



Adelaide Plains  
Council

# Communicator

Winter 2018



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- make a difference -

## COUNCIL ELECTIONS -2018-



**ENROL**  
must be received by 5pm  
Friday 10 August 2018



## Message from the Mayor

Greetings everyone and welcome to our winter edition of the Communicator.

As many of you would be aware, the periodical local government elections are almost upon us. It has been a considerable journey for our Council since the 2014 elections were run and I am pleased to report that Adelaide Plains Council (APC) is now in a much better state than where it was some four years ago.

During this time we have seen a number of elected members, a Mayor and senior staff either retire or elect to pursue other interests. I, on behalf of all of our elected members, would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people that have poured their time and energy into this community. Your contributions have been outstanding.

As someone who has been involved in this community for some time, I encourage anyone thinking of nominating at the upcoming election to do so. Giving back to your community is an extremely rewarding gift and by doing so you are shaping the region for not only this generation but generations to come.

APC, as a means of better understanding what it is that our community wants, recently embarked on a community survey. Through a randomly selected process, consultant McGregor Tan undertook to glean pertinent information from those interviewed which in turn will assist Council in planning for future initiatives. Having baseline data is crucial in understanding where our community wishes for Council to inject its resources and budgetary allocations. I look forward to seeing this information tabled in August.

I am also pleased to advise that Council has recently adopted its annual business plan and budget for 2018 - 2019. Your elected members have adopted a very conservative budget for the forthcoming 12 month period and in doing so have deferred a significant amount of capital and operating projects to the following year. The budget forecasts \$1.7 million being spent on capital works while the kerbside collection waste levy has been reduced from \$180 last year to \$126 for this financial year. The rate in the dollar used to calculate general rates remains the same as that adopted for the 2017 - 2018 financial year. I congratulate staff and elected members on the positive outcomes surrounding the budget.

On behalf of our readership, I wish you all the very best and please enjoy our winter edition.

Mayor Flaherty OAM

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

You will need to contact Council to advise us of the method you wish to receive the Communicator, or if you no longer wish to receive the Communicator moving forward.

Please see page 5 for more information.

# Council Events What's On?

## Community Planting Day

See Back Page for Flyer

### Event Type:

Activity

### When and Where:

Sunday 22 July 2018 9:00am - 12:30pm - Port Prime

Sunday 29 July 2018 9:00am - 12:30pm - Thompson Beach

## Make a Difference - Nominate for Council

### Event Type:

Information Sessions

### When and Where:

Saturday 28 July 2018 9:00am - 12:00pm - Adelaide

Tuesday 31 July 2018 6:00pm - 9:00pm - Adelaide

Saturday 25 August 2018 10:00am - 12:00pm - Gawler

### More dates are available - for more information visit

[www.training.lga.sa.gov.au](http://www.training.lga.sa.gov.au)

## South Australian Living Arts Festival

### Event Type:

Arts

### When:

Wednesday 1 August 2018 to

Friday 31 August 2018

### Where:

Two Wells Public Library

61 Old Port Wakefield Road

Two Wells

## National Science Week - Virtual Reality

See Page 7 for Flyer

### Event Type:

Activity

### When:

Wednesday 15 August 2018 4:15pm - 5:00pm

### Where

Two Wells Public Library

61 Old Port Wakefield Road

Two Wells

**For more events, please visit Council's  
website below!**

[www.apc.sa.gov.au/events](http://www.apc.sa.gov.au/events)

# SALA

1 - 31 August 2018



## EXHIBITION



The South Australian Living Arts Festival celebrates local artists.

**Come along to the  
Two Wells Public Library,  
61 Old Port Wakefield Road, Two Wells  
to view artwork from across our region.**

For more information contact:

Anne Sawtell - 8527 0200

[asawtell@apc.sa.gov.au](mailto:asawtell@apc.sa.gov.au)

[www.apc.sa.gov.au](http://www.apc.sa.gov.au)

# TODDLER

# Read & Rhyme



**First Wednesday  
of the month**

**9.30am - 10.30am**

**Two Wells  
Public Library**

### 2018 Dates:

7 February

7 March

4 April

2 May

6 June

4 July

1 August

5 September

7 November

5 December



# Rates by Email

Adelaide Plains Council remains actively committed to providing easily accessible methods for ratepayers to receive their rates.

