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Burnside Citizen of the Year Award Winners



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Mayor's Message

By the time you read this, holidays will be over, schools will have returned and routines re-established.

Summer has been hot and dry and the fires in Los Angeles were a warning to us all about losses in human lives, homes, businesses and the environment. Let us hope that 2025 brings about an end to losses in the Middle East and Ukraine as well. Thank you to those of you who have been helping out by watering verges and trees and by putting out water for animals and birds. Please continue to be alert until at least the beginning of April, when the Fire Danger Season should come to an end. Thank you to all staff who ensured essential services were provided throughout the holiday season, particularly the outdoor staff and the library staff.

On 14 December 2024 a plaque at the 'Helping Hand' statue at the Fallen Soldiers' Memorial in Rose Park was unveiled by Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia. It was a privilege to have our Governor visit the City of Burnside and celebrate 100 years since the original unveiling and you can read about it further inside this issue.

On 28 January 2025 we welcomed our new Chief Executive Officer, Julia Grant. Julia comes from the City of Onkaparinga where she spent time as Acting CEO and as Director of Strategy and Engagement and Director of Community. Prior to that, she had a long career in State Government, particularly with the Department of Environment, so she is very experienced in climate change policy and action. Julia is a resident of the City of Burnside, having lived here for 27 years, so she knows our city well. We look forward to you meeting her at events and meetings in the coming months. I also take this opportunity to publicly thank our Acting CEO, Martin Cooper for his dedicated and diligent service over the past four months.

I hope that you have downloaded or collected a copy of the Kerbside Calendar for 2025 that is available from the City of Burnside and East Waste. In addition to details regarding collection dates, it has information about what to place (or not place) in each of our three bins.

On Australia Day, 26 January 2025 we held our Citizenship Ceremony in The Regal Theatre. This change of venue allowed us to celebrate the day comfortably in our much treasured asset that turns 100 in November this year. We had our usual breakfast with the help of Lions and Burnside CFS and music was provided by the Youth Concert Band. Eighty-seven new citizens from 21 different countries took their pledges to become Australians. We also awarded our annual Australia Day Awards as follows: the Young Citizen of the Year was awarded to Rosa Hessabi for her action and service and Stuart Vass received the Highly Commended Award. The Award for Active Citizenship was awarded to Michael Neal of the Lions Club of Burnside. The Citizen of the Year Award was shared by Diana Croft and Susan Perks for over 30 years of volunteering for Burnside Meals on Wheels, and our Community Event of the Year was awarded to the Rotary Club of Burnside for its Christmas Lunch for Seniors. Thank you to all those who were nominated for their dedication to our community.

Anne Monceaux

Mayor





Congratulations to the following City of Burnside residents who were recipients of Australia Day Honours in 2025.

Mrs Margaret Lee (nee Soo Koo) of St Georges

- Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the creative arts, particularly as an embroiderer.

Mrs Lan Le of Linden Park

- Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the Crown, and to the community of South Australia.

Colonel Francis Peter Scott DSO (Retd) of Myrtle Bank (formerly of Glenside)

- Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to veterans and their families.

Mr Adam Reid of Magill

- Public Service Medal (PSM) for outstanding public service in industry development and economic growth.

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Welcome CEO Julia Grant

The City of Burnside is pleased to welcome new CEO Julia Grant who commenced the position on Tuesday 28 January.

Julia is a Burnside resident and the former Director Community at the City of Onkaparinga and has experience in both local and state government.

Throughout her career, Julia has a proven track record in leading high-performing teams, ensuring sustainable financial management, enhancing community engagement outcomes and possesses a strong record of policy development.

'It is a privilege to lead a wonderful organisation in a city where I have been a resident for 27 years. I share the same aspirations and love of Burnside's lifestyle and environment as the community and look forward to working with staff, the Mayor, Council Members and the community towards Burnside's future prosperity.' - **Julia Grant, CEO**





Burnside News



Dog On-Lead Zone Confirmed for Kensington Gardens Reserve/Kensington Wama

In February 2024, Council resolved to implement a trial dog on-lead area surrounding the Kensington Gardens Preschool in Kensington Gardens Reserve/Kensington Wama between 1 April 2024 and 13 December 2024, operating during limited times. Opportunities were promoted for the community, particularly park users, to provide feedback to the Council about the trial throughout April and May 2024.

In June 2024, following community feedback, Council modified the area and times of the trial - with the dog on-lead zone in effect during school terms between 8 am - 9 am and 3 pm - 4 pm Monday to Thursday.

At the 19 November 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council resolved to make the trial dog on-lead area, as shown in the map below, a permanent dog-on lead area effective immediately. Please note this dog on-lead area is only in effect during school term between 8 am - 9 am and 3 pm - 4 pm Monday to Thursday.



Other Mandatory Dog On-lead Areas

Following community consultation in mid-2024, Michael Perry Reserve, Chambers Gully Reserve, Heatherbank Reserve and Kensington Gardens Reserve/Kensington Wama (wetland only) are now all mandatory dog on-lead areas. This change was made following overwhelming community support in the interest of protecting wildlife and biodiversity in these zones.

Results of the community engagement can be viewed at engage.burnside.sa.gov.au



Regal Theatre \$2.43m Grant

The City of Burnside is excited to announce that it has successfully applied for grant funding worth \$2.43m from the Australian Government's *Thriving Suburbs Program* for the Regal Theatre Precinct Redevelopment project.

The *Thriving Suburbs Program* is delivering investment in community infrastructure projects in several South Australian communities including capital works projects that enhance liveability, strengthen social cohesion and support local amenity in urban, suburban and peri-urban communities.

The project will rejuvenate the heritage-listed theatre and surrounding precinct. You can find out more about what is proposed for the theatre's precinct by viewing the detailed design bit.ly/4gbqvvg.

Council Emissions Down to Lowest Ever Levels

At the end of each calendar year the City of Burnside publishes an annual Environmental Sustainability Review, covering the past financial year and detailing our performance against several major baselines.

Some of our 2024 highlights include:

- Carbon emissions were the lowest Council has recorded at 1,451 tonnes for the organisation for the year.
- Council planted over 1,100 trees in Burnside, over 4,000 other plants, and gave over 7,000 plants to landholders to increase canopy cover and improve habitat.
- New solar panel systems were installed at Council's Civic Centre. Over time, these systems will save Council money and reduce carbon emissions.
- Council purchased 1,100 tonnes of recycled asphalt and over 160 tonnes of other recycled materials, like bins and bollards.



Burnside News

Monthly Council Meetings Continue

At the Ordinary Council Meeting of 28 January 2025, Council passed a motion to continue to hold one Council Meeting per month. This will continue for the remainder of the Council Term.

Fringe in Burnside

Coming to Pepper Street Arts Centre, the Regal Theatre, Burnside Ballroom and Burnside Town Hall, get ready for a spectacular celebration of art, culture and creativity as the Adelaide Fringe lights up Burnside. From captivating performances to immersive experiences, enjoy a vibrant mix of theatre, music, comedy, and family-friendly fun. With local talent and international acts, there's something for everyone.

