



**BE A GOOD
DOG OWNER**

Mayor's report

High-rise in Dulwich, Rose Park and Eastwood

The Planning, Transport and Infrastructure Department of the State government has prepared a plan to accommodate expected population growth of Adelaide over the next 30 years. The plan limits urban sprawl in outer suburbs and encourages greater population densities in the city itself and inner suburbs, including Burnside.

If adopted in its current form, the Departmental plan will permit high-rise development of up to 12 storeys along the outer rim of the city parklands. This involves the Burnside suburbs of Eastwood, Dulwich and Rose Park along Greenhill and Fullarton Roads. There is presently a twelve metre height limit on development along these roads. While the Department accepts that Burnside is easily capable of accommodating its share of population growth it has insisted that a substantial portion of the planned growth in Burnside must be accommodated on the parkland fringe of the city.

The City of Burnside agrees with the objectives of the 30 year plan. It is prepared to accommodate its share of the projected growth. Burnside also accepts a modest increase in height limits along Greenhill and Fullarton Roads but regards the proposed 12 storey structures as unfair and unreasonable. We support the passionate view of many residents - that the visual, environmental and social impact of buildings of up to 12 storeys will strongly and adversely affect Burnside's heritage suburbs and the social fabric of their communities.

There are encouraging signs that pressure from the public is softening the Department's uncompromising position. Burnside has been invited to submit to the Department our concept plan which reduces the concentrated impact of population growth in Rose Park, Dulwich and Eastwood and manages growth across the city.

We welcome this invitation and will be submitting our updated concept plan in early July. Should the Burnside concept plan be accepted in whole or in part by the Department, Burnside will develop a more formal Development Plan Amendment of its own. This process will involve extensive public consultation.

2013-14 Budget

Council finalised its 2013/14 budget at its last meeting in June. We inherited in the 2010/11 budget an operating deficit of \$2.6m. In this, our third budget, with an average rate increase of 3.9 per cent we are able to forecast a modest operating surplus. This is a creditable achievement attributable to a supportive ratepayer community and rigorous scrutiny and rationalization of council Administrative practices, programs and projects.

Waste Collection

The Burnside community has unequivocally accepted the new three bins and a basket waste collection system. Operationally, the system has stabilised and we expect the annual landfill contribution from Burnside to decrease by in the order of 1,200 tonnes as a result of its introduction.

Residents have redirected this tonnage from landfill to recycling waste. Through careful waste separation practices there is now a significant drop in the volume of contamination associated with recycling waste. All these developments have very positive environmental and financial benefits.

I have been asked on several occasions why Burnside replaced all the former green bins when many were evidently in good order. The explanation is quite simple. What could be observed at the micro level (your bin and your neighbour's bin had considerable life remaining) did not accurately reflect the situation at the macro or whole of city level.

As a whole, the Burnside stock of green bins was in a poor condition. Servicing and replacing these bins on a needs basis had become costly. On an average collection day, 50 bins were collapsing and disappearing into the collection vehicle.

We compared the costs of continuing to service, repair and/or replace the green bins over an extended period of time with delivering robust new bins as part of the new waste and recycling delivery. Wholesale replacement of bins was 40 per cent lower in cost on a net present value basis.

Constitutional Recognition of Local Government

Concurrent with the Federal Election (which at time of going to press was to be confirmed by the new Prime Minister) a referendum will offer Australian citizens the opportunity to support the recognition of Local Government in the Australian Constitution.

The issue has arisen because two recent High Court decisions on matters unrelated to local government have thrown doubt on the constitutional legitimacy of the practice of direct Commonwealth funding for any entity not recognised in the Constitution.

Constitutional recognition of Local Government has the unanimous support of your City of Burnside Council.

I encourage you to consider both sides of the argument and make an informed decision as to how you will vote.

David Parkin
Mayor of Burnside



News and Media

Think before you bin it!

As part of the subsidy that council has received to help fund the three bin changeover we are obligated to carry out kerb side waste surveys. These surveys tell us how well our residents are adhering to the principles of splitting waste into its components of green waste, general waste to landfill and recyclable waste.

The first kerb side waste survey has just been carried out and preliminary results show that our residents have embraced the green organics and compostable bag concept and have produced very good results. The level of contamination in the compostable bags was very low with only minor levels of biodegradable bags being used instead of compostable bags.

The recycle bin use was average to good with a few exceptional levels of contamination occurring at a few individual properties. Some residents are still putting recycle products into plastic bags, which make sorting more difficult.

The E-waste disposal weekends held at the Depot were very successful with more than 100 tonnes of computers and 10 tonnes of general E-waste collected.

For information on recycling and depositing of E-waste, check out our website or go to www.zerowaste.sa.gov.au.



Elector Representation Review

Council has completed the Elector Representation Review process and received certification from the State Electoral Commissioner. An Elector Representation Review is a legislative requirement which is undertaken periodically to determine whether the “community would benefit from an alteration to its composition or ward structure” in order to “receive adequate and fair representation”.

Several alternatives have been considered by Council and were put to the community for comment. The review identified that a change was needed in the ward boundary between the Eastwood and Glenunga Ward and the Beaumont Ward to provide for the projected increase in population due to development of the Glenside Hospital site. There will be no change to the boundaries of the other four wards.

Council will continue to have a Mayor (elected at large) and two Councillors per ward. The change to the ward boundary will take effect at the Council election in November 2014. Further information and maps will be made available on Council's website.

Community Survey

This year we conducted the first Annual Community Survey to find out what our residents think of key issues. See page 5 for a summary of the results.

