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Welcome to the first edition of Focus for 2020. I hope you all had a Christmas shared happily with family and friends. Unfortunately as the year began, the Adelaide Hills, Kangaroo Island and south eastern Australia were devastated by catastrophic bushfires that tragically caused loss of human life, massive property damage and the loss of wildlife and habitat. At our first meeting of council, we honoured those who lost their lives with a minute's silence.

Thank you to our Burnside CFS, many of our staff and everyone who helped with the firefighting and recovery. Thank you to those who donated money, time and goods to support those who lost their homes and their livelihoods. Many volunteers helped with wildlife recovery and our staff provided a truck load of leaves for the local Adelaide Koala Rescue Centre operating from the Paradise Primary School. Even teddy bears were donated to become foster parents for koalas. Your kindness and generosity continues to support our friends and neighbours.

Our new CEO, Chris Cowley, commenced on 13 January and Elected Members and staff have welcomed him to his new role. He has a focus on community needs and we all look forward to continuing to support him in this critical role, as our City is steered into the future. It has not taken him long to develop an understanding of the operations and strategic direction of this council.

On January 26 we celebrated Australia Day in Hazelwood Park. As proud Australians, we acknowledged the traditional owners, remembered our pioneers, recognised our heroes and welcomed our City's new citizens. Respect, reflect and celebrate were the critical themes of the Australia Day Council this year and my speech focused on the multicultural nature of this country and its people. Just under 100 people became new citizens and two senior citizens were awarded for their long-term devotion to this community. Citizen of the Year was Peg Bennetts and Volunteer of the Year was Bryan Draper. Both are volunteers in the Community Centre and Library and collectively they have tirelessly served this community for nearly 50 years. They epitomise in their dedication and service the qualities of our fantastic volunteers. I was proud to be part of this opportunity for families and the community to come together and celebrate life in this wonderful country.

The importance of preserving our urban tree canopy cannot be underestimated. Over the past 10 years we have lost canopy cover and in February, Council reviewed its Canopy Action Plan. This review ensured that we continue to focus on the retention and replanting of trees to help cool the environment, maintain air quality and provide habitat for wildlife. Over the last 12 months, Council has continued the delivery of the community volunteer urban forestry program, titled 'Urban Foresters', and delivered a heat map as part of the Resilient East Group, to help direct future Urban Forest management. This has included the completion of a canopy cover baseline assessment for all suburbs to establish a measure of canopy land cover change across the City. I draw your attention to our Urban Forest Interactive website, which is an important educational source of information. The website is the first of its kind in South Australia and one of only a few of its kind in the world. Burnside also plans to celebrate National Tree Day later this year.

In February, the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) along with the Arbor Day Foundation recognised Burnside with a Tree Cities of the World designation. Along with Mitcham and Unley, we are the first cities in Australia to be provided with this important recognition for meeting high standards in the care and planting of urban trees and forests. This is a remarkable achievement for this Council in our ongoing efforts towards climate change mitigation and environmental management. I sincerely thank all involved in the nomination and planning processes and who ensure the history and vision for the development of the City of Burnside is preserved and developed. After all, our logo is a tree and trees are the lungs of the earth.

Momentum has continued on the State Planning Reforms and our campaign to try to ensure adequate protection provisions are in place for our City. We have listened to community concerns and in mid-February, Council submitted an official response to the State Planning Commission and the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure outlining and reiterating our concerns with its content and reinforcing the need to protect our heritage and character, prevent damaging urban infill and ensure tree coverage. These reforms are due to become operative on July 1 this year. I urge you to continue to familiarise yourselves with the potential impact of these reforms and communicate your concerns and questions with your Ward Councillors.

By the time you read this, our eagerly anticipated and long awaited temporary pump track will be in place at the Civic Centre as part of the 12 month trial adopted by Council in late 2019. Three other locations will be used during the trial, each one being placed for two to three months at a time.

I encourage you to spread the word of this exciting initiative for our young people and 'come and try' and enjoy the activity space. Aside from providing a unique social hub for our community, opportunities exist for healthy exercise and fun. Let your Elected Members know of your experiences at these different locations.

2020 is not only the start of a new decade, and the Year of the Rat, but it is also presenting itself as a year of great excitement and challenge as we develop our Council's new Strategic Plan. Thank you to all those who completed the survey form and returned it to us so we could hear what you had to say. Please continue to interact with your Council, through direct contact with your Elected Members, staff and volunteers, or by coming to or viewing our Council meetings online. I am also always available to chat with you about any matter.

Anne Monceaux Mayor



ceo's message

Dear residents and ratepayers

Welcome to the latest edition of Focus. It is a privilege to have been appointed to the role of Chief Executive Officer of the City of Burnside, one of the best places in South Australia to live, work and play and a pre-eminent provider of Council and community services. I come to this position after spending time as CEO of the City of Whyalla and within other local government organisations interstate, and I look forward to working with the dedicated body of Elected Members and Council staff to continue to deliver, develop and enhance the quality services and portfolio of offerings we provide. I want to ensure a solid and genuine level of community involvement, engagement, and empowerment by our Council. Our Council is elected to serve and represent our community and it is only with real community engagement that we can do our jobs effectively.

I have a passion for the work executed by this sector and the true grass roots nature of relationships we engage in and believe that we need to always look to better ways to partner and communicate with you as our stakeholders. My vision is for Burnside to continue to be a leader in its field; an innovative, customer focused and responsive council, acknowledging its rich history and driving best practice provision of services. It is also important for us to prioritise areas of key need, determine areas where review may be required and ensure that the most at need individuals and communities don't go under the radar.

There are many challenges in leading any local government organisation and we are not immune from the challenges our peers face and the need to be nimble, flexible and responsive to change, particularly in an era of significant reform, but I firmly believe I have joined an organisation that has the dedication to a critical 'vocation of service' from both staff, Elected Members and volunteers. I am optimistic that

together, with the community at large, we can achieve the outcomes that we want. Similarly there is no doubt that our Council, like others, is continuously challenged to achieve solid financial results and exercise prudent management and accountability in this regard. I take our responsibility to provide wise stewardship of public resources and funds seriously.

