



NATIONAL 15-21 MAY 2023
VOLUNTEER
THE CHANGE MAKERS WEEK

Thank you, volunteers

A letter from Regional Council of Goyder Mayor Bill Gebhardt;

Here's thanks to our volunteers (and their families) from in and around the Regional Council of Goyder communities.

Without you we wouldn't have the wonderful towns we do.

You would be hard pressed to find a community member who hasn't been on a committee, helped at a working bee or been part of a group to make our region a better place.

For that, I and the elected members, as well as council staff thank you for your ongoing support. Big or small, you all play a role in making the area a better place to live in.

It doesn't matter what your age is, you all help to make our communities tick and be the places we want to visit and enjoy.

We've just celebrated National Volunteer Week and we sincerely thank you all for the time you put into helping others out.

From sporting bodies to emergency services, the arts, not-for-profit groups and schools, it doesn't matter how you volunteer, it's being involved that matters.

Whether it's one hour a week or 20, your work doesn't go unnoticed, we are immensely grateful to all of you.

As Mayor of the Regional Council of Goyder it gives me great pleasure to see you all in the roles you fulfil.

I too have been and will remain a volunteer on committees in years to come because I know how important it is to keep these groups going.

I know that it's more than just being a member; it's giving people a place to share their passions and push their ideas.

But, equally, it's also a space they can come to support one another, giving everyone a sense of belonging.

These groups are vital for our communities and I hope to be able to assist, where possible, to make sure they continue on and perhaps even grow.

This is a very big thank you to all of our volunteers, we see you, we know you and we truly appreciate you.

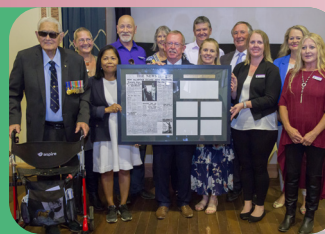


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Busy time for the works department

It's been a busy start to the year and Council's work department haven't stopped.

Here's some of the work that has been undertaken:

Burra Unicorn Brewery Cellars – Stormwater Works.

Eudunda Skate Park – Began construction in May.

Hallett Hall- Landscaping Commenced March

Road Resheeting Works from Jan – April 2023:

Burra Ward- Iron Mine Rd 6Km

Eudunda Ward- Neales Rd 2.0Km, Foote Rd 6.5Km, Diagonal Rd 2.0Km, Frankton Rd 1.0Km.

Hallett Ward- Mt Bryan East Rd .7Km
Robertstown Ward- Black Springs Rd 3.0Km, Burra Rd 2.0Km, Ngapala Rd 3.0Km.

Scheduled works from May-June:

Burra Ward- Leighton Rd 4.5Km, Hogan Rd 2.0Km.

Eudunda Ward- Anlaby Rd 1.5Km/



Council has been attending to works throughout the region including Allen Street in Burra (above left) and new asphalt works at the Eudunda Sports Complex.



Buchanan Nth Rd 2.0Km.

Hallett Ward- Range Rd 3.0Km, Donara Rd 4.0Km, Mt Bryan East Rd 2.0Km, Sunny Brae Rd 2.0Km, Weirs Gap Rd 5.5Km.

Seal Works Completed April:

***New Seal-** Boxall, Phillip Rds 0.7Km

***Reseal Works-** Gum Creek Rd 4.5Km, Booborowie Rd 3.6Km, Farrell Flat- South Tce, Napier St, Stavely

St Farrell Flat 1.4Km.

Asphalt Works:

Intersection Napier St/Copper Ore Rd, Car Park rear of Eudunda Sports Clubrooms.

Kerbing/Footpaths – In Progress:

Burra- Lower Thames St, Allen St, Smelts Rd, View St, West St.

Eudunda- Bruce St – Paving.

Terowie- Main St.

End of fire danger season: Time to prepare for the next one!

It's the end of the fire danger season, but now it is time for all land-owners to keep up with weeds and vegetation in preparation for the next one.

