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mayor's message

2020 has proved to be a challenging and devastating year for so many people across our city, state and nation. Firstly, the bushfires ravaged across the country and then the pandemic now known as COVID-19. I know the expression “we live in unprecedented times” now sounds like a cliché, but the reality is that it is true. An epidemic in Australia such as this one is ‘unprecedented’ in the way it has impacted on everyone. Some of us remember the impact of tuberculosis and others even polio, but neither of these had quite the same social and economic impact.

We miss so many things that we probably took for granted, and perhaps that is something we have learnt through our relationships with family, friends and co-workers. Our interaction with people and places has changed; we have made new connections and new ways to connect. Indeed, one could label as a ‘positive’ the changes in social interactions that have taken place. We have seen neighbours helping each other out with shopping, kind words, gestures of support, smiles and ‘hellos’ and even toilet paper! I have watched with admiration as local communities have banded together to help others who are lonely and in need and to support local businesses in distress.



Mayor Anne Monceaux on Anzac Day 2020

Burnside Council has tried to maintain continuation of all services as far as practicable, even though some have been delivered in different ways. We have tried to support individuals, groups and businesses. Uppermost in our decision-making has been the health and welfare of everyone in Burnside. The CEO and the Leadership Team developed a number of initiatives ‘to ease the pain of the disease’; these involved a revised hardship policy and financial support measures for residents and ratepayers, workforce solutions to ensure staff remained fully mobilised to support the business and tailored services to ensure the most vulnerable in our community continued to receive support.

As a Council, we have always been cognisant of balancing community expectations for services with the health and welfare of ratepayers and staff.

Elected Members provided input into the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget which was out for consultation in May and recommended a zero per cent rate rise for the coming financial year. This acknowledged the burden and pressures placed on all by the COVID-19 restrictions.

This will have an impact on some projects that were initially planned to commence; however, we have been seeking ‘shovel-ready’ grants from the State Government to augment existing projects and provide economic stimulus and employment.

Community initiatives such as the ‘Your Neighbourhood Budget’ scheme has been very successful over the past few years and you have once again had the opportunity to voice your opinions on these projects and have direct input into allocation of funds, as well as providing us with feedback on the Draft Budget.

We are committed to improving the urban tree canopy through our major street tree planting program, which has commenced following the revision of our Canopy Action Plan earlier this year, with its associated initiatives and continued education focus. To date over 700 trees have been ordered for planting to replace trees that have been removed, to replace those that are underperforming juveniles and to plant in vacant spaces across the city. Trees are so critical to our environment, not just in providing clean air but also in helping us to reflect and heal. Throughout our confinement, I have seen people escaping to the outdoors, walking in parks under tree umbrellas, sitting quietly or playing under the shade of those magnificent old gums, enjoying the cries and chirps of birds and looking to spot koalas.

Council also approved a new Climate Change Policy in April. Climate change as a theme (like public health) runs through nearly all facets of Council’s operations. This policy provides a number of guiding principles that will guide and influence best practice moving forward. As a result of this policy, every report to council will include a section on Environmental Sustainability.

It has been my privilege to be involved in the judging of two art projects in Burnside. One was the selection of an appropriate commemorative sculpture for Constable Hyde Memorial Garden. It was pleasing to see the entries provided and to work with the two local Ward councillors and the SA Police Historical Society to choose the winning design. Watch this space for an announcement! The second was selecting the winners of the Mayor’s Photography Awards. These wonderful images are on display in the Council foyer. Thank you to all those participants who demonstrated their artistic skills in their entries.

The Community Grants Panel also met in May to advise Council on the selection of recipients for grant and sponsorship funding. I look forward to being able to congratulate the successful applicants in the near future. To all those who applied, thank you for the services that you provide to our community.

Council would normally have recognised, celebrated and thanked our fabulous volunteers at the annual event in the Regal Theatre in May. While we had to temporarily suspend the volunteer program during COVID-19 restrictions, on behalf of the community, I thank you for your time, passion and commitment over the past year. I am hopeful that we can celebrate your service and re-start the program in the not-too-distant future.

Council has been meeting via electronic means as we continue to make decisions that will best serve you through this special time and into the future. Regular video link-ups with State Government leaders, the Local Government Association and Mayors and CEOs from 68 councils across the state have been vital in providing information and guidance throughout this COVID-19 emergency.

On behalf of the Elected Members and the community as a whole, I take this opportunity to thank medical and emergency service professionals and everyone involved in sustaining essential services to South Australians. You have been dedicated, brave and tenacious.

I also thank our Chief Executive Officer for his leadership through these 'unprecedented times' and commend all Council staff on their flexible, calm and committed approach to their work.

And to you, our community, I thank you and congratulate you for your resourcefulness, resilience and kindness.

Congratulations to two special people who are members of the Burnside community:

Mr Kim Cheater was presented with a Distinguished Alumni Award from Flinders University in March as recognition of his ongoing commitment to reconciliation.

Mrs Mary Maitland turned 100 years old on 24 April. What an achievement in years, and what changes has she seen in her lifetime!

Anne Monceaux Mayor



biodiversity

Tucked away in Stonyfell, at the end of Second Creek's well-loved walking trail is Michael Perry Botanic Reserve, one of Burnside's best kept secrets.

Its origins are from before European settlement of South Australia, when Second Creek flowed freely and the indigenous woodland supported hundreds of species of local flora. Today there are still remnants of that time, with a few massive River Red Gums and old Southern Cypress Pines pre-dating colonisation.

In the 1850s, one of South Australia's earliest stately homes, *Clifton*, was built and a historic garden established. The grand house still stands at the end of Acacia Court.

In 1977, after the area was subdivided for housing, a five-hectare portion became a council reserve. Over time, and more than a century after much of the original native vegetation was cleared, the area had become infested with weeds, many originating from the early plantings.

In 2008, restoration of the creek line began by clearing weeds one section at a time. Native vegetation was re-established, providing habitat for local birds and improving water quality. These plants are grown by volunteers at the Burnside Biodiversity Nursery.

More recently, the restoration of the historic garden has become a focus. Many of the exotic trees planted in the 1800s were reaching the end of their lifespan. It became imperative to rescue the character of the garden and establish the next generation of specimen trees and plants to reclaim the site's reputation as a 'botanic' reserve.

In 2018 a guiding plan was developed for the garden, detailing its history and development for more than a century.



Michael Perry Reserve, Stonyfell



Volunteer teams from Conservation Volunteers Australia worked tirelessly through winter and spring in 2019 to restore garden paths, mulch and plant beds with interesting botanical specimen plants and breathe life back into the garden.

Today restoration works are ongoing but the vision for the garden, creek and woodland are now well established and the reserve welcomes visitors to enjoy its charms.

