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District Council of Elliston Newsletter

Message from the Mayor

It has been a busy few months at Council, with progress made on a range of projects and a significant level of maintenance tasks undertaken in preparation of what is expected to be a drier than average Summer. I am pleased to see that a number of important road projects have been completed before harvest and tourism seasons truly commence, and am especially proud of the work that has been undertaken on Palkagee Road at Lock to alleviate serious concerns from farmers in the area.

Over the next couple of months, elected members and staff will undertake community consultation of the Strategic Plan 2024-2028 and the review of the Infrastructure and Asset Management Plans and the Long Term Financial Plan. We encourage the community to participate wherever possible as input from the community on these matters is crucial to inform elected members and assist them with decision making.

I am also pleased to announce that we have released the tender documentation for the redevelopment of the Elliston RSL building. It will be great to have a multi-purpose facility in Elliston that can also showcase the historical RSL memorabilia managed by the Elliston and Districts History Group.

Mayor
Andrew McLeod

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



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Important Upcoming Dates

17 Nov 2023—5.00pm
Nominations close for
Australia Day Awards

21 Nov 2023 - 9.00am
Ordinary Council Meeting

19 Dec 2023 - 9.00am
Ordinary Council Meeting

22 Dec 2023 - 5.00pm
Celebrating Christmas
Competition 2023 closes

Council Office closes for
Christmas break

3 Jan 2024 - 8.30am
Council office reopens for
the new year

26 Jan 2024
District Australia Day
Street Party

Are your postal details up-to-date with Council?

Please note it is a ratepayer's responsibility to keep their postal address up-to-date so that letters sent out regarding your property go to the correct address.

Citizenship Ceremony

On Monday 30 October at the Elliston Beachfront there was an intimate citizenship ceremony for Yuliia Newton. Mayor McLeod conducted the service and presented Yuliia with her certificate of citizenship. Her immediate family was able to witness this special event. We congratulate Yuliia on her Australian citizenship.



Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards

The Australia Day Awards reward and recognise individuals and organisations that have made a noteworthy contribution during the current year, and/or given outstanding service over a number of years, to a local community over and above their normal employment duties.

Nominate someone who makes a real difference in our community and give them an opportunity to be rewarded and recognised for their important contribution.

Nominations are now open for the:

- 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 or online at www.citizenoftheyear.com.au.

Please return completed form to:

Australia Day Council of South Australia
Office 18
240 Currie Street
ADELAIDE SA 5000 or;
Email: adcsa@adcsa.com.au and dce@elliston.sa.gov.au

Nominations close **5.00pm on 17 November 2023**.

Resident Camping Fee trial

At the Council meeting in September it was decided to trial a Resident Camping fee for the 2023-2024 summer school holiday period. This means that residents and rate payers of the District Council of Elliston will be able to camp at Walkers Rock campground and Sheringa Beach campground for a reduced rate of \$10 per night per vehicle.

Any Local wishing to access a reduced rate will be required to contact the Council directly and provide evidence of their residential status to access this discounted camping rate.

Sites are booking out fast , so we suggest you get in early.

Strategic Planning Consultation

Council is currently preparing the 2024-2028 Strategic Plan which sets the goals of Council for the next 4 years. Nikki Becker, Council CEO, will be holding community consultation events in Elliston, Lock and Venus Bay over the coming 6 weeks. Details of these consultation sessions will be advertised on our Facebook page shortly.

Video Surveillance – tips for business owners

Many business owners across the District use video surveillance at the workplace to discourage criminal activity, and to ensure the safety of employees and customers. But did you know you need to consider privacy laws if you have surveillance in your workplace?

If you're thinking about installing video surveillance you should:

- Tell your staff and new employees in writing about the surveillance devices
- Clearly explain your expectations of staff in the workplace and their responsibility for upholding your business's privacy obligations
- Ensure all cameras are clearly visible, place signs at every entrance to let staff and customers know of the surveillance
- Make sure you don't install cameras in private areas such as fitting rooms, shower areas, toilets or change rooms

Staff News

Council is delighted to welcome 3 new staff to our team.