Council's Compliance Officer Cameron Watson said the last few summers have been relatively mild and the next one might not be, so don't become complacent.

He is keen for residents to do a little bit of fire preparedness and planning each week this winter, then you and your property will be prepared at the start of the fire danger season.

- 1) Keep gutters clean and free of debris.
- 2) Mow, rake and weed to remove fine fuels within 20 metres of your home.
- 3) Prune lower branches of shrubs and trees to separate the foliage from the ground fuels underneath.
- 4) Reduce loose bark, dead twigs,



leaves and branches from your yard.

5) Move firewood and flammable items further away from your home. Have a spare 5 minutes?

Start your bushfire plan and learn more about fire preparedness by visiting the CFS website: www.cfs.sa.gov.au.

At the same time, Cameron wants people to be mindful of burning in the open, especially in townships. While burning in the open is common practice to reduce the vegetation fuel load, enjoy evenings outside and to cook food, residents

are reminded that the smoke from these activities can have an impact on human health, the environment and cause a nuisance if done wrong. Be sure to only burn dry, dead wood products and vegetation.

Using heat beads are a great alternative for cooking and comfort, as they produce very little smoke.

Before burning - check the wind direction and notify neighbours.

Do not burn on Sundays and do not burn household waste or wood that is treated, painted, or varnished.

Visit the CFS website for more.

Tourists enjoy Goyder's offerings

More than 6000 tourists have visited the Burra and Goyder Visitor Information Centre (VIC), between January 1 and March 30 this year, to seek information or ideas about what they can do in the region. A third of those visitors to the VIC were visiting the region for the day and with the other two thirds staying for the night or longer. With travel restrictions no longer in place we are starting to see more people from further afar in our region.

Forty percent of travellers were from interstate (Victoria and QLD being the highest numbers), as well as the return of overseas tourists with 197 international visitors visiting the VIC.

2023- A year of events in Goyder:

Community and visitors alike have enjoyed a whole swag of events including Shannon's Rally of the Heartland, Burra Markets, Queen of Wands Psychic Fair, Farty Bard's Festival, Robertstown School and Hall 100th Celebration, First Nation Voices Fringe Event and Gatsby Night in Farrell Flat, Eudunda Show and Shine and Tom Curtain Nothin's Gonna Stop Us Tour, Diamonds Are Forever Show in Mt Bryan and the General Douglas MacArthur Anniversary event held in Terowie...the lists goes on. Council thanks the many community groups from across the Goyder region who have worked hard in the planning and delivery of a diverse range of events. Event planning and management is not an easy task and the volunteer hours put in to create such wonderful experiences for us all to enjoy, and that promotes our region, is much appreciated.

General MacArthur Anniversary Event in Terowie:

More than 250 people attended Terowie's commemoration event,



Terowie commemorated 81 years since US General Douglas MacArthur visited the town during World War II. The Terowie Citizen's Association were presented with a commemorative photo frame from MP Geoff Brock on behalf of Senator Don Farrell.



Volunteering at the Caravan and Camping Show held in Adelaide during February at Regional Council of Goyder Mayor Bill Gebhardt, Anne and Wayne Tomsen and Trevor Austin.

held in March, to mark 81 years since US General Douglas MacArthur visited the town during World War II.

The Terowie Citizens Association and Council assisted Senator Don Farrell with this significant event, which was also attended by The Governor of South Australia, Frances Adamson and a number of invited dignitaries to mark the occasion.

Terowie Citizens Association are to be congratulated on their efforts and hard work in making it such a successful event.

Promoting the region at the 2023 Caravan and Camping Show:

Council staff, councillors and volunteers promoted the region at the Caravan and Camping Show held in Adelaide in February.

It was a great opportunity to promote the Goyder region to more than 26,000 people who attended the show over the 5 days.

Travellers particularly wanted to hear more about our heritage experiences, unique landscapes,

walks and drives.

More than 300 people participated in a survey to provide feedback and ideas in relation to their visits to the region and regional SA which will further assist our regional planning.

