

Welcome

Your Elected Members 2014-2018



Mayor's Message

Burnside Council Elections

Local Government elections have concluded and the 2014-18 Burnside Council has been sworn in. Nine of the 10 Councillors seeking re-election retained their seats, an outcome I regard as an overwhelming endorsement of the performance of the 2010-14 Elected Member body.

For the four-year duration of this new Council, I again commit to clear, sound and accountable leadership and conservative financial management. Over the past four years, I have come to know my fellow re-elected Members well and I welcome Henry Davis, Felicity Lord, Peter Ford and Lance Bagster to the Chamber. They will bring fresh perspectives and new vision to policy debate.

In this issue each Elected Member has a dedicated column to introduce (or reintroduce) themselves to the residents and ratepayers of Burnside. Further issues of Focus will include columns from them on a rotation basis.

I nominated for the 2010-14 Council with no Local Government experience whatsoever. Having now experienced the election cycle from an informed position, I believe the process can be greatly improved. Of particular concern was the paucity of information provided to the voting public. In Burnside, with the Mayor and candidates for two of our six wards elected unopposed, fully one third of the Burnside electorate received no election material whatsoever. Only those citizens well versed in the process, a minority, understood why. Many felt disenfranchised.

I intend to raise this matter with my colleagues on the Board of the Local Government Association. I will advocate for extensive cooperation between the Local Government Association, Local Council Administrations and the Electoral Commission of South Australia to develop and provide a much more comprehensive information package in the mail-out to each elector. There are four years before the next Local Government elections and I am confident that electors in 2018 will be better informed.

The State of the City

The new Elected Members inherit two major projects under construction – the Glenunga Hub development and the substantial refurbishment of the George Bolton Swimming Centre Burnside. The official, or ceremonial, opening of the Centre will occur on Australia Day, Monday 26 January 2015.

The financial position of the City of Burnside is sound with no underlying structural debt. The 2010-14 Council inherited an operating deficit of over \$2 million but for the past two financial years Burnside has been able to budget for a modest operating surplus. This has been achieved without a reduction in services and through rigorous internal audit assessment and critical reviews of all Council programs. This approach is consistent with achieving our Long-Term Financial Plan of financial sustainability and modest rate increases.

Significant unbudgeted expenditure associated with the severe windstorm of February 2014 will mean that financial years 2013/14 and 2014/15 will finish with modest operating deficits, but the financial position of the City is robust and can absorb such random events.

Community surveys over the past two years have demonstrated that an overwhelming majority of Burnside residents are appreciative of the services and facilities provided by the Burnside Administration. Circumstances are always changing. The challenge is to be responsive to community needs but to remain discerning, accountable and efficient in how we apply ratepayers' funds in the interests of the Burnside community.

David Parkin
Mayor



Australia Day Ceremony



Monday 26 January 2015
8.45 am

You are invited to join us in Hazelwood Park to celebrate Australia Day and participate in the official opening of the George Bolton Swimming Centre Burnside.

Mayor David Parkin will conduct a Citizenship Ceremony for more than 100 residents who will become Australian Citizens.

The Mayor will present the 2015 City of Burnside Citizen, Young Citizen, Community Event and Community Volunteer Awards.

The official ceremony will be followed by a barbecue brunch with musical entertainment provided by members of the Burnside Symphony Orchestra.



News

Pool Opening

The George Bolton Swimming Centre Burnside will be officially opened on Australia Day Monday 26 January 2015. See over the page for a full update.

Delivery of Compostable Bags

Beginning in early December Council's contractor will commence the delivery of this year's supply of Compostable Kitchen Food Waste recycling bags to your home. Each roll contains 150 compostable bags. One bag should effectively handle all your food waste for two to three days. Remember that more than 33 per cent of your household waste is food waste which can be placed into your lime green lidded bin for composting. If we can't deliver the bags to your home or leave them by your front door – don't worry. All homes that don't receive a roll will be issued with a flyer that allows you to collect your free roll of compostable bags at the Council Civic Centre. For more information on the program please contact Council on 8366 4200.

Emergency Services Levy

There has been significant media coverage recently over rises in the Emergency Services Levy (ESL). An article in the 5 November edition of the Eastern Courier Messenger implied that residents' Council rates would rise to cover the cost of the ESL for Council owned properties. This financial year Council had originally budgeted for an ESL payment of \$12,600. After the budget was adopted the State Government announced an increase to the levy which would mean the Council will now pay approximately \$35,000 (an increase of \$22,400 to an annual budget expenditure of over \$40 million). Council has determined we will be able to cater for this increase within the existing financial year budget. The ESL is one of a multitude of factors that need to be considered in the formulation of Council's annual budget which goes out for community consultation prior to adoption by Council.

Development Applications

Development applications (other than Residential Code or complying development) are assessed against Council's Development Plan (a legal document that specifies what can or cannot occur). The Plan is approved by the State Minister for Planning and outlines broad development criteria and guidelines. What may be acceptable in one suburb may not be acceptable in another – eg a Heritage Conservation Zone. Council must consider what home owners want, the impact it may have on surrounding properties, and make a decision having regard to relevant provisions in the Council's Development Plan. Council's planning officers are available to discuss the requirements of the Development Plan as it applies to your development. Call Development Services on 8366 4244 or come in and visit them at the Civic Centre.

Annual Community Survey

One desired outcome of the City of Burnside Strategic Community Plan, *Be the Future of Burnside 2025* is that 'Our community is actively engaged and involved in shaping the City's future'. The Annual Community Survey is one of the many tools that Council uses to enhance community input into the planning of council business and future years' annual budgets.

The 2015 Annual Community Survey will be undertaken in February using a statistically valid random telephone survey of 800 City of Burnside residents. The Survey provides a measure of the level of community satisfaction in, and perceived performance of services provided by the Council to its residents.

