

Look East

Christmas Edition | December 2015



Season's Greetings!

Congratulations to Bronte Sleath, Overall Winner of the 2015
Mayor's Christmas Card Competition (Year 6, Wilderness School)

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City of
Norwood
Payneham
& St Peters



Mayor Robert Bria with his daughter Charlotte at the opening of the Payneham Oval Playground.

“On behalf of my wife, Pina, and our children, Isabella, Christian and Charlotte, I wish you all a joyous Christmas and festive season, and a safe and prosperous 2016.”

Mayor's Message

Welcome to the December 2015 edition of Look East

The image on the front cover of this edition is by Bronte Sleath, who was the overall winner in the 2015 Mayor's Christmas Card Competition. Congratulations to Bronte and all the other winners whose artworks are shown on pages 2 & 3.

These talented children provide us all with a timely reminder of the spirit of the festive season; a time for goodwill among all people within our community.

Last month's Norwood Christmas Pageant is a perfect example of that goodwill, when more than 18,000 people from different cultural backgrounds came together to share and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

As I walked in the Pageant with two of my children and saw so many smiling and happy faces, I felt inspired and proud of the strength and vitality of our community and the willingness of so many local groups, schools and organisations to make this iconic event a success.

Events such as the Pageant serve as a reminder of how fortunate we are to live, work and play in such a great place, where people get involved, lend a hand to others and contribute to our sense of community.

In these difficult and uncertain economic times, these values take on greater importance to ensure those who are experiencing hardship and isolation during the festive season are not forgotten.

As 2015 draws to a close, we can reflect on what has been a year of achievement, opportunity and challenge for our City.

This time last year, I said that my number one priority as Mayor in this term was to work with the new Council to ensure our City stayed on the path of financial sustainability.

In 2014-2015, the Council recorded the lowest average residential rate increase (1.4%) of any council in the metropolitan area, as well as an operating surplus of \$3.863 million.

This was no doubt a pleasing result but it also presents the challenge to continue to keep spending in check, to help ensure similar rate increases and healthy budget surpluses in the future.

The next 12 months will see the start of many major projects, such as the Felixstow Reserve wetland, Norwood Football Club Member's facility, The Parade Masterplan and Beulah Road Bikeway Project.

The Council will also undertake its quadrennial review of *CityPlan 2030* and will engage the community to determine whether our priorities and objectives are still relevant.

In closing, I would like to thank my fellow Elected Members for their service to our community over the past year. I would also like to thank the Council's Chief Executive Officer, Mario Barone, and his Executive Leadership team and all Council staff for their energy and professionalism.

No community can flourish without Volunteers. To this end, I would sincerely like to thank the 234 Council-registered Volunteers who continue to dedicate their time, skills and knowledge to help make our community a better place to live, work and play.

On behalf of my wife, Pina, and our children, Isabella, Christian and Charlotte, I wish you all a joyous Christmas, and a safe and prosperous 2016.

Robert Bria
Mayor

2015 Mayor's Christmas Card Competition



Children across the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters delighted in the 2015 Mayor's Christmas Card Competition, expressing their creativity by drawing or painting a Christmas scene which captures the spirit of the festive season in our City.

The Mayor's Christmas Card Competition is conducted by the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters each year, as a way of engaging with children and allowing them to share their excitement in the lead up to Christmas through participating in this fun and creative competition.

The competition was open to all children in the Council area, aged from Preschool to Year 7. 137 children from 12 local schools participated and produced a very high standard of entries, which were judged by a panel comprising of Mayor Bria and staff, and awarded first, second and third prizes from each year level, in addition to an overall winner.

Congratulations to all of the children who participated in the 2015 Mayor's Christmas Card Competition and in particular to the winning entries from each year level (shown on right hand page).

“Congratulations to all of the children who participated in the 2015 Mayor’s Christmas Card Competition!”



The Mayor’s Christmas Card Competition will be held again in 2016. The call to schools for participation will be sent out by the Council in September 2016.

For further information, please contact the Council’s Executive Assistant, Governance & Community Affairs, Cathy Condina, on 8366 4612.

Overall Winner (shown on cover): Bronte Sleath – Year 6, Wilderness School

Pictured above, left to right.

Preschool: Sarika Lim – Margaret Ives Childcare Centre

Reception: Daniel Song – Marryatville Memorial School

Year 1: Oscar Foulkes – Marryatville Primary School

Year 2: Enya Maak – East Adelaide Primary School

Year 3: Sam Paris – Norwood Primary School

Year 4: Jemma Howland – Trinity Gardens Primary School

Year 5: Stella Catlin – St Joseph’s Memorial School

Year 7: Emma Sleath – Wilderness School

Christmas Wreaths Light Up the Norwood Town Hall



In December, the Council partnered with local creative hub, Brick+Mortar, to deliver a festive art installation on The Parade, Norwood, in the form of Christmas wreaths for display in the windows of the Norwood Town Hall until 4 January 2016.

Brick+Mortar, a curated selection of designer stores and artist studios based in Norwood, was commissioned by the Council to engage the work of seven creatives for this unique Christmas project.

Each artist was asked to decorate a Christmas wreath using their preferred medium and provide a short story on their inspiration. The wreaths, created by Estee Austin of Austin Bloom, were embellished with seven different styles, including illustration, typography, ceramics, felt, flora, jewellery and painting.

Founder of Brick+Mortar, Elizabeth Donaldson, said she was thrilled to be approached by the Council and for the opportunity it presented to some of Brick+Mortar's creatives.

"The Council has been a fantastic creative partner for Brick+Mortar this year in assisting us to support creative entrepreneurs and emerging small businesses in the area," said Elizabeth.

"This unique project is a great opportunity to celebrate the festive season by showcasing the work of local artists as part of the Council's festive window display, which offers something unique and a little quirky and different to traditional Christmas decorations, with the focus on supporting local makers and businesses.

"All seven artists who participated in this project have been part of Brick+Mortar and make their product in South Australia, entirely by hand," she said.

Participating artists:

Emma Kate Co

Emma Kate Codrington. Specialising in lettering and stationery.

Days of August

Marie-Pier Labelle. Specialising in handmade carbon neutral jewellery.

Fruzi Kenez

Fruzi Kenez. Specialising in illustration and ceramics.

Austin Bloom

Estee Austin. Specialising in floral art.

Stephanie James Manhattan

Stephanie James-Manhattan. Specialising in ceramics.

Fleeci

Lisa Butler. Specialising in ecofelt soft toys.

Little Sister Co

Doris Chang. Specialising in illustration.

For further information about this project, please contact the Council's Economic Development Coordinator, Leanne Bruno on 8366 4616 or email lbruno@npssp.sa.gov.au

Award and Recognition for Council Volunteers



The Council's dedicated team of 234 Volunteers provide invaluable support in assisting with the delivery of a wide range of services and programs designed to enhance the well-being of our community.

For those with a passion for helping others, the opportunities and benefits of volunteering can include meeting people, building personal confidence, developing new skills and gaining experience. The Council welcomes volunteers of all ages, backgrounds, skill levels and interests.