Tayla Jones has joined as a customer service trainee. Initially you will speak to Tayla when you ring our office, but eventually she will look after marketing and tourism.

We have also welcomed Tim Brierley and Holly Winkley to our outdoor team. Tim and Holly are both experienced outdoor workers and can be spotted all over the District either cleaning or working on our parks and gardens and outdoor facilities.



Office Closure

The Council office will be closed over the Christmas period from 5.00pm Friday 22 December 2023 and will reopen at 8.30am on Wednesday 3 January 2024.

We wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas break and that your New Year starts well.

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 include your requested email address.

For Sale

Mack Truck and Dog

Council is looking to sell its Mack 10 tonne truck and 8 tonne dog. The truck is currently registered and going but is unroadworthy, with the engine needing major repairs to make roadworthy. The Mack would be good for farm use or alternatively for used parts. The truck can be viewed at the Elliston Depot by phoning the office to arrange a time. Offers must be received by 5pm Monday 27 November. All offers in writing will be considered.



Compactus

Council is also selling a records compactus that is surplus to requirements. The purchaser of the compactus will need to remove it at their own cost. Offers must be received by 5pm Friday 17 November. All offers in writing will be considered.



Council Update

Roads

Recently Council has completed several road upgrades including:

- Resheeting of two sections of Palkagee Road
- An upgrade to sections of Bascombe Well Road
- An upgrade to sections of Grove Road
- Resheeting of Talia Caves Road
- Resheeting of a section of Little Bay Road

Council staff have been undertaking fire prevention works over the last couple of months in preparation for forecasted greater fire risk conditions this year. The fire danger season is predicted to have above average temperatures and below average rainfall.

Lock

The Lock Aquatic and Gym Complex upgrade is progressing well. The main structure is complete and the fit-out is underway. Irrigation has been laid and new shade structures will be installed shortly. The Complex is on track to reopen in the first week of February 2024.

Venus Bay

Works around the Venus Bay playground/jetty area are continuing with paving now near completion, solar lights along the path to the jetty installed and a new set of steps up to Matson Terrace in place. A new shelter is being built for the BBQ area.

Please be advised that Matson Terrace and the Jetty car park will be resurfaced in February 2024. Delays on Matson Terrace can be expected and the jetty boat ramp access will be restricted for a short period during this time. Council aims to minimize the inconvenience to those impacted as much as possible.

Elliston

A group of volunteers worked tirelessly in September to install a fence around Trudinger Playground. We thank everyone who contributed their time to this project.

We have engaged contractors to refurbish fire tracks behind the Golf Course and Roadhouse to ensure easy access for emergency vehicles. We ask non-emergency vehicles to stay off these tracks.

Celebrating Christmas Competition 2023

This year's competition will be open from 1 December 2023 to 22 December 2023.

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 Centre and the Lock Community Library from 30 November 2023.

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

- Email to 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.

We wish all entries good luck!

The streets where competition entries are will be updated on the website and on Facebook so you can go for a drive to see all the lights.

Dogs and Cats

South Australia has laws to regulate the breeding, sale and welfare of dogs and cats. Anyone selling a dog or cat they have bred, must follow the six basic rules below. This includes owners of animals who have 'accidental' litters.

Uphold welfare standards for breeding animals

The South Australian Standards and Guidelines for Breeding and Trading Companion Animals set out the acceptable housing, husbandry, veterinary care and living standards for breeding animals and their litters. You must follow or exceed these standards to avoid breaking state laws.

Apply to register as a breeder in Dogs and Cats Online

Everyone that breeds dogs or cats for sale must apply to register as a breeder on Dogs and Cats Online and pay the registration fee. This includes owners of animals who have had 'accidental' litters. Dogs and Cats Online is the state database for dog, cat, breeder registrations; microchip and desexing information. If your contact details change (address, email or phone number) at any time, you must update this information in Dogs and Cats Online.

