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# District Council of Elliston Newsletter

## Message from our Mayor

I hope you enjoyed your Christmas and New Year celebrations and were able to spend some time with family and friends. Let's hope this year sees a lessening of COVID restrictions and an improved lifestyle for all.

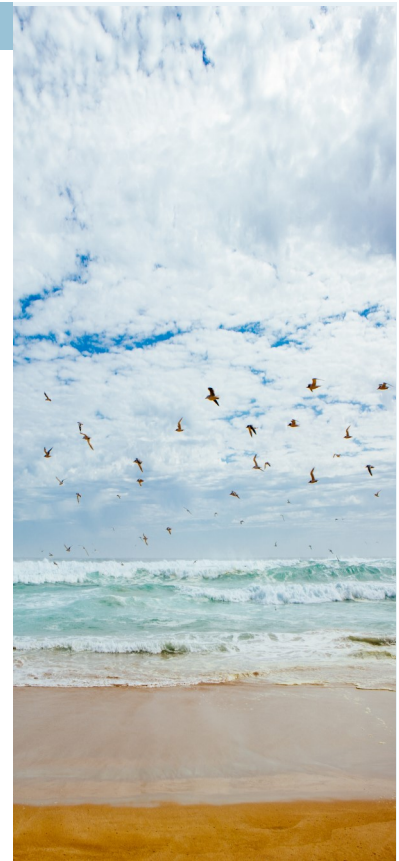
The year has started on a high note as Council has obtained grant funding for two projects, \$100,000 under the Support Regional Aviation Program Round 6 for Elliston Aerodrome upgraded lighting and \$750,000 from the Office of Recreation Sport and Racing to upgrade the Lock Aquatic and Fitness Complex.

I was pleased to catch up last week with Member for Flinders Peter Treloar MP and endorsed Liberal candidate for Flinders, Sam Telfer. Their visit provided the opportunity to showcase the Elliston District both by the staff in Elliston and then by Cr McGlasson and myself in Lock, highlighting ongoing projects and flagging opportunities for Government support in the future. It was especially good to meet face to face rather than via Zoom or Teams!

As I am writing this message, the Eyre Peninsula has been inundated by an extreme rain event with many councils suffering significant damage to road infrastructure. Road damage in our Council was centred near Lock from the Tod Highway to the Council boundary to the east with little damage to the coastal area. Please take care when travelling as conditions may remain poor for a period to come.

I look forward to seeing what the rest of the year brings - including the Council elections in November!

Mayor Malcolm Hancock



## Welcome to 2022

**Find us on Instagram  
and Facebook**

Have you seen our  
social media pages?

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



## Sculpture Competition Winners 2021-2022

Congratulations Todd Romanowycz on his sculpture "Thongs" and Marijan Bekic on his sculpture "The Passage". Both sculptures were chosen by the Elected Members as winners of this years competition. We look forward to seeing these in the District in the future.

## Staff Update

We welcome Lyal (Clyde) Kotz to our outdoor team. He brings with him a wealth of experience. We welcome you on board!

## 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.

## 2022 Australia Day

Mayor Malcolm Hancock welcomed guests to the 2022 Australia Day Awards Presentation held at Elliston on 26 January 2022. The Community Event of the Year award was presented to the Elliston Area School for the "Elliston Area School Wool Show and 100 Year Celebration". As part of the 100 year celebration, people were able to wander through the classrooms which had each been set up with displays and artefacts representing a particular decade. This was followed by a morning tea and speeches. Ebony Feltus, who made the nomination, said that the school looked immaculate and she highlighted that the community is very grateful for what the school provides.

Chad Fleming, the School Principal, accepted the award on behalf of the school. He said the "100 year celebration" was a huge event for the school and individually thanked the members of the committee and all those involved. The celebration was well attended by a huge number of past students, staff and community members.



L-R -Jess Jacobs, Kristy Newton, Mayor Malcolm Hancock, Chad Fleming, Cynthia O'Neil, Kerry Williams, Ebony Feltus and Jess Bascomb.



Mayor Malcolm Hancock presenting the award to Elliston Area School Principal Chad Fleming.



Australia Day 2022 breakfast being enjoyed by attendees.

Thank you Di Penna for the photos.

Mr Fleming also thanked individually the different people involved as well as the sponsors of the Annual Wool Show held afterwards, on the same day, at the Elliston Sports Centre. This was also a well attended event.

Prior to the Australia Day award presentation, the Elliston Men's Shed cooked a tasty egg and bacon breakfast which was enjoyed by all.

## Stormwater / Wetlands

The Elliston Stormwater Infrastructure and Samphire Wetlands Upgrade is now underway with contractors LAKA on site. This project has been jointly funded under the Local Government Infrastructure Partnership Program and Council and addresses flooding issues in the town and the creation of a wetlands between Yandra Drive, Beach Terrace, Memorial Drive and Flinders Highway.



