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District Council of Elliston Newsletter

Message from the Mayor

I'd like to thank everyone who voted in the 2022 council elections. The right to vote is something none of us should take for granted and I'm pleased that our District had a voter turnout of 69.95%, which was well above the state average. This shows that the majority of people in our District care about outcomes for their communities, the environment and the infrastructure we develop. I want people to feel they have a voice, urge you to be involved in Council matters and to make contact with your Elected Members with any issues you think may be relevant.

I would like to congratulate the following Members who have been elected to represent the community for the present 4 year term:

- Deputy Mayor Allison Pickford
- Cr Tony Custance
- Cr Malcolm Hancock
- Cr Fiona Matthews
- Cr Andrew Polkinghorne
- Cr Ashley Traeger
- Cr Michael Zerk

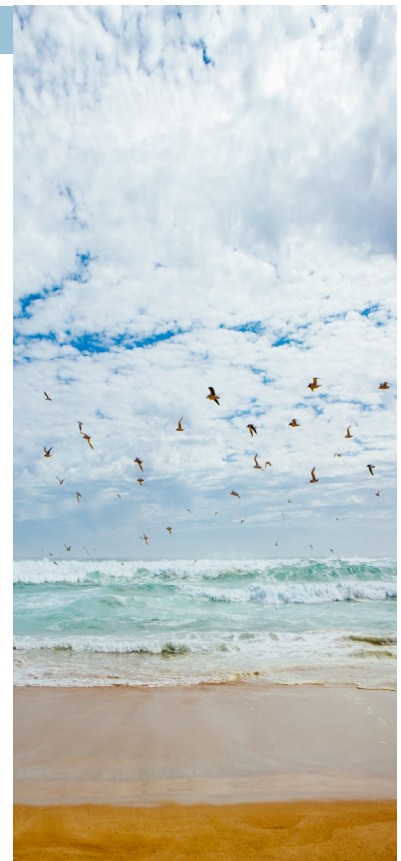
I am confident the team will work well together over the next four years and look forward to delivering outcomes which will benefit our District.

Australia Day celebrations were well attended at the Port Kenny Sports Centre by over 60 people from around the District. We were fortunate to host Michael O'Connell as our Australia Day Ambassador who spoke about his background and what an inclusive Australia Day means to him. Congratulations to Venessa Amey, our Citizen of the Year for 2023 – Venessa's 30 year service as an SA Ambulance Service volunteer and dedication to her community made her a very worthy recipient of this award. Congratulations also to the Lock Football and Netball Clubs who won the Community Event of the Year for hosting the Great Flinders Grand Final - confirming how proactive and well the community of Lock work together.

A special mention needs to be given to all of those involved in fighting the fires in horrendous conditions near Mt Wedge and Bramfield in the days following Christmas. Without their efforts houses, livestock and possibly human life may have been lost.

At the January council meeting, our CEO Geoff Sheridan tendered his resignation. There can be no doubt that Geoff has been highly motivated and has achieved a great deal during his four years as CEO. I thank him for his dedication to his work and ability in his role as CEO. On behalf of the Elected Members, I wish Geoff and his wife, Chris all the best for the future.

Mayor Andrew McLeod



**Find us on Instagram
and Facebook**

Have you seen our
social media pages?

Keep up with the latest
Council news. Like and
follow us!



Social Media

Are you following the District Council of Elliston for the most up to date information around your community?

A new Facebook page is available at <https://www.facebook.com/EllistonCouncil>
Make sure you are following the new page!

Instagram
[@districtcouncilofelliston](https://www.instagram.com/districtcouncilofelliston/)
<https://www.instagram.com/districtcouncilofelliston/?hl=en>

We are happy to share events and information from community, groups and businesses relating to our area.

We also welcome photos from around the District from the community.

Like and follow us!

Australia Day Awards Ceremony

Approximately 60 people from around the District attended the Australia Day awards held at the Port Kenny Sports Centre.

Citizen of the Year, Venessa Amey, received her Certificate in front of family and friends and it was clear that she was an extremely popular and deserving recipient. Venessa has been a volunteer in the SA Ambulance Service for 30 years and was instrumental in developing the Port Kenny branch into a professional efficient unit.

