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

YOUTH WEEK'S FRENZY OF FUN

Youth Week bounced into Wakefield for 2024, with two successful events. Snowtown and Balaklava hosted an event each with Youth travelling from across the district to take part in the Youth Week fun.



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Mayor Rodney Reid and Owen Swimming Pool President Kate Dale cut the cake to re-open the Owen Swimming Pool.

Message from the Mayor

What an amazing year we've had for our local swimming pools with all three pools finally being open at the same time. It's truly amazing to finally see these great facilities completed and activating our communities.

I was lucky enough to be at the opening of our final renovation project, the Owen Swimming pool. This great community facility has been fully revamped to modern standards, with upgrades to the filtration system, pool liner and of course the much-loved new diving deck.

What a great community facility that can now be used for many summers to come.

Inside this wrap you'll find out how Council started the year with many great projects beginning, including our community grants project.

These grants support our local communities, activating their projects and supporting community groups visions.

I love being on the selection panel each year, seeing the projects our community want to see come to fruition is exciting for Council and the community.

We celebrated Youth Week in late March with two events one in Snowtown and the other in Balaklava. What a great turnout from our local young people – taking advantage of all the fun on offer, including inflatable obstacles, henna art, face painting, free food and drinks.

In last quarter's Wrap we shared some great tips for using your yellow bin, this time we focus on the green bin, giving you great tips on how you can use your green bin to mitigate waste from your red bin.

While on the topic of waste, Council at its March Council meeting decided to extend our waste transfer station times and provide free waste delivery for residents, eliminating the use of transfer station vouchers, that have been included with rates notices.

I believe these new initiatives for tackling waste are an excellent start to curbing how we deal with waste in our townships and I look forward to seeing if this does benefit our residents.

Enjoy this edition of the Wrap,
Mayor, Rodney Reid



Mayor Rodney Reid at the Owen Transfer station which will see an additional two hours of opening time per week.

All bins to switch to fortnightly pickup in 2025

Currently Council's three-bin system works with red bins picked up weekly, yellow bins fortnightly and green bins monthly.

Council passed a motion at its March meeting that come February 2025, all of these bins will be collected on a fortnightly basis.

Mayor Rodney Reid said Council hopes this will incentivise residents to focus more on recycling, by correctly using the three-bin system while also providing cost savings for ratepayers.

"Neighbouring Councils that have made the switch to fortnightly pick-up have already seen an enormous reduction in what is going to land fill," Mayor Reid said.

"Every tonne we can prevent from going to land fill will save residents money, for every tonne we send to Inkerman landfill costs Council \$78.

"The less we send to landfill, the better it is for residents, Council and the environment.

Council won't implement the new three-bin-system until February 2025 – using this lead in time to educate and show residents how they can take advantage of the fortnightly schedule and recycle more.

"We're hoping to see a lot less going to landfill and more people recycling and using their green bins correctly," Mayor Reid said.



What you need to know

- Each transfer station will now open six hours per week
- Waste delivery for Wakefield residents is free
- Transfer station vouchers are no longer required
- Council will implement fortnightly three bin pick up in February 2025

Waste handling in Wakefield set to change

Longer opening hours at transfer stations and free waste delivery are just the start

From July 1, 2024, Council will extend the opening hours of its Owen and Port Wakefield transfer stations, while also allowing a 12-month trial of free dumping at transfer stations with residents not needing to use transfer station vouchers.

In Council's waste survey last year 48% of respondents indicated that the current opening times meet their needs, but there was also an indication that residents would prefer longer opening hours, particularly on the weekends.

"Survey feedback was clear from our communities that we needed to have our waste transfer stations open for longer hours each week,"

Mayor Rodney Reid said.

This led to Council approving each transfer station to be open for 6 hours per week.

"This boost to transfer station opening hours will give Owen and Port Wakefield an additional two hours of opening time per week," Mayor Reid said.