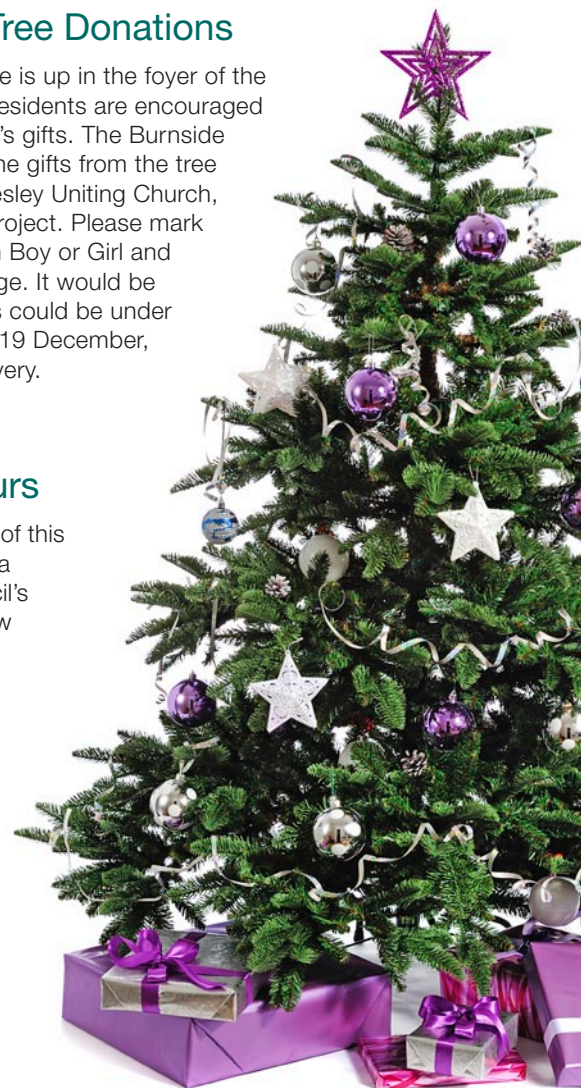
The results of the Survey will be considered in the development of Council's Annual Business Plan and Budget for the 2015/16 financial year.

Christmas Tree Donations

The Christmas Tree is up in the foyer of the Civic Centre and residents are encouraged to donate children's gifts. The Burnside Lions will collect the gifts from the tree to distribute to Wesley Uniting Church, for their hamper project. Please mark wrapped gifts with Boy or Girl and a suitable age range. It would be appreciated if gifts could be under the tree by Friday 19 December, for Christmas delivery.

Holiday Season Hours

Go the back page of this issue of Focus for a full listing of Council's Christmas and New Year's Hours.





Pool update

The official, or ceremonial, opening of the George Bolton Swimming Centre Burnside will occur on Australia Day, Monday 26 January 2015.

Originally planned to be open in December, delays have been encountered with the discovery of asbestos and a number of other latent conditions. A latent condition arises when the physical conditions of the site are materially different to the conditions which could reasonably have been expected by the contractor when the contract for the work was executed.

Strategic Projects Officer Barry Cant explains the delay.

“In late 2012 Council considered three options for completing the pool redevelopment:

- Undertake all of the work during the normal pool closure period of 6 months between April and November, although completing the re-construction during the wet autumn and winter months would not have been achievable.
- Closing the pool for the entire 2013/14 summer season and undertaking the reconstruction over an 18 month period, which would mean that the community would be without an entire swimming season or
- Close for an extended season and attempt to complete the work in 10 months and still having two partial swimming seasons for the community to use the pool.

The safest option from a project management perspective would have been to close for a complete season and have a full 18 months to complete the work, however Council were mindful of the impact on the community if the pool was to be closed for 18 months.

There was no way the \$6 million redevelopment could have been completed over the six month close season, so the compromise option, of opening for partial seasons and extending the closing seasons, was selected.

Council decided to close after the January school holidays in 2014, and the intention was to re-open in December 2014.

Had the project not been subject to the extent of latent conditions that it has the original completion date would have been achievable.

Unfortunately, the project program has been extended into January, and while we would have loved to be open for the upcoming school holidays, the delays have been unavoidable.



As it turned out the decision to close in early February was fortunate because although the pool closed on the hottest day of the year, the very next day a huge storm hit and the whole of Hazelwood Park was closed for two weeks for the clean-up.

The current status is that more than 80 per cent of works are completed and it is expected that nearing the last weeks of December the long task of filling the pool in preparation for commissioning the facility will commence.

Council notified swimming groups (including VACSWIM) several months ago that we would be unable to accommodate them in the 2014/15 season due to the shorter pool season. This early notification was to allow them to organise an alternate venue and advise their customers of the change.

The construction contractor and project team have worked to expedite the completion date and to overcome the delays from the latent conditions. The redevelopment includes significant upgrades to the main building, aquatic operations, cafe and recreational/landscape improvements.

This is a multi-million dollar project which will deliver a modern, family-friendly aquatic centre for our community well into the future.

In response to community request Council, for the first time, will also extend the normal summer season to the end of April 2015 bringing our opening times into line with the seasons of other nearby swimming centres.

Opening to coincide with the Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony will be a significant community event in one of our most popular destinations, Hazelwood Park.

If the pool is ready to open to the public before 26 January it will. We look forward to re-opening, and providing a quality venue for full seasons to come.”

Glenunga Hub

The Glenunga Reserve is a key sporting and recreation site for the Burnside community. Results from consultation reveal that the community expect broader opportunities to be available. The redevelopment of the Glenunga Hub will create further community opportunities.

The \$5 million project comprises works that encompass building construction, services upgrades and landscaping works within this sensitive public domain.

Project Summary

- Building new clubrooms and improving sporting fields to cater for existing and new sporting groups.
- Building a new multi-purpose community centre for all age groups, from young people to senior citizens.
- Improving recreational and visual amenity of the reserve with new picnic and barbecue facilities, access paths, public toilets, lighting and car parking.
- Extensive replanting of trees and associated landscaping.
- Rejuvenated playground.

Progress

Mossop Construction and Interiors have been contracted to undertake the construction of the Hub. Work commenced on the site on 7 October and is expected to be undertaken over a 12 month period.

