

# Wakefield Regional WRAP

Autumn/Winter 2022

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

## Light Street launches

Hamley Bridge had its turn in the limelight as Light Street was brought to life with food trucks, markets stalls and live music all lining the footpaths on 2 April to celebrate the completion of the Light Street upgrades.

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All the action from our  
first employment expo

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Council's Minor and Major  
Community Grants now open





## Message from the Mayor

WELCOME to our Autumn/Winter Wrap! The coming months will be an exciting time for local community groups as we've launched the community grants program.

Local community groups benefit each year from this great initiative, with Council last year providing \$110,000 worth of funding for projects our community groups held close to their hearts.

From last year's funding we've seen the Snowtown Centenary Park toilet and shower upgrade, Brinkworth's community garden flourish and solar savings for the Lochiel community.

I can't wait to see what projects are funded this year. I'm sure they'll be just as exciting.

In the past seven months, businesses have also been busy growing on the back of Council's Small Business incentive program.

Businesses have taken advantage of this funding to purchase new equipment, upgrade facades or improve their services to customers.

Council continues to listen to local businesses, as shown with our recent Careers and Employment Expo – a first for Council which came after an industry tour when employment vacancy issues were flagged. We decided to step in and help connect students with local employers, students from Kadina and Balaklava attended.

Students took the time to ask questions and gain an insight into local job opportunities.

Major employers from local primary production firms Viterra, AGT Foods and Balco attended, while the health sector was represented by Mill Court Homes (aged care), SA Health (nursing and primary health) and Baptcare (National Disability Insurance Scheme).

All these employers were in attendance to help guide students towards their future career opportunities.

There are many wonderful opportunities in our region and Council will continue to work in the year ahead with businesses and under 25s to encourage young people to stay and thrive in Wakefield. I'm looking forward to sharing more information about these initiatives in future editions.

It was great to see so many in Light Street, Hamley Bridge for the official opening of the revamped street. This was the end result of Council, the local community and many local tradies working together. Something for all to use and be proud of.

Happy reading!  
Mayor  
Rodney Reid



Simon Adamczyk with one of the pythons he had on display throughout the day.



Steve and Jess Hayhurst taking part in all the festivities on offer at the Light Street unveiling.



Both the Balaklava and Hamley Bridge main street unveilings had custom made cakes from Wendy's Cafe 'n Cakes. The Hamley Bridge cake featured images of the town.



# Light Street comes alive

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The Federal Government's Drought Communities Programme contributed \$550,000 towards the activation of both Balaklava and Hamley Bridge main streets.

A grant of \$592,000 from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program helped deliver major street works, while Council then contributed a further \$450,000 to complete both projects.

More than \$1.5 million has been invested into our main streets with Hamley Bridge works including:

- Facades and essential repairs on local business buildings as well as repainting in heritage colours;
- A lighting display installation at the Hamley Bridge institute;
- Stylish new street furniture and bins lining the footpaths;
- Light Street was resealed with kerbing and footpath upgrades also taking place to create safe footpaths for our elderly community members;
- New planter boxes, trees and garden beds all line the road;

The project was officially launched with Federal Member for Grey, Rowan Ramsey, and Hamley Bridge Community Association Chairperson, Richard Gregory, cutting the ribbon to officially open the revamped Light Street.

Wakefield Regional Council Mayor Rodney Reid cut the cake made by Balaklava cafe owner Wendy Schulz, with the cake depicting scenery from Hamley Bridge over the years.

With plenty of stalls on offer for adults, kids attending were treated to face painting, balloon art and a display from AAR&E showcasing snakes, spiders and a crocodile.



Muhammad Hidayat, Sultan, Hafiza and Ayesha Ali all enjoy the new Hamley Bridge playground.

## Michael's ready to hit the road to help our Wakefield community

COUNCIL has welcomed new Community Safety Officer Michael Wilkins to the Wakefield Region.

