

# Communicator Autumn 2021



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#### Message from the Mayor

Hello to everyone and a particular welcome to the families that have chosen the Adelaide Plains Council as their new home.

2021 is well and truly in full swing as we all come to terms with the global pandemics' impact on South Australians. Once empty shop fronts in Two Wells are now fully occupied again and busy with a number of food outlets, dental, and massage services for the growing town. Everywhere I see strong signs of confidence in retail and business opportunities. Community support has never been stronger and a credit to everyone for displaying understanding and compassion through the COVID-19 situation.

Federal and state government grants and stimulus funding supplied to Adelaide Plains Council has enabled us to fast-track community projects that would otherwise have come at costs to the ratepayers. These achievements are reaching throughout the whole district so as many people as possible can benefit.

As we appear to be coming out of the COVID-19 emergencyparticularlywell, I am aware of the confidence and the interests of commercial entities being shown in our area. This will mean job opportunities. More news to come in that area.

Your Council staff have been working tirelessly to maintain the essential services, perform their regulatory roles and also provide assistance to the community in so many ways. I believe the relationship between you, the residents, and your Council has never been better and I expect this to continue.

COVID-19 has made us a stronger supportive community. Let's hold our heads up and work together for our future.

All the best,

Mark Wasley Mayor

MALLALA/DUBLIN WARD

### **Ordinary Meeting Schedule 2021**

Council, at its December 2020 Ordinary Meeting resolved the Ordinary Meeting Schedule for the 2021 calendar year.

Ordinary Council Meetings will be held
by electronic means at 6.00pm on:

Wednesday	27 January 2021
Monday	22 February 2021
Monday	22 March 2021
Tuesday	27 April 2021
Monday	24 May 2021
Monday	28 June 2021
Monday	26 July 2021
Monday	23 August 2021
Monday	27 September 2021
Monday	25 October 2021
Monday	22 November 2021
Monday	13 December 2021

Public access to meetings by electronic means 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 <u>apc.sa.gov.au</u>.

Ordinary Council Meetings will be held by electronic means 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.

## Xavier College

After just over 12 months of planning and construction, Xavier College welcomed its first 160 students on Monday 1 February 2021.

Council's Mayor and Chief Executive Officer were fortunate enough to take a tour of the campus in its final stages of set up and were blown away by Xavier's state of the art facilities and attention to detail.

For enrolment enquiries, please contact the College on (08) 8523 0088.







### Two Wells Village Green

We can't stop talking about the Two Wells Village Green and the site is transforming faster than we can type! McArdle Projects is leading the delivery of this much anticipated public space upgrade and the community can expect to see a continuous flurry of activity from here on!

The Village Green will become a significant and vital element of our Two Wells Main Street and this investment will hopefully be phase 1 of a multitude of public realm upgrades for the precinct. Further funding will be sought through various government grants to beautify the town and, in doing so, attract people, business and economic growth to the APC region.

Council extends its sincere thanks to the Federal Government for support in providing a further \$1m under the Drought Communities Programme (Round 2) of which a significant amount has been allocated to the Village Green.



### **Representation Review**

Section 12 of the Local Government Act 1999 requires Council to undertake a complete review of all aspects of its composition and the division (or potential division) of the Council area into wards, at least once in each relevant period that is prescribed by the regulations (determined by the Minister – approximately every eight (8) years).

Adelaide Plains Council (then District Council of Mallala) last completed a representation review in September 2013, and in accordance with the Local Government Act and as determined by the Minister, is due to complete the next review by October 2021. Mr Craig Rowe of C L Rowe & Associates has been engaged to facilitate the current representation review.

Public consultation on the Representation Options Paper concluded on Friday 29 January 2021 with a total of five (5) submissions received. Elected Members, at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 22 February 2021, considered a Submissions Report, and the Options Paper, and made some 'in principle' decisions regarding its preferred composition and ward structure:

- Retain a Mayor, elected by the community
- Abolish wards
- Composition of 9 area councillors and 1 Mayor

A Representations Review Report will be presented to Elected Members, pursuant to section 12(8) of the Local Government Act, at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 22 March 2021 and, once endorsed, will be released for public consultation. This will be the community's opportunity to comment on Council's 'in principle' decisions as outlined above and we encourage you all to look out for notices in the local newspapers and participate in the public consultation process.