In 2014-2015, the Council was supported by 234 Volunteers who contributed a total of 8328 hours to facilitate a range of programs and services including:

- Administration
- Cultural Heritage
- Community Visitors Scheme
- Payneham Community Centre – English Language Program
- Events – Norwood Christmas Pageant, Twilight Carols & Christmas Market and Adelaide Fashion Festival
- Gardening – Friends of the Billabong, Church Avenue Reserve, Royston Park, Felixstow Patch
- Graffiti Removal
- Home and Community Care – Community Bus and Stepping Out
- Justice of the Peace
- Libraries
- Supermarket Tours
- Youth Advisory Committee

Annual Volunteer's Christmas Dinner

Each year, the Council recognises the contribution of the many people involved in the Volunteer Program, with an annual celebration dinner held at the Norwood Concert Hall.

Congratulations and thank you to the following recipients of Volunteer Years of Service awards in 2015:

25 Years of Service

Libraries

Lyn Branson

20 Years of Service

Events and Cultural Heritage

Jean Wright

15 Years of Service

Libraries

Robert Branson

Friends of the Library

Sarah Morfydd Pugh

Graffiti Removal

John Towill

10 Years of Service

Justice of the Peace

Robert Docking

Kenneth Duffield

Libraries

Colin Gameau

Smiljka Pasic

Community Visitors Scheme

Jenny Male

David Schwier

Friends of the Library

Dorothy Shorne

The Parade Masterplan



As one of the State's premier Mainstreet, The Parade, Norwood, has experienced a significant increase in popularity over recent years.

In recognition of this, and the fact that it is the economic, cultural and civic heart of the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters, the Council has commenced work on a Masterplan to guide the redevelopment of this significant public realm.

At a Special Council Meeting held on 29 September 2015, the Council endorsed the proposed project framework for the development of The Parade Masterplan.

The Masterplan will encompass the whole of The Parade, Norwood (Fullarton to Portrush Road) and will include all of the key pedestrian, cycle and road networks that connect onto The Parade.

Once completed, the Masterplan will provide the design framework for the future redevelopment of The Parade, to ensure that it is capable of meeting the needs of the local community and the broader community generally, now, and into the future.

The Parade Masterplan will be developed over a number of stages and will incorporate significant engagement and consultation with residents, businesses and visitors, as well as various State Government Departments, to achieve strong community understanding and ownership of the future vision for The Parade. This will include consultation with children from local Schools, as well as initial engagement opportunities at the Council's Tour Down Under events on Thursday 21 and Friday 22 January 2016.

For more information on this exciting Project, please contact the Council's Acting Manager, Economic Development & Strategic Projects, Keke Michalos on 8366 4509 or email kmichalos@npspsa.gov.au

Felixstow Reserve Masterplan



At its meeting held on 7 December 2015, the Council endorsed the Felixstow Reserve Masterplan.

The Felixstow Reserve Masterplan has been developed following three rounds of extensive community engagement and consultation to ensure that the community's aspirations for the Reserve are realised.

Some of the key features incorporated into the Masterplan include a wetland, a large central open space area for informal sport and recreation, as well as the relocation and interpretation of a historically and culturally significant Canoe Scar Tree in order to illustrate the rich cultural history of this area for Aboriginal people.

Also included in the redevelopment will be a network of pedestrian and cycle pathways, BBQ and picnic facilities, new public toilets and car parking, natural play equipment in the lower park area, fitness equipment located throughout the Reserve, a circular running track with distance markers, a games and activity space and a multi-purpose court.

The Felixstow Reserve Masterplan will provide the framework for the redevelopment of this significant open space, in order to enhance and realise the full potential of this regional asset.

The Project will now progress to Detail Design with the redevelopment of the Reserve anticipated to commence in 2016.

For more information, please contact the Council's Acting Manager, Economic Development & Strategic Projects, Keke Michalos on 8366 4509 or email kmichalos@npsa.gov.au

New Policy to Boost our City's Live Music Scene



The City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters is destined to become a thriving live music hub under the Council's new Live Music Policy.

At its meeting held on Monday 7 December 2015, the Council unanimously voted to support the adoption of the Live Music Policy, to foster and strengthen the city's live music and performance sector.

Informed by the 2013 SA Live Music Report 'Revive', the Policy has been developed in recognition of the significant contribution that live music can make to the social, cultural and economic fabric of a community.

"Live music is a key feature of our City's major events, festivals and other celebrations, bringing people of diverse backgrounds and cultures together," said Mayor Bria.

"It is for this reason that the Council has an important role to play in supporting the sustainable growth of the local live music sector in our City," he said.

The new Live Music Policy sets out a range of strategies specific to the facilitation and promotion of live music within the City, while considering the interests of all community stakeholders including performers, venue owners, promoters, residents and visitors.

"The Council is committed to working with live music venues and the community to achieve a balance which supports musicians and promotes live music, whilst protecting the interests of our residents."

"Under the new Live Music Policy, the Council will support legislative reform proposals aimed at improving accessibility of live music at licensed venues, while at the same time ensuring appropriate checks and balances are carried out to ensure residential amenity is not unduly impacted," Mayor Bria said.

From directly engaging local musicians in Council-managed events, to providing spaces for live music in open spaces and key streets, the Live Music Policy is the first step in building a healthy, sustainable future for the live music sector towards the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters.

For more information, please contact the Council's Acting Manager, Economic Development & Strategic Projects, Keke Michalos on 8366 4509 or email kmichalos@npsp.sa.gov.au

Payneham Oval Playground Opening



The new action-themed all abilities playground at Payneham Oval, opened in August 2015, with a free community event held to celebrate the completion of this regional-level play space.

Offering free entertainment, children's activities, face painting and free food and drinks, the event attracted a crowd of 4,000 avid supporters for the new playground who came from across the Council area and suburbs beyond.

Local resident, Angela Benedetti, attended the opening event with her children and was one of many to contact the Council expressing her appreciation.

"I would like to thank everyone involved in the redevelopment of the playground at Payneham Oval... my children and I love the new area! It was great to see so many families at the official opening event," said Angela.

"We went back there twice in the week since the playground opened and it is great to see the area being used by so many people," she said.

Payneham Oval is the third of five innovative playgrounds planned for key sites within the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters, as part of the Council's Playgrounds Strategy.

*Location: Payneham Oval,
John Street, Payneham*

St Peters Childcare Centre & Preschool Extension

The planned extension of the St Peters Child Care Centre & Preschool commenced in October 2015 and once completed, will result in a modernised facility featuring six purpose-built learning environments.

The building work at the Centre is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2015, with new enrolments to be accepted from February 2016. The extension will increase the licensed capacity of the Centre to 94 places, an additional 14 long day care places, which effectively creates an additional 70 places each week.