See pages 21 – 24 for more information.

Or visit bit.ly/FringeInBurnside.



Burnside Community Grants

Through our Community Grants Program, we provide support to community projects or initiatives that encourage local groups and organisations to build a welcoming and connected community enhancing inclusion, participation and wellbeing.

We are looking to support ideas from groups/ organisations whose work enriches our community in line with the Burnside 2030 Strategic Community Plan, and the Connected Communities Strategy.

Grants of up to \$5,000 are available to eligible community groups and organisations that are not-for-profit, or similar comparable status and who provide services to City of Burnside residents.

See the [City of Burnside website](https://www.burnside.sa.gov.au) for funding eligibility requirements or reach out to our team 8366 4200 or communitydevelopment@burnside.sa.gov.au

Applications close 27 March 2025.



Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony

Congratulations to the Burnside residents who as of Australia Day, are now officially Australian citizens! On 26 January 2025, in an Australia Day ceremony at the Regal Theatre, 87 conferees from 21 countries took the Citizenship Pledge and afterwards celebrated their new home with a barbecue sausage and lamington.





Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony

Citizens of the Year – Susan Perks and Diana Croft

Susan Perks

For over three decades, Susan has been a cornerstone of the Burnside branch of Meals on Wheels, dedicating 32 years to delivering meals to those in need. Since 1992, her weekly visits have not only ensured that individuals unable to cook for themselves can remain independent at home but also provided them with invaluable social connections. Susan's attentive care lets her quickly notice changes in her customers' wellbeing, ensuring that any concerns are promptly addressed to keep them safe.

In recognition of her unwavering service, Susan was honoured by Meals on Wheels at a special award luncheon in 2022. Her compassion and dedication exemplify the true essence of volunteerism.



Gayle of Meals on Wheels accepting on behalf of Susan.

Diana Croft

Diana has been a steadfast volunteer with the Burnside branch of Meals on Wheels for 31 years, beginning her service in 1993. Delivering meals every fortnight, she is vital in enabling individuals to maintain their independence while living at home. Her friendly visits bring both nourishment and a sense of connection, while her close relationships with her customers allow her to identify and report any wellbeing concerns promptly.

In 2023, Diana's remarkable contribution was celebrated at an award presentation hosted by Meals on Wheels. Her long-term commitment highlights her deep care for her community and the lives she touches.



Young Citizen of the Year – Rosa Hessabi

Rosa is a young leader whose dedication to service, advocacy, and creative pursuits has profoundly impacted her school and broader community. As founder of her school's Service and Justice Committee, she has championed humanitarian rights and equity, earning accolades such as the Kaye M Michell Award for Outstanding Leadership and Service. Beyond school, Rosa is an advocate for Iranian human rights and was recognised for her contributions by being selected as a Global Finalist in RISE 2023, an organisation that recognises and supports projects led by young leaders globally. Rosa has also excelled in robotics, as part of the first all-girls team to represent Australia at VEX international competitions, achieving multiple world championships.

Rosa's contributions extend to the arts, with her work exhibited at prominent venues such as the Art Gallery of South Australia. She has also excelled in public speaking, ethics, and academic competitions, including the Brain Bee Neuroscience National Finals and the Da Vinci Decathlon. A recipient of the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award and currently pursuing Silver, Rosa exemplifies active citizenship, leadership and a passion for fostering positive change.



Citizenship Ceremony

At the Regal Theatre ceremony, the City of Burnside conferred 87 new citizens from 21 countries. Congratulations to all new citizens, it was an honour to be a part of your special day.



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COMMUNITY



Stuart Vass

Receiving a Highly Commended for Young Citizen of the Year, Stuart is a passionate advocate for STEM and youth empowerment contributing locally and internationally through leadership roles in advisory boards, student leadership, and ambassador programs. He has represented Australia at the VEX Robotics World Championships and the National

Youth Science Forum. He has been recognised with accolades such as the Australian Defence Force Future Innovators Award and the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award.

Award for Active Citizenship – Michael Neal

Michael Neal is a dedicated community leader and president of the Burnside Lions Club, known for his impactful initiatives that enrich residents' lives. Among his contributions is the Digital Imaging Project, which helps aged residents digitise their photos, aiding memory retention and providing easy access to cherished memories. Recognising this need after digitising his own photos, Michael saw an opportunity to prevent digital waste and support the community through shared resources.

His commitment extends to facilitating the Burnside Dementia Action Group, a council initiative supporting those impacted by dementia. Michael organises sessions and guest speakers, creating a vital social support network. His efforts exemplify a passion for meaningful, community-focused service.



Community Event of the Year – Rotary Club of Burnside Seniors Christmas Luncheon

The annual Seniors Christmas Luncheon at the Burnside Ballroom is a cherished event that brings together over 100 senior citizens for a festive celebration. With free transport and a complimentary lunch provided by the Rotary Club of Burnside, this long-standing tradition highlights the club's dedication to the community.

The luncheon provides an opportunity to connect and support those who might otherwise feel isolated during the holiday season, showcasing the true spirit of community and togetherness.



Council Services

- Easter and ANZAC Day Open Hours

Date	Library	Pepper Street Arts Centre	The Regal Theatre	George Bolton Swimming Centre	Customer Service
Thursday 17 April 2025	9.30 am – 9 pm	10 am – 5 pm	10.15 am - 11 pm	6 am - 8 pm	8.30 am – 5 pm
Friday 18 April 2025, Good Friday	CLOSED (Public Holiday)	CLOSED (Public Holiday)	10.15 am - 10.30 pm	CLOSED (Public Holiday)	CLOSED (Public Holiday)
Saturday 19 April 2025, Easter Saturday	CLOSED (Public Holiday)	CLOSED (Public Holiday)	10.15 am - 10.30 pm	8 am - 6 pm	CLOSED (Public Holiday)
Sunday 20 April 2025, Easter Sunday	CLOSED (Public Holiday)	CLOSED (Public Holiday)	10.15 am - 10.30 pm	8 am - 6 pm	CLOSED (Public Holiday)
Monday 21 April 2025, Easter Monday	CLOSED (Public Holiday)	CLOSED (Public Holiday)	10.15 am - 6 pm	8 am - 6 pm	CLOSED (Public Holiday)
Tuesday 22 April 2025	9.30 am – 6 pm	10 am – 5 pm	10.15 am - 11 pm	6 am - 8 pm	8.30 am – 5 pm
Wednesday 23 April 2025	9.30 am – 6 pm	10 am – 5 pm	10.15 am - 11 pm	6 am - 8 pm	8.30 am – 5 pm
Thursday 24 April 2025	9.30 am – 9 pm	10 am – 5 pm	10.15 am - 11 pm	6 am - 8 pm	8.30 am – 5 pm
Friday 25 April 2025, ANZAC Day	CLOSED (Public Holiday)	CLOSED (Public Holiday)	10.15 am - 10.30 pm	8 am - 6 pm	CLOSED (Public Holiday)

*Regal Theatre times are approximate and depend on the duration of films.