Please respect the reserve, its flora and fauna, always stick to the paths, pick up after your dog and never take or damage the plantings.



ceo's message

Dear resident / ratepayer

Welcome to the Winter Edition of Focus for 2020 and my second as the City's CEO. My priorities over the first three to four months changed to focus on the devastating consequences of coronavirus (now known as COVID-19) and managing its impact on our portfolio of services and operations. Some would say a true baptism of fire! I am pleased to say I believe that, as a Council and Leadership Team, we met that challenge with tremendous focus, due diligence and ensuring that our community base and the public were at the forefront of the decision-making process.

I thank you all for the patience demonstrated over this fluid period of our lives; this will not quite ever be the same again. In these unique times, it is understandable that members of the public have felt anxious, distressed and / or vulnerable. I have strived to ensure that as a Council we have continued to deliver services as seamlessly and smoothly as possible, ensuring that no one is 'missed' due to the impact of the virus. This has included innovative and previously untested ways of providing our library services and Commonwealth Home Support Program offerings. I am proud that we were also able to offer continued work for our casual staff during this challenging time which includes assisting Meals on Wheels with their operations to the elderly and vulnerable in society. On a positive note, our playgrounds have reopened as I write this and I am hopeful that by the time you read this edition we would have begun the process of 'winding back' to normal operations to some extent. This will of course be done with the required risk management consideration ensuring that the health and safety of our community is not jeopardised. At the same time, as pointed out by Mayor Monceaux in her column, while we have been physically distancing ourselves from one another, we extended our kindness and generosity and remained connected in spirit.

It is important to also highlight the other good news work that has been performed by Council over this time; most of which won't fit into a single newsletter.

Work continued on our commitment to nurture, protect and preserve the urban tree canopy and our treasured greenery across Burnside. Council will be planting approximately 1,000 new trees throughout the City's verges over the remainder of the year and into early 2021 and the trial of the Native Tree Giveaway Program has been extended to the end of 2020 to assist in evaluating and reporting the benefits of this project to Council.

Hopefully, once the COVID-19 conditions settle this program will accelerate and I encourage locals to become involved and help increase canopy cover. I am also excited about our new Online Plant Giveaway. Given that we are unable to hold our annual public sale at the Burnside Biodiversity Nursery the online program is a new initiative, with an online form for residents to register their interest in receiving plant(s), and using redeployed staff/casuals to deliver the plants. In addition the annual National Tree Day will fall on 2 August 2020. The day is typically focused on community planting to restore vegetation and habitat. Council will be supporting National Tree Day in 2020 with a host of initiatives. Watch this space for more news to come on this front!

I would also like to extend my appreciation to all those who have continued to correctly manage their household waste over the last few months. As an example, across the first two weeks of April, compared to the same period last year,



CEO Chris Cowley recharging his car

East Waste advised that they had seen a 35 per cent increase in recycling volumes and a staggering 66 per cent increase in green organics with anecdotal data from the drivers since suggesting that this has only increased.

Council will also be pursuing a direct feedback trial targeting a reduction of organics in the waste-to-landfill bins; and a three stage trial focused on non-recyclable materials in recycling bins, leveraging the fantastic RFID technology at our disposal (no pun intended!). We also advocated for a ban on single-use plastics, including cutlery, polystyrene food containers and all plastic-lined beverage containers (eg non-compostable disposable coffee cups) through the State Government in late 2019. The Minister has now introduced the Single-use and Other Plastic Products (Waste Avoidance) Bill 2020 to Parliament. The Bill includes bans on single-use plastic drinking straws, cutlery and beverage stirrers, as well as expanded polystyrene cups, bowls, plates and clamshell containers. These measures will, if passed, reduce the generation of waste-to-landfill and confusion over how to dispose of these products.

This time of the year always seems to be 'budget central and crazy'. Thank you to all those who took time to provide feedback on our draft Annual Business Plan and Budget during the public consultation period. **I was proud that the Council collegially resolved to reprioritise many projects and support a draft budget predicated on a zero per cent rate rise.** All levels of government have a role to play in stimulating the economy at this time and assisting those in financial hardship. As a result, the City of Burnside has implemented a number of measures, the budget being just one, to ease the financial burden for our residents. In the coming months I look forward to sharing more news on the final adopted version. Importantly the budget proposed maintains all the services delivered by Council and appreciated by the community and continues to invest in critically important areas for this Council such as canopy and heritage preservation, relevant New Capital and Capital Renewal and Replacement projects and a projected operating surplus of \$570k.

Council in late February lodged their formal submission on the Planning and Design Code, reiterating and expanding on how many of the changes introduced by the proposal may work against achieving the objectives of Council's Canopy Action Plan and compromise our heritage across the City. The proposed changes to the code directly affect, in some way, every landowner and developer in the state. Council has continued to express concerns about a one-size-fits-all policy approach for the entire state, the removal of specific local conditions, and the proposed lack of council involvement in many aspects of the code. It is reassuring that the government postponed its release date to allow more consultation with councils and we will continue to make our position visible and known.

One of our next main projects is the delivery of the new Strategic Plan for the City. I hope to update you further in the next edition on this and can confirm that we are in the process of developing a revamped and robust community engagement strategy and platform for this, recognising this is the pillar of all of our activities and functions of Council. Stay warm and safe.

Best wishes, **Chris Cowley** Chief Executive Officer



KGR redevelopment

In 2019 Burnside secured \$3 million in Federal funding, and over \$200k from the National Resource Management Board (NRM) for this exciting project that will deliver enormous environmental and recreational benefits to Kensington Gardens Reserve and the surrounding creek ecosystem.

Revitalisation work in the Reserve includes:

- replacing the unsafe artificial lake with a functional wetland to treat urban water pollution entering Stonyfell Creek.

- visual, recreational and environmental improvements to Stonyfell Creek and the surrounding environment.
- eight reconfigured tournament standard tennis courts with lighting available for club and public use.
- nature play features and biodiversity education elements.

The overall project will include an extensive revegetation program with 30 trees, 230 shrubs and over 6,500 groundcover species to be planted in the area surrounding a new wetland.

A dedicated 'biozone' area will feature 2,400m² of plantings across three distinct areas that will complement the remnant SA Blue Gum ecosystem at the reserve. Native species will be

used exclusively for all new plantings, and the 'biozone' plantings will be locally sourced and indigenous to the reserve and feature an additional 4,800 new plants.

The wetland itself will feature almost 15,000 new plants that will visually improve the landscape and benefit the quality of stormwater that enters Stonyfell Creek.

Council is working closely with Kaurna traditional owners to monitor the construction and to develop opportunities for Kaurna heritage recognition such as public art, cultural sites and signage.

