



What's on

Spring 2014

Schoolies Festival Victor Harbor 2014

8am Friday, November 21 - 10am, Monday November 24



FREE BUS to Victor Harbor for Schoolies Week (\$10 deposit required)

Pickups in Angaston, Nuriootpa, Tanunda, Lyndoch, Williamstown and Mount Pleasant. For more information contact Council on 8563 8444, check with your school or visit www.barossa.sa.gov.au

SUNDAY CRAFTERNOONS

Looking for some 'ME' time to craft, dabble, create and chat? Then Sunday Crafternoons are for you!

Held on the last Sunday of the Month @ the Barossa Regional Gallery (26 October, 30 November)

1pm til 4pm - Cost \$12 per participant

Participants are welcome to bring their own projects or UFO's (unfinished objects) and work on their own creations or try something new using a range of materials and equipment available at the gallery. New skills and art/craft projects to try each month using a variety of materials. Designed to be fun and relaxing!

Bookings are encouraged. Contact Rowena Sloane on 0450167181 or email info@barossa.sa.gov.au



SMALL FRY ARTS

(First Wednesday of the Month)
10.30am - 12.00pm. Cost - \$5

Art for kids that Mums and Dads will enjoy too! Suitable for kids aged 3+ these sessions are an opportunity for kids and parents to check out the current exhibition at the Gallery and create some fun art of their own. Bookings are essential! To book call 8563 0849.



"Transformation Improvisation" an exhibition by Katharina Urban

16 October - 23 November at the Barossa Regional Gallery

An exhibition of contemporary designed woven tapestries. Katharina's tapestries are created by using special shades of colours that are created by using several threads of different coloured wool, silk, cotton or other fibres, on each bobbin.



Barossa Council community newsletter

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Speak up...for your community

vote - your ballot papers must be received no later than 5pm Fri 7 Nov 2014

www.lga.sa.gov.au/vote

the closer you are the more we care
2014 Council Elections
Vote Now!



Grand progress



Council worked closely in partnership with the Tanunda Football and Netball Clubs in the lead up to this year's very successful Barossa, Light and Gawler Grand Final to ensure that playing surfaces and facilities were in the best condition.

This included a wide range of proactive and remedial works such as painting of the grandstand, cleaning, clearing, and providing additional bins, servicing toilets, improving pathways and ramps, assisting with parking arrangements and significant works to the playing surface. In the lead up to the September final, the surface improved dramatically as a result of resting the oval surface from a heavy period of use and significant rain, along with coordinated works by Council's Operations staff in collaboration with the sporting clubs. Rejuvenating the oval resulted from an extensive preparation program that included irrigation, rolling, coring, over sowing, fertilising and mowing.

At the same time, the Tanunda Netball Club coordinated works to ensure that the northern courts were a suitable and safe playing surface for the grand final games. The new southern courts are in the process of curing prior to final sealing, and work has commenced on replacement of the existing courts, now the finals are over. Well done to all those involved! The redevelopment of the Tanunda Recreation Park tennis and netball courts forms phase one of the communities' broader Masterplan for Tanunda Recreation Park.

The 2014 Council Election is your opportunity to have your say! Speak up for your community and vote for your preferred elected members.

Council received 13 nominations for 11 elected member positions. Congratulations to Bob Sloane who was elected unopposed as Mayor elect. For a list of candidates visit www.barossa.sa.gov.au.

Postal voting packs will be sent to enrolled voters between October 20 and October 24. Ballot boxes will also be available at Nuriootpa, Lyndoch and Mount Pleasant branches.

Ballot papers **must be received** at the Electoral Commission of SA by no later than 5pm on November 7, for your vote to count. So don't leave it until the last day to post your vote! Results will be declared by mid November.

Capturing the Barossa

Looking for the perfect Christmas gift that represents everything the Barossa stands for? Then you have to grab a copy of our calendar.

An initiative of Council's Barossa Visitor Centre, the calendar is a project that involved the community and visitors to the region, with people encouraged to submit photos that they thought reflected the Barossa. The diversity of the images highlights that the Barossa is about more than just food and wine; but heritage, lifestyle and opportunity. The calendar also highlights key dates of events in the Barossa throughout 2015.

Calendars are available from the Barossa Visitor Centre and selected outlets, including the Nuriootpa Council Office and retails for \$20. Contact 8563 0600 for more information.





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Cycle Hub project tracking well

The Cycle Hub project in Tanunda continues to roll on with the facility well on its way to completion, as another aspect of the overall plan opens to the public.

The bicycle maintenance station is a dedicated space for people to undertake running repairs on their bike. It features a public work stand that allows the bike to be safely mounted, by the seat or top tube, to provide people with easier access to fix their bike. Tools affixed to the work stand include a tyre lever, wrenches, screwdrivers and a sturdy bike pump.

The design of the area is ergonomically sound to work for all riders, with all types of bikes, including road bikes and mountain bikes. Wall mounted storage racks also allow riders to conveniently store their bikes.

