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If you would like to receive a digital copy of the Communicator, please contact Council by email, or fill out the form on our website.

> Visit Us Online www.apc.sa.gov.au



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Register for Ezybill to receive rates notices by email, and online access to manage your payments.

Contact us by phone, email, or sign up on our website: apc.sa.gov.au/ council-services/rates/ratesbyemail



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Adelaide Plains Council acknowledges that we are located on the traditional Country of the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains and pays respect to Elders past, present and emerging. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the

and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land and we acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kaurna people living today.

## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Here we are half way through 2023 already.

As I drive around the district, I see everything turning green as the season has changed.

The continuing housing growth in Two Wells is obvious – as is the growth in our other townships, settlements and rural areas too. There seems to be no hesitation for people wanting to make Adelaide Plains their choice to live, work and play.

As our population increases, it brings jobs in construction and associated supplies, transport and logistics, and retail opportunities, whilst home businesses continue to flourish. More and more services can be found locally as the Adelaide Plains area is becoming more self-sufficient than ever. My role as Mayor gives me opportunities to meet with state government officials and politicians to promote our area, push for allied health services and pressure for public transport to meet our rapidly increasing needs. The sealing of Middle Beach Road is well under way which will be busy when summer comes around. The long-anticipated roundabout at Two Wells to relieve school hour congestion is happening despite long delays caused by third parties.

I know that families, the elderly and in fact all of us are feeling the hurt of rising interest rates, inflation and the general costs of living but this is history repeating itself. Many will still remember the days of 14% (or higher) interest rates. The old adage of "living within ones' means" is more relevant than ever until the pendulum starts to swing the other way.

In closing, have a look around our area. There are hidden gems everywhere! The Rockies Reserve, Bakers Ford wetlands, Middle Beach, the International Bird Sanctuary walking trails, the Moquet Lee story and memorial to the Pinery Fires to name a few. See the diversity of the Adelaide Plains.

Mark Wasley Mayor







## HOW ARE WE PREPARING FOR GROWTH?

As the fastest growing council in the state (as a percentage of population increase year on year), we have adopted a Growth Strategy and Action Plan (Growth Strategy) to ensure our region and community are suitably prepared for our estimated population size in 2040.

#### The Growth Strategy helps us to:

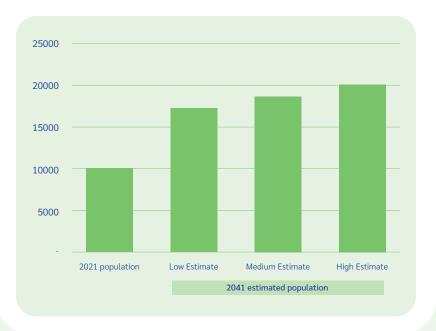
- Identify possible growth in each town and the infrastructure and services that might be needed
- Plan ahead for policy change
- Work with other stakeholders to advocate for different policies, infrastructure and services
- Work with the private sector to attract investment

- Inform our approach to the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan
- Identify actions that we can take in the next 5-10 years

It will be updated from time to time to reflect changes. The full document is available to view on our website.

## What does growth look like for the Adelaide Plains?

Our Growth Strategy helps prepare for three different levels of population growth: low, medium, and high.



#### Actions in progress

Revised Long Term Financial Plan 2024-2033

Community and Civic Hub Investigation

Two Wells Walking and Cycling Plan

#### Master Planning

- Two Wells Main Street
- Two Wells
  Oval Precinct
- Hart Reserve
- Dublin Township Growth and Tourism

Two Wells Town Centre commercial and retail hub

#### How can my business or community group prepare for growth?

Our Growth and Investment team would be happy to have a discussion with you - contact us for more information.

FEATURE

#### What does growth look like for my town?

80% of our estimated population growth will occur at Two Wells, with further growth in Mallala, Dublin and Lewiston.



Mallala could more than double in population over the next 10 years.

#### Dog Registration Fees for 2023-24

#### Standard dog: desexed and microchipped \$40 (\$20 conc.)

#### Non-standard dog: \$80 (\$40 conc.)

For details about forms of concession, registration fees for other types of dogs, businesses, and other dog related fees contact us or visit our website.

