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More than 70,000 people relished in the return of the Norwood Food & Wine Festival.

To read more about the 2024 AFL Gather Round See page 2 & 3.

Mayor's Message

Welcome to the Winter 2024 edition of Look East



Eighteen months into this term and the Council is moving forward to get the job done for our community.

As I travel around our City attending events and functions, speaking to residents, business owners and sporting clubs, there is a real buzz and confidence that the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters is on the move.

A number of capital projects are either now complete, or well down the track to completion, demonstrating the Council's strong commitment to providing high quality facilities for our community. In January, the \$1.45 million Dunstan Adventure Playground in St Peters was completed. The Premier of South Australia the Hon Peter Malinauskas MP, joined me to officially open this iconic play space.

The new clubrooms at Cruickshank Reserve, Maylands, were opened in May, providing better amenities for netball and tennis players and officials.

The long-awaited \$4.2 million upgrade of Burchell Reserve, St Peters, is also progressing well and will be officially

open in Spring, while Stages 2 & 3 of the \$20 million Trinity Valley Drainage Upgrade have just been completed and work is set to start on St Morris Reserve later this year as part of Stage 4.

Finally, work on the \$60 million redevelopment of the Payneham Memorial Swimming Centre commenced in February. This is the biggest and most exciting capital project ever undertaken by the Council and will be the jewel in the crown for our City and indeed, the eastern suburbs.

Once completed, every citizen of our City should feel very proud of what will undoubtedly be one of the best swimming centres in Adelaide and it's located in our very own backyard!

In April, the 2024 AFL Gather Round once again saw The Parade come alive with two matches played at Norwood Oval and the return of the Norwood Food & Wine Festival. It was fantastic to see so many locals and visitors from interstate come to South Australia's Premier Mainstreet and enjoy an incredible weekend of activity showcasing our hospitality scene.

Following on from last year's success, the economic impact of the AFL Gather Round went to another level. Spendmapp data showed that between Friday 5 April and Sunday 7 April, spending on food and beverages across our City was \$6.6 million compared to \$4.45 million in 2023. Of that figure, \$3.7 million was spent in the suburb of Norwood, up from \$2.2 million last year. Naturally, the Council is keen to build on this success and has resolved to register its interest with the AFL and the State Government for Norwood Oval to again host matches as part of the 2025 AFL Gather Round.

The success of events such as the AFL Gather Round are the result of the Council moving quickly and with confidence and conviction—to take advantage of unique opportunities as they arise—with the clear aim of providing economic, social and cultural benefits to all those who live, work and play in our City.

To quote Local Government Association of South Australia President Dean Johnson, "Local Government is much more than dollars and cents on a spreadsheet."

At its core, Local Government is about improving the quality of life for communities. It therefore makes no sense for the Council to sit back, play it safe and do nothing out of fear it will make a mistake or be criticised by our community, or the media, for spending money on infrastructure and major events.

Our citizens work hard for their money to contribute to the Council's budget, so it is only fair that in return the Council ensures the money in the budget works hard for them.

It is in that spirit that the Council has developed its 2024–2025 Budget, which has, at its foundation, an ongoing commitment to providing a range of high quality services and programs, while delivering a sustainable asset renewal and capital works program.

I hope you enjoy this Winter edition of Look East!

Robert Bria
Mayor



2024 AFL Gather Round on The Parade

*Millions of dollars
pour into our City*

Not only did our City host two thrilling AFL matches, the Norwood Food & Wine Festival and promote our local eateries and traders to the nation, the 2024 AFL Gather Round in April also delivered significant economic benefits.

More than 18,000 fans packed Norwood Oval over the Gather Round weekend for the two AFL matches. The Brisbane Lions kicking off a convincing win over North Melbourne in front of 9,037 fans on Friday 5 April, while 9,425 footy fans enjoyed watching St Kilda defeat Richmond on Sunday 7 April.

South Australia's Premier Mainstreet, The Parade, was once again home to the Norwood Food & Wine Festival after a 12 year break, transforming The Parade into a buzzing hub for foodies and music lovers.

With our best local food and beverage producers mixing with traders from across the State, festival attendees were spoilt for choice as they waited for ARIA award-winning band The Temper Trap to take to the stage just after sunset.





The Festival also included live DJ sets and bands, large TV screens showing the footy and packed pubs, restaurants, shops and other venues.

It is estimated that over 70,000 people enjoyed the festivities throughout the day.

The Spendmapp* data for the month of April 2024 shows the City and in particular the suburb of Norwood, benefitted from an increase in spending this year compared to in 2023.

The total spend for the entire City over the three days was \$17.6 million compared to \$14.2 million in 2023.

And City-wide spending in the Dining and Hospitality category was \$6.6 million this year compared to \$4.45 million in 2023.

Dining and Hospitality spending in the suburb of Norwood reached \$3.7 million compared to \$2.2 million in 2023.

The massive increase in spending this year is testament to the momentum of the AFL Gather Round and of course, the popularity of The Parade and The Norwood Food & Wine Festival.

The high percentage of spending coming from visitors, rather than locals, reinforces the success of the AFL Gather Round and how it attracts people from interstate to the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters.

The AFL Gather Round will return to South Australia next season, with the State Government locking in the concept until the end of 2026.

Recently, the Council resolved to express its interest with the AFL and the State Government for Norwood Oval to host matches at next year's AFL Gather Round and has allocated \$200,000 in its 2024–2025 budget for activations and events.

**Spendmapp data takes into account financial transactions to monitor spending trends associated with specific events or between certain time periods.*

A day of fun and celebration

Dunstan Adventure Playground official opening

With free gelato, hot chips and glorious weather, the official opening of the redeveloped Dunstan Adventure Playground was a resounding success.

Thank you to everyone who came along to the event and tried out the adventure themed play equipment including the big slippery slide and the flying fox.

Premier Peter Malinauskas—who officially opened the park with Mayor Robert Bria on Saturday 3 February—and his young family were one of hundreds of guests who enjoyed the celebrations and relished in the history of the park, which was first built in 1976, at the suggestion of then Premier, Don Dunstan.

Official proceedings also included Kaurna Elder, Rosalind Coleman who performed the official Welcome to Country which was followed by a smoking ceremony and the playing of a didgeridoo. To reflect the Kaurna People as the traditional owners of the Adelaide Plains, there are Kaurna cultural references throughout the new playground.

Fittingly, there are also tributes and acknowledgements for Premier Dunstan located throughout the park, in particular, the below iconic image of the former Premier wearing his famous flares and a turtle-neck jumper on the flying fox.



When the playground was first built, it cost approximately \$12,000 and was largely made of metal.

