

Stay safe this summer



## Mayor's report

### High-rise in Burnside

For the third edition of Focus in succession, the issues of urban growth in Burnside and high-rise development along Greenhill and Fullarton Roads lead my report to you.

The State Government Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure initially proposed seven to nine storey high-rise on these roads fronting the parklands, rising to 10 to 12 storeys around the intersection of the roads. The City of Burnside was labeled as uncooperative by opposing the Department's initial proposal.

We were never uncooperative. We regard cooperation and capitulation as different concepts. We argued vigorously for a significant reduction in building height limits and we were supported in our campaign by a large number of very concerned Burnside residents. Ultimately, a decision on the matter became the responsibility of the Minister of the Department.

The Minister's determination is that buildings may be a maximum of six storeys on Fullarton Road and seven storeys on Greenhill Road – a significant improvement on the initial Departmental position but still a matter of serious concern for the communities of Dulwich, Rose Park and Eastwood. The City of Burnside is acutely aware of problems of overshadowing, traffic and parking that may be created by the significant influx of residents to these areas.

### Urban Growth

This high-rise determination is part of the Department's 30-year urban growth strategy to slow the rate of outer metropolitan growth ('urban sprawl') and to make inner metropolitan Adelaide more compact with higher population densities and a wider range of housing options. The City of Burnside accepts and supports these objectives.

Burnside's share of the growth will require on average an additional 56 dwelling units per annum over the 30 years – 1685 in total. The parkland fringe high-rise will account for some of this growth as will natural infill growth that already occurs. We have begun a detailed and extensive community consultation process to hear your views on this matter.

Overwhelmingly, residents are attracted to Burnside because of its green, leafy and shady environment and the character of our suburbs. The City of Burnside maintains over 100 parks and we cherish our unique Adelaide location – parklands to the west and Adelaide hills to the east. Our challenge is to retain and enhance this character while adapting to modest population growth.

Page 5 of this edition advises how your voice can be heard on this matter.

### Constable Hyde Reserve

Most residents will now be aware that the State Government is proposing to sell the park known as Constable Hyde Reserve on Tusmore Avenue, Leabrook. Police Constable Hyde was shot and killed on duty near the site in the early days of the colony of South Australia. His death was a national issue and his funeral a major Adelaide event. The park is dedicated to his memory and is a site of considerable State significance.

Burnside has been advised that if the memorial park is to be retained, the City of Burnside must purchase it at full commercial value – a value we have been advised will be some millions of dollars.

There has always been a spirit of mutual cooperation between state and local government. On our side of the ledger, we provide the Department of Education with free land for several kindergartens as well as the Gurney Road Reserve as dedicated open space for the Rose Park Primary School. Our strong preference is for the present balance to be maintained and continue reciprocal long-term pepper-corn leases. Alternatively, we are prepared to undertake a 'swap' of holdings. However, to require the City of Burnside exchange a very significant sum of money for a park that is of State-wide significance, is already publicly owned and highly valued as a memorial park is unreasonable and mean-spirited.

### Burnside and Public Health

Councils have important responsibilities under the 2011 Public Health Act. We have a role in protecting, preventing, preserving and promoting good health practices in our communities. Burnside is part of the Eastern Health Authority (EHA), which is one avenue we use to address matters of community health.

There is a program under way to develop a comprehensive community health plan, encompassing all age groups and cultures. We do many things well now and the plan will identify gaps in current programs and what we can do better. We know that Burnside residents have the highest education level among EHA councils and that we have the highest rate of elderly residents receiving home and community care support and living alone.

Australians are living longer and South Australia has a faster aging population than any other mainland state. By 2031 more than 20 per cent of our state's population will be over 65. This is the challenge for the state in general and our challenge for Burnside in particular. Although much of our strategic plan relates to health in some way, we are mandated by the State Government to develop a specific plan to address our future needs in this area.

### Bushfire Prevention

The foothills suburbs of Burnside – Skye, Auldana and Mt. Osmond – are particularly prone to bushfires and this year the Hills Face Zone has heavier than usual fuel loads. I refer you to page 4 Fire Season – Be Prepared.

At a recent meeting of Council, Elected Members unanimously supported Beaumont Ward councillor Anne Monceaux's motion to allocate an additional \$40,000 as a matter of urgency to expand our program to clear Council road reserves and verges of woody weeds, deadwood and crown lifting vegetation.

The funds will also be directed to help residents understand their responsibilities to their neighbours and the need for clearing their properties in accordance with CFS guidelines. There has been excellent liaison between the CFS, local residents and Council administration to determine the primary areas of concern and Council is active on this matter now. This is part of Burnside's contribution to the Southern Hills Face Management Plan for proactive, sustainable landscape scale bushfire prevention and vegetation management of the Hills Face Reserves

**David Parkin** Mayor of Burnside



# News & Media

## Aboriginal War Memorial

The City of Burnside made a donation of \$850 towards the cost of the first Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander War Memorial. The memorial, which features two bronze figures representing male and female indigenous veterans, is in the northwest corner of the Torrens Parade Ground, and was officially unveiled by Governor-General Quentin Bryce on 10 November.

