

# SUMMER



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Master of her own destiny



Water matters in our city



Water smart challenge



Budding bookworms



Hi everyone,

I start this contribution by doing two things. First and foremost I wish to congratulate all those elected to the next four years of Council as our body of elected members. This election has seen 11 new faces – one more new member than last election – and they are welcomed to the Council to make the valued contribution that I am sure is their aim.

For two elections now the Council has had a high turnover of members because of some not re-standing and others being replaced by new faces. To those four members who decided not to re-stand as councillors, I place on record the Council's sincere thanks for your contribution. To those who were not re-elected I offer my thanks for your contribution over many, many years and I wish you all the best for the future.

To those newly elected, I welcome you to the team and I know that we have already begun the work to build the new team. I am excited about the new Council and very enthusiastic for the next four years.

Secondly, I wish to personally thank the electors of the city who had the faith in my ability to re-elect me to the role of Mayor. All I can do is pledge to you that I will do the best job possible and continue to strive for excellence.

While on the topic of the election I want to make a few observations:

Voter turnout remains disappointingly low – there have been a range of reasons suggested to me such as:

- the voting papers look like junk mail
- the councillor profile doesn't provide enough information about the candidates
- there were too many candidates to choose from
- not enough publicity about the elections.

Some of the solutions suggested to me were:

- making voting compulsory
- have a much shorter period to complete and return the voting papers
- require some form of assessment of candidate's capacity to do the role before they nominate.

I am always concerned about the low turnout but suspect that if the state and federal elections were voluntary, they would get the same result.

I would be really happy to get your feedback please and your ideas. As a member of the Local Government State Executive Committee, I want to work on this issue over the next four years. In particular:

- The strength of the Electoral Act – considering the depth and breadth of inaccurate, defamatory and misleading statements made by some candidates during the campaign.
- Should the Electoral Act be strengthened to ensure candidate accountability?
- Candidate capacity – should candidates be required to undergo physical capacity checks and especially police checks?

The new Council has already been working towards team building and participated in a bus tour visiting major sites in the city, various key issues briefings and a series of induction workshops.

On a personal note, I intend to continue the round of Meet the Mayor visits, Mayor's forums on topical issues and Mayor/Councillor Ward Forums.

As Mayor, I am proud of the turnaround of this Council over the last four years, especially in the area of financial management and accountability. We are more visibly transparent and accountable than both the state and federal governments.

In the words of the Chair of the Audit Committee, Mr Alan Bolaffi: 'Your council has enjoyed good financial discipline. There is a culture of financial discipline within the organisation and the tone of this comes from the top. Your adoption of an additional percentage for debt repayment is consistent with the notion of inter-generational equity and financial sustainability working together to produce good community outcomes. Council has set parameters for its financial management and has operated within those parameters. This has been good discipline. It is important that this legacy remains with the council into the next financial cycle and avoid any temptation

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE



to return to days of significant debt which existed prior to amalgamation in 1996.

We measure the council's performance with reference to these indicators and compare these indicators without reference to your peers in South Australia. It is important for the sustainability of this council that future councils remain within these bands. Hard work has been done to get to where we are today.

Your council's strength of discipline will determine the future strategic plan and to remain within these bands will be an important part of that discipline.'

This is an important message for both the new Council and our community.

### Cr Alan Oakes

Sadly, I need to share with you the news of the sudden and unexpected passing of Cr Alan Oakes. Alan was a long term, experienced and respected member of Council, having been elected as part of the very first group of Elected Members when the City of Onkaparinga was formed in 1997. His valued contribution will be missed by his current and former colleagues, staff and the communities he represented.

On behalf of Council I extend my deepest sympathy to Alan's wife Sylvia and family on the loss of your dear husband and father.

### Our strategic agenda

The council is well placed after the last four years to deliver on its strategic agenda. We have a long-term community plan and this plan and the many strategies that support it are strongly underpinned by community input. The challenge for the new Council is to consolidate the delivery of these plans and continue to reach our targets.

### Our financial program

Council will have many challenging decisions ahead of it if the proposals of tying rates to CPI are adopted. CPI has very little relevance to the costs of the council doing business because CPI does not include costs of cement, bitumen, and pavers for instance. Regardless, Council can still hold rates to CPI by a range of methods such as cutting services, reducing or removing projects or a combination. In the past many of these have already been used but the time ahead will provide the new Council similar challenges to those of the past. The one big challenge remains – how to do more with less.

### Communication

An ongoing dilemma for me is the lack of success we have in informing our community of the services we offer and the projects and programs the council is considering. This especially relates to the smaller projects in very localised areas. Over the past four years we have used many different methods but I feel we still don't reach enough community members. If you have any ideas on how we could inform the community better please contact me on 0458 141 091.

### Caretaker provisions

During this election period councils in SA were required by state legislation to enter a caretaker period. While the restrictions of the legislation were minimal and commonsense, many councils over-reacted and placed excessive restrictions on the councillors. This extreme reaction needs to be reviewed by the Local Government Association, state government and individual councils to ensure that in the future a consistent and commonsense approach prevails.

### Awards

The council was recently successful in gaining a national award for the work we have done in water management and security in the city. We also were successful in gaining the South Australian 'Most Sustainable City' award. See story on some of our recent accolades in this edition.

### Out and about

Despite the caretaker provisions, my work continued and I had an opportunity to attend many activities. The Aberfoyle Community Centre celebrated its 25th year and the Reynella Community Centre its 21st year of operation. To all the volunteers at each centre, a big congratulations and thank you for the invaluable work you do for our community. Try if you will to imagine this city without its community centres, over 50's clubs and youth centres.

I also had time to attend and present an Every Generation Award to the Candy Road Seniors Group. If you live in Happy Valley, Flagstaff Hill or O'Halloran Hill and have never visited, drop in – they would love to see you.

I had the honour of opening the Bethsalem Care Home's sensory garden in Happy Valley. If you have not driven along Education Road and past Bethsalem lately, please do. The work they have done with volunteers along the verge

is outstanding.

Finally, can I conclude by again thanking you for your support and encouragement during the election period.

Lorraine Rosenberg  
Mayor

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# RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

A thrilling day of cycling action will be blended with a sumptuous off-track experience when we again host Jayco Stage 5 of the 2011 Santos Tour Down Under.

A guest appearance with a Fleurieu flavour from MasterChef identity Marion Grasby will be among the treats for racegoers and visitors alike when the event returns to our region. Jayco Stage 5, on Saturday 22 January, will start in McLaren Vale, pass through and feature sprints in Aldinga Beach and finish in Willunga. The region will also feature in Stage 3 with cyclists passing through McLaren Flat. Spectators along the race route will be able to see their favourite cycling stars in the flesh, plus we'll also have a big screen in Willunga to allow fans to keep tabs on the action around the rest of the track. Our off-track entertainment program will be held in the heart of Willunga from 10–3pm. The program will feature music and a

live cooking demonstration by former MasterChef competitor Marion Grasby. Marion has chosen some of the region's finest produce to create the Jayco Stage 5 signature dish. The result is a goats cheese and pecorino ravioli with smoked almond pesto and burnt butter sauce, see recipe, right. 'I fell in love with smoked almonds when I lived in the area,' Marion says. 'And goats cheese and local pecorino cheese were some of my favourite ingredients to buy from the Willunga Farmers' market every Saturday.' For Marion, pictured below, who now lives in Sydney, the Farmers' Market tops the list of the things she misses most about the region. 'I miss it every Saturday!' she says. This certainly won't be the last we see of Marion as her partner, Tim, still makes wine in McLaren Vale and they hope to return each vintage. It seems that the Fleurieu and its flavours will never stray too far from her thoughts. 'Fleurieu food, people, producers and restaurants had such an enormous influence on the way I cook,' she says. 'My favourite Fleurieu inspired recipe is what I call a Colour Me Autumn Salad. It will be in my cookbook which will be released next year.' For further information about any of our 2011 Santos Tour Down Under activities visit [onkapingacity.com](http://onkapingacity.com) or phone (08) 8384 0666.



## Cheese Ravioli with Burnt Butter Sauce & Smoked Almond Pesto

### Pasta:

300g '00' flour, plus extra for dusting  
3 eggs  
1 tsp extra virgin olive oil

### Ravioli Filling:

150g goats' chevre  
100g pecorino, finely grated  
Finely grated zest of 1 lemon  
2 tbsp finely chopped parsley  
1 free range egg, lightly beaten

### Smoked Almond Pesto:

1 garlic clove  
1 tsp sea salt  
1/3 cup smoked almonds  
1/2 cup flat-leaf parsley  
1/2 cup basil leaves  
1/4 cup grated parmesan  
1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil  
Pepper

### Burnt Butter Sauce:

150g butter  
50g dried Muscat grapes  
Juice of 1 lemon  
Sea salt

For the pasta, place flour, eggs and oil in a food processor and blend until just combined. Tip out onto a lightly floured surface and knead until smooth. Rest dough for 10 minutes.

To make the smoked almond pesto, place garlic and salt in a mortar and pestle and pound to a smooth paste. Add almonds and crush. Add parsley and basil and pound to a chunky paste. Stir through parmesan and olive oil. Set aside until ready to serve.

Meanwhile, for the ravioli filling, place the goats' chevre, lemon, parsley and egg in a bowl and mix well.

Roll out pasta using a pasta machine and cut into large rounds. Spoon a small amount of filling onto the centre of each round and fold into a tortellini shape, using a dab of water to seal.

Cook pasta in boiling salted water for a couple of minutes or until al dente. Drain and place on a serving plate. Top with small spoonfuls of smoked almond pesto.

For the burnt butter sauce, heat extra virgin olive oil and butter in a pan until foaming. Add Muscat grapes and continue cooking until the butter turns a nut brown colour. Add lemon juice. Remove from heat and spoon over ravioli and pesto.