"Adding to the extra opening hours, free waste delivery to transfer stations for residents looks to help curb illegal dumping and encourage proper waste disposal at any of Council's three transfer stations.

Last financial year alone Council paid \$12,000, to clean up illegal dumping on

roadsides.

Residents will still have to pay for the disposal of tyres, coolant and oily water as these are specialty items and are harder to dispose of - but any general rubbish or green waste will be free.

Proof of residency will also be required to show you live in the Wakefield council.

"From July 1, 2024 it will be as simple as turning up to our transfer stations and disposing of your waste during their opening hours, you won't need transfer station vouchers, you just need to dispose of your waste in the correct piles," Mayor Reid said.

Where are our transfer stations?

**Owen,
386 Pinery Road**

**Port Wakefield,
150 Shrike Road**

**Everard,
106 Hancock Rd**

Jasmine and Emily enjoy the free inflatable obstacle course at Balaklava's Youth Week event.



Youth Week bounces into Wakefield for 2024

YOUTH Week in Wakefield once again proved a major hit with 120 people across two events enjoying Youth Week.

Snowtown and Balaklava both hosted events this year, with this being the first time Council has hosted a Youth Week in Snowtown.

Council's Community Wellbeing Officer Taryn Hall said Snowtown's first Youth Week event was a major success.

"Families came from as far as Brinkworth and Blyth to enjoy Youth Week at the Snowtown Oval, 50 people were in attendance, enjoying the food and fun," Ms Hall said.

"Our Balaklava event was a great way to bookend our Youth Week activities with this final event proving just how fun Youth Week is for our Communities.

"Balaklava's event saw over 60 people attend, including parents, with plenty of people coming out to enjoy the great free food, drinks and of course the inflatable obstacle course.

"We're so glad both Balaklava and Snowtown had such great attendance, with both events activating our local ovals for Youth Week fun.

Each year Council hosts Youth Week events to encourage our local youth to get out within our communities, creating great experiences for those aged 5-25 years old.



Courtney and Jack after a tumble while playing giant jenga.



Henna artist Georgia Allen drawing one of her designs for Pip.



LEFT: Port Wakefield Social Darts Club Treasurer Ashley Milton said Council's grant funding helped grow their darts league.

BULLSEYE! Social darts supported by community grants

Port Wakefield Social Darts Club benefitted from last year's pool of funding with a \$2000 grant, which allowed the club to host a mixed club darts competition, with neighbouring darts associations heading to Pt Wakefield for the event.

Thanks to Council's grant the club was able to purchase five more dart board setups which included light rings, mats, boards and dart surrounds that enabled their mixed club event to expand to 22 competitors.

Club Treasurer Ashley Milton said it was great to have two other darts leagues join Port Wakefield's to create a great event.

"Since receiving the grant the club has had a lot of interest in the event and how people can get involved next year," Ashley said.

"We hope to continue to grow the event year on year, with new players and spectators.

The grant will also help the club throughout its upcoming season, with Port Wakefield's own league having six teams compete weekly in Balaklava and Port Wakefield.



Get your project off the ground with Council's Community Grants

Council's Minor and Major Community Grants are open again for 2024/25, with applicants able to benefit from the Major grant category funding of up to \$25,000 in and \$2,000 for minor grants.

Each year these grants support community groups to achieve their desired projects in Wakefield, activating their local spaces.

Last year's grants funded \$100,000 in projects including master planning for Brinkworth's Oval, new fences for Hamley Bridge's netball and football facilities and new darts equipment for the Port Wakefield Social Darts Association.

To be eligible for funding community groups must have projects that are aligned with Council's Wakefield 2030 plan, they must be investment ready, inclusive, accessible and the projects must be on community land.

Community groups looking to apply for the funding must be based within the Wakefield region and the grants are subject to Council approving the 2024/25 budget.

