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# Mayor's Message

## What is a verge?

A verge is also known as a nature strip.

It is the Council-owned area between the footpath and kerb, the footpath and property boundary (or edge of the carriageway) or, in the case where there is no paved or formed footpath as is the case in much of the Hills Face Zone, the whole area between the property boundary and the kerb. Verges belong to Council, but caring for them is a service not mandated for councils to do. We do mow verges, but not everyone's. Many like to do their own and take pride in their appearance. Most residents maintain the verges directly adjacent to their property and keep them looking green and lush throughout the year and plant additional vegetation. These verges form part of the wider biodiversity, habitat and green infrastructure within our city. Council has a clear policy on verge maintenance which you can find easily on our website.

When houses are built and verges are destroyed during construction, it is the responsibility of the builder to repair the damage. No artificial grass is allowed to be installed on verges in Burnside. Council chooses appropriate trees to plant on verges but this can sometimes be negotiated with residents. Most importantly, maintaining verges is an expensive business and we do rely on the skill and pride of residents of Burnside to take a lead and encourage your neighbours to take pride in their street and neighbourhood.

As a Tree City of the World for the fifth year in a row, trees are important to us. After Mitcham, we have the highest percentage of trees growing in our city across metropolitan Adelaide. However, tree loss must be monitored. Most of the losses are on private properties and we spend much

time and money monitoring trees to protect their safety and ensure their healthy growth. We plant 1,000 trees a year on Council property. We have a Native Tree Giveaway that has been duplicated by other councils and we have a Tree Assistance fund to help you manage significant or regulated trees on your properties. Don't forget our Urban Tree Strategy and our Urban Forest Interactive Website. These actions all contribute to our being a Tree City of the World as well as ensuring a shaded future for generations to come.

Our very popular annual Native Plant Giveaway has just commenced. I want to thank Dr Mark Ellis and his wonderful team of biodiversity volunteers for growing over 1,000 plants for the purpose of adding native plants to our gardens. They help to reintroduce native species, such as blue-banded bees, butterflies, wrens, honeyeaters and spinebills to name a few. Thank you to all the volunteers who grew the plants, Trees for Life who provided the seed, our staff, and all those who took advantage of the giveaway with donations going to charity.

Feedback is important to us as we make decisions on behalf of our community. If you do not have your say, we do not receive balanced perspectives that are vital to our decision-making. Please do not hesitate to contact your local councillors or me if you wish to be heard further.

**Anne Monceaux**  
Mayor

We have had some wonderful things to celebrate over the past three months: a Citizenship Ceremony for 60 new citizens in April, our honouring of service for our devoted volunteers in May, the approval by State Government of 40 km/h zones and installation in parts of our city, the new Concierge Service available in the Civic Centre, the success of the newly revamped Dulwich Community Centre and the Conyngham Dog Park to name a few.



The pump track continues to be popular at different sites across the city and a number of very important consultations have taken place. These have included services for retirees, dog-on-leash areas, the critical Open Space Layer and of course the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget.



# CEO's Message

## Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget

### Community consultation has closed on the 2024/25 Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget.

Feedback will be returned to Council who will take your say onboard before deciding on the next steps.

After several years of well below CPI rate increases, including two years of zero per cent, one year of three and a half per cent and one year of six per cent, Council is now in a deficit position, with debt levels growing. During those years, Council still delivered 122 services to the community, and maintained community assets and infrastructure to the standard that the residents of Burnside expect.

These zero or too-low rate increases resulted in Council delivering services to the community with a shortfall in funding in those years. Borrowings were used to fund the replacement and renewal of existing assets; not just for funding new capital assets which is generally what Council uses debt for.

Council can no longer sustain the use of borrowings to fund our renewal activities. To be financially sustainable, Council must operate at a minimum on a break-even basis, otherwise services would have to be reduced or cut all together. In addition, Council has seen an increase in the cost of materials required for the day-to-day running of services.

For the 2024/25 Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget, Council offered two recovery models for the community to consider. The first would achieve a break-even position this year with a proposed rate rise of 14 per cent in 2024/25 and a return to a CPI increase the following financial years. This path will also save \$250k in interest repayments.

The alternative is a three-year recovery model with a 9.8 per cent rate rise for the 2024/25 financial year. This rate would then be followed by rate rises of CPI + 3.25 per cent and CPI + 0.5 per cent for the following two financial years, achieving a breakeven position within three years. This path will cost \$250k in interest repayments.

We are cognisant of the cost of living pressures many of our residents are facing and would like to remind you of our hardship provisions. If you or someone you know are experiencing financial hardship and may not be able to meet your rates obligations, you can apply for remission or postponement on our website or give our Customer Experience team a call.

## 40 km/h zones now in effect

You have by now seen the new 40 km/h signage on our streets. This project has been in the works for some time and it is very fulfilling to finally see it come to fruition across the six zones.

This was a decision made in the interest of our community and in conjunction with our vision for the future of the City of Burnside. With safety the key factor behind this process we are confident this will lead to safer streets and fewer dangerous incidents.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to the original community consultation in March last year and to those who have offered feedback since. It has been reassuring to Council that we are heading down the correct path with this change.

## Council meeting resolution

Council has resolved to move to one meeting per month from 18 June 2024 for a six-month trial concluding in December 2024.

**Chris Cowley**  
Chief Executive Officer

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# Burnside News

## KGR Dogs on Lead Trial

In response to requests from the community, the City of Burnside is currently running a dogs on lead trial in the north-west corner of Kensington Gardens Reserve at limited times.

The trial, which will be in place until 13 December 2024, encompasses the area shown in the image below adjacent to The Parade and West Terrace.

Council will receive a report before the end of June 2024 that presents the community feedback received and recommendations for any amendments to this declaration. Community feedback was open from 2 April – 31 May 2024.

The City of Burnside would also like to remind residents that all dogs are required to be on lead when within 10 metres of all public playgrounds.



## Your Neighbourhood Budget Update

Voting has nearly closed on this year's Your Neighbourhood Budget. Have your say on what community projects you would like the City of Burnside to support.

Voting closes Friday 14 June 2024, with winning projects to be announced in July. See page 17 for more details on how to vote for your favourites and a QR code.

## Tree City of the World

For the fifth year running the City of Burnside has been recognised as a Tree City of the World.

This recognition from the Arbor Day Foundation celebrates Council's attentive and proactive management of the city's beautiful urban forest, which is home to over 40,000 street, park and reserve trees.

We are so excited to celebrate this recognition and hope you continue to enjoy the beautiful trees thriving in your neighbourhood.