Speaking at this year's official opening, Mayor Bria told the crowd while the new playground was welcomed by the local community, it was not long before it attracted the attention of interstate media.

In November 1978, the playground was discussed in the 'Canberra Times' in an article titled, 'What about games with risk.' The Canberra Times reported: "The Don Dunstan Adventure Playground in Adelaide provides some high-risk activities, including a flying fox. It is interesting to note that though the playground is used mainly by children, adults have featured more prominently in the few accidents that have occurred."

Looking towards the future, the Council is extremely confident the former Premier would be proud of the redevelopment which includes an:

- adventure-themed play equipment, including a 32-metre flying fox;
- 19-metre slide;
- in-ground trampolines;
- sensory elements;
- barbecue, picnic areas, toilets;
- park furniture;
- landscaping, irrigation;
- bank improvements to reduce soil erosion; and
- path lighting and better path connections between the Linear Park and Eleventh Avenue and Winchester Street.

The \$1.45 million upgrade included a funding contribution of \$450,000 from the State Government's *Open Space Grant Program* with the remainder funded by the Council.

Make sure you visit the redeveloped Dunstan Adventure Playground at Winchester Street, St Peters.

To read more about the Council's major projects, see pages 6–9.



Trinity Valley Drainage Upgrade

Project Update

As part of its multi-million dollar Trinity Valley Drainage Upgrade, the Council is installing new infrastructure that will significantly reduce the risk of flooding to properties within the suburbs of St Morris, Trinity Gardens, Maylands and Stepney (known collectively as the 'Trinity Valley').

Stages 2 and 3 of the four stage project have recently been completed. Stages 1 and 4 will be undertaken during the 2024–2025 financial year.

Stage 2 involved the installation of large concrete culverts, pipes and pits within the roadway, followed by the reconstruction of the road pavement in Albermarle Avenue and Ashbrook Avenue, Trinity Gardens.

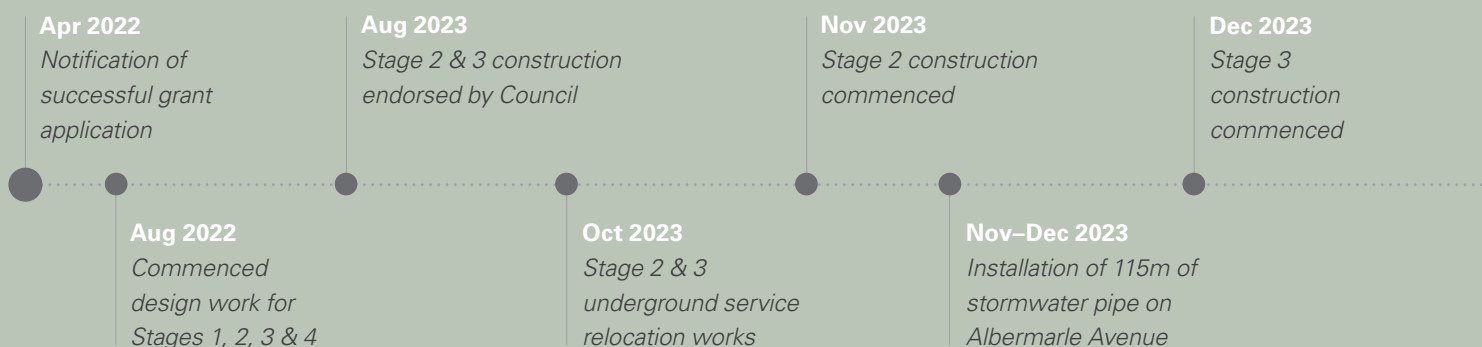
Stage 3 involved the installation of large concrete culverts, pipes and pits, followed by the reconstruction of the road pavement on Jones Avenue, Trinity Gardens.

The large culverts within the roadway in Albermarle Avenue and Jones Avenue, will provide underground detention storage and combined with the new stormwater pits and connections, will capture and detain surface water that would otherwise flood residential properties in major storm events.

The Trinity Valley Drainage Upgrade Project received funding from the Federal Government, through a \$9.9 million grant from the *Preparing Australia Communities Program*, which targets projects that improve resilience against natural disasters. The grant is being matched dollar-for-dollar by the Council.

