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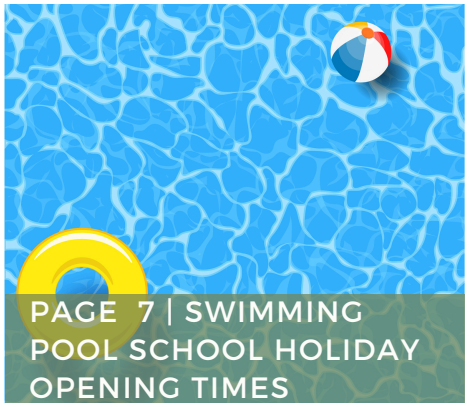
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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

BY BILL GEBHARDT

As 2024 draws to a close, it's a good time to reflect and celebrate our achievements.

Throughout this year, I have been continually humbled by the passion and generosity of our community. We are a resilient and strong community, and I want to thank everyone for their contributions to another great year in Goyder.

For Council, it has been a particularly busy twelve months with a range of major projects and activities taking place. I have enjoyed the engagement with many community groups throughout the year. The number and enthusiasm of volunteers is refreshing and their ongoing contributions make a real difference in our community.

The current drought conditions has placed immense strain on our region's primary producers, and businesses. As a Council we will be prioritising what support we can provide, and continue to advocate for equitable government funding throughout the region.

This Christmas, I encourage you to show kindness to family, friends and the wider community. Reach out and give to the less fortunate if you are able.

On behalf of your Council Members and the staff at the Regional Council of Goyder, I wish you a safe and joyful festive season and many happy returns for the New Year.

Mayor Bill Gebhardt





REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOYDER
OFFICE CLOSURES

The Council Offices will be closed over the Christmas / New Year period as follows:

Burra Office: from 5.00pm Friday 20 December 2024 reopening 9.00am Monday 6 January 2025

Eudunda Office: from 5.00pm Wednesday 18 December 2024 reopening 9.00am Tuesday 14 January 2025

Changes to Waste Collection Service

Collections due on:

- 25 December 2024 will be collected on 27 December 2024
- 26 December 2024 will be collected on 27 December 2024
- 1 January 2025 will be collected on 2 January 2025

Transfer Station Closures

- Eudunda: Closed Wednesday 25 December 2024 & Wednesday 1 January 2025
- Robertstown Closed Sunday 29 December 2024

Depots

Burra and Robertstown depots will both be closed from 4.00pm 19 December 2024 and will reopen at 7.00am 13 January 2025.

Burra & Goyder Visitor Information Centre

Closed 25 December 2024

The Mayor, Councillors and Staff of the Regional Council of Goyder wish everyone a safe and festive Christmas and a Happy New Year!

David J. Stevenson
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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DROUGHT SUPPORT

SUPPORT AVAILABLE

The State Government is investing $18 million to assist farming communities affected by drought across South Australia, as many primary producers experience their driest season on record.

The support package includes a range of measures including grants for on-farm drought resilience infrastructure, mental health and community support, and funding to enable donated fodder to reach more communities.

The package has been informed by drought round tables conducted across the state, and the SA Drought Advisory Group which includes representation from key primary industries as well as state, federal and local government.

Assistance measures include:

- $5 million for On-Farm Drought Infrastructure Grants for rebates of up to 75% (to a maximum of $5,000 excluding GST) that assist with projects to manage drought conditions and strengthen drought preparedness.
- $2 million to assist charities with freight costs to transport donated fodder to assist farmers with feeding livestock.
- $1 million for additional health and wellbeing support through the Rural Financial Counselling Service and Family and Business Support Program.
- $100,000 for grants of up to $5,000 for the ‘Connecting Communities Events Program’, for groups to host events that foster social connections and provide support during these challenging times.
- $4.4 million budget commitment to provide Family and Business (FaB) Mentors and Rural Financial Counsellors, who provide free confidential and independent services that link people with the appropriate assistance.
- $5.5 million funding provided to the State and Federal Government’s Future Drought Fund, which includes ongoing programs to help farmers with farm business resilience planning, climate tools and demonstrating more resilient farming practices.

