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Two Wells Ward

Lewiston Ward

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

October is a busy month!
November is a busy month!
December is a busy month!
Everything is starting to get squeezed in as we approach the holiday season.

Farmers are in full swing, harvesting and baling hay. Retailers and customers are gearing up for spending in the lead up to the festive season. While we wait to see impacts of border openings into South Australia, life goes on.

It was my pleasure to officially open the Two Wells Village Green in October. The Village Green really is a wonderful haven for locals and travellers to relax in and enjoy. The Village Green is the culmination of a Council project, supported by Federal funding (the Drought Communities Programme) and was delivered using local contractors.



Your Elected Members continue to work together, planning for the future, taking into account the population growth we are experiencing, the need for suitable infrastructure and finding the balance of setting council rates to pay for all the maintenance, renewal and services that a Council provides. Council staff, both out in the field and those behind the scenes, continue to implement the decisions of Elected Members and continue to provide the services to the community that we all enjoy. It is a solid partnership that has provided great outcomes to the Adelaide Plains community over the years and will continue to do so.

It is now time to prepare for the warmer weather and enjoy the longer hours of daylight. The bushfire season is upon us so don't put off doing those small clean-up jobs. And be mindful that summer storms can also bring very heavy downpours and potential short term flooding.

Australia! Our diverse and always surprising country.

Mark Wasley
Mayor



DEPUTY MAYOR RE-APPOINTED

In a unanimous vote at the Ordinary Meeting held on 25 October 2021, Elected Members re-appointed Councillor Marcus Strudwicke as Deputy Mayor for the remainder of the current term of Council.

Under the Local Government Act 1999 (Local Government Act), there may be a deputy mayor if the council so resolves, and that deputy mayor will be chosen by the members of a council from amongst their own.

A deputy mayor provides crucial support to the mayor, and council, through strengthening leadership and stability and ensuring the continued

operation of a council in the event that its mayor is absent. Operational duties of a deputy mayor can include the role of chair at meetings, attending civic functions and ceremonies and providing a voice for the council and community.

Before being re-appointed, Councillor Strudwicke's term as Deputy Mayor was due to conclude on 21 November 2021. Reflecting, Councillor Strudwicke remarked "I appreciate the unanimous support of my fellow elected members in allowing me to continue as Deputy Mayor for the remainder of the Council term. The cooperation and goodwill in the Council chamber decision-making is reflected in the positive outcomes in infrastructure and services we are seeing around the region. It is an exciting time of growth for our council".



Mayor Wasley noted "The manner in which Councillor Strudwicke was once again appointed to the office of Deputy Mayor, unopposed and unanimously, signifies solidarity amongst Members and absolute confidence in Marcus' leadership".

Councillor Strudwicke has served as Council's Deputy Mayor since November 2018, with his appointment unopposed from 2019.



2020/2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Section 131 of the Local Government Act provides that a council must, on or before 30 November each year, prepare and adopt an annual report relating to the operations of the council for the financial year ending on the preceding 30 June.

The APC Annual Report for 2020/2021, adopted by Elected Members on 25 October 2021, is now available on Council's website.

WASLEYS ROAD BRIDGE UPDATE

Council recently undertook public consultation in relation to the potential closure of, or application of a 6.5tonne load limit to, the Wasleys Road Bridge in order to address the Bridge's deteriorating condition.

Elected Members considered the outcome of public consultation at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 25 October 2021 and a Special Council Meeting on 8 November 2021 and determined to reduce the load limit to 6.5tonnes, with the exception of emergency vehicles, Council vehicles and service vehicles and to apply for funding for future repair works.



Adoption of INFRASTRUCTURE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN



The Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan is available for viewing on Council's website.

Elected Members, at the Ordinary Meeting held on 25 October 2021, adopted the Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan (IAMP).

Under the Local Government Act, a council must develop and adopt an infrastructure and asset management plan, relating to the management and development of infrastructure and assets by the council for a period of at least 10 years.

Council's IAMP comprises:

- a Strategic Asset Management Plan, which takes the asset management objectives of Council's Strategic Plan and summarises activities and expenditure projections from individual asset management plans to achieve those objectives and

- Asset Management Plans for Transport, Buildings and Land, Stormwater, Community Wastewater Management System and Open Space, which support the Strategic Asset Management Plan by documenting the activities to be implemented and resources to be applied to meet Council's asset management objectives

and was developed through workshops with Elected Members and input from Council's Infrastructure and Environment Committee, and adopted following a period of public consultation where no submissions were received.