## Residential Parking Permits

The City of Burnside is revamping its parking permits scheme to bring it up to date and to make sure that the parking spaces available in restricted areas are available first and foremost to our residents and their visitors.

The current residential parking permits have no expiry date and the Council has had anecdotal reports that people may be using permits when they no longer live in the area. The Council has decided to move to an annual permit system, to ensure that only residents who qualify for a permit use the area, allowing more space for residents to park near their homes.

Council will consider the policy in the New Year.

## Library Joins One Card Network

Burnside Library will join the new SA public library 'one card' network on 14 February 2014. The 'one card' network will connect more than 130 public libraries across SA and will enable people to borrow and return items wherever they are with their current library card.

Some of the great features include:

- Order books from any participating library and collect them from your preferred location
- Borrow items from any participating library with one library card. No more multiple cards for multiple libraries!
- Return your items to any participating library in the state
- Place up to 30 requests
- Borrow up to 20 DVDs and Blu-ray
- Renew items twice – and you can do this online or over the phone
- Access to lists of new DVDs, books, and other resources online.

As part of the library's preparations for joining the 'one card' network there will be an amnesty for the month of December 2013 on all overdue items. If you have any overdue books, DVDs etc bring them in to the library during this time and have your overdue fees waived.

For Library events over the holidays see back cover.

## Council Meetings

Council will meet for the last time this year on Tuesday 10 December then resume on Tuesday 28 January 2014.

## Civic Centre

The Civic Centre will close at 3 pm on Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24 December and is then open normal hours, excluding Public Holidays.

## Fire Danger Season started 1 December

Go to page 4 for tips on how to be fire ready.

## Growth in the City of Burnside

See our story on page 5.



## Media Wrap

The State Government proposal to sell the land known as Constable Hyde Memorial Garden stirred a lot of community interest. Council has maintained the land for 30 years but does not own it. At the time of going to print we were negotiating to acquire the park and a community petition had started.

The use of Tregenza Oval changed due to a decision by the head lessee and as a result two sporting clubs had to find alternative locations. While not a direct result of a decision of Council it nonetheless attracted a lot of criticism from media and the public.

A range of issues were covered in print, online and radio including the Kensington Gardens Reserve upgrade, the council's temporary dog park on Conyngham Street Glenside, the Civic Centre Master Plan, our Urban Tree Strategy and the inaugural Heritage Awards.

Channel 7 ran a fantastic news story on the Library's reading club for the visually impaired, featuring former TV newsreader Roger Cardwell, the 2012 Burnside Citizen of the Year.

The opening of Burnside Swimming Centre in October and the planned redevelopment attracted ABC's breakfast reporter to broadcast from poolside on a particularly hot day.

Council's decision not to contribute funding to the Glen Osmond Road Precinct Association and to charge rental on bollards for outdoor dining were also covered by media.

An informal inquiry from *The Big Issue* magazine on whether they could sell on council land turned into a media storm, accusing Council of being heartless. It was the subject of Editorial and letters to the editor as well as radio commentary, even though a formal application had never been made.

## Fire Season – Be Prepared

With a higher than average rainfall and lots of warm weather to come, Adelaide is facing a serious fire danger season. Long dry grass is a timely reminder to residents to ensure they are bushfire aware and ready.

People living in the Hills Face Zone are in danger of experiencing a bushfire. Fires near Aldgate and Bridgewater in October and at Auldana on 27 November are an example of bushfires threatening suburban residences.

The City of Burnside offers a service to its residents in the Mt Lofty Fire Zone or Hills Face Zone where a Fire Prevention Officer can visit your home and give you advice on cleaning up vegetation, preparing your property in case of a fire and providing information on bushfire survival.

The Country Fire Service (CFS) recommends that before summer starts you need to decide what you will do if a bushfire threatens. You must Prepare, Act and Survive.

**PREPARE** yourself, your family, home or business: know your bushfire risk and have a Bushfire Survival Plan.

**ACT** on the fire danger ratings: put your preparations into action, do not wait and see.

**SURVIVE** by monitoring conditions if a fire starts: know the bushfire warning alert levels and what you will do if you are caught in a fire.



Preparing yourself, your family and your home is your responsibility. The more you prepare your home the better the chances are that it will survive a bushfire, even if you plan to leave well before a bushfire starts. Preparing is not just about property and plans it is also about considering your physical, mental and emotional preparedness.

Council has been made aware that some residents are considering installing a safe bunker to protect them in the event of being trapped in their home during a fire. Be aware that such an installation must have approval to ensure it can adequately resist heat and fire and protect you when needed. Contact Development Services at Council on 8366 4200 for further information.

For further information visit [www.cfs.sa.gov.au](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au)

To arrange a visit by Council's Fire Prevention Officer, call Ranger Services on 8366 4239.

## Community Grants

The City of Burnside offers community grants to help develop programs that benefit our local community.

It is a vibrant and diverse community that promotes a sense of belonging for our residents. This year Council approved 24 Community Grant applications totalling \$24,732.50. About 40 people attended a Mayoral reception on 28 November to celebrate the receipt of the grants.