This newsletter is one of our avenues of reaching out to you and an opportunity to showcase a number of our exciting projects and initiatives over the year. I am also keen to hear your views on how we can better interact, promote and partner with you through not only this publication but other mechanisms. Please feel free to contact my office at any time. As a Council, we have the capacity, and an obligation, to listen deeply to the community, plan carefully and deliver cleverly. The basis of all we do is to grow strong and vibrant communities through respectful and responsible relationships; putting you – the community – at the centre of all we do.

We have an exciting year ahead of us and I see 2020 as a year of great opportunities for our City. You will see an increased focus on environmental management and sustainability, early seeds being sown on our pledge and commitment to work toward a reconciliation action plan, the launch of our Conyngham Street facility, rotation of the pump track youth facility throughout the area and development of our Strategic Management Plan and associated strategies to guide the future of this great City and deliver even better outcomes for you as our community. This is only a small handful of the work to be done.

I am excited to see Burnside continue to evolve, building on its vibrant existing character towards a prosperous and creative future. I look forward to working with you all.

Chris Cowley Chief Executive Officer

tree cities of the world



The City of Burnside receives Tree Cities of the World designation

The Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) along with the Arbor Day Foundation has recognised Burnside with 'Tree Cities of the World' designation. The international program celebrates cities across all continents that meet core standards for the care and planning of urban trees and forests.

To achieve recognition, Burnside met the five core standards, establish responsibility, set the rules, know what you have, allocate the resources and celebrate achievements.

"The Tree Cities of the World program recognises the efforts cities take toward greener, healthier communities," said Hiroto Mitsugi, assistant director general, Forestry Department, FAO. "The most successful urban landscapes are those that have factored trees into the plan. We applaud Burnside's work to plant and care for its urban trees."

"Burnside joins cities around the world that have taken steps toward robust and healthy city forests," said Dan Lambe, president, Arbor Day Foundation. "Trees clean our air and water, provide shade, and beautify the places we live and work. This designation signifies Burnside's commitment to being a healthier, happier city."

Burnside Mayor Anne Monceaux said this outcome was another milestone moment for Council in their efforts towards climate change mitigation and environmental management and associated initiatives, following the climate emergency declared in 2019.

"Burnside joins cities such as London, Paris and New York," Mayor Monceaux said. "We can always do more, and this latest announcement, a true privilege, complements our other sound programs including switching to LED street lighting, renewable power,

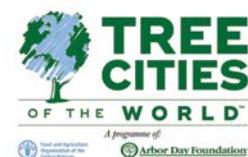
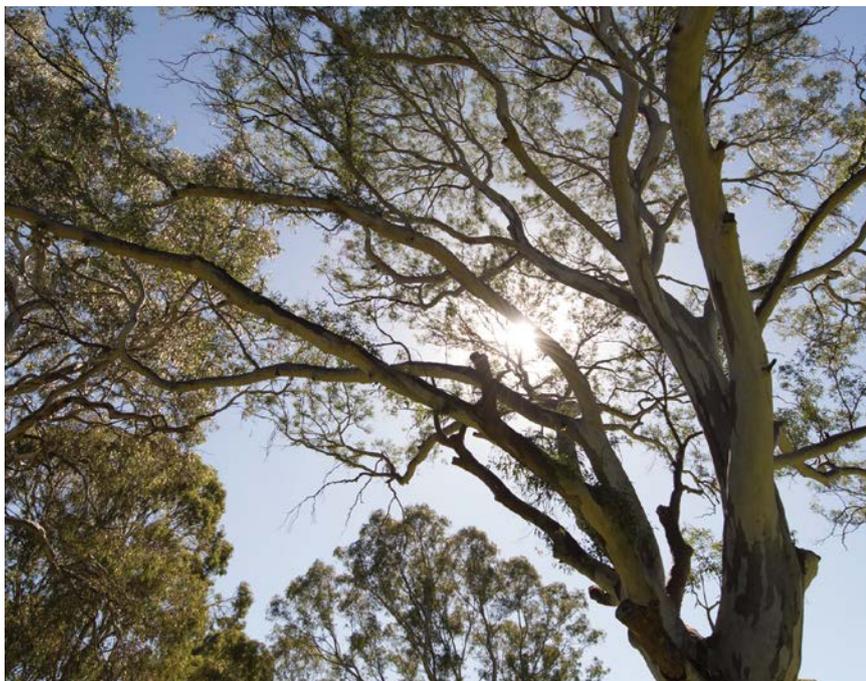
biodiversity programs, waste education and campaigns and the urban forest interactive website."

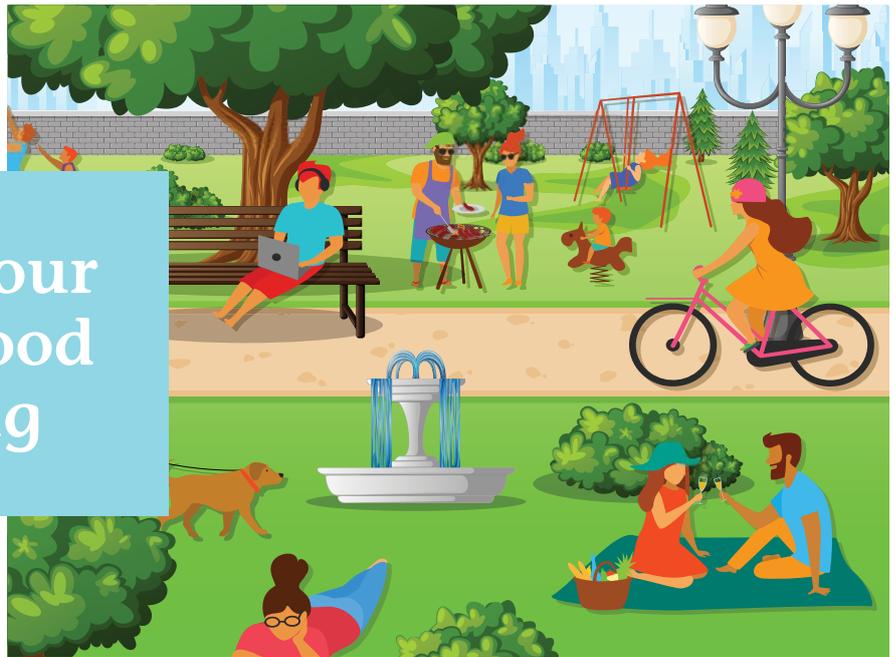
"Trees are the lungs of our planet and are vital to sustaining life on earth; playing a critical part in our own City but of course the global ecosystem."