For more information on drought support visit www.pir.sa.gov.au/drought



DROUGHT SUPPORT

SUPPORT AVAILABLE

Did you know that Rural Business Support provides free support to help farmers find clarity during tough times. Rural Financial Counselling Service offers a range of free, confidential and independent services to support eligible farmers, fishers, foresters and small related enterprises to:

- consider the impact of the season on individual and family wellbeing
- understand their true financial position (income versus outputs, debt, insurance and oncosts)
- navigate their financial issues (might include debt management, refinancing options)
- consider long and short-term implications of market changes
- identify options for their business
- develop plans to manage cash flow and creditor payments
- access dispute resolution services
- consider transition to retirement and succession pathways
- seek broader professional advice and support
- access government and community grants, programs, or schemes

RURAL BUSINESS SUPPORT

For more information, visit www.ruralbusinesssupport.org.au or call 1800 836 211.

Uniting Country SA offer no interest Loans for essential goods and services.

Uniting Country SA

No interest loans allows you to borrow up to $2,000 for the cost of essential goods and services including:

- Household essentials: for example, a fridge, washing machine or TV
- Health and wellbeing: for example, medical and dental costs
- Education and employment: for example, school activities and uniforms
- Housing: for example, house repairs and hot water tank
- Vehicle and transport: for example, car repairs and registration.

The loans are interest free, there are no fees, and repayments are set at an affordable amount over a period of up to 24 months.

You may be eligible for a no interest loan if you:

- are 17 years or over;
- are an Australian citizen, permanent resident, or hold a visa that expires after the loan term.
- you have lived at your current address, or within the same town for at least 3 months (however, these criteria can be waived under exceptional circumstances)
- you can, and are willing to, repay the loan within the timeframe required.
- meet one of the eligibility criteria below.
  - have a Centrelink healthcare or pension card; or
  - earn less than $70,000 a year (before tax) for singles; or
  - earn less than $100,000 a year (before tax) for couples or people with dependents; or
  - there is a no upper income threshold if you have experienced family and domestic violence (within the last 10 years).

Appointments are offered face to face or by phone, depending on location.
For more information email nils@ucsa.org.au or call 1300 067 777

WORLD HERITAGE BID

DEPUTY PREMIER VISITS BURRA & MOONTA TO CELEBRATE WORLD HERITAGE MILESTONE

On Thursday 21 November Council was delighted to host the the Deputy Premier, Hon. Susan Close, in Burra and Moonta as part of a significant step forward in our journey towards World Heritage recognition. The Deputy Premier formally met with the Australian Cornish Mining Sites Consortium in Burra to discuss the next critical steps following the inclusion of the Burra and Moonta sites on the Australian World Heritage Tentative List on 9th September. After a quick visit to the iconic Morphett's Engine House in Burra, she travelled to the Moonta Mine Site, where she addressed an audience of invited guests representing Burra, Moonta and the State and Commonwealth Governments.

In her speech, the Deputy Premier congratulated the Consortium and communities of both towns for their dedication to preserving our shared heritage. She also reaffirmed the State Government's ongoing support for this historic bid, underscoring the importance of collaboration as we work towards the World Heritage nomination. We were also pleased to host officers from the World and National Heritage Branch of the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water who attended the event. Their visit also included two days of site visits in Burra and Moonta with Barry Gamble, Council staff and local National Trust Branch members providing critical insights and also demonstrating the Commonwealth Government's commitment to the next stage of the process.

VALE MEREDITH SATCHELL

HIGHLY RESPECTED HISTORIAN

The Regional Council of Goyder joins the Burra community in mourning the sudden loss of Meredith Satchell, a highly respected historian whose passion for preserving and sharing Burra's unique heritage has left an enduring legacy.