*Community Centres are closed to all hirers on Public Holidays.

Weekly Organics Delivers Cost Savings

In September 2024, Council began a trial involving the weekly collection of organics bins. The trial allows residents to easily dispose of food and garden waste by placing it out for kerbside collection each week. As part of the trial, recycling and landfill bins are collected fortnightly. Around 1,400 properties in Beulah Park and Kensington Park are participating.

The trial has been a resounding success. Residents have embraced the opportunity to use their organics bins for food and garden waste. Putting organic material in the organics bin, including all food waste, reduces landfill waste and saves money. Financial savings occur because it is five times cheaper to send organic material to be composted, rather than to landfill.

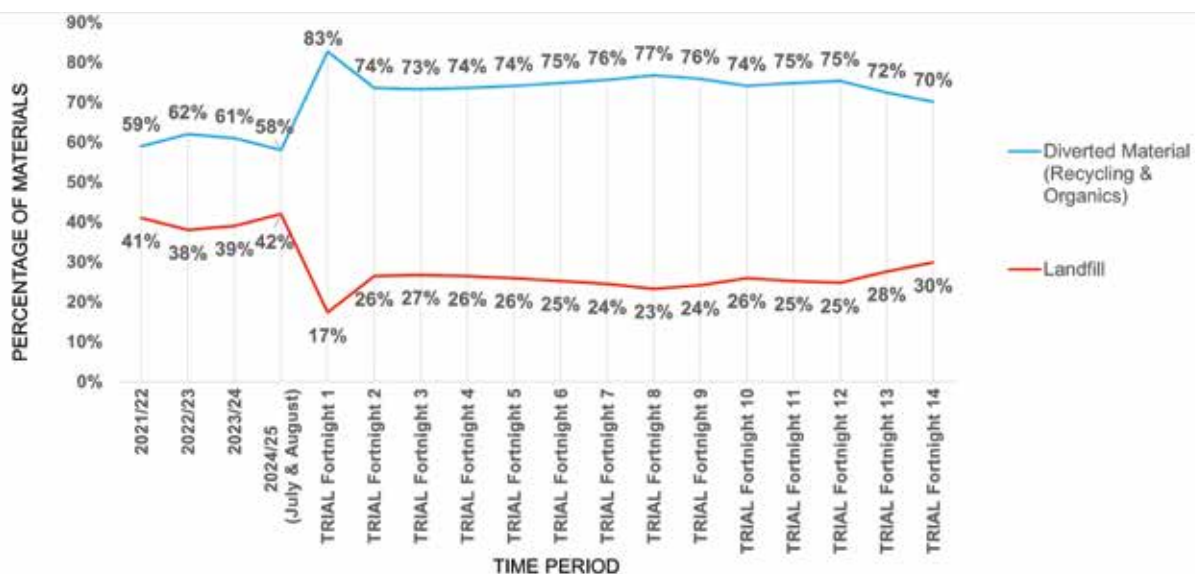
The trial is saving Council over \$800 per week on landfill disposal. While there are costs involved in changing systems, the savings can pay back the costs. Thus, weekly organics has the potential to generate long-term savings for the community.

How much does weekly organics reduce landfill?

A lot! One common metric used to assess community management of waste is 'diversion' from landfill. Materials that are recycled or composted are considered as 'diverted' from landfill. Typically, the diversion rate in Burnside is around 61 per cent. Since the trial's introduction, the trial area has increased its diversion rate to an impressive 75 per cent. This is one of the highest diversion rates in South Australia.

Council is deeply grateful to the community for embracing the weekly green organics collection and committing to separating food and organic waste. The support from the community has been essential to the success of this trial.

Based on the success of this project, Council has decided to extend the trial until at least 30 June, to help evaluate long-term savings and operational improvements for the community. Planning beyond 30 June will occur as part of Council's annual budgeting processes.



What do our residents think about weekly organics?

Beulah Park resident Rick said so far, the trial had been an incredible success across the trial zone.

'We have been putting out a full green bin every week, we are delighted so far. We get great joy from throwing a big bag of food waste into the green bin,' Rick said.

'Looking around the neighbourhood everyone has gotten behind the trial, I have not spoken with a single person against it.'

'I would encourage the City of Burnside to trial elsewhere and keep us as a permanent weekly organics area.'

'People will see they can do the right thing and the city profits financially.'



Beulah Park residents
Rick and Deb

Want to know more? Visit: burnside.sa.gov.au/weeklyorganics



A Century of Remembrance



The Burnside District Fallen Soldiers' Memorial in Rose Park is an important cultural landmark within the City of Burnside.

This World War I memorial is significant to the community and is a high-quality example of a living war memorial.

The memorial's history began on Peace Day, 19 July 1919, when a crowd gathered at Alexandra Avenue to acknowledge the fallen soldiers of the Great War. As part of the ceremony, relatives were invited to plant a tree along the Avenue and Prescott Terrace in honour of their lost loved ones. The trees chosen to stand along this site are particularly poignant – a living, evergreen memorial that must be maintained by those who come after.

In 1920 the next step in the memorial's evolution began as the Burnside Memorial Committee raised funds for a monument to be added to the Memorial as a further tribute to the fallen of the District of Burnside. Australian sculptor Charles Web Gilbert (1867–1925) was commissioned to design the bronze statue. On 14 December 1924, the Governor of South Australia, Lieutenant General Sir Tom Bridges KCB KCMG DSO, unveiled the statue depicting a soldier climbing over the top of a trench and turning back to offer a helping hand to his mate. The Ferdinand Barbedienne Foundry in France cast the figure, which is mounted on a granite plinth with bronze plaques bearing the names of 87 fallen soldiers of the Burnside District.

A project to update the memorial was initiated in 2020 by Ian Fitzgerald, Retired Colonel Peter Scott and the late Ian Sando, who approached the City of Burnside for support. Together, they formed the Burnside Military History Group and dedicated many hours to researching the names of the 87 soldiers commemorated in 1919. Their research uncovered inaccuracies and inconsistencies on the plaques throughout the Memorial, including a proposal that some fallen soldiers from the Burnside District had not yet been recognised.





On 4 August 2022, additional trees were allocated to fallen soldiers on Alexandra Avenue, west of Victoria Terrace. Through intensive research, these soldiers were identified for their strong association with the District of Burnside and were added to the memorial to recognise their sacrifice alongside their mates.

In recognition of this work the Burnside Military History Group was named the 2024 Active Citizens of the Year at the City of Burnside Australia Day Awards.