The works have been planned to minimise any inconvenience for the residents of L'Estrange, Conyngham, Windsor Streets, Bevington Road and for the Glenunga International High School.

The demolition of the existing sporting club building has been completed.

Construction of the building, the associated public plaza and car park will be completed. To allow sporting groups to continue to use the site the old Toy Library

building is not scheduled to be demolished until the new facility is constructed.

Residents will notice construction workers, vehicles and equipment moving through the area as these works are undertaken. Access for construction vehicles will be off L'Estrange and Conyngham Streets.

There will be no impact to on-road parking for oval users during construction.

Access and use of the Margaret Bond and Webb Ovals will be maintained throughout construction through a staged process.

The central buildings slab and footings have been removed and earthworks have commenced.

The new long jump pits (south west of the Reserve) have been poured and filled with sand, while the footpath and running tracks to long jump pits have commenced. The south west section of the Reserve is currently fenced off, and this entire section will be completed by December 2014 (all landscaping, barriers, footpath, bench seating etc).

The Contractor will then stage the work around the perimeter of the Reserve to minimise loss of community access to the open space.

Tree Management

The tree planting plan for the site has been developed by the Landscape Architect and Arborists engaged to assist with the Project. Trees selected are of suitable species and will be planted strategically throughout the Reserve with a mixture of mature trees and saplings in

accordance with the Glenunga Reserve's Tree Management Plan.

The design creates distinct zones to the east and west of the new building and a defining landscape character in the centre of the site – all distinct from the perimeter plantings of large Eucalyptus species.

The total number of trees that have been removed as part of this redevelopment has been carefully considered across the new building footprint, plaza area, and around the perimeter of the site, and those trees identified to remain will be protected during construction in accordance with relevant standards.

The development will ultimately leave the site with more healthy trees, better suited to site conditions and in optimal locations for future site use.

Local firm Oneighty Sports and Leisure Solutions has been engaged to undertake the Governance Review for the management and operation of the new Community Hub building. The consultants have met with the relevant project groups and key users as part of the review, and management options will be presented to Council in early 2015 for further consideration.

This project will deliver an exciting and vibrant community hub in a well-planned green open space that will meet the needs of our community for decades to come.



Meet your Elected Members

Beaumont Ward



Cr Anne Monceaux

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It has been a privilege to represent the Beaumont Ward for the past four years and I look forward to serving you for a second term. I retired nearly two years ago after 40 years of teaching and leading in many

different schools and suburbs of Adelaide. I have participated in balanced, open, transparent governance with integrity, independence and passion, listening and acting responsibly to the community and my fellow Elected Members and encouraging appropriate consultation.

I will continue to focus on future development of sport and recreation facilities and public health and community development issues. I am concerned about retaining heritage sites, maintaining natural environments and ensuring open space development takes into consideration the needs of both the older citizens and the newer arrivals in Burnside. Playground provision and upgrades as well as opportunities for youth development interest me and I look forward to the re-opening of the George Bolton Swimming Centre Burnside and the completion of the Glenunga Oval development. These are both very important upgrades that support the needs of our Burnside community.



Cr Mark Osterstock

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At the close of nominations for the 2014 local Council election, my colleague Anne Monceaux and I were elected to office as Councillors for Beaumont Ward – unopposed.

Both Anne and I were elected as your local representatives in 2010. Over the past four years I have helped many local residents with issues of concern, at a local, state and in some cases federal level. As always, I have endeavoured to ensure that these issues have been responsibly addressed and that their voices have been properly heard.

I first entered local government in 1997, having been elected as a Councillor for the City of Tea Tree Gully, where I served for a time as Deputy Mayor, prior to moving to the City of Burnside with my family many years ago.

Through my work as a police officer and local community representative, I have developed a deep understanding of the needs and expectations of our local community.

I am concerned about increased rates and increased debt, and as a retiree I am even more aware of the constraints on spending, but at the same time I am aware of the increasing need within our community for support services. I hope that you respond to the Annual Community Survey, use the Council website to stay in touch and be involved in all community consultation that impacts on your lifestyle.

These are important ways for Council to know what you think about a variety of matters and for you to know what is happening in Burnside.

My co-councillor, Mark Osterstock and I will continue to respond to your queries and concerns and to represent the interests of people in Beaumont Ward and in Burnside in general over the next term. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time regarding any matter. We cannot always fix the problem for you but we will listen and act where and when we can.

I am pleased to say that there have been marked improvements in service delivery over the past four years.

Burnside's financial position is sound with Council on track to deliver a balanced operating budget for 2014/2015.

I am committed to working towards building a better Burnside for our families to live, work and play, by ensuring that the services that Council provides are efficient, reliable and of the highest quality, and ensuring that the decisions made are responsible, transparent and accountable. Some decisions and deliberations of Council are required by law to be kept in confidence.

Living locally at Linden Park with my wife Claire, who is the owner of a local small business, and my three daughters, I am passionate about our local area, and our City, and I look forward to the challenges ahead.

I sincerely thank you for giving me the opportunity to continue to represent your interests on Council and guarantee you that I will be here to help where I can.

As this year draws to a close, on behalf of my family, I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a safe, prosperous and happy New Year.

Burnside Ward



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Gracias! Matur nuwun! Selamat! Terima
kasih! Thank you! I hope I live up to your
expectations.

I am glad you had your say; I hear you! I know the Mayor and Councillors all have your best interests at heart. The trick now is for us to work collaboratively and harness all of that good will and energy. For those folks that don't live in my Ward, my apologies and commiserations: I'll unashamedly and foremost be going into bat for my Ward (it's not all bad). I love living in Burnside and aim to keep it great. I'll press Council to provide timely, considered and reasonable decisions based on merit, sound judgement and the community's best interests.

To those that didn't vote; I hear you too! Council is more about YOU than State or Federal government ... it's about your community, your street, your neighbourhood. I implore you to vote next time. Better still ... why not run for Council?