Marion accompanies this dish with d'Arenberg's Money Spider Roussanne 2009.



# CYCLE OF LOVE

Our region is set to continue its love affair with all things cycling with LOVE VELO, a celebration of food, wine, jazz and pedal power!

The event is being held on Friday 21 January, the eve of the Jayco Stage 5 of 2011 Santos Tour Down Under at the McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Visitor Information Centre.

Visitors will be able to sample some of the region's finest food and wine while watching the sun set over the vines and listening to the cool, swinging sounds of Adelaide's premier jazz band, etypejazz.

'The event will be held after the Mutual Community Challenge Tour, so it's a perfect way to relax and unwind after a long day in the saddle,' says our Marketing and Communications

Manager Nicole Kinnear. 'Entry is free, although people are encouraged to make a gold coin donation to the Cancer Council SA, which is the official charity partner of this year's Santos Tour Down Under.'

Guests at the twilight event will be able to soak up the relaxed and luxurious atmosphere.

'There will be plenty of food and wine for sale from the best producers in the region, including wineries like d'Arenberg, Anvers, Hazelgrove, and Paxton Vineyards,' says Nicole. 'Visitors can also enjoy beer from Goodieson Brewery and purchase handmade wares from the Willunga Artisans Market.'

'A highlight of the evening will be the live cooking demonstration from chef Peter Reschke of d'Arry's Verandah, who will create a signature dish.'

'This dish will also be available to purchase on the night.' In keeping with the cycling theme, visitors can also enjoy delicious smoothies from Smooth Revolution, Adelaide's only bicycle-powered smoothie maker. LOVE VELO is really about showcasing what our region is well known for – great food, fantastic wines, while celebrating a love of cycling,' Nicole says.

# VIRTUAL VENTURES

Local businesses are becoming more technology savvy in preparation for the rollout of high speed broadband in the region.

Willunga was last year chosen as one of the pilot sites and the only SA test site for the roll-out of high-speed broadband by the National Broadband Network. Parts of McLaren Vale and Seaford will also experience this much-needed technology through stage 2 of the pilot. 'Getting high speed broadband for the area and addressing black spots has been a huge priority for us,' says Brian Hales, our Group Manager Economic Development.

We are helping to upskill local businesses to make the most of the new technology. Our endeavors have included the Fostering Online Entrepreneurship Program, jointly funded with the Department of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology.

'About 20 organisations participated in the program, which focussed on internet marketing for business,' Brian says. It included an intensive one-day coaching workshop and online education sessions as well as one-on-one coaching. 'The one-on-one coaching was particularly valuable to business owners as it showed them how to apply these principles to their own business,' says Brian. 'The benefits of online marketing are numerous and there is a real demand for training in the region.'

'There are a lot of small businesses in the area and they are all looking for ways to increase productivity and sales. High speed broadband will help achieve this and will give our businesses a competitive edge.'

Businesses and community organisations can also establish and enhance their online presence with help from a new federal government website launched in Willunga late last year. Go to [www.digitalbusiness.gov.au](http://www.digitalbusiness.gov.au) to find out more. The possibilities of the latest technology are demonstrated in a new mobile phone application that is set to revolutionise tourism in this area.

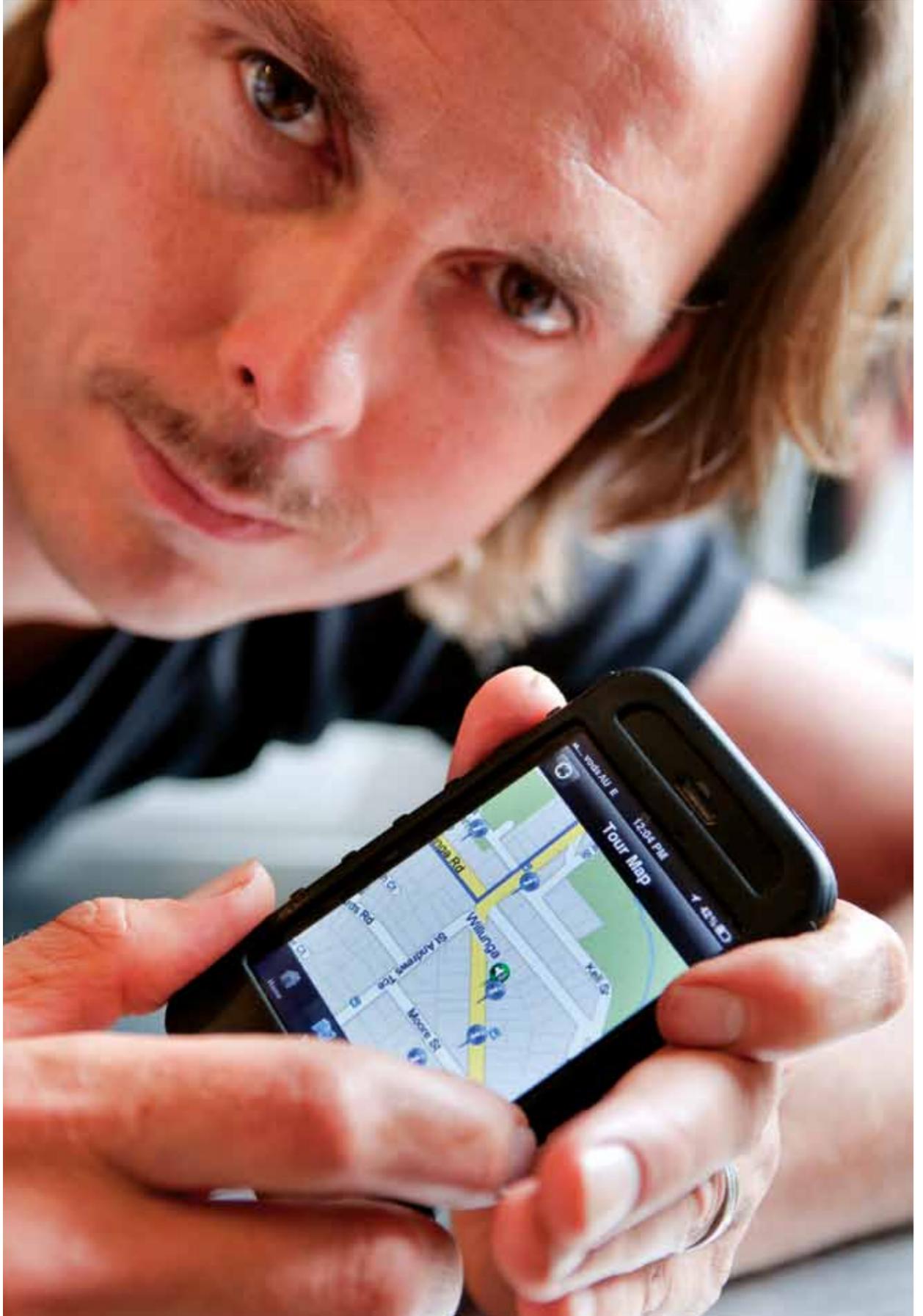
Designed by Mark Potter, pictured, of Connect Tourism Design, the application acts as a virtual tour guide, providing interactive and up-to-the-minute information on businesses, attractions, infrastructure and facilities within our city.

'Users will get information on all the businesses and features in the area including food, wine, accommodation, beaches, parks and events,' explains Mark.

'The great thing about the application is that the content can be continuously updated, unlike a printed visitors' guide. Users will get fresh information every time they open the app,' says Mark. 'And businesses can upload news and events in real time.'

Over 120 businesses have already signed on to be listed in the application, including your council. 'It provides local businesses with a new and innovative way to showcase their products and services,' says Brian. 'It's particularly useful tool for us to promote our facilities, such as parks, beaches, walking trails, caravan parks and so on.'

'People will be able to download information about McLaren Vale and its surrounds from anywhere in the world. It's a great step forward.'



# UPSKILLING THE SOUTH

As more and more major projects come to the south, the local workforce is honing its skills, with our help.

We have been working to upskill local businesses and job seekers alike to make sure they have the expertise needed to secure positions and contracts in large-scale projects such as the desalination plant, the rail extension and the expressway duplication.

'The focus is on working with major projects to maximise local job outcomes and local participation,' explains Glenn Hickling, Economic Development Officer (Business & Workforce Growth).

'We are promoting an Innovate SA program called SABRE (Southern Adelaide Business Ready Enterprises) to help increase local business' capacity to tender for major projects,' he says.

Glenn says that the desalination project helped to highlight deficiencies in local business' tendering capabilities.

'We found that a lot of local businesses needed to work on their processes and procedures, particularly in terms of quality assurance, environmental management and OHS.'

'That's where SABRE comes in. It's essentially a professional development program for businesses, to help them improve their compliance and develop their tendering capacity,' he says. 'There has been a fantastic response from local businesses so far.'

For job seekers, we are holding information sessions on gaining entry level skills for work on major projects, such as landscaping and traffic management.

We are working on a social enterprise with Southern Junction Community Services to help long-term unemployed people gain landscaping skills to get work and work experience on projects like the railway site and Southern Junction Housing,' says Glenn.

Council also project-manages the South Australia Works program for Southern Adelaide, which is aimed at providing training for local job seekers to get employment in the area. Currently, this involves working with the desalination plant to upskill welders and fibreglass workers.

The program has allowed more than 160 welders and aspiring welders to receive training from entry level to advanced levels, and 214 local job seekers and existing workers to undertake fibreglass training.

'It's about securing as many local jobs as possible and as many contracts as possible,' says Glenn.

'That's where we can make a difference.'

# FOOD FOR THE SOUL

Food, film and the Fleurieu will come together in a magic way this year as the 2011 BigPond™ Adelaide Film Festival introduces Appetite, an enticing new program celebrating food and film.

'Appetite will not only explore the pleasures, issues and challenges around food but will highlight one of South Australia's most important and distinctive agricultural and culinary regions – the Fleurieu Peninsula,' explains Katrina Sedgwick, Festival Director.