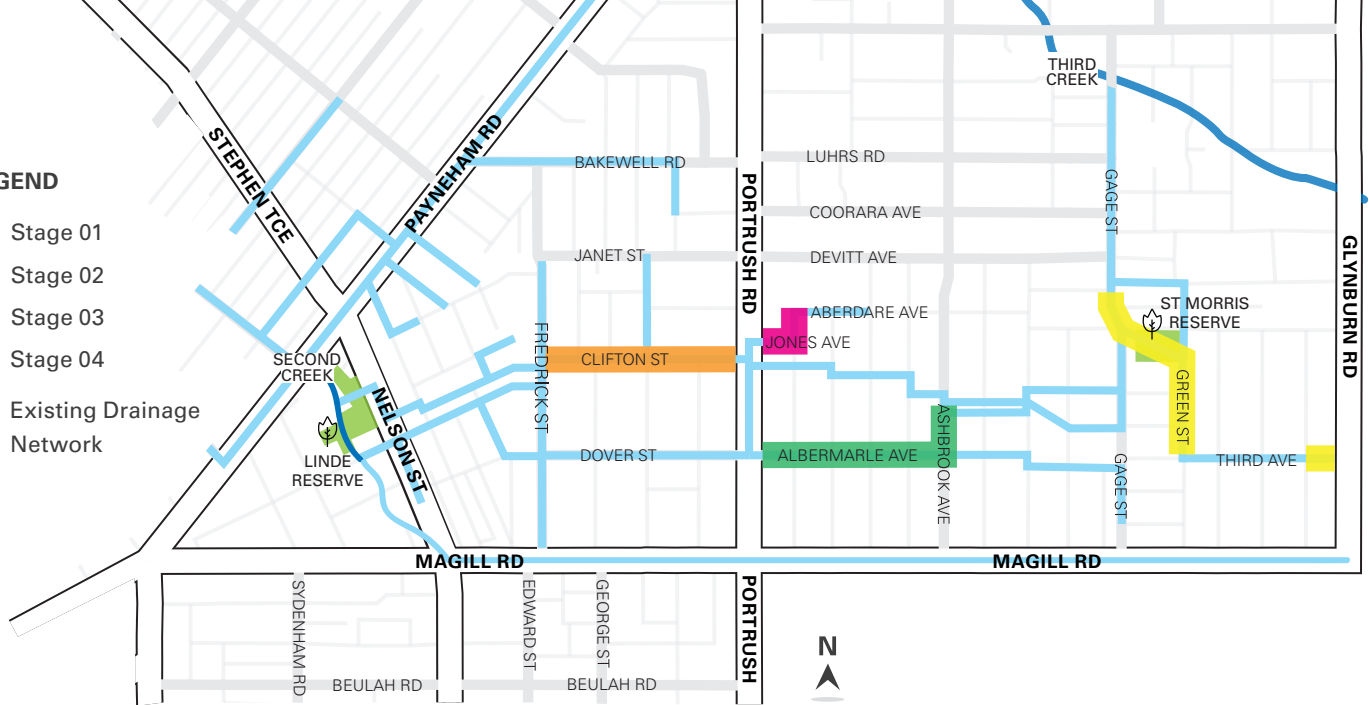


Project timeline



LEGEND

- Stage 01
- Stage 02
- Stage 03
- Stage 04
- Existing Drainage Network



The next stage of the project, Stage 4 includes new drainage infrastructure in Gage Street and Green Street, St Morris and includes the redevelopment of St Morris Reserve which will include a stormwater detention basin. Work on Stage 4, is scheduled to commence later this year.

Stage 1, the final stage of the upgrade, includes new drainage in the suburbs of Maylands and Stepney and is scheduled to commence in early 2025.



To watch a video of the Trinity Valley Drainage Upgrade or to find out more, scan the QR Code or visit www.npsp.sa.gov.au/major_projects



Jan 2024
Completion of Stage 3

Mar–Apr 2024
Installation of 70m of Stormwater Pipe on Ashbrook Avenue

May 2024
Completion of Stage 2

Early 2025
Stage 1 scheduled to commence

Dec 2023–Jan 2024
Installation of 90m of reinforced concrete box culverts, 200m of stormwater pipe & asphalt pavement on Jones Avenue & Amherst Avenue

Feb–Apr 2024
Installation of 320m of reinforced concrete box culverts on Albermarle Avenue

May 2024
Asphalt pavement on Albermarle Avenue

Late 2024
Stage 4 scheduled to commence

Major Project Updates

The City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters has been a hive of activity with the construction of new sports and community facilities. These major projects not only benefit residents and visitors but create jobs during construction and provide an overall boost to our City's local economy.



The Payneham Memorial Swimming Pool was first opened in 1968 by the former Payneham Council and despite several repairs and plant replacement over the years, the Pool had reached the end of its useful life and was in need of significant investment.

Payneham Memorial Swimming Centre Redevelopment

The transformation of the Payneham Memorial Swimming Centre into a contemporary and modern aquatic leisure centre has already commenced with on-site work well underway at 194 OG Road, Felixstow.

In early 2024, the Council awarded the construction contract to South Australian-based Badge Constructions, creating 100 jobs during the construction phase.

The new project—which is estimated to cost \$60 million—is the City's biggest infrastructure investment in the history of the Council. Each of the three new pools will have an all-access entry ramp or lift, and aquatic wheelchairs will be available for public use.

The Centre's funding includes a \$5.6 million grant from the State Government's *Local Government Infrastructure Partnership Program*.

The redevelopment includes the following new features...

50 metre outdoor pool with 10 lanes

25 metre indoor pool with 8 lanes

11 x 20 metre indoor learner's pool

14 metre tall tower with two outdoor waterslides

Multiple male, female and unisex all-access changerooms with showers, toilets and lockers

Multipurpose meeting room

Shade shelters and picnic seating



Cruickshank Reserve Facility Upgrade

The new clubrooms at Cruickshank Reserve, Maylands, were officially opened to the public on Saturday 25 May.

The redevelopment—which was supported by \$888,786 from the Federal Government under the *Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program* and \$460,000 from the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters—includes a new clubroom, two unisex change rooms and toilets, a canteen, an office, storerooms and two public toilets.

The upgrade is of particular importance for the Maylands Sports Centre, St Peters Tennis Club and the Gems Netball Club, all of whom use the Reserve for training, games and community activities.

The Reserve was named after Robert Cruickshank, who was born in 1865. A solicitor and authority on shipping law, Mr Cruickshank was a keen sportsman who lived in Augusta Street, Maylands and was very active in the community. A Councillor for the Maylands Ward,

Mayor of St Peters and a member of the Board of Governors of the Public Library, Museum and Art Gallery, he was very prominent figure. In 1912, the St Peters Council purchased part of a cow paddock and named it 'Cruickshank Reserve' in recognition of Mr Cruickshank's valuable service to the Council and community.

Visit Cruickshank Reserve on the corner of Clifton Street and Phillis Street, Maylands.



Burchell Reserve Redevelopment

The community is encouraged to visit Burchell Reserve, in St Peters, following its \$4.2 million upgrade, and try out some of its new features!

The redevelopment of the Reserve includes multi-use community courts (for tennis, basketball and netball), playground equipment, toilets, landscaping, shelter, picnic settings and barbeques.

An official opening for the whole community will be held later in the year and details of the event will be available on the Council's website closer to the date.



To find out more about the Council's Major Projects, scan the QR Code or visit www.npsp.sa.gov.au/majorprojects

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2024 Eastside Business Awards Night

This year, 11 local businesses were recognised for excellence and four businesses received the new Legends Award, which is awarded when a business has won the same category at least three times.

The winners of the 2024 Legends Award were: **Little Bang Brewery** - Best Pub/Bar, **Shouz Boutique** - Best Fashion Retailer, **Mary MacKillop Museum** - Best Arts & Culture/Entertainment Experience, and **Cheeky Grin Coffee** - Best Coffee category.

St Morris Mexican grocery store, Chile Mojo, was inducted into the esteemed Hall of Fame. See page 12 to read more.

All of the winners were presented their awards by Mayor Robert Bria and the Minister for Small and Family Business, Hon Andrea Michaels MP, and received

\$1,000 towards advertising with Solstice Media and a \$1,000 voucher to use at AFM Services.

This year a record number of businesses were nominated, with eight being nominated for the first time. The Awards received a total of 10,900 votes over the 11 categories.

The awards night was attended by all finalists, City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters' Elected Members and representatives from Solstice Media, who worked with the Council to deliver the successful Awards program.

Mayor Bria said this year's Eastside Business Awards honoured and recognised businesses and traders who have excelled in the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters.



Recognising excellence and honouring local legends

“The Awards are one of many of the Council’s ways of recognising the efforts made by our business community and their contributions to the economic and social framework of our City.”

“To be an Eastside Business Award winner or finalist, shows that a business has had an exceptional impact not only on an individual, but also the wider community, and that is something to be immensely proud of.”

“I encourage all business owners, traders, clients, customers and visitors to our City to get involved next year and shine a light on our business sector.”