Cr Graham Bills

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This small piece is written to genuinely thank those residents who voted for me in the election. I can continue to represent all residents within this Ward of Burnside, your

views, positions and desires within the Council Chamber for discussion in a balanced and measured way. The broader City is not forgotten either.

Anyone who knows me considers that I do have the environment at heart, as I have been fighting for tree preservation, enhancement and respect for over 25 years.

I was born at Monreith Hospital, Toorak Gardens, raised in Erindale, educated at Kings College (now Pembroke), have tangible links to Heritage (Local Heritage listed 'Bills House' at Pembroke named after my grandfather and Headmaster Jas Bills), and have a continuing desire for tree maintenance. I have an appreciation and observation of the impact we have as a community, so ensuring homes for native birds and animals remains firmly in my thinking. My love of heritage places, houses

Picture Burnside in 40 or 50 years. What do you see? Is it better? Different? Of course change is a part of the life of our City and community. Council isn't just the custodian of a stagnant system, Council's a driver and shepherd of change. If your visions of Burnside's future are of a better and a brighter place, let's go there! With your help I'll endeavour to realise your visions of a better, more progressive Burnside.

A special thanks to residents whose second language is English. I sincerely encourage you to step forward and be heard.

There is so much that you have to offer and much more that the community can do for you. You will play a key role in restoring a true sense of community to Burnside and making every neighbourhood the best it can be. There are only a few new faces in Council. In the future I hope we see more diversity in Council, maybe it'll be you replacing me, with fresh perspectives and original ideas.

and trees is also a given and I proudly own a Burnside Council Development Plan listed Local Heritage place.

Unfortunately development does impact on these aspects and I will continue to be their voice in a diminishing tree-scape and hopefully, will be able to bring balance and respect for our native flora/fauna back into focus. In the Burnside Focus of Autumn 2014 I wrote a piece which gives a different perspective to trees, aimed at preservation and care, something for which Burnside Council is known and should be proud to continue.

My wife and I live within the Ward, and have done so in our married life for 27 years. Before that I lived here for many years as a single man, excluding 15 years when in the country as a police officer. We raised our three children in Erindale and Burnside and were grateful for the aesthetics which abounded, and it is my desire to continue that for future generations.

I look forward to working with a dedicated council team, Administration and ground staff for the next four years in all areas, for all residents of the City of Burnside.

Meet your Elected Members continued

Eastwood and Glenunga Ward



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Thank you to all those residents who made the effort to vote. It is a privilege to be re-elected as a Councillor for Eastwood and Glenunga. Special thanks to those who supported me throughout the campaign,

particularly the person from Sydney Street who phoned me offering to deliver pamphlets and did just that. This act of kindness from a stranger gladdened my heart.

It delights me that my fellow Councillor Di Wilkins was also re-elected. We have worked together well during the past four years and I look forward to our collaboration continuing. The fact that the composition of the Council is largely unchanged means that many of us can see various projects through to their completion.

For me the Glenunga Hub project, which is due for completion in the latter half of 2015, is very exciting because of the facilities it will bring to all residents of Burnside. It will be more than a sporting hub since the intention has always been to incorporate a space for community use and the design includes areas to make it an attractive community hub as well as providing upgraded sporting club rooms.



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I am very honoured and at the same time I feel very humble, to know that residents in our community have entrusted me with the privilege of representing them as an Elected Member for a third time, in Local

Government, in the City of Burnside. I sincerely thank all of those residents who have supported me to achieve this trusted position in our community.

I love living in our caring and safe community and especially the historic conservation zone of Eastwood. We are all very fortunate to be able to admire and enjoy the many character properties and streetscapes in our spacious neighbourhoods, with abundant greenery in our garden suburbs and space to play sport, walk, run and play.

My adult daughters and their families live in Burnside, so my motivation in improving the local amenities in our community, are my grandchildren, six little people aged three to 10. We cannot take the legacy of past generations for granted; we must continue to add to and invest in this legacy for everyone's grandchildren.

The new playground, a barbecue area including an undercover area and new landscaping will make it a favourite picnic spot for local people in the years to come. The proposed walking track around both ovals will be a great resource for people wanting to keep fit and a wonderful place to teach children how to ride their first bike. I am very proud we have taken a stalled project and moved it forward and hope everyone will be pleased with the finished project.

I have also become aware that people consider it very important we maintain the dog park on Conyngham Street. It is frequently used and a very social environment and it is clear that with increased urban density an open space such as the dog park is essential for both dogs and their owners.

I extend my thanks to people who shared their ideas and issues. I look forward to working with the community over the next four years.

My focus on our Council will be to continue to improve our community infrastructure, in addition to conserving our existing built and natural heritage assets.

As Ward Councillors, Helga, Peter Cornish and I have been part of the Project team working with staff and architects to achieve a new sporting and community complex, between the ovals adjacent to Glenunga International High School. We, along with the residents, footballers, athletes and club officials are eagerly looking forward to the completion in 2015 of the Glenunga Hub project. This community complex will be a first class investment by ratepayers for our local community.

In my work in community services, it has been my privilege to assist many people in our community in our state to achieve their goals, both financial and personal and I look forward to working with the same vigour and enthusiasm, as a member of the new 'Board of Directors' of the City of Burnside.

Kensington Gardens and Magill Ward



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When I was a young boy, I used to catch the bus to school in the mornings with my mother. She would get off a few stops before me and I would continue down the road to

the French International School Telopea. Every now and again, I would occasionally take ill on the way to school in which case I would get to spend the day at Federal Parliament which was where my mother worked. Now some might claim that there was a correlation between those days and the day of our French spelling test but I would put that down to a mere coincidence.

Those days, I thought, were rudely interrupted by the loud bells which called the house to order and I would go to see what all the fuss was about. In the Chamber I saw the process that shaped Australia as I know it. At the time, I truly thought Senate Estimates to be the dulllest thing I have ever endured but it left me with the aspiration that someday I could improve the lives of those around me.

After studying in full stream French I was fortunate to have the opportunity to complete the International Baccalaureate. I went on to join the Air Force at the age of 18 as an Airborne Electronics Analyst on the AP3C Orion which saw me move to Adelaide. Currently I am studying Law/Arts at Adelaide University. Following my degree, I would like to practise law because solving problems and helping people is something I have always aspired to do with my life.