With this, Council is excited to introduce the sending of rates notices by email and invites its residents wishing to receive their rates notices via email to register using one of the below methods.

1. Email - Send a request through to: [info@apc.sa.gov.au](mailto:info@apc.sa.gov.au)
2. Council's Website - Please visit [www.apc.sa.gov.au/RatesbyEmail](http://www.apc.sa.gov.au/RatesbyEmail) and fill in the online form

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

1. A current email address
2. Information from your rates notice:
  - Your assessment number
  - Names that appear on the rates notice
  - Property address
3. A contact number (should there be any issues)

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

Please note: residents who register for email rates notices will continue to receive their paper notices as Council introduces this program.

Residents who do not have access to email or elect not to receive their rates notice electronically are assured that the postage of rates notices will continue to occur.



## Changes to Telephone Payments



Adelaide Plains Council understands that many residents prefer to make their payments over the phone, in order to provide better Customer Service and direct contact with our residents. You will notice that our friendly Customer Service Team are now accepting payments directly over the phone for Council fees and charges.

If you wish to make a payment please call one of our friendly Customer Service Officers on (08) 8527 0200 between 8:30 am – 5:00 pm Monday to Friday (excluding Public Holidays).

You can also pay rates and invoices via Council's website by visiting [www.apc.sa.gov.au](http://www.apc.sa.gov.au).

## Mallala Monument

A noticeable upgrade to the Heritage Mallala War Memorial monument was completed in time for the Anzac Day celebrations. The work undertaken included a full professional clean of the top section of the marble and the preparation for repainting to freshen up the existing base.

Great effort was taken by the painting contractors to carefully colour match the existing colour scheme. In addition, the previous lighting system was replaced due to ongoing faults and new LED's were installed to keep the running costs down.

Finally, additional paving was introduced to provide better access to the monument.

Council would like to thank the Government of South Australia's Department of Treasury and Finance for funding the repair and restoration of this significant monument.



# Coastal Conservation - A Year in Review



The 2017 - 2018 year has seen a considerable effort to improve the Adelaide Plains coastline. With the program continuing to be funded by the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board through the NRM levy and hosted by the Adelaide Plains Council.

## NATIVE VEGETATION

Planted 6,050 native plants to improve habitat and provide shelter, enhance coastal dunes, and rehabilitate old vehicle tracks.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Two volunteer days were held in partnership with Conservation Volunteers Australia involving 110 people. The volunteers planted and collected rubbish at Port Gawler and Middle Beach.



## PEST PLANT CONTROL

Weed control was conducted across Adelaide Plains with 680ha controlled including roadsides. Focus species were Boxthorn, Gazania, Acacia cyclops and broad-leaf weeds.

## FUN IN THE SUN

This was the second year that the School Holiday Program was held in partnership with the Library. Over twenty participants (kids and guardians) attended learning about shore birds, crabs and mangroves.



## PEST ANIMAL CONTROL

Fumigation of 50+ warrens / dens to reduce rabbit and foxes numbers. Rabbits and foxes out-compete and prey on our native wildlife, destroy native vegetation, cause soil erosion, and spread weeds.

## RUBBISH CLEAN UP

Over 1,600kg of marine debris was collected from the northern beaches - consisting of illegal dumped car parts / interior as well as household waste. Remember to dispose of your waste thoughtfully; reduce, reuse and recycle to keep Adelaide Plains beautiful.

# 10 Great Reasons to Become a Council Member



Only a small number of people ever nominate for a position on their local council, but here are 10 reasons why you might want to consider it:

1. You care about what's happening in your local community
2. It's a great way to develop your knowledge
3. You want to contribute to your community
4. You want to provide a voice for your age group/cultural group/gender
5. You're sick of watching from the sidelines
6. You've got great ideas to contribute
7. It's a nice addition to your CV
8. You'll meet interesting people
9. It's a way of making a meaningful and lasting contribution
10. Your chance to make a difference

If you are keen to make a difference in your community and have a say in local decision-making, stand for election as a local government elected member.