To find out more about the 2024 Eastside Business Awards visit www.npsp.sa.gov.au/eba

Congratulations to all of the winners!

Hall of Fame (20+years)

Chile Mojo
395 Magill Road, Magill

Best Arts & Culture / Entertainment Experience and Legends Award

Mary MacKillop Museum
19 Phillips St, Kensington

Best Café / Restaurant

Pave Café
138b The Parade, Norwood

Best Coffee and Legends Award

Cheeky Grin Coffee
74A Gage Street, Firlé

Best Customer Experience

Physio Smart
296 Payneham Road, Payneham South

Best Fashion Retailer

Boutique Mon Ami
21 Glynburn Road, Glynburn

Best Food / Beverage Manufacturer

Prove Patisserie
157–159 Magill Road, Stepney

Best Hair / Beauty Salon

Marros Hair & Beauty
148B The Parade, Norwood, Adelaide

Best Independent Small Business

Tito Pignetti – Training & Consulting
34 Ashleigh Ave, Felixstow

Best Professional Service

Physio Smart
296 Payneham Road, Payneham South

Best Pub / Bar

Rising Sun Inn
60 Bridge Street, Kensington

2024 EASTSIDE BUSINESS AWARDS



Joel and Morgen, Chile Mojo

The Taco of the Town

Hall of Fame winner Chile Mojo

You can't grow a Mexican chilli outside of Mexico, but you can bring the very best flavours of Mexico to the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters.

And that is exactly what husband and wife Joel Adams and Morgen Britt did just a little over 20 years ago when they started Chile Mojo.

"When we came to Australia from Seattle, Mexico's world class cuisine was severely under-represented. I have always had an interest in Mexican food. It is part of the fabric of American cooking." Joel says.

In order to quench their burning desire for all things Mexican—from chillis, tacos, chile rellenos, fajitas, pozole, hot sauces, burritos—Joel and Morgen did something very unusual.

"We built a store, put it in a box and shipped it here from Seattle."

"It wasn't easy and there were many tricks and hurdles, but we made it work. And key to this is that we found a good location on The Parade to launch our store."

In their endearing quirky manner, they named the shop after themselves—with the 'Mo' in MoJo representing the first two letters of Morgen's name—likewise the 'Jo' representing Joel's name.

Their iconic and much-loved business moved to Magill Road in 2009, and has gone on to become an institution in our City. Chile Mojo was inducted into the Hall of Fame at this year's Eastside Business Awards.

Chile Mojo isn't an ordinary supermarket. It is a Mexican wonderland—bursting with colour and a collection of delights from Scorpion filled lollipops, sombreros, corn chips, chillies, to ingredients for the most discerning of chefs.

Joel, who has a background working in kitchens, boasts he has cooked 600,000 meals on the flame grill alone, and has swiped his knife 3.2 million times just making pico de gallo salsa!

However, his favourite part of his job is chatting to customers.

"We have a lot of people coming in who want to try cooking Mexican food for the first time, or they may want to eat the

hottest chilli, and my advice for them is, don't take the leap from Tabasco sauce straight to the deep end," he says with a wry smile.

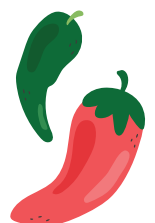
Speaking about the Hall of Fame Award, Joel says "I would like to offer my sincere thanks for the people who have voted for us and supported us over two decades, many of who have gone on to become friends, or even come around to our house to play the guitar!"

Pleasingly, the business which has three full time staff is growing and Joel and Morgen have plans to expand in the future.

Do yourself a favour and pop into Chile Mojo, you are bound to learn a few things about Mexico and you will definitely leave with a smile.

**Chile Mojo is located at
395 Magill Road, St Morris
Phone 8333 1931 or visit
www.chilemojo.com.au**

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RAISING *the* BAR

MAKING KNOWLEDGE FUN AND ACCESSIBLE

TUESDAY 6 AUGUST 2024

For one night only, the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters will be transformed into a campus where top academics, industry experts and thought leaders will gather in some of the best local bars and pubs for one-of-a-kind, knowledge-driven events.

The Council area is the only destination in South Australia to deliver this unique event.

From its beginnings in 2018, Raising the Bar has continued to grow in popularity and will be returning again this year, with 20 intriguing speakers in 10 venues.

Our goal is to raise the bar on the information you consume in your every day life by providing access to cutting edge content in an intimate environment for discussion.

We aim to challenge you, inspire you and leave you hungry for more.

To find out who will be speaking make sure you keep an eye on the website www.npsp.sa.gov.au/rtb

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Passion for Volunteering

Nigel Jordan | Coordinator, Volunteer Services



Nigel Jordan knows that if you want a job done properly, you need to get your hands dirty.

After all, it was his volunteering role to build and maintain various BMX tracks in the Adelaide CBD which ignited his love for volunteering.

"For the past 15 years my hobby has been leading a group of Volunteers to build and maintain the BMX tracks," Nigel says.

"In 2020, COVID-19 impacted my long-term career in the corporate travel sector and I felt it was a good time to pursue something fresh and different."

"Through the volunteering I was doing at the BMX track, I developed an interest in Local Government and how Councils work with, and for, the community."

"I decided working in a Council was what I wanted to do, and fortunately my

background in volunteering combined with my transferable skillset from my previous position made for, what I felt was, a perfect fit for the position of Coordinator, Volunteer Services."

In November 2022, Nigel commenced at the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters as the Coordinator, Volunteer Services.

"It is a very diverse role and I wear many hats! I want to learn and be the best I can be, so I constantly challenge myself to grow and develop."

The Council currently has 220 Volunteers and Nigel says his goal is to ensure that each Volunteer is equipped with the right skill set to confidently go about their role in our City.

"I love getting to know Volunteers and what motivates them to volunteer and what I can do to make their lives easier."

"I have found from the Mayor to the Chief Executive Officer to program coordinators, and everyone in between, there is a strong passion for volunteering at the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters."

"Staff and Elected Members truly value our Volunteers and go to great efforts to make them feel equally included in the organisation."

Reflecting on his past career in the travel sector, "I am very happy now, but if there was one thing I truly miss, it would be the free business class flights." Nigel says with a cheeky grin.

To find out more about the Council's Volunteer Services, please contact the Council's Coordinator, Volunteer Services Nigel Jordan on 8366 4631 or njordan@npsp.sa.gov.au

Meet our Volunteers

Melville & Daniel Rowe



Like birds of a feather, Melville and his son Daniel, flock together to keep the streets of the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters clean from graffiti.

