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## OVERVIEW

### Purpose

To provide an update about the various events and programs developed and implemented by Community and Library staff during July to September 2019.

### Discussion

Listed below are the events and programs that have been held since 1 July through to 30 September 2019.

#### **July (and October School Holiday Programs**

On Tuesday 8 July 2019, approximately 30 children enjoyed participating in the *Balloon Twisting* workshop held at the Two Wells Uniting Church Hall. The demonstrator showed the children how to make a twisted balloon belt, sword, dog and hat before the children were able to create their own objects. It was difficult to work out who enjoyed this activity more – the children or adults who assisted their youngsters.

A *Laygo Lego fun* workshop ran on Thursday morning 18 July 2019. 26 children had the opportunity to build their own *Lego* creation from thousands of pieces. An array of fascinating items were built including a space station, fairy park and horse ranch. The children were happy to share the stories behind their designs with the library staff. At the end of the workshop the children were not too disappointed that they had to ‘break up’ their work and return the *Lego* pieces.



*Tyler and Caitlyn Toholke*



*Georgie Lange*



*Orlando Edson*



*Above – Children enjoying the Laygo Lego Fun workshop*

During the recent October school holidays, a cooking session was offered at the Two Wells Council Chambers on Tuesday 1 October 2019. Library staff had the enviable job of preparing the food – cutting up ingredients for the cold rolls and bliss balls. On the day some of the children were tasked with additional responsibilities, as official measurers and food whiz operators. However, the highlight of this program was that the children ate the food they had prepared.

The last program offered was at the Two Wells Oval, “*Bonkers with bubbles,*” on Thursday 10 October 2019. The children enjoyed blowing bubbles and joining in the fun bubble games and bubble-wand making craft activities. 40 children enjoyed this outdoor event. The school holiday programs continue to be very well attended, mainly booked out. At our last event six families, who had not previously attended our programs happily joined in.

A good problem to have, but it is worth noting now that with continued residential growth at Two Wells ie 100 new families in Eden by early 2020, there will be further demands on our very successful children’s events.



Charlene Boyles

Group, Madalyn Wandel foreground Group

Above - 'Cooking up a storm' doing the October School Holidays

### **Two Wells Community Fund – Cheque Presentation Ceremony – 31 July 2019 and opening of second round**

On Wednesday morning, 31 July 2019 at the Two Wells Library, the Honourable John Dawkins MLC presented cheques to the three community groups who were awarded funds from the *Two Wells Community Fund's* first grant round.

The *Two Wells Community Fund Committee* met on 19 June 2019 and three groups were successful, and a total of \$13,100 was allocated.

- The *Two Wells Regional Action Team's Skate Park Committee* received a grant of \$5,000 to assist them install a temporary pump track
- The *Two Wells Community Centre* received \$3,100 to support their proposal to install dual flush toilets
- The *Two Wells Lions Club* wished to install a shade-sail over the tables they have provided at the *Two Wells Playground*. The Hon John Dawkins MLC handed over a \$4,000 cheque to 'Lions' representatives.



Above – *Two Wells Playground – Shade-sail over tables has been completed*

The *Two Wells Community Fund's* second round opened on Monday 9 September 2019 and closed Friday 4 October 2019. An information session was held on Thursday 12 September 2019 to inform and assist eligible groups with the application process. The *Two Wells Community Fund Committee* will be meeting on Tuesday 22 October 2019, to assess and determine allocation of funds for all applications received for this round.

It is expected that the fortunate recipients of grant funding will be invited to a Cheque Presentation Ceremony in early December 2019. A report summarising the recommendations of the *Two Wells Community Fund Committee* will be included, as an information report, in the November 2019 Ordinary Council agenda.

## South Australia Living Artists (SALA) Exhibition - 1 August to 31 August 2019

Once again Adelaide Plains Council participated in the State's annual SALA Festival. This Festival aims to promote and celebrate the many talented artists who live in South Australia. SALA artwork is accessible to the whole community as many of the exhibition venues such as cafes and libraries, are less 'formal' places where people of all ages and backgrounds are likely to frequent.

