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# Wakefield Regional

# WRAP

Spring/Summer 2022

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

Keen recyclers Darcy and Evie are always making sure they've got their recycling sorted into the right bin.



## Reap the rewards of recycling

We're seeking your ideas to help us curb waste in Wakefield.

Inside this quarter's Wrap is a two page tear-out survey, with plenty of questions on your current kerbside collection service and transfer station opening hours.

- You can find the full survey on pages 5 & 6

### SUMMER PREPARATION CHECKLIST

- ☐ Tidy up trees, bushes and lawns
- ☐ Move hazardous items
- ☐ Create a bushfire plan
- ☐ Find channels to stay informed

## Have you started your summer preparations?

Find a full checklist inside to help you get ready for the upcoming summer

# Post your ballot back today!

COUNCIL Elections give you the chance to help shape your community.

From playgrounds to parks, recycling to roads, local councils play a major role in providing liveable communities and quality assets for residents, businesses and industries across our country.

Councils make BIG decisions on your behalf – so have a say by voting for your local representatives today.

## Why care?

Local councils are all about local people making local decisions, not just the obvious things like roads and rubbish, but things that make communities great like events, parks and pools, playground and grant funding.

Your vote in a council election



can make a huge difference. It's your opportunity to help make your region a better place to live by choosing the people who will stand for your community.

## How to vote?

Local government elections in SA are conducted via post and that means you – along

with 1.3 million eligible voters in SA – will receive ballot packs in the mail.

Complete your ballot papers and post them back ASAP.

Don't wait until the last minute or your vote may miss the deadline. It is strongly recommended you post your vote before Thursday

3 November to allow ample time for your ballot paper to be received.

The official voting period for council elections 2022 is from Friday 14 October to 5pm, Thursday 10 November.

## Voting

At Wakefield, our Mayor Rodney Reid was elected unopposed. In the South Ward, returning Councillor Peter Bowyer and new Councillor Barbara Chappell were also elected unopposed.

That means we have elections in the North Ward and Central Ward only. Eligible voters who live in those wards should receive voting packs by 22 October.

Visit [councilelections.sa.gov.au](http://councilelections.sa.gov.au) for all of the information about the candidates and how to make your vote count.

2022 COUNCIL ELECTIONS

# Live local. Vote local.



The 2022 Council Elections are your opportunity to have your say on the future of your community.

Look for your ballot pack in the mail from 17 October and return your completed ballot papers as soon as possible to ensure your vote counts.

Find out more at  
[councilelections.sa.gov.au](http://councilelections.sa.gov.au)

Authorised by Wakefield Regional Council CEO,  
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# Prepare now, plan ahead and stay informed

LIVING in a bushfire risk area means danger is on your doorstep.

From 1 September 2022, Australia's Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) will be improved and simplified to make it easier for you to make decisions to stay safe on days of high fire danger.

The move to a simpler system is backed by improvements in science, which will mean we can better predict areas of greater risk on days of fire danger. The system is also being implemented across Australia, meaning wherever you are, you'll be able to understand the level of threat and what you need to do to keep you and your family safe.

With summer just around the

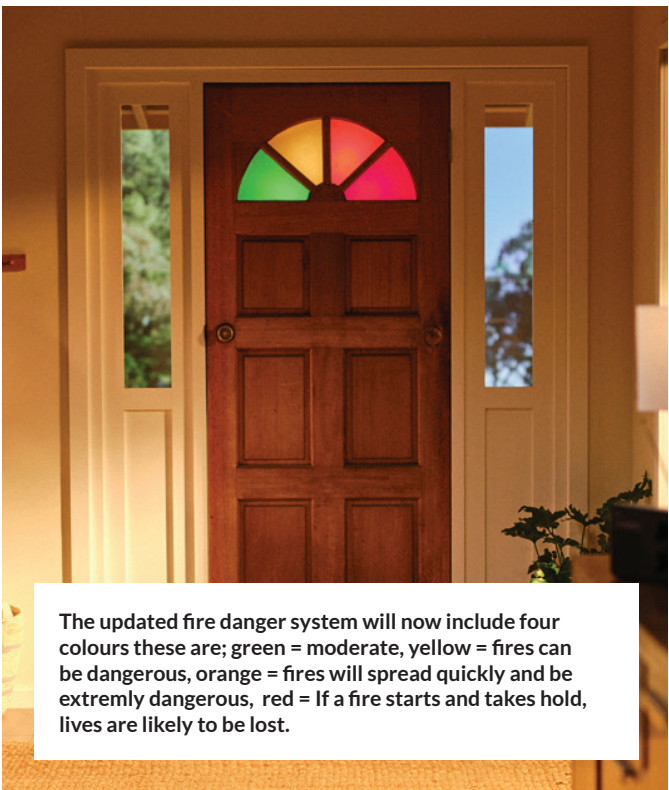
corner there's no better time than now to start preparing for the upcoming fire danger season.