## New ERA for Burnside Small Business

The City of Burnside is now partnering with Eastern Region Alliance (ERA) Business Advisory Service to help local small businesses access complementary one-on-one advice from experienced business advisors.

Assisting across all aspects of business development the service helps guide you in making the best decisions and is available to eligible small businesses operating within all ERA Councils.

Contact our team to learn more.

## Native Plant Giveaway

The City of Burnside's annual Native Plant Giveaway has returned for another year, with plants and flowers available from the nursery as of 31 May while stocks last.

Last year, the nursery gave away over 7,000 native plants to residents, all for the cost of a donation.

This giveaway raised over \$5,000 all of which was donated to Friends of Ferguson Conservation Park.

For more information visit [bit.ly/CoBPlantGiveaway](https://bit.ly/CoBPlantGiveaway)





# Burnside News

## Annual Community Survey

The Annual Community Survey has been undertaken for 2024, with the aim of directing our Strategic Goals for the year. Key takeaways from the survey include the following across six categories:

- **Aged care** – only 37 per cent of residents are aware that the City of Burnside offers *Basic Home maintenance and gardening*, despite it being one of the services the community are most interested in using.
- **Parks and reserves** – residents consider the natural aspects of parks and reserves to be of high value.
- **Cultural / inclusive engagement** – the community is supportive of Council investing in programs to support people living with a disability and other health challenges and investing in multicultural events.
- **Food waste** – 50 per cent of residents are putting food scraps in the green organics bin and Council will introduce further programs to encourage others to do so.
- **Purchasing land for open spaces** – residents are divided on the need for Council to invest more to purchase / create open space. 47 per cent supported, 25 per cent opposed.
- **What residents value most in their suburbs** – *Open spaces* are the most valued, with 85 per cent in favour, followed closely by *Tree cover* on 81 per cent.

You can read the full report on Council's website [bit.ly/CoBACS](https://bit.ly/CoBACS)

## New Doggie Dunnies

Have you seen our new Doggie Dunnies recently installed at Tusmore Park and Penfold Park? These bins are specifically designed for the disposal of dog waste in the compostable bags provided, with the contents of the bins then sent for composting rather than landfill. You can also place these compostable bags in your green organics bin at home.

You can also find Doggie Dunnies at Hazelwood Park, Kensington Wama / Kensington Gardens Reserve, Brock Reserve, Kensington Park Reserve and Conyngham Street Dog Park.



## Native Tree Giveaway Now Open

Fancy a free tree for your garden? Our popular Native Tree Giveaway is back for 2024!

City of Burnside residents, schools and community groups are eligible for one or more trees up to the value of \$75 (GST inclusive per voucher). All you need is a shovel, some water and some sunshine to help increase canopy cover throughout the City of Burnside and enjoy an amazing free native tree in your garden.

Visit [bit.ly/CoBTreeVouch](https://bit.ly/CoBTreeVouch) to apply.





# Burnside Celebrates Completion of Reflect RAP

In a significant milestone for fostering inclusivity and understanding, the City of Burnside proudly announces the successful completion of its inaugural Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), known as the Reflect RAP.

Initiated in November 2022, the Reflect RAP is a testament to the city's commitment to supporting the national reconciliation movement, guided by Reconciliation Australia.

Crafted as a comprehensive framework, the Reflect RAP outlines specific deliverables to foster respectful relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Integral to its mission is the raising of awareness regarding the rich heritage and culture of the Kurna People, the Traditional Custodians of the land of the City of Burnside.

**The Reflect RAP can be accessed on the City of Burnside's website or by following the QR code.**

The culmination of this endeavour was marked on 5 March 2024, as the RAP Working Group confirmed the achievement of the Reflect RAP. The City of Burnside is proud to have achieved its Reflect RAP goals and has forged strong partnerships in the process.

Among the accomplishments are:

- Commemoration of National Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week through hosting well-attended community events and activities, including cultural awareness training, weaving workshops, cultural walks, Author Talks and an Aboriginal language workshop.
- Inclusion of an Acknowledgement of Country to the City of Burnside website.
- Adoption of an Anti-Racism Statement on 25 July 2023 (accessible at [bit.ly/CoB-anti-racism-statement](https://bit.ly/CoB-anti-racism-statement)).

Additionally, the City of Burnside proudly unveiled Nguyanguya Muri (meaning Reconciliation in Kurna language) an artwork designed by prominent Aboriginal artists Allan Sumner and Sarah Bates at the City of Burnside Civic Centre and the creation of Yaitya Kumartapi (meaning Indigenous Keeping Place), a collection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander books and audio-visual material in Burnside Library for the community to borrow.

Reflecting on the journey, the City of Burnside acknowledges the significance of the challenging and emotive discussions that transpired during the planning and implementation phases. However these conversations have served as catalysts for meaningful progress toward genuine reconciliation. Cultural awareness training was provided to equip Council Members and staff with an empathetic understanding of Aboriginal culture, heritage and values in relation to contemporary society.

City of Burnside CEO Chris Cowley said completion of the Reflect RAP had been an important step.

'It has been a privilege to work closely with our Kurna representatives, Mayor, Council Members and staff to deliver the projects contained in our Reflect RAP as we progress on our reconciliation journey.'



Left to right: Mayor Anne Monceaux, Councillor Kerry Hallett, Lynette Crocker and Jeffrey Newchurch



# Burnside Tree Canopy Continues to Thrive

A five-time Tree City of the World, the City of Burnside has become even greener, with recent figures released by Green Adelaide showing the city's 2022 canopy cover sitting at 31 per cent.

A significant growth from previous measurements, the canopy percentage grew from 25 per cent in 2018 and 2019 and signifies a massive win for Burnside's strategic priorities to conserve and enhance canopy cover.

Partnering with Green Adelaide and 18 councils, the program looks to map tree cover, green spaces, built environment and urban heat across our cities.