Work will commence soon on the project. Keep up-to-date and sign up to engage.burnside.sa.gov.au

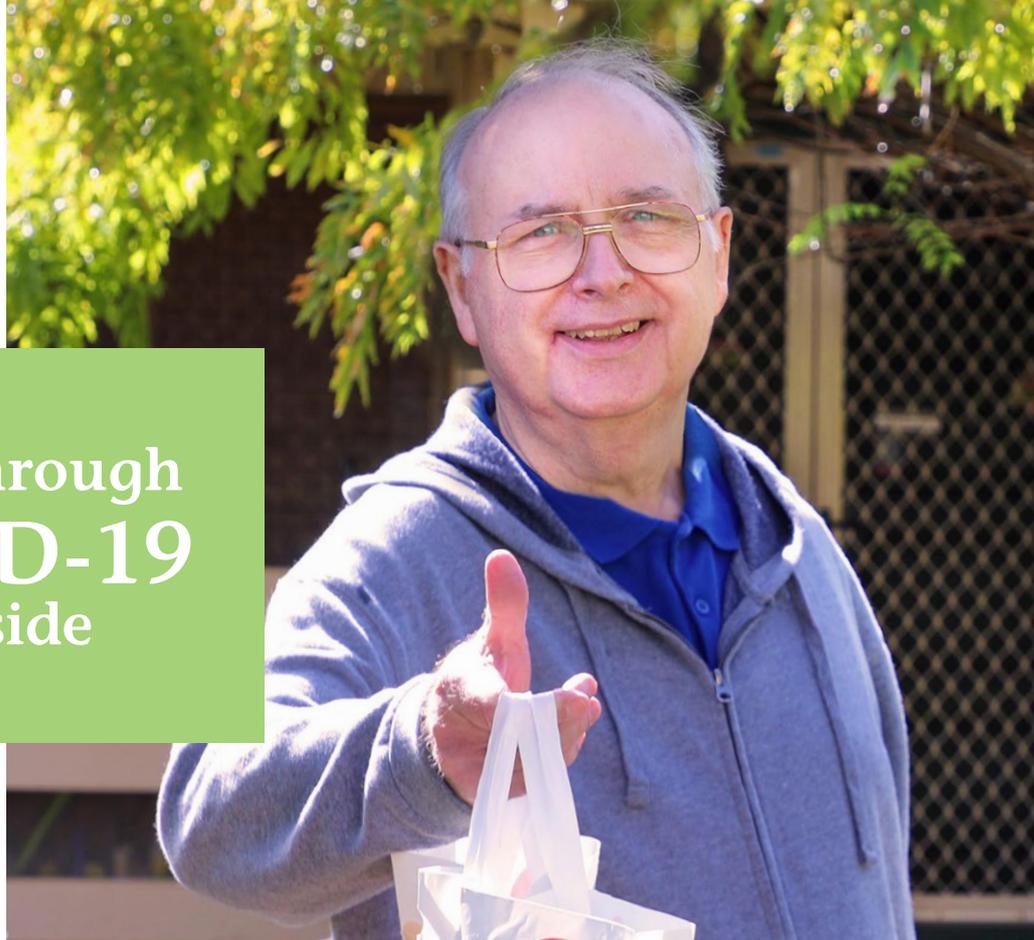
Legend

- 01 Existing Tennis Club Building
- 02 Timber Boardwalk & Stairs
- 03 Custom viewing deck & seating; opportunity for interpretive node
- 04 nature play areas including salvaged logs, boulders, stepping stones, sand pit & climbing elements
- 05 elevated viewing deck with integrated cargo net and seating; opportunity for interpretive node
- 06 nature play embankment
- 07 interactive art element
- 08 nature play and creek crossing
- 09 new bridge
- 10 biodiversity zone
- 11 macrophyte zone
- 12 open water
- 13 stepping boulder wetland crossing
- 14 existing pump station
- 15 custom bridge/viewing deck; opportunity for interpretive node
- 16 upgrade spillway and existing concrete headwalls to incorporate natural rock
- 17 stonyfell creek bypass channel
- 18 lay back creek banks to 1:6 grade
- 19 maintain service road to back of tennis club building
- 20 irrigated turf to wetland 'peninsula'
- 21 bbq picnic area
- 22 outdoor exercise equipment
- 23 refurbished and new tennis courts

Landscape Concept



living through COVID-19 in Burnside



Since 18 March Council has limited gatherings and reduced the occurrence of face to face contact with frontline staff to reduce the risk to our residents and employees.

Changes occurred to various aspects of Council's services during this unprecedented time. But we have maintained core services and adapted the way we do business. **Here are some examples.**

Check out
pages 16 & 17
for our many
online courses.

'Shopping for' Service

Our 'shopping for' service is extended to ALL residents over 65 years.

We want to ensure our older residents stay safe and supported. 'Shopping for' is a service where Council will undertake a weekly shop for residents, delivering goods to their doors.

Brian Jones (pictured above) and his wife Margaret had never used any local or state government services before COVID-19. The couple, both 70, have self-isolated in their Wattle Park home. "I have some health issues," says Brian. "I have a special diet and need to eat lots of fresh fruit." Brian saw the service in his monthly eNews and rang to see if he was eligible. "We have plenty of frozen and canned foods but to get fresh food delivered every week is great," he says. Regal Theatre casual employee Laura was redeployed to the service and made a delivery to the Jones'. "I was facing unemployment," she says. "This has given me the chance to still earn a wage while studying and to help others."

Tony and Jill Bransberry were the first to take advantage of this service. The Glenunga couple are both in their 80s. "I am having trouble with my mobility" says Tony. "I'm worried about everything that is going on out there (coronavirus)." His wife agrees saying, "Our daughter told us to stay at home so this service is excellent."

Council worker Sam, a swimming pool casual, picked up their shopping list and bags and did their shopping at Burnside Village then hand delivered to their door. Sam was redeployed when the pool season was cut short so she still receives her wage. "It is good to get out and about," says Sam. "The only thing I couldn't get for them was toilet paper!"

Contact us on 8366 4200 for more information.

Jill and Tony Bransberry accepting their home delivery from Sam.

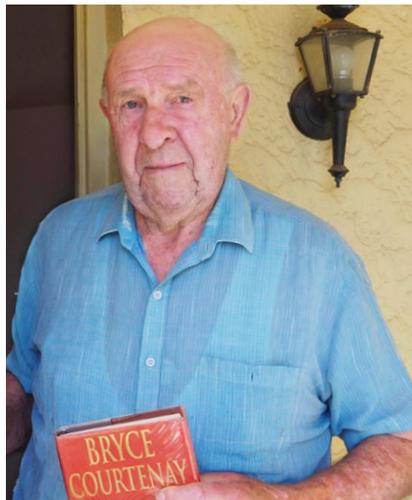


Books to Burnside

Errol Zweck (pictured right) is an avid reader but has only recently joined the Burnside Library at the age of 89. "I used to borrow from friends and sometimes buy cheap books," he says. His daughter, who used to work at Mitcham Library, would often borrow books for him. "Then I thought I better use some common sense and I joined at Burnside," Errol says. After being a member for just a few weeks and borrowing twice, the Library was closed due to coronavirus. But his enterprising daughter Kathy called Council and soon had a librarian delivering several books to her Dad at his Glenunga home.