In 2024, the individual soldiers' tree plaques were replaced with corrected and additional information. The rock plaques across the memorial were also updated, and an interpretation plaque was installed at the Field Gun on Prescott Terrace. The final phase of the project included the installation of interpretive signage behind the inspiring statue with a map to help visitors locate specific soldiers' memorial trees. With assistance from the City of Burnside the group secured two grants to support the project - one from the Department of Veterans' Affairs and another from the History Trust of South Australia.

During the ceremony on 14 December 2024 commemorating the statue's 100 years, Mayor Anne Monceaux, and Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia, unveiled a plaque to be added to the new interpretive signage.

Mayor Monceaux expressed the great honour of this occasion and emphasised the importance of preserving the memory of the fallen through both Council and community efforts.

'I wish to thank Ian Fitzgerald, Peter Scott and the late Ian Sando for their foresight and diligence as they were committed to getting the history right and honouring the fallen from World War I. As a living memorial, these Avenues of Honour require continual care by the City of Burnside and the community to ensure their Legacy is not forgotten,' Mayor Monceaux said.



Left to right: Ian Fitzgerald, Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Retired Colonel Peter Scott, Mayor Anne Monceaux and Graeme Gatley (2023 Burnside Citizen of the Year)



Council Members



**Beaumont
Ward**
Cr Paul
Huebl

*Sitting down to draft this article, we spotted a pair of birds that had us reaching for the **Field Guide to the Birds of Australia**.*

Eastern Spinebills, right at the very western edge of their range, hover-feeding on the agapanthus.

So what excitement can we expect at Burnside Council this year?

Firstly, our new CEO, Julia Grant, starts in January. Julia has many years experience working in State and Local Government but most excitingly she has lived in Burnside for over twenty years and has deep roots in the community. It is said that there are no more than three degrees of separation between anybody living in Adelaide, rather than the usual six; the more people we speak to, the more we are finding this to actually be the case with Julia. Having a Burnside CEO who is a long-standing resident and ratepayer and really understands us is a great leap forward.

Next is a decision from Planning Minister, Nick Champion, regarding the application from Western Australian company Cedar Woods to build tower blocks of up to 26 storeys at Glenside. This outrageous proposal runs contrary to all assurances that residents who bought into the development were given as to maximum heights of 4-8 storeys.

Cedar Woods claim that their tower block plan is in response to the housing crisis is entirely risible. This is a dangerous precedent that will see any site west of Glynburn Road at risk of being turned into a monstrous arcology.

A Federal Election looms. Will this be the election that both sides of politics finally commit to getting trucks off Portrush Road and building the Greater Adelaide Freight Bypass?

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**Beaumont
Ward**
Cr Harvey
Jones

Adelaide is the only capital city where National Highway One ploughs through the middle of suburbia, passing by ten schools.

We sometimes see cyclists on Portrush Road; we're scared to drive down it with B-doubles hooning along far above the speed limit.

And then we come to the Council budget. Council is currently borrowing money to cover day to day costs. It is \$25 million in debt, with no ability to repay that debt. Yet Council proposes to borrow millions of dollars to fund new capital expenditure such as the clubrooms at Kensington Gardens Reserve, the Regal Theatre and the Marryatville Precinct Masterplan. In our opinion, this cannot continue. We continue to kick the can down the road, refusing to either raise rates, or cut costs, by enough to resolve the situation. When the 2025/26 budget goes out to public consultation, we hope that you provide appropriate feedback.

Happy New Year!

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**Kensington
Park Ward**
Cr Jane
Davey

We head into our glorious autumn and the festival season in Adelaide after experiencing a long, hot, dry summer.

There is much concern about climate change within the community along with the health of our public trees as we struggle to preserve our tree canopy across the suburbs.

I have had many queries about whether our old established trees, and some young ones, are being affected by the dry season and lack of water resulting in the possibility that they are becoming weakened and being attacked by opportunistic predators, so these are being carefully watched.

Please e mail me with a photo if you are concerned about the health of any of our trees.

I wish to acknowledge and pay tribute to our volunteers – those wonderful friends of Burnside - who contributed 26,0000 + hours to benefit our community across 34 different volunteer programs last year.

From library activities, to Pepper St Arts Centre, Community Transport, Graffiti Removal to JP services and the biodiversity and conservation programme as examples, their contribution is significant and highly valued.

One of our stalwarts who has recently been recognised for her contribution as a long-standing volunteer is Chris Baillie, who has notched up 25 years service in our Biodiversity and Conservation Team, ably led by another committed volunteer, Andrew Crompton. Thank you. It's notable that this team's consistent efforts weeding and planting have resulted in the transformation of Waterfall Gully Reserve with their work undertaken to regenerate its natural flora.

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**Kensington
Park Ward**
**Cr Andy
Xing**

As we step into another exciting year, I extend a warm welcome to our vibrant community.

2025 marks the final full year for this Council before we prepare for the 2026 local government elections. This milestone provides a great opportunity to reflect on our achievements this Council term and to set our sights on the future.

Notable highlights include:

- Rollout of the **FOGO green bin trial**, helping reduce waste and contribute to a more sustainable environment.
- Investigations into establishing a **Repair Hub**, encourages repairing and reusing household items to promote sustainability and reduce landfill.
- Ongoing enhancements to **road and pedestrian safety**, ensuring our streets remain safe and accessible.
- Burnside continues to thrive, with several new commercial developments boosting our local economy. Our community enjoys proximity to fantastic iconic attractions such as **Burnside Village, Penfolds Magill Estate**, and **Mount Osmond Golf Course**. There is always something to explore!

In addition to these achievements, I have been advocating for a **small business strategy and investment attraction plan**. This initiative aims to stimulate economic growth, attract new businesses, and encourage more activity and vibrancy in our local area.

I encourage new voices and diverse perspectives to step forward for the next election cycle - especially those from younger generations and people with unique experiences. Fresh ideas and enthusiasm are essential to ensuring our community continues to grow and evolve. Happy to catch up for coffee and exchange ideas.

Thank you for your ongoing support and let's make 2025 a year to remember!

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Residents Recognised at South Australian of the Year Awards

For making an impact within our local community and all across our state, congratulations to three Burnside residents who in December 2024 were recognised at the South Australian of the Year awards.

Amber Brock-Fabel won the 2025 SA Young Australian of the Year, while Irfan and Sobia Hashmi won the 2025 Local Heroes for SA award.

Irfan and Sobia Hashmi - 2025 Local Heroes for SA award

Husband and wife duo Irfan and Sobia have played pivotal roles in transforming regional healthcare through the establishment of six rural pharmacies. Previously required to travel long distances to receive pharmaceutical services, these facilities have improved access to basic medications and care for people living in isolated South Australian communities.

Employing staff who collectively speak 21 languages, the Hashmi's have engaged countless intern pharmacists, delivering multilingual education and outreach programs to support their entry into the essential regional Australian workforce. In the past 12 months alone, their free weekly webinar series has enabled 4,000 overseas pharmacists to pass their exams. These healthcare professionals are highly trained and fill essential gaps in the workforce that would otherwise go unfilled.