"We are proud of our history and the retention of trees as well as our dedication to the planting of them in parks, on verges, and in the hills face reserves, coupled with educating our community on their benefits and preservation."

The symbol of Burnside Council is a tree – truly reflecting the part they play in our daily lives and across all of council operations.

Mayor Monceaux said Burnside's Urban Forest makes our City one of the most desirable places to live in SA and this announcement further builds on our platform to provide education and information to the local community so they understand the management of the urban forest.





winners of Your Neighbourhood Budget voting

Winning projects announced

Council sought nominations from the community for projects to be completed in the City of Burnside. Creative ideas were submitted as part of this consultation.

The community were invited to vote for the projects that they would like to see funded, with the option to allocate any leftover funds to any of the projects.

The projects which received the highest number of votes and will be funded are (in order):

- Air conditioning at Dulwich Community Centre.
- Water for native animals at The Common.
- Solar powered lighting in Conyngham Street Dog Park.*
- Shelter in Tusmore Park.
- Paving in Conyngham Street Dog Park.*

* These will be installed and maintained by Council subject to approval of the State Government who own the land.

The next round of projects opens

Every year the community contributes to the creation of Council's business plan and budget via the Annual Community Survey (in November) and the Annual Business Plan and Budget engagement process (in May). Have your say on the 2020/21 budget later this year.

Your Neighbourhood Budget is another chance for the community to direct how funds are spent. The community nominates projects and decides which projects are funded.

\$40,000 is available to spend on projects in your neighbourhood. Council seeks nominations from the community for projects to be completed in the City of Burnside.

The community will decide which projects will be installed, maintained or run by Council on community land such as parks, reserves, road verges and community centres in the City of Burnside.

Applications now open

We encourage you to have a look through the projects and vote for your favourites at engage.burnside.sa.gov.au. The community decides which projects will be funded!

Applications open	Monday 2 March 2020
Applications close	Thursday 9 April 2020
Voting opens	Monday 18 May 2020
Voting closes	Friday 26 June 2020

Winning projects announced on engage.burnside.sa.gov.au Monday 13 July 2020.



councils pull together to assist with fire management

Andrew Strauss has had 14 years' experience as a CFS volunteer and 33 years with local Councils. He has worked for Burnside Council as City Coordinator for 8 years. He needed to use all those skills and experience when called to assist in the management of the Cudlee Creek and Kangaroo Island fires. Andrew was Local Government Liaison Officer for the Local Government Functional Support Group (LGFSG) based at Mt Barker, from Friday 20 December – when the fire started – through to 30 December.

Under the State Emergency Management Plan, the LGFSG is responsible for coordinating the response from councils during emergencies, as well as efforts during the recovery phase.

The LGFSG has been very active over the past two months, working around the clock with councils to help the CFS and other agencies respond to, and recover from, the bushfires that have swept across our State.

Andrew played a pivotal role in assisting multiple agencies by allocating resources and identifying appropriate field staff. "It was important that all the agencies involved knew where and how to get extra resources they needed," said Andrew. "My role was to delegate tasks to the appropriate agency or, if a council task, to allocate staff and equipment." So when the CFS wanted to hold a community meeting it was Andrew who liaised with the local council to hire a venue. "It was like a bigger scale of my day-to-day job but with the added pressure of knowing people's lives and properties had been lost." Andrew also ensured a local council staff member was in the field with teams that had come to assist from other councils so they could use their local knowledge.

Eleven councils from across SA assisted with the Cudlee Creek fire in the Adelaide Hills region, and 12 helped on Kangaroo Island.

This support came not only from metropolitan areas but also small regional councils, who sent the limited staff and resources they had available.

One of the big tasks to be done was to assess all the burnt and damaged trees to ensure they were safe or needed to be removed. Councils around the state pulled together and provided teams of arborists to inspect a huge number of damaged trees.

Chris Hawkins led the Burnside team, which was allocated several large streets at Harrogate, two days before Christmas.

Chris had been one of the first arborists on scene after the 2015 Sampson Flat fire and drew on that experience. "Assessing trees which have suffered through a bushfire requires a different skill and experience level," says Chris. "Fire can burn underground in the roots of trees for several metres." Chris and his team inspected thousands of trees to assess if they needed removal, were safe or needed ongoing monitoring. "The basic rule was – if there's smoke, it (the tree) goes!"

Council Program

Council looks after 130 hectares of Hills Face reserves and 28 km of roadsides. Council brush cuts 48 ha of grassland annually before the fire danger season. Land management runs throughout the year reducing noxious plants and woody weed such as olives. These are very flammable and present an ongoing fire risk. It is important to keep ground level fuel loads to a minimum.

Managing our biodiversity sites means preserving indigenous species while reducing fuel loads. Council does fuel reduction of 11.5 ha of native vegetation each year. This is equivalent to a total of more than 650,000 m² of fuel reduction which equals 932 average house blocks.

Below:

An example of poor fuel control, infested with woody weeds (feral olives) and long dry grass.



Below:

Good fuel control. Remnant Eucalyptus porosa woodland – note brushcut dryland and native grass, and no woody weeds.



