

FROM THE COUNCIL DESK

Happy Christmas and a Wonderful New Year

Mayor Wayne Thomas and his family, 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 and ongoing struggles with the effects of drought.

We would like to congratulate the communities for their resilience in a difficult year of change.

There have been many achievements during the past 12 months, with positive outcomes from the Federal Government's generous contribution of an additional \$1 million drought funding and other important grant opportunities from both the Federal and State Governments which have greatly helped our communities.

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).

We look forward to working with you all again in 2021.

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday Season,

Christmas closures

Council's Clare office will be closed from 12pm, Dec 24 and reopen 8.30am Jan 4. Saddleworth Library & Community Centre will close from 12pm, Dec 24 and reopen 9am, Jan 5. Clare Library will close from 12pm, Dec 24 and reopen 10am Jan 5. Community Passenger Service will close from 12pm, Dec 24 and reopen 8.30am Jan 4. Clare Waste Transfer Station closed Christmas Day.

NAIDOC Take 2!

NAIDOC in Clare will be held on Saturday, 30 January 2021 at the Clare Showgrounds, 4-9pm, free entry. We look forward to seeing you there!

Ancestry Online

Home access to the www.Ancestry.com research service is available to library customers until March 31, 2021. Ancestry for Libraries is usually only available inside your local library, but external access has been extended until the end of March – start discovering your family tree!

Digital Magazines

For a limited time, until May 7, 2021, you can access a massive range of digital magazines on Libby – <https://sapln.overdrive.com/library/magazines>

Genres include Cooking, Food & Wine, Celebrity & Gossip, Computers, Technology & Gaming, Sports, Family & Parenting, Cooking, Food & Wine and Business & Finance.

We recommend you install the Libby app – when installed you will be prompted to select your library and sign in with your library Card Number ("XO" or "DO" barcode number) and PIN.

Fire Danger Season – Be Prepared

The Fire Danger Season has begun and concludes on 30 April 2021. Be prepared – undertake fire prevention measures around your property, have a fire plan. Find out more: www.cfs.sa.gov.au

Let's Stop the Spread – Let's Not Undo the Good

Let's not undo the good: get tested with any symptoms of COVID-19, no matter how mild; stay home if you feel sick; wash your hands regularly, wipe down frequently touched surfaces and cover your coughs and sneezes; keep 1.5 metres away from other people whenever and wherever possible. www.stopthespread.sa.gov.au

COVID-19 – keep up to date

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

Single Use Mask Distribution

Council has free disposable masks available to the community again, if required, in an initiative with SA Health.

Need support?

SA COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line – 1800 632 753 – 8am-8pm (7 days). For mental health emergencies – Mental Health Emergency Triage Service – 13 14 65 – 24 hours a day (7 days). Helpful information also available from: www.recross.org.au/stories/covid-19

Newsletter & Facebook

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

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