For more information regarding the elector representation review, please contact Council.



## Community Engagement Forums On Hold

Under Council's Community Engagement Strategy (Forums across Adelaide Plains Council), Council will hold three (3) Community Engagement Forums per year across the region (in Dublin, Mallala and Two Wells).

However, Council, at its Ordinary Council Meeting on 27 January 2021, acknowledged that, in consideration of the COVID-19 public health emergency and to ensure the health and safety of the community, Council Members and staff remains a priority, Council is unlikely to be in a position to hold the maximum of three Community Engagement Forums in 2021 as would ordinarily be required under clause 3.2 of the Strategy.

This decision does not prevent the holding of any Forums in 2021 and Council will continue to monitor the public health emergency in this regard.

A copy of the Community Engagement Strategy is available on Council's website.

# Stay healthy in the heat

Heatwaves have caused more deaths in Australia than any other natural hazard.

South Australia's temperatures are vast and varied across the state. This means that the SASES (South Australia State Emergency Service) issue heatwave warnings for districts in South Australia. These districts are the same as the bushfire warning districts, so warnings will be local to where you live, work or travel. The heatwave warnings range from advice level for a low intensity heatwaves to emergency warning level for extreme heatwaves.

#### **ABOUT HEATWAVES**

**Low-intensity heatwaves** are common in South Australia during summer and most people are able to cope well, but the very young, elderly or those with medical conditions should take care.

**Severe heatwaves** are less frequent and are especially challenging for babies and young children, the elderly, pregnant women and those who are already unwell, but even healthy people should take care. The SASES will issue a separate Watch and Act message for each district in which a severe heatwave is forecast.

**Extreme heatwaves** are rare, but are dangerous for anyone who does not take precautions to keep cool, even those who are fit and healthy. People who work or exercise outdoors are particularly at risk. The reliability of infrastructure, like power and transport, can also be affected. The SASES will issue a separate emergency warning message for each district in which an extreme heatwave is forecast.

#### For more information:

- Monitor heat wave warnings via social media, radio, television and the online news
- Visit the SA Government, ABC Emergency and SA Health websites
- During the summer months SASES will issue a heatwave summary after 4pm each day at: <u>data.eso.sa.gov.au/prod/ses/sam/StateHeatwaveSummary.html</u>

#### Follow these simple steps to stay healthy in the heat:

- Drink plenty of water. Add a slice or lemon and ice cubes to the water.
- Stay cool with a fan or air-conditioner.
- Fill a small spray bottle with water, it is a great way to keep cool, especially for children.
- Sleep in the coolest part of the house, it may not be the bedroom.
- Avoid going out in the hottest part of the day.
- Keep curtains, blinds and windows closed during the day to keep your home cool.
- Cool off with a shower or bath.
- Look out for family, friends and the elderly. Make a plan to check on them regularly during a heatwave.
- Keep mobile phones fully charged and have a battery powered radio and torch nearby in case of a power outage.
- Register yourself or someone you know to Red Cross Telecross REDi service by calling 1800 188 071.
- Make sure pets have cool spots, shade and bowls of cool water. Bring them inside during the day.
- Check the weather forecast so you know when hot weather is coming.
- If you go outside during the day, wear loose-fitting, long-sleeved and light-coloured clothing, a hat, and SPF30+ sunscreen.

Never leave children or pets alone in a parked car (even if it's just for a short time), especially during a heatwave.

### Australia Day Celebrations 2021

Australia Day provides an opportunity to reflect on the challenges of the past year, respect the sacrifices and contributions of those who responded in a time of need, and celebrate being together, and being Australian.

On Tuesday 26 January 2021, Council hosted the Australia Day Ceremony at the Dublin Oval, where members of the community came together to reflect, respect and celebrate. The day began with a breakfast, provided by Council and kindly prepared by the members of the Dublin Cricket Club.

Mayor Mark Wasley hosted the event, with Council's Australia Day Ambassador, William (Bill) Denny OAM BM appearing as the special guest. Bill delivered a poignant speech on what Australia Day means to him. He talked of his father's fond memories of his time at the RAAF base in Mallala, many years ago, and acknowledged the late Margaret Tiller's dedication to the upkeep of the Mallala War Cemetery.