Michael has moved from the District Council of Robe, where he was previously the Community Safety Officer and Harbour Master.

With 13 years experience, working for both the Robe

and Kingston councils, Michael is excited to bring his knowledge and experience to our region.

Michael's role covers dog management, fire safety, abandoned vehicles, litter control and a variety of other Council services.

"It's great to be working in the Wakefield region, I'm

excited to get involved and start educating and helping the community with their needs," Michael said.

Michael will be based at Balaklava but you'll also see him out on the road as he gets to know our community.

Welcome, Michael!





Spray sealing works were completed on Stonecutter Road, Brinkworth.

## Our roads get the seal of approval

Council's infrastructure team has been busy working alongside contractors to complete asphalt overlay treatments and spray sealing.

So far, 56 kilometres of Council's 66.6 km of planned unsealed road renewals have been completed with 10.6 kilometres still to be finalised.

Asphalt overlay treatments were completed on Eime Drive, Cooke Avenue and Reinke Court in Blyth.

Spray sealing works were completed in Balaklava, Blyth, Brinkworth, Lochiel,

Snowtown and Port Wakefield.

Kerbing and water table improvement works have been completed on North Tce, Snowtown and George Street, Balaklava to ensure these roads have sufficient drainage.

Footpaths have also been receiving a facelift on Howe Street in Balaklava to create even surfaces.

These works will continue in Balaklava with the next section of footpath upgrades spanning from Howe Street to the Terminus Hotel.

## Winter weather won't slow Balaklava and Owen pool projects

As the cooler winter weather slowly creeps back, both Balaklava and Owen swimming pools are well on their way to being summer ready.

Local volunteers helped cart in over more than 1500 tonnes of sand into the Balaklava site to assist with levelling the surrounding swimming pool area.

Base pads have been laid at Balaklava, with trenching for the piping dug and the old plant room has been demolished to make way for the new system.

The new splash pad base has been laid, with mounting brackets in place ready for concreting.

As the pool upgrades to a wet



Works at the Balaklava Swimming pool are continuing, with the splash pad base laid.

deck system, the original scum gutters from the learn to swim pool have also been removed.

Owen swimming pool works have also begun with the pool being emptied of all its water ready for demolition works to begin in the coming months.



Blyth playground's new shade sail.

## Shade sails soar across our playgrounds

PLAYGROUNDS across the Wakefield region have been upgraded with shade sails being added to three playgrounds.

Blyth, Brinkworth and Balaklava have all received new shade sails to block the sun while local children enjoy our playgrounds.





Horizon Christian School students Amelia Greenslade and Lily Taylor with Cpl Kye Claney discuss employment at the Defence Force booth.

# Council moves to link local youth with job gaps

The inaugural Careers and Employment Expo held in the Balaklava Town Hall on March 30 will help bridge the gap between large employers in the area and local youth.

Wakefield Regional Council coordinated the event after elected members and senior staff visited several large employers late last year.

"It was a common theme at most sites there were both seasonal and full time vacancies but businesses were struggling to recruit to those jobs," WRC Mayor, Rodney Reid said.

"Bringing new employees to the area was further complicated by the lack of short to mid term

rentals available."

The Careers and Employment Expo put about 120 local students from Balaklava High School, Horizon Christian School and Harvest Christian School (Kadina) in front of eight major employers in the Wakefield area.

Participating employers included primary production firms Viterra, AGT Foods and Balco, while the health sector was represented by Mill Court Homes (aged care), SA Health (nursing and primary health) and Baptistcare (National Disability Insurance Scheme).

Wakefield Regional Council and the Australian Defence Force



Balaklava High School Students Dahli Jacobsen, Abbey Fagan, Lucy May and Bligh Wilson scan Scarlet the dog for her microchip.



Viterra's Nikki Greenshields and Julia Tarca discuss employment opportunities with student Bianca Wood (centre).

also had a stall at the expo, while representatives from the Mid North Local Jobs Program and the Industry Training Hub helped facilitate the event.