## Dog & cat registration **RENEW NOW DOGSAND CATSONLINE .COM.AU Before 31 August**





Dog and Cat Management Board

# COUNCIL MEETINGS in Short

#### March 2023

- Listened to our community's thoughts on a proposed median strip in Two Wells
- Progressed works for the undergrounding of power, including endorsement of a lighting column style
- Endorsed public consultation for a proposed green waste service for our coastal communities
- Endorsed the progression of the draft master plan for Parham Foreshore
- Received an update on the Community and Civic Hub Investigation
- Received a report on the consultation outcomes for the draft Equine Strategy and Parham Float Park.

#### April 2023

- Responded to the Essential Services Commission of SA advice and findings
- Heard about Legatus Group's Strategic Plan 2023-2027 and financial plans and endorsed same
- Endorsed the preparation of a Discussion Paper for seasonal vehicle closures on Thompson Beach
- Received a report on the progress of a Two Wells Oval Master Plan brief
- Adopted an updated Growth Strategy and Action Plan and Background Paper
- Requested investigations in to a traffic management plan for Old Port Wakefield Road (Brooks Road to Mallala Road), Two Wells.

#### May 2023

- Adopted an updated Equine Strategy
- Received a summary of discussions at the Public Forum on 1 May 2023
- Received an update on the Two Wells Town Centre
- Adopted mural artwork for the Two Wells Oval water tank
- Endorsed the Draft 2023/2024 Annual Business Plan, Budget and Revised Long Term Financial Plan 2024-2033 for public consultation (Special Meeting 1 May)
- Provided opportunity for verbal submissions on draft financial plans (Special Meeting 22 May).

#### June 2023

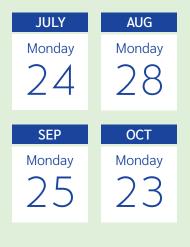
- Adopted updated Code of
  Practice Meeting Procedures
- Adopted fees and charges for the Two Wells Waste Transfer Station
- Endorsed public consultation for a proposal of dogs to be on-leash in the Lewiston Wetlands and Reserves
- Received a report on the outcomes of the seventh round of the Two Wells Community Fund
- Made progress on the Two Wells Town Centre tender process (Special Meeting 26 June).

You can view the full agenda and minutes of every Council Meeting on our website.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Ordinary Council Meetings are held monthly in the Mallala Council Chamber from 4.30pm.

Meetings can be attended in person or via live stream on Council's YouTube channel. A link will be posted to Council's website on the day of the meeting.



## CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

The 20-year commitment of Councillor Marcus Strudwicke and Councillor Terry-Anne Keen was celebrated at the Local Government Association South Australia's April Ordinary General Meeting.

Councillor Keen began her service in November 1998. One of her most memorable moments has been the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on Council, "Council remained open and continued to deliver services to the community, leading by example. The Council staff and elected members adapted smoothly without fuss and continued to function as a unit."

Councillor Strudwicke commenced his service in May 2000, with Council's greatest achievement made during his service so far being the modernising of the Council. "The modernising of the Council through development of policies, asset management planning and long-term financial strategies has been the most noticeable change over the past two decades. This has put us in a strong position to manage the considerable growth in the region," he said.

"For two councillors to commit themselves to the service of their community for over 20 years is a great achievement. Being an elected member of a council is not an easy task with many challenges, however there are many highlights and accomplishments," said Mayor Wasley. "Well done to you both and congratulations on reaching these milestones."





## FINANCIAL PLANS

2023/24 Annual Business Plan & Budget

2024-33 Revised Long Term Financial Plan Our draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2023-2024 and revised Long Term Financial Plan 2024-2033 were released for public consultation from 10 May - 30 May 2023. It is anticipated that Council will consider the financial plans for adoption in late July 2023.

If you own property in the region, you will receive information with your next rates notice. The adopted plans will also be available on our website.



## EQUINE STRATEGY

A range of horsebased businesses and clubs call Adelaide Plains home. Many residents - in particular in Rural Living areas and through the Animal Husbandry Area in Lewiston choose to live in the Adelaide Plains as they can have horses.

Recognising this significant sector, after investigations and consultation, an *Equine Strategy and Background Paper* was adopted in 2023. Strategies to be pursued include:

- Growing horse opportunities in the Lewiston Animal Husbandry Area
- Working with horse clubs
- Carefully managing shared trails
- Planning new trails
- Encouraging responsible horse riding
- Providing suitable horse infrastructure
- Keeping coastal horse activity at historic levels to support shorebirds.



The Equine Strategy and Background Paper are available on our website.