Despite the Library doors being shut you can still borrow books, DVDs etc. Just place a hold online at www.onecard.network/burnside you will then receive notification when your items are available. We will deliver available Burnside Library items to your residence and leave them on your doorstep. Once things are back to 'normal' you might want to consider signing up for the Home Library Service. Clients list their choice of genre, author or topic and items that meet their preferences are delivered to their home once a month.

Call the Library on 8366 4280 for more information.



Rates Relief

Council has implemented several immediate measures to ease the impact of this situation and resultant financial pressures on households. No fines or interest will be charged on rates until 31 August 2020. Ratepayers can arrange to pay their rates weekly, fortnightly or monthly, based on an amount that suits their budget.

You can postpone the fourth instalment of 2019/20 and the first instalment of 2020/21 up to December 2020 without having to pay any interest. If you are a ratepayer aged 60 and over who has a seniors' card you may be eligible to postpone your rates for a longer period.

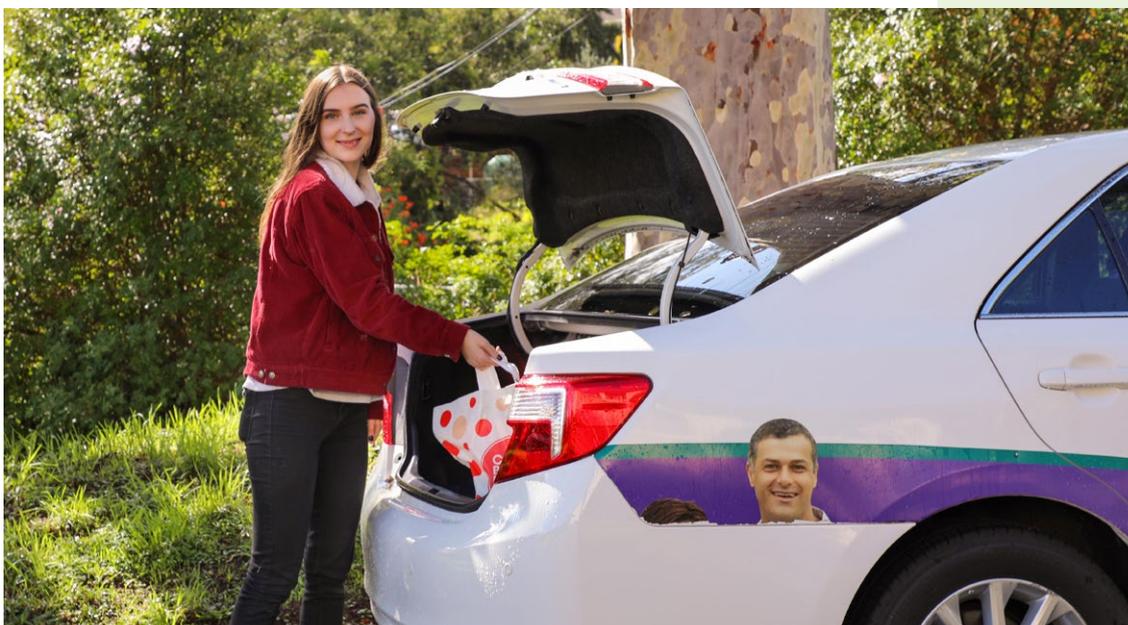
Support for business

Council has adopted extra measures to give critical support to businesses during the coronavirus pandemic such as fast tracking payments to creditors in 14 days (max) instead of 28 days. Businesses within Council premises / property have been offered rent relief and the option to stay open, if feasible and within the Federal restrictions.

Support for sporting and community clubs

The licence fees for sporting and community clubs, as well as the commercial leases for Council property can be reduced, waived or refunded (in whole or in part) by the CEO. This has been executed accordingly where necessary, for example, a soccer club or the café at the Regal Theatre. It is very likely that without Council support in the form of rent abatement for these businesses for the foreseeable future that they will not survive or remain financially viable to re-emerge when the situation is over or controlled.

Laura delivering groceries using the Burnside Council Community Car.



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New Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

As part of Council's commitment to environmental sustainability, two Schneider Electric Vehicle (EV) Link charging stations have been installed, one at the Civic Centre and the other at the Depot facility on Glynburn Road. The EVlink at the Civic Centre is available for public use and can charge up to two cars at a time.

This is in line with Council's climate emergency resolution in 2019 and adds to other climate change activities that Council is delivering like switching to LED street lighting, renewable power, circular procurement, biodiversity programs, waste education and Water Sensitive Urban Design.

The Schneider EVlink Parking Dual Port at the Civic Centre is capable of charging any EV on the market. With a charge rate of up to 22kW, it can charge all vehicles at their maximum AC charge rate. The charging stations are fully integrated with Chargefox and the relevant charges will be published on Council's website.

Take Pride in your Streetscape

Take pride in your street and encourage your neighbours to do their bit as well by beautifying your verge. Verges are an important natural element that support tree health and provide space for trees to grow and enhance your street. Residents are encouraged to manage their own verge but must apply to Council to make any modifications.

The application is simple and quick. Please note synthetic turf is not permitted within verges due to the impacts it has on tree health. The community can assist Council with support, maintenance and watering of street trees, verges and general tidiness of their streetscape. Council is responsible for the planting, management and maintenance of street trees and residents may not remove or prune street trees. For further information contact the City of Burnside on 8366 4200 or email burnside@burnside.sa.gov.au

Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget

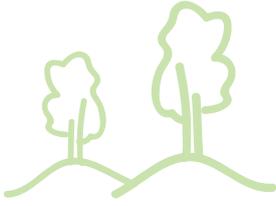
Council's 2020/21 Annual Business Plan and Budget offers a

rates freeze

(no increase) even though the forecast cost of business is estimated as being an increase of 2.40 per cent. This has been made possible due to Council's self-imposed savings target and a number of other initiatives such as a salary freeze for executive managers and Council not pursuing any non-essential and discretionary projects.

In spite of this freeze on rates, Council will be delivering all of its 118 services and spending \$18.9m in new and renewal capital. Council has also adopted its Fees and Charges for 2020/21 and resolved to freeze all its non-statutory fees at 2019/20 levels. For more information, please visit Council's website.





