



Adelaide Plains
Council

Communicator

Spring/Summer 2018

Your New Council Members 2018 - 2022



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Message from the Mayor and CEO

Adelaide Plains Council (APC) has recently undergone a periodical local government election which culminated on Saturday 10 November with the counting of ballot papers. APC had enormous interest in this election, with more candidates nominating across the three wards and for the Mayoral role than has been the case in recent election periods. Similarly, the voter turnout exceeded the State average; reflective of the significant interest our community has taken in our Council in recent times.

On behalf of Council, we would like to acknowledge outgoing members, incoming members and those candidates who were unsuccessful in becoming a councillor. We also take this opportunity to acknowledge the work of Council, both Council Members and Staff, over the past four (4) year term. From the challenges of the Pinery Fires in 2015, to the instability that shrouded Council that same year, to the organisation rebrand and rebuild that has ensued since, it has been an exciting journey and we thank all Council Members who served during this term, as well as Council Staff and the APC community for their support.

Moving forward, APC has a newly elected Mayor in Mark Wasley and four new Council Members, complementing five Council Members who have been successful in re-election. With all Members having now been sworn in, we can collectively now forge ahead to deliver services, programs and infrastructure, as well as capitalise on the many economic development and investment opportunities that beckon, for the betterment of our community.

We commend this, the Spring/Summer 2018 edition of The Communicator to you and trust you enjoy the read.

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 would no longer wish to receive the Communicator at all.

Please see page 9 for more information.

2018 Local Government Elections

Scrutiny and Count for the 2018 Local Government Elections occurred at the Mallala Council Chamber on Saturday 10 November 2018.

Representatives from the Electoral Commission of South Australia (ECSA) counted votes for approximately 8 hours, while eager scrutineers observed the process.

ECSA confirmed results on Friday 16 November 2018, and the successful candidates were sworn in as Council Members at the Ordinary Council Meeting on Wednesday 21 November 2018.

Mayor – Mark Wasley

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John Lush

Kay Boon

Margherita Panella

Marcus Strudwicke

Joe Daniele

Brian Parker

Terry-Anne Keen

Frank Maiolo

Carmine Di Troia

Council, at the 21 November 2018 meeting, chose to appoint a Deputy Mayor, and in doing so appointed **Councillor Strudwicke** as Council's Deputy Mayor for a twelve (12) month term ending 21 November 2019.

We were delighted to see the Adelaide Plains community show active interest, and participate in the election process. The State Average for voting as reported by ECSA was 32.66%. The voting participation for each ward of APC was as follows:

Mallala/Dublin Ward

Two Wells Ward

Lewiston Ward

40.35%

37.35%

25.56%



Back Row L-R: Cr Parker, Cr Strudwicke, James Miller (CEO), Cr Lush, Cr Maiolo, Cr Di Troia
Front Row L-R: Cr Boon, Cr Panella, Mayor Wasley, Cr Daniele, Cr Keen

Council Events - What's On?



December to January
Discover a new world

SUMMER READING CLUB

Explore and connect with a curiosity of creatures at your library and online.

summerreadingclub.org.au

Suitable for Pre-school, Primary School and Secondary School children.

Register and collect your pack at Two Wells Library and Mallala Library

Phone: 8520 2100 email: library@apc.sa.gov.au

 AdelaidePlainsLibrary

 Adelaide Plains Council

The Summer Reading Club is led by State Library of Queensland in partnership with the Australian Library and Information Association and Australian Public Library Alliance.

For more information about Council events, visit www.apc.sa.gov.au/events

Mallala Museum

Seeking Volunteers and Committee Members



The Mallala Museum is always looking for volunteers to take an active role in preserving and maintaining its historical collection. The Museum would not be the asset to the community that it is without the assistance of our wonderful community members. There is a range of interesting tasks including assisting with group tours, being on the roster when the Museum is open to the public on a Sunday afternoon, assisting with mounting displays, working bees on Tuesday mornings, maintenance of the building and grounds and general local history research. With the Museum members working hard to establish a new Transport section of the Museum, and with funding from the History Trust South Australia, there are lots of exciting opportunities for volunteers.

The Adelaide Plains Council Historical Committee (which co-ordinates the management of the Mallala Museum facility) held its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 7 November 2018 and there are still some vacancies on the Committee. The Committee generally meets on the first Wednesday evening of the month and aims to coordinate the management of the Mallala Museum and makes recommendations to Council on broader historical and heritage matters.