Melville has been in the volunteering role since 2005 when he left the Adelaide Zoo where he held his dream job of being a zoo-keeper for more than 20 years.

“Every animal had their own peculiarities and personalities. I started in the bird department and then moved to the mammal department eventually becoming a rover. But you wouldn’t have known I was there. It was mainly behind the scenes, just like graffiti removal really,” Melville said.

Melville likens the way vandals mark walls and buildings to the way animals spray to mark their territory.

“It might be arrogant or ego driven” Melville 64, said. “Other times it is just mindless squiggles and a waste of resources.”

Daniel, aged 21, decided to join his father when he was at a career crossroads and couldn’t decide whether to follow in his dad’s footsteps and work at the zoo or find an entirely new path.

“I am the only young person on the graffiti team, but I like to think of myself as being in a different bracket with different and new ideas.”

Daniel and Melville drive from their home in Hope Valley each Friday for their 3.5 hour volunteering shift, and are joined by Chris Levingston, who they both have formed a friendship with, particularly Melville.

“Since I started in 2005, I have worked with some very good people, but I am really happy with my crew now,” Melville says while giving Daniel a big smile.

It is obvious Melville and Daniel, who finish each other’s sentences, are very good friends.

Father and son agree that the best way to avoid a graffiti build up is to have it removed straight away.

They could also happily sit back and chat for an hour or two about the best cleaning graffiti removal products and their environment impacts.

The Council’s Coordinator, Volunteer Services Nigel Jordan says it is very uncommon to have a father and son Volunteer team and a search of the Council’s records indicate that Melville and Daniel are very likely to be the City’s first.

If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer for the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters please contact Nigel Jordan on njordan@npsp.as.gov.au or 8366 4631.

Around the City

Updates from the Council and a look at what's happening in and around your local area.

The projects carried out by the Council work towards the four outcomes of its Strategic Management Plan, *CityPlan 2030: Shaping Our Future*. Together reaching these outcomes helps to achieve the Council's overall goal of Community Well-being.

-  Social Equity
-  Cultural Vitality
-  Economic Prosperity
-  Environmental Sustainability



2024–2025 Annual Business Plan and Budget update

The draft 2024–2025 Annual Business Plan and Budget sets out how we propose to allocate our budget and resources to deliver key major projects, infrastructure upgrades, programs and services.

The Council acknowledges the current economic challenges of inflation and interest rates, both of which are contributing to cost of living pressures on households and individuals.

This scenario underscores the need to provide value for money in the infrastructure, services and programs which the Council delivers for our community.

At the time of going to print, the Council had completed three weeks of community consultation on its draft Annual Business Plan and Budget. A Public Information Night was also held on 27 May 2024.

In total, 30 submissions were received from citizens and 33 citizens attended the Public Information Night.

Careful consideration is always given when it comes to setting the residential (average) rate increase, as well as the commercial rate.

The rate increase will be considered and endorsed at the 1 July Council meeting.

The Council would like to thank all citizens who have shared their views on the draft 2024–2025 Annual Business Plan and Budget.



New rules to protect Adelaide's tree canopy

New planning regulations have been introduced by the State Government to better protect Adelaide's urban tree canopy.



The new regulations are aimed at protecting trees with a smaller trunk circumference. The trunk size for Regulated Trees will be reduced from two metres to one metre, while Significant Trees will be reduced from three metres to two metres.

Exemptions for trees based on distance from dwellings and swimming pools has also been reduced. Some trees within three metres from a home or pool, will be able to be removed without approval, whereas the old regulations allowed the removal of some trees within 10 metres.

The new regulations also strengthen pruning limits on regulated and significant trees allowing 30 percent of the tree's canopy to only be removed every five years.

Fees for destroying or removing protected trees will also increase, better reflecting the cost of tree replacement.

Offset fees for a Regulated Tree increase from \$326 to \$1,000 and from \$489 to \$1,500 for a Significant Tree.

Although the new regulations were introduced with immediate effect, existing Development Applications and approvals, will have 12 months before being impacted by these changes.

These changes recognise the important role Adelaide's mature trees play in promoting community wellbeing, supporting biodiversity and reducing the 'urban heat effect'.

For further information, including how to determine if a tree is regulated or significant, visit the PlanSA website at www.plan.sa.gov.au

Help Solve the Cultural Heritage Centre's History Mystery

The Council's Cultural Heritage Centre is home to some of our City's most interesting and thought-provoking items dating back to the Council's inception in 1853.

But it is a mysterious large box of items including photographs, letters, telegrams and drawings which is currently puzzling staff.

The box was left anonymously at the St Peters Library covered in dust. After lovingly cleaning each item, a Volunteer researched and sorted the treasure chest ascertaining that it depicted family and friends of Dutch heritage including a genealogical record dating back to the 1770s.

Someone really has put a lot of love into keeping this family history, and the records don't appear to have any connection to the Council. We would love to see them returned to the family or placed in a repository that cares for family histories.

Surnames appearing in the records include: Albrechtsens, Berkelsen, Conradsen, Hansen, Heggums, Holm, Larsen, Moller, Nielsen, Trolles, and others.

If you have any information about the Council's 'history mystery' please email the Cultural Heritage Centre at culturalheritage@npsp.sa.gov.au



Don't forget to register your four-legged friend

If you own a dog or cat and live in our City then your registration renewal notice will be sent out in early July and will be due by the end of August.

It is important for you to wait for the renewal notice via your preferred contact method before going online to avoid duplications in the system.

To find out more visit www.dogsandcatsonline.com.au



NPSP wins Gold again!



For the sixth year in a row, the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters has received the highly respected Gold Award for its 2022–2023 Annual Report at the Australasian Reporting Awards (ARA).

For the first time, the Council was also a finalist in the Distinguished Achievement in Reporting in the Public Administration/ Best of Sector category.

The ARA Awards are open to all private sector, public sector and not-for-profit organisations in Australia, New Zealand and countries in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond.

To read the 2022–2023 Annual Report visit npsp.sa.gov.au

Travelling the HIGH road

Rachel High



HIGH

No Strings Attached Theatre of Disability in association with Adelaide Festival Centre

**Space Theatre
29–31 August 2024**

Since her childhood, Rachel High, has travelled long and far in order to reach her long-term ambition of being a performance artist.

In August, Rachel—who is the first person with Down Syndrome in Australia to graduate from university, completing her Bachelor of Arts (Drama)—will debut her self-inspired theatre performance, aptly titled *HIGH*.

The multi-faceted artist, who works with No Strings Attached Theatre of Disability, based in Stepney, was recently successful in securing funding from the Council's Community Grant Funding Program. The funds will contribute towards Rachel's artistic development in relation to *HIGH*, which she co-wrote and will be co-directing with local director Lisa Lanzi. *HIGH* is also her first major lead performance and the major production for No Strings Attached for 2024.