"The maintenance area is a really great workable space for cyclists to be able to undertake necessary repairs on their bikes," said Mayor Brian Hurn.

The opening of this new area, follows the successful competition of the toilet amenities which feature male and female toilets, changerooms and coin operated showers.

"The response to the Cycle Hub project has been

outstanding from within the community and also from visitors to the region. It's great to see the buzz of excitement from people who are watching the project progress."

This project is co-funded by the Australian Government through the Tourism Industry Regional Development Fund Grants Programme and co-funded by The Barossa Council. An official opening will take place when the project is completed in early 2015.



The bike maintenance station is now open.

Reduce your risk this season

As the weather warms up people are encouraged to start cleaning up their properties in preparation for the impending Fire Danger season, which typically starts on December 1.

Reducing the fuel load is one of the most important ways to prepare. Spring is a great time to get your property ready by:

- Reducing, removing and managing vegetation such as long grass within 20 metres of your home; and within five metres of 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.

Now is also a good time to:

- Check and service equipment including water pumps,

generators, sprinkler systems and fire extinguishers.

- Prepare / check your bushfire survival kit.
- Review, update and practise your Bushfire Survival Plan.

Property owners are responsible for ensuring their property or vacant allotment does not present an unreasonable risk of the outbreak or spread of fire, due to the presence of excessive flammable undergrowth or combustible material. From early to mid-October, Council Officers will be undertaking property inspections across the region. Properties, which present an unreasonable risk of outbreak or spread of fire will be issued with a fuel reduction notice, which requires owners to undertake clean-up work on their property. Failure to comply can result in Council undertaking the work and issuing an expiation notice.

More information on bushfire survival plans and tips to prepare your property can be found on the CFS website www.cfs.sa.gov.au. Alternatively, you can contact one of Council's Fire Prevention Officers on 8563 8444.

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Flexible rates payment options

Council recognises and understands that cost of living pressures can place a lot of strain on household budgets, and as such Council has developed a range of rates payment options to ease this pressure.

The following practical solutions and options are available to help support households.

BPAY - allows customers to establish a regular payment method

Bill Smoothing - a new payment plan where customers can nominate the frequency of payments reducing the need for quarterly lump sum payments.

Online payments - provides the flexibility for customers to make payments of any dollar amount at any given time.

Rate Relief - people experiencing difficulty paying rates can apply for a postponement or remission of their rates. Conditions do apply.

Council is committed to treating all customers in financial stress with respect and understanding. Further information on payment options can be found on the back of Council's rates notice, or at www.barossa.sa.gov.au. To speak to someone confidentially from Council's Rates Department phone 8563 8444.

Summer Mozzies

Mosquitoes are a natural part of our environment and breed in standing water (fresh, salty or stagnant). They can be a nuisance, and when they bite, some can spread serious disease.

With Summer almost upon us, now is the time to minimise mosquito populations by taking simple actions to reduce breeding in and around your house and garden.

- Empty standing water out of old tyres, buckets, plastic covers, toys, pet drinking bowls, bird baths, pot plant trays or any other container where "wrigglers" live in the garden.
- Remove leaves, weeds, grass and rubbish in roof gutters and open drains
- Ensure your lawn is cut regularly
- Keep swimming pools treated and circulating; or empty if not being used
- Screen all openings and vents to septic and rainwater tanks with wire gauze no coarser than 1mm mesh to prevent mosquitoes from laying eggs.
- Overturn boats, dinghies, canoes
- Create a good 'buffer' zone between your house and thick vegetation to avoid breeding sites.

For further information, please contact Council's Environmental Health officers on 8563 8444.

out & about



Mayor Brian Hurn presented outgoing members of the Nuriootpa Centennial Park Committee, Ian Kløbe, Daryl Semmler and Chris Linke with certificates acknowledging their years of service.



Nathaniel Mason and son, Joshua at the opening of the Barossa Calendar exhibition.



New Australian citizens pictured with Mayor Brian Hurn (L-R): Sebastien Long and Paulette Guzman Elzo, Belinda and Gary Pearson (back), Myriam Bultsma and William Woods.

Virtual RSL Memorial

Council acknowledges the importance of preserving our military history and ensuring future generations have an understanding of the commitment made by our men and women, by supporting the RSL Virtual War Memorial project.

This online project will become a definitive resource and repository for anyone wanting to research, study or contribute to the commemoration of South Australia's and the Northern Territory's socio-military history.

The RSL (SA/NT) Virtual Memorial is a prime resource for families, students and communities and aims to connect communities with their history. The website links the names on memorials with the life behind the name. It will connect those names with key places, organisations and events to add context to the story. The aim is to present a web page for every service man/woman, who has gone in harm's way for Australia since the Boer War.

If you would like to donate, or sponsor a memorial contact 8100 7300 or visit www.rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au.

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