Major Projects

See page 11 for an update on the proposed Burnside Swimming Pool Redevelopment Plan and the Glenunga Hub Redevelopment Plan.

Community Venues Available for Hire

The Burnside Community Centre and Burnside Ballroom are available for casual or regular hire for your next function or community gathering. Please refer to the Community Venues page of our website for full details, costing, conditions of hire and application forms. For further information or venue availability, please contact Customer Service staff on 8366 4200 or email comcentre@burnside.sa.gov.au.

Justice of the Peace

The City of Burnside has a Justice of the Peace service available to witness or process official documents for you. The volunteer Justices are available in the Community Centre, Bill Dean Lounge, Monday - Friday 10am - 12pm and 1pm - 3pm and Saturdays 10am - 12pm in the Library. No appointment necessary but please ensure you have sufficient copies of your documents before seeing the JP.

Media Wrap

The City of Burnside often attracts media attention – both good and bad! We have a proactive media policy which allows us to promote the good works of Council and respond quickly to media issues.

Throughout April and May there was continued coverage on Waterfall Gully Road and frequent calls for its improvement. The State Government's Development Plan Amendment also generated a lot of heated comment.

Our call for public feedback on the Burnside Swimming Centre redevelopment received broad radio coverage, and a motion by one Councillor to make Hazelwood Park an on-leash park for dogs did not get past first base and attracted considerable media, praising 'people power'.

Mayor David Parkin commented on a number of issues in radio and print interviews, including retaining Magill Campus, the cost of watering in parklands, poisoning of a gum tree, an upgrade to the Britannia roundabout and the Magill Precinct upgrade.

In May it was announced that a referendum would be held at the September Federal election to recognise local councils in the Constitution. This continues to attract a lot of debate in media, including letters and editorial comments.

We commented on the Magill Precinct makeover, the possibility of cat registration, replacing trees in the Memorial on Prescott Terrace and Alexandra Avenue and smoking near playgrounds.

In late May we had a 'good news week' with the story of a lost lamb rescued by our Inspectors, a Channel 7 news story on a program for elderly drivers, the installation of defibrillators in our three main buildings and public consultation on the annual budget.

Chapel Street community garden wins State award



Chapel Street Community Garden has received the prestigious Parks and Leisure Australia (PLA) State Award for Inclusive and Connected Communities.

The City of Burnside developed the community garden in response to identified needs in the local community for space to grow fruit and vegetables, and come together in friendship.

The award recognises “innovative programs/projects/practices/or events that deliver greater opportunities in leisure through the creation and strengthening of Inclusive and Connected Communities”.

Nominations are considered as best practice examples for the industry in:

- creating and sustaining partnerships in delivering leisure opportunities
- establishing supportive environments for volunteering and community involvement
- increasing participation across community sectors.

The City of Burnside’s Chapel Street Community Garden has now progressed to the national award process. This will be announced at the PLA National Conference in Melbourne in October 2013.

About the garden

Officially opened in May 2012, the Chapel Street Community Garden fosters healthy food production and creates an environmentally friendly, ecologically sustainable environment. It also encourages social interaction, community building and cross-cultural understanding and collaboration.

Individual plots are rented and the ‘tenant’ plants fruit or vegetables of their choice. The majority of plots contain vegetables, ranging from asparagus, eggplant, tomatoes, lettuce and spinach to watermelon, sweet corn and radishes. Growers harvest their own crops and often trade between themselves but are not allowed to sell commercially.

The garden exists in a supportive relationship with the City of Burnside and Morialta Community Centre and recently had a new entry sign complete with the garden’s logo and a notice board to inform the public of coming events. The sign complements the other creative pieces in the garden. These include a decorated ‘totem pole’ by the Pepper Street Arts Centre and Magill Primary School and mosaic stepping stones by Uniting Communities and Magill Lodge.

Members of the public are invited to join the garden as a plot holder or general garden member. All are welcome to open days and working bees on the third Saturday of each month, with workshops and other events being planned for the future.



Annual Community Survey 2013

The inaugural Annual Community Survey was undertaken in February 2013 using a statistically valid random telephone survey of 800 City of Burnside residents.

The purpose of the survey was to provide a measure of the level of community satisfaction and perceived performance of services provided by the Council to its residents.

Results were used to measure the Council's performance in delivering and achieving the Be the Future of Burnside 2025 Strategic Community Plan desired outcomes and were used for the allocation process for 2013/14 Annual Council Budget.

As a result of the feedback, it is proposed that in the Draft 2013/14 Annual Budget, additional funds will be spent on trees, consultation with and informing the community, providing and maintaining footpaths, and continuing to improve the new waste service known as 3 Bins and a Basket.

General survey results

The Annual Community Survey revealed that residents generally have a reasonably high level of satisfaction with the services provided by Council. Some services have lower levels of satisfaction, but all services were considered to be average to good.

Services which attracted the overall highest satisfaction levels were; "providing library services" and "presentation and cleanliness of the City".

At the other end of the spectrum, three aspects rated lower being; "financial management", "performance of current Elected Members being transparent, ethical and reflecting the best interests and values of the community" and "providing leadership in the community".

Council's overall performance

One in three respondents said they were very satisfied with Council's overall performance in the last 12 months and rated the performance 8 out of 10 or higher. Seventy seven per cent of respondents stated they were satisfied with the overall performance of Council.

