

Issue 24 August 2022

District Council of Elliston Newsletter & Annual Business Plan and Budget Summary

Message from our Mayor

Hard to believe that my four year term as Mayor of the District Council of Elliston is nearing the end. Councils throughout the State are gearing up for the November elections and once again I encourage you to consider nominating for Council. Nominations open on 23 August for two weeks until noon on 6 September. Please don't hesitate to contact me or one of the Elected Members if you would like to know more about what is involved in being a Councillor. The Electoral Commission of SA website ecsa.sa.gov.au or councilelections@sa.gov.au also offers plenty of resources and information.

Council hosted the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board Meeting on 2-3 June, including a Mayors' tour of part of the District. Thank you to the Elliston Golf Club and chef Damian Mrdjen for the delightful dinner on Thursday evening, the Country Women's Association and Bakery No9 for lunches and the Elliston Hotel for Friday breakfast. Overall the event was a great success.

This year in particular has been extremely busy and unfortunately the annual Meet and Greets could not be scheduled before Council enters its Caretaker Period. I have really enjoyed these events and hope they will continue in some format next year.

Thank you to Council staff, Elliston Area School students and volunteers from the community for the planting of over 20,000 plants - the Elliston wetlands are looking amazing. An official opening is scheduled for December 2022, date to be confirmed.

Mayor Malcolm Hancock



Winter

Find us on Instagram and Facebook

Have you seen our social media pages?

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







The Annual Business Plan sets out the Council's proposed services, programs and projects for 2022-2023. It aims to maintain efficient services for the community and continue progress towards the longer term objectives for the district as set out in the Strategic Management Plan adopted by the Council on 16 June 2020. Specific objectives for the year are consistent with the Council's Long Term Financial Plan and Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan to ensure the long term sustainability of the Council's financial performance and position.

OUR KEY STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Provide transparent, strong and accountable leadership;
Promote community health and mental wellbeing;
Develop and maintain infrastructure services;
Protect and enhance our environment and natural
resources;

Support economic development and tourism.

NON FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE MEASURES 2022-2023

The following non-financial performance measures for the financial year are linked to the *District Council of Elliston Strategic Management Plan 2021 - 2025*:

Provide transparent, strong and accountable leadership

- Advocate with the State Government in securing the long term retention of, as well as improvements to, jetties and boat ramps
- Target grant funding that is consistent with the achievement of Council's strategic objectives
- Efficiently manage community land and maintain leases and licenses
- Practice good governance, best practice and risk management
- Maintain two way conversation with our community through community forums and consultation
- Ensure the rating system is fair and equitable
- Deliver the strategic financial reporting cycle to Council on an annual basis

Promote community health and mental wellbeing

- Support local and regional health providers
- Support sporting events
- Support the establishment of a multipurpose community fitness centre

- Recognise, protect and promote local heritage and history
- Encourage the provision of childcare services to support families in the district

Develop and maintain infrastructure services

- Continually develop and review asset management plans to ensure sustainability
- Strongly advocate to State and Federal Governments for retention and enhancement of essential roads and services

Protect and enhance our environment and natural resources

- Support initiatives to reduce the effects and impacts of climate change
- Promote and educate sustainable waste and recycling initiatives
- Support and facilitate improvements to waste water management systems
- Protect and enhance our natural environment including wetlands and coastal areas
- Implement strategies to control and reduce the impact of pest species
- Work with local and regional stakeholders NREP, Coast Protection SA, Coastal Councils Alliance, RDAEP, emergency management, ECVIC

Support economic development and tourism

- Liaise with SATC and regional agencies to promote tourism across the district
- Support local tourism and business activities
- Develop and implement town master plans
- Explore opportunities for economic growth across existing and new industries

The total budgeted Capital Program in Community Assets includes:

- \$1.013M investment in asset replacement works;
 and
- \$174k on new and upgrade of infrastructure

Major projects include:

- \$634k Re-sheeting 16km of unsealed roads
- \$104k Re-sealing Matson Terrace, Venus Bay & Venus Bay ramp carpark
- \$174k RSL Building
- \$125k Plant replacement
- \$38k Elliston Gazebo
- \$30k Computer system upgrades

Council adopted its Annual Business Plan and Budget at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 21 June 2022. Council is forecasting an operating deficit of \$17k for the 2022-2023 financial year. Council's budget contains grant funding of \$3.6M and general rate revenue of \$2.446M net of mandatory rebates.

