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District Council of Elliston Newsletter

Message from our Mayor

Council has been fortunate this year, in receiving grant funding from the Federal and State Government stimulus packages including winning \$861,227 toward the Elliston stormwater infrastructure and samphire wetlands upgrade.

A portion of the Federal Government Local Roads and Community Infrastructure funding has been reallocated to enable the renovation of the historic Elliston Council Chambers.

Thanks to the Minister for Environment and Water, Mr David Spiers, an amount of \$50,000 has been approved toward the replacement of the Staircase at Little Bay. This project will commence soon.

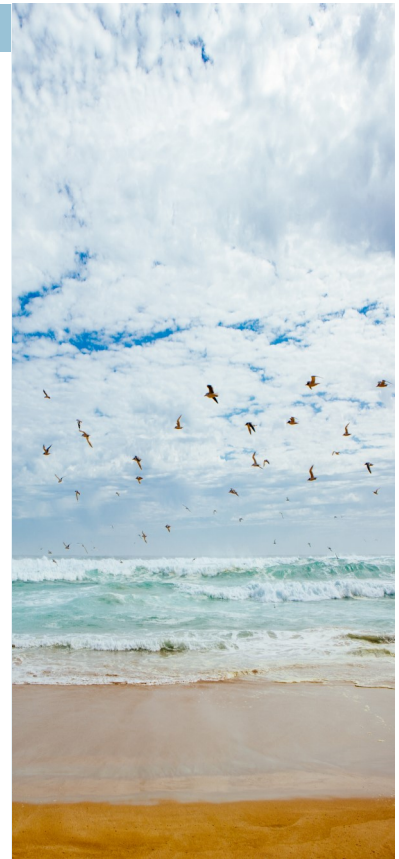
Elected Members and Council staff are currently preparing the 2021-2022 draft Annual Business Plan and Annual Budget with maintenance of 1000kms of sheeted and formed (rubble) roads and 70kms of sealed (bitumen) roads continuing to be a major focus. Further investigation is being undertaken on Council roads and discussion on proposed projects for the 2021-2022 financial year prior to release of the draft Annual Business Plan and Annual Budget, so public consultation has been deferred until after the next Council meeting.

The Lock Master Plan has now been adopted and is gathering momentum with the Lock Murdinga Tooligie Progress Association offering financial and in kind support toward the upgrade of Railway Terrace from South Terrace to Birdseye Highway.

Council has recently introduced an education program on cat registration, management and care.

For further information on cat management or any other matter of concern please contact the Council office.

Mayor Malcolm Hancock



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Mahatma Gandhi



Fire Access Track

A fire access track has been created at the top of Clementina Drive, Elliston connecting to Boords Beach Road to give the residents of this area a second option to leave in case of a bushfire.

Bushfire Ready

May is a good time to review your fire prevention measures and to plan any improvements.

Thank you

We would like to thank Kym & Caroline Gillett for the donation of a gate and gate posts at the Bramfield Cemetery.



ANZAC Day

Elliston's service at the war memorial was attended by approximately 100 people, consisting of both locals and tourists coming together. Les Williams attended to the flag. Wreaths were laid by a number of community groups and families with Councillor Kerry Williams laying the District Council of Elliston wreath. Caroline Gillett did an excellent job, once again, of leading the service and we also thank her for organising the event. Afterwards breakfast was available at the Elliston Hotel.



Lock's service was attended by approximately 40 people. The flag was attended to by Lisa Kammermann (this years Citizen of the Year). The Council wreath was laid by Deputy Mayor, Peter Hitchcock. Students laid wreaths on behalf of families who have historical connections to past wars. The Lock and District Services laid a wreath as well. The ode was read by David Beard. A breakfast cooked by Lock and District Services followed the service.



COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics

COVID-19 vaccinations are available for adults 50 years and older at both Lock and Elliston COVID-19 Vaccination clinics.

Elliston COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

Where: Elliston Sports Centre

When: Monday 10 and Tuesday 11 May

Times: 10am-6pm

Bookings

Book online (using Google Chrome): <https://healthengine.com.au/book-covid-19-vaccination/85052>

Or call: 1300 334 222

Please have an email address, mobile phone number and your Medicare card ready.

There are some walk-in slots available but you may have to wait.

If you have had a flu vaccination, you must wait 14 days before having a COVID-19 vaccination.

Lock COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

Where: Lock Health Centre

When: Tuesday 18 May

Times: 10am-6pm

Bookings

Book online (using Google Chrome): <https://healthengine.com.au/book-covid-19-vaccination/85054>

Or call: 1300 334 222

Please have an email address, mobile phone number and your Medicare card ready.

There are some walk-in slots available but you may have to wait.

If you have had a flu vaccination, you must wait 14 days before having a COVID-19 vaccination.