Council is responsible for the acquisition, operation, maintenance, renewal and disposal of an extensive range of physical assets. Asset management, and a robust IAMP, enables Council to realise value from its assets in the achievement of organisational objectives, while balancing financial, environmental and social costs, risk, quality of service and performance related to assets.

As we move into 2022 and beyond, Council will continue to work towards a long term sound future for the people of our region.

TWO WELLS VILLAGE GREEN IS OPEN!



On Saturday 16 October 2021, surrounded by a crowd of approximately 170 invited guests and members of the community, Mayor Wasley formally opened the Two Wells Village Green.

Elected Members and Council Management and Staff were delighted to host the event, with lawn games, face painting, coffees, cakes and a BBQ for all to enjoy.

We are pleased to now share some 'happy snaps' from the day.





TWO WELLS VILLAGE GREEN WINS AWARD



Tom Jones, General Manager – Infrastructure and Environment, James Miller, Chief Executive Officer with Lisel McLeay and Michael McKeown, Jensen PLUS

We are just delighted that Jensen PLUS, together with Phillips/Pilkington Architects, were awarded First Prize in the category Littlehampton Bricks and Pavers Public Space and Streetscape Design at the Mainstreet SA Annual Awards Ceremony for none other than our very own Two Wells Village Green Project!

Council's Chief Executive Officer, James Miller and General Manager – Infrastructure and Environment, Tom Jones were fortunate to attend the Awards Ceremony on Friday 12 November 2021 as invited guests of Jensen PLUS.

The Littlehampton Bricks and Pavers Public Space and Streetscape Design Award recognises street design and development work that enriches public spaces to create a cohesive and inviting mainstreet, laneway, town centre or precinct.

Council's Chief Executive Officer, James Miller, reflected on the Awards Ceremony "This is just reward for the wonderful showpiece we have now delivered for our community. To be recognised on the State stage and to win the best public space and streetscape design project from a long list of nominations makes me extremely proud. Recognition must go to Jensen PLUS, Phillips Pilkington, McArdle Projects, Management and Elected Members for the collective team effort in delivering the now highly acclaimed Village Green."

With development of the Two Wells Village Green now completed, and indeed with great success, Council will consider its next steps in relation to revitalisation of the Two Wells Public Realm in order to entice investment and business attraction, cater for growth and improve amenity and civic pride.

[The future is bright for APC.](#)

HELLO OWLS, GOODBYE MICE!



Council is working together with the Mallala Men's Shed to construct Barn Owl nesting boxes to be installed in a number of Council reserves.

This project aims to reduce and control the rodent population in biodiversity spaces such as the heritage listed Dublin Bushland and Barabba Scrub by encouraging owl recruitment in these areas. Barn owls are one of the most successful hunters for rodents, as a single pair can successfully control over 2,000 rodents a year!

Rodent control has been estimated to cost millions of dollars annually and mitigating the effects of rodents has proven to be difficult, unsustainable and costly. The use of natural controls can reduce the reliance on toxic baits and subsequent off-target damage on native species. This project is not only improving the biodiversity of the region, but also creates meaningful and purposeful work for the Mallala Men's Shed volunteers – a real win-win result for our community!

school holiday activity



Want to have some fun? Do you like a challenge?

BOOK IN FOR 'MINUTE TO WIN IT'!

We have great activities to keep you thinking and moving in many different ways – Balance, Defying Gravity, Silly, Tricky, Funny, Awkward and Challenging Tasks that will make you smile and possibly even laugh.

Lots of games to then try at home with the Family – if you dare!

when Friday 28 January 2022

time 9:30 am to 11:00 am

where TW Uniting Church Hall

what 'Minute to Win It'!



Bring your CU
passport to get
it stamped.

bookings are essential

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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Two Wells Library LIGHT RESTORATION



Construction commenced on the Two Wells Institute (now utilised as the Two Wells Library) in 1877 and the Institute officially opened on 18 November 1878.

A photograph, taken circa 1890, shows a gas lamp set above the entrance of the Institute. With the introduction of electricity, the lamp was removed and placed in storage under the stage – and sadly forgotten until it was discovered in the 1970s!

The lamp was converted to electricity, repainted and returned to its rightful place above the front doors.

Fast forward to 2021.

