

# **NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING**

Pursuant to the provisions of section 84 (1) of the  
*Local Government Act 1999*

## **The Ordinary Meeting of the**



will be held in

**Council Chamber  
Redbanks Road  
Mallala**

on

**Monday 24 July 2023 at 4.30pm**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "James Miller", is located above the printed name and title.

James Miller  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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## 14 REPORTS FOR DECISION

### LATE REPORT UNDER SEPARATE COVER – TO FORM ITEM 14.11 OF AGENDA

#### L.1 REQUEST TO FLY THE RAINBOW FLAG

Record Number: D23/32031

Author: Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer and Mayor

Authoriser: Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. Letter to Mayor Wasley - Request to Fly the Rainbow Flag - 1 July 2023

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The purpose of this report is for Council to consider Feast Festival's request (**Attachment 1**) to fly the rainbow flag for the month of November to recognise 'Pridevember'. Council may also wish to consider coordinating a community event to take place upon raising the flag on Monday 1 November 2023 and/or order marketing material to display at the Mallala Principal Office and Two Wells Service Centre.
- 'Pridevember' is a month-long celebration of inclusivity and diversity in South Australia. Participating councils will be added to the Feast Festival 'roll call' in the 2023 Feast Program Guide.
- Council first resolved to fly the rainbow flag in 2015 and has supported the initiative each year since that time.
- It is for Council to consider and determine whether it wishes to again fly the rainbow flag in 2023 (if so, it is recommended that the flag be flown at East Reserve, Mallala during business hours) and whether it wishes to participate in either of the additional initiatives set out above (noting that these additional initiatives are unbudgeted and would require an additional allocation of staff resourcing).

#### RECOMMENDATION 1

##### Option 1 – Fly the Flag

"that Council, having considered Item L.1 – *Request to Fly the Rainbow Flag*, dated 24 July 2023, receives and notes the report and in doing so instructs the Chief Executive Officer to fly the rainbow flag on the flag pole at East Reserve, Mallala during business hours for the month of November 2023, and acknowledges that Adelaide Plains Council will be listed as a supporter in the Feast Program Guide and on the Feast website."

**OR**

##### Option 2 – Fly the Flag, Host a Community Event and Decorate the Office

"that Council, having considered Item 0.0 – *Request to Fly the Rainbow Flag*, dated 24 July 2023, receives and notes the report and in doing so instructs the Chief Executive Officer to:

1. Fly the rainbow flag on the flag pole at East Reserve, Mallala during business hours for the month of November 2023

2. **Coordinate a community event to take place upon raising the flag on Monday 1 November 2023 and**
3. **Order marketing material to display at Council's Mallala Principal Office and Two Wells Service Centre throughout November 2023**

**and acknowledges that Adelaide Plains Council will be listed as a supporter in the Feast Program Guide and on the Feast website."**

**OR**

#### **Option 3 – Do Not Participate**

**"that Council, having considered Item 0.0 – *Request to Fly the Rainbow Flag* dated 24 July 2023, receives and notes the report and in doing so instructs the Chief Executive Officer to respond to Feast Festival advising that Adelaide Plains Council will not be participating in the initiative to fly the rainbow flag."**

#### **BUDGET IMPACT**

Estimated Cost:	Unknown costs (including labour) associated with organising a community event
Future ongoing operating costs:	Nil
Is this Budgeted?	No

#### **RISK ASSESSMENT**

Members may recall that the rainbow flag was the subject of explicit vandalism in 2020. A replacement flag was immediately arranged, and raised and lowered daily, for the remainder of 2020. While the vandalism was extremely disappointing, the cost of replacing the flag and labour associated with raising and lowering daily, was minimal and, therefore, the risk of this occurring again need not deter Members from resolving that Council participate in the Feast Festival initiative should this otherwise be the wish of the Chamber.

## DETAILED REPORT

### Purpose

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### Background

'Feast' is Adelaide's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Questioning (LGBTIQ+) Queer Arts and Cultural Festival.

'Pridevember' is a month-long celebration of inclusivity and diversity in South Australia. Participating councils will be added to the Feast Festival 'roll call' in the 2023 Feast Program Guide.

Adelaide Plains Council first resolved to fly the rainbow flag in 2015, and the rainbow flag was displayed at the administration building during the 2015 Feast Festival.

Council has supported the initiative consistently since 2018-2022 by flying the rainbow flag in East Reserve adjacent to the Mallala Museum.

### Discussion

It is for Council to consider and determine whether it wishes to again fly the rainbow flag in 2023 (if so, it is recommended that the flag be flown at East Reserve, Mallala during business hours) and whether it wishes to participate in either of the additional initiatives set out above (noting that these additional initiatives are unbudgeted and would require an additional allocation of staff resourcing).

If Council chooses to participate by flying the rainbow flag during the month of November administration will action accordingly.

Participating councils will be added to the festival roll call, appearing on a dedicated page in the 2023 Feast Program Guide which is distributed nationally in hard copy and is available for global access on the website.

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### Conclusion

It is for Council to determine whether it wishes to fly the rainbow flag in November 2023 and whether it wishes to participate in either of the additional initiatives set out above (noting that these additional initiatives are unbudgeted and would require an additional allocation of staff resourcing).