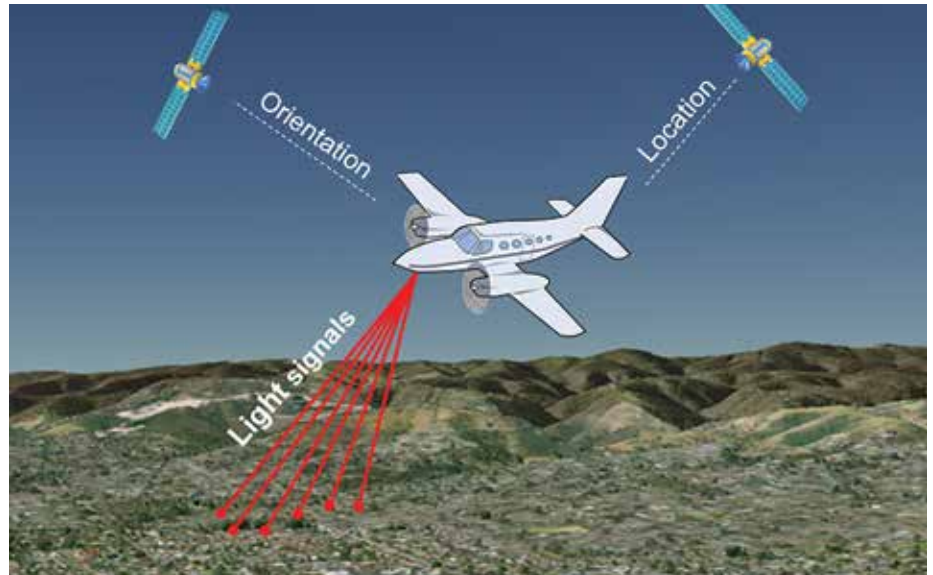
Using a mapping system called LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging), the program builds a three-dimensional model of the landscape, including trees and buildings. Vegetation measuring horizontally three metres or above is counted as 'tree canopy'.

Having planted over 1,000 new trees annually for the last six years, the City of Burnside is excited for future measurements with even greater percentages of tree canopy expected.

City of Burnside CEO Chris Cowley said the investment made by Council into the future of its tree canopy was clearly paying dividends, with an increase in canopy cover that will accelerate in the longer term.

'We currently have thousands of trees that do not reach the three-metre requirement due to their immaturity. In the coming years we will see continued growth in our canopy percentage as these trees meet the threshold.'

If you would like to view the online map of all councils involved in the program, you can visit the Green Adelaide website.





## New 40 km/h Making the Community Safer



Following consultation with the community in 2023, the City of Burnside has completed the process of converting six precincts to 40 km/h zones.

Six new zones as voted through the consultation are as of April 40 km/h, with the goal of increasing community safety and reducing damage and injury incidents.

The new 40 km/h zones are:

- Rose Park, Dulwich and Toorak Gardens
- Beulah Park and Kensington Park (part – north of The Parade)
- Frewville, Glenunga and Glen Osmond (part)
- Kensington Park (part – south of The Parade)
- Kensington Gardens (part) and Magill (part – west of Penfold Road)
- Magill (part – east of Penfold Road).

City of Burnside CEO Chris Cowley said the six new zones would help to deal with many of the issues community members discussed during the consultation period, including speeding, cut through traffic and safety.

'This is going to be a massive positive impact on our community,' Mr Cowley said.

'This came to Council because Council listened to the community. We were receiving an immense amount of feedback where people were sharing their stories where they, or their children, had near misses with vehicles exceeding the previous 50 km/h limit.'

Originally proposed across seven areas in the city, following community engagement, feedback came back against speed limit changes in Eastwood, while the other six were in favour by the majority. Full consultation results are available for public viewing on on the [engage.burnside](https://engage.burnside.gov.au) website.

'This process has been in the works for quite some time now and I want to thank our community for their patience while we sorted out the logistics,' Mr Cowley said.

'When we read the comments, it was reassuring to Council that we were heading down the right path through this speed reduction.'

Fully in effect from late April, the new 40 km/h zones are a part of the city's strategic plan for a more cohesive and connected community.

City of Burnside Mayor Anne Monceaux said the involvement and passion of the community was what was able to make this project come to pass.

'This change had to come from the community,' Mayor Monceaux said. 'If the community didn't support it, we can't force onto people something if they have not had a say. Community feedback was essential.'

'I really want to thank everyone who participated in the engagement. The community has spoken.'





## FAQ:

### Why did the City of Burnside suggest changing speed limits in these areas?

Following concerns raised by residents Council thought it was appropriate to bring the issue to the community to gauge interest in the changes.

### How was the community involved in the decision to create the new 40 km/h zones?

Between 6 March – 31 March 2023, the City of Burnside invited all residents to participate in a community engagement regarding the then proposed speed limit changes across numerous Burnside precincts. A postcard with details was mailed to all residents living in the precincts with the wider consultation promoted across Focus magazine, social media and other platforms. The data from these consultations was then brought to Council which voted to support changes where the community was of a majority in favour.

### What are the benefits of the changes?

Lower speed limits will result in fewer road incidents, creating safer precincts for residents, pedestrians, cyclists and motorists. These changes will also reduce the amount of traffic 'rat running' through side streets.

### When do the new speeds take effect?

40 km/h zones are in effect as of April 2024.

### How will the new speed limits be enforced?

As with all speeding infractions across the state, South Australian Police (SAPOL) will be tasked with enforcing the new speed limits and delegating any fines resulting from infractions. If residents have any concerns regarding the adherence to the new limits, please contact SAPOL.

### Where does the raised revenue from speeding infringements go?

As mentioned above, all fines will be delegated by SAPOL, therefore all revenue raised is collected by the State Government for use in various funding programs. The City of Burnside will not earn any revenue from SAPOL enforcement activities.

### What about Eastwood?

Even though the residents of Eastwood did not support the introduction of 40 km/h on their local streets, Council is undertaking a Local Area Study to understand transport safety, accessibility and liveability issues, concerns and opportunities in the suburb.

Based on the result of the study, Council will develop a suburb specific Precinct Plan that highlights the actions Council intends to take to improve local transport safety, accessibility, and liveability.



# Electronic Waste Recycling

**Electronic waste, also known as e-waste, is any electrical item with a cord, battery or switch that is broken, unrepairable or no longer useful.**

E-waste includes items such as televisions, computers, phones, kitchen appliances, hair dryers, vacuums, stereo equipment and more.

**E-waste cannot be placed in any kerbside bin.**

This is for several reasons, including fire risks, particularly for items with lithium-ion batteries. It cannot be recycled through the Council bin collection and is classified as contamination. Contamination increases the costs of managing waste. Lastly, it is banned from landfill as it contains hazardous materials, including heavy metals such as lithium and lead.