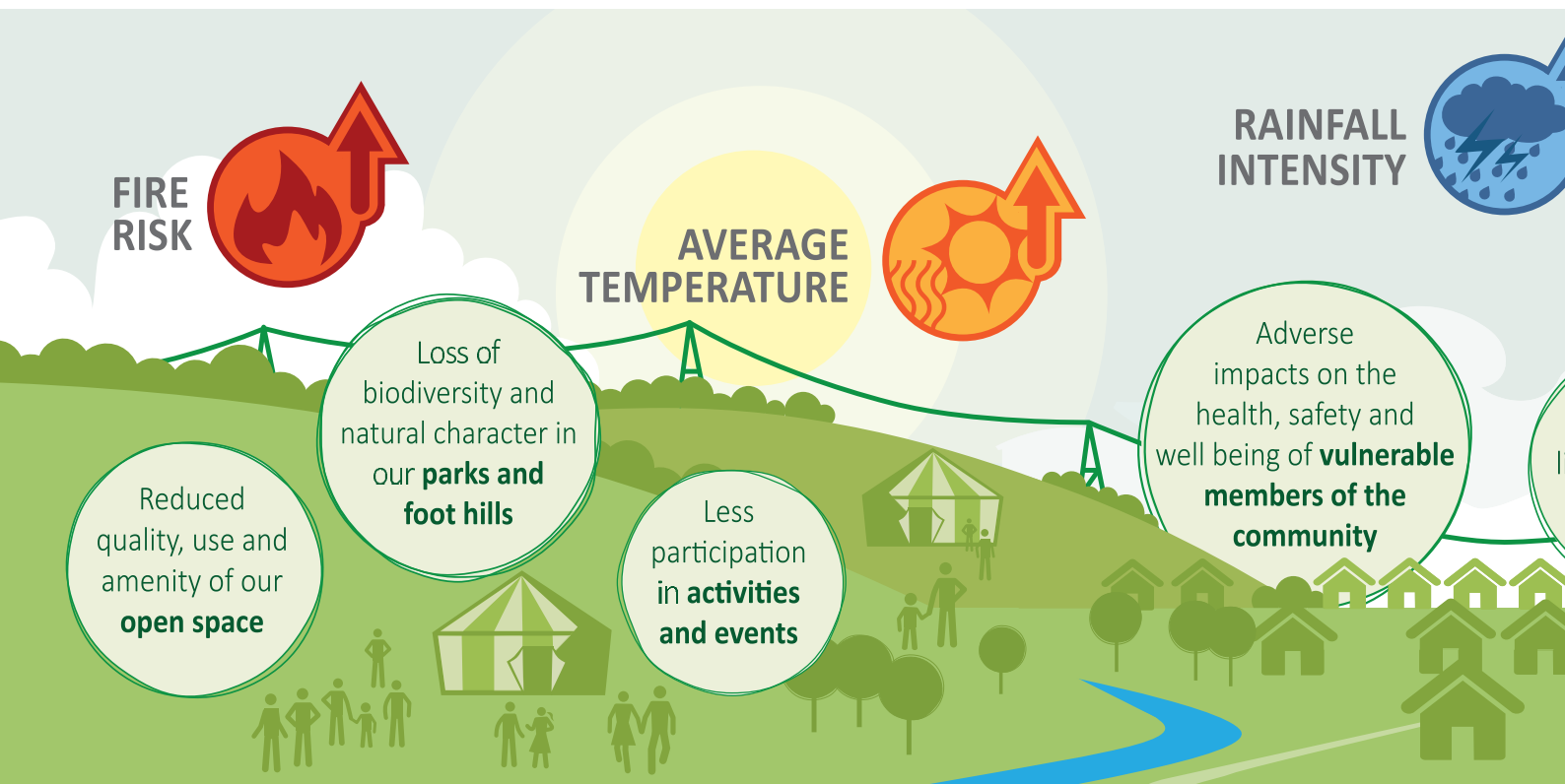
Following the completion of the building works, the redevelopment of the outdoor play space overlooking Dunstone Grove-Linde Reserve will commence, with the aim of providing a more naturalised environment for children to be exposed to different textures and sensory experiences.

In addition to the traditional play elements of swings, slides and a sandpit, the outdoor learning environment will include additional digging patches separated by a dry creek bed and water channel, as well as quiet play areas where children can sit amongst the plants and observe birds and insects.

For further information, please contact the Council's Acting General Manager, Corporate Services, Sharon Perkins on 8366 4585 or email sperkins@npsp.sa.gov.au