Amber Brock-Fabel - 2025 SA Young Australian of the Year

Amber, a former City of Burnside Young Citizen of the Year, founded the South Australian Youth Forum in 2021 at the age of 17, with the goal of creating an authentic, youth-led platform for young people to discuss the critical issues that impact their lives, including topics such as climate change, period poverty, gender equality and youth loneliness. Providing a safe and empowering space for young people, the Forum produces a yearly Annual Report which has been presented to ministers and parliamentarians and cited in statewide youth action plans and legislations.

The Youth Forum was in attendance at the United Nations Summit of the Future in New York and were expert witnesses at the National Inquiry into Civics Education.

Speaking on what drives her passion towards the Forum, Amber said her goal is to amplify the voices of young people in all fields of decision-making, including politics, communities, academia, schools and homes.

'It wasn't until I became absolutely immersed in this group, surrounded by passionate, different and kind young people, that I finally felt complete. This sparked my love for community; being part of a space where I feel like I belong. I've witnessed the detriment of loneliness within myself and my peers; and unfortunately in today's world, young people are the loneliest demographic in Australia.'

'I want to continue creating a safe space where young people from all corners of Australia, from all walks of life, can come together to meet, to chat, and to create change.'

Following their recognition at the South Australian awards, all three winners represented SA at the national awards on 25 January 2025. The City of Burnside is incredibly proud of their contributions to the community as they continue to help shape our present and future.



Irfan and Sobia Hashmi (far left) and Amber Brock-Fabel (far right)

Photo credit:
NADC / Salty Dingo



Hills Face Zone Residents Committed to Restoration

Known as a prosperous native flora haven that blends leafy suburbia with woodland areas, the City of Burnside is committed to providing every opportunity for residents to contribute to regional habitat enhancement on private property, especially across the Hills Face Zone, with the aim of assisting biodiversity.

Council is proactive in managing its Hills Face reserves, creek lines and urban biodiversity sites by controlling invasive plants, encouraging natural regeneration, and revegetating with local native species. At the same time, it manages fuel loads to prevent bushfires. These actions protect and enhance habitat for local native fauna and other valuable species. It is hoped residents in corresponding zones also act proactively to uphold the natural beauty of the area.

Two residents who have shown their commitment to restoring their Hills Face Zone property to its natural beauty are Anne and Mervyn, whose land was inundated with feral olive plants since they moved in over 20 years ago. Following their move they have been slowly chipping away at the infestation, following advice from Council's Conservation and Land Management team. The major overhaul has seen them clear the area and replace the olives with native flora from the City of Burnside's Biodiversity Nursery.

'We've been clearing olives for a long time,' Mervyn said.

'We have removed several olive plants from the main section of our property. You can see the natives they have been replaced with starting to flourish.'

Now seeing the aftereffects of their hard work, Anne said the advice from the Conservation and Land Management team was invaluable.

'We received a lot of support. As soon as Donna and the Conservation and Land Management team came up and saw what we wanted to do, she advised us on the best way forward. The team were very helpful through the process,' Anne said.

The City of Burnside's Native Plant Giveaway is a yearly service offered to residents of the City to promote the restoration of residential properties with native flora.





2025 Environment and Sustainability Expo

SAVE THE DATE - Saturday 17 May 2025 10 am – 3 pm

Burnside Civic Centre

Following a highly successful inaugural event in 2024, the City of Burnside will once again host the Environment and Sustainability Expo. This free community event will feature a wide range of activities including a sustainable fashion market, talks, workshops, food trucks, information stalls and a creature zone for the kids.

Join us at the Expo and discover how easy it is to live sustainably, one small change at a time.

Let's make eco-friendly living the new norm!

See you there!



Environment Awards

The annual City of Burnside Environment Awards celebrate and recognise excellence and leading sustainability practices within our community by showcasing our local environment champions.

Do you know a person or organisation going above and beyond in helping the environment for their community? Nominate them now!

See our eligibility criteria and how you can nominate at the City of Burnside website bit.ly/CoBEnvironmentAwards.

Award nominations close 28 March 2025.

Winners will be announced on Saturday 17 May at the Environment and Sustainability Expo.

Carols in the Park 2024

On 29 November 2024 the City of Burnside hosted the annual Carols in the Park – the biggest and most popular event of the Burnside calendar. This night always draws a massive audience from around Adelaide and we were thrilled to welcome over **3,500** people to Hazelwood Park!

Hosted by Adelady the audience was treated to incredible performances by artists including Burnside Youth Concert Band, Seymour College Student Bands, Adelaide Youth Theatre, The Flying Elephant Theatre Company, Burnside Symphony Orchestra, Will Metzer Jazz Band with Sarah Lloyd, IMPACT Entertainment, Gospo Collective and Henry Olonga.

With a range of food vans, an Environment Awareness Zone, face painting and a sensory room, 2024 Carols in the Park had something for everyone.



Thank you to our major sponsor Tony and Marks as well as vendors, performers, community, volunteers, Council staff and our incredible audience who made the night the biggest Carols ever.

We are already counting down the sleeps until 2025 Carols in the Park!





Have Your Say

Disability and Inclusion Action Plan

The City of Burnside values and embraces diversity and is committed to working with its valued residents to build and strengthen its community to ensure people of all abilities are welcome and feel included.

To support this, Council is currently redeveloping its Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2025-29 that will support its work towards creating a more accessible and inclusive organisation and community, in line with the State Disability Inclusion Plan.

To have your say follow the QR code or return the attached survey. See insert for more information.



George Bolton Swimming Centre Playground Closure

The City of Burnside has closed the playground at the George Bolton Swimming Centre for the entirety of the 2024/25 swim season in the interests of community safety. With a lack of shade cover available, the play equipment can become extremely hot in direct sunlight during warmer weather, which presents a risk of burns.

To ensure the safety of our visitors, the playground will remain closed throughout this current swim season.

We invite your feedback on this closure or the long-term future of the playground for Council's consideration.



Annual Community Survey

The Annual Community Survey (ACS) has been undertaken, with the aim of directing our Strategic Goals for the year. The Annual Community Survey is Council's only fully representative survey conducted in the City, and the results of this survey are a genuine reflection of our community's opinion.

If you would like to view the full report, it is available on the City of Burnside website bit.ly/CoBACS.

engage.burnside

Consulting with the community is at the cornerstone of everything we do at the City of Burnside – from the smallest local projects to the largest city-wide initiatives – we strive to work with you, our residents, every step of the way to ensure your voice is heard as part of the decision-making process.

In the 2023/24 financial year, we saw:

- 149 engagement activities (almost double our 84 engagement activities in 2022/23)
- 233,914 people written to as part of our engagements
- 38,000 visits to engage.burnside.sa.gov.au
- 758 new registrations to engage.burnside.sa.gov.au
- 5,291 document downloads on engage.burnside.sa.gov.au

And the most incredible stat is that all of these engagements are delivered by just two staff year-round!