Thanks to our local volunteers from across the region who did a great job as Goyder Tourism Ambassadors at the show.

World Heritage journey update:

Council invites you to attend a community update session about Burra's World Heritage status. The information session, to be held on Wednesday, May 24 from 6-7pm at Burra Town Hall and all community members are invited to join.

The information session will also include time for questions from the public.

If you are unable to attend the evening session, a listening post will be held in Market Square on Thursday, May 25 from 9.30-11.30am, where you can ask questions and find out more.

YAC's day of fun

By Heidi Hodge

Goyder Youth Advisory Committee (Goyder YAC) finally got to enjoy their long-awaited YAC Fun Day in April, after having been postponed a number of times in the last couple of years due to COVID restrictions.

Volunteer members and supporters from Burra and Eudunda headed to Barossa Bowland in Tanunda.

It was a great opportunity for the YAC members to get to know one another and share their passions for the region. There are some brilliant events Goyder YAC are hosting this year, culminating in the return of Battle of the Bands in Burra in November.

This was last held in 2018, and members are working hard to ensure it will be another epic event.

Other activities this year will include the Eudunda skate park opening, the popular Eudunda Halloween youth event, and a facelift for the Eudunda YAC room.

Goyder YAC meet after school in Burra and Eudunda (with video links between), and they will be monthly this year.

At the meetings, members decide what events and activities they'd like to host, and are fully involved in their planning



Goyder YAC Facilitator Heidi Hodge, Deputy Mayor Debbie Hibbert and Goyder YAC members embark on the minigolf course for the YAC Fun Day at Barossa Bowland in Tanunda.

and running.

It's a great way to learn how working with local government can make a real difference for youth in our communities. Members are supported by Deputy Mayor Hibbert and Goyder YAC Facilitator Heidi Hodge.

We'd love to see some more new YAC faces, particularly from the Burra community and surrounds.

If you're aged between 12-25 and you'd like to learn more about what's involved, please contact Heidi at the Regional Council of Goyder on 8892 0100 (email sro@goyder.sa.gov.au); or Debbie Hibbert on 0404 294 407 for a chat.

You can also follow the Goyder YAC Facebook page to keep up with YAC adventures.



Smiles all round from Goyder YAC members Claudia, Tyson, Aston, Alfie, Jackson, Joseph and Jade, after enjoying their successful Goyder YAC Fun Day at Barossa Bowland in Tanunda.



Jackson celebrates a ripper bowl at the recent Goyder YAC event.

In short...

**DOGS AND CATS
ONLINE**

Dog and cat registrations due soon

Dogs and Cats Online is available again to the public. Now is the time to update your dog and cat details including micro-chipping, desexing, transfer and deceased records. New animals? Take advantage of the free registrations for new animals in June. Visit www.dogsand-cats-online.com.au or contact council.

New date for Copper & Stone

The date for the Copper and Stone Music Festival has been rescheduled and we're thrilled to announce that it'll be happening on September 16, 2023.

The new lineup will be announced in the coming months, with more details and tickets available soon.



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Get to know your elected members

Mayor Bill Gebhardt

What's the best part (in your opinion) about the Goyder region?

The volunteers are huge and the team in council are magnificent to work with and they're working as a team and it's a great environment.

If you only served one term on council, what would you hope to change/make a difference in?

Tidier towns and better roads - especially the lower category roads that haven't had much attention. We need to bring those lower category roads up to speed.

What are you most looking forward to now that you've been elected?

Making it a better place for the next generation and hopefully expand the town. We need to take all the opportunities that are presented to us.



Deputy Mayor Debbie Hibbert

What's the best part (in your opinion) about the Goyder region? Definitely the people who live here. The number of volunteers and community groups is testament to how dedicated and proud they are of their area.

If you only served one term on council, what would you hope to change/make a difference in? In my first term, my aim was to help create more space and facilities for Youth in the Eudunda ward and surrounding area. By the end of my first term

Council was successful in receiving a grant to assist in the construction of a Eudunda skate park. The skate park should begin construction this month. Oh, and getting a Green bin service for Goyder!