Information from Eyre and Far North Local Health Network,
Government of South Australia

Website: sahealth.sa.gov.au/eyreandfarnorthlhn

Ph: 8683 2200

Important Upcoming Dates

[18 May 2021-9.00am](#)

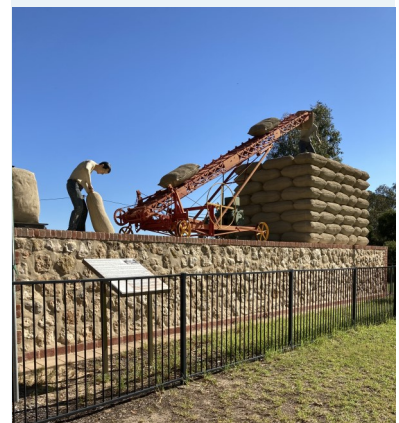
Ordinary Council Meeting

[15 June 2021-9.00am](#)

Ordinary Council Meeting

[20 July 2021-9.00am](#)

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When you register your cat's microchip you have the chance to win a \$70 voucher to spend in store or online at RSPCA Petville. Twenty prizes are drawn each month until 31st November 2021 or until all prizes are won. Enter online at: dogandcatboard.com.au/catprize or pick up an entry form at the Council Office.

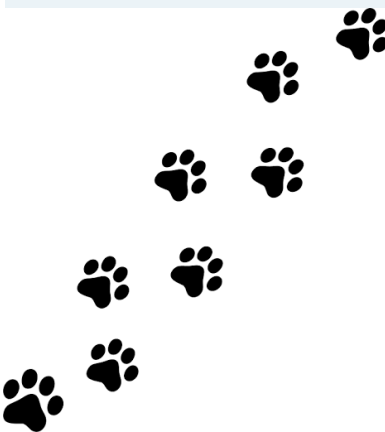
Responsible Cat Ownership

Did you realise that you need to register your cat? Registering a cat is **FREE** in the District Council of Elliston. It is a requirement by law to have your cat registered, microchipped and desexed (exemptions may apply). The way to register your cat is via www.dogsandcatsonline.com.au. If you have questions or need assistance registering your cat please call 8687 9177 or visit the Council office during business hours.

Microchipping your cat will make it easier to quickly reunite you with your pet in the event your pet becomes lost. If your cat is handed into council or to a vet the microchip can be scanned and the registration searched to be able to contact you so your pet can be returned to you. It is also therefore important to keep your contact details on www.dogsandcatsonline.com.au up-to-date. A collar with identification will also help get your cat returned to you, but collars can fall off. Microchipping is a permanent identification of your animal.

All cats in South Australia, born after July 2018 must be desexed by 6 months of age. Desexing your cat is a socially responsible thing to do for a number of reasons. It reduces territorial behaviour and helps control your cat's urge to wander. It reduces the likelihood of cancer and other diseases of the reproductive organs. It increases the likelihood of your cat enjoying a longer and happier life. It also eliminates unwanted litters of kittens. Kittens from as young as 4 months old can become pregnant. It is important you keep your kitten confined until it is desexed. Desexing can only be carried out by a qualified veterinary surgeon, and is a routine procedure performed under general anaesthetic.

It is reported by The University of Sydney in 2020, domestic roaming cats kill 390 million animals per year in Australia, including reptiles, birds, marsupials and mammals. That's a staggering average of 186 animals per roaming domestic cat each year. This does not include the impact of feral cats. While cats are brilliant mousers and do keep unwanted rodents at bay, their biggest impact, is on our native animals and unfortunately some species have become extinct due to cats. You can help reduce the impact your cat has on wildlife by desexing and keeping your cat in.



Responsible Cat Ownership

There are also a number of ways to keep your cat contained to your backyard. One solution is by providing an enclosed outdoor area. Cat enclosures can be as grand or as simple as you would like. Commercial enclosures are available too. In an enclosure, provide your cat with a warm dry bed, shelter from the wind and rain, and shade from the sun and access to fresh water and a place to toilet (away from where they are fed). They'll also enjoy having access to platforms at different heights and climbing structures. The size of your enclosure will depend on the number of cats you have and how they behave together. Allow at least 2 square metres of floor area for each cat and at least 2 metres of height.

Cat proof fencing is another way to contain your cat but gives complete access to your whole garden and/or property. Cat proof fencing can be DIY, or commercial products are available. Netting a fence with inward-facing overhangs (net barrier) can discourage your cat from leaving your property. There are also commercial fencing system products which install 'rollers' along the top of your existing fence. The 'rollers' rotate when your cat touches them which discourages them from jumping on the fence. Remove ledges, platforms and trellis near fencing and block gaps under and to the side of fencing to reduce the exit routes. These additions may also keep other cats from entering your garden.

Contrary to common belief, cats do not have to roam outdoors to be happy. If you keep your cat entertained by creating an interesting environment, which fulfils its physical, mental and social needs, it will be happy to stay entirely within the confines of your property. The advantages to keeping your cat confined to your property is the decreased risk to injury and infection from cat fights, being attacked by a dog and catching contagious diseases from other cats like Feline AIDS. Outdoor cats cause tremendous injury and death to wildlife as they instinctively like to hunt, even well fed cats. Cats that are used to being outside can adjust to inside life. Start by keeping them in at night, then gradually increase the time during the day. Find out more information and tips at <https://goodcatsa.com/keeping-your-cat-indoors>.

