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# Wakefield Regional WRAP

Spring/Summer 2018

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



## Gateway for tourism pg4

Emerging area of growth for Wakefield region.



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Port Wakefield Highway Upgrade - the new horizon.

### Grandstand a standout

Looking after the 107 year old structure.

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Ralli Park Grandstand

# Connecting with > Our Community Management Committees

Our town management committees do some great work for their communities, and the Council is keen to support these wonderful volunteers.

To ensure we're all working towards the same goals, committee representatives were invited to a reception at the Council offices in Balaklava in August to talk about their future projects and also to share their recent achievements with each other.

Council's senior managers were in attendance to answer any questions and despite the full program, time was allowed for the groups to exchange advice on what had and hadn't worked for them.

Here's an overview of the committees' activities in Wakefield's main towns.



## 1 Brinkworth Community Management Committee

### Achievements

- Set up an IT Hub for community use in the Brinkworth Soldiers' Memorial Hall
- Started a youth club - 'The Besties' (also in the Hall)

### Future Projects

- Building a mini golf facility
- Organising an annual lawn mower racing day

## 2 Blyth Community Management Committee

### Achievements

- New playground and shelter
- New netball court

### Future Projects

- Second theatre for Blyth Cinema
- Murray Cook Memorial Garden and Padnaindi Reserve

## 3 Snowtown Community Management Committee

### Achievements

- Water tower murals by well-known streetscape artist Vans the Omega

### Future Projects

- Tree removal in front of the water tower
- Table-tennis in the hall for school kids
- Planter boxes in the town
- Upgrade the town information centre

## 4 Lochiel Progress Association

### Achievements

- Lake Bumbunga Interpretive Trail stages 1 & 2 - walking trail laid, 700m fencing installed, native shrubs planted, weeds sprayed
- Facilities upgrades at Lochiel Recreation Reserve including to electricity, installation of projector, air conditioner and oven, upgrade of multiuse courts and of tennis club

### Future Projects

- Lake Bumbunga Interpretive Trail stage 3 onwards, including installation of seating, shelter and signage
- Lochiel's 150th birthday celebration in 2019





Left: photos from Community Management Committee reception event.



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**Balaklava Area Committee**

**Achievements**

- Banners outside the Foodland carpark
- Shamus Liptrot Cycling Trail

**Future Projects**

Developing the railway corridor including:

- Turntable refurbishment
- Railway station development
- G&W depot removal
- Opening up the whole area
- Goods shed and crane upgrade
- Silo art using local artists

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**Owen Community Centre Committee**

**Achievements**

- The Community Shed now operating two days a week, with 12-15 members attending on any one day
- Tractor-driven generator purchased to provide Owen Hall with electricity in case of a major event such as the Pinery fire

**Future Projects**

- Improve the appearance of the main street including better tree pruning under power lines
- Establish a BMX track incorporated into the walking track and a cycling track

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**Hamley Bridge Community Management Committee**

**Achievements**

- Revamp of the Hamley Bridge Institute
- Hamley Bridge Christmas party at the oval

**Future Projects**

- Hamley Bridge Institute air conditioning and kitchen upgrade
- River Light project with bbq area and shelter sheds

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**Port Wakefield Community Management Committee**

Port Wakefield Community Management Committee were unable to attend on this occasion. However, there are plenty of exciting plans for Port Wakefield. The next edition of our Wrap will bring you more information.

Want to get involved in your local committee?

To contact your committee and community groups go to - [wrc.sa.gov.au/yourcommunitygroups](http://wrc.sa.gov.au/yourcommunitygroups)

# "Welcome to Wakefield"

# Gateway for tourism

While it's fair to say the Wakefield region is not famous for its tourist attractions, that doesn't mean that we don't have much to offer visitors. In fact, quite the opposite is true.

## Why tourism?

- more jobs for locals
- increased spending in our local businesses
- diversifies and strengthens our local economy
- attracts more businesses and development to our region and that means more jobs.

Wakefield Regional Council asked the community for ideas for capturing tourists at its first Tourism Forum held in July, which attracted over 50 people. Forum attendees worked in small groups to identify existing tourism attractions as well as ideas to improve these and establish new ones.

The general consensus was that our region is mired in fascinating history including indigenous history, environmental history, white settler history, and is indeed home to a staggering 25 state heritage-listed buildings or structures!

