



Council identifies storm damage priorities

Council has released on its website a full list of assets requiring replacement, clean-up or repair as it counts the cost of September's storm damage.

The recovery costs will exceed \$1 million and urgent works have been given first priority.

Local Government and Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock (pictured centre) visited the region last month, inspecting the scale of damage at

Kalimna Road and the flood mitigation wall at Nuriootpa's Linear Park.

He praised the flood mitigation measures which "played a key role in limiting potential damage."

Council is likely to seek emergency State funds to assist with the recovery effort, and has asked the community to be patient as works are prioritised according to risk, access to properties and similar considerations.



Have your say on assets

The community has a unique opportunity to comment on how Council manages and plans for its infrastructure, from sporting reserves and skate parks to community halls and facilities.

Every four years Council seeks feedback on its asset management plans, which define the levels of service Council provides and the cost to provide them.

Consultation is open until 9 November. Our website has more details including things to consider when making a submission.

Barossa a cycle-safe community

Council has been recognised for its support of safe cycling with a State award from the Motor Accident Commission (MAC).

The Safer Cycling Award recognises how infrastructure development such as the Barossa Cycle Hub and community engagement

initiatives have significantly improved and encouraged cycling in the region.

Along with the award and state-wide recognition for being a cycle safe region, MAC also provided Council with a \$2000 grant which will be reinvested into cycling activity.

Initiatives by Council include signing up 30 bike friendly businesses and four bike friendly workplaces across the region, as well as hosting education workshops at the Cycle Hub.

The award reinforces Council's efforts to have the Barossa recognised as a cycle friendly destination and comes on the back of several state and national cycling accolades.



Prepare now for 'real threat' of bushfire



Council is reminding residents that warmer weather increases the risk of bushfires.

Despite the wetter than usual start to Spring, Council's Fire Prevention Officers are urging people not to be complacent about bushfires and encourage the community to prepare themselves and their properties in preparation for the Fire Danger Season.

"The significant rainfalls recorded during September and October will stimulate a lot of new growth, and quickly," said Council's Fire Prevention Officer, Jamie Turley.

"People should not become complacent. As we have experienced recently, the threat of a bushfire is real. With summer not far away people should

be identifying potential risks on their property and start taking action."

One of the most important steps residents can take is to reduce the amount of flammable vegetation around their property, particularly grasses and flammable undergrowth.

Residents can prepare by:

- Reducing, removing and managing vegetation such as long grass within 20 metres of your home and within five metres of any sheds and garages.
- Removing dead branches, leaves and undergrowth from around your home especially under trees.
- Pruning tree limbs that are lower than two metres

above the ground or overhanging your home.

- Removing bark, heavy mulch, wood piles and any other flammable materials close to your home and sheds.
- Clearing leaves and debris from gutters.

Officers have begun their annual property inspections in preparation for the Fire Danger Season. Properties that present increased risk of the outbreak or spread of fire due to high grass or undergrowth may be issued a notice requiring action to help protect their property or surrounding properties.

More information about becoming bushfire ready is available on the CFS website www.cfs.sa.gov.au

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