For more information please visit [www.apc.sa.gov.au/elections](http://www.apc.sa.gov.au/elections)

## Social Media Presence

Adelaide Plains Council is currently reviewing additional ways that it can engage with the community with focus centered on social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and Youtube. We are exploring whether Council and/or its Library Services can increase our community engagement with a presence on these platforms.

When used effectively, social media can complement traditional communication methods and improve information access and the delivery of key services to ratepayers and customer satisfaction levels.

According to recent studies, social media is becoming part of the ordinary day with 61% of a sample of 1,516 people in the country admitting that they used social media during the evening. The desire to access quick bites of information and have meaningful two-way conversations with organisations is higher than ever before.

More information on these investigations will continue to be published via Council's existing communication platforms to ensure that our community are the first to know if/when we go 'live' with any additional platforms, such as a Facebook page.

Thank you to everyone who has let us know their preferences. We want to ensure that our community is reading Council's Communicator. As such, Council will be discontinuing the mail out of the Communicator to all residents at the end of this calendar year **unless you contact Council to add your home to:**

- The Communicator postal list
- The electronic document (email) contact list

To add or remove yourself to the Communicator postal list or the electronic document (email) contact list, contact Council using one of the following methods:-

Post: PO BOX 18, Mallala South Australia 5502

Phone: (08) 8527 0200

Email: [info@apc.sa.gov.au](mailto:info@apc.sa.gov.au)

Website: [www.apc.sa.gov.au](http://www.apc.sa.gov.au)

# Dogs and Cats Online

As of 1 July 2018 the way animals are registered has changed. This coincides with the state-wide introduction of Dogs and Cats Online (DACO), which will allow a centralised platform for animal owners on all devices to register and renew animals, update current contact information and locate /report lost animals.

For more details please visit <http://www.dogandcatboard.com.au/>

*Please note that all payments will now be paid directly to the Dog and Cat Management Board and not to Council as in previous years. For the new payment methods and payment reference numbers please refer to your renewal notice, or simply follow the prompts on the DACO website.*

With these changes, Council is no longer accepting any electronic animal registration payments. If you are unsure about your payment options, visit the DACO website or contact Council and our friendly Customer Service Team will be happy to assist you.

*As we work with our residents to transition to the DACO system you may experience an increased waiting time on our phones or at our front counters while we are assisting our ratepayers. We appreciate your patience during this time.*

To further assist ratepayers with the introduction of the DACO system and to allow time to transition to the changes we will be extending the Adelaide Plains Council due date for the 2018 - 2019 Registration year up until close of business **Friday 28 September 2018**. After this extended date standard late fees will apply, with no further exceptions.



## How to access Dogs and Cats Online

With the introduction of Dogs and Cats Online (DACO), dog registrations will be handled by the DACO system. This means that ratepayers will be required to access DACO through the internet to update details or to pay electronically.

One of the requirements to access this system electronically is to ensure that a **unique** email address is provided for each owner in the system (i.e. if you share an email address with someone, only one of you can use that email address).

If you do not have an email address, there are a number of platforms available that allow the creation of a free email account to use to access DACO or receive email renewals for Dog Registrations.

If you need some assistance with setting up an email account please ask Library staff at Mallala or Two Wells, or preferably, book into one of our Information Technology one-on-one classes (information below).

## Information Technology (IT) Classes

In the 2017-2018 financial year Council approved the capital purchase of three new public computers (PCs) at the Two Wells Library to replace the previously donated workstations (which were out of service), as well as two iPads.

Since April 2018, Library staff have been offering small group/one-on-one training on a Thursday morning to interested residents who wish to increase their information technology skills and knowledge.

These training sessions are tailored specifically to the patron's needs and experiences and have included learning how to shop online, setting up power point presentations and how to use their own ipad and phone effectively. As to be expected, these classes have mainly appealed to older patrons but we have had some younger residents who want to upgrade their IT skills so they can engage with their children in the digital age.