Rachel says *HIGH* is the culmination of her childhood journeys, in which she lived in Port Augusta and would catch the bus to Adelaide weekly so she could attend theatre workshops, an experience deeply etched in her mind and one she describes as "exhausting".

"My love of theatre happened when I was young, and developed over the past 25 years." Rachel says.

While Rachel has achieved many notches in her belt—including making a satirical film about Australian animals titled *Brown the Dirt*—she also currently works at Flinders University as a Community Researcher, providing her the opportunity to act as a disability advocate.

"It involves the understanding of my personal experience so I can bring it to support people with disabilities." Rachel says humbly.

But it is clear that *HIGH* is Rachel's true calling—her artistic manifesto. "*HIGH* is something that I will be proud to achieve."

"I am pleased to share this story because I want people to understand me, to hear about my educational journey, to learn about my challenges and about my learning style."

And there are still plenty of high roads for Rachel to take. "I would be happy to work in film in America or London." Rachel says with a cheeky grin. *HIGH* is on at the Space Theatre from 29 to 31 August 2024.

To find out more about the Council's Community Grant Funding Program visit www.npsp.sa.gov.au



For more information about *HIGH* or to purchase tickets, scan the QR Code.

Community Survey

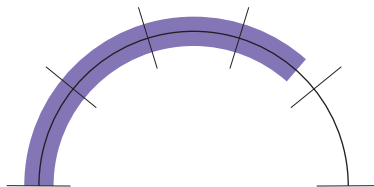
The biennial Community Survey was undertaken in late 2023 and early 2024, with face-to-face interviews and online consultation with more than 600 citizens and business operators in our City.

Participants were asked to rate their satisfaction on a scale of one (the lowest) to five (the highest). At the end of the survey, participants were able to provide their comments to assist the Council in improving its service delivery.

Residents

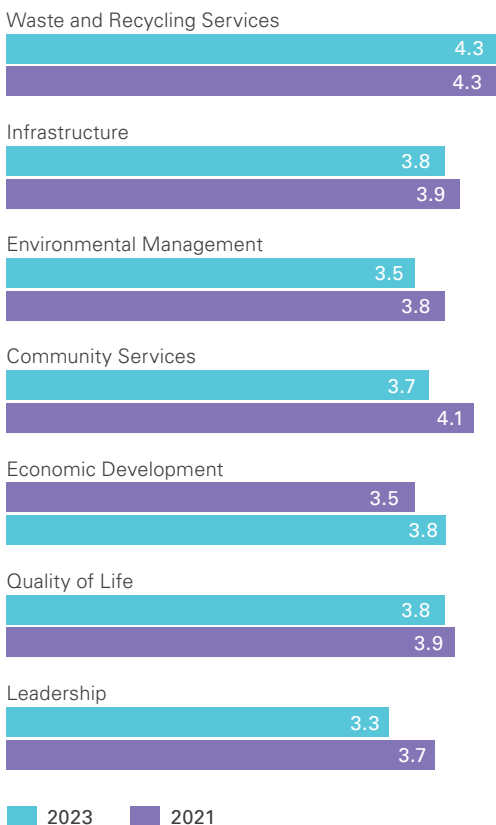
Overall satisfaction

Overall satisfaction levels from residents slightly decreased from 3.9 to 3.7 out of 5 in 2023.

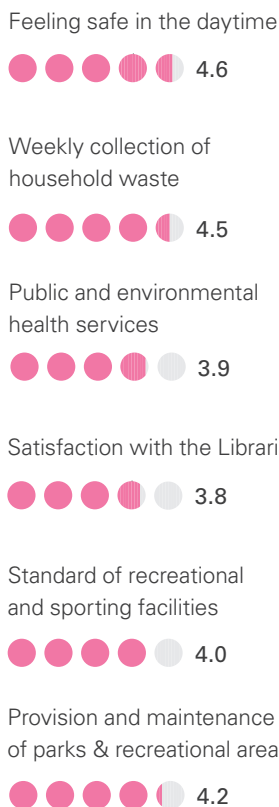


3.7 out of 5

Satisfaction with performance areas



Satisfaction with specific issues



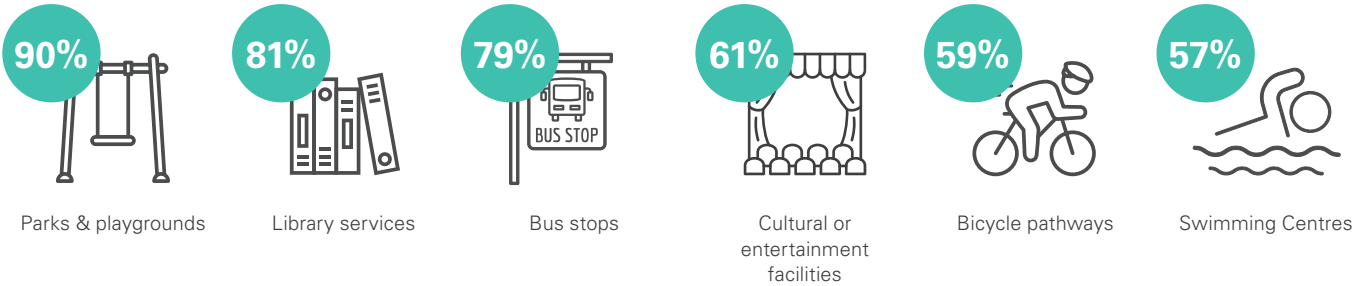
How residents receive information



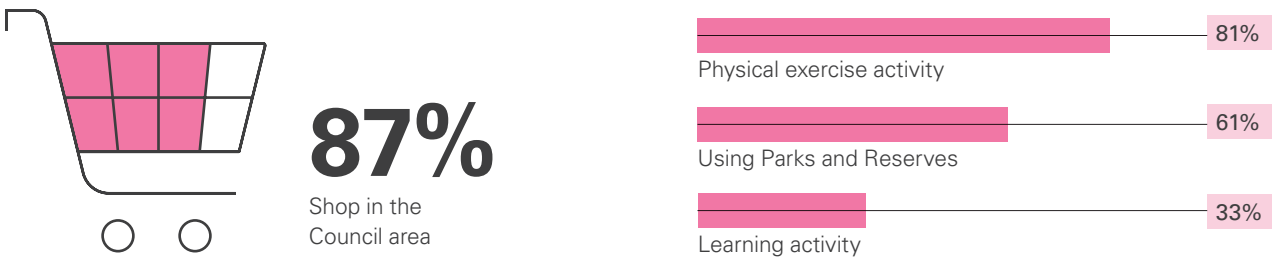
The Community Survey asks how satisfied people are with the various services, programs and facilities the Council provides, together with other questions that affect overall quality of life in the City.