Mayor Wasley reflected on 2020. "In the past year, Australia has faced immense challenges – drought, bushfire, floods and the coronavirus pandemic," he said.

He added "Australia Day is a day for us to respect and thank the first responders and frontline workers who worked through the fires, flood and pandemic to protect life and property, to support their communities and keep our nation going. And we celebrate our nations' place in the world – a proud multicultural nation built on shared values that allow us to enjoy the freedoms and opportunities that other nations aspire to."

"Australia Day is also a day for us to reflect on our past, a history which began more than 65,000 years ago with the First Australians: the world's oldest living culture. It is also a day on which we respect and share the stories, histories and contributions of everyday Australians, because we're all part of the story." Mayor Wasley had the privilege of presenting Council's Australia Day Award recipients with their awards.

The worthy recipients for 2021, as determined by the Elected Body, were:

#### Citizen of the Year - Pat Thompson

Pat has served the Dublin community for over 25 years, including being a founding member of the Dublin History Group in 1997.



Pat Thompson and Mayor Wasley

**Young Citizen of the Year** – *Jack Harris* Jack has volunteered at the Two Wells Country Fire Service since 2013, and has attended over 200 emergencies as a firefighter including major bushfires in the 2019/2020 season.



Jack Harris and Mayor Wasley

## Australia Day Celebrations 2021

**Community Event of the Year** – *Two Wells Community Garden Official Opening* Over 200 people attended the official opening of the Two Wells Community Garden on 18 October 2020 to celebrate the transformation of the garden area located behind the Two Wells Craft Shop.



Judi Frost (left) and Di Meaney of Two Wells Community Garden with Mayor Wasley

**Community Project of the Year** – Mallala and Districts Lions Club – Mallala Campground Mallala and Districts Lions Club members have volunteered many hundreds of hours to establishing a camping ground at the Mallala Oval, with the assistance of grant funding, allocated by the Elected Members under the Drought Communities Programme.



Mallala and District Lions Club representatives with Mayor Wasley

#### **Community Group of the Year** – Adelaide Plains Equestrian Club

A committee of volunteers have converted an un-utilized space into an impressive equestrian facility over the last 18 months.



Adelaide Plains Equestrian Club Representatives with Mayor Wasley

Recently retired Windsor Depot Library volunteer Barbara Kennedy was recognised for her commitment and 25 years of volunteer service.



Barbara Kennedy and Mayor Wasley

### **Australia Day Celebrations 2021**

Council also welcomed four new citizens. The conferees, originally from New Zealand and the United Kingdom, became Australian citizens as a part of a Citizenship Ceremony at the event.



Mayor Wasley with some of APC's newest Australian Citizens

Mayor Wasley noted that the ceremony is "an important opportunity for all Australians, whether by birth or by choice, to join national celebrations that reflect, respect and celebrate. We reflect on our history, its highs and lows, we respect the stories of all our people and we celebrate our nation, its achievements and most of all its people. There is no greater privilege than our citizenship. It's a lifelong commitment to Australia's shared values, including respect for the freedom and dignity of the individual, the rule of law and democracy, and equality of opportunity for all people."



COVID-19 restrictions resulted in fewer citizenship ceremonies than usual during the 2020 calendar year. Even so, more than 12,000 new Australians received their citizenship at the many celebrations being hosted by local councils across the nation on Australia Day.

The event was followed by a friendly rival CFS cricket match, in what has become an annual tradition at Council's Australia Day ceremonies.



