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# Wakefield Regional WRAP

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Keeping the region informed  
of Council's progress, activities  
and topics of interest for the  
community.

## FRED BURNS BRIGHT IN BRINKWORTH

Our Citizens of the Year have been announced for the 2024 Australia Day Awards with our Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Event of the Year all announced in late November.

Brinkworth's Fred Groom is our Citizen of the Year, Hamley Bridge's Erin Pycroft is our Young Citizen of the Year and our Event of the Year was awarded to the Balaklava Museum.

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Mayor Rodney Reid with Santa and Ann Sellars after judging the floats at the Hamley Bridge Christmas Parade last year.

## Message from the Mayor

Welcome to the New Year, I hope you had an excellent Christmas and New Year celebrations filled with fun and making memories with your families.

I was fortunate enough to get out and amongst the Christmas celebrations visiting the Hamley Bridge Street Parade, Balaklava Christmas Carols and Parade, the Owen Street Parade and Port Wakefield Christmas celebration. All these events were a testament to our communities getting out of the house and celebrating the holidays.

Inside this edition of the wrap we highlight the excellent community efforts of our Citizens of the Year, with Brinkworth's Fred Groom being nominated for our Citizen of the Year.

Fred is a staple of the Brinkworth community; his community spirit can be seen just about anywhere you walk in Brinkworth. It's wonderful our region has been able to recognise all of the hard work Fred has contributed to his community.

I always love travelling to Australia Day celebrations across Wakefield and seeing how every community celebrates differently – these events highlight the great community spirit we have in our region.

Port Wakefield has been given a jolt of electricity with the new RAA electric car charging stations installed on Burra Street. These chargers allow electric vehicle users to get off the highway and charge their EV. These are a great draw card to get people off the highway and into Port Wakefield.

I'd like to wish everyone a fantastic start to the New Year and wish you all the best as we head into 2024.

I hope to see you all out and about as I travel around Wakefield throughout this year.



Fred Groom outside the Brinkworth Fire Station with his Country Fire Service 50 years of service medallions.

## CFS service crowns Fred our Citizen of the Year

Country Fire Service (CFS) volunteers have been highlighted in this year's Australia Day Awards with both our Citizen of the Year Fred Groom and our Young Citizen of the Year Erin Pycroft being active members within local CFS brigades in Wakefield.

Citizen of the Year Fred Groom has been a dedicated volunteer within the Brinkworth community since moving there in 2001.

"After retiring and moving to Brinkworth, we became members of as many groups as we could to get to know the people and what they did," Fred said.

Fred's service to the community has seen him volunteer on the Brinkworth History Group, Progress Association, CFS, Australian Plants Society and the St John's Lutheran Church.

Dedicated to serving the community, Fred was awarded a 50-year service medal this year for his time in the Country Fire Service although he had a short break from the CFS.

"When I sustained an injury, I took a two-year break from the CFS, I've now become an active member again, although not so active in the firefighting team," Fred said.

This community spirit has seen Fred play an integral part in the Brinkworth RV Park, with Fred sharing his past skills as a plumber to lend a hand throughout the project.

Fred still shares his time as a Volunteer Caretaker for the RV park maintaining the grounds and welcoming visitors to Brinkworth.



A photograph of a young woman, Erin Pycroft, kneeling on a concrete surface. She is wearing a dark blue polo shirt with a '2023 Australian Fire Cadet Championships' patch and a Hamley Bridge CFS logo, black leggings, and black sneakers. She is holding a silver fire helmet with red and yellow accents. In the background, the front of a white Hamley Bridge CFS truck is visible, with 'UHF 9' and 'HAMLEY BRIDGE 44' on its side. The truck is parked in front of a building with metal shelving units.

Council's Young Citizen of the Year Erin Pycroft outside the Hamley Bridge CFS station.

# CFS highlighted in this year's Australia Day Awards

Our Young Citizen of the Year Erin Pycroft shares the same community spirit as Fred, with a passion for volunteering for her local CFS brigade.

"My Dad and Brother have both been in the CFS, a bloke I did some gardening for encouraged me to do it as well and I've been involved ever since," Erin said.

Volunteering in the Hamley Bridge CFS has provided Erin with excellent opportunities, including interstate travel where she was able to represent her local brigade and South Australia.

Erin was selected as one of 16 South Australian cadets to represent South Australia in the Australian Fire Cadet Championships in NSW.

This competition saw CFS cadets from across Australia competing, putting to test the skills learnt throughout the cadet program.