**You can recycle e-waste through drop off locations.**

There are now numerous sites where e-waste can be dropped off around Adelaide, usually free of charge. It is recommended to call the site before delivering your e-waste, to check on charges, opening hours, and what you can drop off. Below is a list of some e-waste sites:

• **Electronic Recycling Australia Unplug N' Drop**

- o Rotary Club, St Peters. Opening hours: Saturday 8.30 am - 12.30 pm. Accept small to medium items.
- o Some Bunnings such as Edwardstown and Windsor Gardens. Accept small to medium e-waste, excluding batteries.
- o For more locations, visit: [www.electronicrecyclingaustralia.com.au](http://www.electronicrecyclingaustralia.com.au)

• **TechCollect**

- o Officeworks at Keswick and Trinity Gardens. Accept all televisions, PCs, laptops, tablets, printers and computer accessories.
- o For more locations, visit: [www.techcollect.com.au](http://www.techcollect.com.au)

• **Campbelltown Waste Depot**, 6 Newton Road, Campbelltown. Opening hours: Monday - Friday 8 am – 3 pm. Accept televisions, computers, and printers, along with some hazardous waste.

• **City of Burnside Depot**, 528 Glynburn Road, Burnside. Storage cage is placed in car park immediately outside of the gate. Opening hours: the fourth Monday of each month (except public holidays), between 8 am and 11.30 am.

Batteries can be recycled for free at over 200 selected retailers, such as Foodland, Drakes, ALDI, Coles and Woolworths. Visit [www.bcycle.com.au/drop-off](http://www.bcycle.com.au/drop-off) and search your suburb for your nearest drop off location.

It is important to recycle e-waste to ensure waste management costs are reduced and the value of resources are maximised. The recycling process also creates jobs in South Australia and reduces landfill.

To find out more about e-waste visit [www.burnside.sa.gov.au/e-waste](http://www.burnside.sa.gov.au/e-waste).





# Fallen Soldiers and the Avenues of Honour

Last month, the City of Burnside Depot team completed the process of replacing 87 tree plaques and five rock plaques along the Avenues of Honour in Rose Park.

These plaques provided accurate information in remembrance of those who lost their lives during World War I.

In 2020, the City of Burnside established a group tasked with researching each of the 87 soldiers commemorated in the area. An audit was completed, which revealed errors in spelling, service history details and other inconsistencies across multiple tree and rock plaques. Given these findings, work was undertaken to replace these plaques with accurate information. Additionally, a plaque was planned to be added to the German 77mm Field Gun on Prescott Terrace to detail its historic provenance and significance.

It was noted that no changes would be made to the plaques at the base of the Helping Hand statue on Alexandra Avenue, regardless of inaccuracies, as the statue is State Heritage listed and cannot be altered.

Council secured a Saluting Their Service Grant from the Department of Veterans Affairs (Australian Government), which covered a portion of the plaque replacement costs.



# Council Fund Assisting Residents with Tree Works

Did you know the City of Burnside has a fund dedicated to helping residents care for regulated and significant trees on private property?

It is the *Regulated and Significant Tree Assistance* fund, also known as RASTA.

Following a successful application to Council, a reimbursement of up to 75 per cent of the work, capped at \$2,000 per tree, can be made in relation to approved works. Consideration for funds up to \$3,000 may be given, at the absolute discretion of the Council. Factors to consider will include cost of the works and the amenity or ecological value of the tree.

**All applications must be reviewed prior to works being conducted.**

Recently, a resident in Skye was assisted by the RASTA fund to help retain a significant tree being strangled by ivy.

The resident was informed by an arborist that if the ivy was not removed, the tree would die. Through the RASTA fund the resident was able to retain the tree and ensure longevity for years to come. The tree is now flourishing and ivy-free.

With the new financial year beginning on 1 July, the RASTA fund will be replenished. Funds are limited.

To fill out an application visit [bit.ly/CoB-RASTA-fund](https://bit.ly/CoB-RASTA-fund)



# Council Members



**Burnside  
Ward**  
**Cr Mike  
Daws**

*For the Ward residents of the suburbs of Burnside, Erindale, Stonyfell and Wattle Park.*

*Thank you to all the residents who contacted us in response to our Summer 2023 Focus article regarding the re-designed intersection of Greenhill and Hallett Roads.*

Your input enabled modifications to be made. The original overly wide bicycle lane on Greenhill Road travelling east was narrowed, thus allowing cars to be in one lane and enabling a much smoother option for “turn left” or “go straight ahead” traffic. Also, an additional curved white line was placed in the middle of Greenhill Road. While it was a minimalist alteration, which appears to be effective, we remain interested in hearing from regular users on any further modifications to increase its safety and efficiency.

Already, there is a good suggestion of restricting parking on the approach to the intersection from Hallett Road and to include a slip lane for left turning traffic up Greenhill Road.

Being cognisant that this upgrade was funded by a Black Spot federal grant, costing nearly \$300k, we do need to get it right with this level of taxpayer support.

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**Burnside  
Ward**  
**Cr Jenny  
Turnbull**

We have also met with the Council horticulturist to plan the rejuvenation, during the Autumn planting season, of the triangular biodiversity area adjacent to the intersection.

On traffic matters, we are pleased to advise that an additional traffic island refuge is being installed at the northern end of Hallett Road near the Kensington Road intersection, a welcome development resulting from local resident requests. A further pedestrian refuge on Kensington Road adjacent to the Wattle Park Shopping Centre is next on our list of priorities.

Community consultation regarding the implementation of dog leash controls in various Burnside reserves has concluded. Three of the four listed reserves are located within or abutting our Ward: Michael Perry, Chambers Gully, and Heatherbank Reserves. The consultation results will guide Council discussions, with a final decision expected just prior to this Focus edition.

It is budget time and after considering resident responses, five Burnside Ward projects will proceed to the final stage of Council approvals. In no set order, they are the Newland Reserve biodiversity site re-vegetation, the beautification of the Penfold/Kensington roundabout, the next stage of the Bell Yett Master Plan implementation, the Lockwood Road South traffic treatments and new interpretive historical signs in key locations within the Ward. We are optimistic that all will be funded as much preliminary work has been undertaken, and in some cases,

progress deferred due to budget constraints.

Stonyfell has been chosen as the suburb to partake in a trial for the planting of different species of trees in Reserves and on verges.

Again, this year, Burnside Council will be conducting a street tree planting programme which includes replacing those trees that have not survived summer. If you have any suggestions as to where new trees could be planted, please let us know, so that we can pass on the locations to the planting team.

Just a reminder that if you would like your verges mowed by Council, please either phone the Council or use the website by typing “verge maintenance” in the search function which will take you to the online form.

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## Trees are under threat in our city and our tree canopy needs our support and protection.

