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# District Council of Elliston Newsletter

## Message from our CEO

Council's election count takes place on 12 November and this year we have eleven candidates to fill eight elected members' positions.

Each candidate has indicated a desire to serve in the best interests of the whole community and I wish them the best of luck in this election process.

The past four years have been very busy and productive with some amazing achievements for a Council with limited funds available each year.

Thanks to commonwealth funding and successful grant applications a reverse osmosis plant has improved water supply at Port Kenny, a membrane bioreactor now manages the effluent from the Venus Bay Caravan Park and the stormwater concerns at Elliston have been addressed.

A bonus from this project is the Elliston wetlands which are looking fantastic.

Further funding has allowed Council to undertake a major upgrade to the Lock Aquatic and Fitness Complex and although an application for funding to install cabins at the Lock Caravan Park was declined another funding opportunity will open late this year.

High quality entrance statements which incorporate ideas and suggestions received over many years of discussion and debate, have been installed at the northern and southern entrances to the Elliston township.

Shades at Port Kenny and Venus Bay playgrounds have been installed and a number of other significant projects completed.

This has all been undertaken under the current Elected Members' four year term and I take this opportunity to thank them for their service and contribution to Council.

CEO Geoff Sheridan

Have a safe  
and Merry  
Christmas  
from the  
Mayor, Elected  
Members and  
Council staff.



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social media pages?

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Council news. Like and  
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## Celebrating Christmas Competition 2022

This year's competition will be open from 1 December 2022 to 16 December 2022.

Prize money of: \$250, \$150 and \$100 on offer.

Registration forms will be available on Council's website or from the Council office, the Elliston Community and Visitor Information Centre and the Lock Community Library from 30 November 2022.

To enter, you just need to complete a registration form and either:

- email to [dce@elliston.sa.gov.au](mailto:dce@elliston.sa.gov.au)
- post to District Council of Elliston Celebrating Christmas Competition PO Box 46 Elliston SA 5670; or
- leave at the Centre from which you obtained it. Good luck!



## 2023 Australia Day Selection Panel

The District Council of Elliston is now calling for nominations from people interested in participating in the Australia Day Awards Selection Panel.

The Panel will be responsible for reviewing all nominations received and will vote for the successful nominee from each category: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year and Award for Active Citizenship.

All members of the selection panel shall reside permanently in the District Council of Elliston with three members to be appointed, one from each location - Elliston, Lock and Port Kenny/Venus Bay.

To nominate, please submit a brief application including a short covering letter, your name, address and contact information to:

In person: 21 Beach Terrace Elliston

Post: PO Box 46, ELLISTON SA 5670

Email: [dce@elliston.sa.gov.au](mailto:dce@elliston.sa.gov.au)

**Nominations close Friday 18 November 2022.**

For further information please contact the office on 8687 9911 during business hours.

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## 2023 Australia Day Award Nominations

Do you know someone who makes our community a better place, or who has made an outstanding contribution to the community? Why not nominate them for a 2023 Australia Day Award!

Categories for nominations are:

***Citizen of the Year***

***Young Citizen of the Year***

***Community Event of the Year***

***Award for Active Citizenship***

Nomination forms are available at the Elliston Council Office, 21 Beach Terrace, Elliston, and the Lock Library, Railway Terrace, Lock or online at [www.citizenoftheyear.com.au](http://www.citizenoftheyear.com.au).

Please mark completed nomination forms as confidential and send to:

Post: District Council of Elliston

2022 Australia Day Award Nomination

PO Box 46, ELLISTON SA 5670

Email: [dce@elliston.sa.gov.au](mailto:dce@elliston.sa.gov.au)

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# Live local. Lead local.

## COUNCIL ELECTIONS

### Local Government Elections

You should have received your voting papers by now if you are on the House of Assembly Roll or have registered to be included on the Supplementary Roll. If you have not received the papers or have any concerns, please contact the Electoral Commission of SA customer service office on 1300 655 232.