Now ingrained in the local CFS station Erin is regularly at the station.

*"I use any excuse to be at the station, I'm there nearly every week training or helping to run the cadets program," Erin said.*

Beyond cadets, Erin supports local elderly community members with gardening and care and is a keen bowls player in her spare time, playing in the U18's SA Super League for the Central Chargers.

## Home of agricultural history recognised for Event of the Year

Event of the year was awarded to the Balaklava Museum's 'Illman's Awesome Agricultural Achievements' as a part of the South Australian History Festival in May 2023.

The event acknowledged the achievements of Thomas Illman & Sons, a local machinery manufacturer, celebrating their unique agricultural equipment that was used throughout Australia.

This event brought people from across South Australia to the museum to view installations and machinery on display, including one of two Illman & Sons hay elevators.

Mayor Rodney Reid said all of this year's Australia Day Award winners were well deserving of the honour and understood just how much time and effort they have each put into their

communities.

"It's excellent to see a wide range of nominations this year with each award going to a different area in our Council ranging from Hamley Bridge all the way to Brinkworth it's excellent to see these volunteers recognised," Mayor Reid said.

"I congratulate all the winners and look forward to seeing them accepting their awards on Australia Day.

"I urge anyone who's thinking about nominating next year to start the process now and think hard about someone in your community who embodies the spirit of these awards."

Learn more about the awards at:  
[citizenoftheyear.com.au](http://citizenoftheyear.com.au)  
to prepare for next year's awards



# PLUG IN AND CHARGE

## EV stations hit Burra Street, Port Wakefield

ELECTRIC Vehicles can now be charged in Port Wakefield thanks to the RAA installing four EV charging stations on Burra Street.

The latest charging station from the RAA has helped create South Australia's first border-to-border electric vehicle charging network with Port Wakefield playing an integral part in that network.

The RAA's program director for electric vehicle charging Andrew Howard said there has already been consistent usage at the Burra Street site.

"There was a huge level of anticipation for this site, over summer people will be looking to get out of the city and visit regional areas," Mr Howard said.

"We've now unlocked 105 stations across the state which is 75% of our planned network.



The RAA's program director for electric vehicle charging Andrew Howard and Mayor Rodney Reid charge-up at the new Port Wakefield site on Burra Street.

Mayor Rodney Reid said this was another bonus for the Wakefield region as the EV chargers would cater to different travellers making their way through Wakefield.

"As we aim to situate Port Wakefield as an arrival and departure point for our state, the EV chargers will pair perfectly with travellers

following the charging trails that lead to Yorke Peninsula, Eyre Peninsula and the Flinders Ranges," Mayor Reid said.

"Situating the station on Burra Street will get people exploring areas of Port Wakefield that they often drive straight past without knowing. Areas such as the

tidal pool and historic wharf are often missed when sticking to the highway.

"Our local businesses will also be able to share in the travellers the stations bring, while EV drivers wait for their vehicles to charge, they can visit the local hotel or cafes."

## Small Business Incentives open online opportunities

THE Hamley Bridge Hotel has been able to create a larger online presence with a new website supported by a grant through Council's Small Business Incentives program.

Publican Bryon Coles said the aim of the website wasn't just to attract more guests to the hotel but to also bring people into the Wakefield region and see what's on offer.

"We launched the website in December 2023 and had people jumping straight onto it to make bookings and see what we offer at the pub," Bryon said.

"The website is great as it shows more than what we

offer at the hotel but also what is around Hamley Bridge. On the front page we have local landmarks like the bridges and other local imagery to show people Hamley Bridge.

"We've had people from interstate and overseas contacting us about dining in and visiting the region, the traction from the website has just been awesome."

If you have a small business that you think could benefit from Council's Small Business Incentives program, visit the grants tab on Council's website to check if you're eligible and apply.



Hamley Bridge Hotel owner Bryon Coles shows the hotel's new website on both mobile and desktop browsers.



## Kerb renewals help create safer streets

Council's kerb renewal program for 2023/24 has been progressing as a part of the Annual Community Plan.

So far this year we've been able to complete the renewal of Harris Street, Balaklava to create wider footpaths for pedestrians and tree planting, resolve stormwater drainage issues and improve access for residents to their houses.

Scotland Street and East Terrace in Balaklava also had kerb renewal works completed, with a total of 450 metres of kerb renewed.

North Terrace in Snowtown had 150 metres of kerb renewed with new driveway entrances also completed as a part of the project, allowing better access for residents.