Standing for the national anthem



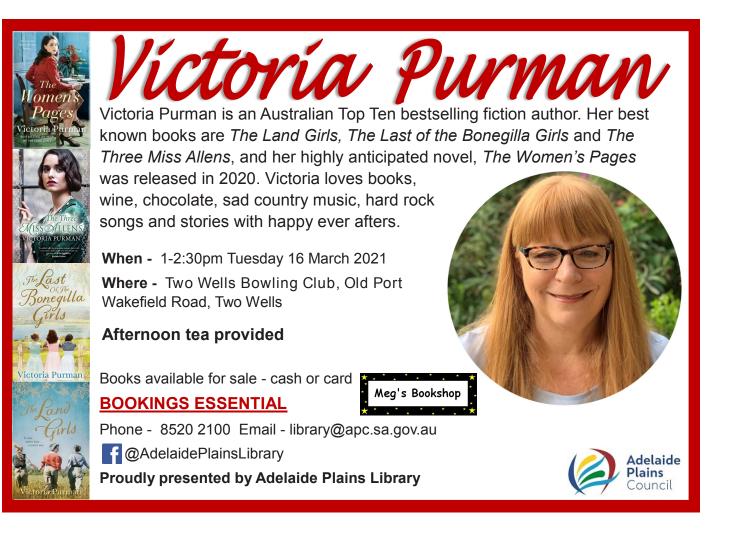
Attendees enjoying the hospitality provided by the Dublin Cricket Club



Representatives from Mallala and Districts Lions Club







## **Community Partnerships Fund**

#### Individual Sports and Cultural Fund

Council recognises the outstanding talents of individuals within the district who have excelled in their chosen field of sport, recreation or cultural activity through the Community Partnerships Fund. Residents who have been selected to represent South Australia at a state, national or international level may be eligible to receive financial assistance (in line with the Funding Guidelines).

Applications are open throughout the year (funding permitting) with ongoing assessments taking place as required. Applicants will be notified of the outcome as soon as possible. To be eligible for this grant funding, applicants must be a resident of the Adelaide Plains Council area and will be required to provide written evidence of their selection by the relevant body.

Application forms can be downloaded from Council's website. For further information or assistance, please contact Council's Community Development Officer on (08) 8527 0200.





#### **COMMUNITY BUS SERVICE 2021**

Adelaide Plains Council provides a bus service to the Elizabeth City Centre, via Parham, Two Wells and Lewiston, on the **third Friday of each month** (dates below).

	BUS ROUTE
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!	9.00am – Mallala Post Office
For more information, or to book your seat, contact Council on (08) 8527 0200 or	9.15am – Pt Parham Sports & Social Club
info@apc.sa.gov.au	9.40am – Two Wells Motel
	10.15am – Elizabeth City Centre
<b>Cost: \$5 per person</b> (return trip) Children under 16 travel for free, but must be accompanied by an adult	Return bus departs at 3pm from the Elizabeth City Centre and travels the same route in reverse
For the safety of others, please do not travel on the bus if you are unwell	Additional stops along the travel route (including Dublin, Lower Light and Lewiston) may be added to trip. Please request prior to booking.

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21 MAY

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Community Car

**16 APR** 

19 MAR

Council is a partner council with the Mid North Community Passenger Network (MNCPN). The MNCPN 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 Council's car being located 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 based on distance travelled. Carers may travel free with their client. A wheelchair accessible vehicle can be booked, pending availability. For further information or to book the car, please contact the Mid North Community Passenger Network direct on (08) 8842 1677.



### What happened to the pavers in the Picnic Block and Historic Walk to the Wells?

In 1983, the former Two Wells Community Advancement Association (TWCAA) developed a Picnic Block in the main street, between the Institute and Police Station. Prize money from Tidy Town Awards was spent on improvements to the Town and it was during this time that an idea was conceived to create a pathway from Old Pt Wakefield Road to the historic Two Wells (the Wells) to encourage visitors to stop and spend some time in the Town.

As part of this project, TWCAA in partnership with the Rotary Club, paved a path leading from the Picnic Block to the Wells. To fund the path, members of the community could purchase pavers that had been personalised with their names, handmade by Jim Pederick and Les Williams, which were interwoven throughout the path. This continued for many years with many names, old and new, added over time.

The TWCAA and its volunteers also made seats and placed them around the Picnic Block and path to the Wells. The seats included several plaques dedicated to community members who had contributed so much over the years including 'Bet's Rose Garden' and 'Fay's Rose Garden'. Statues were made and installed in honour of the Greek and Italian immigrants who had moved to the area, and in 1986 a time capsule was placed in the Picnic Block as a part of the State's Jubilee 150th celebrations. Around 10 years ago, all of the pavers at the Wells were removed, with many placed in storage. Others had crumbled and became a trip hazard so they were also removed.