It is thought that trees can sometimes create challenges for homeowners but the benefits to the householder and the wider community far outweighs these challenges. The value and personal benefits of trees and their cooling abilities provide health benefits and well-being to living in the leafy streets of the Burnside council area.

Last year up to 50 trees were illegally felled in Auldana. Due to this devastation on council land, the State Government have donated 15 mature trees which will be planted across Burnside council areas this year. When these large mature trees are removed its benefits are gone forever.

Burnside Council works hard to plant more new trees in our suburbs however, it will take many years for a newly planted tree to provide the same benefits as a mature tree.

Convoluting regulations and associated processes have perpetuated the myth that trees are too hard to maintain or retain. Trees are homes for wildlife, increase urban biodiversity, are nature's medicine, keep us cool, clean our water, and trees increase property value.

Please report any suspicious activity of tree removal to council immediately as unfortunately the illegal removal of trees is rapidly increasing. We need to recognise the value of preserving large significant trees in our landscape and take the necessary steps to reverse this damaging trend.

Fortunately, there is now increasing public concern at the speed in which trees are being illegally removed.

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# New Species Identified in Burnside

An inhabitant of Burnside’s reserves and wetlands, a native frog has recently been classified as a new species.

Thanks to scientists with the Australian Museum and community amphibian enthusiasts associated with the FrogID Project, the Brown Tree Frog (*Litoria ewingii*) native to south-eastern Australia, has been found to consist of three geographically isolated species, not a single species as originally thought.

Found along the southern parts of NSW, Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia, the Brown Tree Frog can be found thriving in urban gardens and parklands.

Following the study which included audio analysis and DNA testing, the Australian Museum found the three species evolved from a common ancestor over two million years ago.

Two recordings from the FrogID project, recorded in the City of Burnside, were used in the acoustic analysis for the project – one from an unknown property near Bell Yett Reserve and another from near Willowbridge Reserve.

The two newly classified species are the South Australian Tree Frog (*Litoria calliscelis*) which is found in the Mount Lofty Ranges, Fleurieu Peninsula and Adelaide coastal plain (including Burnside) and the Kangaroo Island Tree Frog (*Litoria sibilus*), which as the name suggests, is found solely on Kangaroo Island.

Kensington Gardens and Magill Councillor Kerry Hallett is a member of the FrogID Project and said frog population growth in the area was a positive sign.

‘It is a sign the water is clean and the environment is flourishing.’



Cr Kerry Hallett at Kensington Wama. Inset: South Australian Tree Frog (*Litoria calliscelis*).  
Inset image credit: Tom Hunt via iNaturalist.

# Historic Chambers Restored

The City of Burnside is proud to have supported St David's Church to complete the restoration of the former Burnside Council Chambers on Glynburn Road.

In consultation with a State Heritage architect, the work has included replacing the roof, repointing all stonework, and repairing and painting the windows and front verandah.

In the course of this work it was discovered that the original *District Council of Burnside* sign was still in place, but had simply been painted over. With Council's support, the sign has been restored with the original colours and font.

Meetings of the District Council of Burnside were held at this site from 27 December 1869 until March 1928, when the current Council Chambers were opened on Greenhill Road. The former chambers then became the residence of the Council pound keeper, with stables at the rear. In 1959, St David's Church acquired the property.

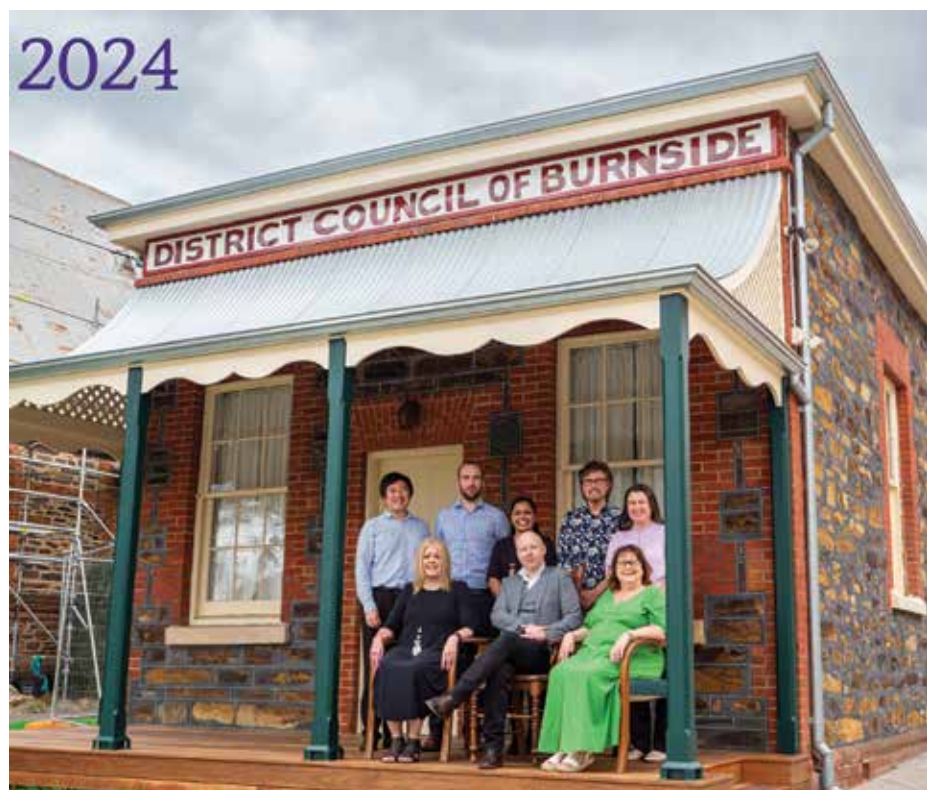
To celebrate the completion of these restoration works, we have recreated the 1928 photo of the chamber, featuring current staff in roles that bear similarities to the ones in the original photo, including:

**Back row (left to right):**

- Assistant Engineer
- Foreman
- Rate Collector
- Engineer
- Clerk

**Front row (left to right):**

- Typist
- District Clerk
- Typist



# Dog and Cat Registration

*Dog registration is due on 1 July and must be paid by 31 August 2024.*

It is the owner's responsibility to ensure that their dog is registered, and failure to do so will result in a late fee of \$15 and a possible unregistered dog expiation of \$170.

DACO is the database of dogs and cats that reside in South Australia. It is also the South Australian dog and cat breeder registration system.

All dogs and cats must be microchipped and all dogs and cats born after 1 July 2018 must be desexed – unless owned by a registered breeder. Cat owners may register their cats with Dogs and Cats Online (DACO). There is no fee for cats within the City of Burnside.