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. Do you have a significant tree on your property that needs maintenance? 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. Check our website for details www.burnside.sa.gov.au/Environment-Sustainability/Trees/Tree-Assistance-Fund



Annual Nursery Sale

Look out later this month for the annual Nursery Sale. This year the sale will be online. At the time of printing, details are still being finalised so register on engage.burnside.sa.gov.au to receive a notice about the sale.



Strategic Community Plan

The community and Council worked together in early 2020 to create a draft Strategic Community Plan that will set the broad goals for the future of our City. The plan also includes what approaches that Council will take to deliver the community's aspirations for the City.



The draft plan will be released in July and Council is urging the community to provide further feedback. Register on engage.burnside.sa.gov.au to receive a notification when the draft plan is released and to have your say.

Note: this information was correct at the time of going to print. It may have changed.

Voting is open for Your Neighbourhood Budget

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). 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.

In May, Council sought nominations from the community on how to spend the \$40,000 funding.

Voting closes 5 pm Friday 26 June.

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

Now 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.

We encourage you to have a look through the eligible projects and vote for your favourites at engage.burnside.sa.gov.au

The community decides which projects will be funded.



what's in the bins?

Results of our kerbside bin audit

East Waste recently completed the most comprehensive kerbside bin audit ever undertaken in South Australia. The bin audit included 2,143 bins from 700 different households, including 310 residential bins from the City of Burnside.

Why conduct an audit?

The audit will help Council and East Waste to understand bin usage and target areas for improvement. For example, we know that it is over five times more expensive to send organic waste to landfill, rather than sending it to be composted. So, when the audit reveals that organic waste from kitchens is being put in landfill bins, we can work on strategies to assist residents, like supplying compostable bags to make it easier to put kitchen scraps in the organics bin.

How did the audit work?

For the audit, bins from Burnside were collected and their contents were combined into three batches, one for each type of bin: landfill, recycling and organics. Individual bins were not audited by themselves. The three batches were sorted into different materials and weighed. The percentages provided in this article are averages based on weight.

The good news on bin use

- 1 Diversion conversion:** 65 per cent of materials were diverted from landfill by being placed in recycling or organics bins.
- 2 Recycling success:** 89 per cent of glass, paper and cardboard items were correctly placed in recycling bins.
- 3 Green bin win:** 97 per cent of organic garden materials were correctly placed in organics bins, including branches, plant and lawn clippings.

These results have an impact on all households.

Sending materials to landfill is an expensive activity, which puts pressure on council rates, which households pay, either directly or through rent. Conversely, recycling saves council money, keeping pressure off council rates. Recycling also achieves great environmental outcomes, by reducing the need for new raw materials.

There is a social benefit, too. Research in South Australia has demonstrated that recycling creates over three times more jobs than sending materials to landfill. Using your bins correctly will help achieve all these benefits of recycling.



Tips to improve bin use

Waste-to-landfill bins (red lid)

- **Please keep the food out of landfill bins!** Around 30 per cent of materials found in landfill bins was food, which should have been placed in organics bins. There is a common misconception that food just breaks down in landfill and is not a problem. But food can last for decades in landfill. Researchers have found 25-year-old guacamole in a landfill. The slow decomposition is a big problem. When organic materials break down anaerobically in landfill, they release methane, a powerful greenhouse gas with global warming potential far greater than carbon dioxide. Conversely, organic material decomposes aerobically and quickly when handled by commercial composting operations, producing far less methane. Putting food waste in your organics bin is a must!
- **Soft plastic is not fantastic.** Around five per cent of materials in waste to landfill bins were soft plastic, including plastic wrappers and loose plastic bags. These materials can be recycled by taking them to REDcycle bins at Coles and Woolworths stores. Better still, avoid using soft plastic wherever possible. Use re-useable bags for fruit and vegetables and try to avoid buying products wrapped in plastic. If you need to put soft plastic in a bin, the waste to landfill bin is the correct one.

Recycling bins (yellow lid)

- **E-waste does not belong in bins.** Electrical waste, including batteries, accounted for two per cent of the materials found in recycling bins. E-waste can be disposed of at many commercial locations and the Council provides some drop-off services. The Council website or customer experience team can be consulted for options.
- **Keep broken glass out.** Broken glass accounted for one per cent of contaminants in recycling bins, but it creates a larger problem than this percentage would suggest. Broken glass filters into other recyclable material and is difficult to retrieve. Broken glass should be wrapped and placed in the waste-to-landfill bin. Ideally, to avoid glass breaking during the collection of bins, take all bottles to a local recycling centre, where the sorting process ensures excellent recycling outcomes.

Organics bins (green lid)

- While the results were great for garden organics, food waste was a different story. Make sure that ALL food scraps including fruits and vegetables, cooked or raw meat, bones, dairy, seafood, oyster shells, tea bags and coffee grounds, as well as paper towels and tissues are placed in the organics bin.
- Council provides tools to help you put your kitchen scraps in the green bin, like kitchen organics baskets and compostable bags (two free rolls per household per financial year). Call or email the council if you need assistance: 8366 4200 or burnside@burnside.sa.gov.au



If you need more information about what items can be placed in each bin, you can call the Which Bin hotline on 1300 137 118, or visit the website: www.whichbin.sa.gov.au



Burnside Ward
Cr Mike Daws



Beaumont Ward
Cr Harvey Jones



Eastwood & Glenunga Ward
Cr Helga Lemon



Burnside Ward
Cr Jenny Turnbull



Beaumont Ward
Cr Paul Huebl

Greetings to all residents.

I hope you are all healthy in body and mind as we move through this crisis. Please take some comfort in knowing that your Council, both staff and Elected Members, are doing everything possible to keep Burnside and its communities in good shape.

Like many of you, I have been self isolating and to be honest I miss people. My friends, colleagues, neighbours and local residents. I miss the chats, handshakes, hugs and eating food that I haven't cooked myself. No doubt many of you feel the same. Our Council meetings now take place via Zoom and there have been moments of hilarity as we familiarise ourselves with the technology. These are live streamed with the next meeting on 9 June. Please join us.

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Eastwood & Glenunga Ward
Cr Julian Carbone

One of the proudest moments throughout this global crisis was when a resident hung a gigantic banner on her front fence.

It said 'We're All In This Together'. This symbolised the true Australian community spirit of fighting together. And whether it's a global health outbreak, or a battle in your own suburb, I'll always be there fighting for you. In recent months, these battles included waste management in Eastwood, noise issues in Glenunga, traffic in Amber Woods, as well as fighting to improve our tree canopy and to help injured koalas. I'll always fight for you, as after all, we're all in this together!