Resilient East

Climate Change Adaptation Plan

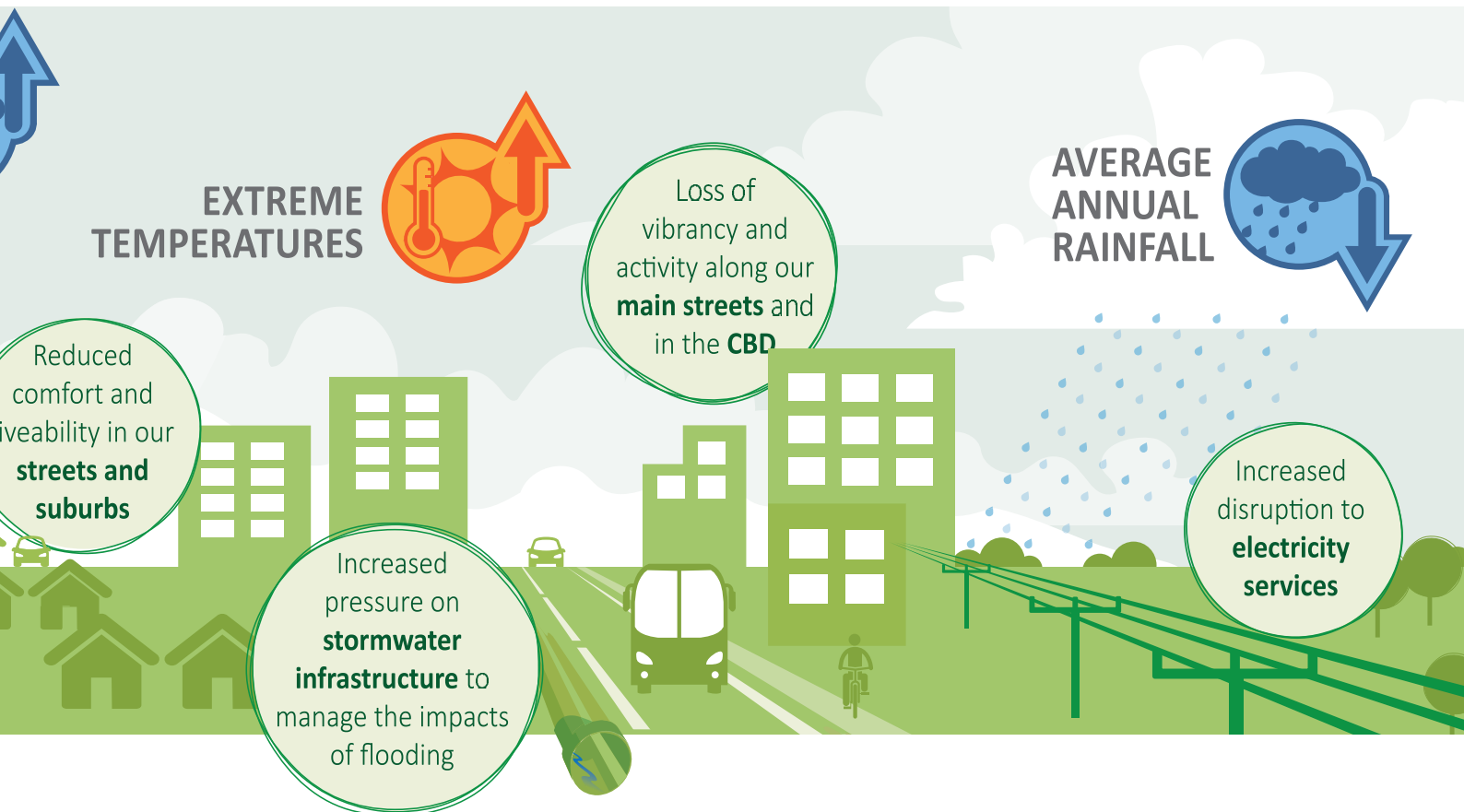


Leading the way in preparing for the challenges of climate change, the Council has partnered with Adelaide City Council and the other six Eastern Region Alliance Councils (Cities of Burnside, Prospect, Tea Tree Gully, Unley along with the Town of Walkerville and Campbelltown City Council) to develop a detailed Climate Change Adaptation Plan – ‘Resilient East’.

‘Resilient East’ will provide Councils with the tangible actions needed to address the local impacts of climate change, in order to ensure that the community, economy, assets, infrastructure and the natural environment of Adelaide’s eastern region are ready to adapt to future climate scenarios.

The ‘Resilient East’ project has been the subject of collaboration and input from a diverse range of organisations and is jointly funded through Federal, State, Local Government and the Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board.

“*Resilient East is about exploring what we can do to make sure our businesses, communities and environments can respond positively to the challenges and opportunities of a changing climate.*”



In the eastern region, climate models forecast substantial changes relating to rainfall intensity, extreme temperatures, water scarcity and fire risk, such as:

- the number of days over 40 degrees is projected to double by 2050, with heatwave frequency and duration also expected to increase;
- increased bushfire risks with an increase in the number of extreme fire risk days throughout the foothill areas;
- water conservation will increasingly become a priority, with average rainfall expected to decrease 7%;
- flood risk will increase, with the intensity of heavy rainfall increasing by 10% by 2050.

The last phase of the Resilient East project is nearing completion with the preparation of the final Climate Change Adaptation Plan, based on a range of regional and local adaption 'pathways', with recommended actions to help the eastern region adapt, thrive and prosper into the future.

The Climate Change Adaptation Plan, affecting many aspects of the way Councils deliver projects and services, will be considered by the participating Councils in early 2016.

For further information about the 'Resilient East' Project, please contact the Council's Manager, Urban Planning & Sustainability, Eleanor Walters on 8366 4521 or email ewalters@npsp.sa.gov.au



'Fallow, Public Artwork, St Peters Civic Plaza, St Peters

From Your Elected Members

Elected Members play a vital leadership role in creating and delivering our community's vision, strategic direction and guiding values.

At the conclusion of a busy year in 2015, the first year of the new Council term, our Elected Members would like to take the opportunity to say a few words to the community.



Cr Lucy Marcuccitti

Kensington Ward

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It has been a challenging but productive year for the new Council. With a lot of discipline, the Council was able to achieve a workable and balanced budget, whilst keeping rates at a minimum.

The Council successfully delivered a number of major projects, including the new playground at Payneham Oval and hosting the Norwood Place Parades on Norwood Parade, Santos Tour Down Under and the Norwood Christmas Pageant events, which all continue to build and benefit our local economy.

I would like to thank my fellow Elected Members and Council staff for their tireless dedication, sometimes under very difficult circumstances and with limited resources. I would also like to thank our Volunteers for their invaluable commitment.

On a personal note, this year I was overjoyed to welcome my granddaughter, Beatrice Carolina Therese Marcuccitti and on behalf of all my family, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.



Cr Christel Mex

Kensington Ward

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Have you ever noticed that when asked 'How are you?' the automatic response is 'Fine, but I am always so busy!' Especially at this time of year, most of us are rushing about trying to complete our daily to-do lists.

We all seem to be time-poor these days. In fact, lack of time is the most reported reason for people spending less time with family and friends, enjoying the fresh air or volunteering in the community.

To do something different or de-stress, you might be surprised to discover how many options are available in our local community. You can enjoy the fresh air at our local parks, playgrounds and swimming centres. If you want to escape the heat, try our beautiful libraries and the fascinating Cultural Heritage Centre.

With just a few hours to spare, volunteering is a great way to give back to the community, learn new skills and meet people. The Council has some excellent volunteer roles to choose from.

On that note, I would like to thank all the Volunteers in our community for their valuable contributions and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and refreshing 2016.

From Your Elected Members



Cr Carlo Dottore

Payneham Ward

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As the year comes to a close and we celebrate Christmas with our friends and loved ones, we also reflect on another eventful year for the Council.

While continuing with essential city-wide services, works, maintenance, infrastructure projects and community services, we have also focused on new initiatives and development on future projects such as the Beulah Road Bicycle Boulevard, the redevelopment of Felixstow Reserve, including major stormwater harvesting and wetland components, the Norwood Oval Clubrooms redevelopment due for construction in 2016 and the Masterplan for The Parade, are all substantial initiatives for the future development of our City.

Completion of the Payneham Oval Playground Project was certainly a well-received, successful quality addition to the existing infrastructure of the locality for the wider community.

I look forward to continuing positive directions and outcomes in 2016 and wish you the compliments of the festive season and a safe New Year.



Cr Kevin Duke

Payneham Ward

T: 8365 2764

Christmas is a special time of the year where we remember the birth of Christ in humble circumstances. The message is clear that happiness and fulfilment in life is not dependent on the size of our material wealth or status in society. Christmas cheer is not determined on the size of the gift we give or receive, but on our ability to recognise the inherent worth of all people.

Our Council tries to provide facilities for all people, irrespective of age, or physical or intellectual ability. The new playground at Payneham Oval aims to provide activities for children with disabilities. Our policy on traders' use of our footpaths on The Parade creates clear access along the front of shops, as we aim to create a community nurturing a sense of belonging for all.

On behalf of myself and my family, we wish you a happy Christmas and a joyous New Year.



Cr John Frogley

St Peters Ward

T: 8362 9869

I wish all residents, businesses and your families a merry festive season and a happy New Year.

2016 will present major challenges for our City, but also exciting opportunities. Proposed State Government changes to property development legislation, plans and assessment arrangements threaten to cut local communities and the Council from any real role in ensuring that appropriate development is facilitated without trashing our precious character residential areas and the ambience of our City. Only by urgently making your objections known to Members of Parliament and the Government can we hope to avoid the worst of this looming disaster.