The microchip will help Council to reunite you with your furry friend if they are lost.

DACO will send all dog and cat owners registration notifications in early July using the communications method the owner chose when first registering their dog/cat. This will be by letter, email, or SMS. Remember to check all the details on your renewal (addresses, telephone numbers etc) and update accordingly online. You can also change your preferred renewal option online on your DACO account. **If you chose to be notified by email be sure to check your spam/junk mail.** If no notification is received, please check with DACO, or contact Council as your dog and/or cat must be registered.

To assist owners with the registration and renewals, DACO has detailed videos at [www.dogandcatboard.com.au/dogs-and-cats-online/](http://www.dogandcatboard.com.au/dogs-and-cats-online/) If you are experiencing any difficulties with the renewal of your dog/cat registration, or do not receive a renewal notification, please do not hesitate to contact our Customer Experience team on **8366 4200**. We are here to assist you.

**Dogs born after 1 July 2018 must be desexed and microchipped.**

Council will be contacting owners whose dogs are not desexed and microchipped to remind them of their responsibility to do so.







# Have Your Say

Be involved in the issues that affect you as a resident of the City of Burnside.

## Your Neighbourhood Budget – voting open

Every year the community contributes to the creation of Council’s Business Plan and Budget via the Annual Community Survey (in November) and the Annual Business Plan and Budget engagement process (in May).

Your Neighbourhood Budget is another chance for the community to direct how funds are spent. The community nominates projects and decides which projects are funded at the discretion of Council Members.

\$35,000 is available to spend on projects in your neighbourhood.

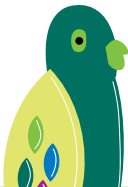
The community decides which projects will be installed or maintained by Council, in conjunction with the winner, on community land such as parks, reserves, road verges and community centres in the City of Burnside.

Voting on proposals is now open and closes **Friday 14 June 2024**.

Winning projects will be announced on [engage.burnside.sa.gov.au](https://engage.burnside.sa.gov.au) in **July 2024**.



You can stay informed with the latest news and have a say on the issues that shape your community.



## [engage.burnside](https://engage.burnside.sa.gov.au)

Are you interested in staying informed on what is happening in Burnside and want to ensure you have a voice for all Council community engagements? [engage.burnside.sa.gov.au](https://engage.burnside.sa.gov.au) is a great way to see open community engagement projects and past plans and read about local stories on our News Hub. Register now and you can have a say on the issues that shape your community and access information about local issues and events.



## Safety and Respect at the City of Burnside

Everyday our hardworking Customer Experience team interact with hundreds of people from across the City of Burnside, either over the phone or face-to-face at the Customer Service desk. Our staff are trained to treat every individual with courtesy and respect throughout their interaction and expect this to be reciprocated in turn.

We all deserve to work and operate in a safe environment, and this applies not only to Council staff but also to volunteers, associates and visitors to all Council premises. With this in mind, we kindly ask that you continue to treat our staff with kindness and respect as they work their hardest to assist you.

# Upcoming Works

## Bollard installations:

Ashley Avenue Reserve, Glen Osmond  
 Bayview Crescent, Beaumont  
 Glenunga Reserve, Glenunga  
 Hazelwood Park, Hazelwood Park  
 Kensington Gardens Reserve, Kensington Gardens

## Drainage:

Cooper Place, Hazelwood Park  
 Kintore Avenue, Hazelwood Park  
 Knox Terrace, Skye  
 Pridmore Road, Glen Osmond  
 Seaforth Avenue, Hazelwood Park

## Footpath paving:

Adnunda Place, Beaumont  
 Dashwood Road, Beaumont  
 Giles Street, Magill  
 Laurel Avenue, Linden Park  
 Newcastle Street, Leabrook  
 North Street, Frewville  
 Stonyfell Road, Wattle Park

## Irrigation upgrade:

Alan E Cousin Reserve, Burnside  
 Warland Reserve, Burnside

## Lighting upgrades:

Beaumont Common, Beaumont  
 Civic Centre Carpark, Tasmore  
 Main Street, Eastwood  
 The Parade (Shipsters Road to Glynburn Road),  
 Kensington Park

## Playground upgrades:

Knightsbridge Playground, Leabrook

## Re-kerbing:

Chessington Avenue, Frewville  
 Kings Avenue, Burnside  
 North Street, Frewville  
 Verdale Avenue,  
 Linden Park



## Road resurfacing:

Allendale Grove, Stonyfell  
 Bonython Avenue, Beaumont  
 Bower Place, Eastwood  
 Bushy Park Drive (Palomino Road to Bushy Park Drive),  
 Auldana  
 Chatsworth Grove (Warwick Avenue to Cudmore Avenue),  
 Toorak Gardens  
 Edmund Wright Avenue (Rebecca Avenue to Edmund  
 Wright Avenue), Auldana  
 Glynburn Road (Russell Avenue to Dryden Avenue),  
 Burnside  
 Katoomba Road, Beaumont  
 Langman Reserve, Burnside  
 Patrick Auld Drive, Auldana  
 Penfold Road (Stonyfell Road to Allendale Grove),  
 Stonyfell  
 Prescott Terrace (Grant Avenue to Swaine Avenue),  
 Toorak Gardens  
 Rebecca Avenue, Auldana  
 Seaforth Ave (Glynburn Road to Burns Avenue),  
 Hazelwood Park  
 Tamarack Avenue (Booth Avenue to Devereux Road),  
 Linden Park  
 Thomas Place (Alexandra Avenue to Grant Avenue),  
 Rose Park  
 Travers Drive, Beaumont  
 Tregenza Close, Beaumont  
 Warrego Crescent Reserve Access Road, Linden Park  
 Wheal Gawler Street, Glen Osmond

## Rotunda remediation:

Plane Tree Reserve, Glenside



# Completed Works

## Footpath paving:

Crompton Drive Walkway, Wattle Park (\$14k)

Lewis Avenue, Glen Osmond (\$27k)



Compton Drive Walkway, Wattle Park



Salop Reserve,  
Beulah Park

## Drinking fountain:

Bennett Reserve, Magill (\$20k)

JB Ware Reserve, Glen Osmond (\$21k)

Salop Reserve, Beulah Park (\$13k)

## Playground upgrade:

Wombat Waterhole (playground timber platforms),  
Hazelwood Park (\$55k)

Wombat Waterhole (rubber softfall), Hazelwood Park (\$41k)

## Doggie Dunny:

Penfold Park, Magill (\$7k)

Tusmore Park, Tusmore (\$7k)



Penfold Park, Magill



# Be ... Connected



## Lions Club of Glenside

We run the Bookmart (Kennaway Street, Tusmore) raising funds for many charitable causes. Open every Friday (10am–1pm), Saturday-Sunday (10am–3pm), Monday (10am–1pm). Hundreds of books are donated every week, so if you want a particular book there's a chance we have it. Or just browse.