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A welcome positive consequence arising from the COVID-19 pandemic has been the increased uptake of residents walking, exercising and enjoying the parks and reserves in our Ward.

This coincides with the recent Council resolution supporting a 'natural asset plan' for the city, designed to provide a consistent standard across our many reserves and understory plantings.

In Burnside Ward, consider a walk through the reserves along Second Creek, and linked by short walks between them. At the eastern end is Michael Perry Reserve, accessed by Andrews Walk off Hallett Road, and a real gem! Walking west, next is Willowbridge Reserve, then across Hallett Road to Simpson Reserve and Hubbe Court Reserve. Crossing Lockwood Road, you meet Moorcroft Reserve via a lane off Chisholm Avenue, where refurbishing work including the removal of woody weeds and non-indigenous plants has commenced.

Harris Reserve is next along the creek line before you come to Glynburn Road, the boundary of Burnside Ward. This reserve was upgraded in 2018.

We are currently advocating for a general upgrade of Bellyett Reserve off Stonyfell Road, which may be partly achieved through a Neighbourhood Community grant.

As many residents have become aware, the Ward has some unexpected delights which we trust you will continue to enjoy. We commend the outstanding work of Council staff, including the biodiversity team, and the many volunteers who maintain our beautiful parks and reserves.

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"If a killing type of virus strain should suddenly arise by mutation... it could, because of the rapid transportation in which we indulge nowadays, be carried to the far corners of the earth and cause the deaths of millions of people."

- W.M. Stanley in Chemical and Engineering News, Dec. 22 1947

So begins George R. Stewart's seminal 1949 post-apocalyptic novel Earth Abides. Fortunately, although we are undoubtedly living in unprecedented times, strong action by government, and the good sense of the Australian people, has meant that the worst fears of science fiction writers seem unlikely to be realised.

In Burnside, our new CEO, Chris Cowley, took strong action to close down Burnside Council facilities in advance of State and Commonwealth requirements to do so and it was the right thing to do.

Chris and the leadership team also took strong action to propose a rates freeze in the draft budget for 2020/21 and we are pleased to say that this was unanimously approved by elected members at our 28 April meeting.

By the time you read this our draft budget has been out to community consultation and we do hope that as many of you as possible have had your say and made your views heard.

In the meantime, while things return to normal, stay safe and, do please, support local businesses.

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Kensington Gardens & Magill Ward
Cr Henry Davis

ANZAC Day this year was under circumstances that we had never experienced before.

At 6 am tens of thousands of residents spoke the ode and observed a minute silence listening to all manner of instruments play the last post before dawn.

Cr Piggott and I met for our own short ceremony where I played my bugle and joined the chorus in the early dawn.

ANZAC Day has a special significance to my wife Avril and I, having both served in the RAAF. This ANZAC Day was none the less moving and despite the circumstances our fallen were not forgotten.

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Kensington Park Ward
Cr Jane Davey

Our world has been turned upside down by COVID-19 as we all grapple with its impact.

I thank our CEO, Management Team and all our wonderful staff for the fantastic job you are doing to maintain our services and support our community.

It is business as usual and while maintaining social distance, Council is working hard to manage and provide the services important to you – including our climate emergency, environmental, tree planting, waste, recycling, heritage, traffic, parking and supporting our residents and businesses through difficult financial times.

Please contact me if help is needed.

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Rose Park & Toorak Gardens Ward
Cr Peter Cornish

While in these uncertain times and re-establishing our communities, I would like to extend my gratitude.

Thank you to all the staff for the additional hours and creative thinking to ensure our services continue. I acknowledge the waste truck drivers doing additional trips due to the large increase in waste volumes from many working from home. I commend the Eastern Health Authority's Health Officers and nurses. You rostered, split and separated work teams, to ensure service continuity. You extended and modified services, created new standards that assisted our state and local businesses with the pandemic restrictions. All while providing and recording vaccinations to five council areas. Finally, thank you to our community we have done the right thing and will prevail.

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Kensington Gardens & Magill Ward
Cr Grant Piggott

Wow! To think that less than three months ago we were focused on the climate emergency and the new proposed planning rules. Coronavirus has been the ultimate queue jumper.

I have been proud of the sound and measured steps taken by the City of Burnside to address the issues raised by the pandemic and the resilient nature of our residents to deal with its impacts.

That said, we should all be alert to needing help during this time and access the various services Council can provide when we require them. Stay safe.

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Kensington Park Ward
Cr Sarah Hughes

The impact of COVID-19 has been far reaching; it is encouraging how Council has proactively responded.

You'll have seen the draft budget for your feedback with a proposed zero increase on rates for residents.

February is a distant memory, however, a fantastic community event was held at the launch of the temporary pump track; get your 'wheels on' and visit the track once restrictions are lifted. If you're interested in the on goings of Council, Cr Davis, Cr Huebl and myself have a new podcast the 'Burnside Brief' – tune in to stay up-to-date with happenings in the area.

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Rose Park & Toorak Gardens Ward
Cr Lilian Henschke

The more we engage the better we perform. The ideas coming to me from residents and ratepayers are always the best.

Take for example blue heritage plaques. It started with a resident who approached me on how they could highlight the heritage of their beautifully restored villa in Toorak Gardens. Their inspiration and passion made it happen - I was their bridge to Council and our not so new anymore CEO Chris Cowley, led his team to roll it out.

So keep engaging with me on your ideas and together we'll make them happen. My focus is on you to make your city great.



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permits and registration



Residential Parking Permits

Do the parking restriction signs near your home have 'RPE', resident permit excepted, on them? To benefit from resident exemptions you will need to apply for a parking permit. All eligible applicants may apply for and receive one free Transferable Residential Parking Permit (T1) and a second Transferable Residential Parking Permit (T2) at a cost. An eligible applicant may also apply for up to a third Transferrable Residential Parking Permit per residence (T3) at a cost. However this third one will be assessed having regard to the off-street parking circumstances of the applicant. Two forms of Visitor permits are also available. For more information, please visit www.burnside.sa.gov.au/Planning-Business/Parking-Roads-Footpaths/Residential-Parking-Permits

Everyone who has a current residential parking permit has to apply for a new permit before it expires. We will write to all current permit holders prior to their expiry date to remind them. If you are a new resident to an area that has residential parking restrictions you need to apply for a permit. Apply on line – if you need help call us on 8366 4200.



Dog and Cat Registration

Dog registration is due on 1 July and must be paid by 31 August.

It is the owner's responsibility to ensure that their dog is registered, and failure to do so will result in a late fee and a possible unregistered dog expiation of \$170. The City of Burnside dog registration fees have not increased this financial year.