Central to Appetite will be One Magic Bowl, a very special event to be held on Port Willunga Beach. One Magic Bowl will be presented by the 2011 BigPond Adelaide Film Festival with support from us and Events SA.

One Magic Bowl will be directed by Gay Bilson, one of Australia's foremost gastronomers, authors and restaurateurs. On the evening, up to 1000 participants will receive a handmade ceramic bowl which will be filled with a delicious meal prepared by some of the region's finest chefs. Our chefs will include D'Arry's Verandah's Nigel Rich, Fino's David Swain and Sharon Romero, Salopian Inn's Billy Dohnt and Russell Jeavins of Russell's Pizza. McKenzie Michetti-Bennett, pictured, is already swept up in the magic of this upcoming event.

The bowls are being especially created for the event by the Jam Factory's ceramic studio. As dinner is served, the bowls

will be filled with simple, fresh food that visitors can savour as they watch the wonderful view and are entertained with live music and projections on the cliffs.

'People can enjoy their food on the beach and take the bowl home as a memento of the occasion,' says Katrina.

'We are really thrilled to work with the City of Onkaparinga and Gay Bilson on an event that celebrates the wonderful produce of the region,' she says. 'One Magic Bowl will be a beautiful, memorable experience for all the senses, taking place on one of the most beautiful beaches in Adelaide.'

'The Fleurieu is internationally renowned for its incredible produce and chefs, so matching the iconic space with iconic food makes a lot of sense,' she says. 'It will also be a great accompaniment for a number of films that we'll be introducing at the festival.'

One of these films will be Magic Harvest, by young South Australian film maker Jenny Lee.

'Magic Harvest is a documentary based on Tori Moreton's Magic Harvest project, which features 65 families in Hackham West and Aberfoyle Park learning to plant, grow, harvest and cook their own food,' says Katrina. 'We're very pleased to present this film, which focuses on an initiative that has had a big presence in the City Of Onkaparinga.'

One Magic Bowl will be held at Port Willunga Beach on 27 February, from 6pm-9pm. Magic Harvest will be screened at the Hopgood Theatre on 27 February at 3pm. For more information or to purchase tickets visit: [adelaidefilmfestival.org](http://adelaidefilmfestival.org)



## SUMMER HOT SPOTS

With Australia Day coming up shortly, many residents and visitors will pack up their cars and head to our coastline. We are working closely with SAPOL to ensure that this annual pilgrimage to our beaches runs smoothly and safely for all beach users.

This year we will make changes to improve traffic flow onto Moana and have more beach patrol officers and extra volunteers on the beach ramps for our vehicle beaches. We will also be working with SAPOL to restrict the carriage of alcohol onto the beach.

Our beach patrol officers will be available to offer advice on beach hazards such as tidal movement and will also monitor the behaviour on the beaches.

Vehicles are permitted on sections of Aldinga, Moana, Sellicks and Silver Sands beaches between the hours of 5.30am and 12midnight.

Our beach ramps are supervised by local community groups from December until March when temperatures are forecast

to be 26C or above. On such days, drivers wanting to take their vehicles onto our beaches must produce a current beach pass. Residents can pick up these passes for free from any of our council offices or libraries. Proof of residency is required. Non-residents or those unable to produce a beach pass must pay a \$5 access fee to take their vehicles onto the beach. Local community groups run these collections and the fees help support their activities throughout the year.

Our city comprises approximately 31 kilometres of coastline, featuring open beaches, reefs, dunes and cliff formations, which support a huge variety of animals and plants.

A number of our coastal habitats, such as our sand dunes and the pebble banks at the back of the Sellicks and Aldinga beaches, are especially sensitive to disturbances by humans and vehicles.

We ask that residents and visitors respect our unique and diverse coastline.



# STILL KICKING GOALS

A lot happened in 1886. Karl Benz patented the first petrol driven automobile, the first glass of Coca Cola was sold, slavery was abolished in Cuba and South Australia's own Southern Football league was established with the four foundation teams of Willunga, McLaren Vale, Aldinga and Sellicks Hill.



Today the league is firmly entrenched in Adelaide's southern suburbs with 15 clubs stretching from Anzac Highway to Sellicks Hill and, although teams have come and gone, the competition remains strong. Extensive celebrations are being planned to celebrate the 125th anniversary. 'We're looking at some association games against teams from the Great Southern and River Murray leagues,' says League President, Craig Warman. 'Also, some marquee games, played as curtain raisers to our three aligned SANFL clubs – Glenelg, South Adelaide and West Adelaide. There'll be a 125 year anniversary ball combined with our hall of fame dinner, we've got plans for a league historical book and we're also looking at distributing a 125 celebration badge for all the people in the league.' A snapshot from the early days of the league can be seen in the above photo of the 1911 premiership team, Willunga. Fifty two players from the league's clubs have gone on to play in the VFL/AFL during its history including Dean Brogan, Tony Modra, Chris Groom, Rod Jamieson, Nigel Smart and Ben Rutter. A very young Graham Cornes is also remembered for his time

at Reynella. The league is proud of the stars who got their start in the league, but the people who keep things going are the volunteers who run each and every club. To acknowledge this, the league asks each club to nominate an annual volunteer of the year, with the overall winner honoured at a gala presentation. The current volunteer of the year is Danny Wilde, who started playing for Aldinga as an eight year old. Danny is pictured with Craig Warman at Hickinbotham Oval, Noarlunga Downs. Danny, who is a council Project Officer in Civil Construction returned to the club to help out his son's junior team several years ago. His son's coach, who was also the president of the club, sized Danny up and persuaded him to dust off his boots and play for the B grade side. Since then Danny has served four years as the B grade captain, been Football Operations Manager, helped out with the scoreboards, coaches' boxes, moved and refitted the canteen and many other maintenance jobs around the club. For further details about the 125th birthday celebrations, please call Craig Warman on 0412 850 277.

## TAKE ANOTHER LOOK

From drumming workshops to cooking challenges, from fitness coaching to self esteem sessions, you may be surprised at what's now on offer at our three youth centres. We have partnered with Southern Junction Community Services (SJCS) to upgrade our range of activities for children and teens and now offer a fresh program in recreation, music, culture and the arts. 'Our new approach to youth services includes a focus on younger people aged 10-18 years, in order to engage with them at an earlier stage of their development,' says Val Corfield, Manager, Youth and Community Development at SJCS. Other changes include new after-school activities at the three Onkaparinga Youth Services (OYS) centres in Reynella, Christie Downs and Aldinga beach. We have also launched three new community reference groups at the centres to help keep our programs fresh and relevant.

We aim to embrace children and adolescents from a diverse range of backgrounds. 'The idea is to encourage as many young people as possible to participate and generate new opportunities to interact and have fun in a positive environment,' says Val. The changes have been made in response to feedback from young people and their families who attended a series of re-opening celebrations at our youth centres last year. Suggestions were collected through surveys and an 'ideas wall' where locals recorded and voted for their favourite ones. As a direct result, Val and her SJCS and council colleagues have already held a successful new school holiday program. Activities included a skatepark tour of the south, drumming workshops, beach trips, cooking classes and craft lessons. Ongoing programs include 'tone up Tuesdays', a fun program for 8-13 year-olds that encourages involvement in team sports.

Also new is the "ChilaX" program, designed to offer anger-awareness and self-esteem coaching for 13-18 year-olds. Other new activities include the 'MasterChef Challenge', a series of cooking workshops run in conjunction with Southern Primary Health - Marion Youth. These sessions are designed to teach 12-18 year-olds how to prepare nutritious meals and make better food choices. Another recently launched addition to the program is the 'Homework Club', a joint initiative with the Sammy D Foundation. This provides an opportunity for 10-17 year-olds to complete their study in a quiet environment with homework support, and gives them supervised access to the Internet. To find out more about changes to the youth services program and what's on offer in 2011, contact any of the three youth centres at Reynella on 8387 5577, Christie Downs on 8186 5133 or Aldinga Beach on 8557 7555.

# YOUR NEW COUNCIL

Our brand new Council was elected in November. The new team comprises Mayor Lorraine Rosenberg and elected members representing the city's five wards - Knox, Mid South Coast, Pimpala, Thalassa and Wine Coast. Read on to find out more about them and their plans for the upcoming term.

## MAYOR



### Lorraine Rosenberg

Thank you for the privilege of being your Mayor for the last four years. Thank you for being supportive of, and instrumental in, the successes of the past four years such as - development of our 20 year community plan, working towards carbon neutrality by 2013, development of a renewable energy precinct at Lonsdale and water storage and reuse schemes. The role of Mayor requires an understanding of the council financial framework, our internal and external audit process and leadership of council business in the chamber. It also calls for confident and appropriate public speaking, strong representation of council to the media and government and the dedication to deal with all levels of council but still retain a close connection to resident activities within the city. I look forward to working with you over the next four years.

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## KNOX



### Nick Swann

I have lived in the City of Onkaparinga since 1993 and was first elected as a Councillor in 2006. My partner of 21 years and I have also been involved with World Vision, Trees For Life, O'Sullivan Beach Primary School's Governing Council, Holiday Explorers, Friends of Sullies and several local community groups. We are parents of two boys aged 11 and 8. In my current employment as a Senior IVF Embryologist at Flinders Reproductive Medicine I assist many others in beginning their own families. I continue to be passionate that these families and my own, as well as the whole community, should be provided with, and contribute to, a safe, stimulating and healthy environment. I will continue to push for improvement with community consultation processes, listen to residents' concerns and needs and closely monitor council expenditure and planning.

