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# District Council of Elliston Newsletter

### Message from our Mayor

Members of the community and visitors to our District, gathered in Elliston and Lock on Anzac Day, to honour the service men and women who proudly served our country. I understand both towns provided excellent breakfasts following the service and thanks to the LADS in Lock and the Men's Shed in Elliston for cooking the bacon and eggs. Thanks also to Deputy Mayor Peter Hitchcock for laying the wreath at the Lock service as I was in isolation with COVID-19.

Each year as we approach a new financial year, Council releases its draft Annual Business Plan and Budget for public consultation. This is your opportunity to comment on and propose any adjustments to the draft Plan prior to its adoption at the June Council meeting. The consultation period this year has commenced and ends on 20 May. We have two other items currently out for public consultation — the draft Elliston Master Plan and the draft Mosquito Management Plan.

Council elections will be held in November 2022 and I encourage you to consider nominating for Council. The role of an elected member can be both rewarding and challenging and offers you the opportunity to contribute strategically to decision making processes that benefit your broader community. I am planning to hold Meet and Greets in Lock, Elliston and Port Kenny in August during which I'll recap on what has been achieved by Council over the past four years. This could also be an opportunity for you to chat to one of the current Elected Members for their input on being on Council. You can obtain more information on how to nominate on the Local Government Association website: https://www.lga.sa.gov.au/council-elections/nominate.

The EP Landscape Board monthly meeting was held in Elliston on 2-3 May and Council was able to make a presentation to the Board at the dinner on Monday night. Thanks to the Board for this great initiative in visiting each Council. Thank you to Council staff for preparing a very informative presentation.

Mayor Malcolm Hancock



### **Autumn**

Find us on Instagram and Facebook

Have you seen our social media pages?

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







### **Bushfire Ready**

With the end of the bushfire danger season now is a good time to review your fire prevention measures and program any improvements. Remove undergrowth and dead vegetation and protect your fire fighting equipment from inclement weather.

## History Display During the Month of May

The Elliston History Group is presenting a display of photos and memorabilia honouring local defence personnel. This is part of South Australia's History Festival which runs for the month of May in 2022. The display will be in the Old Council Chambers at 18 Beach Terrace Elliston from 9am-12noon on:

- 3 May
- 10 May
- 17 May
- 24 May
- 31 May

Come along and chat with the group members who will be onsite.

### **ANZAC Day Services**

#### Lock

The Dawn Service at Lock was held at the Football Clubrooms this year due to the forecasted rain, but with the dawn came a magnificent balmy clear morning. The Lock and Districts Services (LADS), as usual, hosted the Dawn Service for the Lock Community to celebrate lives of the fallen, and the returned, of the Gallipoli conflict, and subsequent conflicts that Australians have served. They then provided a breakfast for all to partake and socialise. Many wreaths were laid at the base of the flagpole. Approximately 50 people attended.



### Elliston

The service at Elliston was held at the RSL Memorial cenotaph. Caroline and Kym Gillet conducted the service with Brevit Sergeant Ashley Traeger attending to the flag protocol. Approximately 60 people attended the service. It was a beautiful morning after the very wet night prior. A number of wreaths were laid by the community with visitors and locals also placing poppies and sprigs of rosemary in commemoration of those who served and sacrificed their lives. Breakfast was eaten in the Elliston Hall due to the forecasted rain.



### **Draft Elliston Master Plan**

The Draft Elliston Master Plan has been prepared by Council and released for public consultation. You are invited to provide written submissions during the consultation period which is open until Friday 13 May 2022. Submissions that have been received will be considered at the May meeting of Council.

The Draft Elliston Master Plan can be viewed on the District Council of Elliston website at www.elliston.sa.gov.au in latest news or can be viewed at the Council office located at 21 Beach Terrace Elliston.

Written submissions can be lodged in the following ways:

Email: dce@elliston.sa.gov.au

Post: District Council of Elliston, PO Box 46, ELLISTON SA 5670

In person: Council office at 21 Beach Terrace, Elliston

Submissions close 5pm Friday 13 May 2022.



# Draft 2022-2023 Mosquito Management Plan and Draft Seasonal Implementation Plan 2022-2023

Council has prepared the above Plans and has now released them for public consultation. You are invited to make written submissions during the consultation period which closes Friday 20 May 2022. Submissions that have been received will be considered in the June 2022 meeting.

The Plans can be viewed on the District Council of Elliston website at www.elliston.sa.gov.au in latest news or by contacting Council on (08) 8687 9177 and requesting a copy or can be viewed at the Council office located at 21 Beach Terrace, Elliston.