The successful grant applicants were:

- Athletics SA
- Bahai Community of Burnside
- Burnside Calisthenics & Dance Academy
- Burnside City Uniting Church Netball Club
- Burnside Historical Society
- Burnside Legacy Widows Club
- Burnside Painting Group Inc.
- Cats Assistance to Sterilise (CATS Inc)
- Chapel Street Community Gardens
- Clayton Wesley Uniting Church
- Dulwich Neighbourhood Watch
- Eastern Suburbs Junior Cricket Club
- Eastwood Walking Group
- Erindale Neighbourhood Watch (Area 225)
- Fauna Rescue of SA Inc.
- Kensington Gardens Neighbourhood Watch
- Laughter Yoga SA
- Linden Park Neighbourhood Watch (Area 249)
- Sahaja Yoga Meditation
- The Rotary Club of Burnside Inc.
- Toorak Burnside Bowling Club Inc.
- Treats for Seniors
- United Way South Australia Inc.
- Zonta Club of Adelaide Torrens.

# Community Consultation – Urban Growth

The State Government’s 30-Year Plan sets out a target for the City of Burnside to accommodate new homes in the City – around an extra 56 homes per year over the 30-year period.

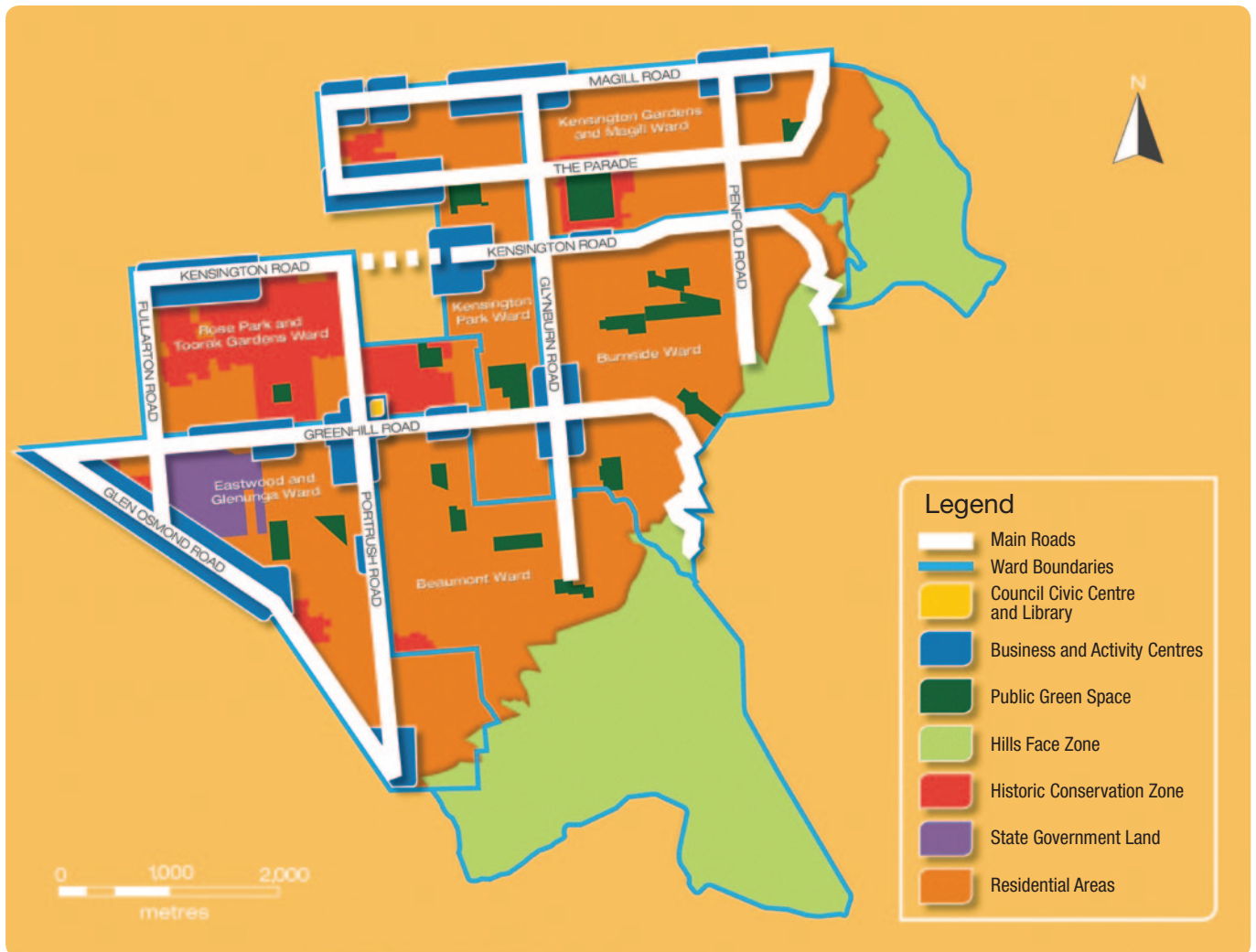
While some of that total may be taken care of by naturally occurring growth and the increased density already decided for Greenhill and Fullarton Roads, we still need to place the remaining extra homes across the City.

