Take steps to reduce mice and rats
- Never put your hand somewhere that can't 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.

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.

For snake removal services

Look under 'snake' in the Yellow Pages or on their website at www.yellowpages.com.au. Additional information is available at www.environment.sa.gov.au.



Bushfire Management

Fire Danger Season (subject to change):-

1 November 2019 - 30 April 2020

Broad Acre Permit Burning (subject to change):-

1 March 2020 - 30 April 2020

Council is committed to supporting residents to be bushfire ready. Under the *Fire and Emergency Services Act*, Council employs qualified Fire Prevention Officers who educate the community, inspect properties and undertake assessments across the district to assist in minimising the risk of fires spreading.

All property owners are responsible for ensuring the preparation of their properties for the fire danger season, including the installation and maintenance of fire breaks and the reduction of fuel loads.

Property inspections will be undertaken from early October 2019 and will be ongoing as required throughout the Fire Danger Season.

Pursuant to the *Fire & Emergency Services Act 2005*, the owner of private land must take reasonable steps to protect property on the land from fire and 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.

Council's Fire Prevention Officers inspect properties prior to and throughout the fire danger season. If a property does not meet the requirements at the time of inspection, Council may take further action, including the issuing of legal notices, an expiation notice or commencing a criminal prosecution against you. Council recently undertook a criminal prosecution against a person in relation to a fire which spread to adjoining properties, threatening homes and other buildings. As a result of the prosecution, a criminal conviction was recorded against the person who was also fined \$1200, and ordered to pay prosecution costs and victims of crime levies.

CFS Requirements:-

- Vacant town blocks are required to have all dry flammable material reduced to a maximum height of 10cm by means of slashing or mowing or removing, and maintained throughout the year;
- House blocks are required to have all dry flammable grass material reduced to a maximum height of 10cm by means of slashing or mowing or removing, and maintained throughout the year;
- Larger blocks (more than 1 hectare) will require having a firebreak, slashed or mowed to a maximum height of 10cm, 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. This must also be maintained throughout the year; **(Note – The 5 metre boundary firebreak should be extended where necessary to ensure any building or asset on an adjoining property maintains a 20 metre firebreak).**
- All flammable material must be stored in a safe manner.

You must have an ongoing maintenance program to keep your property fire safe.

Together we can work to reduce the threat to the region from bushfire. If further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact a Fire Prevention Officer at Council on (08) 8527 0200 or by email at info@apc.sa.gov.au. We thank you for your attention to fire safety.



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