Regional SA  
tourism brings in

**\$2.6 BILLION**  
(from visitor expenditure).

Top five international  
visitor spends by country

**1 UK**

**2 USA**

**3 GERMANY**

**4 NEW ZEALAND**

**5 FRANCE**

China is 7th but growing  
rapidly.

Tourism has created

**13,000**  
jobs in SA.

# Don't forget to vote!

## Council Elections 2018

Unlike State and Federal elections, all voting in council elections is done by post. Enrolled voters receive a voting package through the mail and return their votes in a reply paid envelope. Although voting is not compulsory, your vote is your opportunity to decide who will represent your community on Council.

It is expected voting packs will be sent out from Monday 22 October to Friday 26 October 2018.

Close of voting will be 5pm Friday 9 November 2018.

We are also spoilt with a myriad of walking trails and beautiful picnic areas and lookouts (think Rocks Reserve, Brooks Lookout, and more).

But the (pink) jewel in the crown that is really attracting a lot of attention is the pink lake at Lochiel - Lake Bumbunga, a major drawcard for Chinese visitors driving out from Adelaide.

A number of strategies and actions in the Council's recently reviewed *Strategic Management Plan 2017-2022* are geared towards enhancing the attractiveness of our region for visitors, including:

- developing the Port Wakefield coastal area for recreation and tourism purposes (especially in light of the recent announcement of the construction of an overpass and highway duplication through the township)
- enhancing signage to promote businesses, tourism and amenities
- working on a 'detour and stop' strategy to draw travellers from Highway One through our towns
- a beautification program for our towns' main thoroughfares and shopping strips
- railway yards that could be used for town beautification and greenspace for locals and tourists

And many more (find out more at [www.wrc.sa.gov.au/strategicplan](http://www.wrc.sa.gov.au/strategicplan)).

The really great thing is that all of our towns are keen to find ways to cross-promote each other and work together to present a combined offering to draw visitors into our region. This includes improving our use of technology and social media to get the word out that there's so much to see and do in the Wakefield region.

Thanks to all the great energy from those who attended the Tourism Forum and those who sent in their ideas and feedback, there is plenty of material to develop a tourism plan for the Wakefield region, which can then be used to consult the community on various ideas and priorities.

The draft tourism plan is being prepared now and is expected to be ready for community consultation early in the new year.

### Highway One upgrade

The planned \$90 million overpass and highway duplication through Port Wakefield has high hopes of bringing additional benefits to our tourism industry.

While holidaymakers seeking further destinations will greatly benefit from reduced traffic congestion, the dual carriageway will allow more space than ever before for travellers to pull over, take a break and explore this historic waterfront town.

Although there has been some surprise at the decision to build a dual carriageway instead of a bypass around Port Wakefield, the bypass would have been three times the price and unlikely to bring an estimated \$20 million of development to Port Wakefield.

Highway One upgrade estimated to bring in

**\$20 MILLION**

worth of development.

Illustration of Port Wakefield highway upgrade



# Grandstand's out 'standing' restoration



Ralli Park grandstand stole the spotlight at this year's Balaklava Show, in its first opening since renovations to save the structure cranked up last year.

The restoration project was funded by Wakefield Regional Council and included:

- major structural engineering
- replacement of 11 worn-out internal beams
- new seating and flooring
- a huge paint job and some stonework repair.

For many years, the structure remained an important part of Ralli Park and the Balaklava Show despite serious decay and damage that left it almost unusable and in critical need of repair.

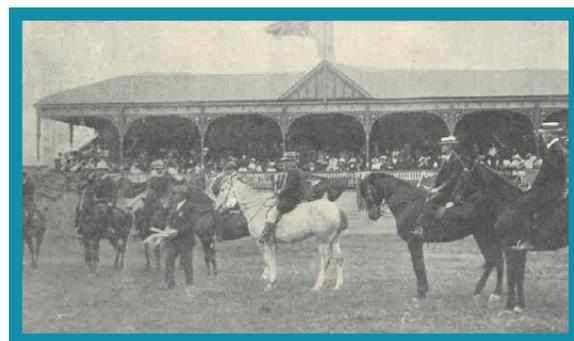
The grandstand was originally designed and built by Balaklava business owner Mr Marchant, who handed over the keys to the Show Committee on September 23, 1910 in what was said to be a 'joyful ceremony'. Mr Marchant's hard work and attention to detail did not go overlooked, as a newspaper circulating at the time called *The Woorora Producer* reported (in September 1910):

*There is nothing on any country show ground in the state that is to be compared with it.*

*The building is generally acknowledged to be one of, if not the best of its kind in South Australia.*

With the structure now restored, we hope its prominent homage to sporting brilliance and community spirit will live on.