They assessed the trees' structure including signs of burning underground which will impact the trees roots and stability. On the first day Chris and his team identified more than 20 large eucalypts which required removal – after that they stopped counting! But they did save as many trees as possible.

"It was hot and tiring work. I'm asthmatic so the smoke was a problem for me," he said. But even more distressing for Chris were the numbers of dead wildlife he came across. "We saw lots of dead wildlife, the loss was devastating."

A week after Christmas Andrew got a call from the Local Government State Duty Officer. The Kangaroo Island fire was out of control and

Andrew was needed there as Local Government Planner to assist the Incident Management Team.

"It was a challenging time," he says. "The speed of the fire was frightening and the remoteness of the island meant communications were not always the best. There were times when I wasn't sure where all the crews were."

Over five days Andrew clocked up more than 80 hours in the field. But he does not want extra pay or time off. "That was my duty," he says. "It was my contribution and was a great experience for me. I am better trained and have even more experience for the next time." Let's hope 'the next time' is a long way off.



Resident Responsibilities

Keeping your home and property well prepared throughout the year is essential to ensure you survive a bushfire.

A well prepared home is more likely to survive a bushfire than one that hasn't been prepared because it can be easier for you or firefighters to defend; is more likely to

survive, even if you're not there; is less likely to put your neighbours' homes at risk and will give you more protection if a fire threatens suddenly and you cannot leave and have to take shelter. Reducing the amount of vegetation on a property is one of the most critical components of preparing for bushfires.

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#rideburnside Locations

Come and try the new mobile pump track which will be at various locations throughout 2020.

BYO bikes, skateboards, roller skates, scooters. Some equipment is not suitable for use (3 wheels, go-karts, motorised equipment, bikes with training wheels). Protective gear and helmet must be worn.

Contact 8366 4200 with feedback, queries or to report damage. Contact 000 in the event of injury.

Civic Centre (4 months)	24 Feb – 15 Jun 2020
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Newland Park (3 months)	15 Jun – 14 Sept 2020
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Miller Reserve (2.5 months)	14 Sept – 30 Nov 2020
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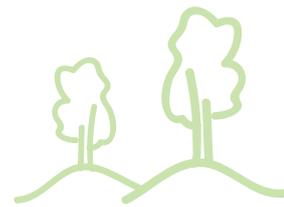
Kensington Park Reserve (2.5 months)	30 Nov 2020 – 22 Feb 2021
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Water for Wildlife

Many local wildlife species, including koalas, possums, magpies and parrots, inhabit parks and gardens in Burnside.

Providing water in your garden can assist them during heatwaves, but make sure you do it right:

- Use the right device: a flat tray on the ground for koalas, a birdbath for birds, or a shallow bowl for a bluetongue lizard.
- Location, location, location: water should be shaded and inaccessible to pets to avoid contamination, disease or injury.
- Keep it clean: watering stations must be cleaned daily to reduce disease risks.
- Safety first: do not create a drowning hazard for children, include an escape ladder (stick) for small animals, and wash your hands after handling.
- Only when it's hot and dry: permanent drinking stations can attract predators, like cats and foxes, so only provide water when it's needed (eg over 35 degrees).



Tree Assistance Fund

The City of Burnside is renowned for its landscape of significant trees, and as such, Council has resolved to set aside funds for the operation of the Regulated and Significant Tree Assistance Scheme.

Following a successful application to Council, a reimbursement of up to 50 per cent of the work, capped at \$1,000 per tree, will be made in relation to pre-approved works.

Starting in March, the native tree giveaway program commences. Check out the website for further details and stay tuned for a story in the winter Focus. burnside.sa.gov.au/Environment-Sustainability/Trees/Tree-Assistance-Fund



Support for Seniors

If you are over 65 you may be eligible for some extra services to help you stay independent at home. Support is available to assist you with your shopping, to accompany you to an appointment or to go on a social outing such as visiting a café for a coffee and a chat.

If you are a carer we can provide respite to allow you to have a break from your caring role. We also provide assistance around the home such as basic gardening, gutter cleaning, changing light globes or smoke alarm batteries.

Please call us on 8366 4193 for more information.



Constable Hyde Memorial Garden

The second stage of the Constable Hyde Memorial Garden redevelopment was completed in December 2019, resulting in a space that is inviting, easily accessible and well connected to the first stage of works.

The recently completed works have resulted in a plaza with permeable paving, 12 new Ginkgo Biloba trees, seating and two small lawn areas. The memorial tree and a number of Lilly Pilly trees have been retained. This space connects to the large lawn area and play space which were completed in March 2019. Council is now considering a new memorial piece for Constable Hyde.



Community Grants Program

Applications are open for the City of Burnside Community Grants Program for 2020/21 and close 5 pm Monday 23 March 2020.

Applications are invited in two categories:

Mid-Level (\$2,500–\$10,000)

Minor-Level (up to \$2,500)

Quick Response Grants (up to \$500) are open all year round (until funds are exhausted).

Find out more and how to apply at

www.burnside.sa.gov.au/Latest-News/Homepage-Latest-News/Community-Grants-Program-202021

What does the future of the Civic Centre look like?

The Burnside Civic Centre site is the most significant community service centre, facility hub and asset of the City of Burnside.

Located at the corner of Greenhill and Portrush Roads, the Centre is the main administrative and service centre for the Council. The 15,900m² site includes: Council Chambers, Burnside Library and Community Centre, Burnside Ballroom, staff offices, a café, gardens and car parking.

One role of Council is to ensure that its assets and services are being used in a way that delivers the best community value and responds to changing community needs and aspirations. To this end Council is wanting to understand from the community if the Burnside Civic Centre site is being used in the best way, and are there ways through which the value it provides to the community can be increased?



Council is seeking feedback from our community to understand:

- How the community currently uses the Civic Centre site.
- What does the community value about their experience at the Civic Centre and why?
- What would the community like to do or see at the Civic Centre site in the future?