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## Waste Transfer Stations

The Lock, Elliston and Venus Bay transfer stations are now accepting credit card payment at the gate. Waste vouchers are still accepted. The waste vouchers will be gradually phased out so have a hunt through your glove boxes and drawers for when you next need to go to the transfer station to take them along.

### **Elliston Lookout**

There is a new seat at the Elliston Lookout. A great spot to sit and take in the view.



# 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.

### **Venus Bay Shelter**

The new Venus Bay playground shelter has been installed over the children's playground providing valuable shade for the children playing.



### Elliston Wetlands Stormwater Update

The stormwater and wetlands upgrade is nearing the anticipated completion date of end of June. Planting in the wetlands is on hold for a couple of weeks after the heavy rains, so for those people who have volunteered their assistance, we'll let you know when and where as soon as possible. It's great to see ducks on the water and to hear the frogs' chorus.



### **Grants Update**

Variety, the Children's Charity, SA has approved a grant of \$32,605 for the supply and installation of an all abilities access swing which will be located in Trudinger Park playground.

The Department of Veterans Affairs under its saluting their service grant program has contributed \$6,500 toward renovations to the Elliston cenotaph on Memorial Drive.

Council is allocating \$100,000 from phase 3 of the local roads and infrastructure grants program to the Lock bowling club toward the installation of synthetic lawn. The remaining funds are being sourced from the bowling club, Lock golf club and Lock Murdinga Tooligie Progress Association.

### **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.

# Draft Annual Business Plan and Draft Annual Budget 2022-2023

Council has prepared the above Plan and has now released it for public consultation. You are invited to make written submissions during the public consultation period which closes Friday 20 May 2022. Submissions received will be considered at the June 2022 Council meeting.

The Plan and submission forms can be viewed on the District Council of Elliston website at www.elliston.sa.gov.au in latest news or by contacting the Council office on (08) 8687 9177 and requesting a copy or can viewed at the Council office located at 21 Beach Terrace Elliston.

You are also invited to a Community Consultation meeting to be held on Tuesday 17 May 2022, 1.00-2.00pm at the Elliston Council Chambers where members of the public may ask questions and make submissions.

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### Council Elections in November

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 but do own property 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 the Council from: https://www.lga.sa.gov.au/council-elections/enrol.

Enrolment for the 2022 Council Elections closes at 5.00pm on Friday 29 July 2022.

### **Elliston Pharmacy**

After hours COVID-19 & Flu Vaccinations

Wednesday nights 23 April—18 May From 6pm-8pm

By appointment Ph: (08) 8687 9395

Elliston Pharmacy 8 Memorial Drive Elliston

# Eyre and Far North Local Health Network May 2022 Pfizer Clinics

Vaccinating everyone 5 years and over, who are due for their Pfizer vaccination.

#### Lock

Friday 27 May 10am-2pm Lock Bowling Club

Appointments are now available to book on line at www.sahealth.sa.gov/covidvaccine.

## Important Upcoming Dates

13 May 2022-5.00pm Draft Elliston Master Plan Public Consultation closes

<u>17 May 2022-9.00am</u> Ordinary Council Meeting

### 17 May 2022-1.00-2.00pm

Community Consultation meeting for Draft Annual Business Plan & Draft Annual Budget 2022-2023

20 May 2022-5.00pm Public Consultation closes for the Draft Annual Business Plan & Draft Annual Budget 2022-2023

Public Consultation closes for the Draft 2022-2023 Mosquito Management Plan and Seasonal Implementation Plan

21 June 2022-9.00am Ordinary Council Meeting

19 July 2022-9.00am
Ordinary Council Meeting



### **Dogs and Cats**

It's coming up to the end of the registration year for your pet. It's a great time to update any information ready for registration renewal time in July! You can call the Council office if needing assistance.

### **Updating information**

Remember to keep your registration details current in Dogs and Cats Online, especially if you move house! If your pet is missing and taken to a council, vet or shelter they'll scan it for a microchip; look up the number in Dogs and Cats Online; then contact you.

You can update your address, phone numbers or secondary contact, at any time when you log into your owner account. Alternatively, contact the council for assistance. When you modify your personal details, your pet records (microchip and council registration) which are linked to your account will update automatically.

### When your pet dies

If your pet heads over the rainbow bridge, you can record your pet as 'deceased' by following the steps below. Alternatively, notify your local council as soon as you can.

