

Vibrant - Enthusiastic - Creative

Wakefield Regional WRAP

Summer/Autumn 2019

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



Our bid for *million dollar* drought communities funding

Council is making a bid for \$1 million in funding through the Federal Government's Drought Communities Programme to support as many parts of the community as possible.

We're putting forward a package of ideas to contribute to uplifting community spirits, promote sustainability and wellbeing and address at least some road access issues for landholders.

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Port Wakefield Management Committee does some great work! Here's an overview of the committee's activities ...

Achievements

- New stage curtains and a fresh paint job for Soldiers Memorial Hall;
- Renewal and painting of Soldiers Memorial Hall murals and, with the support of the Port Wakefield Motel and community member Richard Baum, repainting of murals on the motel wall and Forresters Hall wall;
- Concrete laid at Soldiers Memorial Hall between kitchen and toilet area to protect the newly polished floor from grit and mud;
- The ANZAC Day sub committee collected and posted knitted poppies for the 2018 Remembrance Day Commemorative Display at the War Memorial in Canberra.

Future Projects

- Purchase outdoor gym equipment and install it in several locations around town;
- A shade shelter over the playground near the tidal lagoon.

Stop, stay, relax, play

The Port Wakefield Master Plan

Council has allocated \$10,000 for a revamp of the 2008 Port Wakefield Master Plan.

The Plan aims to improve and develop the attractions of the seaside township, both for the benefits of residents and to attract more visitors (and potentially future residents).

The master plan for Port Wakefield is built on five goals:

1. Welcome and guide visitors
2. Develop and maximise visitor attractions and local activities
3. Develop and reinforce Port Wakefield's amenity, culture and character
4. Maximise a service centre role
5. Develop and promote accommodation choices

Along with other community members, the Port Wakefield Community Management Committee (CMC) was closely consulted throughout the preparation of the master plan in 2008, and recent informal discussions with the current CMC indicate ongoing support for the plan.

The recently announced \$90 million Highway One upgrade provides an opportunity for the Council to upgrade and beautify the community facilities of the township concurrently and promote them to the ever-increasing travellers along Highway One, enticing more visitors to stop, stay and relax in our lovely, historic seaside town.



On the horizon for the seaside town

While our Master Plan is updated for Port Wakefield, we've got plenty of projects in store for this historical seaside treasure.



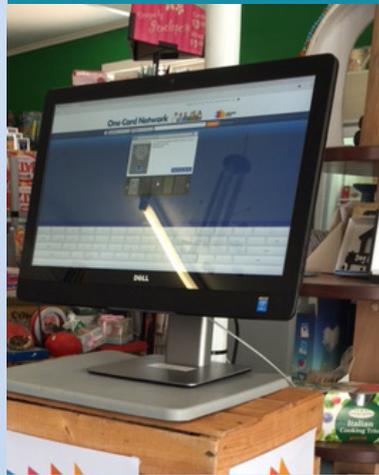
Public toilet upgrades

The wharf crescent toilet amenities are scheduled for a brand new toilet block to be installed this year.



Port Wakefield Library kiosk

A new library kiosk is to be installed in mid 2019.



Wakefield Waters

In other news for the town, the Wakefield Waters proposal to develop 3,000+ waterfront dwellings integrated into the Port Wakefield township is experiencing a revival, with developers reigniting talks with the State Government regarding shore access for the development and guidelines for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement.

The proposed project includes a world class marina and new town centre development for Port Wakefield, with potential to create over 260 ongoing jobs and thousands of construction jobs.



Bridge to Walk the Yorke

There are plans to build an accessible pedestrian bridge over Walk the Yorke at Port Wakefield to allow users of the trail to cross the Wakefield River safely.



Direct Debit

Set and forget!

Here by popular demand, Direct Debit is now available to pay your Council rates.

No due dates and no sticky note reminders!

Pay annually, quarterly, or as discussed with our Rates Officer, who will step you through the application process.

Call the Council Offices on 8862 0800 and ask about our Direct Debit options.

Council Meeting Calendar for 2019

Head over to
wrc.sa.gov.au



Mayor's Message

A new year is here and Council is full of enthusiasm for 2019! We have four new faces, two of whom are our first female councillors since 2010.

Council and I look forward to a productive year ahead, where we will continue to strive for excellence for our communities. It's also important that we acknowledge the years of service and dedication of our former elected members who contributed to many projects and ideas that have seen this region flourish.

As Elected Members we are all proud to work for an amazing community. When disaster strikes our community has always stood strong and helped each other out. I was so impressed with Snowtown residents' quick mobilisation after the storm hit in December. Locals came out and did what they could to clear walkways and responded to those who were badly impacted. It goes to show what a special community we have.

With the warmer weather here it's a perfect opportunity to get out and enjoy our community. Check out the pools, parks and trails we have. There's also a string of events throughout the year to keep you busy too. Our Australia Day celebrations are just one of the great events in our patch and I'd encourage all of you to make the most of our local amenities and activities throughout the year.