Preparing your family and property for bushfires can save your life and theirs if you're in a bushfire prone area.

Take the time to clean up around your house – clear gutters, rake leaves, prune or cut back branches, mow lawns and move any combustibles away from your home.

Sit down with your family, plan ahead and decide the actions you'll take if a bushfire was to start in your region.

Your plan should outline what the triggers are for you to stay or leave, the routes you'll



The updated fire danger system will now include four colours these are; green = moderate, yellow = fires can be dangerous, orange = fires will spread quickly and be extremely dangerous, red = If a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost.

take to leave your property or home, how you'll take care of your pets, where you'll evacuate too and what you need in your emergency kit.

Staying informed throughout summer will help you stay aware of the current conditions and fire danger ratings.

The Country Fire Services website has updated fire danger ratings for each day throughout summer, so keep a close eye on the CFS website [www.cfs.sa.gov.au](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au) for fires and changes to the fire danger rating on a day to day basis in your area.

## Lowering your fuel load this spring

FUEL load is a key danger during the fire season – lowering your fuel load throughout spring is one of the most important preparations you can undertake to make sure you're ready for the upcoming summer.

Maintaining grassed areas and scrubland can reduce the fuel load surrounding your property.

Removing dead branches, undergrowth, pruning low

tree limbs and keeping your grass below 10 centimetres within 20 metres of your home can all protect you during a bushfire.

Council will start assessing properties in early October, first addressing properties that haven't had sufficient fuel hazard reduction.

If your property is deemed unsafe by Council's Fire Prevention Officer a notice

may be issued, requiring you to clean up your property. If you have any questions regarding bushfire prevention please contact Council on 8862 0800.

**RIGHT: Council's Fire Prevention Officer, Michael Wilkin inspecting one of Council's properties that is ready to be slashed.**



# Tackling our wasteful tonnes

IN the 2021/22 financial year, just over 1,183 tonnes of kerbside waste were collected across our region – that's roughly the same weight as 197 African elephants or three 747 Boeing jets!

Compared with recycled materials and organic waste, that's a load of rubbish going to landfill.

We would like your help to

shift the balance and, to start with, we are undertaking a region-wide survey to better understand the waste and recycling needs and knowledge of our community.

### The survey aims to explore several key areas:

Organic kerbside collection – introduced by Council in 2016, 240L green waste bins are collected every 4 weeks

but only around half of our households put their organics bin out. What's driving this?

Recycling – recyclables account for less than a fifth of materials collected. What more can be done to encourage recycling?

Household waste – are there ways we can reduce the amount of waste going to landfill?

The rip and return survey on pages 5 and 6 will help us as we look to review waste and recycling services.

Simply fill in the survey, tear it out and either:

- Scan and email to [admin@wrc.sa.gov.au](mailto:admin@wrc.sa.gov.au)
- Mail to PO Box 167, Balaklava SA 5461



ACCORDING to Green Industries SA, food waste in South Australia makes up approximately 22% by weight of total household waste collected at the kerbside and up to 40% of material presented in household waste bins. About 26% of commercial and industrial waste streams is food waste.