The results of this engagement will be used to inform future service and facility reviews and projects at the site.

Now is your chance to have input on the future uses of the Civic Centre. Go to engage.burnside.sa.gov.au to have your say.

library of things

Why buy when you can borrow?

The Burnside Library is considering establishing a Library of Things. A Library of Things is a collection of items for loan, other than books and other 'traditional' library items, either for an annual membership fee or a fee per item. This aligns with the City of Burnside's commitment to increasing opportunities for community and cultural participation, place-making and development of enduring community relationships, and creation and activation of community spaces. A Library of Things could include anything from kitchen and baking items, to tools, camping and other outdoor equipment.

Libraries of Things are stocked with both brand new items that have been purchased specifically, and good quality, used items donated by the community (excluding electrical items).

A Library of Things can:

- Allow access to a wider range of items than we need to own, maintain and store.
- Assist with reducing waste to landfill.
- Free up some much needed cupboard space in our homes.
- Allow borrowers to try before they buy.



Tell us what you think. Would you use a Library of Things and if so what sort of items would you borrow? Go to engage.burnside.sa.gov.au and complete the online survey.

green waste

Playing your part: three key waste actions for every household

The costs of waste and recycling are rising. Council is paying increased waste levies and fees. You can make an important contribution to keeping costs down, thus keeping pressure off Council rates. Here are three key actions for every household:



1. Make sure food waste goes in your green bin:

Sending food scraps to be composted costs a fraction of the amount it costs to send them to landfill. The material is then used to make useful organic compost. Burnside Council provides the tools to help you put your kitchen scraps in your green bin, like kitchen organics baskets and compostable bags which are available at the Civic Centre.

2. If your bin's not full, don't put it out:

Waste collection trucks can save time, fuel and wear-and-tear if they don't have to stop for bins that are only part full. Many residents only put their waste bins out every fortnight. How often do you need to put your bin out?

3. Think about waste while you're shopping:

There are many, many ways to reduce waste while shopping. There are re-useable bags for fruit and vegetables, so you can avoid plastic bags altogether. You can buy products with minimal packaging; for example, did you know you can buy shampoo as a bar, rather than in a bottle? Or you can reduce packaging by buying in bulk; for example, if you buy small chip packets for lunches, consider buying a large pack and then using re-useable containers for the chips each day. Lastly, don't buy items that you don't need; it is best to stick to your shopping list.

Taking these actions will save Council funds and keep the pressure off Council rates. And your household will be making a valuable contribution to waste reduction!

rate notices

Rate notices are sent out 30 days before the payment due date. Therefore you should receive your notice by the end of July, October, January and April each year.



Don't want paper bills?

eNotices is the new electronic delivery of rate notices which will make it easier and more convenient for you to manage your payments, save paper and reduce waste.

You'll have your notice accessible on any electronic device (phone, tablet, laptop or desktop) and at your fingertips whenever you are ready to pay your rates; anytime, anywhere, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Need a free reminder?

You can register for SMS Rates Reminders. Once registered, you'll receive an SMS reminder before your rates are due. You can opt out of this service by replying NO to any text message. There is no fee for this service.

Need to arrange a payment?

If you find yourself in financial difficulty and don't believe you can meet your upcoming rates payment, you can now apply online and enter a payment arrangement or for an extension of time to pay.



Want to set and forget?

Have your rates paid automatically from your cheque or savings account each quarter to avoid paying late fines. Please note credit card is not an option for direct debit.

Haven't received your rates notice?

Rate notices are sent out 30 days before the payment due dates. If you haven't received your rates notice please check:

- The address you have with us is up-to-date.
- If you have registered to have your notices emailed to you via eNotices, check your inbox by searching noreply@formsport.com.au, check your spam mail or sign into your eNotices account to view all of your notices.
- If you have registered to have your notices sent to you via BpayView, please sign into your net banking and find the Bpay options to view your notice.
- If you have bought a new house, the rates may have been paid at settlement.
- If you are a landlord, your rates notice may have been sent to your real estate agent.

You could be paying more in rates than you need to!

Please check your rates notice to ensure that under the Rates & Charges heading the correct land use category for your property has been displayed ie: Vacant Land, or Residential.

Should you have any reason to believe that the Land Use Category applied to your account is incorrect, you may lodge a written objection to Council outlining the grounds upon which your objection is based. Objections must be submitted to Council within 60 days of receiving the first rate notice. Rates are still due and payable by the due date even if an objection has been lodged.

Building? You could be eligible for a rate rebate

If you are about to build your new family home on land rated as 'vacant' for the current rating year and can demonstrate that building works have substantially commenced (the concrete footings have been poured) before 30 June, you may be eligible for a rate rebate.

Further information can be found at burnside.sa.gov.au/About-Council/Rates or call the friendly rates team on 8366 4200.



Beaumont Ward
Cr Paul Huebl



Beaumont Ward
Cr Harvey Jones



Eastwood & Glenunga Ward
Cr Helga Lemon

Undoubtedly the key issue facing Burnside Council at the moment is the State Government's new Draft Planning Code which is currently out for consultation. You may well have read about community concerns that the Code will significantly weaken protection for heritage buildings.

But even more alarming is the State Government's plan to rezone vast swathes of the Burnside Council as 'General Neighbourhood Zone', which would reduce the minimum block size in suburbs such as Glenside, Linden Park and Magill to a grossly inadequate 200m² for terraced or row dwellings and 300m² for detached and semi-detached dwellings. Minimum open space requirements for a block are also significantly reduced. You may have read that the State Planning Commission announced with great fanfare that each block would be required to have one tree only for the property development lobby to object to even that extremely modest requirement.

In the Beaumont Ward, Linden Park is already suffering from significant over-development. Old homes are being demolished, blocks are clear-felled to remove all existing trees and developers cram as many houses as they can on to the land. And this is with the current minimum block size of 450m². Imagine what Linden Park will look like with a 200m² minimum block size. The Draft Planning Code will turn a once beautiful suburb into an urban wasteland. No room for trees or backyards. No permeable surfaces to absorb stormwater. A vast area of concrete to soak up the sun and create an urban heat island.