Changes in satisfaction levels are monitored to help identify areas where the Council can improve performance to meet the community's expectations. All participants in the survey were randomly selected.

Use of the Council services or facilities

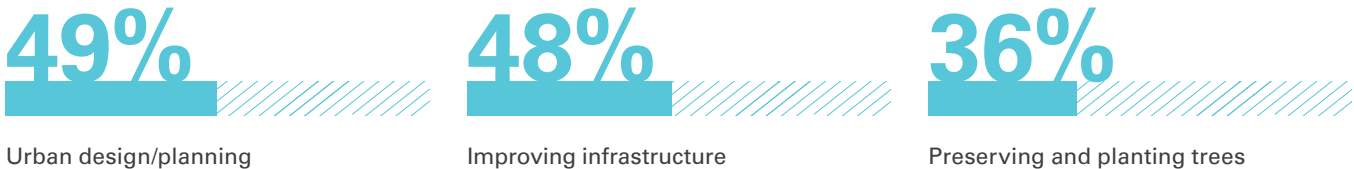


Weekly participation in activities in the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters



Priority issues

The top three issues for the Council to address in the next three years as a priority are:



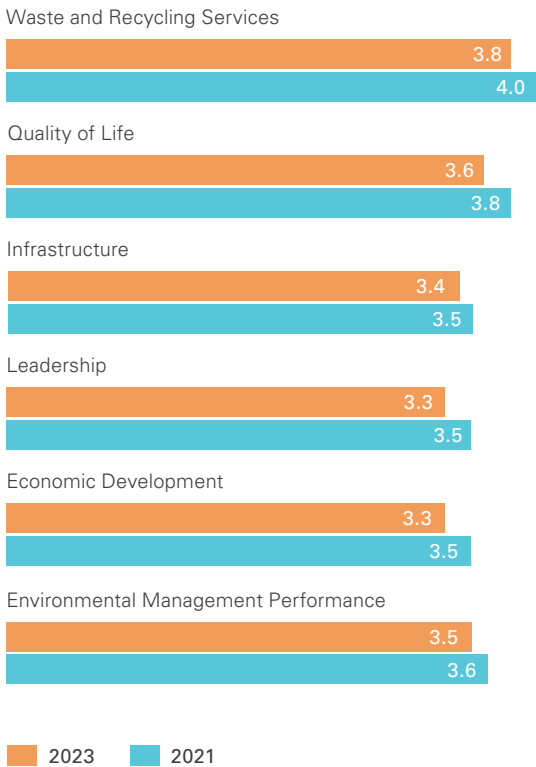
Community Survey

Business Owners and Operators



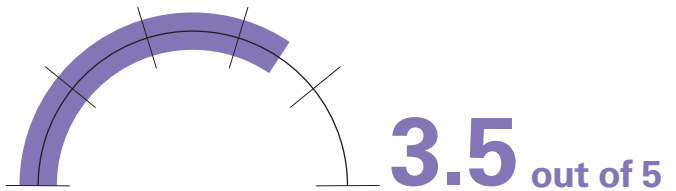
Satisfaction with performance areas

The Business Survey results show an increase in the Council's performance in the following areas:

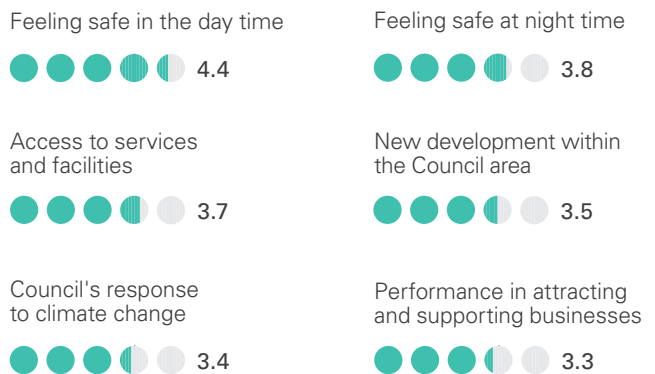


Overall satisfaction

Overall satisfaction levels from businesses slightly decreased across all areas from 3.6 to 3.5 out of 5 in 2023.

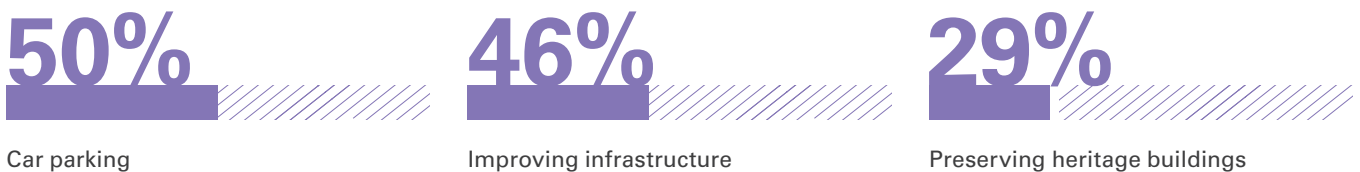


Satisfaction with specific issues



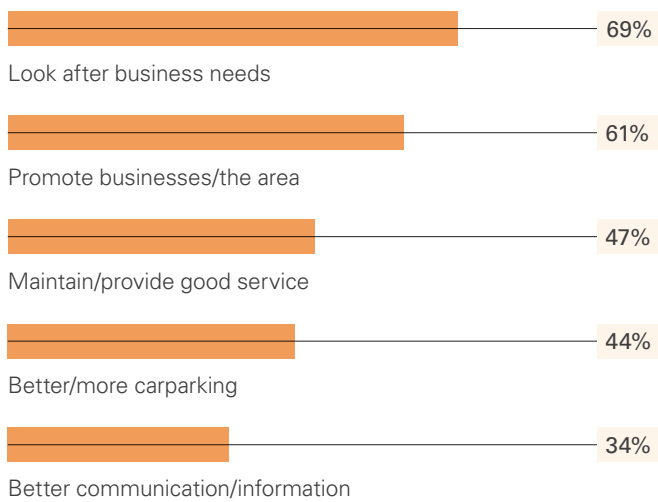
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OTHER COMMENTS...

Business development expectations



Addressing carparking

Carparking is a difficult issue to resolve as our residents and business often have competing expectations. Seeking to strive a balance, the Council has recently undertaken consultation on its draft On-street Parking Policy.