Reminder that your voting papers will only be accepted if they are received before the close of voting, **5.00pm on Thursday 10 November 2022.**

### Fire Prevention 2022

The fire danger season has begun for this year. With a wet winter and spring a lot of vegetation growth is occurring. Township property owners are reminded to make their properties fire safe, removing any fuel piles, long grass and cleaning out debris under trees. It is a requirement for allotments less than 0.5ha, that all fuel (grass & weeds) is cleared around houses and property to a maximum height of 10cm. For allotments greater than 0.5ha a 20m fuel reduction zone is required around homes and a 5m fuel reduction zone is required around sheds and other infrastructure as well as a property fire break of 5m around the boundaries. The Council website has further information on preparing for the fire danger season and the contact details of Fire Permit Officers.

It is important to also have a plan in place should a fire occur. Please see the CFS website for how to create your bushfire survival plan [www.cfs.sa.gov.au](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au).

### Change of Date Council Meetings

The dates for the November and December Council meetings have changed due to the proximity of the original dates to the local government elections and the Christmas break.

The new dates are below:

- November Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday 22 November 2022**
- December Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday 13 December 2022**

### Sculpture Competition Winner 2022-2023

Congratulations to Marijan Bekic on his sculpture "Memories" which has won the 2022-2023 Sculpture Sponsorship Competition. The winning sculpture was chosen by the Elected Members.

## **BPAY Tip**

If you have received an invoice from the District Council of Elliston and are paying by BPAY, please use the Reference number that is on the invoice you are paying.

Our Debtors invoices and the Rates Notice invoices have different BPAY reference numbers. This will save the payment you are making going to the incorrect account.

## **Office Closures**

The Council office will be closed from 12noon to 5.00pm on Friday 9 December 2022 for a staff break-up.

The Council office will be closed over the Christmas period from 5.00pm Thursday 22 December 2022 and will reopen on Tuesday 3 January 2023 at 9.00am. For urgent matters during these closures please call 8687 9177.

We hope that everyone has a safe and Merry Christmas break and that you have an enjoyable start to the New Year.

## **Mosquitoes**

Spring is here and so are the mosquitoes in force.

Long grasses and damp grounds provide mosquitoes with an environment to thrive. The best way to protect yourself and your family is TO COVER UP, REPEL AND ELIMINATE!! Get smart and be mosquito safe! Now is the time to carry out mosquito preventative maintenance on your property.

### **Cover up**

Wear long, loose fitting, light coloured clothing, covering as much of the body as you can. Mosquitoes can bite through tight clothing like jeans.

### **Repel with repellent**

- it is recommended that people use mosquito repellents containing either DEET, Picaridin, or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus (PMD), that have been approved by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA)
- mosquito coils can help protect from mosquitoes when outside but always follow instructions on the label.

### **Eliminate with household protection**

Simple changes around the home can help to reduce or eliminate mosquitoes.

### **Stop mosquitoes coming indoors**

- place mosquito-proof mesh on doors and windows
- cover your sleeping areas with mosquito nets if you don't have insect screens
- aerosol knockdown or surface insect sprays can help control mosquitoes inside the home but always follow instructions on the label.

### **Stop mosquitoes breeding**

Mosquitoes breed in still water, fresh or salty, and often in puddles and containers.

- cover rainwater tanks, septic tank openings, wells or other large water containers with mosquito-proof mesh
- maintain roof gutters and remove leaves and debris so that pools of water do not form
- keep edges of dams clear of vegetation
- empty and refill bird baths, stock troughs and pets' drinking water containers at least once a week
- maintain and disinfect swimming pools
- empty wading pools at the end of each day
- ornamental ponds, unused swimming pools or other water bodies should be either emptied or stocked with small Australian native fish to eat any mosquito larvae ('wrigglers').

## Mosquitoes (cont.)

### Water conservation, collection or storage

Mosquitoes can also breed in containers or tanks used to store stormwater, greywater and rainwater.

- containers should be emptied, fitted with a well sealing lid, or openings covered with mosquito-proof mesh
- if mosquito larvae ('wrigglers') are present then screen or close-off the point of entry
- do not allow water to pool in containers below the outlets or taps.