If the planning code passes in its current form, the City of Burnside will be powerless to stop any development that follows these new rules. **ACTING NOW** is the only way to avoid these changes.

Paul Huebl M 0402 070 699
phuebl@burnside.sa.gov.au

Council has written to the Minister requesting that this decision be reversed and that all of Burnside should be included in the Suburban Neighbourhood Zone, which broadly retains the existing development rules for Burnside.

The official feedback period to the State Government has now closed but we still need your help to maintain the momentum on opposing these plans and placing pressure on the State Government. You can also continue to contact your local State MP directly to voice your concerns on the case against these specific changes. We are happy to assist you in this process.

By the time you read this Council would have also made its formal submission as a collective body addressing the wider concerns and detrimental effects of the new Code. We encourage you to obtain a copy of this and review.

Of course, as your Elected Members, we will endeavour to assist you where possible and advocate for the benefit of all Burnside residents.

These are once in a lifetime changes to the State's planning rules and a once in a lifetime chance for us to push back and... **KEEP BURNSIDE GREEN!**

Paul and Harvey.

Harvey Jones M 0414 595 473
hjones@burnside.sa.gov.au

During the worst of the Kangaroo Island fires, a Burnside CFS volunteer was waiting for the water truck to arrive at the scene. While waiting, he used a branch to beat at the fire and managed, through sheer will, to beat out around 300 metres of fire front.

I am proud that this determined and brave person is one of my fellow Elected Members. Councillor Henry Davis and his wife Avril are volunteers with the Burnside CFS and over the festive season put their lives on hold, and at risk, while they fought fires alongside local volunteers in NSW, the Adelaide Hills and Kangaroo Island. The commitment shown by volunteers across the country has shown us the best of Australia. This work will continue with the ongoing dedication of volunteers rehabilitating our lands.

The word awesome is often overused but in this case the efforts have been truly awesome. The devastation is heartbreaking, but we have all heard stories of wonderful people doing amazing work and this gives me hope that we will rebuild.

You might be inspired to be a volunteer for 2020 and Burnside has some great programs that will suit your areas of interest. Go to our website and see what appeals.

And in case you're wondering, Henry still has his fire fighting branch and I'm encouraging him to put it on display as one of those old fashioned tools you can pick up from the side of the road.

Awesome.

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Eastwood & Glenunga Ward
Cr Julian Carbone

2020 will be a big year, filled with bold initiatives and new ideas. Late last year you would have received an update on my 20 Point Action Plan.

This Plan details a list of policies that were formulated with residents during the last Local Government election. It continues to serve me as a constant yet simple reminder on what I was elected to do.

While some action items were achieved in 2019, I am optimistic that 2020 will see even more of these initiatives adopted by Council. These will include; incentives for significant trees on private property, reducing speed limits in Amber Woods, a crackdown on derelict properties and more events to promote our fantastic and diverse community.

For more information on my Plan, visit www.facebook.com/votejulian.

2020 will also be a big year with several large scale projects being undertaken in the area. These will include; the redevelopment of Burnside Village, the ongoing Cedar Woods residential project in Glenside, the construction of the new ALDI supermarket and the upgrade of the Fullarton Road/Glen Osmond Road intersection. All of these projects will require the City of Burnside to ensure impacts on nearby residents, local businesses, wildlife and the environment are carefully managed.

Finally, 2020 will see the launch of my new social media initiative, Burnside 100. On both Facebook and Instagram, this new initiative will be fun, exciting, interactive and is designed to keep busy, time-poor residents more engaged in what's happening around Burnside. Watch this space!

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Burnside Ward
Cr Mike Daws

Jenny and Mike wish all our residents a happy and prosperous New Year. We continue to collaborate closely on local matters.

We sincerely thank the members of Burnside CFS for their outstanding volunteer efforts during the recent bushfires. This included travelling to support interstate communities.

We recently received a number of resident concerns regarding fire safety in Ferguson Park, which are being followed up with the appropriate State authority. While Ferguson Park lies within Burnside Ward, it is part of the state National Parks network and thus is not managed by the City of Burnside.

We thank residents who took part in Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 1 March. This great community activity has now been active for 13 years.

The pump track trial will occur this year at four sites across the City. The site chosen for the Burnside Ward is located within Newland Reserve, where the track will be placed on two tennis courts from mid-June until mid-September. We are keen to test the general level of interest in wheel park activities among the youth in the City before we embark on the next stage of community consultation.

Another issue of much local interest is the matter of traffic management at the intersection of Hallett and Greenhill Roads, where there have been 26 reportable vehicle crashes over the last five years, an alarming statistic. The intersection is under State Government control, however, we are keen on Council exploring traffic calming options via Black Spot funding through the relevant State department.

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Burnside Ward
Cr Jenny Turnbull

Many thanks to those residents who have helped care for the newly planted street trees in the City.

We remind residents of the kitchen organics program, whereby kitchen scraps are placed in the green bin for composting. Kitchen organics collecting baskets and compostable bags are available free from the Civic Centre. Composting kitchen waste is environmentally beneficial, and reduces expensive land fill.

For further information, please refer to the relevant page in the City of Burnside website.



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Tusmore Park wading pool... we want your feedback

The Tusmore Park wading pool has been popular with families, particularly those with toddler-aged children, for many years.

However, at 52 years old it has reached the end of its useful life and is due for review. In recent times, closures of the pool have become more frequent due to the ageing infrastructure, its design and a number of other factors which contribute to health related risks.

There is an opportunity for the community to provide feedback to help Council determine the future of this space – this could include having the same pool fully refurbished, a similar water-themed play area with different features, or, something else entirely.

There are three high-level options available:

- Fully refurbish the existing wading pool.
- Upgrade the wading pool to a different water-themed facility.
- Other – remove the wading pool and install a new feature which is not water related.