## Grant Funding

### Lock Aquatic and Fitness Complex

Grant funding of \$750,000 has been obtained from the Office of Recreation, Sport and Racing, being 50% contribution to replace the current office and toilet block at the Lock Pool with a new complex including a multi use gymnasium, office, canteen, amenities, changerooms, pump room and storage.

Work is expected to commence in April 2022 with a proposed end date of 30 September 2022 ready for the 2022-2023 swimming season. The total cost of the project is \$1.5 million and Council's contribution includes \$100,000 from the Lock Murdinga Tooligie Progress Association and \$650,000 from grant funding under Phase 3 of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

### Airport Lighting

Council has been successful in obtaining grant funding of \$100,000 under Round 6 of the Support Regional Aviation Program to install LED runway and taxiway lighting and associated works at the Elliston Aerodrome.

This work will complete the recommended upgrade to the Aerodrome, which has included fencing and installation of a new pilot activated lighting system and auto generator.

## Celebrating Christmas Competition 2021 Winners

Lock was the place for the Christmas displays this year with the majority of displays on the touring route located there. Congratulations to the following winners:

- Equal 1st prize went to Mardi Hancock and Celesce Koch who won \$200 each for their displays in Lock
- 3rd prize went to Dalby and Edie Stringer who won \$100 for their display in Elliston

## Elliston Master Plan

Preparation of a draft Elliston Masterplan commenced with the gathering of background information from community members at the Elliston Markets in December 2021. Birdseye Studios have been engaged to undertake the preparation of the Plan and the next step is stakeholder engagement to be undertaken on 15 February 2022. It is anticipated that the Masterplan will be finalised in June 2022.

## **Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2022-2026**

At the meeting of Council held on 18 January 2022, Council adopted the Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2022-2026 and implementation of the Strategy is underway. A copy of the adopted Strategy is available on Council's website [www.elliston.sa.gov.au](http://www.elliston.sa.gov.au)

### **Pump Track**

The Elliston Pump Track has been a popular attraction since its construction last year. Council proposes further landscaping works around the Track which will be undertaken during 2022.



## **Eyes on Eyre**

From December 2021 campers have been making online bookings for campsites at Walker's Rock and Sheringa campgrounds. This is part of a pilot program initiated by the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association and Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula, in conjunction with the District Council of Elliston. The Bookeasy online booking system allows campers to choose the campground, secure the dates they require and then make an online payment, removing the need for Council and visitors to handle cash. This system has been introduced to assist in managing the number of visitors at the campgrounds which were inundated over the past two summer seasons. It will also provide Council with more accurate information on proposed numbers at peak times of the year.

Council is continuing to advocate for further action to be taken to address camping on Walker's Rock Beach and in Lake Newland Conservation Park. This is damaging vegetation with 4WD vehicles leaving designated trails and adversely impacting shore birds nesting in our coastal areas.

## **Port Kenny Water Supply**

The reverse osmosis plant at Port Kenny is fully operational and supplying potable water to the residents of the town.

Smart water meters have been installed to replace the old meters which were read manually. The smart meters capture usage readings and transfer them to a dashboard that can be accessed by Council at any time. They also detect leaks and abnormal water use which will enable Council to identify and reduce unnecessary water loss, improve network management and streamline billing.

This project was funded entirely under Phase 2 of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program at no extra cost to ratepayers.

## **Venus Bay Membrane Bioreactor**

This project, funded under Phase 2 of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program is now operational and is successfully processing the waste water from the Venus Bay Beachfront Tourist Park.

## Mosquitoes

Our District has experienced a high amount of rainfall for January. Big rain has the potential for an influx of mosquitoes breeding.

### COVER UP

The best defence against mosquito bites is to cover in light, loose, long sleeved clothing and to apply a repellent. Mosquitoes can bite through tight clothes like jeans.

### REPEL

Avoid going outdoors at dusk and dawn as these are the most prevalent times for mozzie bites. Use insect repellent containing DEET (diethyl toluamide) or picaridin and always follow instructions on the label.

Mosquito coils can help protect from mosquitoes when outside but always follow instructions on the label.

### ELIMINATE

Stop mosquitoes breeding around your home with regular checks where mosquitoes may be breeding in water pooling around your house, shack, boat or caravan and pot plants. Carry out maintenance on screens, tanks and septs. 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.



## Elliston Pharmacy

Is now administering **Moderna, Pfizer and AstraZeneca** Vaccines.

Vaccines by appointment on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.

To book call the Pharmacy on 8687 9395.

The program will be held at the Elliston Pharmacy 8 Memorial Drive, Elliston.