Community Event of the Year was presented to the Lock Football and Netball Clubs through representatives Michael and Gabby Zerk. The Grand Final event was a credit to the community of Lock and the award was well deserved.

Our Australia Day Ambassador Michael O'Connell travelled from Adelaide and spoke on what Australia and Australia Day means to him.

Thanks to the Port Kenny Sports Centre for hosting the Australia Day Event and cooking a great bacon and egg breakfast (thanks Butch!).



Summer holidays

We hope that everyone was able to enjoy some summer holidays and we welcome the new year of 2023.

The Walker's Rock and Sheringa Beach Campgrounds were both extremely busy over the summer break with many tourists enjoying the coastal areas for their summer holiday.

New Elected Members

We welcome the new Elected Members to the Council for the next four years. The new members are pictured below with the CEO Geoff Sheridan at their first Council Meeting.



Back L-R: CEO Geoff Sheridan, Cr Tony Custance, Cr Ashley Traeger, Cr Andrew Polkinghorne, Cr Michael Zerk. Front L-R: Mayor Andrew McLeod, Cr Fiona Matthews, Cr Malcolm Hancock, Deputy Mayor Allison Pickford.

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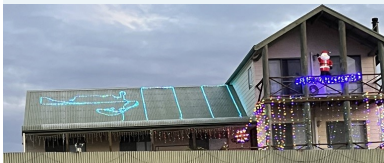
Celebrating Christmas Competition Winners

Congratulations to all those who entered in the 2022 Celebrating Christmas competition, the displays were amazing. I hope you were able to have a look at those in your local area.

First prize - 17 Birdseye Highway in Lock.

Second prize - 47 Beach Terrace in Elliston.

Third prize - 4-6 Main Street in Port Kenny.



Community Grants

Each financial year funds are available from the District Council of Elliston for eligible community groups and members requiring financial support for a range of projects and activities that enhance the quality of life, deliver services and provide facilities to the community. For further information on how to apply as well as the conditions and criteria that the applications will be assessed against go to: www.elliston.sa.gov.au/council-services/grants-and-funding.

Applications are to be addressed and sent either via mail to:

Community Grants Program
District Council of Elliston
PO Box 46
ELLISTON SA 5670

or emailed to: dce@elliston.sa.gov.au.

Applications are considered at Council's Ordinary Council Meetings.

Development Applications

All development applications must be lodged through the SA Planning Portal. This can be accessed through the Plan SA website: www.plan.sa.gov.au.

If you are unsure of whether you need planning approval for a development you are considering the website has a wizard that helps provide you with this information.

The planning and design code can also be accessed from the front page of the website.

Tips, frequently asked questions and short videos on how to use the site are available under the Resources and Support section.

Before you lodge an application you will need to register on the site to obtain login details.

When you are ready to lodge your application you will also need electronic copies of your Certificate of Title, Site Plans, Structural Plans and Engineering Plans.

All payments in relation to your application will be made through the SA Planning portal as well and are via credit card only.

Mosquitoes

Did you also know that mosquito repellent should be applied in the same way sunscreen is? If you missed a spot with sunscreen this spot has the potential to burn. The same applies to repellents. Miss an area and this spot is vulnerable to bites!

COVER UP!

REPEL!

ELIMINATE!

Mosquito repellents are one form of protection for babies and toddlers against mosquito bites, but it is important to follow these recommendations.

- Dress them in long, light coloured, loose fitting and light coloured clothing that covers their arms and legs.
- Use mosquito-proof mesh on doors and windows so mosquitoes can't come inside.
- Use mosquito-proof netting over prams and strollers when outside.
- Under 2 months of age - repellents are not recommended.
- From 2 months of age onwards - repellents containing 10% DEET can be used.
- From 12 months of age - repellents containing Picaridin can be used.
- From 3 years of age - repellents containing PMD (p-Menthane-3, 8-diol, the active ingredient in oil of lemon eucalyptus) can be used.

CAUTION!

When protecting babies and toddlers with mosquito repellent, it's important to:

- Not allow children to apply repellents themselves.
- Avoid applying repellents to hands or near their eyes or mouth.
- Wash their skin and clothes when you go back inside.
- Always read and follow the instructions on the label, especially for babies and pregnant or breastfeeding women.