Resident suggestions for areas to consider for improvement

- Footpaths need repair / want more footpaths (16 per cent of respondents suggested this theme)
- Maintain and preserve heritage trees / verges (15 per cent)
- More hard rubbish collection (15 per cent)
- Council should be in touch with residents / listen and consult / better communication / notify of works projects (11 per cent) and
- More green waste rubbish collection (9 per cent).

Resident suggestions for stopping a service

Only three per cent of respondents perceived that there were services currently provided by Council that they considered should not be provided.

Resident suggestions for new services

Three in four respondents could not suggest any new services. Themes that were suggested included more:

- Collection of hard, electronic, hazardous and green waste, provision of a dump location within Council area for these waste products
- Emphasis on maintenance of trees, footpaths, roads and general maintenance of parks
- Recreation facilities such as, walking/ cycling trails, dog parks, BMX and skateboard areas
- Transport / home help / facilities for elderly and people with disabilities; and
- Engagement with community / more information / phone service / face to face contact with Elected Members.

There was strong support (79 per cent) for Council to develop a cat management approach similar to the way dogs are managed.

There was lower agreement that Council should support neighbouring councils in lobbying State Government to change Australian Road Rules to allow residents to park on the driveway crossover in front of their own properties using a permit system.

Council wishes to thank all the residents who gave of their time and opinions to help make the City of Burnside a better place to be.



Be a good dog owner...



Dog registrations are due for renewal from 1 July. Our cover story explains the importance of registering your dog, your responsibilities as a dog owner and how your registration money is spent.

The City of Burnside plays a vital role in encouraging responsible dog ownership to reduce public and environmental nuisance caused by dogs. We also promote the effective management of dogs, including through the encouragement of de-sexing and microchipping.

Dogs are an important part of the lives of many City of Burnside residents with more than 5000 registered dogs. Animal Management in the City of Burnside is the responsibility of the Ranger Services, formerly known as Regulatory Services. Rangers were until recently known as Inspectors. The change of name reflects the expansion of their role from law enforcement staff to community liaison officers in the field. They will take an active role in assisting the community with their issues and coordinating responses and follow ups.

There are significant known social and health benefits in owning a dog. Pet ownership can lower blood pressure, lessen stress, increase survival chances after a heart attack, decrease minor ailments such as backache and the common cold, and reduce cholesterol levels; but it is important that dogs are well managed by their owners to ensure they do not cause inconvenience, public nuisance or injury to others, or environmental harm.

Troy Martin, Acting Team Leader, Ranger Services, says it is very important for dogs to be socialised with other dogs and people. "Dogs that haven't been socialised may become shy, fearful and can sometimes become aggressive," says Troy. "They may not develop the necessary social skills to interact with other dogs and they may run away."

Troy says dog ownership can be fun and rewarding but also entails responsibilities.

"When walking dogs on streets and footpaths they must be on a leash at all times. They also must be on-leash within 20 metres of a playground or an organised sporting event."

Dog owners must ensure their dogs are under effective control when off leash in a park. There is a requirement under the Dog and Cat Management Act which specifies owners must have effective voice command control. "If they can't do that then the dog must be on a leash not exceeding two metres in length," Troy says.

Under Section 26 (3) of the Dog and Cat Management Act, revenue raised from dog registration must be used in the administration and enforcement of dog management under the Act.

"Dog registration fees are not just a revenue raiser," Troy says. "The money raised from registration goes back into the community to fund our services, information and infrastructure."

Another benefit of registration is that wandering dogs can be quickly reunited with their owners. "It is much easier for us to reunite you with your dog if they are wearing a Council-issued registration tag," Troy says. "Microchipping is important but is not always as effective as the information is not readily available to Council and the dog may not be identified as quickly."

When a dog is found wandering without their owner then Council Rangers can access a data base of registered dogs in Burnside which will immediately provide all the information necessary to contact the owner and return the dog. "Even if the dog crosses into another Council area, if it is wearing a registration tag, Rangers from the other Council know how to obtain information on the owner," Troy says.

Register your dog now

A trained, microchipped and de-sexed dog will lower the cost of your registration but you will need to provide proof such as a vet certificate, training course or microchip information.

All pets purchased from reputable animal shelters are de-sexed, microchipped and have had a personality assessment to ensure they go to a suitable home.

All dogs must be registered by the age of three months. If you haven't registered your dog before and it is older than three months you can do so between July and August 2013 without penalty.

If you have any inquiries about dog ownership please contact Ranger Services on 8366 4239.

Owner's Responsibility

- A dog owner must register their dog each year and notify council in writing of any changes of address, death or dog disposal
- A dog owner must keep the dog from barking to the annoyance of others
- A dog owner must pick up after their defecating dog in a public place
- A dog owner must ensure their dog does not attack or harass a person, animal or bird
- A dog owner must not allow their dog to wander unsupervised
- Dogs must be exercised on a leash no more than 2 metres in length unless exercised in our off leash parks/reserves
- Dogs in off leash parks/ reserves must be exercised under effective control from their owners – by voice command.



Have you ever wondered where that registration money goes and what you are getting for it?

Local councils use the money received from dog registration to:

- Provide an identification mechanism for all dogs allowing lost or injured dogs to be reunited with their owners
- Provide an effective communication process with dog owners
- Provide resources to develop dog management programs, events and to enforce legislation
- Provide funding for the maintenance of pounds and shelters managed by the Animal Welfare League and the RSPCA, and to maintain their own council dog pounds
- Provide funding for community education such as the Living Safely with Pets school program
- Provide funding for administrative and research expenses of councils
- Encourage de-sexing by being able to provide a system of subsidising registrations for those owners whose dogs are de-sexed
- Provide proof of ownership for dogs
- Provide equipment, fencing, bag dispensers, etc for council maintained dog parks
- Support by-law enforcement
- Provide an efficient and acceptable service to the community.