DACO is the database of dogs and cats that reside in South Australia. It is also the South Australian dog and cat breeder registration system. All dogs and cats must be microchipped and all dogs and cats born after 1 July 2018 must be desexed – unless owned by a registered breeder.

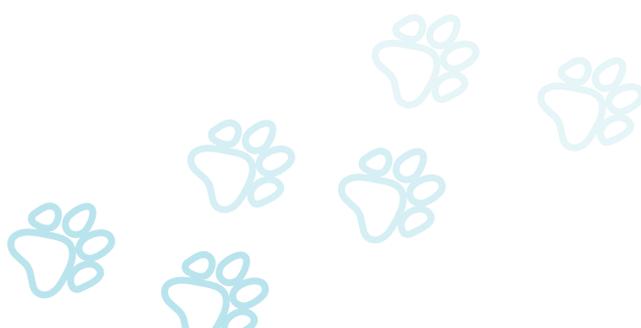
Cat owners may register their cats with Dogs and Cats Online (DACO) (there is no fee for cats within the City of Burnside).

DACO will send all dog and cat owners registration notifications in early July using the communications method the owner chose when first registering their dog/cat. This will be by letter, email or SMS.

Remember to check all the details on your renewal (addresses, telephone numbers etc) and update accordingly online. You can also change your preferred renewal option online on your DACO account. If no notification is received please check with DACO or contact Council as your dog and/or cat must be registered.

To assist owners with the registration/renewals DACO has detailed videos at www.dogandcatboard.com.au/dogs-and-cats-online/

If you are experiencing any difficulties with the renewal of your dog/cat registration, or do not receive a renewal notification, please do not hesitate to contact Council's customer experience team on 8366 4200. We are here to assist you.



Changes to Dogs on Lead

Up until early this year, dogs could be off a lead at all times in every open space in the City of Burnside when under effective control of their owners. Burnside was also the only metropolitan council that did not have parks and reserves where all dogs must be on a lead. However the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* requires that Council provides areas for both dogs off a lead and on a lead in the City. The Act says that Council must have provision in some parks or reserves for all dogs to be on a lead.

Council launched the Dog Management 2019 community consultation process to make clear the legislative requirement in relation to on-lead areas and to seek community opinion on where and how this would be suitable. More than 300 responses were received and there was strong support for dogs being on a lead a certain distance from all playground equipment, and dogs on lead a certain distance from the sideline of all sporting games or during club sport training.

At its meeting on 11 February 2020 Council resolved to declare some dog on lead areas and two Dog Free Areas within the City.

The Tusmore Wading Pool and the Glenunga Hub play space are now Dog Free Areas.

The following areas of Local Government Land are dog on lead areas.

- All public playgrounds and land within 10 metres of public playgrounds (excluding Dog Free areas).
- All land within fenced areas associated with public playgrounds (excluding Dog Free areas).
- All land within 20 metres of the Tusmore wading pool and
- All land on and within 10 metres of organised sporting ovals, pitches, courts and fields (unenclosed) during such time as there is organised sport being carried out and during such time as there is organised training for sports being carried out.

All dog owners and dog walkers must comply with these restrictions.



online activities



As we go to print the Civic Centre has opened for limited service (library and customer service). Regular classes and activities are suspended but Council is still offering online activities to stay fit and connected and ease the sense of isolation.

Check them out at www.burnside.sa.gov.au/Community-Recreation/Whats-on-in-Burnside/Online-Programs

We acknowledge that not everyone has computer access or the skills and knowledge to go online.

Note: this information was correct at the time of going to print. It may have changed.

Chess Classes



Classes are 30 minutes. No more than 8-10 students per session, so book in fast to secure your seat. All ages welcome. Classes are accessed via the online platform Zoom. This is a free online tool that does not require you to register. Instructions available on the booking page. The online chess classes cater to students of all experience levels. If you don't know which group to sign up for, call David on 0433 693 990 to discuss.



French Classes

Times and costs vary

There is a wide range of French classes available to cater for all levels. Learning is based on a variety of topics and engaging materials. You will have access to an online learning platform with weekly lessons, a forum to communicate with other students and the teacher. All classes are with French tutors. All materials are included and a summary of each lesson will be emailed to students. Bookings are essential via Eventbrite.



Sheriden Pilates

Free

Online mat pilates with the ever popular Sheriden, live to your lounge room. To join the class, like and follow Sheriden Pilates on Facebook. Be available to view the class on your computer or device at the scheduled class time. While Sheriden may occasionally make a class available to view outside of the scheduled live class times, the idea behind attending a live streamed session is to encourage regular routine and the opportunity to interact with others. Classes are currently free at the time of publication, however may be subject to change. Enjoy and stay active!

East Meets West Wellness Program

The sick body can give you a sick mind, and a sick mind can also give you a sick body. Traditional Eastern medicine has always viewed it in these ways. To stay healthy we need to look after both aspects. Learn and try simple techniques to improve your wellbeing. Normally run weekly in our community centre, this is a pre-recorded session to allow you to practice a standard routine from home. View the YouTube video on our website.

Yoga Begins with Vani

A healthy body and sound mind begins with Yoga. We bring you the ancient classical form of Yoga that is perfect for all ages and fitness levels. Learn this unique science of flexibility, breath control and meditation to relax and rejuvenate your body, mind and soul. To join an online class go to <https://yogabegins.ptminder.com> click on available classes, complete the booking process for the class or classes you wish to attend. For inquiries, please contact Vani on 0469 737 148 or info@yogabegins.com.au Enjoy and stay active.

Meditation Class with Sahaja Yoga Meditation

A simple and dynamic method of meditation using practical techniques, easily integrated into your daily life to help you experience emotional, mental, physical and spiritual wellbeing. Through this method of guided meditation you will experience a state of mind called 'thoughtless awareness'. This is an awakened state through which you will feel relaxed, allowing you to begin the journey of self-discovery.

To join an online class register your interest by emailing Sahajayoga.Adelaide@gmail.com or by calling 0417 806 336 or 1300 724 252.



Playgroup at Home

10.30 am weekdays

Connect with the Playgroup Community at home and join the live online playgroup sessions at 10.30 am each weekday (excluding school holidays) on your laptop, PC or device. As communities are facing rapid change, Playgroup SA are looking to help you connect and interact with other families and playgroup leaders.

Playgroup at Home is a safe space to share ideas for play including craft, imaginative, physical play, sensory play, outdoor play, literacy and numeracy, aiming to create a community that belongs to the families, that also provides a sense of belonging in a time where we may not physically be as close to each other. Join the Playgroup at Home Facebook group, check the group news feed regularly for new activities to do at home or craft items to have on hand for the next session. Get involved with the live online playgroup sessions. Access past online sessions via the Playgroup at Home Facebook group for extra fun.

For more information call 1800 171 882 or visit the Playgroup SA Facebook Page.