Key parameters for any water-themed option would include that it:

- will remain seasonal,
- will remain a space for families with young children,
- will remain within the same footprint,
- will require the chemical dosage of the water with chlorine for health and environmental safety.

Other important points:

- A new shade sail would be required to meet current standards.
- If the community selects a water option, under current regulations, a fence will be constructed around the perimeter of the pool area for risk management purposes.
- The current pool design does not allow easy access for people with a disability.

- As visitors to the pool are aware, every season the pool closes unpredictably in order to be drained, cleaned and refilled, often due to ‘toilet accidents’ that young children have in the water, which poses a public health risk for all pool users. While some of this risk could be addressed with a better design and improved chemical dosing equipment, it remains a potential risk for any option which has a ‘wading pool’ area (and particularly a large wading pool area).
- Because of the age of the pool and infrastructure, the cost to either refurbish or upgrade are similar.
- There are safety risks involved with a wading pool that is unsupervised, even if the pool is only 300mm deep.
- The larger the wading pool area, the higher the level of water use.
- The current wading pool area is well loved by many, and the goal will be for any replacement (whether a refurbishment, upgrade or something else) to be equally (if not more!) loved and used by the community.

Right now Council is seeking input from the community to help inform how we proceed.

What are the options?

Refurbish

Refurbishing the wading pool would see a 'like-for-like' wading pool that would feature upgraded filtration equipment, new concrete edging, walls and floor, as well as an upgraded shade sail and pool fencing. This option would maintain the existing design that is a great place for children to play.

The possibility of closing the pool to drain, clean and refill throughout the season would remain.

Choosing this option would likely see the project completed in a shorter time frame compared to the upgrade option.

Upgrade

Upgrade could mean installing a soft-fall surface that has splash pads, fountains and other water features similar to those in Moseley Square in Glenelg, Henley Square at Henley Beach or at the George Bolton Swimming Centre Burnside, or it could involve a smaller wading pool area coupled with a splash pad type feature. Children and toddlers can still have fun and get wet.

These structures can incorporate environmentally sustainable designs that require less water to operate the water features, plus they remove the risk of needing to drain and replace large quantities of water.

A soft-fall surface is also safer than concrete as there is less potential for injury with slips and falls.

If this option is chosen, Council will invite the community to be involved in designing the space. This would mean a longer design period, so the completion of the overall project would take a little longer than the refurbishment option.

Other

Removing the water feature provides a number of opportunities, including returning the area to open space, or creating something new such as a plaza, playground or other facility.

If this option is selected, it will require further community consultation on what to do with the space.

What will happen next?

It is intended that design for the preferred option will take place in 2020/21 and construction would follow in 2021/22.

More information, including examples of potential upgrade options, can be found at engage.burnside.sa.gov.au



Come to a pool party

Saturday 14 March 2020
11 am – 1 pm

Tusmore Park wading pool, Stirling Street
Free barbecue, ice blocks and refreshments

Share your ideas on the future of Tusmore Wading Pool.



What would you like to see in this space?

- Refurbish
- Upgrade
- Other (please provide details)...

About you

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Any other comments?

Anonymous responses will not be included in results. Please complete this survey, cut out, and return to City of Burnside, Reply Paid 9 Glenside SA 5065 (no stamp required) by **5 pm Friday 20 March 2020**.



Australia Day citizenship ceremony

Burnside celebrated Australia Day in Hazelwood Park with an awards and citizenship ceremony. Almost 100 residents from many nations became Australian citizens and the Mayor announced Peg Bennetts as the 2020 Citizen of the Year and Bryan Draper as Local Volunteer of the Year (both pictured with Mayor Anne Monceaux).

Congratulations to Peg, one of our longest serving volunteers on the Burnside Civic Centre Community desk. Over 37 years Peg has made lifelong friends as a result of her volunteer work and is treasured and loved by both staff and the public.

Congratulations also to Bryan who has volunteered twice a week at the Burnside Library since 2008. Through this service he prepares new books and DVDs for library life and use by the community, only one of many tasks he undertakes in the Library Repair Room. "Volunteering is a two-way street," Bryan says, "with benefits to both the recipients of our efforts as well as to ourselves."





events



Neighbour Day

Sunday 29 March
3 pm – 7 pm
Kensington Gardens Reserve

Neighbour Day is Australia's annual celebration of community, encouraging people to connect with neighbours and to find out what is happening in their neighbourhood. Great chance to experience the snapshot of what Burnside has to offer and be entertained by music, games and karaoke.

Outdoor Movie

Sunday 29 March
Sunset (approx. 7.30 pm)
Kensington Gardens Reserve

Sing along with the movie *Mama Mia! Here We Go Again*.



Library Events

Bookings essential at burnsidecommunitydevelopment.eventbrite.com or 8366 4200.

Community Information Sessions

composting

Thursday 19 March, 10.30 am
Gold coin donation
(light refreshments included).

appy hour

Thursday 30 April, 6.30 pm
Gold coin donation (light refreshments included). Some apps on your phone can make life so much easier and some can potentially save your life.

book launch

shadow of the hyena

Thursday 19 March, 6.30 pm
Free. Join us for Anne Chappel's launch of her new adventure novel *Shadow of the Hyena*.

May is History Month

South Australia's History Festival in May is a state-wide event exploring South Australia's history. Through the hundreds of activities across the state discover historical collections, places and stories.

As part of the Festival, the City of Burnside will be hosting a range of events that celebrate our City's history including talks, workshops, children's activities and displays.



Ballroom Series

the beatles and beyond

Tickets at the door.
BYO nibbles, drinks, glasses,
Cabaret style seating.
Saturday 7 March, 5 pm
Adults \$20, Conc \$15.

a night in persia

FREE Harmony Day and Persian New Year event. Free entrance and activities (music, dance, kids' corner). Persian food, refreshments and souvenirs available for purchase on-site. No bookings or tickets required.