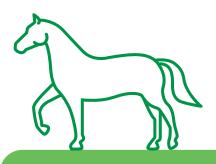
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## PARHAM HORSE FLOAT PARKING

Council has been investigating horse float parking at Parham for several years. This has involved several rounds of community engagement and ongoing input from the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

Drawing on engagement in 2022, Council has decided to:

- Continue horse float parking at Main Street, with upgrade works now being planned
- Communicate expectations of riders through a rider information sheet
- Ask horse clubs when planning a visit to apply for a permit in order to manage impacts.



This approach acknowledges Parham's historic role for horse visits, the important shorebird role of the foreshore, and encourages responsible rider behaviour.

## UPCOMING PUBLIC CONSULTATION

#### Green Waste in Coastal Communities

Increased diversion of waste from landfill and capturing valuable resources for the circular economy are critical steps to reduce our region's carbon footprint.

Council continues to consider options to improve the recycling aspect of the waste services we provide. We want to find out if, and where, the demand is for green waste collection amongst our coastal communities.

Proposed green waste service options for the townships of Middle Beach, Thompson Beach, Webb Beach, and Parham, will be provided to residents to gather feedback by the end of 2023.

Keep an eye on the 'Have Your Say' page of our website.

#### Hart Reserve

Just a short walk or bike ride down Petticoat Lane from the Two Wells main street is Hart Reserve - a place we are transforming into a vibrant space for future generations.

The design for Hart Reserve considers innovation, flexible use, safety, accessibility, functionality, and environmental requirements. We are currently working with the award-winning skate park and youth space design agency Convic to develop a concept for a Skate Park or BMX Track within the Reserve after receiving community feedback.

We spoke to local skaters in May to find out their skill level and what features they may want in a new Skate Park in Two Wells. Once Convic has finalised their proposed design, we will again provide our community with the opportunity to contribute feedback. You can view the Hart Reserve Master Plan on Council's website.

All feedback received through public consultation will be presented in a report to Council.

#### Dog and Cat Management Plan

Our *Dog and Cat Management Plan* 2022-2027 designates the Lewiston Wetlands and Reserves Trails as an area where dogs can be off-leash (when under effective control).

At our Public Forum in May, Council heard safety concerns from horse riders who use the trails, when there is potential conflict between dogs off-leash and their horses.

Over the coming months, we will be opening consultation on a proposal to designate the Lewiston Wetlands and Reserves Trails a dogs on-leash area under Council's Dogs By-Law 2019. If adopted, our Dog and Cat Management Plan 2022-2027 would then be amended as required to show the area designated for dogs on-leash.



## OWLS SPOTTED!

Nesting boxes were installed in several key locations around our region to encourage more native owls to move in, in an effort to protect biodiversity. Owls are skilled hunters, and play an important part in rodent control.

We are happy to report that Barn Owls and Southern Boobooks have been spotted in the Adelaide Plains using these boxes!



## Want to help native owls living near you?

Plant natives, install a nest box, and protect mature or dead trees (when safe to do so) that may have hollows providing a home for native wildlife.



Thank you to the Mallala Men's Shed team for their continued support in protecting our natural environment.



5 day old Fairy Tern chick in a shelter. Photograph: Kerri Bartley 2023.

## HELPING FAIRY TERNS

Fairy Terns are a nationally vulnerable species, and are endangered here in SA – with a population of approximately 1,000 mature individuals.

The birds typically nest in colonies on islands and estuaries and lay 1-2 eggs directly onto the sand – where they are very vulnerable to threats. These include natural threats like high tides and native predatory birds but also many new threats like, foxes, abundant gull and raven predator populations, and disturbance from people and dogs. A small population of Fairy Terns breed on an offshore island in the Gulf St Vincent, and fly to places like Thompson Beach and Parham to feed on small bait fish. A collaboration between our Coastal Conservation Officer, Mallala Men's Shed, BirdLife Australia and Green Adelaide will see these chick shelters deployed around the breeding Fairy Tern colony next spring to offer protection for the chicks from avian predators and extreme weather events.

## PUBLIC FORUM

We held our first Public Forum for 2023 in Mallala on 1 May 2023. 15 community members met their elected representatives and had their voices heard on Council-related matters. Topics discussed included dogs on/off-leash areas, waste management, and horse float parking, with Elected Members and the community gaining valuable insight.

A discussion summary was presented at the 22 May 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting.