In addition to completing these works, Council has also been progressing its pram ramps renewal and upgrade program, with a total of 15 pram ramps being completed in conjunction with the kerb renewal works.



## Staying sun smart at local playgrounds

COUNCIL'S latest shade sail installation is protecting keen kids while playing on the Balaklava Nature Playground.

The shade sail was constructed at a total cost of \$60,000 as outlined in our 23/24 Annual Community Plan.

With a total size of 15mx13m and a height of 4.2m the entire Nature Play section of the playground is covered in shade.

Hamley Bridge and Lochiel are the two other playgrounds Council has added shade sails to – protecting those out and about having fun on our playgrounds.



ABOVE: Grading the new road surface on Harris Street, which was narrowed to provide safer and easier access for residents on the street. BELOW: The spray sealing of Harris Street.





# Are you aware of the latest food safety standards?

As of December 2023 certain food businesses must comply with a new Food Safety Standard requiring businesses to handle and process food in a way to ensure that it is safe to eat.

The Standard is an extension of existing requirements and introduces three food safety management tools for food service, caterers and some retail businesses.

High risk food businesses such as bakeries, restaurants and other businesses that prepare food onsite are required to complete a food safety training course approved by SA Health.

Other lower risk businesses are to appoint a food safety supervisor who is available to oversee day to day food handling operations and ensure that food safety risks are managed.

For further questions please contact Council's Environmental Health Officer.

# Have you prepared your bushfire emergency kit?

Emergency kits should contain what you need to help survive a bushfire, what to take with you to safety, and what you may need for up to four days following a fire.

Pack your emergency kit before the fire season so it's ready when you need it.

Every household will need different items in their emergency kit and you won't know exactly what should be in yours until you've written your Bushfire Survival Plan.

The best emergency kit is one that can be used for all hazards - not just bushfires.

## Things you may need include:

- Driver's licence/photo ID
- Passport
- Photos
- Will
- Jewellery
- Insurance papers
- Medical prescriptions
- USB stick or file containing important files/papers
- Medicines and first aid kit
- Mobile phone and charger
- Battery powered radio, torch and spare batteries
- Overnight bag with change of clothes and toiletries
- Adequate amount of water and food
- 100% woollen blankets
- Contact information for: doctor, council, power company.

# Help shape our new Animal Management Plan

Managing dogs and cats, and other animals in our Council area is important for our community and residents.

As we prepare to draft a new Animal Management Plan, we'll be seeking your comments about responsible animal management.

To start the review process, we have a few quick questions you might be able to help us with.

Your answers will help guide the revised plan.

**Are you aware that both dogs and cats are required to be registered?**

**Cat registration is currently free, do you think a charge should be applied to cat registration fees?**

**Do you know where the off leash, on leash and dog prohibited areas are in council?**

**Have you read Council's By-Law No.5 Dogs By-Law which limits the number of dogs that can be kept on a premise?**

**Did you know there are mandatory desexing and microchipping requirements for dogs and cats?**

Cut this out and deliver to our Balaklava Council Office or post to Council's PO box 167, Balaklava SA 5461



# Lifting the lid on your yellow bin

## 10 common yellow bin contaminants

Placing landfill and organic waste items in your yellow recycling bin can contaminate the valuable recycling materials that have been correctly placed in there.

And it's not just your recycling that might become contaminated, it's the materials from other households that are taken along with yours to the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) for sorting.

If recyclable items become contaminated it becomes difficult for them to be recycled, and this might lead to them being sent to landfill – so it's important to clean your recyclables.

**Here are 10 common contaminants to keep out of your yellow recycling bin:**

### 1. Soft plastics

Soft plastics such as plastic bags can cause many issues when they arrive at the MRF, including getting tangled in machinery, preventing it from working effectively. All soft plastics should be placed in your red landfill bin only.

### 2. Nappies

Nappies are not recyclable, and in South Australia no nappies can go in your green organics bin. Nappies, clean or dirty, must always be placed in your red landfill bin.

### 3. Ropes, hoses and strapping

At the MRF, materials like ropes, hoses and strapping can become entangled with other materials and with the sorting machinery itself, causing contamination and increasing the risk of mechanical breakdown. Ropes, hoses and strapping that can no longer be used should be placed in your red landfill bin.