Residential growth is continuously happening in Burnside. The exciting thing is that this is our opportunity, as a community, to get the best possible outcomes so that as growth happens, it happens the way we want it to.

We have recently launched a community consultation on this topic. All residents should have received a brochure outlining the options. We have also posted a video on our website. The initial period of consultation gives you the opportunity to give us ideas and feedback so we encourage you to be involved.

The full consultation period is expected to last at least four to six months and will include a Citizens’ Jury, Ward Forums and a Facebook page. To have your views considered by the Citizens’ Jury please send us your input by Monday 27 January 2014.

To have your say and for more information please go to [www.engage.burnside.sa.gov.au](http://www.engage.burnside.sa.gov.au). Alternatively you can write to us by email on [burnside@burnside.sa.gov.au](mailto:burnside@burnside.sa.gov.au) or by post to Residential Growth, City of Burnside, PO Box 9, Glenunga SA 5065. Or visit the Civic Centre at 401 Greenhill Road, Tasmore.



There are two areas where growth is very unlikely to occur for legislative reasons – the Hills Face Zone (pale green) and the Historic Conservation Zone (red). The purple areas show state government-owned land where some residential and mixed use development could be expected. The blue areas include locations around main roads and commercial districts with access to transport routes, recreation facilities and other types of amenities. The dark orange represents residential areas.

Safety is the number one issue for staff at the Burnside Swimming Centre. Our cover story looks at safe water practices and the major redevelopment the pool will undertake in 2014.

## Be Safe this Summer

As summer begins and the temperature soars, thousands of people will flock to pools and beaches across Adelaide. At Hazelwood Park, the Burnside Swimming Centre will see up to 2,000 people a day through the gates to seek relief from the heat, enjoy a paddle in the pool or swim laps for regular exercise.

Pool manager Ben Grant said while enjoyment, exercise and relaxation were the main reasons people visited the pool, for the Centre staff, safety was the number one priority.

"Safety is everyone's responsibility," Ben said. "It is important that all pool patrons utilise the centre appropriately and that children are constantly supervised by a responsible adult while at the centre."

The Royal Life Saving Society National Drowning Report 2013 informs that there were 291 drowning deaths in Australian waterways between 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2013.

**In the 0-4 age group, 31 drownings occurred and an absence of supervision was identified in 94 per cent of cases.**

Burnside Swimming Centre has been an endorsed 'Watch Around Water' facility since October 2007.

The Watch Around Water program is an educational and public awareness raising campaign to address the growing concern regarding the supervision of children at public aquatic facilities.

The program was started in 2004 in response to a spate of drowning deaths involving young children at public swimming pools as well as a growing industry concern regarding

parental supervision of young children. It is intended to highlight to parents the importance of supervision and to increase the proportion of parents and guardians who need to adequately supervise their children in public aquatic facilities.

"The Watch Around Water program helps staff promote proactive supervision practices and provide a safe venue for the community," Ben said. "It provides a consistent supervision message nation-wide and educates parents about water safety."

"We are lifeguards and our priority is to prevent situations where we may need to use lifesaving skills. But ultimately it is up to parents and carers to supervise their children adequately when around water."

With lifeguards employed on a minimum of 1:100 ratio and responsible for the supervision of all patrons, it is unrealistic to expect lifeguards to provide the constant and direct supervision needed for young children.

The Watch Around Water program has the following standards that public pools promote:

- Children under five years must be accompanied into the centre by a responsible adult and supervised within arm's reach at all times while in the centre.
- Children under 10 years must be accompanied into the centre by a responsible adult and supervised within line of sight at all times while in the centre.
- A child of limited swimming ability and/or using floatation device must be accompanied in the water by a responsible person at all times regardless of the child's age.

Ben said these standards were for the safety and wellbeing of everyone.

"It is easy for children under five to get into trouble in water and they don't have the physical and mental capabilities to recognise danger and get themselves out of trouble," Ben said.

"That is why it is so important for young children to be closely supervised when in and around water. An adult should be within arm's reach at all times so they can physically pull the child above the water."

Ben said even children who have regular swimming lessons can still get into trouble.

"Swimming lessons are a structured controlled environment with a swimming teacher close at all times," Ben said. "Outside of swimming lessons, a young child may swim out into the middle of the pool, become exhausted and begin to panic in deep water. They may not remember the skills they have learnt in their lessons."

If a lifeguard is concerned for the safety of an unsupervised child they will be removed from the water and staff will return them to the parent/guardian.

Far right: lifeguards Felicity Graetz and Ben Grant.

**The Burnside Swimming Centre is a great fun place for families to come and play and we want all our patrons to help make sure it continues to be a safe and enjoyable environment.**

## Season 2013/14

The Pool opened for season 2013/14 on Saturday 5 October and due to the upcoming redevelopment, the season will close earlier than normal on Sunday 2 February 2014.