Dog registration also funds the Dog and Cat Management Board, which in turn provides local councils across the State with:

- Information and advice regarding the Act and the responsibilities of councils
- A conduit of information between State and Local Government
- Media communications campaigns to raise awareness of responsible dog and cat ownership
- A range of brochures and publications which are then provided freely to the community
- A source of advice on matters relating to the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995.



Budget

The Annual Business Plan and Budget was adopted at Council's meeting on 25 June. It keeps the rates increase to a minimum, delivers the required range of services and achieves a small surplus budget.

We expect to raise \$31.96 million in revenue from general rates (net of rate rebates and excluding the State Government Natural Resources Management Levy). Compared to 2012/3, this represents a general rate increase of 3.9 per cent plus growth (resulting from new developments in the City) of 1.07 per cent.

In the coming financial year we will invest \$48.3 million to achieve the goals set out in our 2013/14 Annual Business Plan. Funds will be raised through rates, Commonwealth and State grants, statutory and user charges and agreed borrowings. We aim to adopt a balanced budget where total income equals expenditure while ensuring that our services meet the needs of our residents and are delivered in the most cost effective way possible. In 2013/14 Council has budgeted for a small operating surplus of \$55,000.

Council has produced a capital program with a focus on facilities improvement, including the progression of the major strategic initiative projects of Glenunga Hub, Civic Centre upgrade, Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Project and Burnside Swimming Centre Improvements.

Priorities & Highlights

The Council's overall priority for 2013/14 is to undertake initiatives which respond to our Vision of the City and to contribute to the outcomes sought for the future of Burnside. The 2013/14 Annual Business Plan and Budget is built around the four key Strategic Directions of our Strategic Community Plan. Here are some of our priorities for 2013/14 and some highlights that we achieved in 2012/13. For full details of all projects please go to our website www.burnside.sa.gov.au

Our Integrated Urban Form

2013/14 Priorities

- \$8,424,250 will be spent on operating and maintaining community assets including footpaths, roads, drainage and kerbs;
- \$200,000 on Bicycle Strategy implementation;
- \$7,000 on Heritage Awards; and
- Council will spend \$25,000 on a Regulated and Significant Tree Assistance Fund for community members.

2012/13 Highlights

Council spent significant funds in Alexandra Avenue and Prescott Terrace, Rose Park in relation to the iconic and culturally significant War Memorial Avenue of Trees. 14 War Memorial Trees were replaced in the 2012/13 financial year with established and mature Elms. Council also completed the installation of a new irrigation system within both Avenues.

A number of Capital Works programs were completed and included:

- 752 metres of new underground drainage installed;
- 5,780 metres of kerb and gutter installed;
- 8,025 meters of footpath renewed, rehabilitated or constructed new;
- 625 meters of road pavement strengthened and resurfaced;
- 13.5 kilometres of road resurfaced; and
- 2 raised pedestrian crosswalks constructed to enhance pedestrian safety near shopping centres.

The Brownhill Keswick Creek Project saw a detention basin developed at Ridge Park (in the City of Unley) to assist with flood mitigation efforts and to reduce the impact of major flooding for the Cities of Adelaide, Burnside, Mitcham, Unley and West Torrens.

Much work was completed in the City of Burnside's reserves and playgrounds.

Council has relocated and replaced the Chapel Street Playground and provided additional equipment at Mellor Reserve. Council has also provided two new tennis courts with associated new fencing at Kingsley Avenue Reserve, along with new fencing at Miller Reserve Tennis Court. Tusmore Wading Pool also had a new pool pump installed to allow for continued high use during the busy summer months.

A City-wide traffic study which developed a model of traffic flows throughout most of the City streets was completed and will assist Council to predict changes to traffic flows arising from varying factors.

The 2012/13 financial year saw Council undertake various minor works at 40 community facilities (including public toilets).

Our Protected and Valued Environment

2013/14 Priorities

- \$217,000 will be spent on undertaking a waste audit to track the performance of green organics and food waste system as well as the provision of compostable bags to the community to assist them in the utilisation of the 3 Bin and a Basket System; and
- An additional \$441,000 will be spent on operating and maintaining our parks and reserves.

2012/13 Highlights

A number of natural areas were highlighted for conservation works during the 2012/13 financial year. This included works to address high priority fire hazard sites in the Southern Hills Face Reserves as well as removal of woody weeds and revegetation works at Zig Zag Reserve and a new walking trail for Auldana Drainage Reserve.

Commencing on the 18 March 2013, for a four week period, Council undertook increased watering and fertilising to heat stressed trees. 4,156 additional tree waterings occurred which represented a 40% increase to the tree watering program over this period. This included 998 young street trees, 445 young reserve trees and 330 second generation

trees and 755 mature trees. 74 older trees were also given further fertiliser to increase soil respiration.

Council also introduced the high performing three bins and a kitchen organics basket system. Residents have been provided a general waste bin (red lid) and recyclables bin (yellow lid) and an organics (green lid) bin, along with a kitchen organics basket. Fortnightly collections of organics (green lid) bins are now standard and residents no longer pay an additional fee for this service. In total Council delivered 59,969 new bins to residents and 18,958 Kitchen Food Waste Recycling Baskets (including a single roll of 150 compostable liner bags) across the City. The project also included the retrieval of more than 27,000 unwanted split and organic bins that were fully recycled into their useable parts.