As a last resort, rainwater tanks can be treated by adding a small amount of liquid paraffin or domestic kerosene. Do not apply kerosene if water levels are low.

Add 5ml of kerosene or one teaspoon for a 1 kilolitre tank – up to 15ml or 3 teaspoons for a 10 kilolitre tank. When using paraffin, double the dose.

Consult your rainwater tank manufacturer about whether kerosene can be used. Commercial or industrial kerosenes, such as power kerosene for tractors, should not be used in rainwater tanks.



## Visit from the Regional Development Board Australia Eyre Peninsula

The Regional Development Board Australia Eyre Peninsula met in Lock on 21 October and the members were welcomed by Mayor Malcolm Hancock and CEO Geoff Sheridan at the Lock Bowling Club. Council was invited to make a presentation showcasing the District's achievements and attractions. This was followed by a tasty morning tea which was provided by the ladies from the Lock Bowling Club.



### Important Upcoming Dates

[10 Nov 2022 - 5.00pm](#)  
Local Government  
Election voting papers  
due

[12 Nov 2022](#)  
Council Election Count

[18 Nov 2022 - 5.00pm](#)  
Nominations close for  
Australia Day Selection  
Panel

Nominations close for  
Australia Day Awards

[22 Nov 2022 - 9.00am](#)  
Ordinary Council Meeting

[9 Dec 2022 - 12.00 -  
5.00pm](#) Office closure  
staff break-up

[13 Dec 2022 - 9.00am](#)  
Ordinary Council Meeting

[22 Dec 2022 - 5.00pm](#)  
Council Office closes for  
Christmas break

[3 Jan 2023 - 8.30am](#)  
Council Office reopens for  
the new year

## DrumMUSTER

Just a reminder about the drumMUSTER program, for recycling of particular large containers. Head to the website at [www.drummuster.org.au](http://www.drummuster.org.au) for information about eligible containers and how to clean containers prior to drop off as there is a specific process. To organise a drop off time at either the Lock or Elliston transfer stations please contact Council on 8687 9177.

## Works update

There is now a shade at the Elliston Pump track.

Works are progressing at the Venus Bay beachfront carpark area with the building of a retaining wall and paving.

## National Recycling Week

It is National Recycling week during 7-13 November 2022. This is a good opportunity to check whether you are up-to-date with the latest information regarding recycling.

### Yellow Recycling bin

Items to be placed in loose (not in bags). These are:

- Cardboard boxes and egg cartons (no food present)
- Paper, envelopes, phone books
- Newspapers, magazines, catalogues and junk mail
- Aluminum steel cans and metal lids (squash lid inside the can)
- Empty milk, juice and stock cartons
- Glass bottles and jars (emptied, lid removed, not broken)
- Hard plastic bottles and containers (rinsed with lid removed)
- Hard plastic lids (separated from bottle or container)
- Foil trays and aerosols (lid removed)
- Plant pots
- Empty dry paint tins

### REDcycle bins at Drakes, Coles and Woolworths in Port Lincoln

Soft plastic drop-off program. Please note that items to be as dry and empty as possible. Items placed in black or dark green garbage bags will not be accepted as contents cannot be easily seen. To work out whether an item goes in the soft plastic bin first check the packaging for any sign of the new Australian Recycling Label (ARL) symbols or the REDcycle logo. If nothing is on the packaging use the guide on the REDcycle website for what is accepted—<https://redcycle.net.au/what-to-redcycle/>. As a general guide it is plastic that is soft and can be scrunched up in your hand.

### OP Shops

Lock Stock and Apparel Op Shop and the Elliston Community Visitor Information Centre Op Shop both accept the following items if they are in good condition:

- clothing and shoes
- bric-a-brac
- toys
- books
- cutlery
- linen
- handbags and accessories
- sporting goods
- crockery
- glassware

## Dogs and Cats

REGISTRATION RENEWALS ARE NOW OVERDUE!!!!

Please register immediately!