The Burnside Swimming Centre, which has been part of hundreds of thousands of lives since it opened in 1966, is about to undergo a major upgrade – but Council and the Adelaide architects in charge of the project say they are committed to making sure it loses none of its charm.

DesignInc has been appointed by Council to design and deliver the \$5.3 million redevelopment and the focus will be on maintaining its charm. It will benefit from several significant improvements while making it an even better facility for the local community to enjoy.

As part of the project, the Main and Learner's Pools will be retiled and replumbed. All three of the Centre's pools will become more efficient with the establishment of separate plant equipment, while a new splash pad and play equipment will complement the existing wading pool for young patrons to enjoy.

The Burnside Swimming Centre change rooms, amenities and cafe will also benefit from a refurbishment as part of the project. In addition, the Centre will be brought up to best practice standards with significantly improved accessibility for patrons with a disability.

This project commenced in 2009 when an asset management condition audit report identified the ageing infrastructure as a significant concern for the ongoing operation of the facility. Further reports, investigations and several rounds of community consultation resulted in the project plan being endorsed by Council in June 2013. The concept plans chosen by Council reflected the significant amount of feedback provided by the Burnside community.

Council has identified that the optimum time to undertake the work is between February and December 2014. This has resulted in two shorter summer seasons, and while this is not ideal, it is considered preferential to closing the pool for an entire season.

It is anticipated that the pool will reopen for season 2014-15 in early December 2014.

The redevelopment will ensure the Burnside Swimming Centre continues to provide a premier outdoor aquatic facility to the community for future generations to enjoy.

For further information on this project, please visit Council's website or contact Barry Cant, Council's Strategic Projects Officer on 8366 4200.



## Waste update

### Happy Birthday 3 Bins and a Basket

It is one year since the City of Burnside farewellled its kerbside split bins and welcomed the new 3 Bins and a Basket system. The proof really is in the pudding – as long as you scrape the leftovers into your purple compostable bag and pop it in the bin with the green lid.

The City of Burnside has recently been informed that its contamination rate – the amount of incorrect material – inside the kerbside bin with the yellow lid is the lowest in South Australia at 16.9 per cent. This is an outstanding achievement by our residents. The old split bins recorded a contamination rate of nearly 34 per cent. This reduction is saving Council approximately \$3,000 per month in disposal charges.

Let's aim for continuous improvement and remember don't put your recyclables in a plastic bag, leave them loose!



### 2014 Calendar

Your 2014 flip-tab Guide to Waste, Recycling and Composting will be delivered soon. This contains your new calendar for bin collections and important dates for hard waste, hazardous waste and electronic waste services. Keep it on the fridge, it's a useful reference for when you want to check what goes in which bin.

Please also look out for your FREE annual roll of purple compostable bags. These bags are designed to break down within 30 days at a commercial composting facility. You can use these bags to line your bench-top or under-sink basket and place food scraps, paper towel, tissue and even hair for composting in your green lid bin. If you have not already done so, please visit [www.burnside.sa.gov.au](http://www.burnside.sa.gov.au) and watch the Composting Truth video or call 8366 4200 for a FREE copy to be sent to you.

If you don't use the compostable bags, then check with your neighbour to see if they do or please return the roll to Council's Customer Service Centre.

### Hard Waste 2014

Council will conduct its annual collection of Hard Waste from residential properties commencing **10 February** until the end of **March 2014**.

Your hard waste must not exceed a small 6 x 4 trailer load and be stacked neatly on the verge in front of your property by 6 am on the Monday of your collection week. Council's contractor will collect from your street once only during the week. Banned items, like electronic waste will not be collected. Please check what is acceptable for collection as penalties may apply.

### Hard Waste Collection

#### Hard Waste includes:

- ✓ Furniture: tables, chairs, wardrobes, beds and mattresses
- ✓ Whitegoods: refrigerators, washing machines and stoves—for safety, please remove or tie shut the doors of refrigerators and freezers (these doors can be placed separately for collection)
- ✓ Roofing iron and guttering: two metres or less in length
- ✓ Small items of steel and scrap metal
- ✓ Hot water systems: no taller than two metres
- ✓ Dismantled clothes lines
- ✓ Rainwater tanks: cut into segments no greater than two metres in any dimension
- ✓ Unbroken shower screens and window panes
- ✓ Carpet rolls: no more than two metres long and 30 cm in diameter, tied with rope or strong string (not wire)
- ✓ Smoke alarms



Note: Items longer than two metres will not be collected.

#### Items not accepted:

- ✗ Garden waste (use Council's fortnightly organics for compost service)
- ✗ Electronic Waste (televisions, computers, computer products, DVD players, CDs, stereos etc)
- ✗ Brick or paver pallets (contact the company whose name appears on the pallet for collection)
- ✗ Tyres (enquire at your local tyre fitters—for a small fee most will accept tyres for recycling)
- ✗ Mobile phone batteries, components and accessories (recycled at any mobile phone store or City of Burnside Library)
- ✗ Gas bottles or cylinders (take to Maxbilt Trading Co, 30 Beulah Road Norwood, a small charge applies, phone 8363 1955).
- ✗ General building and landscaping materials including bricks, pavers, concrete, tiles, broken glass, soil, dirt and rocks. Salvage yards may take bricks, pavers and tiles if they think they can be resold. There are some exchange websites like Freecycle and Freally that may also be worth a try if materials are reusable.