Adhere to advertising rules

Any advertisements to sell dogs or cats must include the following information for each breeder and person involved in the sale.

- Names and phone numbers
- DACO breeder numbers

Microchip dogs and cats before sale

You must have puppies and kittens microchipped before you sell them and have the microchip recorded in Dogs and Cats Online.

- Typically the implanter records the microchip number
- to the breeder (current owner) in Dogs and Cats Online.
- When puppies or kittens are sold, the breeder then transfers the microchip number to the buyer (new owner) via Dogs and Cats Online.
- The new owner must receive the microchip number to complete the animal registration in their name.

Information for purchasers

Anyone that sells a dog or cat must provide the following information to the purchaser in writing.

- Names, phone numbers and DACO breeder numbers of the breeders and sellers.
- Vaccination details, known illnesses or medical conditions.
- If desexed, the name and address of the vet and date of procedure.
- The animal's microchip number, date of procedure, any national registries the microchip information is stored on and name and address of the microchip implanter.
- For dogs, any control order on the dog.
- Any vet exemptions from microchipping or desexing.

Understand the desexing laws

Dogs and cats born after the 1 July 2018 must be desexed before 6 months of age or within 28 days of purchasing. Breeders currently registered in Dogs and Cats Online do not have to have their breeding animals desexed. 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 with a current vet exemption.



Are you prepared for the bushfire season?

Early winter rainfalls has caused significant vegetation growth around the District, however the spring outlook has switched to below average rainfalls and the drying out of soil moisture in the District. Fire Danger Season dates for 2023/2024 in the West Coast Fire Danger Region were brought forward to the 16 October 2023 due to the increased risk of fire in the area.

All fire prevention works on private property should have been completed by now. All property owners have a responsibility to clean up around their property to reduce the amount of available fuel and therefore the impact a fire may have on their property.

We thank all those property owners who have already carried out their fire prevention works.

Council's Fire Prevention Officers have been undertaking inspections to determine what fuel reduction work has been undertaken and to determine any areas that will require additional work to be compliant.

Some notable concerns uncovered during these inspections include:

- vacant land where no fuel reduction has been undertaken
- existing fire breaks around properties that have become overgrown and not maintained
- trees and shrubs growing on or over structures
- greenwaste piles or firewood piles stacked next to or under houses

Council's Fire Prevention Officers will be conducting formal inspections in early November, during which Notices and fines will be issued to properties that require further fire prevention measures to meet legal requirements.

A property owner can help themselves by:

- creating a defensible space by carefully managing trees close to your home and reducing vegetation for 20 metres. Remove undergrowth and dead vegetation
- starving the fire by clearing vegetation and rubbish away from your home
- choosing appropriate plants and their location around your house and property
- removing trees and bushes against the home or infrastructure
- using inorganic mulches such as pebbles, shell grit and gravel as fire resistant mulch close to the home to reduce the likelihood of ignition from embers. Organic mulches can still be used but away from the house
- making sure property access allows enough space for a fire truck to enter. Gateways should be at least 3 metres wide and low hanging branches from trees should be attended to. If a truck cannot get in, it may be unable to defend your property
- create your bushfire survival plan!

For more information on planning and preparing for the Bushfire Season visit the CFS website www.cfs.sa.gov.au

Connecting with others

Having quality relationships with other people is one of five ways we can improve our health and wellbeing. Making time to connect with these people—family, friends or people in our communities can help us to feel like we belong. These relationships can improve our happiness, be a huge support when dealing with difficult situations, help us move towards our goals, and enrich our lives increasing our quality of life.

To develop these quality relationships requires us to nurture them by spending quality time—which can even be a phone call or video call if the person doesn't live nearby.

Connections with others in our communities can also be beneficial—showing kindness, volunteering with a club or group and catching up with someone for a walk.