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	Forecast 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Variance
	\$,000	\$,000	\$,000
INCOME			
Rates	2,655	2,835	180
Statutory Charges	27	25	(2)
User Charges	106	95	(11)
Grants & Subsidies	2,008	3,622	1,614
Investment Income	10	4	(6)
Reimbursements	39	14	(25)
Other Revenues	12	12	(0)
Total Operating Income	4,857	6,607	1,750
EXPENDITURE			
Employee Costs	1,492	1,564	72
Materials, Contracts & Other Expenses	2,231	3,875	1,643
Depreciation	1,185	1,185	0
Total Operating Expenditure	4,907	6,624	1,717
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(50)	(17)	33
Amounts specifically for new or upgraded Assets	961	0	(961)
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) transferred to Equity Statement	911	(17)	(928)

RATES

Council's budget contains general rate revenue of \$2.446M, net of rebates. This represents a 7.1% increase on total general rates raised (net of rebates) compared to 2021-2022. The average residential rates payable is budgeted to be \$1,076.65.

The general rate comprises of;

A fixed charge of \$310 per assessment; and differential general rates on rateable land

With the differentiating factors being:

All land within the Employment (Bulk Handling) Zone as described in the Planning and Design Code under the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016, is set at 1.0720 cents in the dollar.

Land outside the Employment (Bulk Handling) Zone with the following land uses are set at:

•	Commercial – Shop
•	Commercial – Office
•	Commercial – Other
•	Industrial – Light
	مرم والحرب المراسعين المراسع

Other

Residential

Commorcial

• Industrial – Other Primary Production Vacant Land

0.3305 cents in the dollar 0.3305 cents in the dollar

0.3305 cents in the dollar 0.3305 cents in the dollar

0.3305 cents in the dollar 0.3305 cents in the dollar 0.3305 cents in the dollar

0.3305 cents in the dollar 0.3305 cents in the dollar

RATES (cont.)

SERVICE CHARGES

Community Wastewater Management Systems – Service Charge

For all properties at Lock serviced by CWMS, an annual service charge of \$431 per property.

Water Supply – Service Charge

For all properties at Port Kenny serviced by the Port Kenny Water Supply, an annual charge of \$143 per property.

Waste Management – Service Charge

- 0-0.3m³ of waste per week on average \$317 per annum
- 0.3-0.6m³ of waste per week on average \$636 per annum
- 0.6m³ to 0.9m³ of waste per week on average \$953 per annum

Regional Landscape Levy

The Regional Landscape Levy is a State Government initiative under the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019*. The Levy provides additional funding to help take care of natural resources such as water, soil, animal and plant control sustainably developing and protecting natural resources for the benefit of communities and future generations living in the Elliston region. Council levies an amount against each rateable property to collect the amount determined by the State Government. For 2022-2023 Council's annual contribution to the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board is \$110,053.

The following table details the Regional Landscape Levy for 2022-2023:

Land Use	
Residential, Vacant & Other	\$81.25
Commercial & Industrial	\$121.87
Primary Production	\$162.50

PAYMENT OF RATES

Rates are payable in four equal or approximately equal instalments on or before the following dates:

- 16 September 2022
- 16 December 2022
- 17 March 2023
- 16 June 2023

Ratepayers may apply to pay their rates and service charges in full by 16 December 2022;

- such applications must be lodged with Council by 16 September 2022;
- if rates in these circumstances are paid in full by 16 December 2022 fines and interest will not be applied for the September to December period.

Rates may be paid as follows:

- Telephone/internet using the Bpay services through participating banks
- Phone the District Council of Elliston on 08 8687 9177 during business hours to pay with Bankcard, Mastercard or Visa. Please quote your Assessment Number
- Post Billpay paying in person at any Post Office, phone 131816 or go to postbillpay.com.au
- Post your cheque (marked payable to the District Council of Elliston) with your remittance to the DC of Elliston, PO Box 46, Elliston SA 5670
- In person at the District Council of Elliston Office at 21 Beach Terrace, Elliston SA 5670.

