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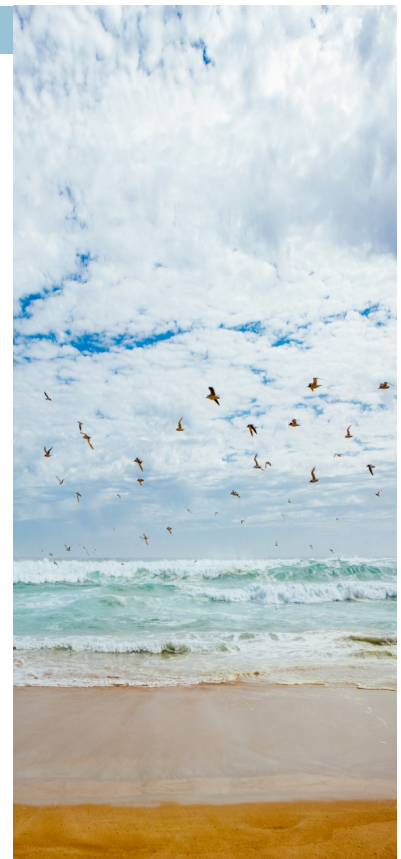
Message from the Mayor

I welcome our new Chief Executive Officer Nikki Becker and her husband Darren to our community. Nikki brings a wealth of experience to Council and I look forward to working with Nikki in collaboration with the Elected Members and Council staff over the coming years.

It was an honour to lay a wreath on behalf of Council at the Elliston Anzac Day service which was once again extremely well co-ordinated by Caroline Gillett and her dedicated group. A service was also held in Lock and the wreath laid by Cr Michael Zerk.

Council is currently considering the 2023-2024 budget allocations. The cut-off date for budget submissions is 12 May and following further discussions, Council will formally adopt the 2023-2024 budget at its June meeting.

Mayor
Andrew McLeod



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Important Upcoming Dates

[16 May 2023 - 9.00am](#)
Ordinary Council Meeting

[20 June 2023 - 9.00am](#)
Ordinary Council Meeting

[18 July 2023 - 9.00am](#)
Ordinary Council Meeting

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.

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

ANZAC Day Elliston and Lock

The Elliston ANZAC service held at the RSL Memorial cenotaph at 7.00am was very well attended with approximately 120 people, including many visitors to Elliston. Caroline and Kym Gillett conducted the service, Brevet Sergeant Ashley Traeger attended to the flag protocol and Sam Agars read the ode. Wreaths were laid by RSL sub-branch members, District Council, Elliston Police, Elliston SACWA, Elliston Kindergarten, Mens Shed, Elliston School, while many individuals placed poppies and rosemary in remembrance too. Afterwards a tasty egg and bacon breakfast was held in the Trudinger Park cooked by local volunteers for those wishing to attend.



At the 7.00am Lock Anzac Day Service Sylvy Dolphin welcomed around 70 attendees (including a group from the caravan park). Michael Zacher shared the reading followed by the address from Malcolm Hancock. Wreaths laid were from District Council, Sgt Albert Lock, Lock SACWA, Immanuel School, with floral tributes from family and friends, including a number of children (some very young), which was stirring to see. Local serviceman Mark Siviour recited the ode and led the time of remembrance. All attendees then moved to the hall supper room with tables adorned with rosemary and knitted poppies (from the Lock Craft Group). Local service group LADS then provided (as they do every year) a wonderful cooked breakfast, which was much enjoyed by all attending. Thank you to Sylvy Dolphin and Lisa Kammermann for the account and photographs of the Lock service.



New CEO

We welcome Nikki Becker and her husband Darren to the Elliston District. Nikki is Council's new CEO and we are excited to have her on board. Nikki and Darren have a 19 year old son Noah, who has stayed in Adelaide, but is looking forward to visiting so he can go fishing. Nikki is keen for the community and Council to work together to continue to improve our District for the future and wants community members to feel encouraged to share any great ideas you may have for strengthening our District that Council may be able to assist with. Raised on the Eyre Peninsula, but having spent time working in Adelaide, Nikki has missed the sea water and beautiful coastlines we are known for, so you will often find Nikki and Darren walking their elderly dog Floyd along the front beach. Please come up and say hello.

Pigeon Control

Pigeons continue to be a big problem in Elliston. Council is continuing to run a program to reduce the numbers, however Council is also asking for the support of surrounding property owners to undertake control measures if they are not already doing so. Council hopes with a combined effort it will have more of an effect on the numbers. We thank you for your assistance.

By-Laws

Council by-laws are made taking into account the Council's current needs, community views and changes that have been made to the law.