The Council's financial position is sound while keeping rates low. Highlights next year will include planning for the future of The Parade, determining the future for our swimming pools, further upgrades to our parks and backing improvements to Norwood Oval while keeping roads, footpaths and drainage systems up to standard.



Cr Evonne Moore

St Peters Ward

T: 8362 1152

Thank you to those people who contacted me with your concerns this year. The frequency of road and footpath sweeping, the safety of trees and the volume of traffic in residential streets are important issues.

The State Government is pushing ahead with its contentious O'Bahn tunnel project, with the loss of right-hand turns on to Hackney Road and other negative impacts. The Council continues to lobby the Department on behalf of residents' concerns.

We have also seen the continued excessive hacking of street trees by SA Power Networks in the face of community opposition. In 2016, major threats to residents' quality of life include the State Government's devolving planning powers to regional bodies to silence public opposition to new developments. A related threat is Planning Minister John Rau's rezoning of our main roads to encourage three to ten storey flats.

I wish everyone a joyful Christmas and a fulfilling and prosperous New Year.



Cr Garry Knoblauch

Torrens Ward

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In 2015, the first year of the present group of Elected Members, progress has been made in many important areas whilst at the same time keeping rate increased to a minimum – the smallest for many years.

Some difficult decisions have been made, but always in the best interests of our community. It is disappointing then, when the media is so negative towards Local Government and we have had our fair share, but unfortunately the whole story or the full facts are rarely reported.

I am committed to representing the community and dealing with issues of concern to us all and I will continue to make a responsible contribution. Thank you to the Council's senior administration and staff for your invaluable assistance.

Finally, on behalf of my wife Peggy and my family, I wish you all a happy Christmas and a prosperous and healthy 2016.



Cr John Minney

Torrens Ward

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I would like to thank the residents of Torrens Ward for their input over the past year, particularly in response to planning and development matters and the changes to reserves in the area. Your support is much appreciated.

Again, the main issues for the Council have been infrastructure, street sweeping, problems associated with the seasonal leaf and bark that fall which causes difficulties for aged and infirm pedestrians and flooding during summer storms. Disappointment over the lack of attention to watering and maintenance of our green open space is of concern, as is the loss of green areas throughout our district with a greater development footprint, as the Government moves to greater housing density.

The new development rules are a deep concern as residents find out about neighbouring proposals and the impact that this is having on their living environment.

Finally, on behalf of my wife Margaret and myself, I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

From Your Elected Members



Cr Connie Granozio

Maylands/Trinity Ward

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As we welcome the Christmas break and the end of what has been such a busy year, it is timely to reflect on the achievements of 2015.

I worked together with Mayor Bria to push for an upgrade to infrastructure along Magill Road, between Portrush and Glynburn Roads. This work included new bins, repairs to footpaths, replacement of broken kerbing and the installation of a disability compliant bus stop pad.

I was delighted to see a number of safety measures implemented at Trinity Gardens Primary School, in particular the new 'kiss and drop' zone. I supported the city-wide traffic review for all schools in the Council area and look forward to considering the final report in early 2016 to further improve safety for children.

I would like to thank our Volunteers for their dedication and support, which saves the Council thousands of dollars annually. I thank those individuals who have raised their concerns in an effort to improve services to our community. I wish everyone a safe and happy festive season and a prosperous new year.



Cr Sophia MacRae

Maylands/Trinity Ward

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December can be a whirlwind of parties and events with colleagues, friends and family. While it is a joyful time, it can also be challenging, both for the people who have a full diary and even more so for those who feel that they have very little to celebrate.

At the end of the day, while gifts and feasts are associated with Christmas, the feeling of community and connection is more important. For everyone who has good family and friends, treasure them!

I especially want to thank all our Council Volunteers and all service organisations in the community.

At this time of year, we must think of those who are less fortunate, who have lost family, and who may be in circumstances of hardship. There are many organisations within our community who lend a helping hand to people who are struggling. A simple and wonderful gesture is the gift of a book. I'm very pleased that the Council is partnering with AnglicareSA in the annual 'Give the Gift of Reading' program.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.



Cr Kevin Shepherdson

Maylands/Trinity Ward

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Well one year on and it has been a particularly busy period with the new Council considering matters that were initiated in the previous term. This has required a lot of reading and research to get up to speed and informed.

I was elected onto the Audit and Traffic Management Committees which has given me insight into the governance required by Local Government, to perform its duties on behalf of the ratepayers. I am enjoying the challenge and I have contributed on behalf of residents in the Maylands/Trinity Ward and Council area overall, to making this City the best place to live in South Australia.

I would like to thank my fellow Elected Members and dedicated Council staff and Volunteers who have made this year so rewarding.

I look forward to serving you in the coming year and wish you all the compliments of the festive season, have a safe and joyous onetime and a prosperous New Year.



Cr Paul Wormald

West Norwood/Kent Town Ward

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Christmas is more than any other, the time for family and community celebration. It is also the time to take a break and look at what is important for yourself, your family and even your community.

'Cultural vitality' is a key priority for our City. Implicit in this is support for an active and engaging community life. But our disparate digitally connected but confusing world is posing an ever-increasing challenge to our local 'sense of place'. And this is crucial to the sense of belonging that leads people to voluntarily contribute their scarce time and enthusiasm to local community projects, such as our recent Norwood Christmas Pageant.

Local Volunteers helping with this and our many community organisations who help others are crucial to community well-being and to making this a better place to live and work. Sustaining a City's community life is a vital part of a modern Council's role but it is only possible with your help.

Perhaps a Christmas/New Year commitment we should all make is: what can I do this year to help make my local community a better place?



Cr Sue Whittington

West Norwood/Kent Town Ward

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Christmas is a time of joy and goodwill to others, but I also feel joy and goodwill throughout the year at Council Citizenship ceremonies: joy at hearing from our new citizens how happy and grateful they are to become Australians, and the mutual goodwill at their joining our richly multicultural community. Many of these new citizens settle in our Council area, so a special festive greeting to them all.

Our final major community event for the year and a highlight for local children is the much-loved Norwood Christmas Pageant. As I don my Pageant costume I am reminded again that our Pageant Volunteers, who have devoted so many hours to making costumes and preparing floats, are local heroes who deserve our great thanks. As do the bands and community organisations who also contribute to the atmosphere and fun of the day, preparing the way for Santa!

Have a safe and happy Christmas season.

“On behalf of Elected Members and staff we wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year!”

Urban Design Awards –

New People's Choice Award and Expert Judging Panel



The sixth round of Awards for Excellence in Urban Design will be launched in March 2016.

The Council's Urban Design Awards, which are aimed at recognising local residential and commercial developments that improve the quality of the City's built environment, will feature a new People's Choice Award in addition to awards for Best Residential Development and Best Non-residential Development.