If you want to stay informed about what's going on and share your thoughts with us, we encourage you to register to engage.burnside at engage.burnside.sa.gov.au/

Thank you for staying engaged with everything we do here at the City of Burnside, and for being part of our vibrant, informed and connected community.



Upcoming Works

Boardwalk Repairs:

Wyfield Reserve, Skye

Bollard Upgrade:

Kensington Wama / Kensington Gardens Reserve,
Kensington Gardens

Willowbridge Reserve, Burnside

Bridge Repairs:

Hazelwood Park, Hazelwood Park

Brock Reserve, Beaumont



Drainage:

Bevington Road, Glenunga

Wyatt Road, Burnside

Fencing Upgrade:

Dashwood Gully

Miller Reserve, Linden Park

Lighting Upgrades:

Hazelwood Park, Hazelwood Park

Rosslyn Park

The Parade, Kensington Gardens – Stage 2

Traminer Way, Auldana

Rekerbing:

Carunta Street, Wattle Park

Boucalt Street, Glen Osmond

Hewitt Avenue, Rose Park

Retaining Wall:

Miller Reserve, Linden Park

Culvert Remediation Works 2024-25:

Various Locations

Street Cleaning Programs:

Autumn leaf clearing

Verge mowing

Tree Maintenance Programs:

Additional tree watering

Eucalyptus Program

Tennis Court Resurfacing:

Penfold Park, Magill



Completed Works

Lighting Upgrade:

The Parade (Glynburn Road to Brigalow Avenue),
Kensington Gardens (\$63.3k)

Rekerbing:

Yeronga Avenue, Kensington Park (\$160k)
Ayrbank Avenue, Stonyfell (\$146k)
Oval Terrace, Kensington Park (\$105k)

Pergola Refurbishment:

Henry Martin Square (\$11k)

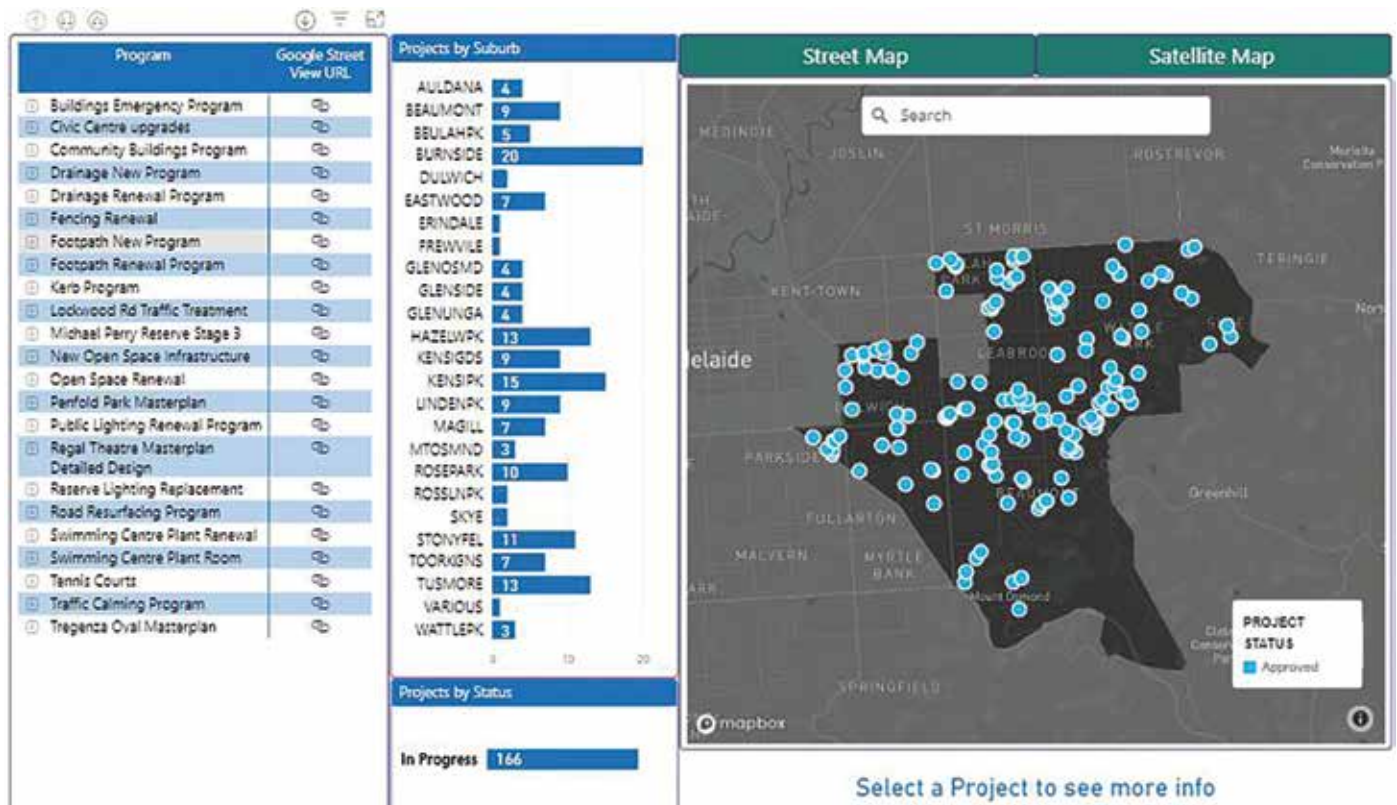


Capital Works Projects 2024/25 Interactive Map

Did you know the City of Burnside has an online interactive map of all the Capital Works Projects for 2024/25?

On this map you can see all ongoing works and filter by program, suburb, or even by street address to see what is happening near you.

Visit the map and see what is happening in your area: bit.ly/CapitalWorksProjects





Be ... Connected

BURNSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Actively protecting, preserving, promoting and celebrating the significant history of the City of Burnside for 45 years

MEETINGS: Third Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Burnside Community Centre

FEBRUARY, Monday 17th - "The passionate and principled career of Jennifer Cashmore MHA."

- Presenter Dr Jenny Tilby-Stock

MARCH, Monday 17th - "The intriguing life of Hiram Mildred who rose from Colonel Light's cabin boy on the Rapid to prominent colonial citizen"

- Presenter Anne Martin

APRIL - NO MEETING - Easter Monday

EVERYONE WELCOME - members free, visitors a \$2 donation please. **WEBSITE:** burnsidehistory.org.au.

MEMBERSHIP: SINGLE \$30, FAMILY \$45

Soroptimist International - Eastern Districts of Adelaide

Soroptimists come from a range of backgrounds and our passion is supporting women and girls. We work in and for local communities and beyond, fundraising, advocating, and undertaking hands-on projects to make an immediate impact. In 2024 our many projects included advocating for legislative reform and providing practical support to local women and families escaping violence, and funding bursaries and awards for leadership at local schools and Universities.