Mayor Rodney Reid encouraged all community groups to take the time and consider the projects they're looking to complete in the upcoming year. "This grant funding provides a way for our

local community groups to accomplish great projects for their club or group Each year I look forward to seeing how the groups will use this funding," Mayor Reid said.

"It's easy to complete the application form and you can do it online or print it out and complete it It's well worth your time, so your club can bring to fruition an idea or project you want to see.

All of the grant application details can be found on Council's website at www.wrc.sa.gov.au

Guidelines for applying to each funding category can also be found on Council's website and should be read carefully before applying.

Applications for the Community Grants program close Friday 31 May 2024 and applicants will be notified if their project has been successful in July 2024.

For any further questions please contact Community Events Officer Larissa McPharlin on 8862 0800.

www.wrc.sa.gov.au



Stormwater flows repaired in Moody Estate

Storm water flows in Moody Estate will improve thanks to scour remediation works and the installation of a new drain that will help stop erosion along the River Wakefield.

The project, costing \$55,000 required major earthworks to excavate the old drain, replacing it with a new junction box, precast headwall and lining the outlet with rock.

The previous drain was causing erosion around the outlet to the river and was quickly becoming a safety concern as the erosion continued to encroach on the Lions Walking Trail.

A new 825mm outlet was installed alongside raised rock walls which will secure the drain in place and ensure dirt isn't eroded from the river beds when flooding occurs.

Port Wakefield Caravan Park now online

Keen campers can now book their stay in Port Wakefield online with a new website launched to allow online bookings.

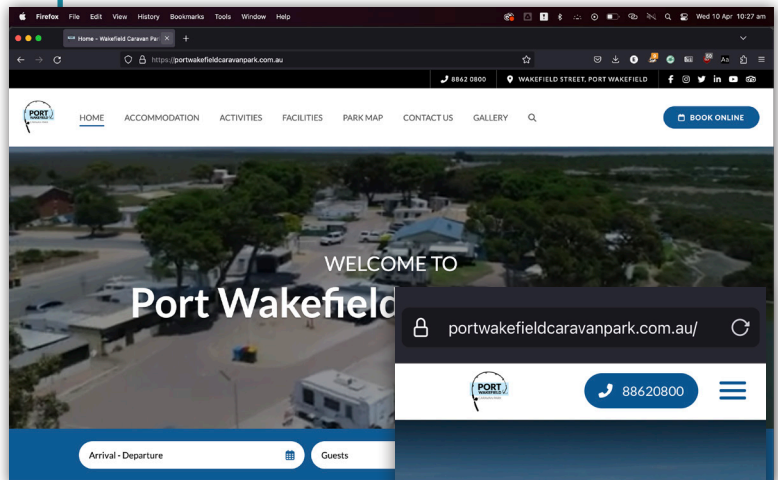
Council has implemented the booking system to make it easier than ever for campers to book a stay in Port Wakefield.

The new website allows campers or those looking to book a site or a room to select where they want to stay and for how long, while also letting users pre-book or make their booking while on the road.

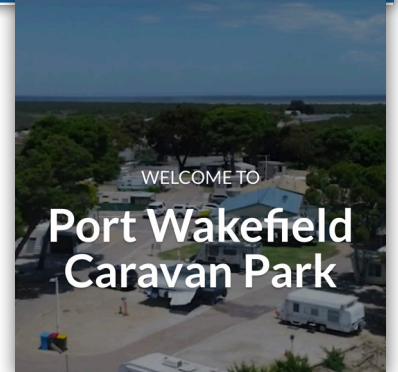
The website also highlights the great activities and facilities available while staying in Port Wakefield.

Port Wakefield Caravan Park has 27 sites for caravans or tents and nine cabins all ready for bookings.

To visit the website or make a booking head to www.portwakefieldcaravanpark.com.au and browse the new website.



ABOVE AND RIGHT: The new website can be accessed online on computers or phones.



If it grows, to the green bin it goes...

What can go in your green bin?