In addition to public voting for best overall development, awards for the Best Residential Development and Best Non-Residential Development will be assessed by an expert judging panel, comprising of four experts in Architecture and/or Urban Design.

For further information, please contact the Council's Manager, Development Assessment, Mark Thomson on 8366 4567 or email mthomson@npsp.sa.gov.au

Image: Urban Design Award Winner 2013

Planning Policy Matters

2015 has been a busy year for planning and development, with a number of significant projects being pursued by the State Government.

These projects, including a review of the 30 Year Plan for Greater Adelaide, changes to Activity Centres policies and a major expansion of 'Urban Corridor' zones to allow for high density mixed use development along many metropolitan main roads, are occurring at the same time that Parliament is debating major changes to the legislation which governs planning and development matters.

The State Government has introduced significant changes to drive economic growth through urban development and investment.

The changes include relaxing development guidelines to allow a broader range of building forms and land uses in and around centres, along arterial road corridors and in areas identified for redevelopment. Key aspects of these emerging strategies and proposals are:

- 248,000 additional homes throughout the Greater Adelaide region by 2045;
- 80% of these homes built within the existing metropolitan area;
- taller buildings and a more mixed land use environment within 'Urban Corridor' locations;
- Payneham Road, Magill Road, The Parade, Fullarton Road and the 'Stepney Triangle' to be the focus of new 'Urban Corridor' zoning;

- reduced role of Local Government in development assessment and the regionalisation of policy formulation; and
- reduced public notification and appeal rights for a range of development proposals.

The Council has made various submissions regarding the effect of the proposed legislation and policy changes. They can be viewed online at www.npsp.sa.gov.au. To follow the progress of these changes visit the State Government website, www.sa.gov.au and the Department for Planning, Transport & Infrastructure website www.dpti.sa.gov.au

Contact the Council's Manager, Urban Planning & Sustainability, Eleanor Walters for further information on 8366 4521 or email ewalters@npsp.sa.gov.au

Maintaining a Tidy Environment

Street Sweeping Program

The Council's Street Sweeping Program is designed to manage the clean up of the Council's tree-lined streets, in a coordinated manner.

There are 10 main components to the Street Sweeping Program which aim to address the areas of highest need and respond to the seasonal activity of street trees, whilst maintaining the quality of our environment.

Residential Sweeping

Local roads are swept once every six weeks. This cycle maintains the ideal balance between the removal of accumulated leaf and road litter, aesthetics and the cost of delivery.

The residential sweeping program is conducted all year round and results in a total of over 260 kilometres of kerbing swept every six weeks.

Main Roads

Due to the high traffic volume along main arterial roads, these are swept all year round on a four weekly cycle.

High Pedestrian Generator Roads

The High Pedestrian Generator Roads component targets main roads which have high pedestrian traffic and therefore require the footpaths to receive greater attention, particularly during periods of high leaf drop.

Autumn Leaf

The dedicated Autumn Leaf component of the Program targets streets lined with Plane and Oak trees, with a focus on the western suburbs of the City. Debris on roads and footpaths is blown and swept on a fortnightly basis for an eight week period, typically between the months of May to June. A total of 128 kilometres of kerbing is swept during each Autumn Leaf cycle.

High Density Parking

The high density parking component targets streets which experience heavy leaf fall at certain times of year, coupled with high density parking. These areas are typically in Norwood and Kensington.

This program is carried out twice during the year. The Summer High Density Parking typically takes place for a period of 9 weeks, from December to February, with the roads swept on a three weekly cycle.

The Autumn High Density Parking takes place for a period of 16 weeks, from April to July and sees the roads swept on a fortnightly cycle.

Summer Sweep

Concentrated in the suburbs of Payneham, St Morris and Felixstow, the Summer Sweep focuses on addressing the bark and seed pods which drop from Eucalyptus and Queensland Box trees during the summer months. Typically running from December to February, over 250 kilometres of kerbing is swept on a three weekly cycle over an 18 week period.

White Cedar Berries

Held annually between September and November, the White Cedar Berries component is a vital part of the Program given the nuisance white cedar berries can cause. Depending on the season, affected streets can be swept fortnightly over an eight week period.

Acorns

This is a small targeted component which aims to address issues associated with the drop from Acorn trees during February/March each year. Identified streets are attended to weekly throughout the eight week program.

Car parks

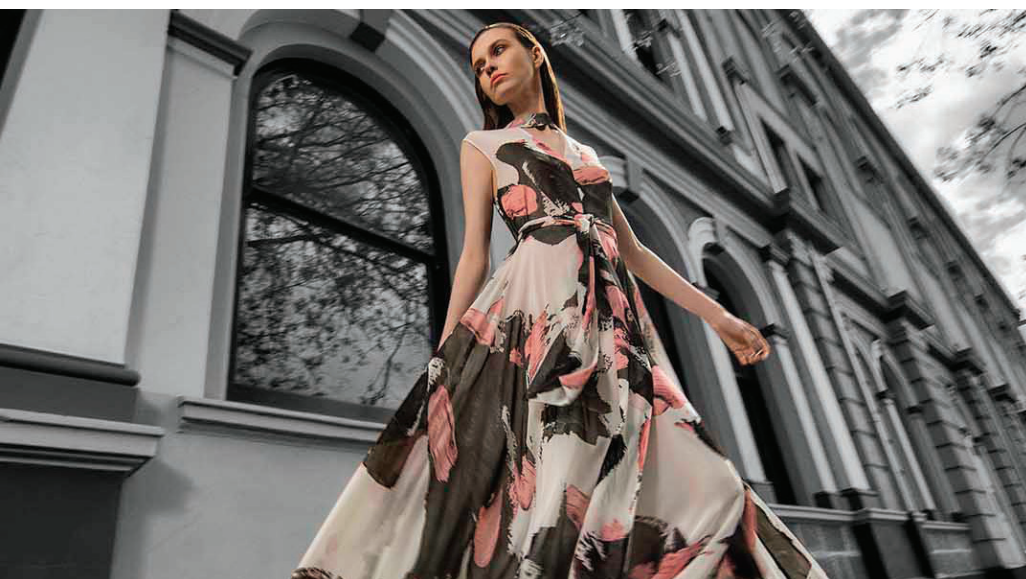
Council-owned car parks are swept every three months, to remove any build-up of leaf litter and other materials.

Traffic Management Devices

Traffic management devices, such as roundabouts and traffic islands, are swept once a year at the end of Autumn, to ensure any build-up of material is removed from this important infrastructure.

For further information regarding the Street Sweeping Program, please contact the Council's Works Depot on 8360 9001 or email townhall@npsp.sa.gov.au

Norwood Place Parades on Norwood Parade



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The Council proudly hosted the popular Norwood Place Parades on Norwood Parade event on Sunday 25 October, as part of the 2015 Adelaide Fashion Festival.

In its most illustrious year to date, the unique and popular Norwood Place Parades on Norwood Parade offered an exciting day-long affair with enjoyment for all ages, including three fashion parades showcasing Parade retailers, a catwalk-side High Tea, the Norwood Fashion & Design market, live music by Germein Sisters and family entertainment.