Promoting these employment opportunities and future career options to school students has the potential to effectively remove the requirement to find short term accommodation and potentially retains a young person in the community.

Some employers who seek seasonal workers for harvest revealed they had lost their connection to local youth and were looking to re-establish that link.

The expo also gave students

moving into their latter schooling years some networks and ideas for work experience to potentially explore in coming months.

"But speaking with participating employers and local teachers involved, both parties were extremely satisfied with how the event went and there will no doubt be some good results to come from the expo," Mayor Reid said.

"We also had positive feedback about the smaller nature of the event, with students able to engage with each employer during the sessions allowing for better promotion of their business and respective job opportunities or career paths."





Local Brinkworth Students Hannah and Todd in the Brinkworth Community Garden that was funded by the 2020/21 round of Wakefield Regional Council's Minor and Major Community Grant funding.

## Community Grants return for 2022

Council's fantastic Community Grants Program has returned for 2022 and this year we've made it even easier for your organisation or club to apply.

The program runs each year to support local community groups that deliver services, projects and events to the residents of the Wakefield region.

This funding can help groups complete a wish list project, cover the cost of new technology or appliances or provide sponsorship for a community event.

We're looking to fund projects that help drive our three Wakefield 2030 themes – Liveable Communities, Thriving Region, and Sustainable Future.

There are three separate funding categories:

- Minor Grants cover up to \$2,000
- Major Grants cover \$2,001 to \$25,000
- Event Sponsorships up to \$2000

Minor and major grants are open now:

- Apply using the online application through Council's website – [wrc.sa.gov.au](http://wrc.sa.gov.au)
- Download an editable PDF from Council's website, fill in, and email to [admin@wrc.sa.gov.au](mailto:admin@wrc.sa.gov.au) or upload and submit online
- Or submit in person at the Council Office on Scotland Place, open Mon-Fri, 9am to 5pm.

Applications close 27 May 2022 with successful grant recipients notified in July-August.

Events sponsorship applications will be accepted throughout the year, subject to budget and until all available funds are expended.

**If you have any questions please contact our Community Events Officer Larissa McPharlin on 8862 0800.**

## Local school reaps the rewards of community grants

BRINKWORTH Primary School is ready to sow its first crop of fruit and veggies in the community garden that was funded by Council's Minor and Major Community Grants.

Taking advantage of \$4,900 worth of funding the primary school was able to build a community garden with six garden beds for residents to enjoy.

Brinkworth Primary School Principal, Matt Stewart, said the school was trying to create a place where the community can meet and socialise.

"We've got some older citizens here in Brinkworth who don't travel so it's a great opportunity for them to meet

people and get out the house for the day. It will also give them the opportunity to get some fresh produce," Matt said.

The garden will also cater for travellers staying overnight in the town.

Brinkworth Progress Association chairperson Norma Hardy said the Peppertree Trail that weaves through the town also leads to the garden, which – with additional signage – will be a great walk for travellers.

With its sights set on expanding in the future, the school has saved enough space for two extra garden beds.





The heritage listed Dunn's Bridge in Balaklava.

## Grants secured for Wakefield's heritage highlights

Wakefield Regional Council has helped secure almost \$80,000 in State Government grants spread across three major restoration projects in the region.

Two grant applications were successful through the department's Heritage Conservation grants.

Council received almost \$20,000 to go towards a \$54,000 refurbishment of the heritage listed Dunn's Bridge, which is proposed to be closed to vehicle traffic but will remain open as a part of the Shamus Liptrot Cycling Trail.

This bridge is one of five rivetted wrought iron bow string trusses built in the Northern districts between 1879 and 1880 (the others were Kooringa, Merriton, Redruth and Undalya).

"These works will significantly improve the bridge's lifespan and address major structural concerns highlighted in a recent region-wide bridge assessment," Mayor Reid said.