If you are interested in joining the Museum as a Council volunteer or the Historical Committee (or require further information) please contact Council's Library and Community Services Coordinator on: (08) 8527 0200 or email – info@apc.sa.gov.au

Citizenship Ceremonies

Australian citizenship represents full and formal membership of the community of the Commonwealth of Australia. Australian citizenship is a common bond, involving reciprocal rights and obligations, uniting all Australians, while respecting their diversity whether they are the traditional inhabitants, first generation migrants or the descendants of our early settlers. Our rich heritage stems from the contributions made by us all.

Citizenship ceremonies were held in Adelaide Plains Council on Constitution Day (9 July 2018) and Australian Citizenship Day (17 September 2018) where eight (8) residents made the pledge of commitment to become an Australian Citizen. The next Citizenship Ceremony will be held at Two Wells on Australia Day, Saturday 26 January 2019.



Council Units

Council owns seven (7) single bedroom units, known as 'Dunstan Court', located in Mallala, and within easy walking distance to the main street and all amenities. The units are set aside to house older residents (entry criteria applies) and it is preferable that the tenant has a connection to the District (has lived here – past or present, has family/friends nearby or understands the relative isolation that goes with living in a small rural community).

Currently two (2) units are available in this comfortable friendly complex. Tenants must be over the age of 55 years, and be able to live independently. Rent is set at 25% of the tenant's total income, plus an equal share of water bills. Each unit has access to a shared carport with the common gardens being well cared for by a local gardener. Each tenant is responsible for their portion of the rear yard. Pets are permitted upon application.

For further information or to arrange a viewing of the premises, please contact Council on (08) 8527 0200.

Community Bus

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

Departing from Mallala, the bus travels to Elizabeth via Parham, Two Wells and Lewiston. Additional pick up and drop off points along the usual travel route may be added to suit passenger needs.

Children aged under 16 years may travel free of charge but must be accompanied by an adult.

A return trip costs \$5, and bookings are essential. For further information or to book a seat please contact Council on (08) 8527 0200.



Community Car

The Mid North Community Passenger Network (MNCNP) is a not-for-profit community organisation providing transport service to the residents and communities encompassing the local government areas of Clare & Gilbert Valleys, Adelaide Plains Council, Regional Council of Goyder and Wakefield Regional Council. The MNCNP is funded by the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion, Commonwealth Home Support as well as being subsidised by each Council.

The cars are driven by volunteers who choose to give their time, energy, skills and experience to help others.

A vehicle is located in Mallala and is available to assist transporting disadvantaged residents to their medical and health appointments, locally or in metropolitan areas. Transport may also be arranged for shopping, banking, chemist, hairdresser appointments or to visit family and friends. Carers travel free of charge and a wheelchair vehicle is available by appointment. Fees are based on distance travelled and start at \$10 and are capped at \$60 per trip.

For further information or to book a vehicle, please contact the Mid North Community Passenger Network direct on (08) 8842 1677 or email cpn@cgvc.sa.gov.au or alternatively visit their website - www.passengernetwork.com.au

Justice of the Peace Service

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 JP? 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!

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



Australia Day 2019 Breakfast

Australia Day is the day to reflect on what it means to be Australian, to celebrate contemporary Australia and to acknowledge our history. On Australia Day, we celebrate all the things we love about Australia: land, sense of fair-go, lifestyle, democracy, the freedoms we enjoy but particularly our people.

This year the Adelaide Plains Council will celebrate its annual Australia Day Breakfast at the Two Wells Community Centre which is located at the Two Wells Oval Complex, Old Pt Wakefield Road, Two Wells on Saturday 26 January 2019, with a fully cooked breakfast catered for by the Two Wells Lions Club and sponsored by Council.

Commencing at 8am, breakfast will be followed by a Citizenship Ceremony where residents will join in with towns and regions across the nation in welcoming our newest citizens as part of the celebrations. Council will be joined by an Australia Day Ambassador as special guest presenter.

It is a particularly significant occasion for those residents choosing to become Australian citizens, as they pledge their commitment to Australia and its people and accept the privileges and responsibilities of Australian citizenship. On 26 January 2019, the Australian Government will mark 70 years since Australian Citizenship was introduced into law, creating for the first time a legal status of being uniquely Australian.