### 4. Broken crockery and glassware

Ceramics that get mixed in with recyclable glass will weaken the product, so crockery like plates and mugs – broken or not – cannot be placed in your yellow recycling bin. And while whole, unbroken glass bottles and jars can be placed in your yellow recycling bin, any broken glass cannot, as when it reaches the MRF it will continue to break into even smaller pieces of glass which are difficult to collect, and can contaminate other recyclable materials like cardboard and paper by becoming embedded in them. Broken crockery and glassware should be wrapped in something like newspaper and placed in your red landfill

bin.

### 5. Unwanted clothing, bedding, and other textiles

Unwanted clothing, bedding and other textiles, such as rags and towels, cannot be recycled through your yellow recycling bin.

If the items are still in good, usable condition, donate them to your local charity store. If the items are not in good enough condition to be passed on to someone else, they should be placed in your red landfill bin.

### 6. Expanded polystyrene

Expanded polystyrene (EPS), also known as Styrofoam, is used to produce items like meat trays and foam packaging. Styrofoam can't be recycled through your yellow recycling bin as it causes contamination by breaking up

into many small pieces. At the MRF, it also gets caught up in the paper/cardboard stream. Foam meat trays and any packaging foam you can't drop at a recycling centre should be placed in your red landfill bin.

### 7. Bagged recycling

Bagged recycling poses a safety risk for MRF employees as there may be harmful contaminants, like needles, inside the bag. As a result of this safety risk, all bagged recycling is sent to landfill. Always place your recyclable items loosely in the bin so they can be sorted and recycled easily and safely.

### 8. Building materials

Building materials such as bricks, cement, tiles, wire and scrap metal damage trucks and machinery, and cannot be placed in your yellow recycling bin. Instead, take these materials to your nearest transfer station for processing and recycling, but note there may be a cost involved in this. Don't forget your dump vouchers can be used to drop off waste. Contact council or visit our website to find your nearest transfer station.

### 9. Food and liquids

Foods and liquids placed in the yellow recycling bin cause a mess and can contaminate any recyclable materials in the bin. Any containers and bottles should be emptied of food and rinsed off before they're placed in the yellow recycling bin. Unwanted food should be placed in your green organics bin.

### 10. E-waste

Electronic waste or e-waste like TVs, phones, computers and cables can be recycled – just not through your yellow recycling bin or you can drop your electronics to one of our transfer stations.





One of the damaged road signs in our Council region that has been used for target practice.

## Damaging signs puts drivers in danger

We've been receiving reports of defaced or damaged road signs popping up across Wakefield.

These signs have either been run over, defaced, shot at or stolen.

Road signs are expensive for Council to replace but are also important for safety especially at intersections and railway crossings.

If you spot a sign that has fallen over or is damaged, please make us aware of it so we can replace the sign or fix it.

You can lodge a request through Council's website [wrc.sa.gov.au](http://wrc.sa.gov.au) or by calling us on 8862 0800.

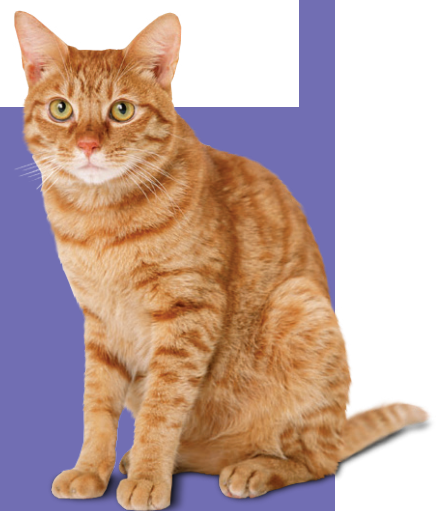
We will need to know where the sign is located and what type of sign it is, it's even better if you can send us a photo via [admin@wrc.sa.gov.au](mailto:admin@wrc.sa.gov.au).

# Can't afford to desex your cat?

National Desexing Network, Wakefield Regional Council and participating vets are here to help those in need.

**\$50 DESEXING FOR ALL CATS**

**\$5 MICROCHIPPING**



Cats should be desexed around three months of age as they can become pregnant from four months old.

**Call: 1300 368 992**

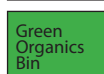


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## Your Quarterly Cut-Out

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## Our waste depot opening times

Owen, 386 Pinery Road  
Wednesday 10am - 11am  
Saturday 9am - 11am  
Sunday 11am - 12pm

Port Wakefield, 150 Shrike Road  
Thursday 10am - 11am  
Saturday 10am - 12pm  
Sunday 9am - 10am

Everard, 106 Hancock Rd.  
Tuesday 9am - 11am  
Saturday 9am - 11am  
Sunday 9am - 11am