Please contact Council's Library and Community Services Coordinator, Anne Sawtell, on (08) 8520 2100 for further information.

# Minister for Health – Excellence in Public Health Awards

The Minister for Health - Excellence in Public Health Awards provides an opportunity for councils to showcase the significant contribution they make to public health and the ongoing wellbeing of their communities, for initiatives that demonstrate excellence in achieving positive public health outcomes.

The Barossa, Light and Lower Northern Region Public Health and Wellbeing Working Group (consisting of representatives from four partner councils; Adelaide Plains Council, The Barossa Council, Light Regional Council and Town of Gawler) submitted a nomination to showcase the regional collaborative project, the Ageing in Style Expo – Regional Roadshow. This project was chosen by staff as it was able to demonstrate outcomes in a number of priority areas within the *State Public Health Plan*, and the *Barossa, Light and Lower Northern Region Public Health and Wellbeing Plan*.

The awards were announced at the Local Government Association with the Ageing in Style Expo – Regional Roadshow project named winner of 2018 Minister for Health – Excellence in Public Health Award – Regional Council. Each Council received a framed certificate with the Barossa Council holding the glass Award on behalf of the group.

The award included a monetary prize of \$3,000 for use to further progress public health initiatives in the council regions.



## April School Holidays were a buzz!

The Adelaide Plains Library Service kept the kids busy during the April school holidays with three exciting and fun-filled activities. Learning some basic moves with GKR Karate got the blood moving in the first week and introduced us to some useful safety and anti-bullying techniques.

Our 'Fun in the Sun' activity at Middle Beach finally got the go ahead, having been postponed in January due to excessive heat. Rainy conditions did not stop children and parents enjoying the day, which included bird watching, crabbing, craft activities and mangrove awareness. We even had a visit from the Marine Park education caravan.

The holidays ended on a quieter note with a Mind Tricks and Illusions presentation by Dr Rob Morrison (of The Curiosity Show).

We learnt about all sorts of optical illusions, why they happen and what “tricks” your brain plays. We also found out how to prove that the full moon does not get smaller as it moves through the sky (hint: look at it through a drinking straw).



## Virtual Reality comes to the Two Wells Library

**national science week**

Come on a guided Virtual Reality (VR) journey of discovery through the solar system for National Science Week.

**When:** Wednesday 15 August 2018  
**Time:** 4.15pm—5.00pm  
**Where:** Adelaide Plains Library—Two Wells  
**For:** Primary School Age children

Limited numbers - Book early!  
Ph: 8520 2100 or email : [library@apc.sa.gov.au](mailto:library@apc.sa.gov.au)

Brought to you by Adelaide Plains Library

Adelaide Plains Council  
An Australian Government Initiative  
Inspiring Australia

This Inspiring Australia initiative is supported by the Australian Government as part of National Science Week.

Celebrate National Science Week on Wednesday 15 August at the Two Wells Library by joining us on a guided Virtual Reality (VR) Solar Expedition.

Put on some VR goggles and get up close and personal with the beauty and mystery of our solar system.

This after school activity runs from 4:15pm - 5:00pm. Parents are not required to stay as the activity is for primary school aged children and space in the library is limited.

Feel free to go and have a coffee while your child travels the cosmos – just be sure to pick them up at 5:00pm when they have landed safely back on earth!

This Adelaide Plains Library Service activity has been made possible by a National Science Week SA Community Grant.

# COMMUNITY PLANTING

All welcome, family friendly event

*Day*



**SUNDAY 22 JULY— PORT PRIME**  
9.00 AM—12.30 PM

Bookings Essential via  
[portprime-planting.eventbrite.com.au](http://portprime-planting.eventbrite.com.au)



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# COMMUNITY PLANTING

All welcome, family friendly event  
for National Tree Day 2018

*Day*



**SUNDAY 29 JULY— THOMPSON BEACH**  
9.00 AM—12.30 PM

Bookings Essential via  
[thompsons-planting.eventbrite.com.au](http://thompsons-planting.eventbrite.com.au)



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