Our Diverse, Supportive, Happy and Healthy People

2013/14 Priorities

- Council will spend \$188,065 on providing community services to the community;
- Glenunga Hub Irrigation and Drainage Program for the ovals will cost \$300,000;
- Council has budgeted \$2,912,000 on refurbishing the Burnside Swimming Centre and \$276,000 on the upgrade of the Centre; and
- Development of an Economic Development Plan.

2012/13 Highlights

In 2012/13, the Burnside Library added 7,769 new books, 3,205 periodicals, 1,609 DVDs, 581 CDs and 359 Spoken Word CDs to its collection.

A number of major projects were progressed, and include the following:

Glenunga Hub (Stage 1) – A draft design and concept was developed. Significant city wide community consultation has occurred which resulted in a revised project scope and concept to meet community needs. Following consultation, development of a detailed visionary draft Reserve Master Plan for the entire Glenunga Reserve has been completed.

A Prudential Review (Local Government Act requirement) was undertaken and determined that Council has the ability to afford the project. Further community consultation is occurring regarding the draft Master Plan in June 2013.

Burnside Swimming Centre (Stage 1) – Detailed design and concept plans have been developed. Significant city wide consultation has occurred and a project concept has been revised to address community needs. Various minor capital upgrades have occurred throughout the site. A Prudential Review (Local Government Act requirement) was undertaken and determined that Council has the ability to afford the project.

Our Leading, Inclusive and Connected Council

2013/14 Priorities

- Council has budgeted \$3,600,000 for the Glenunga Community Hub Strategic Project subject to final consultation with the community;
- \$1,121,307 on operating and maintaining Council assets including plant and vehicles;
- Council will spend \$45,000 on an Annual Community Survey;
- Provision of Defibrillators in Council buildings such as the Civic Centre, Depot and Pepper Street Arts Centre will cost \$9,960; and
- \$65,000 on a Library Management System.

In total (inclusive of the above) \$6,820,960 is to be spent on creating new or upgrading existing community assets; \$10,204,315 on renewal or replacement of existing community assets and \$806,307 on new operating projects.

2012/13 Highlights

Community consultation on the City's draft Strategic Community Plan – Be The Future of Burnside 2012-2025 was undertaken. Over 700 community members contributed to the consultation process. There was a high level of support provided by all respondents in all aspects of the draft Strategic Plan, either by supporting or strongly supporting the Vision, aspirational Strategic Directions and Desired Outcomes contained within the draft. As a result of the consultation,

several suggested amendments were incorporated and it was adopted by Council on the 27 November 2012.

The inaugural Annual Community Survey was undertaken in February 2013 using a statistically valid random telephone survey of 800 City of Burnside residents. The purpose of the Annual Community Survey was to provide a measure of the level of community satisfaction and performance with the delivery of services provided by the City of Burnside to its residents. The trends and results that came from these questions are used to measure the Council's performance in delivering and achieving the Strategic Community Plan Desired Outcomes. It was also used to gather information from the community for helping to develop the future of the City, by collecting participant's ideas, opinions and priorities to guide future planning and this budget process.

Where funds come from	\$m
Rates	31.96
NRM Levy	1.32
Statutory Charges	1.15
Operating Grants	3.48
Investment Income	0.20
Reimbursements	0.17
User Charges	1.13
Other Sundry Income	0.29
New Borrowings	9.00

Where funds are spent	\$m
Development Services	2.03
Community Services	1.96
Library, Learning & Volunteers	1.96
Community Engagement	2.39
Operations Services	6.26
Engineering Services	1.62
Asset Services	5.50
Finance including CEO Office & Executive	3.59
Organisational Development & Governance	1.52
Information Services	2.02
Procurement & Contracts	0.35
Operational Projects	0.82
NRM Levy	1.30
Capital – renewal or replacement	10.20
Capital – new or upgrade	6.82

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To the residents of the City of Burnside,
Welcome to my second Focus article since
being elected in 2010.

As most decisions, movements, directives,
actions and processes which occur within
the Burnside Council, of which I am one of
13 members, are as a result of a majority vote,
I take no direct, individual credit for results.

The last 12 months have seen some forward
thinking and major projects getting community
involvement and comment. I am encouraged
by the interest shown and of the direction being
taken by the community, my co-councillors and
Administration over these issues.

I vote and will continue to, on what is in the
best interests of you, our residents, the area in
general, the impact to services, environment,
peaceful co-existence to us all, and of the cost
which we all will have to bear.

That said, however, I still do have genuine and
caring concerns for residents as I have had
for three terms now on Burnside Council and
take pride in being the longest serving member
within this Council.

When, or if, you feel aggrieved, hurt or let down
I will continue to be your voice and will always
aim to achieve outcomes, in the greater number
of cases, which are not only satisfactory but
responsible and realistic. This has been a major
thrust by me over the past 12 months.

I trust the faith in my ability and desire is
consistent with the objectives of harmonious
living, a caring community, a financially
responsible and responsive Administration and
a vibrant and diverse environment catering for all
manner of animals and birds living in respectful
and peaceful harmony with us.

I thank you for your continued interest and I
will always strive to combine our valuable past
with the demands of the fast-paced today,
while never forgetting our smaller inhabitants
and the areas in which they must live as the
preservation and fostering of natural habitats
is our duty and we, their guardians. This has
also been of considerable interest to me
during the last year with positive steps taken
toward tree preservation/retention, open space
and vegetation enhancement. I will work at
maintaining and enlarging these aspects in
the coming 12 months.