#### OUR NEXT PUBLIC FORUM

Monday 31 July 2023 6pm – 7.30pm Dublin Institute 9 Sixth Street, Dublin SA

Hear the latest news. Meet your Council Members. Tell us what's important to you.

Register online by 12pm Monday 31 July 2023



www.apc.sa.gov.au/our-council/ publicconsultation

## PROTECTED PLANTS ON OUR ROADSIDES

The full Ecological Assessment Report is available to read on our website.

#### Every day you may drive past a critically endangered native plant, without even realising!

Our new roadside markers have been installed across 99 sites where native and/or threatened plant species have been found. There is limited native, natural vegetation left in South Australia – and much of the remaining native vegetation is on our roadsides.

Across our 99 sites 151 native plant species, 3 possible Threatened Ecological Communities (TECs) and 40 species of fauna were recorded. One third of the sites are considered highly valuable (Type A vegetation). This means that the area of vegetation contains little to no invasive species, closely resembles probable pre-European conditions and/or contains a species or ecological community that is protected or threatened.

These new markers are a helpful reminder that even small spaces of vegetation hold great environmental importance.

Spotted our new blue roadside markers? If you live near one of these sites, please avoid mowing, spraying or clearing the roadside.



## Weed Profile BRIDAL CREEPER

Asparagus asparagoides, commonly known as Bridal Creeper, is a Weed of National Significance and a declared plant in South Australia. It competes with and replaces native vegetation by forming thick, dense canopies and root mats, and smothers other plants. Together with the Northern Yorke Landscape Board (NYLB), we undertake control methods within vegetation areas of high conservation value.



#### Looks like

It is a herbaceous climber with a rhizome and tubers, making it difficult to control. It is dormant in summer, with most growth occurring in June and flowering in late winter.

#### How to manage

If you are a land owner, you are required to take reasonable steps to control the weed on your property and prevent its spread as best as possible.

Contact your local NYLB or Council office for direction on the best control methods. You can also visit PIRSA online for more information about declared weeds in SA.

#### pir.sa.gov.au/biosecurity/weeds/ controlling-weeds



## CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM DELIVERED!

As a testament to our hard-working crew, our Capital Works Program for the 2022-2023 has not only been completed – but delivered on time, and under budget!

Our 2022 – 2023 Program totalled just under \$6 million, with an additional \$2.6 million of external funding.

#### Highlights include:

- Completion of our road sealing program covering 9.8km, adding 4 newly sealed roads.
- Completion of our re-sheet program with over 40km of roads re-sheeted.
- Began works on Middle Beach Road, with 60% of pavement works now completed.
- Processing over 200,000 tonnes of rock to deliver nearly 200,000 tonnes of quality rubble with our own team and our Contractors, saving a significant amount of money by supplying it ourselves.
- Upgraded plant (machinery and equipment) under budget and with significant savings.





In an era of increased costs, supplier delays and unpredictable weather our small but mighty Civil Team have worked tirelessly over the last 12 months, making every effort to deliver projects on time at an exceedingly high quality.





## CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM completed since our Autumn edition

#### **Road Resheeting**

Germantown Road: Simpkin Road to Verner Road

Gilks Road: Lawrie Road to end of existing rubble

#### Road Resealing/Sealing

Glover Road: Williams Road to Germantown Road

#### Open Space and Environment

Roadside Marker Scheme: Site surveying and reporting

Lewiston Playground: Landscaping around the toilet block

Aerodrome Road: Street tree planting

Re-vegetation of various Council reserves



Our next Capital Works program will be finalised after the adoption of our Annual Business Plan and Budget 2023/24.

The completed garden bed at Lewiston Playground.



## TWO WELLS MAIN STREET Current Projects

Undergrounding of power Scheduled to begin by the end of July 2023

We are moving the powerlines along the Main Street (Old Port Wakefield Road) underground. The old lighting columns will be replaced with new, heritage style LED street lights. Moving the current powerlines underground will provide a more reliable power supply, allow for an increased tree canopy, and better street lighting will improve safety at night!

Civil construction and installation of cables is scheduled to begin at the end of July, and will take approximately 12 months. Updated project timelines will be available on our website – these may change depending on a variety of factors including weather conditions and delivery of supplies. If you live, or manage a business, on the main street, you will be contacted directly. Read more on our website: www.apc.sa.gov.au/ our-council/major-projects

#### Roundabout

Due for completion December 2023

A roundabout is being installed at the intersection of Mallala Road, Old Port Wakefield Road and Meaney Road (entry to Liberty Estate). Construction will happen in two stages, with stage one being a temporary smaller roundabout to ensure safe pedestrian and traffic management.