You can recycle scrap metal and mattresses all year round:

#### Scrap Metal

FREE collection with booking [www.scrapaway.net.au](http://www.scrapaway.net.au), 0401 127 976 or 0414 703 196.

#### Mattresses

The Happy Scrapper, contact Hoss on 0416 271 354. Will also collect small scrap metal, TVs etc.



## FREE Electronic and Hazardous Waste Drop Off Weekends

Two FREE Electronic Waste Drop-Off weekends will be held on 15-16 February and 15-16 March 2014.

A FREE Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off day will be held on Saturday 17 May 2014.

The events will be held at Council's works depot, 528 Glynburn Road, Burnside, between 9 am and 4 pm on the dates above. Visit our website and check the Eastern Courier Messenger regularly for more information.

Visit [www.zerowaste.sa.gov.au](http://www.zerowaste.sa.gov.au) for hazardous and electronic waste disposal options all year round or call 1300 137 118.

### Hazardous waste includes:

- ✓ garden chemicals (pesticides, weed killers, fertiliser)
- ✓ insecticides and rat poison
- ✓ adhesives
- ✓ liquid paints, varnishes and stains
- ✓ batteries – car, mobile phone, rechargeable and small 'button' batteries
- ✓ antifreeze, coolant, brake and transmission fluids
- ✓ aerosol cans
- ✓ yellow fire extinguishers
- ✓ pharmaceuticals
- ✓ insecticides and rat poison
- ✓ solvents (turpentine, thinners, acetone)
- ✓ photographic chemicals
- ✓ smoke alarms
- ✓ vehicle fuels and oils
- ✓ pool chemicals
- ✓ cooking oil
- ✓ smoke detectors
- ✓ unknown chemicals.

### Items that will not be accepted include:

- ✗ wastes from business and government agencies
- ✗ empty pesticide containers
- ✗ explosives / ammunition
- ✗ asbestos
- ✗ tyres
- ✗ radioactive materials
- ✗ boat flares.

### Electronic Waste includes:

- ✓ TVs
- ✓ stereos
- ✓ video recording devices and music playing devices, such as iPods.
- ✓ computers and computer products
- ✓ cameras

### Items not accepted:

- ✗ whitegoods (fridges, freezers, washing machines)
- ✗ damaged TVs (i.e. screens cracked / split / back of unit removed / open)
- ✗ damaged computer monitors or
- ✗ any electronic item that has been dismantled.

## Your Elected Members



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### It has been about a year since the last article, and hasn't this year gone quickly!

So much has happened, firstly, I would like to say a big thank you for all residents that took the time to make a submission to the Development Policy Advisory Committee regarding the Ministerial Inner Metropolitan Growth Development Plan Amendment. If it weren't for your submissions and fierce determination, many of the concessions would not have been granted.

The State Government also requested Council embark upon a Section 30 Review of the Development Plan. As such, Council is conducting a significant community engagement and involvement campaign to ensure that any change to the development plan is reflective of what our community would like to see. Obviously, everyone's views might not get supported, you can never please everybody, however, I encourage you to have a say, throw in an idea as you never know where these might lead.

I was very pleased to see the Burnside Youth Advisory Committee on the front page of the last Focus. I started volunteering at the Council many years ago, with the Youth Advisory Committee, and it's great to see young people of Burnside so engaged and civic minded. I would encourage anyone wishing to be involved, to do so, apart from making life long friends, you learn new skills and acquire abilities that provide assistance in all facets of life.

The Council is also enhancing many of its family friendly facilities, with an upgrade to the adventure playground at Kensington Gardens Reserve, a major renovation to the Swimming Centre and the redevelopment of the Glenunga Sports Hub.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and enjoyable festive season.

Cr Leni Palk

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As previously stated in Focus, Councillor Palk feels that ratepayers' funds should not be used for self-promotion and accordingly restricts her comments to assuring the community that she has been and will continue working diligently for residents in her Ward and the wider Burnside community.

## Your Elected Members



**Cr Jane Davey**  
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The first three years of this Council have been very busy and industrious. I'm pleased to be part of the elected body which has worked extremely hard and cooperatively with Council staff to refine and improve services to our community, improve Council governance systems and return Burnside to a surplus financial position.

The Burnside Swimming Centre upgrade is on schedule, with construction work to start in early February 2014. This unfortunately will mean closing the Swimming Centre season a couple of months early, on Sunday 2 February 2014 to allow time for the work to be undertaken, however the new facilities are worth waiting for.

The inaugural Burnside Heritage Awards were launched recently to recognise and acknowledge home owners, architects, tradespersons and artisans whose recent restoration and conservation work on our historical homes, gardens and hedges maintains Burnside's unique heritage and the quality of our built environment.