Need help with a cat or dog registration?

A staff member will be visiting your area soon for face to face assistance. A microchip scanner will be available on the day.

Elliston Community and Visitor Information Centre

Monday 17 May 2021
10am to 12 noon

Venus Bay General Store

Thursday 27 May 2021
10am to 11am

Port Kenny Hotel

Thursday 27 May 2021
11.15am to 12.15pm

Lock Library

Monday 31 May 2021
10am to 12 noon

For any further queries or information please call the Council office on 8687 9177.



Sculptures

Have you seen the sculptures that have been installed recently on the Clifftop Drive-last year's winners of the sculpture competition!

Argo by Ruth Gregor



Ocean Wanderer
by John Turpie



Osprey by Thomas
Tesselaar



Lock Revitalisation Workshop

Council was successful in obtaining grant funding through the PIRSA Connecting Drought Communities Events Grant Program. An event in Lock was held to “provide an occasion for the community to come together to review all the work done by community members, to identify the strengths, facilities and tourism opportunities and to map a way forward in becoming resilient and flexible during tough times”. Ray Smith, General Manager of the Shire of Bland in NSW facilitated the workshop. Around forty (40) people attended, including Member for Flinders Peter Treloar MP and guests were encouraged to brainstorm ways to revitalise Lock. The workshop was a great success with some excellent ideas proposed by the community members present. Our thanks to PIRSA for making this opportunity available.



2021 Meet and Greets

Meet and Greets were held in Port Kenny, Elliston and Lock in March with good attendances at each location. Mayor Malcolm Hancock hosts these evenings which he believes are a great way for Elected Members, Council staff and ratepayers to get together to chat about the issues important to the District. Thanks to all who attended!

Planning and Development Applications

Since July 2020 any planning and development applications in the District Council of Elliston area are required to be submitted through the new SA Planning Portal. All Councils in SA are now required to follow this procedure. The new SA Online Planning and Design Code that can assist you in your planning.

The SA Planning Portal is at www.plan.sa.gov.au. You can utilise the Approval Wizard to find out if you need to get approval for what you are proposing to do. There are “how to” guides and factsheets available on the website as well as a video that describes how to use the new SA Online Planning and Design Code.

The SA Online Planning and Design Code is also located on the Portal or can be found at <https://code.plan.sa.gov.au>. You can use the online Code to see rules that apply to your development proposal and possible assessment pathways to approval. When you are ready to lodge your development application via the Portal you will need digital copies of your:

- Certificate of Title
- Site Plans
- Structural Plans
- Engineering Plans

ready to upload.

The first step is to register on the Portal and your email address will become the main method of contact for any communication about the progress of your application. You will be asked to log into the Portal to gain access to any communication. Any payments required through the different stages of your application should be made through the Portal and credit card is the only payment method available.

If you have a question, need to request an amendment to a submitted development application or require support relating to PlanSA and the planning system you can contact PlanSA on 1800 752 664 or PlanSA@sa.gov.au.

Port Kenny Playground and Picnic Area

The new replacement playground has been completed, the new shade is up, and the new replacement barbecue has been installed. Come and have a look.



Elliston Customer Service Centre In-house Recycling

At the Elliston Council office we are always eager to look for new ways to decrease our carbon footprint. As an office group, we are dedicated to reducing the amount of rubbish that we put out for waste collection. We have always utilised the recycling bins. Now a special focus is on our kitchen/lunch areas. We have added:

- A separate bin for 10c deposit (soft drink bottles etc.)
- A “REDcycle” bag has been hung to collect soft plastics. This is emptied when someone is driving to Port Lincoln
- We are now collecting our food waste and adding this to staff personal compost bins, worm farms and chicken runs
- Where feasible, recycled materials i.e. office paper etc. are purchased instead of unrecycled materials for office supplies
- Each desk has its own red and yellow bin so individuals are responsible for their own waste

We have noticed a huge reduction in our general waste bin. The compost bins and worm farms are powering. It’s great to see small changes in our practises making a difference to landfill.

Food Waste

Do you think about your food waste as a resource? Have you considered that it can be food for your garden and worms? Composting and worm farms are a way we can turn this into a resource that can go back on to feed your garden. I’m sure many of you already have either a compost bin or worm farm but if not it might be something to consider, even sharing one with your neighbour. It is a way we can utilise a resource instead of it becoming waste and ending up in landfill.

Staff member Sam Agars has set up both and has learnt lots in the past couple of months. “The worm farm began with a rocky start but the worms are loving the scraps that I give them. I can see that they are thriving by the numbers that wriggle down away from the light when I lift the lid to feed them. I’d be happy to share my experience if you want to have a go. I’m not an expert, I’m just learning through online research, books, talking to others and much trial and error”.



Staff Update

Michael Greig has started work at Lock, working with Robert Fletcher and Kym Tiller.

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.

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