Following the ceremony, presentations will be made to the winners of the Australia Day Awards. Council encourages all Australians within our community, whether new or old, by birth or by choice, to join in Council's Australia Day event and celebrate this great nation.

Breakfast will be served from 8am, with formal proceedings set to commence at 9am with the event anticipated to conclude around 10am.

Community Survey 2018

During April and May 2018, Council undertook its first community survey in six (6) years to collect resident and ratepayer's views on current and future services and facilities provided by Council.

Independent market research consultant McGregor Tan conducted the survey on behalf of Council through a mix of telephone interviews and online surveys. An agreed quota of 300 surveys was completed, with a representative spread of surveys completed by age, gender, household type and ward.

The results of the survey will be used as a benchmark for measuring Council's performance going forward as well as to guide future spending priorities.

Communication and Contact



68%

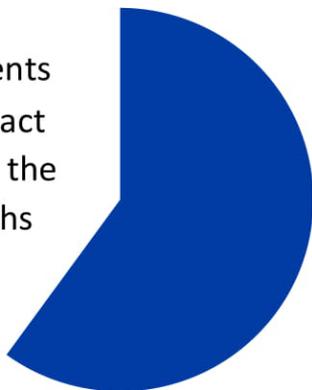
Satisfied or very satisfied with the courtesy and politeness of the person dealt with

Reasons for being dissatisfied with Council's customer service include:-

- No response from the call / enquiry
- Complaint not being resolved

More than half of residents currently find out about Council matters through the Communicator Newsletter

60% of residents have had contact with Council in the past 12 months



Top 3 preferred information sources for finding out about Council matters:

- 1) Letter / letterbox drops
- 2) Email
- 3) Communicator Newsletter

56% of residents said they were satisfied with the way the contact was handled



Level of satisfaction was highest amongst those who had been in contact with Council during the last 12 months

The full Community Survey report is available to view on Council's website

Fire Prevention

Fire Danger Season - 1 November 2018 until 30 April 2019 (subject to change)

Broad Acre Permit Burning - 1 March 2019 until 30 April 2019 (subject to change)

Council commenced property inspections in early October 2018. Inspections will continue as required throughout the Fire Danger Season.

Pursuant to the *Fire & Emergency Services Act 2005*, the owner of private land in the country 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 will be inspecting properties within the Council area to assess compliance with CFS requirements. Property owners issued with a Bush Fire Hazard Reduction Compliance Notice are required to comply with the requirements of that notice within the required time indicated, or Council may organise a contractor to perform the work required, at the owner's expense, and may take further legal action against them.

PLEASE NOTE: Council may issue an Expiation Notice for the offence of not complying with the requirements of a Bush Fire Hazard Reduction Compliance Notice. The fee for non compliance is \$315.

Council urges all property owners and occupants to have an ongoing maintenance program to keep your property fire safe.

If you require further information, please contact Council's Fire Prevention Officer on (08) 8527 0200 or by email at info@apc.sa.gov.au.

Bushfire Preparations - Why Risk It? Act Now!

Stay informed and be one step closer to surviving a bush fire.

Nine steps to surviving a bush fire:

1. Complete the (5) minute Bushfire Plan (see below)
2. Discuss your Bushfire Plan with family, friends & neighbours
3. Make sure your Bushfire Plan is flexible
4. Clear the area around your property
5. Have an emergency kit ready ahead of time
6. Know when to leave, and where to go
7. Observe the weather and be aware of total fire bans
8. Subscribe to the Country Fire Service (CFS) warning emails
9. Check radio, website, social media and news updates regularly



To complete your five (5) minute Bushfire Plan please go to:

www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/prepare_for_a_fire/5_minute_bushfire_plan.jsp

Developing a Bushfire Plan ahead of time will assist you in making the critical decision of whether you want to stay and actively defend your home or leave early. Each option involves difficult choices that you need to carefully consider and will depend on your circumstances and the predicted fire conditions.

Contact the CFS Bushfire Information Hotline on 1800 362 361 (Teletypewriter (TTY): 133 677) for information on the following:

- Active bushfires in a particular area
- BBQs
- Camp fires
- Fire bans
- Fire Ban Districts and restrictions
- Bushfire safety
- Burning off.