I ran for Burnside Council because I believe I can make the right decisions and offer a vision for our community that my grandchildren will someday enjoy.

Being the youngest member of Council, I hope to bring a fresh perspective to the decision making process. I think the strength of our community comes from our groups and sporting clubs and I will certainly be supporting these pillars that make Burnside a vibrant place to live. Over the next four years I look forward to meeting with you and hearing your vision for an even better Burnside.



Cr Grant Piggott

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I am pleased to have been returned for a second term as Elected Member for the Kensington Gardens and Magill Ward.

I have lived in the City of Burnside since 1996, currently in Magill with my wife and youngest child, Timothy. We have raised our family here and continue to treasure the benefits of being in this part of the world.

I am a Chartered Accountant by profession, and employed by the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society of SA Inc responsible for commercial elements of the Royal Adelaide Show and the year round event business of the Adelaide Showground.

I enjoyed my first term as an Elected Member, part of a team which delivered a stable and well managed Council, resolved significant issues and progressed projects important to residents. Closer involvement with the City of Burnside highlighted, for me, the enormous breadth of services which the Council provides to our community and the positive impact it has on its residents and businesses. Further, my position as the Burnside representative on the Board of East Waste gave me new respect for one of our key requirements of Council – weekly collection of our bins.

The City of Burnside is in good shape – strong Administration, stable financially and good social and community infrastructure. The Council is well-placed to focus on the key elements of community development. It is in a position to continue to moderate rate increases, invest in core Council services (roads, waste collection, parks) and achieve aspirational outcomes for the community (better aged services, sense of community).

At a Ward level, I look forward to progressing the Kensington Gardens Reserve Master Plan, Magill Urban Village Plan, Magill Cemetery and an acceptable water solution for residents of Skye.

I am excited by the prospect of my coming term as a community representative within the City of Burnside.

Meet your Elected Members continued

Kensington Park Ward



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I take this opportunity to thank the people of Kensington Park Ward for re-electing me to represent them on the 2014-2018 Council.

I have lived in Burnside for most of my life, growing up in Kensington Gardens and now living in Leabrook for many years. I work in the public service as part of the community engagement team in SafeWork SA working on the long-term national project to modernise and standardise the work health and safety laws across Australia.

I am proud to represent you in this Ward which contains your homes and businesses, along with some wonderful historic buildings and assets. These include the Regal Theatre, many of our remaining heritage trees, some of Burnside's cherished open spaces – including the State Heritage listed Hazelwood Park – and our popular George Bolton Swimming Centre Burnside. I will continue the work to acquire the Constable Hyde Memorial Gardens in Leabrook and to secure its future as Community land, place it on the Heritage register and maintain it to high standards.



Cr Felicity Lord OAM, JP

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I come from a community-minded family and grew up knowing that what we give in life is what comes back to us. Sounds trite and it's not always true, but it's not a bad

focus for growing children. My adult life has always included at least one voluntary community activity, varying from pre-school involvements to the State Strategic Plan of the State Government, covering all aspects of life in South Australia. Each step began with a learning curve of variable intensity and my recent election to Burnside Council is promising to be one of the steepest!

I have lived my life in Burnside. Recently retired from the workforce, I will use my skills to the benefit of my community. Before my retirement I worked in arts oriented administration and since then have joined groups focusing on human rights, education, legal rights and welfare, as well as beginning post-graduate study in Conflict Resolution.

My focus in this term of Council remains to continue to work to manage our finances well and keep debt under control, to maintain Burnside's sound governance systems and local government standards, preserve the built and cultural heritage of our community and resist proposals for medium and high-rise residential development.

I look forward to continuing to ensure the preservation of our open spaces, trees and streetscapes, maintaining the ambience and character of our suburbs and enhancing these with good environmental practices along with landscaped roundabouts and traffic control devices.

As an animal lover I also support the introduction of a Cat Management By-Law for improved support and management of cats in our community.

As your Elected Member I am committed to advocate for all residents in the community who makes up the City of Burnside, to continue to work to maintain Burnside's excellent reputation and to participate in and support the cooperative and collaborative Council we have built over the last four years.

My years in management and extensive community advocacy, with an active involvement in local and national issues, give me an understanding of the importance of teamwork and communication in building better communities.

I believe in a vibrant community spirit for our schools and community. As a Board member involved in aged care housing, I have a comprehensive understanding of the needs of our seniors' population.

With public speaking skills, corporate governance expertise, financial management and membership of a diverse group of community organisations, I will dedicate my skills and local knowledge to serve you on our Council.

In 2010 I was honoured with a Community Service Award from the Burnside Council, then this year, I was surprised and somewhat embarrassed with the recognition of the Award of Order of Australia [OAM].

So it's time for me to repay the faith and support of my community which I have promised to do to the best of my ability.

Rose Park and Toorak Gardens Ward



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I thank everyone who voted and those that re-elected me to the Burnside Council. I will continue to provide the confidence and stability for the Council that you have seen in recent years.

I am professionally employed working with the community of South Australia.

As a lifelong resident of the Rose Park and Toorak Gardens Ward I know our area well. I am very community focused, with a long history of volunteering for the community and always enjoy listening to your views. I like to keep interested residents informed about projects, local issues and policy changes through my eNewsletter. Please register your email address at www.petercornish.com.

A sense of community begins with everyone and at a local level from chatting to neighbours, attending local community events and keeping a presentable street front.

I will continue to represent your interests for public policy making and strategic planning, and can advocate on operational issues.

I will continue to ensure value for our rates yet ensure responsible investment in our current strategic assets and ensure that any investment is made with the future of the City in mind and is not an extra financial burden to ratepayers.

Once again, thank you for your support and trust in me.



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With the privilege of having been elected by this Ward, I am keen to support the 44,000 residents and business people of the City of Burnside. I want to see that they have the

opportunity to live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives in this region.