As Chairperson of the Burra History Group, Meredith led significant projects like the green heritage plaques, authored numerous historical publications and contributed to the Australian Cornish Mining Sites National Heritage listing and the most recent World Heritage Tentative Listing. Her collaborative work with the late Eric Fuss and her dedication to family genealogy research enriched our understanding of Burra's past. Meredith's contributions extended to other significant projects, including the Burra Railway Station and the Burra Town Hall, ensuring these sites remain vital parts of our history.



Her meticulous research, publications and volunteer efforts have inspired many and brought history to life for the community.

The Council has deeply valued her enthusiasm, expertise and generosity in sharing her knowledge. She was also a valued member of Council's Conservation Management Plan Advisory Committee. Her work was most recently recognised on a state level when she was awarded the 2024 Lifelong Historian Award from the History Council of SA.

Our thoughts are with Meredith's family, friends and the Burra community during this time. Her absence will be deeply felt, but her contributions will continue to be cherished and celebrated for generations.

Thank you, Meredith, for your commitment and passion in preserving Burra's history.

AUSTRALIA DAY EVENTS

COMMUNITY BREAKFASTS







AUSTRALIA DAY EVENTS ACROSS GOYDER

Sunday 26th January 2025

Presentation of the 2025 Citizen of the Year Awards will follow the Community Breakfasts.

BURRA WARD
8am - Thomas Pickett Reserve, Burra

EUDUNDA WARD
8am - Centenary Gardens, Eudunda

HALLETT WARD
8am - Terowie Institute, Terowie

ROBERTSTOWN WARD
9am - Robertstown Oval, Robertstown





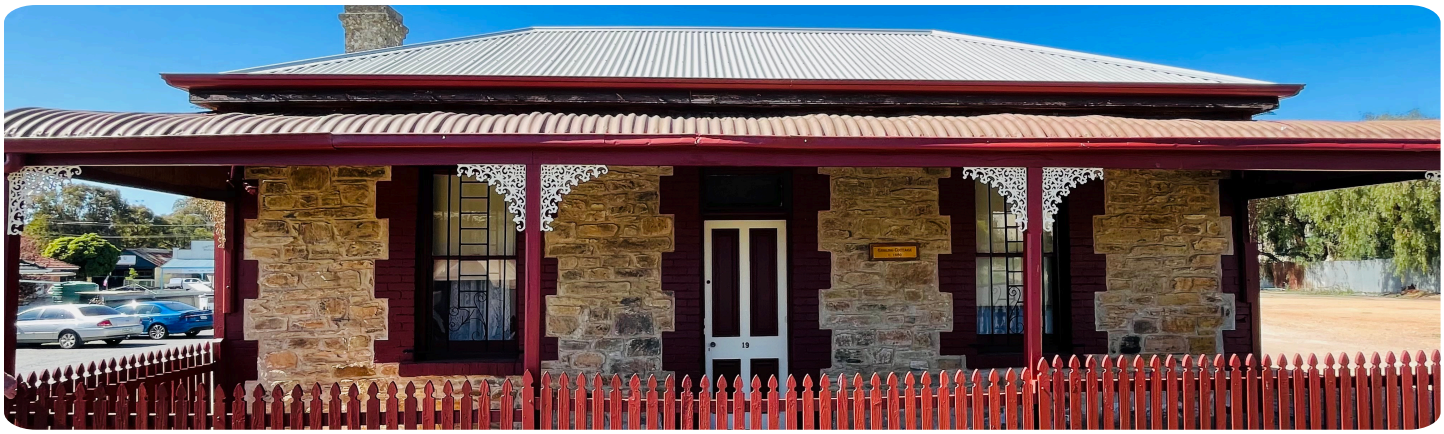
Australia Day Ambassador Dr. Peter Cahalan will be guest speaker at the Burra Breakfast!

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Australia Day
Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

GOSLING COTTAGE UPGRADE

PAINTED BY LOCAL VOLUNTEER



Willy Stalder from the Eudunda Family Heritage Gallery has recently refreshed the Gosling Cottage in Eudunda by painting the outside.

