



Annual Report 2021/22 Key Achievements

1. Cupid's Koi Garden (pg 7)

Council partnered with the Adelaide Festival to support and deliver the free and interactive Cupid's Koi Garden event at Keith Stephenson Park. The event welcomed a total of 9,964 people over 6 days in March 2022.

2. Unsealed Road Network (pg 9)

\$1.3million was spent on renewing the unsealed road network and improving the level of service on many rural roads.

3. Resealing Sealed Road (pg 9)

\$2.5 million was spent on resealing sealed roads and replacing damaged kerbing.

4. Harrogate Road Sealing (pg 12)

Jointly funded by Council and the Cudlee Creek Bushfire and Recovery and Roads to Recovery grants, a 1km section of Harrogate Road was upgraded to complete the final stage of sealing this road to the Harrogate Township.

5. Story of Mount Barker (pg 15)

This book commissioned, designed and published by Council beautifully tells the story of the Mount Barker township from the Peramangk point of view to those who have experienced the changing nature of the town through the twentieth century, now, and into the future.

6. Littlehampton Greening (pg 17)

Works were completed on the upgrade of Miels Park, The Glebe and the Main Street with new paving, landscaping, trees, shelter and play equipment.

7. Black Summer Bushfire Grants (pg 19)

\$110,000 was secured to assist in the delivery, by Council, of an agribusiness support program plus \$70,000 for an augmented reality mural on the walls of the Wallis cinema building.



8. Fire to Flourish Grant Funding (pg 20)

Successful in securing \$1.376 million in Federal Government grant funding under the Preparing Australian Communities Program to deliver a 3 year Fire to Flourish program, working with community groups to build community capacity to prepare for, adapt to, and recover from disasters.

9. Development Value Increase (pg 22)

\$285 million (development value) worth of housing lodged compared to \$241.3 million lodged over the previous financial year. This equates to a 18.1% increase in development value for dwellings.

10. Commercial Green Waste Trail (pg 24)

A pilot program called 'Gawler Street Food Waste Trial' was successfully completed as an action from the Waste to Resource Management Plan.

The trial delivered some excellent outcomes and a further feasibility study will be done on the future delivery of green waste services to all commercial and industrial properties in townships across the district.

11. Preparation for New Wastewater Treatment Plant (pg 26)

Decommissioning and desludging of the eastern lagoon at the Springs Road, Wastewater Treatment Plant in preparation for the construction of Stage 1 of the new treatment plant.

12. New Sewer Main and Pump Station (pg 28)

Contract was awarded and construction commenced on the Hampden Road (Mount Barker) Sewer Collection Main and Pump Station.

13. New Footpath and Trails (pg 31)

The new Duck Flat Creek Trail linking the Laratinga Trail, through to the existing trail at Murray Avenue was completed. Council's new \$11m footpath program commenced with the construction of a new path to the Echunga Primary School.



14. Mosquito Monitoring (pg 33)

In February 2022, Japanese Encephalitis was detected for the first time ever in South Australia. Council's Environmental Health Officers were already working with SA Health and monitoring for mosquitos and this made it easier to respond to the emerging public health issue.

15. History Month Hosted by the Library (pg 36)

The library expanded their history month program in May 2022 with 354 attendees over 11 events. Feature events included family history workshops, history of the Holden and launch of the *Story of Mount Barker* book.

16. Library Christmas Market (pg 38)

Over 1,100 people came through the doors and traders were very appreciative of the opportunity provided by the library with some having to bring in extra produce in the middle of the day to keep up with demand.

17. Reconciliation Week Mural (pg 41)

Design and painting of a mural in the players' races at the Summit Sport and Recreation Park.

The mural which incorporates the Summit in the design and conveys the history and connection to country of the Peramangk people was commissioned during 2022 Reconciliation Week celebrations.

18. Arts Plan (pg 44)

Extensive research and engagement to develop an Arts Plan for the district was undertaken. We heard some fantastic ideas and a draft Arts Plan will be finalised for endorsement by Council in the 2022/23 financial year.

19. Nairne Village Green (pg 47)

Works continued on the multi-stage upgrade to Mick Murphy Park in the centre of Nairne to provide improved landscaping, amenity and play opportunities.



20. **Keith Stephenson Park Play Space Upgrade** (pg 49)

Consultation on and endorsement of concept design for the upgrade of the play space at Keith Stephenson Park.

21. **Macclesfield Main Street** (pg 51)

Works continued on the upgrade of the main street in Macclesfield with improved footpaths, parking and landscaping.

22. **Aquatic and Leisure Centre** (pg 53)

Council is progressing with delivery of the regional aquatic and leisure centre after appointing DesignInc as lead architect for the project.

As lead architect, DesignInc will lead the design team, and guide the Community Reference Group and other activities proposed in their design bid.

23. **City Centre Project** (pg 54)

Consultation on and endorsement of the concept design for a Town Square as part of the broader City Centre Project.

24. **Tree Audit and Forestree** (pg 58)

An audit of trees in the 13 recreation grounds across the district in 2021. 1,872 trees were assessed with data collected including tree species, health, defects, any risks to public safety and level of significance of the tree.

This new information and all existing tree data will soon be transferred to a new web based tree management system called **Forestree**.

25. **Revegetation** (pg 61)

Council planted over 250 street trees and 100 shade trees in parks and reserves plus over 14,000 plants in revegetation projects.



26. Windmill Transfer Station (pg 63)

Tonnes diverted from landfill increased by 232.37 tonnes or 19.1%.

2,264 tonnes were sent to landfill, an increase of 236.36 tonnes, or 13.2% on previous year's tonnages.

Overall greater number of customers were seen through the facility, resulting in a \$5000 operating surplus which will be returned through improving site facilities for customers.

27. Waste Management (pg 63)

Council's overall landfill diversion rate (kerbside and transfer station) has increased by 1%. 2021/22 saw an increase of 440.91 tonnes disposed to landfill or 4.6% over the previous financial year.

The proportion of kerbside recycling collected in 2021/22 in comparison to 2020/2021 has increased by 5.2% and kerbside green organics has increased by 1.6%.

28. Bushfire Recovery (pg 65)

Works were completed to restore and upgrade the Harrogate Cemetery, Harrogate Reserve and local fire tracks utilising Black Summer grant funding. An additional \$400k of funding was secured for roadside vegetation management to occur in 2022/23.

29. COVID-19 Response (pg 67)

Council continued to adapt and deliver services to the community in line with SA Health COVID-19 restrictions and regulations, to ensure the health and safety of our staff, community and volunteers as a priority.

30. Developer Funded Infrastructure (pg 71)

Significant revenue was collected from developers to contribute to the funding of new and upgraded infrastructure required due to growth.

31. Representation Review (pg 75)

Completion of the Representation Review which resulted in some changes to ward boundaries. These changes take effect at the November 2022 council election.