I have lived in the area for 38 years, and my children attended Rose Park Primary School. I am a general medical practitioner and formerly President of AMA (SA) and Treasurer of Federal AMA. I am a graduate of Roseworthy Agricultural College and have farming experience.

The Strategic Community Plan 2012-25 was written after community consultation, and it is clear that there is broad consensus on many basic goals, with which I agree.

These include maintaining the heritage of parks and gardens and abundant roadside trees, providing a balance of housing and infrastructure for the needs of residents, attending to transport and roads, engaging with neighboring councils to enhance water harvesting and efficiencies, creating an inclusive and connected Council, and ensuring a high standard of governance.

These must of course be delivered in the context of financial capacity, and that is mainly derived from ratepayers. This raises the issue of how much residents and businesses can afford to pay, and it is clear that many are finding the burden onerous.

It is therefore the duty of Council to continue to provide basic services, as generally it does well, while implementing the aspirations of the Strategic Plan carefully and affordably. We need to be cautious about encumbering younger residents with a high level of debt, but at the same time we need to build for the future. That requires judgment, prioritising and review, and while consensus on that may be difficult, community engagement is required.

In my view transparency, courtesy and due process are essential and I am available to hear ideas and concerns.

Ranger Services

Parking Fines

Have you ever received a parking ticket and thought “I didn’t know that was an offence”? Ranger Services often get this response. It is the driver’s responsibility to be aware of the Australian Road Rules (ARR), and to comply, but some offences are not so well-known. Here are some examples.



Stopping on a path, dividing strip, nature strip, painted island or traffic island ARR 197 Fine \$87

(1) A driver must not stop on a bicycle path, footpath, shared path or dividing strip, or a nature strip adjacent to a length of road in a built-up area, unless

(a) the driver stops at a place on a length of road, or in an area, to which a parking control sign applies and the driver is permitted to stop at that place under the Australian Road Rules; or

(b) the driver is permitted to stop under another law of this jurisdiction.

If you are parking in a narrow street you are not permitted to place any part of your vehicle on a verge or footpath. If the street is too narrow to park safely then move to another location.



Stopping within 3 metres of a continuous dividing line ARR 208 (6) Fine \$62

If the road has a continuous dividing line or a dividing strip, the driver must position the vehicle at least 3 metres from the continuous dividing line or strip.

If you are parking on a road with an unbroken centre white line you must leave at least 3 metres for a car to pass between you and the white line so the other driver does not have to cross the line.



Stopping within 3 metres of another vehicle ARR 208 (7) Fine \$62

If the road does not have a continuous dividing line or a dividing strip, the driver must position the vehicle so there is at least 3 metres of the road alongside the vehicle that is clear for other vehicles to pass.

You can't park opposite another vehicle unless there is at least 3 metres clearance for vehicles to pass through. Again this is about safety and allowing the passage of large vehicles such as garbage trucks and fire engines.



Stopping on or across a driveway

ARR 198 (2) Fine \$70

A driver must not stop on or across a driveway or other way of access for vehicles travelling to or from adjacent land unless:

The driver:

- i) is dropping off, or picking up, passengers and
- ii) does not leave the vehicle unattended and
- iii) completes the dropping off, or picking up, of the passengers, and drives on, as soon as possible and, in any case, within 2 minutes after stopping.

This means you cannot park on or across a driveway (even your own) if it blocks access for pedestrians on the footpath or prevents access to your premises by other vehicles, such as emergency vehicles.

To avoid unnecessary parking fines, make sure you know the rules and comply with them.

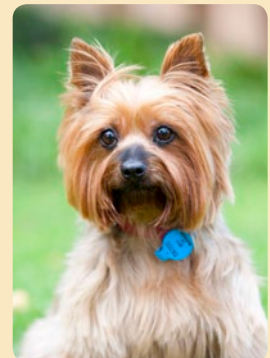
Is your dog registered?

All dogs over 3 months of age must be registered with the Council. Dog registration is a key factor in effective dog management. Dog registration ensures that:

- owners are identified as well as their dogs
- adequate funding is available for Council to carry out responsibilities under the Act and
- responsible dog owners and the rest of the community do not have to financially support irresponsible dog owners.

Ranger Services will be undertaking a Council-wide dog registration survey to ascertain unregistered dogs within the Council. It is an offence to own or be responsible for the control of an unregistered dog and an expiation of \$80 applies.

Please ensure your dog is registered to avoid an expiation being issued.





Water Bowls for Wildlife

Burnside has more than 100 beautiful parks and nature reserves, many of which are ideal places to walk dogs and observe wildlife. When the weather heats up, people often place containers of water out in these parks for wildlife to be able to have a drink or to cool themselves.

Water in these bowls left unrefreshed for more than a day can create a health risk to the birds and animals that may drink from it, including dogs. Dogs which drink from these bowls may even increase the health risk to native birds and animals.

Refreshing the water daily can reduce the risk of serious illness to dogs and wildlife alike. Microorganisms which cause health risks and are spread through unrefreshed or stagnant water by wildlife and dogs include *Leptospirosis*, *Cryptosporidiosis*, *Giardia*, *Shigella* and *E.Coli*.

If you are a dog owner, consider offering water to your pet before you start off on your adventure and take fresh water with you for them to drink along the way and afterwards. Also as a responsible pet owner, ensure your pet is up to date with their vaccinations.

If you are leaving water out for wildlife, try to follow these steps to ensure that you, the birds and animals, do not get sick by doing the following:

- place the water bowl away from footpaths and well-worn trails to avoid dogs using them
- only place water out if the weather really warrants it
- ensure that any water bowls placed outside are cleaned and replenished each day
- always wash your hands after touching water bowls.

For more information please contact Council on 8366 4200 or burnside@burnside.sa.gov.au.

Are you prepared for the Fire Danger Season?

The Mount Lofty Ranges Fire Danger Season started on Monday 17 November and runs until 30 April 2015. The season started early due to unusually warm weather and dry conditions which have heightened the risk of fire in some regions.