Go to [www.dogsandcatsonline.com.au](http://www.dogsandcatsonline.com.au) or if you do not have an online account or require assistance please call the District Council of Elliston Customer Service Centre on 86879177 or go in person to 21 Beach Tce Elliston.

Under the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995, all dogs over three months old must be registered or within 14 days of taking possession of an animal.

In South Australia, cat microchipping and desexing is mandatory and owners must register this information in Dogs and Cats Online.

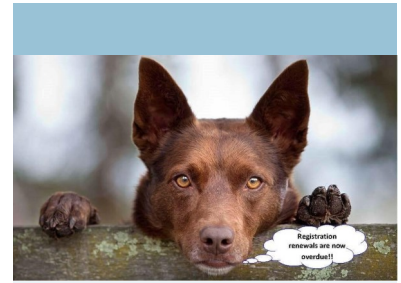
Registering your cat is FREE in the District Council of Elliston. The state register will help you get it back if it goes missing because council officers, RSPCA, Animal Welfare League and vets all use

Dogs and Cats Online to identify and reunite pets with owners. It is the most frequently used and updated register for South Australian dogs and cats and you are sent annual reminders to keep your contact details current.

Be a responsible owner!  
Avoid unregistered animal fines and register now!

### NDN Program

If your call does not get answered please ensure to leave your contact details on the telephone message function. An NDN staff member will then be able to return your call.



### Staff Update

We farewell Denvir Moses who has been the Environmental Health Officer for Elliston for a number of years. He has moved to be closer to his family. We thank him very much for his time with us and wish him well.

We welcome Matthew Boyce as the new Environmental Health Officer under a shared services agreement with the District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula. Matthew will commence duties on 4 November 2022. Welcome to the team!

### Can't afford to desex your cat or dog?



National Desexing Network, District Council of Elliston and participating vets are here to help those in need.

**DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON NDN COOPERATIVE DESEXING PROGRAM\***

ALL CATS \$50  
SMALL DOGS 0-10KG \$60  
MEDIUM DOGS 11-25KG \$70  
LARGE DOGS 26-40KG \$90  
X LARGE DOGS OVER 40KG \$100

**Call: 1300 368 992**

\* District Council of Elliston residents only. Conditions apply. Available while funds last.

**NDN**  
National Desexing Network



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## Waste Transfer Stations

A reminder that when you go to the Lock, Elliston and Venus Bay transfer stations don't forget to use any waste vouchers that you may have tucked away in the glove box or kitchen drawers as we will gradually be phasing them out. The transfer stations have credit and debit card facilities that you can use as well. Cash is not accepted.