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### Rod Brown

I live locally, ratepayer for 40 years, family ties to the district since 1840, happily married, retired. I am not a member of any political party and have served ten years on City of Onkaparinga Council supporting community views. Am volunteering in the restoration of Old Reynella Horse Changing Station and upgrade of historic Old Reynella. I actively support social, community, sporting groups, NHW, community forums, local schools, enjoy watching local sport and I am a member of the Morphett Vale Sports Complex Committee. I believe in a planned sustainable future, debt reduction, more money spent on stormwater control, roads and local industry support. Supporting Knox Ward for a fair share of the budget and reduction of crime and graffiti. I will continue to fight for rate restraint and have rate dollars spent wisely. I encourage and support individual constitutional rights with community involvement in the decision making of Council.

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### Alan Oakes

Sadly, Cr Alan Oakes passed away in early January 2011. Alan was re-elected as councillor for Knox Ward in the November 2010 elections after serving on Council since the City of Onkaparinga was formed in 1997. Alan and his wife Sylvia have lived in Morphett Vale for more than three decades and Alan's commitment to his community extended far beyond the Council chamber. He also contributed to school councils, sporting clubs, the Lonsdale Business Association and served on the Noarlunga Hospital management board. Most recently, Alan was also chair of the Southern Urgency Relief Fund committee. Alan valued his local contact with residents and among his many contributions to his area he was committed to the ongoing repair, upgrade and beautification of the older suburbs throughout the City of Onkaparinga. He was also a strong campaigner for ensuring that the impacts of industrial development upon surrounding residents was minimised, and took an interest in similar land use interface issues across the city, not only in his Ward. He was looking forward to continuing to work for his local communities in the upcoming council term, and his valued contribution will be missed by his current and former colleagues, staff and the communities he represented.



### Heather Merritt

My family have lived in the Onkaparinga Council area for the past 47 years and four generations of my family currently live here. As such, my connections to the district are very strong and I am passionate about maintaining our area including parks, verges and median strips. I aim to ensure that our council remains responsible and accountable to ratepayers. I look forward to listening, representing and advocating on behalf of the residents so that your voice is heard. I believe local government is all about community. I am employed as a Human Resources Consultant and hold a Bachelor of Arts and Graduate Diploma in Social Science from Flinders University.

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# MID SOUTH COAST



## Alan Hammond

I care about the community and the environment, and would like to represent the communities' concerns and needs whilst being a part of the Council's decision making process. My wife and I and two daughters left England as emigrants in 1977 and settled in South Australia. I was a carpenter and joiner, and a sub contractor. I am 65 and now retired and able to give plenty of time to being a councillor. My family and I enjoy living in South Australia and have been privileged to be part of the Onkaparinga community for the last 29 years. Living at various locations including Christie Downs, Maslin Beach, Willunga, McLaren Vale, Huntfield Heights and presently we live at Christies Beach. Past and present community involvement: Willunga Community Bus driver. Presently I'm a Noarlunga Conference Member of Saint Vincent De Paul and a council Graffiti Removal Volunteer.

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## Christopher (Chris) Knight

With a strong background in hospitality and as the proprietor of Deep Blue Cafe, Moana, I'm no stranger to hard work. Born locally and having lived in the Onkaparinga district, I'm a member of the community with strong ties, a key member of the small business community and an employer of local people. I have regular interaction with the youth through to those living in aged care facilities and this has given me an understanding of different local issues from a sound perspective. I believe knowing the issues that affect council residents is essential and that hearing what those issues are is the first step to addressing them. Sustainable business practices are vital to creating strong, vibrant communities and providing opportunities for the next generation. I will be a member of a team working to create prosperity for the area in which I'm passionate.

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## Kym Richardson

Southern life is my life. Having lived, worked and raised a family in the south for over 25 years. I will ensure Council makes sound financial decisions in accordance with resident and community interests. I aim to continue providing 'Security and Direction' for the south as I did as the former local Federal MP for Kingston and as a former sergeant of police stationed at Christies Beach. My passions include footy, surfing, fishing, my family and assisting young people's careers and those who are disadvantaged. For five years I have been the president of the SA Disabled Surfers Association and our team strives to put smiles on the faces of intellectually or physically handicapped young people. My support will always be there for all 'volunteer' groups, particularly our Surf Life Saving Clubs, SES, Lions, Rotary, Meals on Wheels, NHW and Salvation Army to name only a few.

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## William (Bill) Jamieson

I have been a resident of the Mid South Coast since 1977 and am married with two children. Both my children work and have houses in the area. I am employed by the Metropolitan Fire Service as the Command District Officer South and my responsibilities include the southern fire stations. Part of my career has been spent working in the southern area. One of my pastimes is lifesaving and I have served as President of Christies Beach SLS Club and have held the position of President of SLSA for the past eight years. Presently, I am a member of the Planning and Policy Committee and now that I've been re-elected my focus will be on how we plan and manage the growth in the City of Onkaparinga. We must protect what we value, the things that first attracted us to the area, like the open spaces, our villages, beaches and the environment.

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# PIMPALA



## Sandra Brown

I am a ratepayer in Onkaparinga (40 years), married, no political alliance and self-employed (part time). My family (3-85 yrs) live, work, school and play locally. I play tennis locally, support all sporting groups (any age), value planning a sustainable future, environmentally and financially, sound economic development and affordable rates. I am Vice President for SA Local Government Women's Association, who actively empower women's voices in local government decisions, and chair of the Morphett Vale Memorial Sports Complex. I support eradication of graffiti/vandalism, local schools, NHW, HOSMLR, Byards Hall, Concord/Rousillion Prom Residents Group, Reynella Neighbourhood Centre, Reynell Business and Tourism Association, preserving and promoting our Australian built heritage, celebrating our history. I believe elected members should reflect community opinions in Council and will continue to engage Pimpala residents on council issues. I am passionate about honesty, integrity, equal opportunity and equity in services. I will continue to support community voice on Council without fear or favour.

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## Stephen (Steve) Webster

For over 16 years, I have worked tirelessly to improve the lives of youth, families and seniors in the south of Adelaide in my capacity as a local church pastor. I am a Justice of the Peace, board member of the Sammy D Foundation and chaplain at the South Adelaide FC. I know our community well - I understand its strengths and some of the challenges we face. Working at World Vision Australia has enhanced my understanding of the social, economic and environmental challenges faced by communities around the world. I am 36 years old and my wife Valma and I have three awesome kids, Jessi-Leigh, Michael and Ben. We are also very proud foster parents of a beautiful 17 year old girl. I am committed to good, accountable representation and working together to find positive solutions to improve our lives in the south.

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### Sharon Nash

I have been a committed Councillor for 13 years including a term as Deputy Mayor. I have enjoyed working for you to create a safer, healthier and friendlier environment for our families to live in. I'm a long time resident having raised my family locally, this has enabled me to understand the needs of families and communities in a rapidly changing society. I have worked with residents, sporting groups, community centres and various other community groups to build partnerships with council. I'm interested in your needs and concerns and look forward to continue representing you to ensure your rates are spent effectively to improve council's roads, stormwater reuse, footpaths, community, sporting and recreation facilities and other infrastructure. I'm a committed and passionate Councillor aiming to make our community a place to be proud of.

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### Peter Schulze

At 52 years age, Peter has served the whole of the Onkaparinga community since his election as a ward councillor to Pimpala Ward in 2003. The desire to serve the public has long been a long established trait for Peter since entering the police academy at Fort Largs in 1975. Along with his continuing work as a traffic sergeant at Christies Beach, Peter volunteers as a zone representative in two Neighbourhood Watch areas in Woodcroft and as a driver for council's community transport program. He is active on the board of the Southern Youth Theatre and Christies Beach Blue Light boards. He recognises and values the diversity within our communities which are made up of many cultural groups and ages, all with equally diverse interests. It is with this appreciation that he brings his skills to the important decision making process necessary to plan for and build a vibrant community towards 2030.

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# THALASSA



### Darryl Parslow

My wife Jan and I have raised our family and lived in Aberfoyle Park for more than 30 years. We have supported many volunteer organisations, schools and sporting groups during this time. I bring the knowledge and experience I have gained from my time as a City of Happy Valley and Onkaparinga Deputy Mayor and Councillor together with my time at Mitsubishi Motors holding management positions in marketing and export. Some issues of interest to me are:

- protection of rural land and open space from creeping development
- strong financial management including an efficiency review
- new footpaths and trails for walking or bike riding
- better upkeep of roundabouts, median strips and roadsides
- development of Thalassa and Minkarra Parks
- improving recreation and sporting facilities
- retaining and improving valuable open space – planting of trees and creating walkable, meaningful places
- better library, art and cultural facilities and resources
- improved stormwater management and reuse, wetlands and river walks.

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### Phillip (Phil) Sutherland

A resident of the City of Onkaparinga for 30 years, 20 within Thalassa Ward, I have a sound knowledge of the vital role the Council plays in the social and economic health and general wellbeing of people living or working in the city. I also have the benefit of extensive senior management experience in the public and private sector. This includes 15 years in local government (Noarlunga and Onkaparinga) which has provided a comprehensive knowledge of council operations across the full spectrum of activities, as well as the challenges and opportunities facing a large council. I will promote responsible and transparent decision making and be a highly consultative, active and accessible representative of the people. I will work to ensure that Thalassa Ward receives a level of Council support and service commensurate with the financial and other contributions made by the people of the ward.

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### Martin Bray

It is 13 years since the City of Onkaparinga was established. Substantial work has been done in actively developing policy and expanding community services with significant rate increases and higher borrowings following in tandem. Now might be a good time to pause in care and maintenance mode, give ratepayers a breather from increases and focus on finding new pragmatic ways to provide services and community projects at a lesser cost.

Council could consider lobbying federally for the more sustainable population growth of the 1980's and early 1990's when net immigration was much lower. Preservation of rural land and other open spaces would be easier and traffic and other problems less severe. I appreciate council's work in promoting quality transit-oriented medium-density infill. I would like this magazine to inform ratepayers of significant local issues Council considers, and become the reference of choice for local community consumer information.

