

## FROM THE COUNCIL DESK



### Happy Christmas and a Wonderful New Year

Mayor Wayne Thomas, Councillors, CEO Dr Helen Macdonald and staff wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year in the company of your friends and families.

The end of the year is a wonderful time to reflect on what we have accomplished throughout the past year and to appreciate our beautiful region and all it has to offer, despite the obstacles we have all experienced due to the pandemic.

We would like to congratulate our communities for their resilience in another difficult year of change.

Our thoughts and thanks go out to all the diligent and valued volunteers in our region who work hard at every level to keep our communities safe and vibrant and who will be on duty during the holiday break.

As we move into another hot summer and sometimes challenging weather, we hope everyone keeps safe and has their fire plans ready in case of need. There are many resources available from the CFS website ([www.cfs.sa.org.au](http://www.cfs.sa.org.au)).

We look forward to working with you all again in 2022.

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday Season.

### Office closures – holiday period

Council Office – Clare office will close from 5pm Thurs, 23 Dec 2021 and reopen 8.30am Tues, 4 Jan 2022. Library Service – Clare – will close from 5pm Thurs, 23 Dec 2021 and reopen 10am Tues, 4 Jan 2022. Saddleworth Library and Community Centre – will close 5pm Thurs, 23 Dec, 2021 and reopen 9am Tues 4 Jan, 2022. Community Passenger Service – will close 5pm Thurs, 23 Dec 2021 and reopen 8.30am Tues, 4 Jan 2022. Clare Waste Transfer Station – will be closed on Sat, 25 Dec, 2021. Riverton Satellite Waste Transfer Station – will be closed Sun, 26 Dec, 2021 and reopen fortnightly from Jan 9, 2022.

### Tune in to the 3rd Clare Valley Podcast

Tune in to the third podcast in the series. Hear about the Clare Bike Park's major facelift, Auburn's giant sculptural entry statement, what happens to our recyclables and other materials after they leave our Waste Transfer Station. Hear the latest council news, including an idea for a mobile library service, upcoming NAIDOC celebrations and future community consultations on the draft design of the Auburn Streetscape plan. Tune in via your favourite app or find it on Council's website.

### Save the Date – Clare NAIDOC

Clare NAIDOC celebrations will be held at the Clare Showgrounds on Saturday, 29 January 2022 – 4-8pm. Tickets through Eventbrite – Clare NAIDOC 2022.

### Fire Danger Season

The fire danger season for the Mid North has been declared and is now in force until 30 April 2022. Get your fire plan ready and identify your bushfire safer places by going to the CFS website:

[www.cfs.sa.gov.au](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au)

### **Mobile Library Survey**

Council is investigating providing a mobile library service to expand and improve the delivery of library materials and services to residents, particularly those who are not close to library branches in Clare, Riverton and Saddleworth. If you'd like to have some input into this possible new service, please head over to our survey via Council's website: [www.claregilbertvalleys.sa.gov.au](http://www.claregilbertvalleys.sa.gov.au) Survey Closes 21 January 2022. Paper copies of the survey are available from Council's offices and libraries.

### **Library Books for the holidays**

To cater for your reading needs over the Christmas and New Year period, the Clare & Saddleworth libraries have extended the number of items which can be borrowed and you can keep your books for six weeks, not four.

### **COVID-19 – keep up to date**

For detailed information on our current changing landscape please go to the State Government's COVID-19 information website at <https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/>

### **Newsletter & Facebook**

Keep up to date with Council news by signing up for our newsletter (email: [admin@cgvc.sa.gov.au](mailto:admin@cgvc.sa.gov.au) ) or 'liking' our Facebook page.

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