The lamp was showing signs of deterioration and Council sought to find an organisation to repair and restore it. Lewiston resident David Wynes from Plasma-Art and his retired uncle, Darryl, stepped up to take on the major restoration task. With little information and only a few photographs, they painstakingly restored the lamp by hand.



Before restoration



After restoration



The lamp is now proudly back in situ where it is likely to face the next 143 years (or so!) with confidence.

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FIRE DANGER SEASON

The 2021-2022 Fire Danger Season for the Mid North (including Adelaide Plains Council) commenced on

Monday 15 November 2021 and will end on Saturday 30 April 2022 (inclusive)

These dates are subject to amendment by Government declaration.

During the Fire Danger Season, no fires may be lit in the open unless a permit for that purpose has been obtained from Council.

Heavy penalties apply for lighting or maintaining an unauthorised fire.



For information and rules regarding activities/works on private property such as:

- fires in the open for cooking and comfort purposes
- using any cooking appliances in the open such as barbecues and pizza ovens
- using a chainsaw, brush cutter, mower or slasher
- using a grinder, welder or any other cutting tool that produces sparks

Please visit the Country Fire Service (CFS) website at www.cfs.sa.gov.au and click Bans and Ratings – What Can I Do/What Can't I Do? Additional fire prevention and permit information is available on the CFS website.

Permits are also required to undertake certain activities on days that the CFS declares Total Fire Ban Day. For more information, please contact Council or visit Council's website.



Don't forget CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET!



Always take 'doggy bags' with you when walking your dog and remember to pick up any excrement to help keep our parks, trails and footpaths clean.

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

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

Due to Easter the bus will run Thursday 14 April

BUS DEPARTS

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| 9.00am | Mallala Post Office |
| 9.15am | Pt Parham Sports & Social Club |
| 9.40am | Two Wells Motel |

ESTIMATED ARRIVAL

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| 10.15am | Elizabeth City Centre |
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RETURN BUS DEPARTS

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| 3.00pm | Elizabeth City Centre |
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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.

Free
and
Online!

FOOD SAFETY TRAINING

Food Safety Training is recommended for anyone involved in food handling and can assist food business managers in ensuring that staff and volunteers are adequately trained in food handling and hygiene, thereby reducing the risk of food borne illness.

Did you know that Council offers FREE, online access to Food Safety Training?

The training is presented in an interactive, entertaining and easy to follow format and participants can print off an acknowledgment form and Food Safety Certificate upon completion. Its online format also provides time and cost savings to businesses.

To access Food Safety Training, please visit <https://www.imalert.com.au/v6/?sub=mallala>

For more information regarding Food Safety Training, or food safety in general, please contact Council.

AUSTRALIA DAY 2022

Join Adelaide Plains Council for
our annual Australia Day Breakfast

Wednesday 26 January 2022

**Two Wells Oval Complex
Two Wells**

Breakfast served from 8am followed by presentation of
the Australia Day Awards and a Citizenship Ceremony

Special guest Australia Day Ambassador

All welcome





Ordinary Council Meeting Schedule 2022

Ordinary Council Meetings will be held at 6.30pm in the Mallala Council Chamber on:

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| JAN | FEB | MARCH |
| Monday 31 | Monday 28 | Monday 28 |
| APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
| Tuesday 26 | Monday 23 | Monday 27 |
| JULY | AUG | SEP |
| Monday 25 | Monday 29 | Monday 26 |
| OCT | NOV | DEC |
| Monday 24 | Monday 28 | Monday 19 |

Public access to meetings will be facilitated via live stream on Council's Youtube channel. On the day of the relevant meeting, a link will be displayed on Council's website apc.sa.gov.au

This will be Council's practice until such time that the relevant public health emergency declarations (under the South Australian Public Health Act 2011 and the Emergency Management Act 2004) have been revoked.



Christmas

AND NEW YEAR OPENING HOURS

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION OFFICES

Close 12pm Thursday 23 December 2021

Re-open 9am Tuesday 4 January 2022

MALLALA LIBRARY

Closes 12pm Wednesday 22 December 2021

Re-opens 10am Wednesday 5 January 2022

TWO WELLS LIBRARY

Closes 7pm Wednesday 22 December 2021

Re-opens 9am Tuesday 4 January 2022

TWO WELLS TRANSFER STATION

Closes 3.30pm Wednesday 22 December 2021

Re-opens 9am Sunday 2 January 2022

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Normal Collection Service throughout
the Christmas and New Year Period

Please
place bin out
the night
before

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happy holidays
TO ALL!