By now you should have prepared your home and property in case of a fire by slashing long grass, removing excess material, cutting back overhanging trees and cleaning gutters. This will give your house a better chance of surviving a fire front, ember attack and radiant heat.

If you live in a bushfire prone area you must have a Bushfire Survival Plan. Your Plan will help you take action and avoid making last minute decisions that could prove deadly during a bushfire. Even the best prepared home is not designed or constructed to withstand fires under catastrophic fire conditions.

Making a choice when a bushfire threatens is too late. The majority of people who die in bushfires die fleeing their homes at the last moment. 'Leave late' is a deadly option. You should plan to leave early if you have any doubts about your ability to stay and defend your property.

Only consider staying if your home can be defended and you are physically and mentally able to defend it, and in any case have a well written and practised Bushfire Survival Plan.

A written and practised Plan helps reduce confusion, panic and time-wasting.

More information on developing a Bushfire Survival Plan can be obtained at www.cfs.sa.gov.au or contact City of Burnside Fire Prevention Officer on 8366 4239.



Bushfire Zones

The City of Burnside has aligned its service delivery boundary with the CFS Adelaide Mt Lofty Fire Ban District boundary. Residents within this district will be affected by changed service delivery on days of Extreme or Catastrophic Fire Danger.

The change to service levels is based on a risk management approach to ensure the safety of the community and workers, through controlling services if they are likely to cause/contribute to a fire risk.

This means residents in the area east of the new red dotted boundary line of the map (below) will now be affected on Extreme and Catastrophic Fire Danger Days with reduced, or no, services undertaken. Services will recommence following a return to normal weather conditions with extra servicing for domestic waste collection to maintain an up-to-date service.

For example, if your waste is due to be collected on a day that is declared by the CFS as a day of Catastrophic Fire Danger,

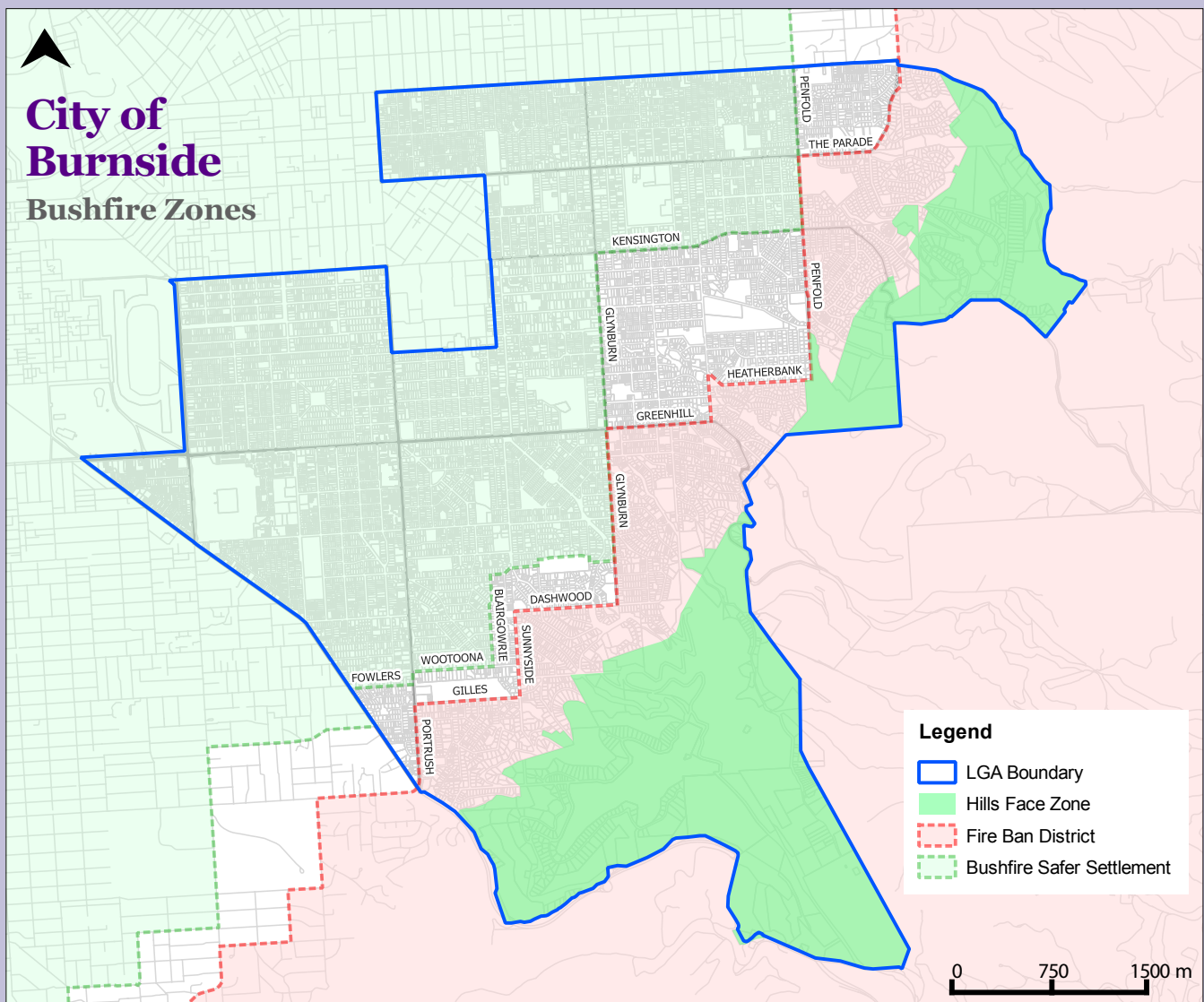
your bin may not be collected, at the sole discretion of Council's waste collection provider, East Waste. East Waste will reschedule a collection to occur as soon as possible and when weather conditions return to normal.

Non-essential services will be deferred on days of Extreme Fire Danger and all services (other than emergencies) will be cancelled on days of Catastrophic Fire Danger.