Ratepayers are welcome to contact Council in the first instance if they are having or anticipate having difficulty in meeting their payment obligations. A staff member will go through the options available that include: setting up an individual payment plan, rates deferment or applying for hardship.

REBATES

Mandatory Rebates on Rates:

The Local Government Act 1999 (the Act) provides that Council will rebate 100% of general rates for properties for various reasons, for example, religious purposes and public cemeteries.

Discretionary Rebates on Rates:

The Act provides that a Council may grant a rebate on general rates or service charges. A number of organisations have been granted a discretionary rebate for the 2022-2023 year.

NON FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE MEASURES-ACHIEVEMENTS 2021-2022

Strategic Objective: Provide transparent, strong and accountable leadership	Comment
Continue to advocate for improvements to State Government owned jetties and boat ramps	Complete
Carry out underwater inspection of State Government owned Elliston Jetty	Complete
Pursue grant funding opportunities	Complete
Continual review and update of Council policies	Complete
Continue to manage community land and maintain Council's leases and licenses	Complete
Continue to update the work health and safety (WHS) and risk management programs	Complete
Continue to facilitate plans for the Council area emergency management	In progress
Continue to upgrade skills of Elected Members and staff through targeted training	Complete
Publish quarterly Council newsletter	Complete
Maintain regular updates on website, social media and newsletters	Complete
Utilise shared service arrangements with local councils where possible	Complete

Strategic Objective: Provide community health and mental wellbeing

Provide grants to local community organisations through our Community Grants Program Complete Provide ongoing support to the community library Complete

Provide support and co-ordinate community events and civic functions including:

- Town Christmas events 2021,
- Remembrance Service 2021,
- Australia Day Ceremony 2022,
- ANZAC Day Service 2022

Facilitate the purchase and installation of an all abilities swing at Trudinger Playground Complete Installation of pump track in Elliston Complete Lock Aquatic & Fitness Complex Upgrade In progress



Comment

Complete

Strategic Objective: Support economic development and tourism

Comment Provide financial and in-kind support to the Elliston Community Visitor Information Centre Complete Support regional economic initiatives provided by Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula-EP Regional Trails Strategy and Regional Branding Strategy Complete Provide financial support to local businesses to undertake upgrades of their shop fronts through the Shop Front Improvement Program Complete Develop and action the economic development and tourism plan Complete Complete a Masterplan for the Elliston township Complete Provide an annual Sculptures Competition Complete Provide an annual Celebrate Christmas Competition Complete Develop and implement Bookeasy pilot booking system for campsite bookings Complete Seek funding to upgrade the Lock Caravan Park facilities Complete



NON FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE MEASURES-ACHIEVEMENTS 2021-2022

Strategic Objective: Develop and maintain infrastructure services

Re-sheeting 12.5kms of unsealed roads:

• McLachlan Way (Owen Road to Burrows Road) 4.5kms Complete • Hambidge Drive (Gray Road to Ridgeway Road) 5.8kms Complete • Palkagee Road (Tod Highway to Hundred Line Road) 2.1kms

Reseal Matson Terrace Venus Bay Reseal Venus Bay Boat Ramp Carpark Delayed until 2022-2023 Complete Re-sheet Lock aerodrome runway Install fencing at Depot #2 Cancelled

Replace and upgrade storm water drainage and wetlands in Elliston

Plant and machinery include:

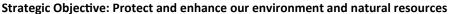
• Replace Holden Colorado Complete • Purchase new utility for Lock In progress Complete Install Port Kenny Reverse Osmosis Plant

Develop a risk management plan to meet the SA Safe Drinking Water Act to enable an application to be made to ESCOSA to change the license from non-potable to potable

water for Port Kenny Water Supply Complete Install smart meters for Port Kenny Water Supply Complete Install Venus Bay Membrane Bio-Reactor Complete **Install Elliston Entrance Statements** Complete Install Port Kenny Information Board Complete

Purchase of generator for the Council office Complete Install staircase at Little Bay Complete Replacement of Elliston Aerodrome lighting Complete