Like to plan ahead? Put these Art Show dates in your diary now...

- 29 July – 14 October: Artists' registration.
- 13 October: Gala Opening, 7pm at the Burnside Ballroom.
- 14-18 October: Public days, 10am–5pm(4pm on the 18th).

More information:

<https://glensidelionsartshow.com.au/>

We welcome new members. Telephone Frank (0403 949 745) to know more.

## TOORAK GARDENS MEN'S PROBUS CLUB

Meet on the first Tuesday of the month, 9:45am at the Burnside Civic/Community Centre.

Interesting guest speakers. Activities include walking groups, cycle group and book club.

Outings during the year include mixed lunches and tours.

New members always welcome.

Contact email:

[probustoorakgardens@outlook.com](mailto:probustoorakgardens@outlook.com)



The Art Show Gala Opening 2023



## The Combined Probud Club of Burnside

Meet at The Kensington Gardens Bowling and Tennis Club at 10am on the second Monday of every month, (except for Public Holidays when we meet on the third Monday.) We offer Fellowship, Friendship and Fun with excellent Guest Speakers, Day Trips, Book Club, Bridge, Film and Theatre and Coffee Mornings.

All welcome.

President:

Heather Dibben 0477 640 978

Secretary:

Donna Riseley 0403 379 261



## Laurel Avenue Community Garden

Laurel Avenue Pirkurna Wirra Peter Bennett Organic Community Garden was opened on the 2nd of December 2021 and commemorates Peter Bennett (1928 - 2010), an Adelaide pioneer of the Organic agricultural movement in Australia. Peter spent his career educating the public on the health and sustainability benefits of growing foods organically as well as the benefits of establishing public spaces that support community wellbeing.

The community garden is located at 31 Laurel Avenue Linden Park (entry from Wemyss Street) and offers memberships for communal plots as well as for private plots. Social gatherings include morning tea at 10am on the last Saturday of each month and weekly meet up times on Thursdays at 9.30am, Saturdays 9am and Sundays 3pm.

Whether you are a novice or an experienced gardener, please consider joining this friendly, vibrant group of garden enthusiasts. For enquiries please email: [memberships@lindengarden.org.au](mailto:memberships@lindengarden.org.au)



# The Regal Theatre



## National Reconciliation Week Charity Screening – *The Last Daughter*

**Monday 3 June 6.30 pm. \$12 - \$15.**

We are honoured to host Brenda Matthews for this special National Reconciliation Week screening of her story – *The Last Daughter*.

Brenda's first memories were of growing up in a loving white foster family before she was suddenly taken away and returned to her Aboriginal family.



## Rob Mills Performs the Songs of Bon Jovi

**Friday 6 September 8 pm. \$69 - \$99.**

In celebration of Bon Jovi's 40th anniversary milestone, we present an unforgettable night in tribute – performed by Aussie superstar Rob Mills, backed by some of Australia's best live musicians!

Showcasing songs spanning Bon Jovi's 40 year career, Mills will perform hits such as Livin' on a Prayer, It's My Life, You Give Love a Bad Name, Always, Runaway – and some special surprises for the diehard fans.



## Diamond – Hot August Night

**Friday 2 August 8 pm. \$59 - \$69.**

Ty Penshorn's Diamond Tribute Show is an experience that is visually stunning and musically superb. Ty not only emulates the distinct voice of Neil Diamond, he puts on a performance that is second to none.

Backed by his 8-piece band with a dynamic brass section and female backing vocals, the Diamond Show captures all the hits that made Neil Diamond so famous!

## Rebecca O'Connor as Tina – Simply the Best

**Saturday 10 August 2 pm and 8 pm. \$59 - \$79.**

Be prepared to stand in your seats as Rebecca delivers her flawless rendition of Tina Turner's greatest hits, including Nutbush City Limits, Proud Mary, River Deep, Private Dancer, When the Heartache Is Over, Better Be Good to Me and of course her anthem, Simply the Best.





# Events

## Dulwich Community Centre

Did you know you can hire the Dulwich Community Centre for your event or community group? The recently redeveloped space located on Union Street features onsite parking, accessible amenities, a large hall, tables and chairs. Visit [bit.ly/BurnsideDCC](http://bit.ly/BurnsideDCC) now to find out more!

## Disability and Inclusion Expo – FREE EVENT

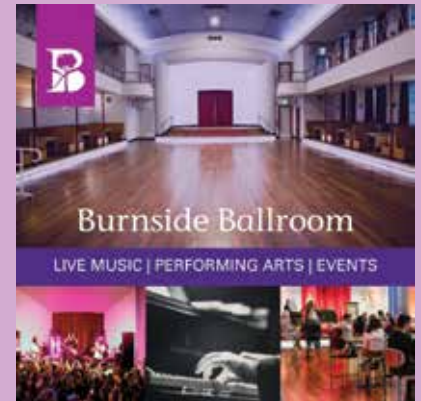
**Saturday 13 July, 10 am – 2 pm**

**Burnside Community Centre**

The City of Burnside’s inaugural Disability and Inclusion Expo will showcase a diverse range of stallholders across the disability, access and inclusion sector. The event will include keynote speakers, interactive exhibits and demonstrations, performances from local community disability groups and an engaging panel discussion from people with lived experience of disability.

The day will provide attendees with valuable insights and opportunities to learn, connect, and collaborate on promoting diversity and accessibility.

**Keynote speaker** - Chris Blowes is the keynote speaker for the event. Chris is an Australian Para Surf Champion and co-author of the book *Caught Inside*. On Anzac Day 2015, Chris was surfing when he was attacked by a great white shark and lost a leg.



## What’s on in the Ballroom

Did you know the Burnside Ballroom is an original heritage-listed venue that exudes historical retro charm, has stunning acoustics and hosts a range of public events throughout the year? The venue is humming with live music events, dance festivals, community concerts, celebrations, cultural events, art shows, plus much more!