Our club is welcoming, and relaxed and meets 4th Monday of the month at 7pm at Burnside Community Centre to plan our activities and hear from interesting speakers.

Email sieastadelaide@siseap.org or call Dee (0402 911 020)

Lions Club of Glenside

The Bookmart by Tusmore Park continues to provide a great service to booklovers, and is attracting parents and children who make use of the Council's wading pool. Everyone's welcome, wet bathers notwithstanding.

Gross takings throughout December were earmarked for sending medical supplies to Ukraine, resulting in a donation of \$28,000.

Local residents' in-kind donations to Foodbank through our pop-up collection centre included someone's last box of Covid-19 toilet paper.

Don't forget: Lions Christmas cakes and puddings are on sale every day of the year at the Bookmart.

The Club welcomes new members.

Telephone Frank (0403 949 745) to know more.

Friends of Black Hill & Morialta

Calling all Nature Lovers!

Join the Friends of Black Hill & Morialta for a volunteer conservation event in stunning Horsnell Gully Conservation Park who are likeminded and passionate about conservation with many years of experience to learn from.

Help restore native habitat for our amazing wildlife like the yellow-footed antechinus under the old eucalyptus trees by removing invasive plant species.

Each third Saturday of the month at 2:00pm brings new adventures, challenges and discoveries.

Meet at the Horsnell Gully car park (off Horsnell Gully Road).

Sturdy shoes & sun protection, long sleeves and trousers recommended.

Register now at www.fobhm.org.au/events

Toorak Burnside Bowling Club

We are beautifully situated among the tree-lined streets of Toorak Gardens. With generous covered alfresco areas overlooking our premier grass greens, it is a fantastic environment for players and spectators alike.

Lawn bowls is a highly adaptable social game for people of all ages and abilities. We welcome both experienced players and those who are new to lawn bowls - we have activities to suit everyone including Thursday Night Owls, Friday Happy Hour, Social bowls and Pennant Competitions. The large clubrooms and ample easy parking also make the club the perfect place for private functions. For more information, please email admin@toorakburnsidebowls.com.au

Beaumont Tennis Club

Our Ladies Back to Tennis program is for women with some tennis experience, who want to resume their participation in social tennis.

We are running weekly sessions on Wednesdays from 7 - 8 pm.

Meet like-minded women in a relaxed social setting to improve your tennis skills and fitness, under the supervision of an experienced female tennis player.

Enquiries to club president David Siostrom
ph. 0411 402 283.

LADIES PROBUS CLUB OF BURNSIDE.Inc

Meets the first Wednesday of every month at Gartrell Church corner Prescott Tce and Alexandra Ave, Rose Park at 10 am. Interesting speakers for these meetings are generally sourced from members of the Burnside community and greater Adelaide. Activities include a regular third Wednesday of the month lunch and "Talkies and Tea" on the last Wednesday of the month at the Regal Theatre.

Contact Helen Green 8332 3464

Fringe at the Regal Theatre



The Good Life – A Tribute to Tony Bennett

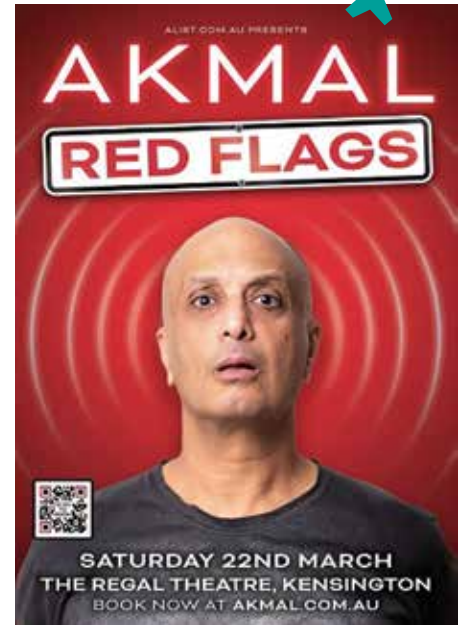
Saturday 8 March 8 pm & Sunday 9 March 2 pm. \$35 - \$75.

This spectacular show pays homage to Tony Bennett's legendary legacy, featuring an enchanting selection of his most iconic songs, including classics like *The Good Life*, *I Left My Heart in San Francisco*, and *Fly Me to the Moon*. Each note will resonate with the spirit of Bennett's enduring charm, as Mike Foenander brings his unique flair to the stage, captivating audiences of all ages.

Suellen Cusack – The Irish Songbook

Saturday 15 March 2 pm. \$48 - \$54.

Experience the soul of Ireland through the enchanting melodies of *The Irish Songbook*. This captivating concert brings the timeless beauty of traditional Irish music to life, led by Australia's premier classical crossover soprano, Suellen Cusack, whose Irish roots shine through every heartfelt note.



Akmal – Red Flags

Saturday 22 March 7.30 pm. \$54.90.

Akmal returns to Adelaide with a brand-new show title, *Red Flags*. It is one of the best titles he's come up with in years; demonstrating his incredible ability to come up with original and thought-provoking show names.

ABBA GOLD – I Have A Dream

Friday 14 March 8 pm. \$43 - \$47.

Fringe favorites, the Flaming Sambucas, return to The Regal Theatre with their ever-popular, acclaimed ABBA Gold Show. Over 50 years ago, ABBA had a dream. And as a result of that dream, we were given a heartfelt message of love, of hope and of faith, delivered through timeless music. With authentic costuming Adelaide's iconic Flaming Sambucas expanded band celebrate that dream, with all the greatest hits of the Swedish supergroup – *Chiquitita*, *Gimme Gimme*, *The Winner Takes It All*, *SOS*, *Dancing Queen*, *Waterloo* and so many more; songs that will instantly transport you back to those wonderful ABBA years of the 70s and make you want to sing and smile.





Events

Outdoor Movie Night - FREE

Friday 4 April 7 pm – 9 pm. Hanson Reserve, Tusmore Park

A family friendly Outdoor Movie Night featuring a screening of *The Wild Robot* (PG). The event will also include a sensory tent, face painter and food stalls offering hot food and hot/cold drinks.

FRINGE EVENTS:

A Class of Brass - Night at the Opera

Sunday 16 March 2 pm. Burnside Ballroom

Join us and special guest, Prue Cartledge, for an enchanting afternoon of live music of opera classics from one of South Australia's British-style brass bands.

Whether you're new to brass bands or a seasoned enthusiast, this event offers something for everyone. The program will take you on a musical journey through opera classics, showcasing the genre's grandeur and emotion. From powerful overtures to delicate arias, each piece highlights the versatility and beauty of brass band music.