As of 27 February 2023, the below by-laws came into force:

- Permits and Penalties By-Law No. 1 of 2022
- Local Government Land By-Law No. 2 of 2022
- Roads By-Law No. 3 of 2022
- Moveable Signs By-Law No. 4 of 2022
- Dogs By-Law No. 5 of 2022
- Caravans and Camping By-Law No. 6 of 2022
- Cats By-Law No. 7 of 2022

For further information please see the website:

<https://www.elliston.sa.gov.au/council-documents/by-laws>

Farewell Geoff

We said farewell to CEO Geoff Sheridan on Friday 10 March. We thank Geoff for all that he contributed to in the District Council of Elliston for the four years that he was here. We wish him well in his new position at Coober Pedy.



Farewell Fletch

After 19 years at the Council we say goodbye to Robert Fletcher who has been the Leading Hand in Lock. We thank him for his dedicated service in the Lock area as well as for his volunteering in many different areas throughout this time. He will be a big loss to our team and very much missed. We wish him well in his retirement to Adelaide with his family.



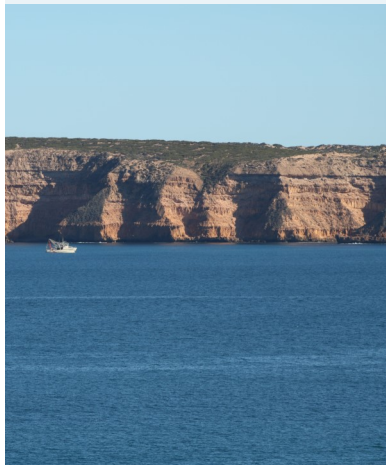
Bushfire Ready

Now is a good time to review your fire prevention measures and add in any improvements.

It is also an opportunity to remove undergrowth and dead vegetation as well as protecting your fire fighting equipment from inclement weather over the winter months.

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.



Lock Aquatic and Fitness Complex

District Council of Elliston is delighted to announce the redevelopment of the Lock Aquatic and Fitness Complex.

In the recent Lock Master Plan, upgrading of the town's infrastructure, including the Lock Pool facilities was identified as a priority for the community.

Council engaged Penna Planning and Design to implement ideas raised by the Lock Pool and Gym Committees and prepare concept plans for a multi-purpose complex. Following the presentation and acceptance of the concept plans, final designs were prepared and planning and building approvals gained.

Funding for the project was then sought and gained through the Federal and State Governments and a generous contribution from the Lock Murdinga Tooligie Progress Association.

On site works commenced 3 April 2023 with a current completion date of 1 February 2024. It is anticipated that an official opening of the Complex will be held in February 2024.

Council would like to thank the following for their contribution to the project:

- Office of Recreation, Sport and Racing
- Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts
- Lock Murdinga Tooligie Progress Association
- Lock and District Swimming Pool Committee
- Lock Gym Committee
- Penna Planning and Design – Project Administrator
- PT Design (Structural Engineers)
- Di Harris Consulting
- Stotty's Building
- Rex Mooney – RMBAS
- Geoff Sheridan—Council CEO to March 2023
- Nikki Becker – Council CEO
- Karen Quinn – Council Deputy CEO
- Jill Leonard – Executive Assistant
- Lucy Patton – WHS and Risk Coordinator

Also a very special thanks to Graham Spiers, Robert Fletcher and Scott Young for their volunteer efforts over many years maintaining the pool and surrounds.

Tim Mills
Project Manager



A walk can work wonders

Let's do 10 minutes a day to start with, that's a short walk. I'm going to take up the challenge, will you join me?

How many different routes can you find that take just 10 minutes? Let's see if we can spot each other on our walks. Or do you have someone in your area you can walk with or say hello to on your walk?

I know it is coming into winter which often means we are less inclined to go out in the cold but Wellbeing SA has some tips for us:

- Wear layers of clothes including a wind proof outer layer so that you are protected from the cold
- Wear a beanie and gloves to keep your extremities warm as heat escapes quickly through your ears, head and hands
- Wear comfortable walking shoes
- Try listening to a podcast or audiobook, some music or ring someone for a catch-up chat while you walk to change things up
- Try walking at lunch-time if it is too cold in the mornings and evenings

For other tips head to the Wellbeing SA website:
<https://www.wellbeingsa.sa.gov.au/awalkcanworkwonders>

I hope to see you out there.
 Sam Agars

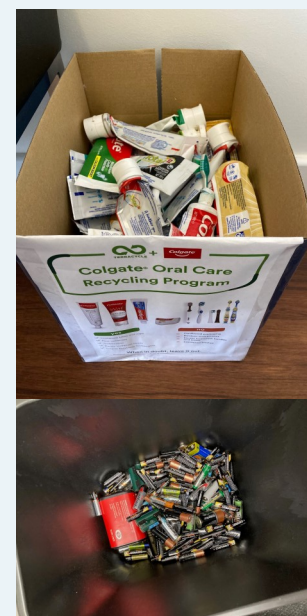
Recycling

We wanted to highlight some of the recycling that has been occurring in our District and to thank everyone for participating as every little bit helps.