When organic waste decomposes in landfills, it produces large amounts of methane – a much more damaging greenhouse gas than CO<sup>2</sup>.

By diverting organics from landfill, we can support jobs in the composting industry, reduce landfill costs and also reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

So, what can go in your organics bin? Simply, if it grows, in it goes!



Lawn clippings



Leaf litter



Cuttings & prunings



Food scraps



Dirt, rocks, bricks & pavers



Garden hose & tools



Plant pots



Plastic bags



Laminated or veneered materials





## KERBSIDE COLLECTION – YOUR SAY

Township: ..... Name (optional): .....

Contact email or  
phone number (optional): .....

Council is always looking for ways to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill, while delivering efficient and effective services to our customers. This survey is designed to give us a better understanding of how our waste and recycling program can best serve your needs.

Those who pay for kerbside waste collection in their Council rates receive the following:

- 140L waste bin (red lid) collected weekly
- 240L recycle bin (yellow lid) collected fortnightly
- 240L organics bin (green lid) collected every 4 weeks

### Kitchen organics questions

Many kitchen food scraps end up in landfill and some councils have changed to using the green lid bin to recycle kitchen waste along with garden organics. These questions are to understand what you do with your kitchen food scraps (e.g. fruit and vegetables, food offcuts, bread crusts etc).

**How do you currently dispose of your household kitchen food scraps? You can tick more than one:**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garden compost bin | <input type="checkbox"/> Bury in garden         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Worm farm          | <input type="checkbox"/> Kerbside red lid bin   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feed to chooks     | <input type="checkbox"/> Kerbside green lid bin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____        |   |

**If you currently use the green lid bin to dispose of your kitchen food scraps, how do you do it?**

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wrap in newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Put in compostable, bio degradable bags |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Put in loose      |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____       | <input type="checkbox"/> Put in any plastic bag                  |

**Do you currently have a kitchen food scrap container in your kitchen specifically for food scraps?**

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

**If Council supplied a 5 litre food scrap container and a roll of 100 compostable bags at no cost would you use it to dispose of your kitchen food scraps in the green lid bin?**

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Would you continue to source your own compostable bags and recycle your kitchen food scraps in the green lid bin?**

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

### Waste questions – red lid bin

There is a state-wide initiative to move all kerbside collection of red, yellow and green lid bins to a fortnightly service. This initiative will help reduce costs and the amount of waste ending up in landfill. These questions are to gauge how a fortnightly service would meet your needs.

**Does the current red lid bin collected weekly meet your needs?**

- ☐ Always ☐ Mostly ☐ Never

**If the red lid bin collection was changed to fortnightly would it meet your needs?**

- ☐ Always ☐ Mostly ☐ Never

**Assuming you put your food scraps into your green lid bin and it was collected fortnightly (instead of 4 weekly) would a fortnightly red lid bin collection meet your needs?**

- ☐ Always ☐ Mostly ☐ Never

### Recycling questions – yellow lid bin

Recycling is an important part of reducing waste going to landfill so we want to ensure this service is meeting your needs.

**Does the current yellow lid bin collected fortnightly meet your needs?**

- ☐ Always ☐ Mostly ☐ Never

**What is your ideal collection frequency for the yellow lid bin? Please tick.**

- ☐ Weekly ☐ 2 Weekly ☐ 4 Weekly

### Organics questions – green lid bin

Our green lid bin was introduced on 1 July 2016 and, consistently over this time, less than half of residents put out this bin. We are trying to find out if increasing frequency of collection would increase participation rate?

**Does the current green lid bin collected every four weeks meet your needs?**

- ☐ Always ☐ Mostly ☐ Never

**What is your ideal collection frequency for the green lid bin? Please tick.**

- ☐ Weekly ☐ 2 Weekly ☐ 4 Weekly

**If the green lid bin collection was changed to fortnightly would it meet your needs more so than 4 weekly?**

- ☐ Always ☐ Mostly ☐ Never



Transfer Station open times – Owen, Port Wakefield & Everard

Council’s transfer stations aim to assist in the disposal of waste and recyclables that cannot be managed with kerbside bins. We’re trying to find out if there is a need to change our open times. Currently we do not open in the afternoons to avoid the higher temperatures in summer and we usually have less than 10 residents visit in any one day.