During Wakefield's Australia Day events, our community's heroes who volunteer so much of their time in their local areas, will be acknowledged for all their hard work. This year's Citizen of the Year, Derryn Stringer, has gone above and beyond for his local community of Snowtown and the Blyth-Snowtown Football Club. You can read more about the stars of our community in this edition. Thank you to all those people who took the time to nominate these outstanding citizens.

I'd also like to welcome Acting CEO Steven Griffiths to WRC. Steven will be with us for the coming weeks while we recruit for a new CEO to replace Jason Kuchel.

Here's to a safe and exciting 2019 for Wakefield!



Our new Council is ready to work for you!



Retiring elected members honoured with certificates of service, left, David Lamond, Darryl Ottens, Mayor Reid (presenting certificates) and Greg Stevens (and Barry Smith, not pictured).



Dive into a pool near you!

For opening hours and contact numbers go to wrc.sa.gov.au/swimmingpools

Your Council

All councils in South Australia have roles and responsibilities which are outlined in the *Local Government Act 1999*.

These include such important functions as strategic planning, providing services and facilities that benefit ratepayers, residents and visitors, managing, developing and protecting the environment, providing infrastructure for our community, and promoting growth and development. From improving quality of life, to planning for future generations, it's a big task.

Meet the people elected to represent our community. We asked our new Council Members - 'what is the most important thing you want to see happen in the next four years?'



Mayor Rodney Reid

"Over the next four years I'd like to see strong leadership by the elected members and cooperation with staff to continue to grow and develop the Wakefield Regional Council, making our Council region a better place to live and work."

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North Ward

Cr John Wood

"I want to build on financial stability and support communities in the Council area with specific grants and by understanding their needs, aspirations, visions and future plans."

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Cr Denni Russell

"The most important thing I want to see happen is for councillors and staff to work together to achieve collective benefits for our community."

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Cr John Nicholls

"Let's forge a positive relationship between Council, its communities, businesses and residents. I will represent the North Ward and will support ideas for growth and sustainability throughout the region."

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Central Ward



Cr Malcolm May (Deputy Mayor)

"Wakefield region is a great place to be! Our community needs to be a place that will grow, where people want to live and one that has opportunities for residents and businesses."

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Cr Terry Williams

"Let's inspire Port Wakefield's tourism, heritage and coastal development including kayak trails. Develop our town rail corridors and trails. A major project. Better roads, lower rates and more jobs and people!"

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Cr Michael Rankine

"Manage Council assets effectively and efficiently and for us to be in a strong financial position."

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Cr Michael Greenshields

"I'd like to help develop the tourism side of the Wakefield Regional Council to attract visitors and to bring additional money into our region."

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South Ward



Cr Peter Bowyer

"I would like to see the Elected Members and the staff working together to meet the communities' expectations."

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Cr Wendy Williams

"I want to see Council deliver quality infrastructure, support for sport and recreation and investment in growth, tourism, community services and childcare."

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NOVEMBER 2017

Our charming Hamley Bridge was featured in the Aussie rom-com *The FlipSide* starring Eddie Izzard. It was released in cinemas in August 2018.



JULY 2018

The Adelaide Fashion Festival used our picturesque Lake Bumbunga as a glamorous catwalk for their promo of the fashion-forward event.



Pity they didn't let the Loch Eel Monster strut her stuff ... It's okay though, she's over it now.

AUGUST 2018

Photo shoot for Adelaide Fashion Festival sponsor Mercedes-Benz Unley on Lake Bumbunga.



NOVEMBER 2018

Lochiel and Pinery also got a taste of the spotlight as cameras flooded the towns and most of Traeger Road for the Foxtel series *Upright*, starring Australian comedian Tim Minchin.



NOVEMBER 2018

The footy oval in Owen was used in the new Vodafone commercial for the cricket season, starring female Adelaide Strikers cricketer Tabatha Saville.



THAT'S A TAKE We're film friendly

What do comics Eddie Izzard and Tim Minchin, and a global tele-company have in common? They've all filmed their next big project in and around the Wakefield region.

Wakefield Regional Council welcomes film crews, movie makers and more to film in our beautiful region. We are a "film friendly Council" which means where possible we try not to charge application or location fees. We've also streamlined the process and made our registration forms easier so crews can get out there filming as quickly as possible.

With state heritage buildings, endless sweeping plains and an eye-catching pink lake, all about an hour or so away from Adelaide, we've got plenty worthy of the big screen.

As long as the production team is hot on safety, communicates with the community and causes little disruption to our residents and businesses, we're ready to roll.

So why film?

- films and advertisements promote the region they're filmed in
- crews and teams spend money in our local businesses, like our cafes, hotels, newsagencies, hardware stores, petrol stations and more
- crews sometimes even hire people to help with their logistics. Or to be extras!
- adds excitement
- gives a sense of pride in the beauty of the region

Derryn's our top citizen

Wakefield's Citizens of the Year Awards are announced at our annual Australia Day celebrations.