Complete Resurface Elliston Jetty carpark Resurface Venus Bay carparks Complete Seek funding to seal Palkagee Road Unsuccessful Seek funding to seal Rocky Valley Road Unsuccessful



Continue to implement the pigeon control program in Elliston township Ongoing Provide recycling education material to the community Complete Develop a mosquito management program Complete Participate in the dog and cat de-sexing program Complete Establish Building Fire Safety Committee Complete

Employ building inspector Complete Close Venus Bay landfill site and change to a transfer station as per Environmental **Protection Authority requirements** In progress

Upgrade Sheringa and Walker's Rock Campsites delineation and signage

Develop an Elliston CWMS concept design

Comment

Complete Delayed until 2022-2023

Complete

Comment

In progress

In progress







make a difference

Election 2022

Are you considering nominating for this year's Council Elections? If so, you can access numerous resources on the Electoral Commission of SA website councilelections.sa.gov.au or ecsa@sa.gov.au. Nomination kits are also available at the Council office. Just ask for Geoff Sheridan or Jill Leonard and we'll be happy to help.

Nominations are being accepted online this year from 23 August and closing at 12 noon on 6 September 2022.

Below is a schedule of times for the Election process:

23 August 2022 Nominations Open 12 noon 6 September 2022 Nominations Close

4.00pm 6 September 2022 Draw for position of candidate

names on the ballot paper

By 20 September 2022 Publication of candidate profiles on

the internet

14-20 October 2022 Mail out of voting material to

electors

5.00pm 3 November 2022 Last day for issue or reissue of

voting material

5.00pm 10 November 2022 Close of voting (polling day)

9.00am 12 November 2022 Scrutiny and Count

Geoff Sheridan is the Local Deputy Returning Officer for the Elliston District and can be contacted on **gsheridan@elliston.sa.gov.au** or 0438 998 674 Jill Leonard is the Council Liaison Officer and can be contacted on **jleonard@elliston.sa.gov.au** or 0412 760 669.

Please don't hesitate to contact either officer for more information or clarification.

Public Consultation— Draft By-Laws

Council invites your comments and feedback on the District Council of Elliston draft By-Laws. The draft By-Laws are below and available on the website or by contacting Council on 8687 9177 for a copy:

- By-Law No.1—Permits and Penalties
- By-Law No. 2—Local Government Land
- By-Law No. 3—Roads
- By-Law No. 4— Moveable Signs
- By-Law No. 5—Dogs
- By-Law No. 6—
 Caravans and Camping
- By-Law No. 7—Cats

Written submissions can be lodged in one of the following ways:

Email:

dce@elliston.sa.gov.au

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

In person: Council office, 21 Beach Terrace Elliston.

Submissions close 5pm Friday 19 August 2022.

New Staff Member

We welcome Umair Saeed to the team, as a Senior Finance Officer. Umair, his wife Rana and little baby Saqib have all moved to Elliston from Adelaide. We hope you will join us in making them feel welcome in our district.

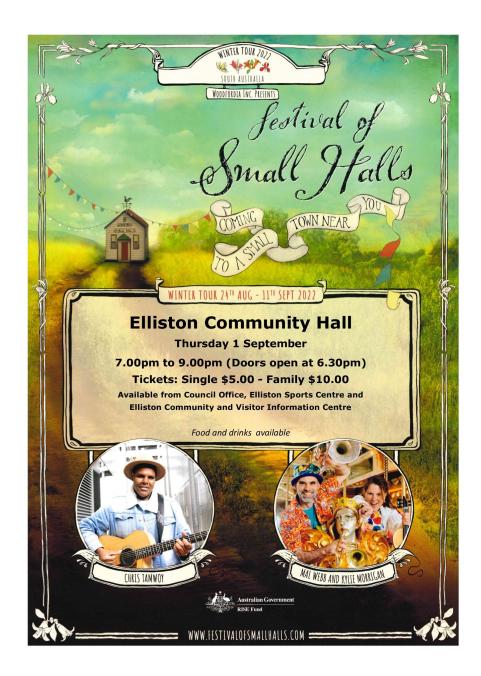
Elliston Speed Shear

The Elliston Speed Shear is set to occur on Saturday 3 September at the Elliston Sports Centre.