The expert pruning of the trees forming the magnificent 1921 Memorial Avenue of Sugar Gums in Hazelwood Park should ensure their health, public safety and hopefully, extend their life span.

Council is currently negotiating with the state government to acquire Constable Hyde Park in Leabrook. The reserve is owned by the Education Department and has been maintained by Council for over 30 years. It is a Memorial to a young police officer killed on duty in 1905 and is much loved as a shady open space and resting place by residents, as well as shoppers and visitors to the health centre and Regal theatre.

I acknowledge residents for their support, demonstrated in the 2013 Annual Survey and also in a significant recent Petition to Council, for Burnside to introduce a cat management strategy, as has been successfully implemented in the Mitcham Council area. The petition requests that Burnside manage cats in the same way that we manage dogs - with an education campaign, registration, confinement and subsidies for de-sexing and microchipping.

2014 will be another busy year and I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. Please contact me if I can help you or with your suggestions for any improvements.



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This year we see the focus being directed more towards the local heritage values of our suburbs and the wealth of the established heritage contained within the older and enduring local streetscapes of the last 100 years.

For the last three years I have focused council's attention upon the enduring heritage value of maintaining the soldier memorials to a much higher standard and to honour those memorials by resisting any change away from the original amenity through a strict adherence to the Burra Charter principles in this case. <http://australia.icomos.org/publications/charters/>

As one can see today the Elms and Oaks of the first world war soldier memorials of Alexandra Avenue and Prescott Terrace, Rose Park, have persisted beyond the drought with the new introduction of the advanced grey watering system that is now unregulated throughout the drier months.

We also see the gradual and seamless reintroduction of new Elm trees where both drought and circumstance have taken their toll. This program is designed to deliberately hide this transformation over decades so that the current wonderful amenity of today will endure seamlessly throughout this transition to new trees by maintaining similar heights and canopy cover throughout.

In the coming months and within the confines of the historic protection zone, works will be commenced to finally correct deficiencies within both streets of the memorial plaques that wrongly index the soldier memorial tree plinths. All the damaged and missing individual tree plinths will be renewed at each tree making them more visibly prominent and mower resistant without significant change to their current design. All of this will be completed well before the 2015 'Avenues of Honour' centenary celebrations.

It is so important for our communities to recognise that even the smallest heritage item that contributes to the historical significance of our suburbs must be protected from uninformed replacement at all costs. This year I will seek the involvement of the state government's principle heritage restoration organisation - Artlab - to become involved in the repair and restoration of all of our soldier memorials going forward.

I have lived in the ward for just over 50 years now and I have seen the local changes that have occurred over this time. I hope that with this benefit of hindsight I can try to mitigate any uninformed changes that will detract from the priceless heritage amenity that denotes our treasured local war memorials, heritage zones and surrounding suburbs.

# Pepper Street Arts Centre

## Christmas Closure

The Centre closes at 5 pm on Saturday 21 December 2013, excluding the gift shop, which will close at 5 pm on Friday 20 December 2013 for renovation.

The full Centre will re-open to all visitors and the summer workshops on Friday 17 January 2014 at 12 noon, and the new touring exhibition at 6 pm.

## The ERA We Live In

Twenty one artists share stories and connections to seven eastern metropolitan Councils. 17 January - 7 February 2014. Join us for a summer's evening celebration on Friday 17 January at 6 pm. Launch guest David Parkin, Mayor of Burnside. Printmaking demonstration by Jorji Gardener, Painting demonstration by Claire Foord, Digital Slideshow by local Burnside youth, Live music by members of the Burnside Symphony Orchestra and free caricatures by Cartoon Guy, Allan Addams.

Free Artist Talks on Saturday 18 and 25 January and Saturday 1 February, 2 pm - 4 pm.

## Summer Events and Workshops

Designed to please all ages and levels of experience, Pepper Street's January 2014 Summer Workshop Program is offered by experienced and energetic artists/tutors. These sessions are created to provide enjoyable one-off quality activities which reflect the value of time being spent in creative pursuits. You may learn a new skill or refine your own, across varied themes. Be the first to book in to one or more.

(\* Suitable activity for 10+ years only when booking with a participating adult.)

*Conditions: All workshops are booked and payable in advance direct to the tutor. For individual tutor contact details go to [www.burnside.sa.gov.au](http://www.burnside.sa.gov.au) or visit the Civic Centre. All payments are non-refundable unless the tutor cancels the session. All workshops are held at Pepper Street Arts Centre, 558 Magill Road, Magill SA 5072.*

### Friday 17 January

#### Arty Kids School Holiday Art

For 5-15 year olds. Paint a picture of owls on a branch. 10 am - 12 noon, cost \$27.

#### Silk Painting

An introduction to silk painting, creating scarves of various types. 1.15 pm - 4.15 pm, cost \$45\*.

### Saturday 18 January

#### Bountiful Baskets

Try your hand with Lizzy at the creative possibilities of basket making, for beginners and experienced. 2 pm - 4.30 pm, cost \$30\*. All materials supplied.