It's a common misconception that putting your food and organic waste in your landfill bin is no different from putting it in your green organics bin, but that couldn't be farther from the truth.

When organic waste is sent to landfill, it rots and releases methane – a harmful greenhouse gas with 21 times the global warming potential of carbon.

But when you put organic waste into your green bin, it's taken to a local composting facility to be recycled into nutrient-rich compost, soil and mulch products that go on to be used on South Australian farms and vineyards, and in household gardens as well.

You can do your bit to help reduce the emission of greenhouse gases simply by placing all of your organic materials into your green organics bin, or home compost system, for recycling.

To help, we've compiled a list of common organic materials you might have at home that can be placed in your green organics bin – check it out.

And remember, as the saying goes – if it grows, it goes!

Garden organics

Anything that grows in your garden can go in your green bin. This includes flowers, weeds, lawn clippings, leaves, sticks, small branches, bark, and more. Remember to dust off any soil that might be on organic matter

Food organics

All food scraps and food waste is good to go in your green organics bin. And we mean all of it. That means citrus, onion, dairy, meat, bones, fish, fruit and

vegetables. Cooked or uncooked, old and mouldy, into the green bin it goes.

But before you place it in the green bin, make sure you've removed all packaging first (unless it's compostable). That includes things like plastic packets, bags and containers, and glass jars.

Coffee grounds, tea bags and loose leaf tea

Coffee grounds, tea bags and loose leaf tea are filled with nutrients that help to make quality compost, and are a great addition to your green bin.

Just be aware that some tea bags do contain plastic, and will need to be placed into your landfill bin. These types of bags will have a glossy sheen and slippery feel

Pet poop including cat litter

Pet waste, when mixed with food scraps, garden clippings and other organic materials, helps to make nutrient-rich compost.

To help keep your bin clean, wrap the waste in newspaper, or place it in a compostable bag before it goes in the bin.

Nail clippings, hair and pet fur

Nail clippings and hair – both your own and your pet's – are great for the green bin as they're a rich source of nitrogen.

Pencil and other wood shavings

Pencil and other wood shavings, like sawdust, are considered 'brown' composting material, and are a great source of carbon, making them a great addition to your green bin.

Don't forget soil and dirt can't go in your organics bin.



NO building materials, dirt or rocks



NO general waste



NO plastic pots, containers or bottles



NO plastic packaged food



NO clothing, footwear or textiles

Roadside wood collection not permitted in Wakefield

Did you know it's illegal to collect firewood from the roadside?

As you prepare for the cooler months you might think its ok to head out on Council's back roads or verges to collect firewood for the upcoming winter – but it's not.

If caught a hefty fine can be issued for the damage done to native vegetation.

Any roadside that contains remnant and/or native vegetation is protected under the Native Vegetation Act 1991.

Dead timber should not be cleaned up on roadsides, and removal is not permitted unless outlined as necessary for fuel reduction in an approved Bushfire Management Plan, to assist pest control (rabbits, weeds etc.), or to remove timber which is hazardous to traffic or infrastructure.

These activities are carried out in line with this plan by authorised personnel and cannot be undertaken without the permission of Council. Illegal firewood collection can lead to vast damage on trees and habitats.

For more information visit Council's website or call Council on 8862 0800.

Report roadside vegetation issues – it's easy as 1,2 or 3

Is there a roadside vegetation hotspot near you? If you see overhanging branches, vegetation causing safety issues or roadside obstructions please let us know in one of the following ways:



1. MyLocal app

- Download the app to your phone
- Open the app and click on the 'report it' icon
- Add a photo if you have one then click next
- Choose the category 'trees' from the drop down menu
- In description type 'Hotspot ID' and then a short description of the issue and its location
- Enter your contact details and press submit



2. Web form

Fill in the 'Hotspot identification form' on our website – bit.ly/3QiTAKe



3. Phone it in

Contact us on 8862 0800 during office hours and report your hotspot information.

Let's keep in touch

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Our transfer station 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