More recently, as the Village Green development has progressed, named pavers were carefully lifted and are now safe in storage with those pavers removed from the Wells.

Much of the infrastructure has been relocated with many of the concrete benches and seating now housed in the Two Wells Community Garden, located behind the Craft Shop, including an early primitive wheelbarrow. The roses have been transplanted to the Cemetery and all plaques have been saved and recorded. The time capsule remains buried in its original place.

If you, or a member of your family, had a paver and would like to arrange retrieval and collection, please contact Council.



#### 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. Thank you to everyone who has contacted Council so far.

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

P: (08) 8527 0200 E: info@apc.sa.gov.au W: apc.sa.gov.au



# **UNIT VACANCY**



A single bedroom unit vacancy currently exists at the Dunstan Court Units in Mallala.

Entry criteria applies

#### For further information, please contact Council on: **8527 0200**

### Dogs and the Coast

Residents are reminded that Council's Dogs By-law 2019 requires dogs to be kept on a leash at all times on the foreshore and tidal flats of Council's coastline. The foreshore and tidal flats are classified as a 'wetland area' within the meaning of the By-law, and are specifically located within the Clinton Wetland area which is classified as a Wetland of National Importance. Much of Council's coastline is also within the Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary National Park, where dogs are also required to be on leash.

The foreshore and tidal flats fronting Council's coastal settlements of Middle Beach, Webb Beach, Thompson Beach and Parham are therefore also 'a dog on leash area' under the By-law, meaning all dogs in these areas must be secured by a strong leash not exceeding two metres in length at all times.

Note an expiation fee of up to \$210 applies for a dog found off leash in this area.

Please contact Council for further information.



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## Justice of the Peace

Adelaide Plains Council offers a free volunteer Justice of the Peace (JP) service **every Saturday from 9am – 11am** at the Two Wells Library. We are currently seeking expressions of interest for an additional JP.

For further information please contact Council.



#### Free, fun digital skills sessions for seniors

Digital literacy skills are essential for anyone who wants to actively engage with family and friends across the country and the world.

Join one of our friendly training sessions supported by local library staff where you can learn how to get online and then build your digital skills.

The training is designed to make it easy for you to safely and confidently get connected and learn at your own pace. Find out how to access all the important information you need and things that you are interested in.

#### Learn skills in:

- Email • Smartphones and tablets
- Social media
- Internet banking Cybersafety
- Using apps Sharing photos
- Online hobbies including researching local and family history

• Online shopping

We also have easy to follow educational videos to help you learn more about technology at www.telstra.com/seniors

#### Register for a session at:

Adelaide Plains Library - Two Wells 61 Old Port Wakefield Road, Two Wells SA 5501 or Adelaide Plains Library - Mallala Wasleys Road, Mallala SA 5502

#### For more information visit:

www.apc.sa.gov.au

#### Or call

08 8520 2100







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Learn how to access SA Libraries free Books, eAudiobooks and eMagazines n your own device. A SA Library card is required for this session.	Never used a computer before? This workshop is for you. We'll look at the basics of what a computer is, its com- ponents and how to use a computer.	Learn how to access SA Libraries free eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines on your own device. A SA Library card is required for this session.	Sessions are held Adelaide Plains Library - Two Wells	
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Get up and running in this introduction to Facebook. Includes signing up, priva- cy, your profile, finding and accepting friends, posting, liking and logging out.	In this session, we will be introducing you on how to use video calling using both Zoom and Skype.	New to Apple or after a refresher? This session includes hands on activities to familiarise yourself on how to use your iPad or iPhone.	Wasleys Road MALLALA <b>What you will need</b>	
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# Return of the Grey Plover

#### International Traveller Spotted at Thompson Beach

Council's Coastal Conservation Officer recently spotted a Grey Plover bird on Thompson Beach. The migratory bird was satellite tagged back in 2014 at Thompson Beach.

International travel may currently be on hold for humans, however this little bird regularly visits China, Japan, Russia, and returns to Thompson Beach in between!

This sighting demonstrates the ecological importance of the Adelaide Plains coastline from a global perspective.