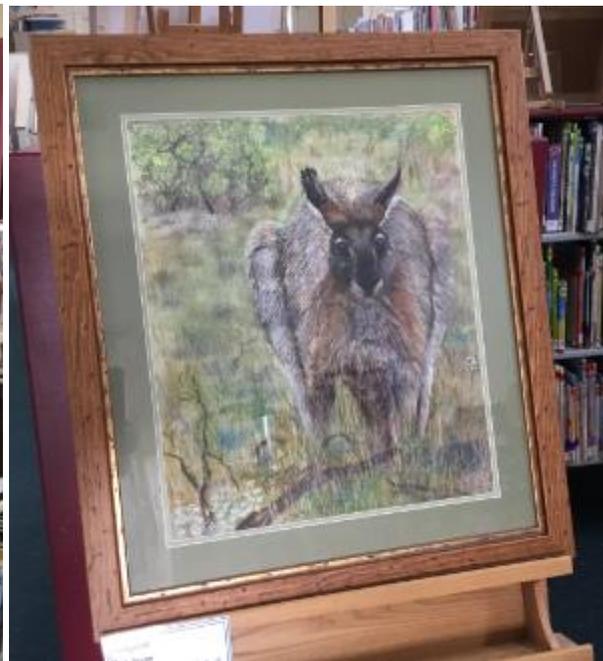
This year's local theme was "*Spread your wings*" to reflect the diversity and vastness of the Council area, which covers approximately 93,470 hectares.

The Two Wells Library was transformed into an art gallery during August. Members of the public were welcome to view the Exhibition during the Library's opening hours. A wide variety of artwork was on display (traditional, modern and contemporary), including colourful quilts, sculptures, photographs, paintings and even drums.

Mayor Wasley officially opened the Exhibition at the conclusion of the *Two Wells Cheque Presentation Ceremony*. This year 15 talented artists entered the Festival and over 50 pieces were exhibited, many with this year's theme – "*Spread your wings*" cleverly incorporated.



*'Drums' by Peter Thompson*



*'Kangaroo' by Zoe Juvan*

## National Science Week event – 14 August 2019

Staff obtained \$240 from the *National Science Week SA Community Grant* to hold a *Science Spectacular Show* at the Two Wells Council Chambers on Wednesday afternoon, 14 August 2019. The presenter demonstrated the 'pressure theme' through the use of balloons, dry ice, gas bubbles and a smoke machine to explain the various principles. The children were 'hooked' and were even more impressed when they were able to take a 'makers' bag home. This 'goody bag' contained materials for a sundial, straw balloon rocket blaster and a lemon molten volcano.

*National Science Week* aims to encourage an interest in Science pursuits, and particularly to encourage young people to become fascinated in this subject.



*Facilitator – David from Mobile Science Spectacular Volunteers Blade Hallett and Madalyn Wandel*

### **Ageing in Style and Disability Expo – Two Wells – 22 August 2019**

This year the Expo expanded its focus, beyond ageing, to include organisations and service providers who work in the disability field. The Two Wells Community Centre was brimming with 43 stalls and it is estimated just over 100 people attended (similar number as at the last Expo held 2 years ago).

### **Volunteer Training – Justices of the Peace- 7 and 10 September 2019**

With recent changes to the Justice of the Peace Handbook, the Manager Library and Community organised two training sessions in September 2019. Initially these training sessions were planned for only our Council Justices of the Peace who volunteer their time at the Two Wells Library on a Saturday morning. But these sessions were extended to all JP's in the Adelaide Plains Council area.

Topics covered in the two and half hour training session included Advanced Care Directives, Enduring Power of Attorney, Affidavits and Annexures. A total of 13 JP's attended one of these workshops. Two JP's indicated their interest in volunteering their time at the Two Wells Library,

### **Australian Citizenship Day – 17 September 2019**

Council recently welcomed new citizens to its community at a Citizenship Ceremony held at the Two Wells Council Chambers on Tuesday 17 September 2019, as part of 'Australian Citizenship Day 2019'.