Discover What’s on in the Ballroom: [bit.ly/Whats-on-in-the-Ballroom](http://bit.ly/Whats-on-in-the-Ballroom)

## Environment and Sustainability EXPO - with Gardening Australia’s Sophie Thomson - FREE EVENT

**Saturday 15 June, 10 am – 2 pm**

**Burnside Civic Centre**

Join us at City of Burnside’s Environment and Sustainability EXPO and discover how easy it is to live sustainably, one small change at a time. Let’s make eco-friendly living the new norm!

This is a free family event with activities for all ages. Guest speakers include Gardening Australia presenter Sophie Thomson and author Rebecca Sullivan. There will be a sustainable fashion market, food vans, exhibits, displays, cooking demonstrations plus much more. See website for full details.

[bit.ly/EnvironmentSustainabilityExpo](http://bit.ly/EnvironmentSustainabilityExpo)





# Events

## Burnside Library

### FiSCH Parenting Sessions

#### Various dates

Family Initiative Supporting Children’s Health (FiSCH) is a program to help you as a family with the tools and information needed to feel safe, secure and confident in your ability to support your child’s development.

FiSCH is a series of accessible workshops from local service providers for new parents on topics such as:

- emotional literacy
- social development
- developmental milestones.

Fees might apply. Bookings are essential.

### Smartphone Photography Series

Thursday 13 June

2 pm – 3.30 pm

Burnside Library

Learn to compose, edit and share great photos!

Ever wondered how people take such great photos using only their phone?

This three-part series will take you step by step through the basics of smartphone photography, from composing, to editing and then how to share. Join us and discover something new while building confidence on your phone.

This month’s session will be focusing on:

- The best ways to share photos.
- What should we consider if we want to share photos on social media?

Free. Bookings essential.



### Author Talk:

*Finding Emma* by Valerie Volk

Thursday 18 July

6.30pm – 7.30 pm

Burnside Library

Join us to celebrate Valerie Volk’s new novel, *Finding Emma*. Emma Werner, now an old woman, is domineering, cold and difficult to love. But she has not always been so. What happened to Magdalena Johanna Emma Scholz, the bright young woman she once was? And why does she still take flowers to the grave of her first love?

\$5 per person. Bookings essential.

### Beyond Blindness Information Session

Monday 12 August

11 am - 12 pm

Burnside Library

For over 75 years Beyond Blindness has provided a range of services for people who are blind or vision impaired. Their focus is to promote and assist our members in maintaining their independence and individual lifestyles.

Join us for this information session to learn more about how to support someone who is blind or vision impaired and the assistance that is available.

Free event. Bookings essential.



### July School Holiday Program

Winter school holidays are nearly here. With a variety of fun activities for all ages, this program sells out fast! Bookings are required for all sessions. We hope you enjoy the fun and engaging school holiday activities.

Find out What’s on at the Library



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# Pepper Street Arts Centre



**2024 FEATURED EXHIBITIONS**  
[bit.ly/PepStExhibits](https://bit.ly/PepStExhibits)

**Celebrating 70 Years**  
**Studio Potters SA**  
28 June – 19 July

**Gardens' Palette**  
**South Australian Living Artists Festival**  
28 July – 23 August

**Anything Goes**  
**SA Mosaics**  
30 August – 27 September

**Nature's Foundations 3**  
**2024 Artist Residency Program**  
4 October – 8 November

**Little Treasures for Christmas**  
**Handmade Art and Craft Gifts**  
17 November – 19 December

**ARTISTS OF THE MONTH**  
[bit.ly/PepStArtOfMth](https://bit.ly/PepStArtOfMth)

**DORRIT'S COFFEE SHOP**  
Affordable light menu, locally baked.  
[bit.ly/Dorrits](https://bit.ly/Dorrits)

**CLASSES & GROUPS**  
Beginners through to experienced,  
weekdays, evenings and weekends.  
[bit.ly/PepStArtClass](https://bit.ly/PepStArtClass)  
[bit.ly/PepStArtCmtyGrps](https://bit.ly/PepStArtCmtyGrps)

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR ARTISTS**  
Monthly submissions.  
[bit.ly/PepStArtistOpps](https://bit.ly/PepStArtistOpps)

**INFORMATION**  
Free newsletter to your inbox  
[bit.ly/PepperStNews](https://bit.ly/PepperStNews)

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Pepper Street Arts Centre is located at 558 Magill Road, Magill, open Tues – Fri 10 am – 5 pm and Saturday 12 noon - 5 pm. Closed public holidays and Easter Saturday. Phone 8364 6154 or visit [www.pepperstreetartscentre.com.au](http://www.pepperstreetartscentre.com.au) or [www.facebook.com/PepperSt](https://www.facebook.com/PepperSt) or Instagram. Exhibitions. Gift Shop. Art Classes. Coffee Shop. Free Entry. Car Parking. Disability Access.

## George Bolton Swimming Centre Changing Places Upgrade

On 24 April 2024, the City of Burnside welcomed several special guests to the George Bolton Swimming Centre to celebrate the completion of a Changing Places facility, supported by state and federal funding. Joining City of Burnside CEO Chris Cowley for the special occasion were Minister for Social Services Amanda Rishworth MP, Minister for Human Services and Minister for Seniors and Ageing Well Nat Cook MP, Max Price and his support worker Josh Conner.

In late 2023 the City of Burnside undertook works at the George Bolton Swimming Centre to develop a Changing Places compliant facility, which is designed to specifically meet the requirements of people living with disability, including sufficient space to allow carer support. A Changing Places facility provides privacy in a safe, accessible and dignified manner for those living with disability, allowing them to continue to access much-loved community spaces such as the George Bolton Swimming Centre.

These works were part of a wider development at the swimming centre, which also saw the creation of a Disability Discrimination Act compliant change room, two school change rooms and one meeting room.

Chris Cowley said the new facilities would help to foster inclusivity for all to participate and enjoy the beautiful George Bolton Swimming Centre.

'The City of Burnside is proud to be able to provide this facility to the community with support from the state and federal governments.

'We are committed to providing an inclusive and accessible city for all our residents and visitors. Through our Disability Access and Inclusion Plan we will continue to identify such avenues for improvement.'

The Disability Access and Inclusion Plan promotes equal rights for all in the Burnside community. It recognises Council's responsibility to support people with disabilities to access the same human rights as everyone in the community.

Now closed for the season, the George Bolton Swimming Centre looks forward to welcoming you back to the pool late in 2024.



Left to right: CEO Chris Cowley, Cr Andy Xing, Amanda Rishworth MP, Max Price and Nat Cook MP.



An arts and cultural initiative funded by the City of Burnside