

FROM THE COUNCIL DESK

Important Dates.

Sat, 26 January 2019 – Australia Day Breakfasts & Awards.

*Wed, 30 January 2019 – Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council Meeting, 7pm, Clare Council Chambers, 4 Gleeson Street, Clare. *Please note change of date for January.

Public Toilet Vandalism

Vandalism in all public toilets in the Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council area has sky-rocked in the past 2-3 months. Staff are continually replacing soap dispensers, door locks, tapware, toilet seats and sharps containers which are stolen or just ripped off the walls. This is happening throughout the Council area including Stockport, Rhynie, Tarlee, Clare, Saddleworth and Manoora. Council asks the community to report any suspicious activity around public toilets – or if you spot someone leaving the toilet with the tap ware in their hands! Phone Council on: 8842 6400.

Do you have a Heritage building?

Do you have a heritage listed building in the Council district? Council has a small funding pool to assist owners of properties of local and State heritage significance to undertake restoration and conservation work, such as painting and repairs or to engage design specialists. The funding is through a competitive grant process, with the minimum value of work undertaken to be \$2,000, with eligible projects able to seek up to 50% of the total cost of heritage works to a maximum of \$5,000. Contact council on 8842 6400 or email:

admin@cgvc.sa.gov.au for further information.

Fire Danger Season – Mid North

Please keep alert for fire ban announcements as we head into a hot and dry summer – have your fire plan ready. Find out more from the CFS website: www.cfs.sa.gov.au

Bushfire Safer Places

Maps of bushfire safer places in the towns of Clare, Riverton and Saddleworth as well as locations of Bushfire Last Resort Refuges are available from the Council's front desk. Scalable maps are available from the CFS website: www.cfs.sa.gov.au The Bushfire Safer Places are considered to be relatively safe from fire due to their low levels of fuel. Although the CFS has taken every care and precaution in identifying these areas they will be subjected to spark and ember attack in the event of a fire. It is recommended that you identify several Bushfire Safer Places when creating your personal bushfire survival plan.

Templates for bushfire survival plans are available from the CFS website: www.cfs.sa.gov.au

No burning without contacting council

During fire ban season there is no burning permitted, even on non-high fire danger days. If there is a need to burn, a permit is required – and this can only be obtained by contacting the Council during business hours – Monday -Friday (excluding public holidays) 8.30am-5pm. Call 8842 6400 for more information. For more information on permits, including whether you can use a barbecue. Go to the CFS website: www.cfs.sa.gov.au

Bush for Life Volunteers

Bush for Life Volunteers have been working to clear weeds and preserve the largest known population of *Euphrasia collina* subsp. *Osbornii* (Osborn's Eyebright) growing at Neagles Rock Reserve in Clare. Volunteers have done a wonderful job and have worked there almost every Tuesday and as of November 2019 the reserve is now free of large infestations of Topped Lavender. The group will continue with weed control and other conservation work. If you are interested in helping out on this beautiful site or any other Bush For Life sites in the district, your help would be more than welcomed. Bush For Life also holds a 'Bush Action Team' event at the reserve each year for those interested. For more information email bfl@treesforlife.org.au or phone (08) 8406 0500.

Entrepreneurs & Leadership Program 2019

Entrepreneurs and founders require a special set of skills to create a successful business enterprise. Resilience, sound business foundation skills and the ability to be adaptive and dynamic are all traits of successful entrepreneurs. Building on the successful delivery of its three Emerging Leaders Programs, RDA Yorke and Mid North is excited to launch their new program, aimed at delivering skills and mentoring for entrepreneurs and start-ups. To be held over 6 months in 2019, the program is open to entrepreneurs, start-ups and people with great ideas for a new business, and will include workshops, networking events, mentoring, and an opportunity to build relationships with other entrepreneurs across our region. Applications close this Friday, January 11, 2019 – more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/ycc7ona9>

Mill Place Toilet Refurbishment

Mill Place Toilets, Clare, are closed for refurbishment. Alternative public toilets are available at the Skate Park, Lennon Street and Burke Park on the Farrell Flat Road, opposite the northern roundabout.

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