The first prize in the open section is \$3,000, with a total of \$10,000 in cash and prizes to win over the day.

Events will include intermediate, novice, and teams as well as best female, best over 60 and best EP local.

Should be a fun day!



The replacement staircase has been installed at Little Bay.



2022-2023 Sculpture Sponsorship Competition

The District Council of Elliston's 2022-2023 sculpture competition is now open. The total prize money available is \$10,000. Entry is free and the sponsorship competition is open to all. Sculptors of all mediums are invited to enter with sponsorship awarded to the winning designs, for the construction and installation of their sculpture. The location of the sculptures will be confirmed in discussions with Council staff and may be located in any of the District townships. Entries must by received in the Council Office at:

21 Beach Terrace Elliston SA 5670

Or via email to: jleonard@elliston.sa.gov.au by close of business on 30 September 2022.

Expression of interest entry forms are available on the Council's website: www.elliston.sa.gov.au; or you can pick up a copy from the Council Office or the Elliston Community and Visitor Information centre. For further information please contact Jill Leonard at the District Council of Elliston on (08) 8687 9911.

The winners from the 2021-2022 Sculpture Sponsorship Competition were Todd Romanowycz and Marijan Bekic, with their sculptures below.



The Passage by Marijan Bekic

> Thongs by Todd Romanowycz



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.

Elliston Stormwater & Wetlands

The major stormwater and wetlands works are complete and the landscaping will continue over the next 12 months. A big thank you to the community volunteers, and school children from Lock and Elliston who participated in the planting of the plants and trees throughout the wetlands area. We look forward to seeing the plants grow over the coming years.



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 Website:

www.elliston.sa.gov.au

Recycling at Lock Library

The Lock Library is a community hub for recycling in the Lock area.

You can take the following items there to recycle:

- Plastic bottle lids
- Coffee pods
- Batteries (excluding car batteries)
- Plastic bread tags
- Blister packs
- Oral care products (e.g. empty toothpaste tubes)
- Some toner cartridges

The library is open during the school term:

Monday 8.30-4.30 Tuesday 8.30-6.00 Wednesday 8.30-4.30 Thursday 8:30-6.00 Friday 8.30-4.30

During school holidays the library is open:

Tues & Thurs 9.00-1.00 & 2.00-6.00 Fri 10.00-1.00 & 2.00-5.00

For further information please call the library on 0418 440 074.

Dog and Cat Registration

Dog and cat registrations are due 31st August 2022. If you did not receive a renewal notice by post, email or SMS, please call the Customer Service Centre for assistance on 8687 9177.

Registering or renewing your dog or cat is easy. Go to **www.dogsandcatsonline.com.au** or call 8687 9177 for help over the phone or go to the District Council of Elliston Office, 21 Beach Terrace Elliston.

It is important to keep your own and your animals details up-to-date. If you have changed address, transferred the ownership or your animal has passed away, you can up-date these details on your account at dogsandcatsonline or call the Council office. The dog and Management Board has easy guides too, with step-by-step instructions. You can find them at https://dogandcatboard.com.au/dogs/registration.

Registration is now due

It's easy with Dogs and Cats Online, you do it yourself Or call council's office before 31 August.





Recycling—DrumMUSTER

Council is part of the **drumMUSTER** program. Eligible containers as stated on the drumMUSTER website are: "non-returnable metal or plastic containers between one litre/kilogram and 205 litre/kilogram in declared content in the packaging of crop production and animal health products used for:

- agricultural and livestock production
- industrial and recreational pest and weed control
- forestry
- household pest control operations
- similar activities conducted by government authorities.

Participating manufacturers are identified by the inclusion of the eligible *drumMUSTER* container logo on their eligible containers."

There are instructions for how to clean the containers on the drumMUSTER website: www.drummuster.org.au/container-recycling/drummuster-standard/. The program requires the containers to be triple rinsed, cleaned and dried before they can be accepted at Council's drop off points which are located at the Elliston and Lock Transfer Stations. To organise a drop off time at one of the Transfer Stations, please contact Council on 8687 9177.