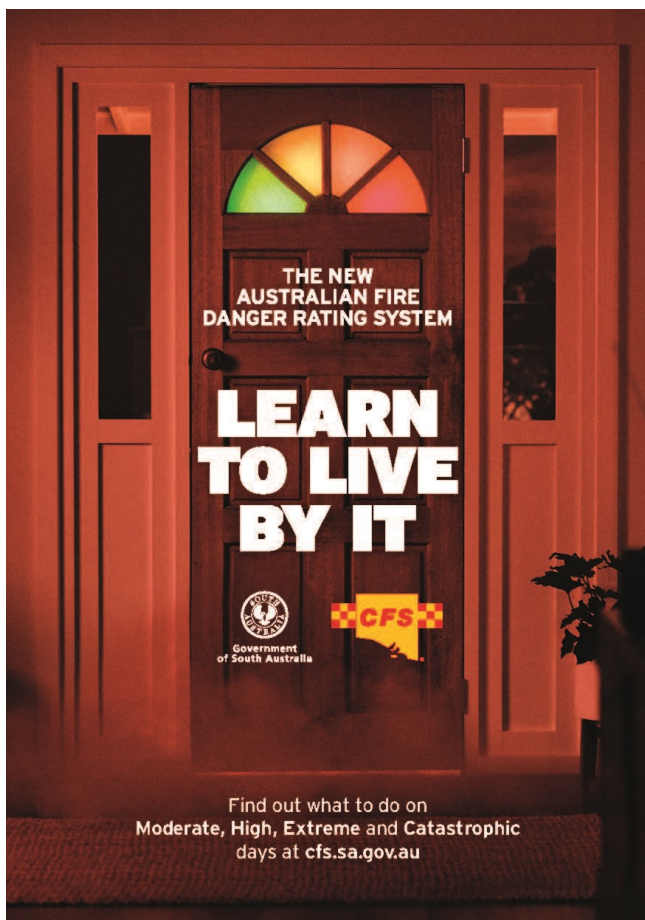
## Dry Zone Area

### Temporary Dry Areas New Year's Eve 2022—2023

The District Council of Elliston advises that the following areas will be temporary dry areas from 9.00pm 31 December 2022 until 8.00am 1 January 2023:

- Elliston Township
- Port Kenny Township
- Venus Bay Township

For more information and to view the Dry Area Maps, please visit Council's website at [www.elliston.sa.gov.au](http://www.elliston.sa.gov.au). When planning your celebrations for New Year this is something to please keep in mind.

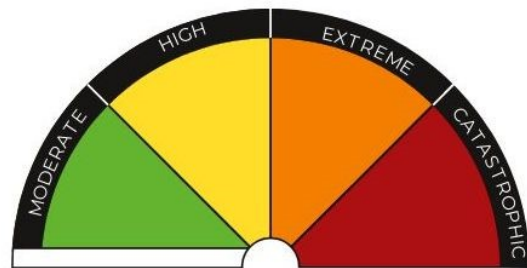


Living in a bushfire risk area means danger is on your doorstep. The new Australian Fire Danger Rating System is your simplified survival tool.

Fire danger ratings describe the potential level of danger a community faces. Use them to understand and act **before** a bushfire starts.

The new ratings are:

<b>MODERATE</b> Plan and prepare.	<b>HIGH</b> Be ready to act.
<b>EXTREME</b> Take action now to protect life and property.	<b>CATASTROPHIC</b> For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas.



Find out what to do at [cfs.sa.gov.au](http://cfs.sa.gov.au)



## Kerbside collection over the summer break

### Lock

December						
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January						
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Red General Waste Bin Collection Day



Red and Yellow Bin Collection Day

## Kerbside collection over the summer break

### Elliston, Bramfield, Sheringa, Port Kenny, Venus Bay

December						
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Red General Waste Bin Collection Day



Yellow Recycling Bin Collection Day

### 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.

### Contact us

District Council of Elliston  
21 Beach Terrace  
ELLISTON SA 5670  
PO Box 46  
Ph: (08) 8687 9177

Email:  
[dce@elliston.sa.gov.au](mailto:dce@elliston.sa.gov.au)  
Website:  
[www.elliston.sa.gov.au](http://www.elliston.sa.gov.au)

## BreastScreen SA

Caring for women  
from ocean to outback

Call 13 20 50 | [breastscreen.sa.gov.au](http://breastscreen.sa.gov.au)

BreastScreen SA's Mobile Screening Unit is visiting

### Port Lincoln, from late September 2022 to late January 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 of the  
Ravendale Community Sports Centre,  
40 Stamford Terrace, Port Lincoln



Government of South Australia  
SA Health

## Gazania Management

The Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board are implementing measures for the management and control of the pest plant Gazania in many areas on Eyre Peninsula. Gazania is a weed that is often mistaken for an ornamental plant due to its colourful flowers which are deceptive, as this weed is particularly destructive for our coastal dunes and roadside vegetation where it forms mat-like colonies.

Once established, Gazania can be very hard to control as it easily colonises disturbed ground such as roadside verges and agricultural land. Gazania is a declared plant under the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019*. Sale or transport is prohibited throughout South Australia.

### How you can help?

Landholders and residents are encouraged to remove Gazania plants from their properties with the aim of containing the spread in the local area and on the Eyre Peninsula.

### More Information

For further information on the management and control of Gazania, please contact:

Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board, Elliston Office, 0427 261 793 or  
obtain a copy of the fact sheet at [www.landscape.sa.gov.au/ep](http://www.landscape.sa.gov.au/ep)