The conferees came from four countries, namely the Philippines, United Kingdom, Poland and Romania. They became Australian Citizens as part of a ceremony officiated by Mayor Wasley, and ably assisted by the Community Development Officer. After the official proceedings, the new citizens enjoyed celebrating this momentous occasion with their family and friends.

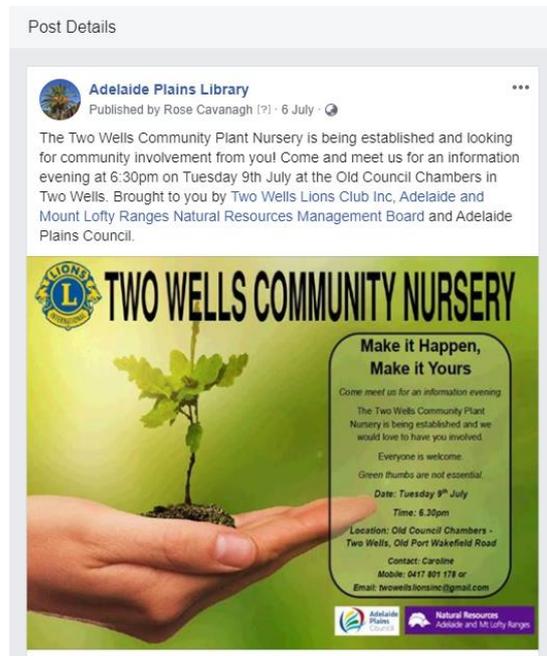
Australian Citizenship Day is an opportunity for all Australians, whether citizens by birth or choice, to come together to honour being Australian. This year, the nation welcomed the largest number of new citizens, approximately 8,000 individuals, at 150 ceremonies held across the country.



*Above - Janice Bahiwal (Philippines), Beatriz Mabale (Philippines), Sylvia Nieuwenhuizen (UK), Artur Jerzy (Poland), Patrica Romelia (Romania), Zoia Mihart (Romania) and Caitlin Gilsenen-Reed (UK) at the Citizenship Ceremony.*

#### **Adelaide Plains Library facebook Page**

The Library's Facebook page continues to promote our library and community events, as well as providing informative posts from Council's local history. The three most viewed posts this quarter reached a total of 4,758 people. On Thursday 10 October our facebook followers reached yet another milestone – 250 people regularly following it.



Above – Three of the most popular facebook posts sent out during July to September 2019

The table below highlights facebook statistics for the last three (3) quarters. Certainly our facebook followers are kept up to date with local library and community services and events on offer.

<b>Library Facebook Activity</b>	<b>Oct-Dec 2018</b>	<b>Jan-March 2019</b>	<b>April- June 2019</b>	<b>July – Sept 2019</b>
Total number of posts	82 (27.3)	103 (34.3)	106 (35)	115 (39.3)
Total post views	6,213 (2,071)	15,335 (5,111)	21,410 (7,137)	17,038 (5,679)

(monthly average in brackets)

## **Forthcoming Library and Community events – October to December 2019**

Below is a list of events staff are currently working on.

### **Nominations for Australia Day Awards**

Each year, communities across South Australia celebrate the achievements and contributions of outstanding members of their communities and organisations through the *Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards*. Recipients of the various Awards will be officially recognised by Mayor Wasley at Council's Australia Day ceremony, which will be held at Mallala in 2020.

The *2020 Australia Day Awards* opened on Tuesday 1 October 2019. The *Australia Day Council Award* Categories are:

**Citizen of the Year** – presented to the most outstanding citizen for the local government authority

**Young Citizen of the Year** – presented to the most outstanding citizen for the local government authority, who must be at least 16 years of age (and no older than 30 years of age) on 26 January 2020

**Community Event of the Year** – presented to the person or group who has staged the most outstanding community event during the year.