MOSQUITO BITES CAN CAUSE SERIOUS DISEASES THAT CAN MAKE YOU VERY SICK.

DO THESE THINGS TO PREVENT MOSQUITO BITES:



WEAR LONG, LOOSE-FITTING, LIGHT-COLOURED CLOTHING.



USE AN INSECT REPELLENT CONTAINING THE CHEMICAL DEET, PICARIDIN OR OIL OF LEMON EUCALYPTUS (PMD).



REMOVE WATER AROUND YOUR HOUSE TO STOP MOSQUITOES BREEDING.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.SAHEALTH.SA.GOV.AU/FIGHTTHEBITE



Fire Prevention

We are currently in the middle of the fire danger season. This is a reminder to be aware of the growth that may have occurred at your property since the beginning of the fire danger season as we had a wet spring last year. It is important to regularly keep on top of the vegetation and grass that grows to keep it to the required level during the whole of this fire danger period.

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www.elliston.sa.gov.au

Elliston Wetlands Opening

The official opening of the Elliston Wetlands by the Minister for Local Government, Geoff Brock, was held on 15 December 2022. The opening signified the completion of the Elliston Stormwater Infrastructure and Samphire Flat Wetlands Project which was jointly funded by the State Government and the District Council of Elliston.

Invited guests included Sam Telfer Member for Flinders, WGA representative Joe La Spina, LAKA representative Roger Trudgen, Sunny from Sunny's Earthworx, Elected Members and members of the EP Landscapes Board.

It was wonderful to see the students from the Elliston Area School and many community members also attending.

Following the official speeches and a walk along the Wetlands boardwalk, the Elliston Men's Shed provided an excellent barbecue lunch at Trudinger Park.



Dogs and Cats



Dogs and Cats

There are many good reasons to desex your dog and cat. It reduces the risk of certain cancers, stops unwanted litters and makes it less likely your dog will roam.

It is mandatory in South Australia. All dogs and cats born after 1 July 2018 must be desexed by a registered veterinary surgeon:

- before 6 months of age; or
- within 28 days after the owner takes possession of the dog; or
- if the owner is granted an extension of time, before the day specified in the exemption.

If you do not desex your animal (born after 01 July 2018), in the required timeframe, you are considered a breeder.

Breeders registered in Dogs and Cats Online do not have to have their breeding animals desexed. It costs \$75 for breeders to register as a breeder on Dogs and Cats Online. Breeder registration expires 30 June each year. Renewal notices are issued each July with your dog and cat registration notices.

Other dogs and cats exempt from desexing are those registered and owned by Dogs SA, Feline Association of South Australia or Governing Council of the Cat Fancy members; working livestock dogs; registered Greyhound Racing SA dogs; or any a vet has declared in writing that to do so would compromise its health or wellbeing. Speak to your vet if you have concerns about desexing your dog.

Discount Desexing

The National Desexing Network offers low cost desexing to residents with concession cards or experiencing financial hardship in the District Council of Elliston. Call 1300 368 992 to check your eligibility.

Fines may apply to non-compliant animals. Do the right thing and get them desexed!

Dogs and Cats Online

DOGSANDCATSONLINE continues restricted access.

If you need to register, transfer ownership, or update any details, please do not hesitate to contact the Customer Service Centre and a staff member will be happy to assist you. Phone 8687 9177 or go to 21 Beach Terrace Elliston.

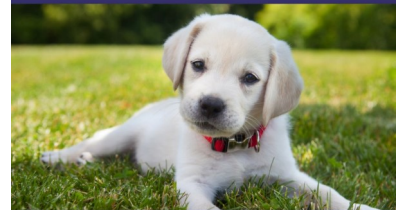
Important Upcoming Dates

[21 Feb 2023 - 9.00am](#)
Ordinary Council Meeting

[21 Mar 2023 - 9.00am](#)
Ordinary Council Meeting

[18 April 2023 - 9.00am](#)
Ordinary Council Meeting

Mandatory desexing applies to dogs and cats born after 1 July 2018. Exemptions apply.