Do the current open times generally suit your needs? (see back page for times)

☐ Yes      ☐ No      ☐ N/A

To improve efficiency Council is considering minor changes to opening hours at Owen & Port Wakefield.

Owen – Proposed Times

Day	Open	Closed
Wednesday	9.00am	10.00am
Saturday	8.00am	10.00am
Sunday	11.00am	12.00noon

Do the above proposed times generally suit your needs?

☐ Yes      ☐ No      ☐ N/A

If not what are your preferred opening times?

Port Wakefield – Proposed Times

Day	Open	Closed
Wednesday	11.00am	12.00 noon
Saturday	11.00am	12.00 noon
Sunday	8.00am	10.00am

Do the above proposed times generally suit your needs?

☐ Yes      ☐ No      ☐ N/A

If not what are your preferred opening times?

Everard – Current Times

Day	Open	Closed
Tuesday	9.00am	11.00am
Saturday	9.00am	11.00am
Sunday	9.00am	11.00am

Do the above current times generally suit your needs?

☐ Yes      ☐ No      ☐ N/A

If not what are your preferred opening times?

Are there any other comments you would like to make about Council’s waste and recycling services?

How to return the survey

See page 4 of the Wrap for details on how to return this survey.



Where does our waste go?

In an average week our contractor Clare Valley Waste picks up 2195 red lid bins, every second week they’ll collect 1749 recycle bins and 4 weekly they’ll collect 1197 green waste bins.

Each of these collections is processed in a different manner to ensure we’re recycling as much of the waste as possible.

The weekly red lid bin collection heads straight to Inkerman Landfill once collected. Here it is put into landfill.

Recyclable materials from our yellow lid bins are taken to Clare Valley Waste Services in Brinkworth. Here the recyclables are sorted into their correct categories with hard plastics, paper/ cardboard, glass and metal all accepted and sorted.

Collected every four weeks – our green bins are often filled to the brim with garden waste. These materials are trucked directly to Peats Soils at Dublin where the materials are broken down to create organic blends, loams and mulches.

Did you know Clare Valley Waste Services can arrange additional private bin collections?

They can arrange for the collection of additional bins for those that currently have a kerbside collection but need a little extra.

They can supply skips for collection from your property.

Also for rural properties they will pick up 240L bins if the bins are located on their existing route.

Call Clare Valley Waste Service on: 0438 884 340 for more information.





## Pools come alive for summer

CONSTRUCTION is well on its way at the Balaklava Swimming pool with the first batches of tiles laid and shade sail posts installed.

We can't wait for the pools to launch this summer as the final pieces start to come together

to finish this regional aquatic facility and the Owen Swimming Pool.

Keep a close eye on Council's Facebook page for updates on the swimming pools in our region.

## Poolside safety this summer

Did you know that all swimming pools and spas with a depth of 30cm or more need to be fenced in accordance with State legislation?

This includes portable pools, such as inflatable and wading pools.

With summer fast approaching it's a good idea to check the safety of your pool/spa.

Restricting access to your pool/spa by correctly installing and regularly maintaining a pool fence with a gate that self-closes and self-latches.

The Royal Life Saving website has a home pool safety checklist which may assist in checking the safety of your pool/spa .

You can find the full checklist here: [www.royallifesaving.com.au](http://www.royallifesaving.com.au)

Here's the key tips from The Royal Life Saving's Keep Watch Campaign.