"It also signals the potential

end of an era for Dunn's Bridge but repurposes it, ensuring it will continue servicing the Balaklava community in a different capacity for years to come."

Balaklava Lions Club received \$9000 to support its \$18,000 project to replace the sleepers on the Balaklava Turntable in the Railway Corridor.

Hummocks Station, a unique caravan park, camp site and function centre, received \$50,000 through the Heritage Tourism Grants offered through the Department of Environment and Water to support a \$150,000 refurbishment of its heritage-listed trap shed.

This overall project at one of South Australia's pioneering sheep stations north of Adelaide includes a new toilet facility and renovated trap shed building, establishing a welcome point complete with information displays, historical presentations and wool turning demonstrations for visitors.



Hamley Bridge Hotel Publicans Bryon and Kirsty Coles stare into the depths of their rejuvenated well next to their newly built deck.

## Council continues delivering funding for small businesses

A FURTHER seven businesses have been supported by Council's Small Business Incentive Grants with remote consultation support, improved kitchen safety and an upgraded beer garden all on the list of improvements the grants supported.

- Living Free Occupational Therapy purchased new equipment to support remote consultations for clients who can't travel to appointments.
- Pope's Café applied to install a new exhaust canopy in the kitchen to expand steam and fume extraction from the hotplate and deep fryers, saving on extra cleaning and improving worker comfort in the kitchen.
- The Hamley Bridge Hotel accessed Council's grant to contribute to its new beer garden. The funding supported the building of a new deck and restorations of a nine metre deep water well.

The Small Business Incentives program falls under the Thriving Region theme of Wakefield 2030.

Contact Council on 8862 0800 to find out more info on the Small Business Incentive Grants.



# Can you save on rates as a Single Farm Enterprise?

Answer yes to these questions and you may be eligible:

- Are you a farmer?
- Do you own two or more parcels of rateable land in Wakefield that are not adjoining?
- Are these pieces of land all used as farm land/primary production?
- Are these pieces of land owned or occupied by the same person/s?



If so, this means you may need to pay only one fixed charge against all of your land.

If a single farm enterprise application has previously been approved and all of the above points are still the case a new application is not necessary. However, if you have subdivided, purchased or sold land

this financial year a new application will be required.

Applications will need to be received by 31 May 2022 to be considered for inclusion in Council's 2022/23 rating.

The single farm enterprise provision only applies if you have made an application which has been approved by Council.

If you believe you are eligible or have any queries, please contact Rates Officer Ros Jarvis at the Council office on 8862 0800.

Application forms are available from Council's website or can be requested by phoning the Council office on 8862 0800.

## Council elections are just around the corner

Have you thought about representing your community in Local Government?

Council elections will be taking place this year with the election process commencing in July.

Road grading and maintenance, lighting, rubbish collection, footpaths, libraries, playgrounds and sports club facilities, community halls, seniors' services are all services Council provides.

Decisions about these services, programs and infrastructure are made by an elected group of councillors.

Nominations open for Council elections on Tuesday 23 August 2022, with the nominations closing on Tuesday 6 September.

Ballot materials will then be dispatched throughout Council area from Friday 14 October to Thursday 20 October.

Voting will close on Thursday 10 November.

You can find more information about enrolling here: <https://www.lga.sa.gov.au/council-elections/overview>

## Tech Support Sessions

Are you having trouble using your latest device, email or mastering Microsoft Word?

Learn all the basic skills you need at the Balaklava Library Tech Support Sessions, free every Wednesday morning.

Sessions are every Wednesday from 10am to 12pm with bookings required.

Contact the Library to book on 0438 086 006.

## Let's keep in touch

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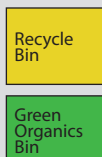
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### Our waste depot opening times

**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 Road  
**Tuesday**  
9am - 11am  
**Saturday**  
9am - 11am  
**Sunday**  
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