Do you know a young person who has a carer role and who may be struggling to continue their education?

The Young Carer Bursary helps young carers under the age of 25 who are currently studying or training or will be in 2023. The program offers 1,000 bursaries to the value of \$3,000, providing young carers with the necessary financial assistance to help them to achieve their education and training goals.

Young carers across Australia can apply from July until mid-September.

To apply you must be a young carer:

- aged 12-25 years old for the entire time you're receiving the bursary
- studying in an approved course in Australia within a recognized Australian institution, either full-time or part-time
- a permanent resident or Australian citizen residing in Australia
- not receiving another scholarship.

What can the money be used for?

It can be used to support young carers in their education or training. This could include:

- school fees
- laptops and software
- uniforms
- transport and accommodation
- respite care
- emotional support, or
- extracurricular activities.

What young carers have to say about Young Carer Bursary Program "I am a young carer for my mum who has mental health issues, grandma who has a number of medical issues and two young brothers with autism. Receiving the bursary greatly helped me to achieve my goal of completing year 12, it paid for my school fees, books and travel. I truly believe that I would not have graduated without the bursary."

With the Young Carer Bursary, you too can achieve your study goals! Applications for the Young Carer Bursary Program are open until 13 September 2022.

For further information please visit the website at: https://youngcarersnetwork.com.au/bursary/young-carer-bursary/.

Important Upcoming Dates

19 Aug 2022 - 5.00pm Submissions for draft By-Laws due

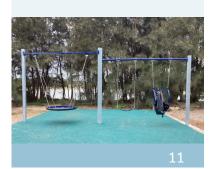
20 Sept 2022-9.00am Ordinary Council Meeting

30 Sept 2022-5.00pm Entries close for the 2022-2023 Sculpture Sponsorship Competition

18 Oct 2022-9.00am
Ordinary Council Meeting

All Abilities Swing

Thanks to grant funding provided by Variety the Children's Charity of SA, all abilities swings have been installed at the Trudinger Playground in Elliston. The swings are a great success and will ensure years of fun for children of all ages!



MEDIA RELEASE

SA Ambulance Service



SA Ambulance Service volunteers needed at Elliston

The SA Ambulance Service (SAAS) Elliston team is looking for volunteers to join them, as the service launches a new community recruitment drive.

Getting behind the initiative, volunteers across Elliston have been speaking about the benefits of becoming a SAAS volunteer, which they say is easier than you think, with the opportunity to make a difference and gain life long skills that can be used in everyday life.

Monika has been volunteering with the Elliston team for four years, and was drawn to volunteering with SAAS after moving to the area and wanting to assist her local community.

Monika says she has gained so much more. "I like helping my community, so when I moved to Elliston I was looking for a way to contribute. I have now gained confidence, extended first aid skills and improved my driving skills."

"I get a sense of pride when I can help to keep a vital service available to the community, as well as helping individuals in need", Monika says.

Whether you work full-time, are a student or retired, volunteering with SAAS can help you broaden your skill-set, meet like-minded community members, and make new friends. With flexible rosters that can work around your lifestyle, you don't always need to be at the ambulance station when on-call, so like Monika (who also works two jobs), you can balance volunteering with your life.

"Our team and roster are very flexible, we cover each other when someone isn't available", Monika confirms.

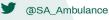
No prior medical knowledge is required, and no experience is needed. SAAS provides training totally free of charge, and at the end of your training you'll walk away with a nationally accredited qualification (HLT21020 Certificate II in Medical Service First Response, HLT41120 Certificate IV in Health Care).

Monika says: "The service is run by a small, dedicated team of volunteers, however we need more members. All training is provided and there are no out of pocket expenses."

There's no better time to take control in an emergency and help save the lives of others. Interested? Call Regional Team Leader, Campbell Forsyth on 0429 678 250 or the Volunteer Support Unit on 1300 175 584 (Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 4.30pm). Or apply through the SAAS website: www.saasvolunteer.sa.gov.au or email SAASvolunteer@sa.gov.au

Photo captions:

Photo - SAAS ambulance volunteer Monika Servin.



SA Ambulance Service