Top left: painting the huge structure, roof and structure repairs, grandstand all finished, crowds enjoying Show day.



Photos taken of grandstand's grand opening in 1910.



## Sign of the times: faded signs are out

The signage replacement program keeps rolling along. So far, we have replaced about 300 signs, but there's no stopping us now!

We reckon over 1,000 signs will be replaced under the program, with most of the marked-to-replace signs located in rural areas outside of townships.

Back in August, Council allocated another \$10,000 towards the program, making it worth \$50,000 in 2018/19. The extra funding now allows *all* faded street name signs to be replaced throughout the district.



## Weed control on roadsides

Council authorises land owners adjoining road reserves to remove weeds from roadsides.

However, the land owner is responsible for ensuring any weed control activity – including use of chemicals/spraying – does not interfere with, or cause damage to, the road reserve, other vegetation or other properties.

If land owners are managing weeds on road reserves they must first check with the Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board (by phoning 8841 3400) to ensure no native vegetation is affected.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us on 8862 0800 or email [admin@wrc.sa.gov.au](mailto:admin@wrc.sa.gov.au)

## Our Amazing Avon! Best Small Town



From left: Nita Noble, Susan Mudge, Jill Stewart and Sharyne Gottwald

**Breaking news** – Avon has just been announced as the winner of the Best Small Town in the Overall Project category of KESAB's 2018 Sustainable Community Awards!

Award organisers recognised how *really* small Avon is (the Small Towns category is for populations <1,000) but noted that it has 'a number of dedicated volunteers'!

Local events and activities run by volunteers indicate a commitment to maintain the assets and surrounding environment for the health and wellbeing of the environment; a credit to such a small community. For example, Mental Health Day and Foodies Day and the arts and crafts group.

Congratulations to our "Amazing Avon"!



## Planning reforms are coming

There are changes happening to the way we plan!

The state government planning reforms aim to create consistency across all council areas and zones from 1 July 2020.

Some of the changes include moving to an online lodgement system, and switching to just one 'rule book', instead of 72.

Each year we receive hundreds of enquiries about whether something needs approval or not. A quick way to check is by using the Virtual House. It's really easy to use, just visit - [saplanningportal.sa.gov.au/updates](http://saplanningportal.sa.gov.au/updates)

If you want more information or want to have your say about the changes, please visit - [saplanningportal.sa.gov.au/](http://saplanningportal.sa.gov.au/)

Planners create places, spaces and communities. If you've got a grand design in mind, make an appointment to come in and share your vision. Please contact our office on 8862 0800.



## Let's keep in touch

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## Citizen of the Year Awards 2019

Citizen of the Year Awards allow us to recognise individuals who put in effort to make our community a better place. Do you know somebody who makes a real difference in our community?

Perhaps you know someone in your local sporting club or social club who deserves recognition for their hard work.

Last time round, Wakefield Regional Council celebrated an outstanding honour for its Australia Day Community Event of the Year selection, when SA Country Women's Association's (SACWA) Plains on a Plate nominated and won the State level of the awards. Was there an amazing community event this year that deserves some recognition?



**CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2018**  
Brian Eime



**COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR 2018**  
Adelaide Plains CWA for Plains on a Plate.

If you do know someone who fits the bill, please visit [citizenoftheyear.com.au/](http://citizenoftheyear.com.au/) nominate.

**Nominations close Friday 16 November 2018.**

We are seeking nominations for three different categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year.

Citizen of the Year nominees must be over the age of 30 and Young Citizen Award under 30.

## Your Quarterly Cut-Out

### 3 month bin collection

October						
Sun	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			
November						
Sun	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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25	26	27	28	29	30	
December						
Sun	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						



### Our waste depot opening times

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

### Collection variations over Christmas/New Year period

- 25 Dec collected on Mon 24 Dec
- 26 Dec collected on Thurs 27 Dec
- 27 Dec collected on Friday 28 Dec
- 1 Jan collected on Mon 31 Dec