The control agency in the event of a bushfire is the CFS. The CFS is responsible for providing the community with assistance and direction in the response stage of an emergency situation, in conjunction with other emergency service departments such as SAPOL, SES, PIRSA and DoH.

Council's role in an emergency is to provide the community with support in the recovery stage post event and provide the community with emergency information via the Council website.

Snake Awareness

In South Australia, most common venomous snakes found in residential areas are the:

- Eastern brown snake
- Red-bellied black snake
- Copperhead snake
- Western brown snake
- Tiger 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, cornered or feel threatened.

Why are snakes in urban areas?

Some snake species, like the eastern brown snake, seem well-adapted to co-exist with humans. In urban environments, the snake's diet consists mainly of introduced species like rats and mice.

Snakes tend to shelter in wood heaps, under corrugated roofing iron and in piles of rubbish, all of which can be found close to houses. Snakes will typically make use of any cover close to the ground.

Like any other animal, snakes need food, water and shelter for survival. 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 in turn reduce your chances of being bitten:

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

If you find a snake

If you do come find 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 - they will be able to catch the snake and remove it from your property safely. If possible, watch where the snake goes to assist the snake catcher in finding 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 can locate, capture, translocate (ie 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 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, within their normal range.

For snake removal services: Look under snake on the Yellow Pages website www.yellowpages.com.au

Additional information is available at: www.environment.sa.gov.au



Stay Healthy in the Heat

Extreme heat, or a heat wave, describes three or more days of unusually high maximum and minimum temperatures.

The State Emergency Service (SES) is the control agency for severe weather in South Australia. Throughout Summer, the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) predicts daily temperatures. BoM then works with the SES to issue alerts.

If extremely hot weather is forecast, and predicted to last for a number of days and nights, the SES will issue an Extreme Heat Warning.

South Australia can experience long periods of extreme heat, so it is important to know:

- The effects of extreme heat
- Who is most 'at risk'
- How you can prepare for, and how to stay healthy during, extreme heat

What is the difference between 'extreme heat' and 'hot weather'?

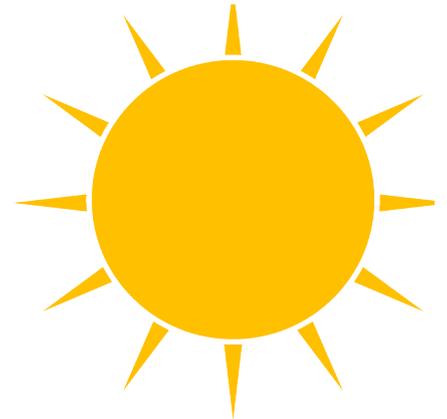
Extreme heat is more than just 'hotter than usual' weather. When temperatures are hotter than 35°C, your body may not be able to cool you down enough for you to stay healthy, especially if you are an older person or if you are taking certain medicines.

In extreme heat, you are more likely to develop a heat-related illness and become unwell much faster than you would when in warm or hot weather.

Everyone is at risk of heat-related illness during hot weather and extreme heat. Some groups of people – such as babies and young children, pregnant women, the elderly and people who have chronic health conditions – are more at risk than others.

Follow these simple steps to stay healthy in the heat:

- **Drink lots of water**
- **Avoid going out in the hottest part of the day**
- **If you go outside during the day, wear loose-fitting, long-sleeved and light-coloured clothing, a hat, and SPF30+ sunscreen (slip, slop, slap!)**
- **Keep curtains, blinds and windows closed during the day to keep your home as cool as possible**
- **Stay cool with a fan or air-conditioner**
- **Cool off with a shower or bath**
- **Check the weather forecast regularly so you know when hot weather is coming and can prepare accordingly**
- **Look out for family, friends and the elderly**



For more information:

- Check radio, television and online news regularly for information and advice
- For Extreme Heat Warnings visit www.ses.sa.gov.au

Thank you to everyone who has contacted Council so far, to let us know how you would like to receive the Communicator moving forward. From January 2019, 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; or
- electronic document (email) list

You may contact Council by post, phone, email or website:

Post: PO BOX 18, Mallala South Australia 5502

Phone: (08) 8527 0200

Email: info@apc.sa.gov.au

Website: www.apc.sa.gov.au

Swimming Pool Safety

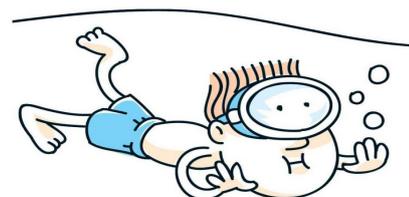
As the weather heats up for summer, the idea of spending time in a backyard pool or spa is appealing... but are you aware of the associated risks and safety requirements?