The Gosling Cottage c. 1880 is one of the early cottages in Eudunda and is now part of the Eudunda Family Heritage Gallery display, filled with many historic items of the past.

Willy generously donated the paint and spent many volunteer hours completing this project, and the results look fantastic. “I love the gallery, and I love doing it for the community” Willy said.

The cottage is visited and enjoyed by many visitors each year (over 1300 last financial year). The Gallery members do a fantastic job in restoring and maintaining this piece of history. The Eudunda Family Heritage Gallery is a volunteer-run, local museum celebrating the region’s fascinating history. Opening Hours: Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10am – 2pm.

SWIMMING POOLS

SCHOOL HOLIDAY OPENING TIMES

BURRA POOL

2024/2025 OPENING TIMES

Monday	1-7 pm
Tuesday	1-7 pm
Wednesday	1-7 pm
Thursday	1-7 pm
Friday	1-7 pm
Saturday	1-7 pm
Sunday	1-7 pm

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OPEN IF WEATHER IS 27oc OR ABOVE (BOM App) @ 5pm THE DAY BEFORE

Casual Visit Pricing

Adult $3.20
Concession $2.70
School Student $2.70
Family $10.60
Child 2-4 FREE

EUDUNDA POOL

2024/2025 OPENING TIMES

Monday	1-7 pm
Tuesday	1-7 pm
Wednesday	1-7 pm
Thursday	1-7 pm
Friday	1-7 pm
Saturday	1-7 pm
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NEW WASTE STRATEGY

CHANGES FROM 1ST JULY 2025

Council is pleased to announce that all residents with a current kerbside waste and recycling pick up will soon receive an additional service - a FOGO (Food Organics Green Organics) green-waste bin.



Changes to expect:

- Additional 240L green-waste bin
- All bins will be collected fortnightly from 1st July 2025 (red lid reduced from weekly to fortnightly)
- Note: On the second week of the fortnightly collection for the red lid bin, this will now be substituted for the green lid bin.
- Collection days will not change
- Kerbside waste rates will not change

Preparation for a new waste strategy:

- Your current 240L green lid recycle bin will be used as the green waste bin
- Council will deliver a new 240L yellow lid, black bodied bin (which will be used for recycling)
- A small kitchen caddy and a roll of compostable bags will be delivered
- New bins will be delivered to properties in April 2025

COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDING

UPGRADED NETS

Congratulations to the Eudunda Robertstown Cricket Club who received $10,000 funding from Council's South Goyder Community Facilities Grant Fund towards replacing the cricket nets chain mesh. They look fantastic! Read about other successful grant recipients on page 12.



HERITAGE CONSERVATION GRANTS

GRANTS OPENED DECEMBER 11



The Department for Environment and Water (DEW), 2025-2026 Heritage Conservation Grants Program opened to receive applications on the 11 December 2024 and close at 2:00pm Monday 31 March 2025.

Grants are intended to support essential conservation works at privately owned State Heritage Places. Properties owned by private individuals, commercial entities, community organizations, or local government are all eligible to apply. However, locally listed properties are not eligible.

Heritage Conservation Grants:
• are available to owners of State heritage listed places and places situated within a State Heritage Area.
• provide up to $20,000 for conservation work or documentation.
• are provided on a dollar-for-dollar basis in most cases.

The Heritage Conservation Grant Program is competitive, so in addition to the conservation benefits of projects, special consideration may also be given to projects that benefit the public realm, activate under-utilised places, support specialised heritage training, provide economic stimulus and increased visitation to regions or have been impacted by the recent flooding event.

All applications must be submitted through the DEW Smarty Grant System: www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/heritage/heritage-grants

TOURISM UPDATE

BURRA HERITAGE PASSPORT



Residents of Goyder are reminded that they receive a 30% discount on Burra Heritage Passport tickets—perfect for sharing the rich history of our region with visiting friends and family, especially during the upcoming festive season. The Burra Heritage Passport is a fantastic activity for all ages, offering a glimpse into our area's fascinating past. For tickets and more information, drop by the Burra and Goyder Visitor Information Centre.