Thank you

Since our election in 2010 your Beaumont
Ward Councillors have served this ward and
the wider Burnside community with energy
and enthusiasm. Mark began his work with
a great deal of experience as a councillor in
another area, but had not lived in Burnside
long, while Anne had lived in Burnside all her
life, but had no council experience. We have
shared our knowledge and skills to better
represent the Burnside community.

We both serve on the Burnside Retirement
Village Board and while Mark is Chairman
of the Audit Committee of Council, Anne is
on the Board of Eastern Health Authority.
In these roles we have been helping to look
after the financial health and the physical
well-being of our residents. We have
attended many functions with the intent to
get to know our community's needs. We
have talked with many people, listened to
their concerns, answered a large number of
questions and acted as conduits between
them and Council Administration.

We have been interested in the need for
this Council to be more proactive with
regard to the maintenance and upgrading of
Burnside's many excellent assets: its library,
community centres, sporting arenas, parks,
playgrounds and open space reserves. The
Sport and Recreation Study and the Annual
Community Consultation Survey have
reassured Council that we are heading in the
right direction and are acting appropriately,
being supported by the community.

Sporting fields and associated facilities
continue to require maintenance and
renewal, including lighting, drainage and
fencing. Upgrading the much-loved, but
ageing Swimming Centre and beginning the
redevelopment of Glenunga Oval have been
in direct response to community wishes.
Community consultation generally has
been both comprehensive and transparent.
Other issues, like high-rise development
and concerns for our heritage, have also
engaged us with our community.

A great deal is achieved by the many
volunteers who serve this Burnside
community and we acknowledge their
incredible devotion and commitment.
Without them many of our services would
struggle to survive and many people would
be lonely and isolated. Our environment also

benefits from those who commit their time
and energy to improving our open spaces,
enhancing the natural vistas and helping to
prevent bushfires.

It is great to see the new direction that
the Regal Cinema has been taking lately
- with the Fringe and the Marina Prior
concerts particularly. We all look forward to
Bracegirdle's opening soon and the wine bar
to follow after licencing is completed. It is
fantastic to see "the old girl" getting a facelift
and a new life.

The roll-out of the three-bin system has been
very successful, resulting in much reduced
litter going to landfill and saving the Council a
great deal of money in dump fees. The hard
waste and E-waste collections have been
more efficient and improved this year as we
learn from previous experiences. Most of us
are effectively using our little purple bags and
recycling bins and as you may be aware,
there was a survey recently conducted to
monitor this.

Waterfall Gully is a jewel in Adelaide's crown,
but its popularity has also made it problematic.
Parking and road safety issues continue
to be a concern, but the situation is made
more difficult by the fact that Waterfall Gully
Road is a DPTI road and the Reserve also
belongs to the government, not the Council.
We will continue as a Council to lobby for
improvement for the sake of both residents
and visitors.

Over the past year Council has received
many great ideas for our City, including those
received in our inaugural Community Survey
and these have helped Council develop its
Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget.

There are many major projects and programs
that Council hopes to undertake over the
next 12 months with a view to rebuilding
our ageing infrastructure and improving the
environment and amenity of our fantastic City.
Good healthy debate in Council meetings,
open communication with the community and
positive leadership makes Burnside Council a
great place to be.

Like all the other Ward councillors, we care
for this city, its heritage, its trees, its people
and its future. If we can be of help with any
council-related matter, please contact us.
We will do our best for you where we can.

Council Strategic Projects

The City of Burnside is currently planning two major capital projects, both of which have been the subject of recent City-wide community consultation.

The Burnside Swimming Centre redevelopment

The City of Burnside has recently undertaken an infrastructure audit of the Burnside Swimming Centre to determine the current condition of the facility's swimming pools and buildings.

The pool facility was constructed in 1966, with a major upgrade of the main entrance in 1996 and the replacement of the pipe work in 2005. The remainder of the facility is original, approximately 45 years old and has had minimal work to maintain the centre over that time.

Council identified necessary infrastructure upgrades to the facility and took the opportunity to engage with its community by a city-wide consultation, on the opportunity to enhance the Swimming Centre project.

Three redevelopment options were provided to prompt community discussion and to provide Council with a better understanding of the required scope of the Swimming Centre Redevelopment.

There was no one option that was favoured, so the results of the consultation were used to develop a preferred 'scope' for the project which was presented to Council in April then open for further community comment. At their meeting on 25 June, Council considered the final recommendations and endorsed their agreed scope for the project.

The Proposal includes significant upgrades to the main building, aquatic operations and recreational/landscape improvements.

The detailed recommended improvements are provided in the Project Plan available on Council's website and include:

- Refurbishment of the main building including painting, Disability Discrimination Act improvements, upgrade of external toilets and significant improvements to the kiosk area.
- New plant room buildings and filtration systems to ensure legislative compliance.
- New aquatic play space to replace the existing wading pool.
- Landscape improvements including improved BBQ area, increased seating, re-concrete central paths around pool, and general planting and improvement of lawned areas.

Council has identified that the optimum time to undertake the work would be between February and December 2014. This would involve two shorter summer seasons, and while this is not ideal, it was considered preferential than closing the pool for a whole season.

The Glenunga Reserve Community Hub

Council has a vision for Glenunga Reserve as being a key 'community hub' where people of all ages can gather to experience a range of activities.

The draft Glenunga Community Hub Master Plan aims to achieve the following Vision, which was developed based on community feedback:

The Glenunga Community Hub is a safe, accessible, well designed and managed destination offering high class sporting, recreation and community facilities for the Burnside community.