- Supervise. Actively supervise children around water
- Restrict. Restrict children's access to water
- Teach. Teach children water safety skills
- Respond. Learn how to respond in the case of an emergency

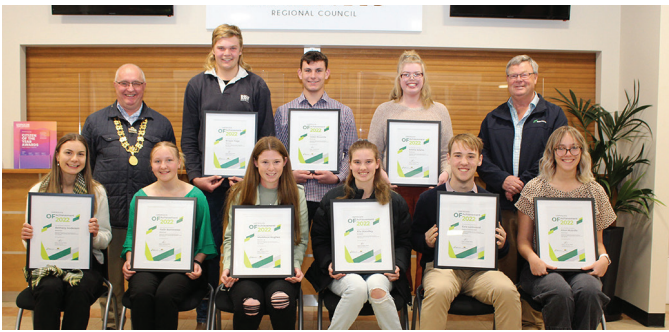
Let's keep our children safe this summer.

## Standley stuns judges in 2022 VET awards

A love and passion for cooking is what inspires this year's Vocational Education and Training award winner – Year 11 Balaklava High School student Ella Standley.

With a packed field of participants, this year's awards highlighted the efforts of students across our region who have undertaken a VET course or Australian School Based Apprenticeship/Traineeship.

Presenting to a judging panel comprised of Council's Community Development Team and Balco Australia representatives – students have to describe their training and how it is helping them in their chosen career path.



**All the nominees for the 2022 VET Awards: Back row: Mayor Rodney Reid, Brogan Page, Jaden Brownlie, Emma Adams and Balco Australia's Andrew Lane. Front row: Bethany Anderson, Faith Battistessa, Madison Hughes, Ella Standley, Ezra Lockwood and Alice McArdle. Missing: Bella Pratt**

The judges highlighted Ella's work ethic, which has seen her excel in the commercial cooking space, where she has worked tirelessly to complete her certificate II in Kitchen Operations.

Completing her certificate by working in a commercial kitchen at the Mallala Hotel for placement – Ella left such an impression that she was later offered a part time role.

With so many great nominees this year, two runners-up were awarded with Jaden Brownlie, Balaklava High School and Maddison Hughes, Horizon Christian School sharing second place.

Two additional highly commended awards were also presented to Ezra Lockwood, Horizon Christian School and Bella Pratt, Balaklava High School.

Balco Australia continues to work alongside Council to recognise the outstanding students who have excelled in VET courses or School Based Apprenticeships – shining a light on the great things that can be achieved through these courses.



2022 Citizen of the year  
winner, Jhing Mojares.



## What to look for when nominating

### Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year;

- Significant contributions to the community, above and beyond employment duties
- An inspirational role model within our community
- The scope of impact an individual's contribution has on our local government area

### Community Event of the Year;

- The quality of the event
- The scope of impact the event has had on our area
- The event's contribution to the community

### Award for Active Citizenship;

- A person or group delivering outstanding work on an event or project for the community
- You don't have to be an Australian Citizen to win this award

# Citizen of the Year nominations now open

IT'S that time of year again, where we recognise those in our communities who spend their time going above and beyond!

We're asking you to take the time to think of someone who deserves to be recognised in this year's awards and nominate them.

You can nominate across four different categories:

- Citizen of the Year (must be an Australian Citizen)
- Young Citizen of the Year (must be under 30)
- Community Event of the Year
- Active Citizen of the year (don't have to be a citizen)

Last year Jhing Mojares was awarded our Citizen of the Year Award, the Brinkworth lawn mower racing was awarded our event of the year and Ming Sumadi was awarded our inaugural Award for Active Citizenship.

Do you know someone like this deserving of recognition?

If you've got someone in mind to nominate or a favourite event from the past year that deserves to be recognised – visit the Australia Day Citizen of the Year website to nominate.

[citizenoftheyear.com.au](http://citizenoftheyear.com.au)

## Let's keep in touch

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## Your Quarterly Cut-Out 3 month bin collection

OCTOBER						
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30	31					
NOVEMBER						
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Recycle  
Bin

Green  
Organics  
Bin

### Our waste depot opening times

Owen	Port Wakefield	Everard
386 Pinery Road	150 Shrike Road	106 Hancock Road
Wednesday	Thursday	Tuesday
10am - 11am	10am - 11am	9am - 11am
Saturday	Saturday	Saturday
9am - 11am	10am - 12pm	9am - 11am
Sunday	Sunday	Sunday
11am - 12pm	9am - 10am	9am - 11am