### Monday 20 January

#### Arty Kids School Holiday Art

For 5-15 year olds. 'Draw, paint and make' with Helen in these sessions. 10 am - 12 noon and 2 pm - 4 pm, cost \$27 per 2 hour session.

### Tuesday 21 January

#### Stamp and Printmaking

A useful workshop for anyone interested in card making, paper and textile artists, scrap booking with a twist. Suitable for beginners and experienced. 10 am - 1 pm, cost \$40 tutor fee plus a \$15 materials fee.

### Playing with Pastels

In an enjoyable session for beginners you will explore the variety of ways in which pastels can be used. Please bring along a set of good quality hard or soft pastels (preferably 12 colours at least). 2 pm - 4.30 pm, cost \$25.

### Wednesday 22 January

#### Arty Kids School Holiday Art

For 5-15 year olds. Draw graffiti style lettering with Helen. 10 am - 12 noon. Cost \$27.

### Colours of Summer:

#### An Introduction to Plant Dyes

Celebrating the colours of summer you will use seasonal plant dyes to create your own beautiful dyed textile creation using a variety of tie and dye techniques. For beginners and experienced. 1.30 pm - 4 pm, cost \$35\*. Please bring one metre of plain white cotton fabric, pre-washed and dried. All other materials are supplied.

### Figurative Drawing

An introduction to figurative drawing for beginners or experienced. 1.30 pm - 4.30 pm, cost \$30, materials included.

### Thursday 23 January

#### Tunic Making

Make a simple tunic style garment. Suitable for enthusiastic beginners or those with limited experience. 9.30 am - 4 pm, includes lunch break (BYO lunch or shops nearby). Cost: \$60. Some materials are included.

### Friday 24 January

#### Create your own Earrings

Learn to 'wire twist' and create several pairs of beaded earrings, ready to wear. Suitable for beginners through to advanced. 10 am - 12.30 pm, cost \$25, all materials provided.

### Saturday 25 January

#### Mastering Watercolours

Join Margaret for a master class-style day of watercolour painting with an 'environmental studies' theme. For experienced participants, 10 am - 3 pm, includes lunch break (BYO lunch or shops nearby). Cost \$40. Please bring own materials as required.

### Tuesday 28 January

#### Webbed

In a quick half hour session learn how your art can be marketed on the internet. Sessions can be 'one on one' or in pairs. 12.30 pm - 4.30 pm, in a half hour time frame as booked. Cost \$35 per half hour booking.

### Wednesday 29 January

#### Rust Dyeing

A fascinating process to create rust dyed fabrics in cotton of varying sizes. 10.30 am - 1.30 pm, cost \$50.

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*Exhibitions, gift shop, art classes,  
coffee shop, free entry, car parking,  
Disability access.*



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## Events Calendar

### City of Burnside Library

#### Christmas & New Year opening hours

Mon 23 December	9.30 am - 6 pm
Tue 24 December	9.30 am - 3 pm
Wed 25 December	CLOSED
Thu 26 December	CLOSED
Fri 27 December	9.30 am - 6 pm
Sat 28 December	10 am - 4 pm
Sun 29 January	2 pm - 5 pm
Mon 30 January	9.30 am - 6 pm
Tue 31 January	9.30 am - 6 pm
Wed 1 January	CLOSED
Thu 2 January	Normal hours 9.30 am - 9 pm

*Library items will not fall due on days we are closed. Library items can be returned in the Library chute located in Hyde Street.*

#### Kensington Gardens

##### Neighbourhood Watch meetings

Meetings are held on Wednesdays at St Joseph's Primary School Hall, 1 Berkinshaw Avenue Tranmere at 7 pm. Dates for 2014 are 8 January, 12 March, 13 May, 8 July. Contact Elina Dalziel, coordinator, on 8332 0261 or 0418 371 792.

#### Library Joins One Card Network

Burnside Library will join the new SA public library 'one card' network on 14 February 2014. Come along to the library and celebrate with us. Entertainment and surprises can be expected. Watch out for updates and displays in the Library. Just ask any of the staff if you want to find out more.

#### Summer Fun

##### School Holiday Program

###### Craft Corner

A free unsupervised craft activity for children up to 8 years. Tuesday 7, 14 and 21 January from 10.30 am - 12 noon. Free, bookings not required.

###### Summer Fun Friday Films

Recent animated films with either a G or PG rating will be screened in the Library. Friday 3, 10, 17 and 24 January at 10.30 am. This is a free but unsupervised activity. Bookings are essential.

###### What's the joke?

Andy Jones' literacy and music show that examines, explores and explains joke creation and humour. Thursday 9 January 10.30 am, for ages 5-12 years. Cost \$6 per child, bookings essential.

###### Bugs 'n' Slugs

Come and meet some slimy creatures at this interactive session. Thursday 16 January 10.30 am. Ages 5+. Cost \$6 per child, bookings essential.

###### Henry Lawson's *The Loaded Dog*

An explosive tale about three miners and their overgrown pup. Presented by the Splash Theatre Company, Thursday 23 January 10.30 am. Ages 5+, cost \$6 per child, bookings essential.



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