- 1. Log into your Dogs and Cats Online account
- 2. Click on the animals name from your owned animals list
- 3. Scroll down to the field 'Animal Status'
- 4. Select 'deceased' from the drop down list (normally set 'at home')
- 5. Enter the date of passing and Save changes

### Transferring dog/cat registration to another owner

If you are no longer the owner of your dog /cat you can transfer the registration to the new owner. Go to Dogs and Cats Online Login using your email address\*

Select Commence ownership transfer

Select animal to transfer

Select initiate transfer

Enter the new owner's details (including email or mobile number) Select OK to transfer

Provide the transfer code to new owner

\*If you can't remember your password, select 'Forgotten your password' to set a new one.









### DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON AND NATIONAL DESEXING NETWORK LAUNCH SUBSIDISED DESEXING PROGRAM TO PREVENT UNWANTED CATS AND DOGS

District Council of Elliston (supported by a co-funding grant from the Dog and Cat Management Board), the National Desexing Network and participating vet clinics have joined forces to offer residents in need a subsidised desexing program to help prevent unwanted cats and dogs.

Elliston Council residents on pensions or low income or with too many cats or dogs who can't afford to desex will pay just \$50 to desex their cat, or \$60 for a small dog, \$70 for a medium dog, \$80 for a large dog and \$100 for an extra large dog.

The program is managed by the National Desexing Network. Residents who need support **phone** the National Desexing Network on 1300 368 992 to find out if eligible. If eligible, they will be issued a desexing voucher and can then contact the vet to make an appointment.

These subsidies are available while Council funds last.

Mayor Malcolm Hancock encourages residents in need to take advantage of this proactive program.

"This initiative helps the whole community as it reduces Council costs to collect, hold and rehome unwanted litters and helps reduce cat nuisance issues and predation on native wildlife," he said.

"Desexing not only helps to ensure fewer unwanted animals, but research shows that desexed animals can live longer and healthier lives," he said.

Dr Joy Verrinder, Strategic Director of AWLQ's National Desexing Network, urges residents to get their male and female cats desexed between 2 and 4 months of age, as male cats are less likely to fight, roam and spray, and female cats can become pregnant from just 4 months old and can breed continuously after that.

"Lincoln Veterinary Centre and Vets on Eyre in Port Lincoln are participating in this program for District Council of Elliston residents."

"We thank the local veterinary clinics for helping with this community service," said Dr Verrinder.

NDN currently manages year-round Cooperative Desexing Programs free of charge for a growing number of Councils around Australia.

"Ongoing desexing programs have helped achieve zero euthanasia of all healthy and treatable stray and surrendered cats and dogs in Gold Coast City, the second largest Council in Australia," Dr Verrinder said.

### Recycling

How we can do our part to help with waste management by considering the waste hierarchy.

**Avoid** – we can avoid creating waste in the firsts place-asking ourselves do I really need this?, and where possible avoid purchasing disposable goods or single use items or more than we can use.

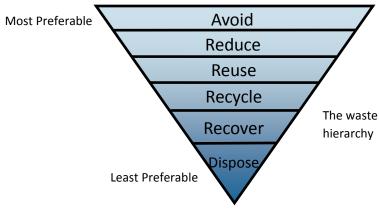
**Reduce** — we can reduce the amount of waste we create by choosing items with less packaging, taking our own reusable bags/containers and buying only what we know we can consume by the use-by-date.

**Reuse** – by asking ourselves can the item we are considering disposing of be repaired and reused or repurposed as something else or could it be useful to someone else? We have local Opshops at both Lock and Elliston that accept suitable donations. You could also make some money by selling it, there are a number of online second hand marketplaces you can utilise.

**Recycle** – we can utilise the new labelling on lots of items to correctly recycle items either in our yellow recycling bin or dropping it off in the REDcycle bins in either Drakes, Coles or Woolworths. Also making use of the container deposit program and take cans and bottles to receive a 10c refund-Elliston Caravan Park has a depot, and Lock has a depot on the corner of Birdseye Highway and Palkagee Street. Also making use of the oral recycling, toner cartridge, and household battery recycling containers at the Elliston Council office.

**Recover**—we can utilise our food scraps and green waste through compost bins and worm farms and then utilise the valuable compost and worm castings on our gardens. Chickens also like food scraps.

**Dispose**—as a last resort we can dispose of household general waste items in the landfill bin.



### **Contact us**

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### **Battery Recycling**

If you are bringing household batteries for recycling to the Elliston Council Office or the Elliston Post Office can you please tape the terminals with sticky tape, or non-conductive electrical tape or duct tape. For button cell batteries tape on the top and bottom face. This is because used batteries may still contain residual charge that can create a spark, leading to a potential fire hazard.