## Rapid Antigen Testing

New Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) collection points have opened across EP, including at Elliston.

If you are a close contact you can access a kit of two free RAT tests.

The Elliston RAT collection point is located at the Elliston Hospital and is integrated with the Elliston Hospital COVID-19 PCR testing site. It is open 2-2.30pm, 7 days, and you drive into the designated area.

**You must register on the SA Health website to collect your kit.** Further information and registration can be found at:

[www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVIDRapidAntigenTesting](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVIDRapidAntigenTesting)

## Recycling household batteries and mobile phones

Inside Woolworths stores there is now a battery and mobile phone recycling box. It is a joint project with Mobile Muster and Ecobatt to recycle these items. You can place in:

- button batteries, AAA, AA, A, C, D and 9V batteries as well
- all makes and models of mobile phones, their batteries, chargers and accessories
- mobile wireless modems
- smart watches and fitness trackers too.

Please ensure the personal data from your devices are deleted prior to placing in. For further information on deleting your data visit <https://www.mobilemuster.com.au/recycle-a-mobile/#ready>.

Elliston District Council office and Elliston Post Office have a battery recycling bucket for household batteries only. The Council office also has a Mobile Muster box for recycling mobile phones and Australia Post Offices have Mobile Muster satchels you can use.

## November Councillor Elections

### Vote:

The next Local Government periodic election will take place in November this year so now is a great time to ensure you are enrolled to vote in the District Council of Elliston election. You can check by going to: <https://ecsa.sa.gov.au/enrolment>.

However, if you are not living in the District you can still enrol on the Council's supplementary roll which will entitle you to vote. You can download the information and enrolment form relevant to your particular circumstance and submit it to Council from: <https://www.lga.sa.gov.au/council-elections/enrol>.

### Nominate:

Becoming a member of Council presents the opportunity to assist in the creation of long term, positive outcomes within the community and for fellow residents.

The role of an elected member can be both rewarding and challenging. If you consider yourself to be invested in the future of your community, are willing to learn and participate, and prepared to contribute strategically to decision making processes that benefit your broader community then you should explore what it takes to be an elected member. The Local Government Association of SA website contains information which may help: <https://www.lga.sa.gov.au/council-elections/nominate>.

For further information please contact the Council office on 8687 9177.

## Replace the Waste

Stage two of the single-use plastics legislation in South Australia comes into effect from 1 March 2022. This means that expanded polystyrene cups, bowls, plates, clamshell containers and all oxo-degradable plastic products will be prohibited from sale, supply and distribution. The oxo-degradable plastics contain additives that enable the plastic to break down into tiny fragments called microplastics, which do not completely decompose.

There are a number of alternatives available that can replace these products. For further information please visit the website: <https://www.replacethewaste.sa.gov.au>.

## Dogs and Cats

There has been a huge demand for purchasing dogs and cats since COVID-19 has interrupted our lives. With this has been a high increase in price for puppies and kittens. Before rushing in to handing over your money, it is wise to do a few checks to make sure your seller is legitimate and doing the right thing by you and the intended animal.

**Anyone who sells a dog or cat in South Australia must be registered as a breeder in Dogs and Cats Online, or provide you with the details of the breeder.**

### Check the breeder is registered

Before you purchase a puppy or kitten, check the breeder is registered in **Dogs and Cats Online** by performing a 'breeder search' (selected from the top menu). You can search by either the breeder's name or breeder registration number. Both must be listed in any advertisement. Anyone who breeds and/or trades in companion animals must follow the **South Australian Standards and Guidelines for Breeding and Trading Companion Animals** to protect the animal's health and wellbeing.

### Do your homework

Taking ownership of a dog or cat can be a 15 year or more commitment and expense. It is important you invest the time and effort to find a dog or cat that suits your lifestyle. When seeking out breeders or adoption options, ask plenty of questions, visit the facilities where your puppy or kitten was raised and view the parents or ask about the dog or cat's history, health and any temperament assessments.

### Beware of scams

Scammers are known to set up fake websites or advertise on online classifieds and social media platforms pretending to sell sought-after breeds. They'll take advantage of the fact that you won't travel to meet the puppy or kitten in person and ask for up-front payments via money transfer.

If you suspect a scam, or believe you have been scammed, please visit **<https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/report-a-scam>**.

For more information go to **<https://dogandcatboard.com.au/breeders/selling-dogs-and-cats>**.



## Important Upcoming Dates

[15 Feb 2022-9.00am](#)

Ordinary Council Meeting

[15 Feb 2022-afternoon](#)

Stakeholder engagement-  
Elliston Master Plan

[15 March 2022-9.00am](#)

Ordinary Council Meeting

[19 April 2022-9.00am](#)

Ordinary Council Meeting

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