Art Classes with Elisabeth Howlett

\$35 per class
or \$120 for a set of four classes
+ materials

Would you like to make some art for your walls in the weeks to come? In an endeavour to provide people with something of value during this challenging time, local artist Elisabeth Howlett is offering online art classes in two streams using either oil or acrylic paint.

The online classes will consist of two components. Four lessons delivered via a link to a video which will be sent to your nominated email address. These lessons can be watched and followed in your own time each week. An individual weekly follow up with each student at a mutually agreeable time online. Payment is via bank transfer. To enrol in a course, either email elisabethhowlett@internode.on.net or SMS 0413 802 530.



recent and upcoming works

In accordance with Council's Annual Business Plan and Budget, the following works have been recently completed or are scheduled to be undertaken in the next few months.



- **Regal Theatre** auditorium upgrade (seating, painting and flooring)
- **Tusmore Park** public toilet refurbishments
- **Kensington Gardens Reserve** rotunda refurbishments
- **Civic Centre** digital sign installation
- Demolition of clubrooms at **Kingsley Avenue Reserve, Glenunga** (ahead of a clubroom rebuild)
- Safety fence installation at the **Wheal Watkins Mine**
- **First Creek** and **Second Creek** rehabilitation works
- Flood mitigation works at **Linden Crescent** and **Austral Avenue, Linden Park**
- Drainage works at **Sherwood Terrace, Beaumont**

Note: some works may be delayed due to weather while others may be completed early.

Footpath projects

- » Verdelho Court, Auldana

Rekerbing projects

- » Austral Avenue, Linden Park
- » Angelsey Avenue, St Georges
- » Taylor Terrace, Rosslyn Park

Road resurfacing projects

- » Allawah Avenue, Glen Osmond
- » Burnside Crescent, Burnside
- » Clark Street, Wattle Park
- » Eastwood Community Centre car park
- » Gandys Gully Road, Wattle Park
- » Hermitage Road, Auldana
- » High Street, Burnside
- » Angelsey Avenue, St Georges
- » Bolingbroke Grove, Toorak Gardens
- » Burnell Street, Linden Park
- » Knox Terrace, Skye
- » Leslie Street, Glen Osmond
- » Main Street, Eastwood
- » Mariner Street, Linden Park
- » McBeath Drive, Skye
- » McGlasson Avenue, Magill
- » Prescott Terrace, Rose Park
- » Stonyfell Road, Stonyfell
- » Swift Avenue, Dulwich
- » Vista Avenue, Skye
- » Windmill Street, Skye



Open space projects

- **Renewal of two Bus Shelters** and DDA compliance works
- **Harris Reserve** fencing replacement
- **Symons and Symons** play area renewal
- **Kensington Gardens Reserve** bollards renewal
- **Tusmore Park** picnic shelter installation
- **Public Lighting Renewal**
 - » Sydney Street Reserve, Glenunga
 - » John Cleland Drive, Beaumont
- **George Bolton Swimming Centre Burnside** outdoor shower and drinking fountain upgrade
- **Tusmore Park** barbecue upgrade
- **Mellor Reserve** barbecue installation
- **Attunga Gardens** and **Ray Cooper Gardens** irrigation upgrades
- **Kensington Park Reserve** playground upgrade
- **Biodiversity Signage**



pepper street arts centre



Highlights of what some of our PSAC artists have been up to while in isolation at home.



Jan Mykyta

Jan is a textile artist who has been busy creating some lovely glasses cases and small clutches. Great designs and a lot of fun! Jan has regularly shown her work in Pepper Street's Gift Shop and has previously exhibited in our Christmas exhibition, Little Treasures.



Olga Morias

Featured here are the textile toys made by Olga Morias. This is what Olga is working on currently. Olga's work is available in our Gift Shop and usually in our Little Treasures annual Christmas exhibition. When Pepper Street re-opens you can view and purchase similar items at the Centre.



Alana Preece

Alana has been pursuing ideas in ceramics which have been in her head for years. Alana says "This has resulted in a lot of research, many tests and some spectacular failures! It has and continues to be a very steep learning curve and I am only heartened by reminding myself of Thomas Edison who made 99 light bulbs before he made one that worked!" Alana works in a number of mediums including pastel, painting, mosaics, ceramics, jewellery and textiles. Alana is featured in our Gift Shop and exhibits regularly.



Jennifer Gunson

These are textiles from the Requiem Screens series. This body of work is based on the sadness and loss encountered by the Ash Wednesday Bushfires in 1983. Jennifer exhibited in our recent Adelaide Fringe exhibition entitled All Creatures Great and Small. You can see more of Jennifer's work on Facebook: Jennifer Gunson Textile and Felting Artist.

Trish Loader

Trish is donating all profits from these koala necklaces to Koala Rescue. The buttons on the necklaces are supplied by another artist. The koala necklaces are only \$25 each and can be purchased on her website www.designedbytrisha.com



Wendy McCormick

Wendy is a textile artist who created little knitted Amigurumi type creatures. Some of you might know Wendy from our Thursday fortnightly yarn textile group. Wendy has worked in Pepper Street's Gift Shop and is a regular exhibitor in our Christmas exhibition Little Treasures.



Victoria Yurkova

Victoria is multi-skilled and works in a range of mediums. This piece is entitled 'Atlantida'. Victoria has work in Pepper Street's Gift Shop and is a regular exhibitor.

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Rosalyn Sachsse

Pottery artist Rosalyn Sachsse has had her beautiful pieces featured at Pepper Street. Rosalyn says of her interest in pottery, "Clay is a wonderful medium to work with and the creative possibilities are endless. I have changed directions many times over the years and continue to experiment and work with new ideas. I particularly enjoy the fact that people use my pots in their everyday life."



Audrey Emery

Audrey has exhibited at Pepper Street a number of times and is a valued member of the volunteer team. Audrey is currently working on a series of intricate paper-cut artworks. Each artwork is created by hand cutting paper and then layering pieces together to form a highly detailed image. Working in bright yellow tones, Audrey aims to share the joy that we find in nature and its beautiful glowing light.



Hanah Williams

Hanah Williams is a print maker who is currently continuing with a body of work that she began earlier this year focusing on the goddesses from Homer's epic tale The Odyssey. Hanah will be teaching some art classes at Pepper Street when we re-open. Keep an eye on our art classes page on our website for more information. See more of Hanah's work on Facebook and at www.hanahwprintmaker.com



Deborah Maynard

Mixed media artist Deborah Maynard, has had her beautiful and unique creations featured at Pepper Street in both the Gift Shop and group exhibitions. Deborah specialises in up-cycled and recycled art creating sculptures, wind chimes, cards, fridge magnets and button art.

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