Glenunga Reserve is already well used by the local community and resident sporting clubs. The draft Master Plan will improve and expand current facilities to create additional opportunities for community involvement.

The Master Plan proposes:

- Building new clubrooms and improving sporting fields to cater for existing sporting groups.
- Building a new community centre for multi-purpose community use for all age groups, from young people to senior citizens.
- Improving recreational and visual amenity of the reserve with new picnic and BBQ facilities, access paths, public toilets, lighting and car parking.
- As a priority, works will be undertaken on the sporting fields to install new drainage and irrigation systems.

The Glenunga Reserve Community Hub project has been refined following the recent community engagement process – please visit Council's website for further information.

It is anticipated that Council will commence work on the reserve irrigation and drainage later in 2013, with work to commence on the buildings during 2014 and completed in 2015.

Cost Impacts to Council

The estimated total cost of the Swimming Centre project is in the vicinity of \$5.3 million, while the Glenunga Hub project is estimated at \$5 million.

JAC Comrie Pty Ltd was engaged by the City of Burnside to provide a prudential review concerning Council's proposal for both projects, in accordance with the Local Government Act. The purpose of a prudential review is to test the reasonableness of the assumptions and analysis underpinning the proposals. These were found to be appropriate.

The financial risks associated with the projects are minor. It is manageable in the context of Council's future projected financial position and performance.

The completion of these two projects will not affect our financial sustainability, nor detract from our level of service to ratepayers.

For further details on both projects, please visit Council's website or contact Barry Cant, Strategic Projects Officer on 8366 4200 or email bcant@burnside.sa.gov.au.

Protecting our Flora and Fauna



Vegetation Work and Weed Removal

You may have noticed some work going on in Michael Perry Reserve recently. Contractors are removing invasive woody weeds to allow native vegetation and fauna to flourish. This creek bed stabilisation and biodiversity project is funded by a grant from the Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board as part of the Michael Perry Reserve Vegetation Management Plan.

This work is aimed at restoring native stream bank vegetation, which can not establish while the Ash and other woody weed species remain. Woody weeds are a problem for creek restoration because they spread prolifically and provide dense shade. Native vegetation, which is required to protect stream beds and banks, finds it impossible to establish in the watercourse. Local native species also provide valuable ecosystem services, encouraging native fauna to return to the area.

The new vegetation will contain many specialist aquatic plant species, in contrast to the surrounding areas. This contributes to the habitat requirements of fauna by providing foraging, shelter, nesting and breeding sites and habitat for small animals and insects. The vegetation

also contributes to the stability of aquatic habitats by trapping sediments and protecting banks from scour and more significant erosion. Intentionally planted exotic trees that are not weedy will remain as a valuable part of the fabric of the park and the city's character.

Once this major weed removal has been completed, the site will be managed by the Urban Biodiversity Field Team who will develop the native watercourse and dry slope vegetation in the same way as they have already done at other locations in Michael Perry Reserve and elsewhere along Second Creek.

During the cooler weather contractors will undertake further work on woody weed removal at various locations as specified in the Southern Hills Face Reserves Vegetation Management Plan.

This work is to reduce fire fuel loading and to improve the condition of native grassland flora in the reserves. It will entail clearance of woody weeds in the gullies of Themeda Reserve, clearance of weeds on the steep slope from Sunnyside Road to Gully Reserve, spraying of olive regrowth, particularly in Danthonia Reserve and spraying of scabious weed at various locations.



Graffiti Volunteers Clean Up

Burnside Graffiti Clean Program

Thanks to the excellent work of the Graffiti Clean Team Volunteers there has been a substantial reduction of graffiti instances over the past 12 months. Rapid removal of graffiti is demonstrated to be the best deterrent to offenders. Overseas evidence has also demonstrated that rapid removal of graffiti and other evidence of vandalism can reduce the incidence of other property crime.

The Graffiti Program focusses on identified graffiti hot spots and reducing graffiti at these locations as well as responding to reports. In 2009, more than 3000 square metres of graffiti were removed. In 2012 that figure was reduced to just over 1600 square metres. That is an incredible reduction of 53 per cent long term. Program Volunteers are very proud of their efforts in being diligent to erase graffiti as soon as it appears. This sends a message that we do not tolerate graffiti in our Council. More than 1200 volunteer hours have been spent over the past 12 months cleaning graffiti.

Reports of graffiti come from residents by phone (including a 24-hour hotline – 8366 4141), our Customer Service Desk, via the website and from our own employees. These reports are forwarded to the Graffiti Coordinator to allocate jobs and obtain consent for removal if the graffiti is on private property. Reports of graffiti on commercial premises are forwarded to the property owner.

The program currently has 14 active Volunteers allowing removal teams to operate each weekday between the hours of 9am and 1pm dependent on weather. Volunteers continually receive appropriate training in removal practices, Workplace Health and Safety and Traffic Management allowing each team



to be safe and effective in the field. The safety of Volunteers is maintained through appropriate training and use of contractors in difficult locations.

Everyone is welcome and the Program is always looking for more volunteers. If you want to become a part of this dynamic team, please contact the Graffiti Removal Coordinator on 8366 4222 or talk to the Community Services Officer, Volunteers on 8366 4284. The Graffiti Program Volunteers are making a significant contribution in removing graffiti in the Burnside Council area, as well as discouraging further graffiti by rapid removal.



Events

Celebrating 100 years of volunteer service



L to R: Henry Cox, Margaret Bean, John Maschmedt and Val Worrell.