Through the DrumMUSTER program during 2022 there were 2,323 drums that were recycled across the District.

During March and April this year 9kg of household batteries have been recycled through containers at the Elliston Post Office & Council office.

Currently we have 2kg of oral care products at the Elliston Council office ready to be recycled.



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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



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Responsible dog ownership and wandering dogs

Owning a pet is great fun, but is something that requires a lot of time, love and responsibility. Much of being a responsible pet owner is understanding your pet's needs and being aware of community's expectations about responsible pet management. As an animal owner, it is your responsibility to provide for your animal's general welfare, as a matter of priority. Part of being a responsible animal owner is to respect the needs of non-animal owners in the community.

It is against the law to let your dog wander on its own outside your property.

Allowing your dog to wander can place it at risk of being lost, stolen, attacked or involved in an accident. It can also create problems for your neighbours who are entitled to enjoy their private space without your dog entering their property and possibly causing damage, creating a nuisance, defecating or chasing their animals.

If your dog is in a public place or private place without consent of the owner and it is not under effective control of someone, it is considered to be 'wandering at large'. This is an offence under the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 and, as such, the registered owner is liable for expiation fees or a fine.

Wandering dogs are more likely to be involved in a dog attack. Dog attacks are often caused by dogs wandering in the street or rushing out from poorly fenced properties. The best way to keep your dog secure is with a fence that it cannot dig under, push through or jump over. Keep your gates closed and locked to make sure visitors cannot accidentally let your dog out.

If your dog enters someone else's property and they ask you to stop your dog from doing so, you must take action.

Some dogs could benefit from obedience, puppy school training. Learning basic commands can give an owner better control. The dog is mentally stimulated which is as important as physical exercise.

Please respect your neighbours and be a responsible animal owner.

Can't afford to desex your cat or dog?



National Desexing Network, District Council of Elliston and participating vets are here to help those in need.

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ELLISTON NDN COOPERATIVE DESEXING PROGRAM*

ALL CATS \$50
SMALL DOGS 0-10KG \$60
MEDIUM DOGS 11-25KG \$70
LARGE DOGS 26-40KG \$90
X LARGE DOGS OVER 40KG \$100

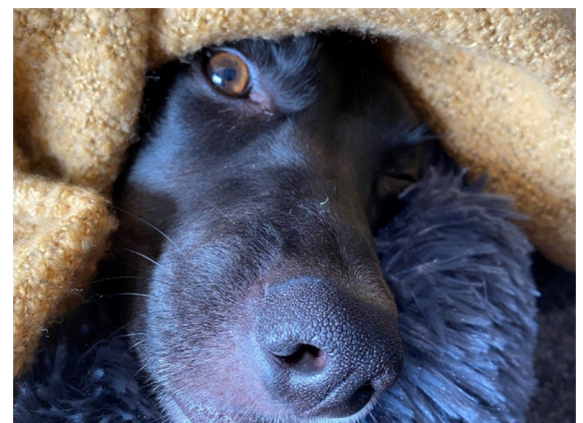
Call: 1300 368 992

Please leave a message if needed and your call will be returned

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MEDIA RELEASE

SA Ambulance Service



Will you answer the call? Join the Cleve or Elliston Volunteer Ambulance Team today.

SA Ambulance Service has launched its recruitment campaign *Answer the Call* and is looking for more volunteers in your region.

More than 1200 volunteers provide ambulance services in 80 locations across the state, including at Cleve and Elliston.

The Cleve and Elliston volunteer teams respond to the community for chest pain, breathing problems or pre-existing medical conditions, and on occasion, trauma cases.

Central Eyre Peninsula Regional Team Leader Campbell Forsyth said volunteers nominated themselves on the roster when it suited them.

"We train regularly so volunteers are always prepared to answer the call when it comes," Campbell said.

"Cleve and Elliston teams are both hard working small teams supporting their communities. They would welcome any new recruits," Campbell said.

Volunteers gain experience and nationally-recognised qualifications in pre-hospital care, meet new people and support their communities.

New recruits do a combination of online and face-to-face training, and are always paired with a qualified officer while on a call.

"SAAS provides training, uniform and reimburses out of pocket costs such as travel and childcare," Campbell said.

"Some of our people have gone onto careers in health, in a variety of positions, after receiving an insight into the sector through volunteering for SAAS," he said.

A fully qualified volunteer Ambulance Officer is awarded a Certificate IV in Healthcare once their training is complete.

Volunteers and their families also receive free Ambulance Cover whilst volunteering for their communities with SAAS.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please feel free to give Regional Team Leader Campbell Forsyth a call on 0429 678 250 or head to saasvolunteer.sa.gov.au.

Get to know your ambulance service, visit SA Ambulance Service on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter.