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### Robert de Jonge

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first four years on Council. I grew up in Flagstaff Hill and have lived most of my life in the area. I am a happily married family man with three children and enjoy being active in the community. I founded the Darlington Residents Association, have been on the Aberfoyle Park High School Council and been very active in sport at the Flagstaff Hill Community Centre, both playing tennis and football. I have been interested in local affairs in Clarendon, Kangarilla and Cherry Gardens. I am encouraging green waste to be implemented fortnightly. Feel free to call me on 0404 135 357.

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# WINE COAST



## Donald Chapman

A community development worker, Don Chapman has lived in Willunga with his two children for the past five years. Don has an excellent understanding of councils and committees. He worked at Onkaparinga, Marion, Adelaide and Playford councils at different times between 1991 and 2005. His connections with local communities are very strong. He was a founding member of TribeFM and Playback Theatre Willunga. He has been a committed supporter and volunteer for the Almond Blossom Festival, the Willunga Walking Festival and Willunga Waldorf School Autumn Festival. His great passions lie in the rich environmental, agricultural and community life of the Wine Coast. He is determined that it remains in balance by upholding the vision outlined in the Council's Community Plan 2028. He is opposed to development that threatens the current character of the area. He wants to see the end of the use of the word 'Onka'.

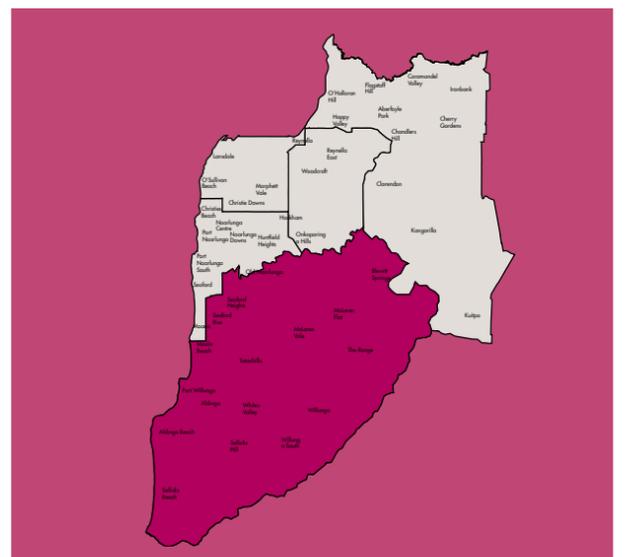
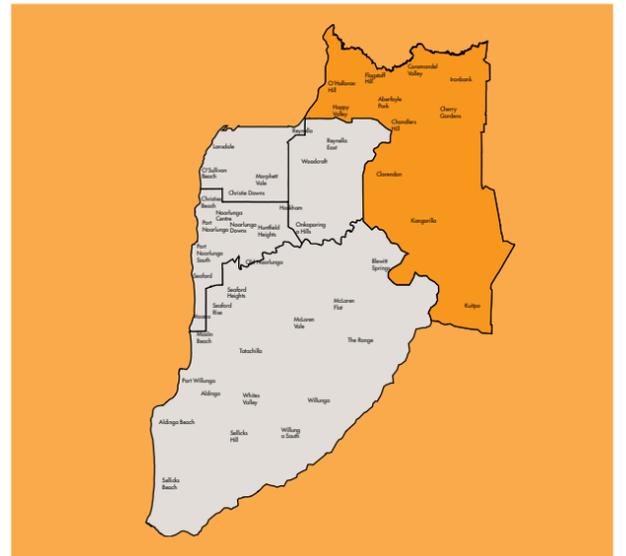
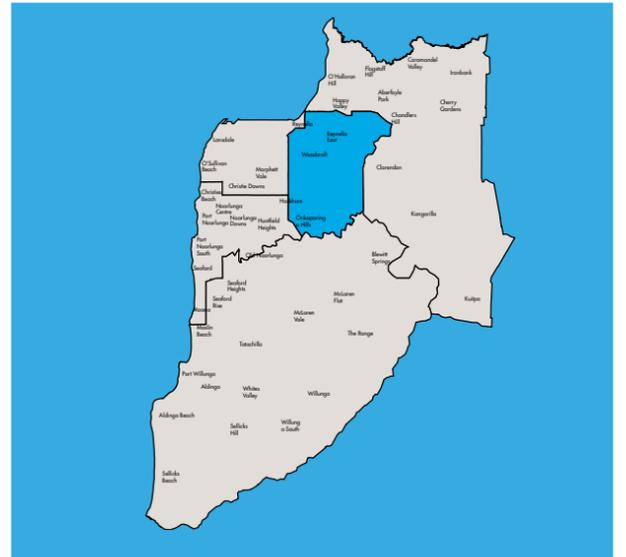
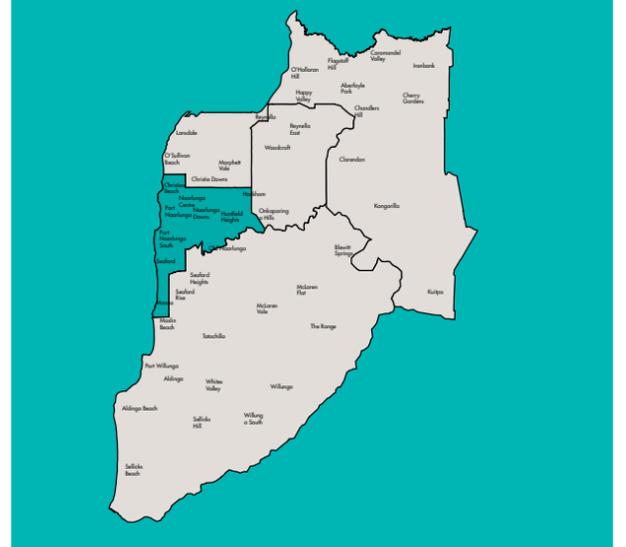
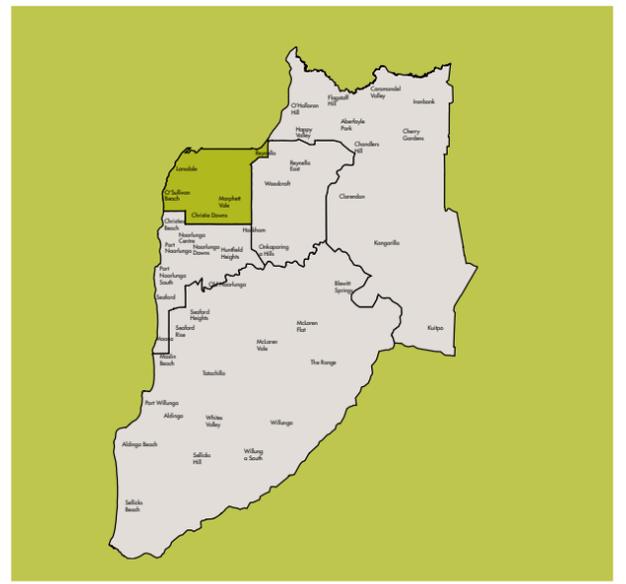
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## Gail Kilby

An Onkaparinga resident for almost eight years, working locally in the wine industry for most of this time. I have over 20 years experience in Information Technology, Management and Administrative roles in both the private and public sectors. I believe the concerns of residents should be listened to and honestly represented. I intend to work with residents to understand their vision of where Onkaparinga should be heading and make sure my actions are consistent with that vision. I intend to raise my voice on behalf of the people I represent and work hard to ensure residents voices are heard. The City of Onkaparinga has tremendous potential, which to be fully realised requires hard work from dedicated people with widely diversified skills and experience, elected officials who have vision, ability and drive to ensure our concerns are acted on. I believe I have these qualities and welcome the challenges to come.

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## Wayne Olsen

Urban sprawl has become endemic and threatens our rural and open space lifestyle and businesses. It requires control and long-term planning. Youth and families require increased and improved facilities and services to help them grow and develop. Small to medium-sized businesses need to be encouraged to invest directly in our region for jobs growth and improved services via council systems which facilitate rather than hinder. Environmental management and conservation of our unique coastline and remaining natural forests, reserves and wetlands will ensure they remain long after we are gone. These are my passions. McLaren Vale has been my home together with my wife and two sons for 17 years. My professional and community roles include:

- engineering project management professional with formal qualifications in business and engineering.
- McLaren Districts Soccer Club - former treasurer and board member.
- APEX Club, Willunga - former treasurer and member.

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## Yvonne Wenham

Thank you to the voters in Wine Coast for providing the opportunity to represent our ward for a second term. It's a privilege I take seriously and intend to act wisely upon. I'm committed and excited to deliver my election promises for the coming years.

- Reducing the gap between what is known and understood between council and community.
- Implementing a mechanism to engage our communities at the beginning of planning amendment/land rezoning processes.
- Protecting our magnificent region from inappropriate development
- Ensuring communities we create are adequately serviced with infrastructure.
- Advocating the needs and desires of community within our ward and maintaining and creating communities that are strong and vibrant.

I look forward to working collaboratively with the new Council, embracing new thoughts and ideas that come with fresh ears and fresh eyes as well as being your voice in what will be a dynamic Council.

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# MASTER OF HER OWN DESTINY

Kylie Vaughan was only 11 years old when she entered her first Tang Soo Do competition. As a white belt she went head-to-head with the only other girl in the tournament – a 19 year old black belt. 'Back then there were fewer girls competing in Tang Soo Do and, because we had to compete in same-gender couples, I was forced to step it up!' says Kylie. Step it up she did, coming away with a silver medal for the entire tournament for her division.

This was the first of many achievements for Kylie, who earned her Masters rank in 2001 and is now the highest ranked Tang Soo Do female in Australasia - 5th Dan Black Belt. She is also the chief instructor of the South Australian Tang Soo Do Karate Academy on Victor Harbor Road in Old Noarlunga, where she trains students aged 4 to 70 years.