Following the Council's decision to transfer ownership of the Adelaide Fashion Festival to the State Government in February 2015, this event is set to remain a firm fixture on the Festival program each year.

"Retaining the right to continue to host this fantastic event as part of the Adelaide Fashion Festival was a key consideration for the Council in its decision to transfer ownership of the Festival to the State Government," said Mayor Bria.

"The success of the event this year, determined by the 8,000 strong crowds and the positive feedback received proves its popularity and place on the AFF Program. The Council looks forward to continuing to host this event and showcase just how much The Parade has on offer in terms of fashion, food and entertainment for the local and wider community, in years to come," he said.

For further information about the Norwood Place Parades on Norwood Parade event, please contact the Council's Events Unit on 8366 4527.

8,000 people attended
the 2015 Parades on Norwood Parade

Community Funding Program



The City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters Community Funding Program provides opportunities for local, not-for-profit community groups and organisations to receive funding to support their activities and to develop new initiatives, which will benefit the wider local community.

Under the Program, applicants are able to apply for funding through two grants schemes:

- Community Grants Scheme – incorporating three categories, Artistic & Cultural Programs & Events, Artistic Developments and Visual Public Art.
- Public Art & Culture Grants Scheme – incorporating four categories, Community Development, Environment, Events and Sport & Recreation.

Examples of projects or initiatives which may be supported include:

- Activities which protect and enhance the local environment or promote sustainable living.
- Purchase of new equipment to increase the ability of a group to deliver a service, activity or program to the community.

- Events that encourage cultural diversity or active participation in community life.
- Innovative sport, recreation and physical activity programs.
- Arts and cultural projects which have publicly accessible outcomes, including performances, concerts or workshops.

Applications for the Community Funding Program will open in February 2016 and funds to be allocated in the 2015-2016 Financial Year. An Information Session for interested applicants will be held to coincide with the opening of this round of applications in February.

For more information, please visit the Council's website, www.npsp.sa.gov.au or contact the Council's General Manager, Governance & Community Affairs, Lisa Mara on 8366 4549 or email lmara@npsp.sa.gov.au

Tai Chi in the Park



Following the success and feedback received from the Tai Chi classes held as part of the Every Generation Festival in October, the Council is pleased to announce the launch of a new 'Tai Chi in the Park' program, which will be held from February to April 2016.

Great for mind and body, Tai Chi is a low impact, slow motion form of martial art with proven health benefits.

"It is wonderful to be able to offer the community another opportunity to participate in Tai Chi in the surrounds of the beautiful redeveloped Dunstone Grove-Linde Reserve, Stepney" said the Council's Program Coordinator, Maria DeConno.

"We welcome people of all ages and fitness levels to come and try this program and the many benefits it has for relieving the physical effects of stress on body and mind," she said.

Classes will be facilitated by qualified trainers and Tai Chi practitioners, George and Brenda Hum.

For further information please contact the Council's Community Care Services Project Officer, Maria DeConno on 8366 4519 or email mdeconno@npsa.sa.gov.au

Tai Chi in the Park February – April 2016

Location:

Dunstone Grove-Linde Reserve, Stepney

Time:

9.30am to 10.30am

Dates:

25 February
3 March
10 March
24 March
31 March
7 April

Cost:

Free (bookings not required).

Note: Tai Chi will not be held on 17 March.

Canvas Youth Arts & Events Program



Urban Youth Art + Design Exhibition Overall Winner, Tessa Cavaggion.

The Council's Canvas Youth Arts & Events Program provides opportunities for young people aged 12-25 who live, work, study or volunteer in the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters, to develop skills in the arts.

As part of the Canvas Program in 2015, the Council hosted a Youth Short Film Festival and the Urban Youth Art + Design Exhibition, in September and October 2015. These events were an opportunity for the general public to view and recognise the creative talent and contributions of young people in our community.

The Youth Short Film Festival

The Youth Short Film Festival, held at the Norwood Concert Hall in September, presented eight short films which were awarded prizes by a panel of judges.

Congratulations to the following prize category winners:

Overall winner - 'Roses are Red'

12-15 years - 'LOVE'

16-19 years - 'Jack and Jill'

20-25 years - 'Diving Down Deeper'

Urban Youth Art + Design Exhibition

The Urban Youth Art + Design Exhibition was launched on Thursday 1 October 2015 at the St Peters Town Hall.

The exhibition featured the works of 15 young people, including painting, photography, fashion and sculpture.

Congratulations to the following prize category winners:

Overall Winner - Tessa Cavaggion, 'The Music of Life'

12-15 years - Edward Ting, 'Thomas and Mark'

16-19 years - Franklin Holfeld, 'This Should Be Done By Now'

20-25 years - Tara Rowhani-Farid, 'Youth'

A People's Choice award recipient was also selected by visitors to the exhibition and awarded to Edward Ting for his painting, 'Thomas and Mark'.

For further information about the Canvas Youth Arts & Events Program, please contact Rebecca O'Dell on 8366 4631 or email rodell@npsp.sa.gov.au

Are you Prepared for the Heat this Summer?

Whilst many Australians have firsthand experience of the impact and effects of extreme temperatures, many remain unaware of the issues it can cause.

Indeed, many people would be surprised at recent findings from Macquarie University, that extreme heat has been responsible for over half of all listed natural hazard fatalities in Australia from 1900 to 2011.

Nationally, states and territories are responding to the challenge and examining how to better manage heatwave risks.

In South Australia, the State Emergency Service (SES) plays an important and unique role as Hazard Leader and Control Agency for extreme heat. It partners with a host of government and non-government organisations to improve understanding of risk, increase community resilience and preparedness and minimise impacts during heatwave events.

The SES is also responsible for issuing Extreme Heat warnings to the community.

Here are some simple things you can do to reduce the impact of extreme heat:

- Stay hydrated – drink two to three litres of water a day, even if you don't feel thirsty.
- Dress for summer – lightweight, light coloured clothing reflects heat and sunlight and helps your body maintain a normal temperature.

- Check on those at risk – visit at-risk individuals such as the sick and elderly and keep an eye on children. Watch for signs of heat-related illness.
- Minimise sun exposure – keep out of the sun as much as possible. If you must be in the sun, wear sunscreen, a shirt, hat and sunglasses.
- Prepare your home – service or replace your air conditioner before you need to use it. Curtains, awnings and blinds can also help to keep the home cool.
- Make use of air conditioning – if you do not have air conditioning, make use of public facilities such as shopping centres, libraries, cinemas or other air-conditioned buildings.
- Remember your pets – pets can be particularly vulnerable to the heat. Make sure they have shade and plenty of cool water to last the day.
- Seek medical advice if necessary – telephone Healthdirect Australia on 1800 022 222 or for immediate medical assistance, telephone 000.

With global warming causing rising temperatures, extreme heat events, resulting in summer heatwaves will become more common in Australia.