What are you most looking forward to now that you've been elected? Surprisingly, I'm looking forward to Ordinary Council meetings so much more with the new group of Elected members. They are friendly, approachable and enthusiastic. Just like the residents who we represent, we are dedicated and proud of Goyder.

Councillor Tony Brooks - Hallett Ward

What's the best part (in your opinion) about the Goyder region?

The best part is it's rural background. From dry to high rainfall country - there's lots of different interests within the council area. Being close to Adelaide, that's what I like about it.

If you only served one term on council, what would you hope to change/make a difference in? Make a difference in business and to help and promote small business within the towns. Maintain the

town a bit more and look after the assets we have to keep the towns updated. Keep the roads in good condition as small towns are vital.

What are you most looking forward to now that you've been elected?

What I like is engaging within the community. If I can help in any way that's what I'm here to do. I really like engaging with the community and to follow through and help them in any way I can. It's all about people and getting an outcome. That's what motivates me.



Councillor John Neal - Robertstown Ward

What's the best part (in your opinion) about the Goyder region?

It's variety, we have Goyder's line right through the middle of it. We go from the outback to some of the best country in SA. On top of that, we have all of this wonderful history.

If you only served one term on council, what would you hope to change/make a

difference in?

I want to help unify Goyder.

People don't know one another...it's getting better but there's a long way to go.

What are you most looking forward to now that you've been elected?

To keep on doing what we are doing. Goyder has been working really hard and what we are really hoping to do is get to world heritage status (for Burra).

Get to know your elected members



Councillor John Oates - Burra Ward

What's the best part (in your opinion) about the Goyder region?

Goyder has a lot to offer. We have beautiful cropping land and then east of Goyder you move into station country.

There's so much history and heritage in Burra and we have some really lovely towns in the Goyder region - from Eudunda to Robertstown, Booborowie, Farrell Flat and Hallett (and everywhere inbetween). I'm really impressed with the whole region here.

If you only served one term on council, what would you hope to change/make a

difference in?

I would like to keep an association between council staff and elected members. There's great harmony there already and I would like to keep it that way.

What are you most looking forward to now that you've been elected?

Overall, I'm looking to enhance the Goyder region with decision making.

Also, my main goal is to try to enhance the youth of the district.

It's the youth I am concerned about, they are the future and we have to give the youth as much encouragement as we can for a good future.

Councillor Judy Partington - Eudunda Ward

What's the best part (in your opinion) about the Goyder region?

So much to see, so much to do..

don't miss out, come look too.

From rolling plains to hilly views..

There's always something to amuse.

History abounds without a doubt..

So come stay in or just camp out.

The locals will tell you what's here and about.

If you only served one term on council, what would you hope to change/make a

difference in? *My passion is to bring our communities onboard with open honest and timely communication consultation processes, something Councils historically do not do well.*

What are you most looking forward to now that you've been elected?

I have returned for the second time – was an elected member previously for 8yrs.

However, this time round, I am excited by the makeup of the awesome individuals I will get to work with for the next 4 years.

Indeed, they are a great bunch of people to work with.



Councillor Jane Hill - Burra Ward

What's the best part (in your opinion) about the Goyder region?

I think the best part of living in the Goyder region is being part of a friendly, inclusive community. We are so lucky. Our diversity in the Goyder region is enviable.

From our hard-working community groups, our rich heritage, tourism, arts & culture to the beautiful natural environment of our farming land, pastoral country and National Parks, we really do have it all.

If you only served one term on council,

what would you hope to change/make a

difference in? *At this stage, because I'm new at this and still learning, I'd prefer to be open to creating change when it's needed. I do hope we continue to achieve a good balance between preserving our rich history and encouraging progress.*

What are you most looking forward to now that you've been elected?

I look forward to the opportunity of continuing to create a strong regional economy, preserving our beautiful environment and strengthening our community relationships.