Tang Soo Do is a Korean martial art characterised by its strong, traditional style and its holistic approach to teaching self-defence. Like other martial arts, Tang Soo Do uses a coloured belt system that places a great emphasis upon discipline and respect. At the higher levels, Tang Soo Do also encompasses weaponry.

One of the biggest challenges Kylie has faced during her 26 years as a Tang Soo Do student is convincing her male counterparts to treat her as a physical equal. 'The boys sometimes hold back because we're female, but this doesn't help the girls hold their own in the outside world or identify their weaknesses. Getting the boys to treat us tough is sometimes difficult!' Kylie says.

A national and international medal-holder, Kylie has competed in sparring, board-breaking, hyungs – a series of movements that demonstrate form – and weaponry. Her favourite weapons are nunchucks and the sword, but she is also accomplished in the use of the dagger and staff. Kylie's Dad, Master Stephen Washington, Head of the South Australian Tang Soo Do Karate Academy, has seen a lot of changes in the way the art is practised. 'When I began training in the sixties, there were no females in the game at all. Tang Soo Do was physically very rough and there was no protective apparatus whatsoever. Now our students use padded equipment, there is a renewed emphasis on emotional and physical fitness and approximately 40% of all Tang Soo Do students are female. I'm proud to say that Kylie has been a part of this gradual revolution.'

Kylie has since trained other women to very high levels in Tang Soo Do and the team she helped coach for the 2010 World Championships in Atlanta won 48 medals, including the title of Overall Female Black Belt Champion.

For further details contact Kylie Vaughan or Stephen Washington on (08) 8386 2166 or go to [www.asiapacifictangsoodofed.com](http://www.asiapacifictangsoodofed.com)



## PLAY STATIONS

Improved sport and recreation facilities are coming or two of our fastest growing communities.

soon start on the new Aldinga Recreation Centre, major upgrade for Seaford Recreation Centre was completed in November.

Aldinga Recreation Centre, jointly funded by the council and the federal government, will be built on council-owned land at McRae Street, Aldinga Beach. The centre will initially feature a one court stadium and purpose activity space with change-room facilities. It has been designed to allow for future expansion to ensure it continues to meet the needs of a growing and changing area.

The new recreation centre will provide improved recreational activity opportunities for local residents, schools and community groups.

The estimated cost for the recreation centre is \$3.5m, provided by the federal government and \$1.5m

contributed by the council. The facility, which also incorporates green building technologies, is expected to be completed at the end of this year.

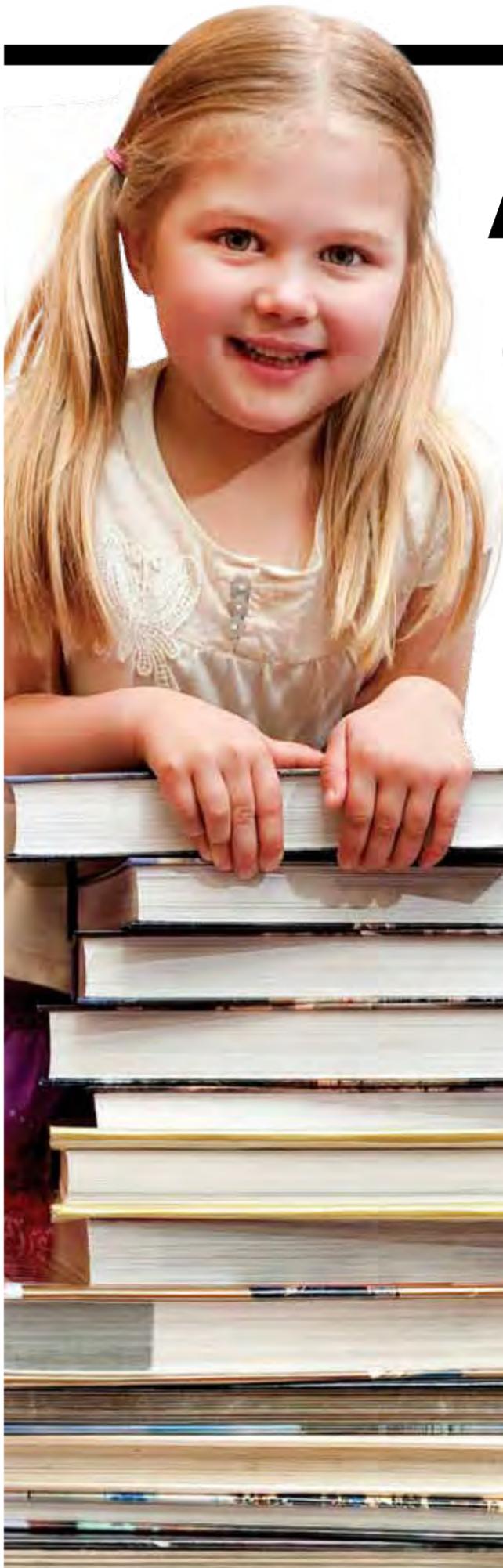
The upgrade and expansion of Seaford Recreation Centre means it will be able to meet the sport and recreation needs of even more local residents.

The previous facility had reached full capacity due to rapid population growth over the past decade.

The \$310,000 upgrade has increased the exercise area of the gymnasium and aerobics area, allowing for greater class sizes. The revamped facility also includes a new entry and a modified relocated reception area which has maximised the internal space. The centre will meet the changing needs of the Seaford population which will continue to increase with the pending rail extension.

For further information on sports and recreation in the City of Onkaparinga go to [www.onkaparingacity.com](http://www.onkaparingacity.com) or call 8384 0666.





# A NEW CHAPTER

The Woodcroft Community Centre, incorporating the Woodcroft Library and the Woodcroft/Morphett Vale Neighbourhood Centre will soon start a new chapter.

The centre, located on Bains Road, Morphett Vale houses the Woodcroft Library and Woodcroft/Morphett Vale Neighbourhood centre.

It is anticipated to re-open at the end of February 2011 following a major upgrade that has transformed the building into a modern, sustainable facility for the region and community to enjoy. The centre has also been converted into our flagship green building demonstration site (see story below).

A new interior configuration has created more space for both the neighbourhood centre's wide range of programs and one of the city's busiest libraries.

The newly revamped centre will also offer a council customer service desk for the first time.

This will be in addition to our other customer service offices at Noarlunga Centre, the Hub and Willunga.

Woodcroft Library will be offering a new children's library, self service check in/out of items, audio booth for customers and a new area for young people. There will also be additional services for children and their families including a new toddler-time on Tuesday mornings. This program will feature reading and other related activities for children aged 12 months to three years. Ella Riggs (pictured), of Coromandel Valley, is counting the days until the library reopens.

Meanwhile, a host of activities, services and volunteers will return to the Woodcroft/Morphett Vale Neighbourhood Centre, which will occupy the remainder of the building. The centre will welcome back many groups that have been operating from other sites and the refurbishment has created space for new groups to also use the facility.

Courses and activities that community members can sign up for include:

- seniors and adult art
- social craft and paper craft
- conversational French
- beginner's computing classes
- women and wellbeing sessions
- self development sessions including guitar tuition
- literacy support and other personal support opportunities.

Some of the services that will again be on offer at the neighbourhood centre include:

- JP services
- community lunches
- various training opportunities
- a referral service for community agencies and organisations
- a creche for children aged up to five years for parents attending self development or training activities.

Local groups including the Woodcroft Writers and Woodcroft Gardening Group will return to the centre. Meeting rooms and equipment are available for hire for conferences and private social functions.

The centre would not be able to provide its many services and sessions without the help from many dedicated volunteers. Staff are now seeking more volunteers to undertake a variety of roles in the exciting new facility. For further information on volunteering opportunities please contact Anne on 8326 8275 after 24 January. For details and timetables of activities and sessions at the neighbourhood centre look out for the Informer newsletter in the Messenger in February. For more information on sessions at Woodcroft Library call 8384 0666 or visit [www.onkapingacity.com](http://www.onkapingacity.com)

Staff and contractors are working hard to meet the new deadline of 28 February for the re-opening of Woodcroft Community Centre. This follows previous delays due to bad weather and structural issues. In the event of any other unforeseen problems, this date may be reviewed. For further information contact Judi Andrewartha on 8384 0180.

## THE FUTURE'S GREEN

The redevelopment of Woodcroft Community Centre is a big success story so far for our Green Buildings Initiative (GBI). The GBI is an ongoing program that will enable the eventual greening of all council buildings, new and existing. It is funded through our Climate Change Response fund.

The transformation of Woodcroft Community Centre into a green building demonstration site has been possible through a joint council and Federal Government investment. The \$750,000 Federal Government contribution is from the Green Precincts Program.

We anticipate that the revitalised building will consume only half of its previous annual electricity consumption of 225Mwh. Greenhouse gas emissions are also expected to be halved. This achievement will be despite the physical size of the building increasing and all council services from the site being expanded. We are aiming to provide 100 per cent of the building's non-drinking water requirements through rainwater reticulation as well as providing water to the neighbouring college through a stormwater harvesting initiative.

Key green building initiatives include:

- 11kw solar electricity system producing an estimated 18,000kwh per year
- highly efficient lighting and air-conditioning coupled with natural light and ventilation
- smart building controls to adjust artificial lighting and air conditioning according to outside conditions and the needs of building users
- a green building trail showcasing the green features.

There will also be a real time public display showing the amount of energy and water that is being consumed and harvested from natural sources.

Schools, community groups and businesses have the opportunity to learn about this green technology and the value it can deliver through our Green Hubs program. This program uses our green buildings to demonstrate and promote practical choices for sustainable living. Library lovers Anne and Zarah Trish, Neighbourhood Centre volunteers Anne Cooper and Karl Streng and library goer Aled Williams can't wait to use the new facility.