Concert Band Jazz

Sunday 2 and 23 March 2.30 pm. Burnside Ballroom

Join us for an unforgettable celebration of jazz! The 30+ member concert band will take you on a musical journey, showcasing a variety of jazz styles. Featuring accomplished singers, including Marina Olijnyk, an array of talented musicians, and led by highly experienced conductor, Sergey Grynchuk.

Tarab

Saturday 15 March 2 pm and 4.30 pm. Burnside Town Hall

After a sold out 2024 season, Aurora and meditation facilitator Chelsea Pyman returns for guided meditation sessions. Inspired by the Sonic Meditations of Pauline Oliveros, and Aurora's work with sound designer Keira Simmons for 'HEXADECA', Aurora will experiment with the 'fully embodied pursuit' of 'attending to sounds and to the world' through music and somatic techniques.

South Australia History Festival

Thursday 1 May – Saturday 31 May

South Australia's History Festival is one of the state's largest and most significant community events. Each year, the City of Burnside proudly participates by hosting a variety of history-focused activities, including Author Talks, guided walking tours, and workshops.

Be sure to check our website for updates on our upcoming events: bit.ly/BurnsideHistoryFestival



Events

Burnside Library

Harmony Week Storytelling Afternoon

Saturday 22 March 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm

Join members of Storytelling Australia SA for a morning of oral storytelling with the theme 'Harmony'. The group will share an enchanting blend of personal, fictional and historical stories as well as poems and showcase 'Kamishibai' – the Japanese art of picture card storytelling.

Storytelling Australia SA is a not-for-profit group who love to tell and be told stories.

Suitable for adults. Tea and coffee provided.

Bookings essential.

My Aged Care Information Session

Monday 24 March 10 am – 11.30 am

Join members of the Department of Health and Aged Care for a discussion on Commonwealth funded aged care services. They will talk you through the range of aged care services, the assessment process and finding services that meet your needs. They will also answer any questions that you may have.

Suitable for adults. Tea and coffee provided.

Bookings essential.



Family Drug Support

Thursday 3 April and Thursday 10 April 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm

Is someone in your family or a friend taking drugs and/or alcohol? Are you looking for practical down-to-earth information and support?

These free education sessions for families and friends, delivering useful information to those supporting someone using alcohol and other drugs.

Presented by Family Drug Support - a national, non-religious not-for-profit organisation funded by SA Health.

Suitable for adults. Tea and coffee provided.

Bookings essential.

Children's Book Launch

– *On Gallant Wings* – Helen Edwards

Saturday 5 April 1.30 pm – 3 pm

Celebrate the launch of South Australian author, Helen Edwards' latest children's novel, *On Gallant Wings*.

On Gallant Wings is a sweeping WWII adventure about family, courage and knowing when to break the rules. If you lived your life by rituals and rules, would you break them to save your best friend?

Copies of *On Gallant Wings* will be available to purchase at the event.

Suitable for families with children aged 10+

Bookings essential. Light refreshments provided.

COTA SA Reducing Your Energy Costs and Emissions

Wednesday 7 May 2.30 pm – 4 pm

COTA SA's Climate Change Group is a group of older South Australians who are passionate about the actions that individuals can take, big or small, that help to care for the planet.

Join us to hear insights and experiences from members of COTA SA's Climate Change Group who have had a go at both reducing energy costs and their greenhouse gas emissions. This will be an interactive session as we explore what worked, what didn't and what would they do differently if they started again.

Suitable for adults aged 50+. Tea and coffee provided.

Bookings essential.

Sydney Writers' Festival Live & Local

Thursday 22 May – Sunday 25 May

Sydney Writers' Festival is Australia's largest celebration of books and ideas, bringing the world's finest authors and esteemed thinkers together for insightful and exhilarating conversations and discussions.

Join us as we live stream the Live & Local program during opening hours.

Suitable for adults. Tea and coffee provided.



Pepper Street Arts Centre



2025 FEATURED EXHIBITIONS

bit.ly/PepStExhibits



Adelaide Fringe Exhibition: The Art of Story Telling Now – 21 March

Step into a world where stories are told. This exhibition invites you to explore the power of narrative through a captivating blend of art that tells a visual story. Our featured artists use various mixed media to weave rich narratives into their artwork, transforming each piece into a compelling tale waiting to be discovered.

Vibrant Pastels by Pastel Artists of South Australia

28 March – 26 April

Pastel Artists of South Australia present an exciting exhibition of artworks, displaying brilliance and intensity of colour. The direct application of this highly pigmented medium shows the unique hand of each artist in both traditional and modern pastel techniques.

Echoes of the Earth by Kate Jenkins, Patricia Rose and Kristin Wohlers

2 May – 23 May

Each artist uses different materials and mediums such as paint, clay, glass, marble, textiles and found objects, to create intricate artworks that have connections to the land and the natural world.

Intersect by Bittondi Printmakers Association Inc

30 May – 20 June

Interpretations of the theme by each artist vary from the architectural and environmental, to the natural and supernatural worlds. Each artist has portrayed their version of Intersect using their preferred printmaking medium.

Calligraphy and Beyond by Calligraphy Society of South Australia

27 June – 18 July

Calligraphy is about beautiful writing and is often practiced with pen and ink on good quality paper. Calligraphy artists are constantly pushing these boundaries with limitless imagination around styles and the materials they use. From there it is a simple step to imagine a universe of possibilities in allied areas of the arts.

South Australian Living Arts Festival (SALA) Exhibition: Wild By Nature

27 July – 29 August

An exhibition celebrating the diversity of wildlife in the natural world. Featuring a variety of art mediums including 2D and 3D artworks, the show explores many of our Earth's creatures.

Piece by Piece by Mosaics Association of Australia and New Zealand

5 September – 3 October

Creating mosaics in the time-honoured method of building works 'piece by piece' is the inspiration behind this exhibition of diverse mosaic art.

Edgy by Fibre Artist Network (FAN)

10 October – 7 November

Edgy is an exhibition featuring South Australian textile artists from the Fibre Artist Network (FAN). The artworks are displayed on stretched canvases, and incorporate techniques like embellishment, printing, dyeing, painting, fabric collage and stitching. Each artist has interpreted the theme of 'Edgy' through unique and original pieces.

Little Treasures for Christmas

16 November – 20 December

Little Treasures is our much-loved annual Christmas exhibition. The wide variety of works on sale include paintings, jewellery, collages, textile art, silk painting, felt, ceramics, cards, woodwork, sculpture, trinkets, glassware and much more. This exhibition offers a wide variety of affordable handmade art and craft gifts just in time for Christmas.

Pepper Street Arts Centre is located at 558 Magill Road, Magill, open Tues – Fri 10 am – 5 pm and Saturday 12 noon - 5 pm. Closed public holidays and Easter Saturday. Phone 8364 6154 or visit www.pepperstreetartscentre.com.au or www.facebook.com/PepperSt or Instagram. Exhibitions. Gift Shop. Art Classes. Coffee Shop. Free Entry. Car Parking. Disability Access.



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