Devastatingly, drowning is one of the most common causes of unintentional death in Australian children aged between 0 - 4 years. Backyard swimming pools are regarded as the single most dangerous water environment for young children. Pools and spas are required to have safety barriers or fencing constructed in accordance with Australian Standards to restrict access to water by young children.

Development approval is also required for a swimming pool exceeding 300mm in depth or for an above ground or inflatable swimming pool with a filtration system. A spa pool with a maximum capacity exceeding 680 litres also requires an approval issued by Council.

Of course, even once your backyard pool or spa is built and approved it is critical to exercise the highest level of caution, and supervise children who are in, or near, a pool or spa at all times.

To learn more about pool safety visit www.royallifesaving.com.au or contact Council's Building Officer on (08) 8527 0200 or info@apc.sa.gov.au.



Coastal Conservation Across Adelaide Plains

The Coastal Conservation program was funded by the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board through the NRM levy and hosted by the Adelaide Plains Council.

National Tree Day

Volunteers planted 1,750 native plants to improve habitat and provide shelter, enhance coastal dunes, and rehabilitate old vehicle tracks.



Pest Plan Control

Weed control is currently being undertaken across Adelaide Plains area including roadsides. Focus weed species are Boxthorn, Gazania, Acacia cyclops and broad-leaf weeds.





Christmas and New Year Hours

Council Administration Offices will be
CLOSED - 4pm Friday 21 December 2018
OPEN - 9am Wednesday 2 January 2019

KERBSIDE WASTE COLLECTIONS

*Residents are reminded to place bins out
the night before scheduled collection day*

Recycling

Mon 24 December	– Bins collected
Tues 25 December	– NO COLLECTION - Public Holiday
Wed 26 December	– Bins collected
Thur 27 December	– Bins collected
Fri 28 December	– Bins collected

General Waste

Mon 31 December	– Bins collected
Tues 1 January	– NO COLLECTION - Public Holiday
Wed 2 January	– Bins collected
Thur 3 January	– Bins collected
Fri 4 January	– Bins collected

LIBRARY

Mallala Library

CLOSED - 12pm Wednesday 19 December 2018
OPEN - 10am Wednesday 2 January 2019

Two Wells Library

CLOSED - 4pm Friday 21 December 2018
OPEN - 12pm Wednesday 2 January 2019

MALLALA RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTRE

Thur 20 December	– OPEN - 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Sat 22 December	– OPEN - 10.30am - 12.30pm
Sun 23 December	– OPEN - 8am - 10am
Thur 27 December	– CLOSED
Sat 29 December	– CLOSED
Sun 30 December	– CLOSED
Thur 3 January	– OPEN - 1.30pm - 3.30pm

TWO WELLS TRANSFER STATION

Wed 19 December	– OPEN - 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Sat 22 December	– OPEN - 8am - 10am
Sun 23 December	– OPEN - 10.30am - 12.30pm
Wed 26 December	– CLOSED
Sat 29 December	– CLOSED
Sun 30 December	– CLOSED
Wed 2 January	– OPEN - 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Council related Emergencies
phone (08) 8527 0200





Ordinary Council Meeting Schedule - 2019

Council, at its November 2018 Ordinary Meeting resolved its Ordinary Meeting Schedule for the 2019 calendar year.

Ordinary Meetings will be held at 6:00pm in the Mallala Council Chamber on:-

Monday	17 December 2018
Tuesday	29 January 2019
Monday	25 February 2019
Monday	25 March 2019
Tuesday	23 April 2019
Monday	27 May 2019
Monday	24 June 2019
Monday	22 July 2019
Monday	26 August 2019
Monday	23 September 2019
Monday	28 October 2019
Monday	25 November 2019
Monday	16 December 2019

James Miller
Chief Executive Officer

Adelaide Plains Council wishes you a Merry Christmas
and a safe and Happy New Year