Burnside relies on its many volunteers and they are all valued. Four volunteers recently achieved a milestone by each clocking up 25 years continuous service.

They were presented with a gift and had their names etched on the Volunteers board, displayed in the Bill Dean Lounge. Well done!

Mayor David Parkin (right) got a taste of what it was like to be a volunteer when he spent a morning out on the Community Bus.



Artist Tessa Crathern with film director Scott Hicks in front of her art *Patterns*. Photo: Pavlos Soteriou, Tutti Arts.

Tutti Arts Exhibition

Pepper Street Arts Centre hosted its latest exhibition, courtesy of Tutti Arts, titled *Quirky, Weird and Wonderful*. This enchanting exhibition of mixed media by artists with disabilities showcases the work of many up and coming Tutti Artists in association with several local and interstate guest artists. The opening night attracted more than 200 guests, including renowned film director Scott Hicks (a patron of Tutti Arts), ABC radio host and Sunday Mail columnist Peter Goers, and Dignity for Disability MLC Kelly Vincent. Twenty six art works sold on opening night. The exhibition runs until Friday 28 June.

Coming Events

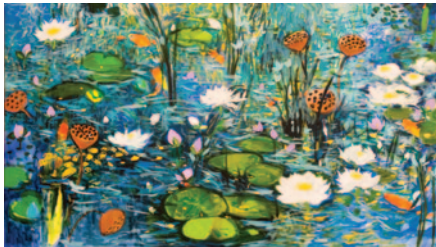
Exhibitions at Pepper Street Arts Centre

July

5 - 26 July

The Colour of Life

An exhibition of painting and photography by Karen Windle and Dave Underwood which depicts a journey and celebration of the colours, textures, patterns and perspectives that is life on this earth. Opens Friday 5 July at 6pm. Chat to the Artists Saturday 13 July 2 - 4pm.



Blue Pond, acrylic on canvas by Karen Windle

August

SALA Festival
3 - 30 August 2013

Textiles by members of Fibre Artist Network (FAN)

There will be 24 artists exhibiting in this SALA 2013 exhibition. The theme of Essence allows each artist to explore self portraiture in their own creative way. FAN brings together members with a diverse range of interests, skills and expertise. Opens Saturday 3 August at 2pm by Cheryl Bridgart, an internationally recognised textile artist.

There will be free artist demonstrations on Saturdays 10, 17 and 24 August, 2 - 4pm.



Art by Samantha Pope

Art Displays in the Atrium, Civic Centre

July

3 - 26 July

Neami: Improving mental health and wellbeing in local communities.

Neami is a non-government mental health organisation that provides support services within a recovery framework to people with a serious mental illness.

August

SALA Festival
1 - 23 August

From the Corners of my Mind

Burnside Painting Group

Recent paintings by members of the Burnside Painting Group, who were established almost 50 years ago and support local artists to learn, practice and exhibit. Opens Thursday 1 August, 6 - 8pm.

Community Information Sessions

August

13 August

Home Safety and Personal/Medical Alert Systems

Presented by SAPOL and Independent Living Centre.

Session will be held in the Burnside Community Hall from 10am to 12 noon. Some transport is available for Burnside residents who no longer drive. Bookings are required as morning tea is provided. To register call Burnside Home Assist on 8366 4166.

Library Events

July

20 - 22 July

Bookalicious Literary Festival

Burnside Ballroom

The Burnside Library invites you to celebrate our inaugural Bookalicious Literary Festival. Over three days enjoy presentations from acclaimed and celebrity authors, Georgia Blain, Anne Deveson, Peter Goldsworthy, Fiona McCallum, Poh Ling Yeow and Callum Hahn.

Meet local literary gems and attend themed literary luncheons and a book launch. One-day (\$25) or three-day (\$60) ticket includes lunch, with drinks at your cost.

The festival includes our well known Miss Polly's Family Fun day full of entertainment and presentations for the littlies. Tickets and programs available from the Library. This will book fast so gather a table of friends and make sure you don't miss out.

Kindly sponsored by the Burnside Branch of People's Choice Credit Union.

Enquiries to the Library on 8366 4280.

Wakefield Press Publishing

July

25 July

Showcase

1 - 3pm in the Library

Find out how to get your book published as you mingle with experts in the field.

Books will be for sale at discounted prices. Bookings not required.

Volunteer Opportunities in Burnside



Volunteer opportunities exist in a number of areas within the City of Burnside.

If you would like to register your interest in any of the vacancies listed below please contact the Volunteer Coordinator (unless otherwise specified) on 8366 4284 or email volunteer@burnside.sa.gov.au.

Outdoor opportunities:

- **Graffiti Removal Program** – Community Services. Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8.30am - 12.30pm. Please call Leon on 8366 4222.
- **Community Transport Program** – assistants needed for various shifts. Please call Leon on 8366 4222.
- **Volunteer Car Base Program** – drivers required for various shifts. Please call Leon on 8366 4222.

Library volunteers needed:

- **Facilitator for Book Discussion Group** – Thursday evenings. Please phone Heather on 8366 4280 (Wednesday or Thursday).
- **Toy Library** – weekday and weekend shifts available.
- **Distribution and shelving of Library items** – Weekday shifts available.
- **Language Conversation Group** – (must speak fluent French). Alternate Thursdays 7pm - 9pm. Please call Sharon on 8366 4280.
- **Life Story Circle Program** – Four to five volunteer facilitators required. Please call Andrew on 8366 4280.



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