Visit dogandcatboard.com.au

Kerbside Collection Calendars

Please find over the page the kerbside collection calendars for Lock and then Elliston, Bramfield, Port Kenny, Sheringa and Venus Bay for 2023.

We apologise but a mistake was made in the original calendars for Elliston, Bramfield, Port Kenny, Sheringa and Venus Bay and also for Lock. The calendars for both areas will be reprinted and distributed shortly.

Would you prefer to receive your rate notice electronically?

This service can be arranged by contacting the Council office in writing, via post or email. Please include your property address and/or assessment number, and your postal details will be updated to your requested email address.

Recycling Information

REDcycle

Unfortunately on 9 November 2022 REDcycle put a pause on its soft plastics collection program. This is a good moment to take note of the soft plastics you are collecting. Can you challenge yourself to reduce the amount you are bringing into or using in your home and business? Look for ways to purchase items without the plastic. For example consider reusable containers or reusable coverings instead of cling wrap. Buying items in bulk could be another option for you. Take a small foldable, reusable shopping bag with you when you are out for those unexpected times you need to drop into the shops. Unfortunately at this time, to dispose of your soft plastics they are placed in your general waste bin.

DrumMUSTER

This is just a reminder regarding the DrumMUSTER recycling container program. This is for the disposal of eligible, cleaned AgVet chemical containers that have been used for:

- Agricultural and livestock production
- Industrial and recreational pest and weed control
- Forestry
- Household pest control operations

Containers that are at least 1L/Kg but not greater than 205L/Kg and have the “drumMUSTER eligible container” logo on the side can be recycled. Only containers with this logo can be accepted by the program. Further details on specific containers can be found at: <https://www.drummuster.org.au/container-recycling/eligible-containers/>.

Containers being recycled need to be thoroughly rinsed and cleaned otherwise they will be rejected. For further details on the cleanliness standards and how to clean please see: <https://www.drummuster.org.au/container-recycling/cleanliness-standards/>. Cleaning is best done immediately after emptying the container.

Both the Lock and Elliston Transfer Stations are part of the drumMUSTER recycling program. You need to book in a time with Council staff to drop off the containers as they are individually inspected. Please call 8687 9177 to organise a time.

Kerbside Collection Calendar

Lock

2023

■ Red General Waste Bin Collection Day
■ Red and Yellow Bin Collection Day

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Waste Transfer Stations Open Hours

Elliston:	Wednesday	10.00am – 12.00pm
	Saturday	10.00am – 12.00pm
		<i>First Saturday of each month only</i>
Lock:	Thursday	11.00am – 1.00pm
Venus Bay:	Thursday	8.00am – 10.00am
	Saturday	10.00am – 12.00pm

EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

In an emergency	000
Elliston Police Station	8687 9006
Lock Police Station	8689 1010
Elliston CFS	8687 9357
Lock CFS	8689 1100
Port Kenny CFS	8625 5129
Elliston Hospital	8687 9001
Lock Community Health	8689 1006

Kerbside Collection Calendar

Elliston, Bramfield, Port Kenny, Sheringa, Venus Bay

2023

■ Red General Waste Bin Collection Day
■ Yellow Recycling Bin Collection Day

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BETTER MAN PROJECT



Are you concerned about your relationship?

FOR MORE INFORMATION
www.saferfamilies.org.au/betterman



**Simply check out our healthy relationships website and
complete 4 short surveys over 6 months.**

This project has ethics approval from the University of Melbourne (HREC 22745)

BreastScreen SA

Caring for women
from ocean to outback

Call 13 20 50 | breastscreen.sa.gov.au

BreastScreen SA's Mobile Screening Unit is visiting

Wudinna, from mid-February to late February 2023

We're inviting all women aged over 40, especially 50 to 74 years, to come along for their 2-yearly screening mammogram (breast X-ray).

- > It's FREE
- > It's quick – it can take as little as 10 minutes
- > You can make a booking with a friend, family member or group
- > It's the best way of detecting breast cancer early (before symptoms start to show), giving you a greater chance of successful treatment.

Call us on 13 20 50 to make your appointment or to find out more.

You'll find us in the car park at
Wudinna Hospital
Richards Avenue, Wudinna



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