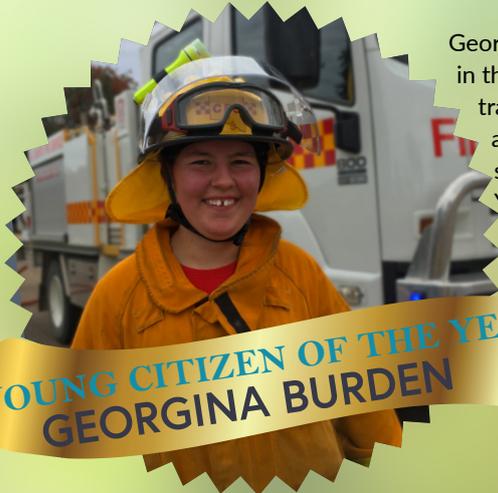
A familiar face around Blyth-Snowtown Football Club Derryn Stringer was named 2019 Citizen of the Year for his dedication to the Club and his local community of Snowtown.

What started out as a kitchen upgrade for the Club then became a major project led by Derryn and saw him raise \$600,000 for SANFL standard clubrooms and new bathroom facilities for patrons. Hundreds of hours of preparation and work went into what is being called the biggest community led project Snowtown has seen in decades. Well done Derryn!



**CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
DERRYN STRINGER**

"It was such a shock. I didn't even know I was nominated. What a great honour. It's nice to be acknowledged for the hard work but I have to say thanks to everyone who helped out with the Football Club project - the volunteers, the players and the community."



Georgina started out as a cadet in the CFS but she is now a fully trained fighter. She has attended almost 100 incidents and has still managed to complete her Year 12 exams last year.

**YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
GEORGINA BURDEN**

"I was so surprised by the nomination. I'd like to thank my family and all the people who helped me in the CFS. The CFS brigade is like my second family and they've always got my back.

"It can be stressful at times but I love it. It's really nice to help people out who can't necessarily help themselves."

**COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR
'ROPE4HOPE' OWEN
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



'Rope4Hope' donated 80 tonnes of hay, countless handmade bracelets and over \$6,000 to farmers affected by drought. Some of these farmers were located as far as New South Wales. The bracelets were made by the students, most even giving up playtime to pitch in.

"We may be kids, but we can still make a difference."

Snowtown - you're simply the best!

Wakefield loves its sport! And now our region is home to some of the best football clubrooms in the state.

With SANFL standard clubrooms and great facilities for players, spectators and more, the Blyth-Snowtown Football Club Pavilion is sure to be a crowd pleaser. There's even the possibility for state games and carnivals to be played here.

The pavilion was one of the major projects that received \$25,000 last year from Council's Community Grants Program. Additional funding was also sourced from a combination of State Government, SANFL and local community organisations.

In December, a 'superstorm' shook Snowtown. Lasting only 15 minutes it managed to sweep the roof off the pavilion building. Thankfully the new extension did not suffer major damage. Even during this stressful time the community stood united and once the storm cleared, people were out, some with chainsaws and rakes, trying to clear away trees that had knocked into buildings, blocking roads, footpaths and residents' driveways.

The Club is now busy rebuilding and is sure to bounce back bigger and stronger! Go the Cats!

Find out more about our Community Grants Program at wrc.sa.gov.au.



Left: SANFL CEO Jake Parkinson, Derryn Stringer, Mayor Reid and Ausco Modular's Anthony Walsh at the opening of the upgraded Pavilion.

Our \$1 million bid

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Council wanted to spread the benefit of this funding across the whole Wakefield Regional community and therefore decided to apply for funding for a number of smaller projects through four major programs (see right) to be managed by a Drought Coordinator. Council is eager to see the funding benefit our settlements as well as our towns.

We are now anxiously waiting to see whether the grant applications have been successful. Hopefully we will know this by late January or early February, because all projects must be completed by 30 June 2019.

We will let you know if our applications have been successful as soon as we can.

PROGRAMS WE HAVE NOMINATED FOR FUNDING



HEART OF THE COMMUNITY PROGRAM **\$290K**

for repairs and upgrades to halls, institutes and important local meeting places



SUSTAINABLE REGION PROGRAM **\$417K**

to install solar systems, water efficiency measures and help cut costs for community facilities in the long term



COMMUNITY WELLBEING PROGRAM **\$116K**

to foster development in sporting clubs, tourism and work to improve



ROAD ACCESS PROGRAM **\$100K**

to address road access issues for landholders



DROUGHT PROJECTS COORDINATOR **\$75K**

to oversee an ambitious program of activities and liaise with community groups involved



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WAKEFIELD
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Your Quarterly Cut-Out

3 month bin collection

Our waste depot opening times



January						
Sun	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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Owen	Port Wakefield	Everard
386 Pinery Road	150 Shrike Road	1060 Hancock Road
Wednesday 10am - 11am	Thursday 10am - 11am	Tuesday 9am - 11am
Saturday 9am - 11am	Saturday 10am - 12pm	Saturday 9am - 11am
Sunday 11am - 12pm	Sunday 9am - 10am	Sunday 9am - 11am