In the event of an operational emergency, which requires a response by Council, the relevant steps will be taken to coordinate a response to any given emergency event in the shortest possible time to minimise the loss of life and/or injury, minimise damage to property, and to protect the health and safety of City of Burnside workers.

Each household within the district should have received a flyer in their letter box, advising of the changes and the effects on services.

Please check the map to see if your residence falls within the Adelaide Mt Lofty Fire Ban District.



Map created by the City of Burnside. Data acquired from the CFS via data.sa.gov.au. The information is accurate as of 03/10/2014.

Pepper Street Arts Centre

Summer exhibitions



DECEMBER 2014
Until 23 December

Little Treasures

A treasure chest of affordable handcrafted gifts ideal for Christmas.

Last chance to choose a handcrafted gift for Christmas. Sixty artists have created wearable art, woodwork, textile bags, glass arts, baskets, sculptures, quirky character pieces, beaded and fine jewellery, collage, textile arts, greeting cards, colourful paintings, photography, ceramics and more. Free artist demonstrations on Saturday 13 December.



JANUARY 2015
16 January - 6 February

In Praise of Australia

An exhibition capturing scenes and special moments from across Australia by Dr John Flett

Declaring this to be his last exhibition, this is a worthy celebration of Dr Flett's long-term arts practice combined with his fundraising work for the Little Heroes Foundation. From every painting sold Dr Flett is donating back to the Foundation in support of their latest project, a robotic rehabilitation and research centre at the Women's and Children's Hospital. Since 2000 Dr Flett's paintings have contributed more than \$50,000 to the Foundation. Launch: Friday 16 January at 6 pm. Guest speaker: Chris McDermott, Chairperson, Little Heroes Foundation.



FEBRUARY 2015
15 February - 20 March

Keen for Cats - Adelaide Fringe 2015

A visual celebration of our feline friends. A quirky, fun and entertaining mixed media exhibition of artworks by 25 South Australian artists, inspired by the theme of the feline. This exhibition promises depictions of big cats such as tigers, cheetahs and lions as well as many domestic cats, created by artists across multiple artforms: paintings, jewellery, printmaking, sculptures, textiles, ceramics, woodwork, photography and more. All welcome to attend the free community launch event on Sunday 15 February at 2 pm, including artist demonstrations and guest speaker.

Artist of the Month and Gift Shop

Pepper Street provides a wide range of emerging, hobbyist and established artists with the opportunity to showcase their arts and crafts throughout the year including an ongoing shop and artist of the month program. Regular visitors are impressed by the quality, range and uniqueness of the venue, at very affordable prices. We encourage the Burnside community to support the artists who bring you their work.

Workshops and demonstrations

Join our experienced artist/tutors for a wide variety of art and craft workshops throughout the year, or join a common interest group including the famous 'Sketch group' and the eclectic textiles of the 'Knit and Natter - Not Just Knitting' group.

Free activities include artist demonstrations on a regular basis throughout the year. Coming dates include Saturdays 13 December 2014, 17 January, 21 February and 28 February 2015. Meet Wilma every Friday afternoon 12.30 pm - 3.30 pm as she weaves on her loom, and portrait sketch artist Bruce on Tuesday afternoons in February, 2 pm - 4 pm.

Keeping in touch with the Pepper Street Arts Centre for regular updates is easy:

- Go to our website for easy and free subscription so regular information can be sent to you by email.
- Like us on Facebook.
- Printed copies of our activities are available at the Pepper Street Arts Centre and the Burnside Civic Centre.

Christmas and New Year hours:

Close 5 pm Tuesday 23 December 2014
Re-open 12 noon Friday 16 January 2015



An arts & cultural initiative of the City of Burnside.

558 Magill Road, Magill SA 5072
Tuesday to Saturday 12 noon - 5 pm.
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www.pepperstreetartscentre.com.au
or www.facebook.com/PepperSt

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

Library Events

Local History and Genealogy

Are you interested in local history and genealogy? The Burnside Library is starting a new group focusing on the above in February 2015. If you would like to be a part of it and learn more about Burnside's past, or your family history, register your interest by phoning Sharon at the Library on 8366 4280.

Sensational Read

Thursday 29 January 2015 at 6.30 pm. Enjoy a psychic night out at the Burnside Library and look into your future for 2015. This event is part of the Library's January/February sensational read promotion *Her Fearful Symmetry* by Audrey Niffenegger. Features clairvoyant Deb, Astrologers Cate and Kris, Tarot reader Jan and Palm reader Roger. \$8 includes wine and nibbles. There is a fee for some sessions but if you make a booking for those that require payment you will be able to attend the event FREE. Enquiries and bookings by phoning the Library on 8366 4280.



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Holiday Hours

**Note changed times in bold*

	Offices	Library
Monday 22 December	8.30 am - 5 pm	9.30 am - 6 pm
Tuesday 23 December	8.30 am - 5 pm	9.30 am - 6 pm
Wednesday 24 December	8.30 am - 3 pm	9.30 am - 3 pm
Thursday 25 December	Closed	Closed
Friday 26 December	Closed	Closed
Saturday 27 December	Closed	10 am - 4 pm
Sunday 28 December	Closed	2 pm - 5 pm
Monday 29 December	8.30 am - 5 pm	9.30 am - 6 pm
Tuesday 30 December	8.30 am - 5 pm	9.30 am - 6 pm
Wednesday 31 December	8.30 am - 5 pm	9.30 am - 6 pm
Thursday 1 January 2015	Closed	Closed
Friday 2 January 2015	8.30 am - 5 pm	9.30 am - 6 pm
Saturday 3 January onwards	Normal Hours	Normal Hours

Office hours includes Customer Service Desk and phones.

Pepper Street Arts Centre closes 5 pm Tuesday 23 December 2014 and re-opens 12 noon Friday 16 January 2015.

The Burnside and Dulwich Community Centres close Friday 12 December 2014 and re-open Monday 12 January 2015.

The Ballroom remains open to hirers throughout the holiday season.

The Community Transport Program continues except for Public Holidays.

Council met for the last time on Tuesday 9 December and reconvenes Tuesday 27 January 2015.



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