# BUDDING BOOKWORMS

Our libraries have joined The Smith Family to bring local children and their families into the wonderful world of books and reading. The Let's Read program, which has been running at Hackham West for more than 18 months is now available to parents and their children across the city. The program has branched out to include our libraries and other children's facilities such as playgroups, kindergartens, Southern Junction and DECS children's centres. Let's Read aims to help parents, especially those with limited literacy levels themselves, to help their children gain early reading skills. It is hoped the program will encourage families to rediscover their local library and introduce their children to a lifelong love of reading. 'Parents are a child's first teachers and Let's Read is about mentoring parents,' says Leeann Koesters of the Smith Family's Southern Learning for Life team. 'Anything they can do to bring their children to books is of huge benefit.' Research has shown that children who enter school without emergent literacy skills will struggle to catch up with their peers. The Let's Read program provides families with four book packs from the age of four months to three and a half years. Grace and her mum Michelle Hobbs are pictured enjoying books from the program. Let's Read also helps parents who are not strong readers to find a way to use the pictures, pointing and open-ended questions to teach their children. 'It's a way to make them confident to read to their children and then more likely to enjoy it,' says Leeann. The books in the packs have been selected by the Children's Book Council of Australia and include favourites such as Hairy Maclary, Dear Zoo, The Very Hungry Caterpillar and Where is the Green Sheep? Leeann says the program also aims to show parents how libraries have evolved to become interactive, welcoming places and introduce them to the fun programs there for their children. Bridget Coulter of the Noarlunga library says the council has embraced the program because it puts books into the hands of parents and into children's homes. It is similarly an excellent way to encourage young families to access baby time, toddler tales and other pre-school programs on offer at every one of the city's libraries, she says. The libraries also launched their Summer Reading Club last month for older children. Children take part by reading books during the summer holidays and receiving points for their efforts. The more points they accumulate, the more they can spend to buy prizes at an auction planned for the end of this month. For more information on Let's Read and the Summer Reading Club go to [www.onkaparingacity.com](http://www.onkaparingacity.com) or ask at your local library.



## JOIN OUR WATER SMART CHALLENGE

Water is the theme for the latest instalment of our Sustainable Lifestyles Challenge. This summer we are challenging you to make every drop count.

In spring we asked you to share your hints and tips for saving energy around the home, with the best idea winning an energy efficient washing machine. This time around we are challenging you to put in place as many waterwise solutions as possible.

By taking up the challenge you will be in the running for more great prizes, including the grand prize for summer, a new rainwater tank.

Sign up for the challenge at [www.onkaparingacity.com](http://www.onkaparingacity.com) to enter. You will then be sent a postcard with a list of water saving activity ideas. To enter the summer competition, you must carry out at least one of the activities on the postcard.

Send your completed postcard back to us with some information and photos of what you are doing to be water smart at home. Being water wise can be as simple as using a watering can like Riley, Pip and Lily from Flagstaff Oval Kindergarten.

Remember to also register for the WaterWise Communities program and collect your free water saving kit from our Willunga, Aberfoyle or Noarlunga offices. The kit contains useful water rebate information as well as other goodies including a four minute shower timer.

For more information on the Sustainable Lifestyles Challenge visit [www.onkaparingacity.com](http://www.onkaparingacity.com) or contact Tracy Fulton, Project Officer Sustainability at [traful@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au](mailto:traful@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au) or 8384 0083.

# RECYCLE REACTION



A total of 700 vehicles dropped off 33 tonnes of waste in what was an unprecedented response to our most recent hazardous waste drop-off, held late last year.

Residents arrived at the event, held at our Field Operations Centre, with everything from paints to motor oil to fertilisers and agricultural chemicals.

Lynda Wedding, our Waste and Recycling Education Officer says this was a fantastic response compared to the 2008 collection when 560 cars dropped off 19.5 tonnes, that time over two days.

'We would like to thank everyone for their patience on the day. People were generally very understanding of the care that needed to be taken with the handling and processing of items that included some very toxic materials,' Lynda says.

We offered the event in conjunction with Zero Waste SA.

'There were 18 staff, including two chemists, unloading and sorting. All material was appropriately contained and weighed before being removed off site the same day,' she says.

'The turnout for our hazardous waste drop-off day reflects an increasing awareness in the community of the dangers posed by chemical waste, and a growing desire to dispose of toxic items responsibly.'

A wide array of materials was handed in including 15 tonnes of paint, 8.5 tonnes of waste oil along with 1.8 tonnes of LPG gas cylinders, 900 kg of pesticides, 45 kg of pharmaceuticals, 27 kg of cyanides, 8 kg of formaldehyde and 1.5 kg of mercury. Trevor Ryan from our Waste and Recycling team is pictured with examples of the types of items that were dropped off.

Lynda says people are often interested to find out the final destination of the waste they drop off. Wherever possible, these items are recycled.

The water from water-based paints is extracted and re-used in Bolivar and lithium batteries are reprocessed in France, she says. Waste oil and selected pesticides are given new life as blended fuel in industry and all tins and plastics are recycled locally.

The hazardous waste drop-off follows the amazing local result for the e-waste recycling weekend held in September. This event, also supported by Zero Waste SA, was held at several metropolitan council locations.

'More than 2000 vehicles attended the Seaford Meadows site alone and 515 tonnes of e-waste was collected across the city over the two days – an unprecedented amount for any e-waste collection in the country,' Lynda says.

Dropped-off items included televisions, personal computers, game consoles, digital cameras, walkmans, mobile phones and stereo equipment.

Glass from these items has since been extracted at Gepps Cross for use in the manufacture of new computer monitors and televisions. All other components have been recycled in Australia.

For more information on upcoming events and advice on waste and recycling, please contact Lynda Wedding on (08) 8384 0128 or [lynwed@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au](mailto:lynwed@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au)



## HERE COMES THE SUN

Local residents are being proactive about reducing their electricity bills and carbon footprint by choosing solar. Almost 80 households have signed up to purchase solar panels through the Solar Councils Community Program being run by the Local Government Association in conjunction with ZEN Home Energy Systems.

These systems will produce over 700 kilowatt hours of power each day and will save almost 60,000 kg of CO<sub>2</sub> per year. Under the pilot program, which will run until May 2011, residents can save more than 10% on the purchase of solar panels.

The next drop-in information session for the Solar Councils Community Program will be held in the civic area at our Noarlunga office on Wednesday 19 January from 2-7pm.

Attendees are able to sign up for free home or business inspections at this session. This follows a well-attended series of sessions last year, demonstrating local community interest in energy savings initiatives and sustainability. Information on the community program is also available from the ZEN Home Energy retail store at Westfield Marion.

Our involvement in the program is the first step in the rollout of a broader scheme which will establish a panel of local providers offering solar panels at reduced prices. We are also helping residents assess the suitability of their homes for solar technology with a new online tool.

The SolarRating Online tool, available via our website, gives an indication of the amount of energy it is possible to produce at your home, considering the specific characteristics of your house including location, orientation and any shading of the roof. The tool, which was developed specifically for our region by Green Power Labs, provides you with an easy to follow report. It is the first step in understanding how solar technology might be used to reduce your energy costs.

The solar assessment tool supports our Community Owned Renewable Energy (CORE) project. Among the aims of this project is increasing the uptake of solar technology by local residents and businesses.

For further information on the pilot project contact Zen Home Energy Systems on 1300 ZEN HOME or [www.solarcouncils.com.au](http://www.solarcouncils.com.au)

For more details on our Community Owned Renewable Energy project go to [www.onkaparingacity.com](http://www.onkaparingacity.com)



# OUR WATER MATTERS

Local residents are taking the opportunity to share their views and expectations on our upcoming \$30 million stormwater harvesting and reuse project.

About 80 residents attended briefings at Reynella East High School and Maslin Beach Community Hall on Stage 2 of our Water Proofing the South scheme. Council staff at these briefings provided information on the project and gathered community feedback. We will now look at how this feedback can be specifically responded to during the project planning and implementation.

Water Proofing the South Stage 2 will focus on the capture, storage, treatment and reuse of 2.8 billion litres of stormwater through the creation of an aquifer storage and recovery scheme at five locations.

The concept includes four new wetlands and associated managed aquifer recovery (MAR) schemes at Aberfoyle Park, Chandlers Hill, Reynella East, Aldinga and Seaford. Local resident Greg Kelly is pictured with his sons Scott and Will at the proposed Aberfoyle Park site. Each of the wetlands will have the capacity to harvest, treat and store stormwater from adjacent creeks.

We aim for the new wetland sites to attract local birds and animals and be appealing destinations for residents and visitors alike. People who attended our resident briefing sessions gave suggestions on what they would like to see at the sites. We will consider these ideas during our planning process.

The other major component of the project is an extensive network of pipe transfer infrastructure across the city to efficiently distribute harvested stormwater. The destinations for this water will include reserves, sports fields and ovals close to the aquifer sites.

The objective is to substitute as much mains water as possible with the harvested stormwater. About 20% of the water injected into the aquifers will be retained for the preservation and improvement of groundwater supplies.

Drilling investigations are currently underway to confirm the viability of the storage of water below ground.

This second instalment of Water Proofing the South follows last year's successful completion of Stage 1 of the project. Through this project, with infrastructure in place, we are working towards realising our 3.8GL reuse target in collaboration with our partners, SA Water and Willunga Basin Water.

Water Proofing the South Stage 2 has been supported by both the federal and state governments.



## AWARDS FLOW IN



The flood of awards for our approach to sustainable water management shows no signs of drying up.

We recently took out the Water Conservation prize at the Keep Australia Beautiful Sustainable Cities awards and a National Stormwater Industry Association award for a key element of our Water Proofing the South scheme. This flows on from being named South Australia's most sustainable city for 2010 by Keep Australia Beautiful and receiving the corresponding SA Stormwater Industry Association title. Most recently, our Water Proofing the South program leader's work was recognised in wider water management circles. The national Keep Australia Beautiful Award recognised our strategic and innovative approach to managing water resources.