For further information, please visit the South Australian State Emergency Services website at www.ses.sa.gov.au

Article written and provided by the South Australian State Emergency Service.



RECHARGE Scheme

With an increasing number of citizens using mobility scooters or motorised wheelchairs, a potential concern for users is about becoming stranded due to flat batteries.

RECHARGE Scheme Australia was developed to support citizens who use mobility scooters or motorised wheelchairs to travel safely, through partnering with businesses who are willing to offer a recharge point where citizens can recharge their mobility scooters or motorised wheelchairs.

The City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters is proud to be a partner of the RECHARGE Scheme Australia. Citizens can now recharge their mobility scooter or motorised wheelchair at the following Council venues:

- Norwood Town Hall, 175 The Parade, Norwood
- Payneham Library, 2 Turner Street, Felixstow
- St Peters Library, 101 Payneham Road, St Peters
- Payneham Community Centre, 373 Payneham Road, Payneham
- Payneham Swimming Centre, OG Road, Felixstow

Local businesses are also invited to join the scheme and provide an accessible power point for their customers.

For further information about the RECHARGE Scheme Australia or to enquire about becoming a RECHARGE program partner, please visit www.rechargescheme.org.au

Upcoming Events for 2016



22 January

Santos Tour Down Under



25 February - 7 April

Tai Chi in the Park

January

Friday 1

New Year's Day (Public Holiday)

Monday 18

Council Meeting

7.00pm

Council Chambers, Norwood Town Hall

Thursday 21

'Norwood on Tour' Street Party

5.00pm – 10.00pm

The Parade, Norwood

Kick start your Santos Tour Down Under celebrations on The Parade, Norwood! Come along to the Street Party and enjoy delicious food and wine, music and children's entertainment.

Friday 22

Santos Tour Down Under

6.30am – Bupa Challenge

11.30am – Stage 4 Start

The Parade, Norwood

Tuesday 26

Australia Day (Public Holiday)

9.00am

St Peters Civic Plaza

Featuring morning tea, Citizenship Ceremony and presentation of the 2016 Australia Day Awards.

Tuesday 26

Poolside 2016

12 noon – 4.00pm

Payneham Swimming Centre

A poolside event for young people and families, featuring entertainment hosted by Fresh 92.7 and free games. Entry \$2 per person.

February

Monday 1

Council Meeting

7.00pm

Council Chambers, Norwood Town Hall

Friday 12

**Little Rundle Street Art Project
Street Party**

6.00pm – 10.00pm

Little Rundle Street, Kent Town

Join us in Little Rundle Street, Kent Town for a walk toward the city – the landscape will be bordered by artists of renown art from community & school groups – take a walk on the wildside. For details visit www.adelaidefringe.com.au

Thursday 25 – 7 April

Tai Chi in the Park

9.30am – 10.30am

Dunstone Grove-Linde Reserve, Stepney

Free classes will be held every Thursday (excluding 17 March), bookings not required. For details, contact Maria DeConno on 8366 4519.

To find out what's happening in the City visit our Online Events & Festivals Calendar at www.npsp.sa.gov.au



2 April

St Peters Fair



March

Monday 7

Council Meeting

7.00pm

Council Chambers, Norwood Town Hall

Monday 14

Adelaide Cup Day (Public Holiday)

Friday 25

Good Friday (Public Holiday)

Monday 28

Easter Monday (Public Holiday)

April

Saturday 2

St Peters Fair

10.00am – 4.00pm

Dunstone Grove-Linde Reserve, Stepney

A free family event featuring market stalls, entertainment, tasty food and refreshments.

Monday 4

Council Meeting

7.00pm

Council Chambers, Norwood Town Hall

Monday 25

Anzac Day (Public Holiday)

May

1-31 May

SA History Month

Celebrate our City's unique cultural and built history through film, food, poetry, exhibitions, musical concerts, free guided tours and talks. Program details will be available online at www.npsp.sa.gov.au in February 2016.

Monday 2

Council Meeting

7.00pm

Council Chambers, Norwood Town Hall

Monday 9 - Sunday 15

National Volunteer Week

June

Monday 6

Council Meeting

7.00pm

Council Chambers, Norwood Town Hall

Monday 13

Queen's Birthday (Public Holiday)



Christmas & New Year Opening Times

Norwood Town Hall

December 2015

Wednesday 23	8.30am - 5.00pm
Thursday 24	8.30am - 3.00pm
Friday 25	Closed
Monday 28	Closed
Tuesday 29	8.30am - 5.00pm
Wednesday 30	8.30am - 5.00pm
Thursday 31	8.30am - 3.00pm

January 2016

Friday 1	Closed
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Council Works Depot*

December 2015

Wednesday 23	8.30am - 5.15pm
Thursday 24	8.30am - 1.00pm
Friday 25	Closed
Monday 28	Closed
Tuesday 29	8.30am - 5.15pm
Wednesday 30	8.30am - 5.15pm
Thursday 31	8.30am - 5.15pm

January 2016

Friday 1	Closed
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**Emergency works outside office hours will be responded to.*

Norwood & Payneham Swimming Centres

December 2015

Wednesday 2	6.00am - 7.30pm
Thursday 24	6.00am - 7.30pm
Friday 25	Closed
Saturday 26	8.00am - 7.00pm
Sunday 27	8.00am - 7.00pm
Monday 28	8.00am - 7.00pm
Tuesday 29	6.00am - 7.30pm
Wednesday 30	6.00am - 7.30pm
Thursday 31	6.00am - 7.30pm

January 2016

Friday 1	8.00am - 7.00pm
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“The City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters wish you a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!”

Libraries

December 2015

	Norwood	Payneham	St Peters
Thursday 24	1.00pm - 3.00pm	9.30am - 3.00pm	9.30am - 3.00pm
Friday 25	Closed	Closed	Closed
Saturday 26	10.00am - 1.00pm	10.00am - 1.00pm	10.00am - 4.00pm
Sunday 27	1.00pm - 4.00pm	1.00pm - 4.00pm	Closed
Monday 28	Closed	Closed	Closed
Tuesday 29	1.00pm - 5.00pm	9.30am - 5.00pm	9.30am - 8.00pm
Wednesday 30	1.00pm - 5.00pm	9.30am - 8.00pm	9.30am - 1.00pm
Thursday 31	1.00pm - 3.00pm	9.30am - 3.00pm	9.30am - 3.00pm

January 2016

Friday 1	Closed	Closed	Closed
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St Peters Child Care Centre & Preschool

Closes at 6.00pm on Wednesday 23 December.
Reopens at 7.50am on Monday 4 January 2016.

Payneham Community Centre

Closes at 3.00pm on Thursday 24 and 31 December.
Open 9.00am - 5.00pm weekdays as normal,
excluding all Public Holidays.

NORWOOD *ON TOUR*

**CELEBRATING THE 2016
SANTOS TOUR DOWN UNDER**



STREET PARTY - Thursday 21 January, 5-10pm
BUPA STAGE 4 START - Friday 22 January, 11.30am

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