SOUTH AUSSIE WITH COSI



Ocka Aussie Cosi was also in Burra recently, filming as part of a collaboration with Clare Valley regional tourism. He enjoyed a delightful high tea with the lovely Friends of the Burra Railway Station, followed by a visit to the Bon Accord Mine Museum, where he witnessed the blacksmith shop in action. Cosi even had the chance to interview local mine enthusiast Hardy Oppermann, who ensured he learnt the entire Burra mining story. It's fantastic to see young people like Hardy becoming regional ambassadors—well done, Hardy! Keep an eye out for this feature on South Aussie with Cosi early next year.

HELLO SA VISITS THE REGION

Did you spot Burra on Hello SA during October? The effervescent Hayley Pearson visited the region as part of the prize package for winning the SA Top Tiny Town award. During her time in Burra, she undertook the Burra Heritage Passport, visited the Burra Regional Gallery and Town Hall, and spent time at Tiverina Park in Hallett. Hayley also experienced the brand new Burra Heritage Bike adventure, now available from the Burra Caravan and Camping Park.





BURRA CREEK REED REMOVAL

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the Burra Creek Management Plan, as part of Council's capital works for 2024/2025, funds have been allocated to remove the reeds from the Burra Creek for the improvement of public amenities and fire mitigation of the vegetation and surrounding area. The anticipated work timeframe will be 6-8 weeks.

The water supply to the creek will be isolated as of 26th December 2024 for a duration of 3 weeks to dry the creek out in preparation for removal of the vegetation.

A requirement of the Burra Creek Management Plan is to construct a temporary dam north of the caravan park for the purpose of relocating the turtles during scheduled works.

If you find roaming turtles during this time, please contact Council on council@goyder.sa.gov.au or 08 8892 0100.

AGL HALLETT WIND FARM COMMUNITY FUND

SUCCESSFUL RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2024 AGL Hallett Wind Farm Community Fund:

- Burra Community School
- Burra Christmas Fair
- Friends of the Burra Railway Station
- The Burra Men's Shed
- Terowie Citizens Association
- Burra Quilters
- Sir Hubert Wilkins Memorial Committee
- Eudunda Community Hub and Shed
- Mid North Arts SA
- Burra Community Sports Club
- Burra Christmas Carols
- Burra Squash Club



Recipients were invited to attend a morning tea to celebrate the valuable work they do within the community. Thank you to the Burra & Districts Obedience Dog Club for hosting and catering the morning tea.

COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDING

RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to the following recipients who received funding from the September 2024 round of Council's Community Grants Program.

- Booborowie Bowling Club were approved $12,000 towards solar installation and a loan was offered to cover the remaining cost of the project.
- Eudunda Hall Committee were approved $5,000 towards upgrade of the PA System or upgrade of the lighting.
- Eudunda Robertstown Cricket Club were approved $10,000 towards replacing the cricket club nets chain mesh.
- Robertstown & District Management Inc were approved $1200 towards seating in the shelter at Inspiration Point.
- Friends of Burra Parks were approved $6450 to purchase a tradesman trailer.
- Eudunda & District Agricultural & Horticultural Society were approved $3000 towards three gazebos.
- Eudunda Family Heritage Gallery were approved $2000 towards the conservation of the 1925 District of Neales Map.
- Burra Community Development Program were granted $500 towards the 'Railway Bob: The Story of a Railway Dog' Event.
- The Burra & Communities Christmas Fair were approved $2000 towards the 2024 Burra Christmas Fair & Parade.
- The Eudunda Community Business & Tourism Committee were approved $1100 towards the Eudunda & Districts Business Breakfast.

The next round of Council's Community Grant Funding will open in March 2025.

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