In addition to the above Awards, Adelaide Plains Council has two further award categories:

**Community Group of the Year Award** – presented to the locally based group who made a significant or beneficial contribution to the community during the year

**Community Project of the Year Award** – for projects staged and/or completed between 1 December 2018 and 30 November 2019, be held entirely or predominantly in the Adelaide Plains Council area and be organised with the assistance of one or more community groups/members.

Nominations close on Friday 15 November 2019. A confidential report detailing all submitted applications will be tabled for Member's consideration at the December 2019 Ordinary Council meeting.



*Above – Australia Day celebrations 2019 held at Two Wells. Mayor Wasley with Young Citizen of the Year Phoebe Eckermann*

**Get On Line Week – Tuesday 15 October 2019 – Social media consultant – Kristy Schirmer**

To celebrate *Get Online Week 2019* (which runs across the nation from 15 to 21 October 2019), the Adelaide Plains Library will be hosting Kristy Schirmer at the Two Wells Bowling Club on Tuesday 15 October 2019 from 1 pm. The theme of *Get Online Week 2019* is “Get more out of life online!”

*Get Online Week* began in 2007 in the United Kingdom as an initiative to bring digital inclusion to national attention. For the very first Australian campaign, over 750 events were held across the country last year, all aiming to help people make the most of the internet.

Approximately 2.5 million people are currently not online in Australia, and 4 million people have limited digital skills. With more and more government services and private providers going online, it is vital that everyone can take part in our increasingly digital world.

Kristy Schirmer is a social media consultant who has worked in the health promotion industry for over 15 years. She will be speaking about how to assess health information online, digital health literacy tips, and provide suggestions for evidence-based health applications to try out.

To stage this event, staff were successful in obtaining \$1,500 in grant funding from *Be Connected*, an Australian Government initiative committed to empowering all Australians to thrive in a digital world.

**get online week**  
24-29 Oct 2019

*Get more out of life online!*

**Topic:** Using the internet for health and wellbeing  
**When:** Tuesday 15 October  
**Time:** 1pm  
**Where:** Two Wells Bowling Club, Old Port Wakefield Road

**FREE**  
Afternoon tea provided  
Door prize

**Bookings Essential**

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**Guest speaker**  
**Kristy Schirmer**  
BHSc, MPH

Kristy has 15+ years experience working in health promotion and public health in South Australia and London. In 2013 Kristy founded Zockmelon, a consultancy which aims to help public health organisations effectively use social media and other technologies in their programs. Kristy was awarded the Public Health Association of Australia and Australian Health Promotion Association (SA Branches) South Australian Primary Health Care Practitioner in 2014, and was recognised as one of South Australia's top 40 under 40 business leaders in 2018.

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### Author event – Darry Fraser – Thursday 28 November 2019

South Australian adventure and historical fiction writer Darry Fraser will be speaking at the Two Wells Uniting Church Hall on 28 November 2019 from 1.00pm. Based in Kangaroo Island, her novels capture the diverse Australian landscape – rural, coastal land and desert. During the month of November she will be touring the country to promote her latest novel *The Good Woman of Renmark*

**DARRY FRASER**

Adelaide Plains Library proudly presents Darry Fraser on her book tour for the release of *The Good Woman of Renmark*.

Darry's books will be available for purchase. Cash and card facilities available.

**Meg's Bookshop**

**When:** Thursday 28th November 2019  
**Time:** 1:00 pm  
**Where:** Two Wells Uniting Church Hall, Gawler Road, Two Wells

**FREE**  
Afternoon tea provided  
**Bookings Essential**

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Darry Fraser is an author of Australian, fast-paced adventure historical fiction and contemporary fiction who lives and works in South Australia on the beautifully picturesque Kangaroo Island.

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

**“that Council, having considered Item 15.5 – *Library and Community – Quarterly Report – July to September 2019* dated 28 October 2019, receives and notes the report.”**

### **Attachments**

Nil

### **References**

#### Legislation

Libraries Act 1982

#### Strategic Plan

4.1.1.2 – Provide support and promote facilities and programs that enable people to be healthy, active, learn and participate in community life.