## References

### Legislation

*Local Government Act 1999*

### Council Policies/Plans

Strategic Plan 2021-2024

*Enviably Lifestyle*

*Proactive Leadership*



1 July 2023

Dear Mayor Wasley

The SA Rainbow Advocacy Alliance (SARAA) are incredibly proud to be partnering with Feast Festival, South Australia's LGBTIQ+ Arts and Cultural Festival, to ask all councils in South Australia to fly the Pride flag for the month of November. As one of the 24 councils that participated last year, we wanted to offer this great opportunity to join again with the growing number of councils around the state (and country) that are proudly showing their commitment to diversity, inclusion and community safety through this simple action.

**How do I to participate?**

1. Reply to this email acknowledging your intent to participate along with a copy of your logo to be included in the Feast Festival guide
2. Get yourself a Pride flag (we encourage you to fly the Progress Pride flag which can be [purchased online at Minus 18](#) - if you don't already have one)
3. Find somewhere to hang the flag that the public can see it (we know that some councils have restrictions around flag flying. If this is the case for your council - please hang the flag in a publicly visible location (such as council chambers, libraries etc)
4. Fly the Pride Flag from 1<sup>st</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> of November to show your support for LGBTIQ+ communities in your council area
5. Take a photo for social media and tag #FeastFestival and #SARainbowAdvocacyAlliance

**What will I get if I participate?**

- Credit for celebrating LGBTIQ+ diversity in the printed Feast Festival Program, 10,000 copies are widely distributed as well as recognition on both the SARAA website and the Feast website (See other attachment for last year's participant's in the printed program)

**When do I need to let you know?**

- Great question! Feast has a **Print Deadline of COB 31st of July** so if you want recognition, you need to let SARAA (as the coordinating body of this initiative) know as soon as possible by emailing directly to [info@saraa.org.au](mailto:info@saraa.org.au).

Thank you for your ongoing support of our communities.

With Pride,  
Rebecca Galdies - SARAA  
Tish Naughton – CEO, Feast Festival

South Australian Rainbow Advocacy Alliance  
C/O SHINE SA, 64C Woodville Rd, Woodville South SA 5011  
On Kaurna land - E: [info@saraa.org.au](mailto:info@saraa.org.au)

# FLYING THE RAINBOW FLAG

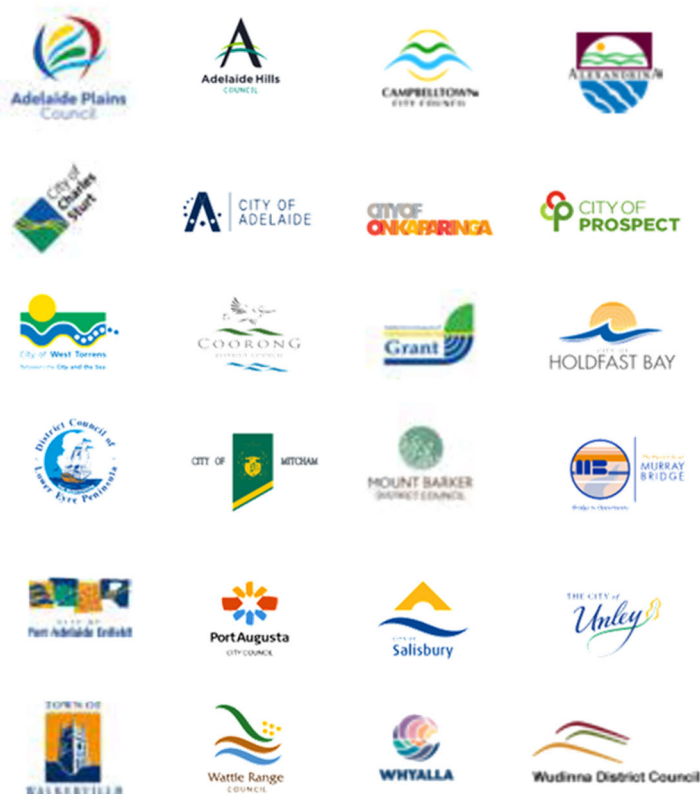
Every year Feast invites the Mayor and CEO of each municipal council in South Australia to show their support for LGBTQIA+ people and their families living in their community by flying the rainbow flag for the duration of the Feast Festival, 5 Nov – 27 Nov 2022.

This year Feast also invited numerous high schools from around South Australia to also fly the rainbow flag for an entire month to celebrate Feast's initiative, "Pridevember" – celebrating everything Queer here in South Australia for the entire month of November.

Flying the rainbow flag actively contributes to the health and well-being of the whole community and is a symbolic way in which councils can help celebrate the Festival state-wide, as well as publicly acknowledging their councils role in promoting and celebrating diversity. This year we are pleased to announce that we have 24 municipal councils participating and 4 High Schools, some for various days during the Festival, some for the duration of Feast and some for the entire month of November.

Whilst some municipalities have been prevented from displaying the flag on a flag pole, due to local Council policies, they overcame these obstacles by flying or hanging a rainbow flag in the windows of their community centre or library, or by erecting a temporary secondary flag pole for the duration of the Festival. Feast also asked many local businesses to fly/display the rainbow flag to celebrate 'Pridevember' with many joining the celebrations

## COUNCILS



## SCHOOLS



*Thank you*

**TO ALL MUNICIPAL COUNCILS, SCHOOLS  
AND BUSINESSES THAT SUPPORTED  
CELEBRATING DIVERSITY IN 2022!**