## COMMUNITY CAR

#### Transport assistance is available.

We are 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 based 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 the distance travelled. Carers may travel free with their client, and wheelchair accessible vehicles can be booked (pending availability).

#### Book our Community Car

Contact Mid North Community Passenger Network: **08 8842 1677** 

## COMMUNITY BUS

#### We provide a monthly bus service to Elizabeth City Centre on the third Friday of each month.

Departing from Mallala, the bus travels to Elizabeth via Parham and Two Wells. Additional stops along the travel route including Dublin, Lower Light and Lewiston can be added by prior arrangement.

#### **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!**

Contact us to book your seat: 08 8527 0200

#### 2023 TIMETABLE

AUG 18th	OCT 20th	DEC 15th
SEPT 15th	NOV 17th	

#### **BUS DEPARTS**

9.00am Mallala Post Office9.15am Pt Parham Sports &

- Social Club
- 9.40am Two Wells Motel

#### ESTIMATED ARRIVAL

10.15am Elizabeth City Centre

**RETURN BUS DEPARTS** 

3.00pm Elizabeth City Centre

Return Trip \$5.00 per person Return bus travels same route in reverse

Children under 16 may travel free but must be accompanied by an adult.

Every Saturday 9am to 11am Two Wells Library

## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Our Justice of the Peace (JP) acts as an independent and objective witness to documents you may use for official or legal purposes. We offer these services free of charge.

# SALA

## SALA FESTIVAL

The works of thousands of artists across the state are being showcased in the annual South Australian Living Arts Festival, SALA.

Once again, the Adelaide Plains Library at Two Wells will transform itself into a gallery space for the month of August to recognise and celebrate our local artists. Artwork from a variety of genres and media will be on display, including traditional, modern and contemporary.

Past exhibits have included oils, watercolours, photography, textile art, modelling and sculpture. While some pieces will be for sale, others are purely for display and enjoyment.

Members of the public are encouraged to visit the library during opening hours to experience the talent and achievements of the artists in our region.

## TODDLER READ & RHYME

FREE

bookings

required

#### First Friday of the month 10am – 10.30am

Join us in the Two Wells Village Green (weather permitting) or the Two Wells Library for a song, a story and an activity.

#### 2023 Dates

4 August

1 September

3 November

1 December



# **LEGO CLUB**

## Last Wednesday of the month during school terms 4.15pm to 5.15 pm

Join us in the Two Wells Council Chamber (next to the library) for some free LEGO fun!

2023 Dates

26 July 25 October 30 August 29 November 27 September FREE bookings required

Bookings 08 8520 2100 library@apc.sa.gov.au

## **EVENT CALENDAR**

#### JULY

## 26 LEGO Club

4.15pm – 5.15pm Two Wells Council Chamber, 65 Old Port Wakefield Road, Two Wells

## 31 Public Forum

6pm – 7.30pm **Dublin Institute**, 9 Sixth Street Dublin

## AUGUST

SALA Festival Exhibition

Two Wells Library

#### Toddler Read & Rhyme 4

10am - 10.30am Two Wells Village Green

#### 4 Bush Action Team – Barabba Scrub

#### 9.30am – 3.30pm

#### 884 Tank Road, Barabba Cemetery

Volunteer with Barabba Scrub's Trees for Life Site Carer to immerse yourself in beautiful bushland and create healthy habitats for our native plants and animals. Help our bushland thrive by removing weeds that compete with native plants.

Keep an eye on our website, or contact Trees for Life, for more information closer to the date.

## 30 LEGO Club

4.15pm – 5.15pm **Two Wells Council Chamber** 

#### **SEPTEMBER**

Toddler Read & Rhyme

10am - 10.30am Two Wells Village Green

17 Citizenship Ceremony and Australian **Citizenship Day** 

> 10.30am **Two Wells Council Chamber**

## 27 LEGO Club

4.15pm – 5.15pm **Two Wells Council Chamber** 

## OCTOBER

25 LEGO Club

4.15pm – 5.15pm **Two Wells Council Chamber** 

- 31 **Public Forum Two Wells**
- Library author talk 31 and afternoon tea with Michelle Prak

1pm – 2.30pm Two Wells Bowling Club, **Old Port Wakefield Road Two Wells** 