Thursday 19 March, 4 pm

battle of the bands: east vs west

Burnside Youth Concert Band vs West Torrens Concert Band. Audience cheers to decide the winner. Tea, coffee and afternoon tea available. Tickets and info bycb.org

Sunday 29 March, 2 pm
Adult \$15, Children \$5.

burnside symphony orchestra: vistas

Tickets and info online at bso.org.au or at the door.

Wednesday 1 April, 8 pm
Adult \$20, Conc \$15, U13 Free.

metropolitan male choir presents 'songs from around the world'

Cabaret seating, free platters and cash bar. Tickets and info mmca.org

Sunday 5 April, 2 pm
Adult \$35.

Full program and more detail burnside.sa.gov.au/BallroomSeries



Youth Events & Activities

youth week

Friday 17 – Sunday 26 April

Various activities for 12 – 25 year olds around City of Burnside.

youth parliament

Youth Parliament 2020 runs from March to July. Youth Parliamentarians work in teams to write Youth Bills, attend Training Weekend and finally Parliament Week in July. Applications are now open and Council may be able to sponsor young people aged between 15 - 24 who live or study within the City of Burnside to be part of the program.

youth art intensive

Sunday 22 and 29 March

High School Students will get the chance to work with James Dodd, an Adelaide-based artist who has exhibited widely across Australia, in a one of a kind spray painting workshop with final artwork displayed at City of Burnside and a mural at Adelaide Central School of Art.

cooking for a cause

Cooking for a Cause is a free five-week course offered to people of high school age or under 25 who live, work, study or play within the City of Burnside. At each session you will learn how to cook a healthy, nutritious meal which will then be delivered to various organisations for the homeless in South Australia. There are various course dates in each school term.

Contact Community Development for more information at communitydevelopment@burnside.sa.gov.au

School holiday program

The autumn school holidays begin Monday 27 April. A full program of activities and events for kids of all ages will be published on our website in early April.

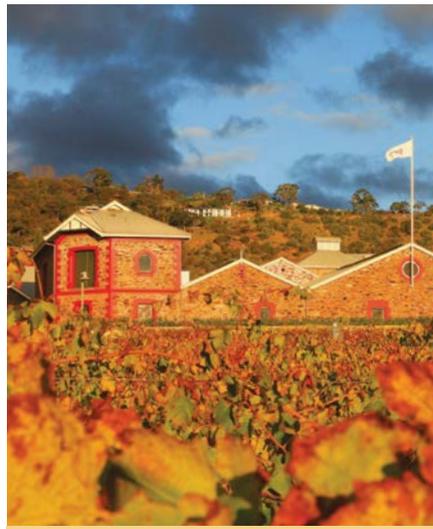


Photo by Phil Williams, 1st place winner for the 2019 Mayor's Photography Awards (Open Choice).

Mayor's Photography Awards

Applications open Monday 16 March and close Monday 20 April 5 pm

Youth Categories:
Primary, junior and high school.

Adult Categories:
Open/illustrative, Aboriginal beauty in Burnside, nature and wildlife

Prizes will be awarded for the top 3 entries in each category. Apply online.

Regal Theatre

fringe events

Sunday 8 & 15 March 3 pm

California Legends
Music of the 1970s

Saturday 14 March 4 pm & 7.30 pm

Ukulele Death Squad

school holiday movie deals

11 April to 26 April 2020

Cheap Tickets

Chips + Drink \$6

ChocTop + Drink \$7.50

Adults and Concession \$10

Children and Seniors \$9

Sessions: theregaltheatre.com.au

Fitness in the Parks

27 Feb – 8 April, Free

Fitness classes occurring across City of Burnside. Check website for details.

Biggest Morning Tea

Friday 22 May

10.30 am – 12 noon

Burnside Community Hall

Support Cancer Council with a gold coin donation.



pepper street arts centre



All Creatures Great and Small Until 20 March

A visual and diverse collection of artworks, this mixed media display celebrates all aspects of our earth's creatures. Both realistic and conceptual artworks will be portrayed such as insects, wildlife, pets, birds and mythical animals. There are works from more than 30 artists exhibiting and visitors can expect to see a wide variety including painting, drawing, sculpture, textiles, ceramics, woodwork and mixed media.



Past & Present, Marden Senior College Graduates 27 March – 24 April

A group of graduate students have come together to create an exhibition of diverse works that includes textiles, painting and drawing, both 2D and 3D. Through their own arts practice these artists have explored individual themes to produce creative bodies of work. See artist demonstration every Saturday afternoon from 2 pm – 4 pm during the show.

a chance quintet 1 – 22 May

**Bev Puckridge, Jan Shone, Anne Harvey,
Barbara Mau and Rosalyn Sachsse.**

These artists are connected by chance, and the creative manipulation of their chosen medium. Works move easily between painting, drawing, printmaking and ceramics, without demarcations of art and craft principles. The artists are linked by their diverse approach to art making with paintings that are expressive, brave and striking in unexpected ways.



Free Artist Demonstrations

Pepper Street is a great destination on Saturday afternoons. Exhibiting artists and other special guests regularly work on-site between 2 pm and 4 pm. Check website or call 8364 6154 for details. Entry is free. Seating is limited so please expect to stand for the very popular occasions.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Re-use exhibition – SALA August 2020

All art forms created around an upcycled, recycled and found object theme are welcome. Applications are now being accepted by the selection panel. Last date to submit 15 April.

Artist of the Month

During autumn the showcased Artists of the Month are **Alice Hu** (March), **Patti Bee** (April) and **Wilma Bajka Van Velze** (May).

Opportunities for Artists

Submissions are received monthly from February to November each year. See website for details.

Artist of the Month 2020:
Ongoing for limited places.

Gift Shop: Ongoing.

Exhibit 2021: Call to discuss.



An arts and cultural initiative funded by the City of Burnside.

Open: Tues – Fri 10 am – 5 pm and Sat 12 noon – 5 pm.
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