It put the spotlight on key elements of our water management approach including our:

- multi-million dollar Water Proofing the South scheme. Stage 1 of the scheme, completed last year will provide 3.8 gigalitres of water for reuse in agricultural settings and our wineries and reserves
- award-winning Hart Road wetland in Aldinga Beach. This wetland treats stormwater from the adjoining residential developments, providing important environmental flows into the Aldinga Scrub Conservation Park
- water savings initiatives which have seen us halve our mains water usage between 2003 and 2010.

Meanwhile, the Stormwater Industry Association award celebrated the collaborative planning approach, which resulted in the upgrade of Christie Creek, a key component of stage 1 of Water Proofing the South.

The recently completed upgrade aims to supply up to 850 megalitres of water for reuse and it will also improve the quality of water flowing out to the Gulf St Vincent. We have worked closely with the federal government, the Adelaide Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board and the South Australian Department of Planning and Local Government to deliver this project. Benjamin Hall, our program leader for Water Proofing the South, was also recently named Young Water Professional of the Year in SA by the Australian Water Association. This award recognises young water professionals who have the potential to play a large and influential role in the water industry. For further information on our innovations in water management visit [www.onkapingacity.com](http://www.onkapingacity.com)

# TRUE BLUE FROM THE BUSH TO THE BEACH



The City of Onkaparinga is busy planning Australia Day celebrations for 26 January.

This year's event will be a bush fair, celebrating everything from the bush to the beach in a family friendly environment. Rejmonda, Kashiya and Tayla from Lonsdale Primary School are pictured gearing up for the event.

Traditionally held at Rotary Park and the Bluff at Christies Beach, this year's event is moving to South Adelaide Football Club on Lovelock Drive, Noarlunga Downs.

The gates will open at 6pm with the first entertainment on stage at 6.30pm. Visitors can park themselves on a piece of lawn for the evening, set up a picnic and be entertained at the main stage.

There will be a range of displays and interactive exhibits to explore including art and crafts, animals, hands-on activities

and Australian food and drink. The night will finish with a bang at 9.15pm with the annual fireworks display\* synchronized to Australian music.

Entry to the event and all entertainment is free. There will be a range of food, drinks and other items for sale. Alcohol will not be permitted on the oval.

For a quintessentially Australian experience, get yourself to our Australia Day celebration.

For more information visit [www.onkaparingacity.com.au](http://www.onkaparingacity.com.au) or phone 8384 0666.

See event listings below for more information on our Australia Day celebrations.

\*The fireworks will be subject to safety precautions. In the case of extreme weather conditions – or if emergency service units are called away – the fireworks display may be cancelled.

## MAJOR EVENTS 2011

**Santos Tour Down Under Jayco Stage 5 celebrations**  
Love Velo

Friday 21 January, 5-9pm

The McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Visitor Information Centre will be transformed on the eve of the Jayco Stage 5 of the Santos Tour Down Under. There will be plenty of the region's best food and wine for sale plus a live cooking demonstration from d'Arry's Verandah chef Peter Reschke. Relax to the great sounds of etypejazz. Entry is free but we welcome a gold coin donation to the Cancer Council SA, official charity partner of the 2011 Santos TDU.

**Jayco Stage 5 - Race Day**

Saturday 22 January, 10am-3pm

Experience the excitement of race day and enjoy our entertainment program in the heart of Willunga. A big screen in Willunga will make sure cycling enthusiasts don't miss a minute of the action. Our off-track entertainment program includes a cooking demonstration by former local and Master Chef contestant Marion Grasby and live music. For further information on the above events please call 8384 0666. Love Velo and our Race Day entertainment are proudly supported by Air Diffusion Agencies, Race-Tech, Resourceco Pty Ltd, Leconfield Wines, McLaren Vale Beer Company and Orange Outdoors.



## AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

We will again be holding our popular Australia Day celebrations and events. These include breakfasts around the region, the annual Australia Day awards and citizenship ceremony and a family friendly bush fair.

**Australia Day Breakfasts**

Wednesday 26 January, 8am

- The Old Court House, Willunga
- Aldinga Beach (Symonds Reserve, Butterworth Road, Aldinga Beach)
- Noarlunga Centre (Ramsay Place)
- Aberfoyle Park Hub (grassed area)

**Australia Day Award presentation and citizenship ceremony**

Wednesday 26 January, 10am

Hopgood Theatre, Noarlunga Centre

**Australia Day evening event**

Wednesday 26 January, 6pm

South Adelaide Football Club, Lovelock Drive, Noarlunga Downs. See article at the top of this page.

## ARTS EVENTS

**Adelaide Fringe exhibition**

17 February-13 March

Migration & Transformation by Lauryn Arnott

arts centre, Port Noarlunga

Lauryn Arnott was educated in South Africa and lived much of her adult life in Zimbabwe. Her work focuses on transformation through different cultural experiences and migrations. Her drawings explore both interior and exterior journeys when

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moving forward is about facing the past as well as facing the future. For more information contact Lucy Thurley on 8326 5577.

**Summer Sizzlers 2011 Series**

Sunday February 27, Sunday March 27, Sunday April 17, 4-6pm

The free 2011 Summer Sizzler series will again bring the best of South Australia's musical talent, particularly local musicians, to parks across the city. The series kicks off at Rotary Park in Christies Beach on 27 February with Diddychwy, SA's premier folk band for the last 25 years. The McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Visitors Information Centre will be grooving with local musicians, the Bill Parton Trio on 27 March. The season will conclude on 17 April at Weymouth Oval, Coromandel Valley with the ever-popular and 'guaranteed to get you up and dancing band', The Borderers. For more information contact [johmcf@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au](mailto:johmcf@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au) or 8384 0594.

**2011 Morning Melody series**

Morning Melody shows commence at 11am at the arts centre, Gawler Street, Port Noarlunga

- 9 February – Red Hot Mamas. Featuring Sidonie Henbest and Mathew Carey. This show pays tribute in stories and song to the legendary Sophie Tucker known as 'the last of the red hot mamas'.
- 9 March – Bluegrass Junction. Trev Warner and Bluegrass Junction, SA's Premier bluegrass band, present a compilation of the instruments and music of bluegrass.
- 13 April – Songs of Peace and Protest. The quintet band Angry Penguins present songs from before and after the Vietnam War era. This memory-filled musical show features the best of the 60s and 70s

The above shows are presented by Out of the Square.

Bookings can be made on 8326 5577. Cost is \$15 per show.

**Special Out of the Square events**

**Peter Coombe**

Friday 18 March, 8pm

arts centre, Port Noarlunga

The evergreen Peter Coombe will recall his early career in the UK and then present the songs that we all know and love in Australia. This is a must – see act. Cost \$25 or \$20 concession. For further details contact the arts centre, Port Noarlunga on 8326 5577.

**Ramsay Place concerts**

A series of concerts featuring the talented local musicians and performers will take place each month from January to April in Ramsay Place. These events will take place on 20 January, 23 February, 21 March (Harmony Day) and 8 April. Updated information regarding bands and times will appear in local Messenger newspapers in the lead-up to each event. For further information contact Nerissa Galloway on 8384 0733.

**The Art of Living Festival – Who am I?... this is Who I am!**

The Art of Living Festival will be held from 18-29 March. This festival will explore and celebrate the many from cultures within our city and state. It will feature events throughout the city including workshops, performances, culinary and performing arts and mixed media. Everyone is welcome to attend a special Harmony Day event on 21 March. For further information contact John McFadyen on 8384 0594.

## LIBRARIES

**Summer Reading Club auction**

arts centre, Port Noarlunga

Sunday 13 February

Doors open 11am, auction starts at 12 noon.

There are great prizes to bid for at this year's Summer Reading Club auction. This is an excellent opportunity for families to come together and celebrate their children's summer of reading. For further details and information about the Summer Reading Club contact Bridget Coulter on 8384 0701.

**Woodcroft Library and Neighbourhood Centre re-opening**  
Monday February 28

The revised date for the re-opening of the newly refurbished Woodcroft Community Centre, incorporating the Library and the Woodcroft/Morphett Vale Neighbourhood Centre, is 28 February. Staff and contractors are working hard to meet the new deadline. However, unforeseen circumstances may mean this date needs to be reviewed. For further information on the redevelopment, see story on page 12.

## COMMUNITY

**Onkaparinga community garden network training**

We provide quarterly training workshops for community garden volunteers across the city. The training covers various gardening topics. Past training has included waterwise gardening, organic weed and pest management and recruiting and maintaining volunteers. The next training will start in February. For more information please contact Rosalind Partridge, Community Development Officer – Neighbourhoods on 8384 0739 or [rospar@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au](mailto:rospar@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au)

**Harmony Day soccer**

Harmony Week in March is an opportunity to showcase diversity and multiculturalism in our local communities. Building on the theme 'Everybody Belongs', we will be holding two soccer clinics in February at Seaford Soccer Club for all young people aged 12-18 years. Participants will have the chance to play in a multicultural soccer match at the club on Sunday 20 March. For more information or to register your interest contact Louis Msema – Community Development Officer on (08) 8384 0537 or [loumse@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au](mailto:loumse@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au)

**National Youth Week (NYW)**

Friday April 1-Sunday April 10

NYW will be celebrated with a range of activities and events coordinated by community groups and led by young people. There are a number of ways to get involved, with something on offer for children and young people from age 8 to 25 and their families. This year's theme is 'Own it' and NYW provides an opportunity to acknowledge the vibrancy young people add to our communities every day. To stay in touch with the latest information on the 2011 NYW celebrations in our region visit [www.onkaparingacity.com/nyw](http://www.onkaparingacity.com/nyw)