For further information and tips for connecting with others please visit <https://www.wellbeingsa.sa.gov.au/your-wellbeing/connecting-with-others>

Temporary Dry Zone Areas

For New Years Eve 2023 - 2024

The District Council of Elliston advises that the following areas will be temporary dry areas from 9.00pm Sunday 31 December 2023 until 8.00am Monday 1 January 2024:

- Elliston Township
- Port Kenny Township
- Venus Bay Township

For more information and to view the Dry Zone Area maps please visit Council's website at www.elliston.sa.gov.au.

Please keep this in mind for when you are planning your New Year celebrations this year.

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON 

IS YOUR DOG AND CAT **MICRO CHIPPED?**

Having your animal microchipped ensures your animal can be easily identified and returned to the rightful owner when lost, stolen or strayed.



DC ELLISTON IS NOW OFFERING A MICROCHIP SERVICE

\$40 per dog or cat
\$30 concession card holders

IT'S THE LAW!

In South Australia it is compulsory for ALL dogs and cats to be microchipped. All dogs and cats in the District Council of Elliston must be registered in Dogs and Cats Online with the microchipping details.

Dogs and cats must be microchipped:
Before it is sold; or;
Before it reaches 12 weeks of age; or;
Within 28 days of an owner taking possession; or;
If a veterinarian has granted an extension of time, before the extension of time has expired.

Call to make an appointment time  **8687 9177** 21 Beach Tce ELLISTON

Getting to know your Councillors

Andrew Polkinghorne:

1. What is the greatest accomplishment of your life to date?
Setting up a viable farming business in the Lock district that provides for our family and that I have been able to pass onto the next generation.
2. What skill would you most like to learn?
To play the piano.
3. What do you do in your spare time?
Reading, looking at crops, fishing, travelling.
4. What is a talent that you have that most people wouldn't know about you?
I can fly fish.
5. What is your favourite music?
I have a wide variety of tastes in music, but have always liked The Rolling Stones.
6. Have you always lived at Lock, if no, where else have you lived?
I have lived at Buckleboo, Roseworthy, Geelong and USA.
7. What is your current occupation?
Farmer.
8. Do you live by any piece of advice or motto?
Have a go and don't die wondering.
9. What is the furthest place you have travelled to?
Anvik on the Yukon River in Alaska
10. What is something you have been thinking about lately?
Overseas travel next year and the implications of the war on Israel. Israel was one place I had planned to visit.
11. What is a perfect day for you?
Catching Yellow Fin off the beach at Arno Bay
12. What is one thing that instantly makes your day better?
Waking up
13. What are you most looking forward to?
Completing my overseas travel for my Churchill Fellowship where I will have the opportunity to study how farmers use fluid fertilizer on calcareous soils.
14. What is the best advice that you have ever received?
To make the most of your opportunities. Life is not a dress rehearsal.
15. What or who inspires you?
I get inspired by people who succeed against the odds. An example is Sir Winston Churchill but there are other local people who also inspire me, and they often keep a low profile.



Did you know?

Agendas and Minutes of Council Meetings can be found on the District Council of Elliston website under the heading 'Council Documents' at: www.elliston.sa.gov.au

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Kerbside collection over the summer break



Elliston, Bramfield, Sheringa, Port Kenny, Venus Bay

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



Lock

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

Recycling Week

National Recycling week is 13-19 November 2023. For some tips and further information on recycling visit <https://recyclingnearyou.com.au/nationalrecyclingweek>

Recycling

If we consider the following we will help to reduce our waste and improve our recycling:

- Making choices when considering purchases- can we buy the item secondhand, or can we buy the product that is made from recycled materials or that we can recycle after we have used it
- Is there a way you can utilise your food waste? -via composting or a worm farm- perhaps set one up between friends or neighbours
- Check product labels – follow Australasian recycling label on where to take the items to be recycled (remembering soft plastics currently go in the waste bin)
- Keep items in your recycle bin loose not in plastic bags
- Check Councils website for items that can go into your recycling bin, and only include accepted items as contaminated bins means the whole truck load ends up in land-fill