Once the submissions have been analysed the Council will implement a City-wide parking policy which will aim to alleviate business and residents concerns in relation to long-term commuter parking in residential streets.

Business Operators

"There is a great mix of businesses, good foot traffic, high end customers, clean streets. Cosmopolitan lifestyle and tourists"

"Too many of the same type of business in the area."

"Limited car parking spaces along with a limited time for parking"

"Good community and vibrant business precinct without the bustle of the City"

"I think operating a business for those who are from non-English speaking background or have creative ideas for start-ups, are not encouraged or supported as much as they could be."

Residents

"Part of the beauty of the area are the trees, it makes walking in Summer time bearable, supports wildlife and reduces our environmental impact."

"We need Payneham Pool refurbished and opened so all residents who want to use it can do so, as soon as possible."

"More public education about recycling... what exactly can be recycled in this Council area and what should not go into recycling bins."

"Outsiders parking in neighbourhood. Managing of cycling paths on major roads. Reducing speed on The Parade. Reducing the high-rise residences in the area."

What's happening at The Gallery



SALA

NAIDOC Celebrations

NAIDOC celebrations will be showcased in our City with an exhibition at The Gallery at St Peters and a range of interactive activities held in the St Peters Banquet Hall.

The 'Kapi Wala' exhibition showcases paintings and ceramics by artists from Iwiri Arts and KU Arts. The artist led workshops include basket weaving, storytelling, face painting, bush tucker and artefacts, and jewellery making. There will also be live music sessions with the Iwiri Choir. The month long celebrations conclude on 27 July.

SALA

The following month, on 9 August, is the opening of SALA and The Gallery will once again showcase a range of exhibitions including:

Extending the Line, from the Bittondi Printmakers

Bittondi Printmakers will be pushing the boundaries, contours, borders, tracks and wider interpretations, into the realms of imagination and individual interpretations of 'Extending the Line'.

Objects from the Heart, by Janine Rosser and Cathy Brooks

For many years disability artist Janine Rosser and her mentor Cathy Brooks, have been meeting once a week to

produce work, created by Janine with Cathy's guidance. This exhibition features the fruits of their collaboration.

Making the Cut, by Rosalie Day

Rosalie's recent linocut prints include landmark Adelaide buildings, some more modest buildings and still life.



For more information including event dates and times scan the QR Code.

It's a Firstival for our City!

When was the last time you did something for the first time?

That is the premise behind 'Firstival' which is being celebrated across South Australian Libraries, including the Council's Payneham Library and St Peters Library. 'Firstival' offers a diverse range of events, workshops, art classes and even adventures for the whole family!

At the time of going to print, events in our Libraries include:

- Sew a Soft Circuit;
- Beginner's Makeup & Self Esteem Workshop with Larissa Jones;
- Weaving Workshop;
- Fermentation Workshop;
- Junk Journals (with Donna Gordge from Stitch Paint Burn);
- Robotics Workshop with CreativiTek; and
- Resin Art Cheeseboards.



For more information including activity dates and times, visit www.firstival.com.au or scan the QR Code.

Upcoming Events



Kapi Wala Exhibition

Closes 27 July
The Gallery,
St Peters Town Hall Complex

A group exhibition celebrating the artists of Iwiri Arts and KU Arts as part of the NAIDOC Week celebrations.

Along with the exhibition there will be a range of workshops and activities to get involved in.



Come & Try Dance for Fitness

Every Friday, 26 July–20 September
11.00am–12.00noon
Payneham Library

Dance for Fitness is a form of aerobic fitness exercise where participants are taught some basic easy-to-learn movements which can effectively destress and relieve anxiety in the body. Bookings essential. Cost is \$7 per class plus booking fee.



SALA Festival

1–31 August
Various locations

Discover South Australian talent throughout our City in the largest visual arts festival in Australia, SALA is proudly local, celebrating the richness and diversity of our amateur, emerging and professional visual artists.



Zest for Life

5–18 August
Various locations

Celebrate your Zest for Life and join our exciting program of events which encourage positive and active ageing, and promote community well-being. This year's program is brimming with tours, seminars, workshops and social activities.

Bookings can be made online or at the Norwood Town Hall and Council Libraries.



Raising the Bar Adelaide

Tuesday 6 August
Sessions at 6.30pm & 8.00pm
Various locations

Raising the Bar is a worldwide initiative aimed at making education a part of a city's popular culture. Ten of our best bars and pubs will be transformed into knowledge hubs as 20 speakers engage us in thought-provoking discussions. An event that combines industry experts in a laid back setting.



Food Secrets + EWAT Tour

Wednesday 21 August
9.45am–2.00pm

Food Secrets meets the Eastside Wine and Ale Trail. Jump on board for a fun filled tour including tastings, samples, factory walk throughs and lunch at various locations throughout our City.

Bookings essential. Cost is \$55 per person plus booking fee. Keep an eye on our website for other dates.



For more information about these or any other upcoming events, scan the QR Code or visit www.npsp.sa.gov.au/events



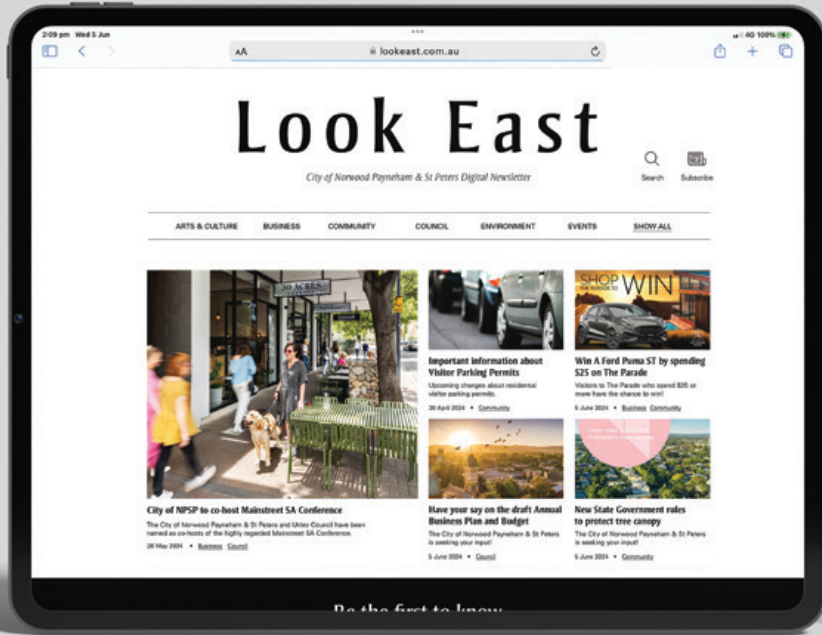
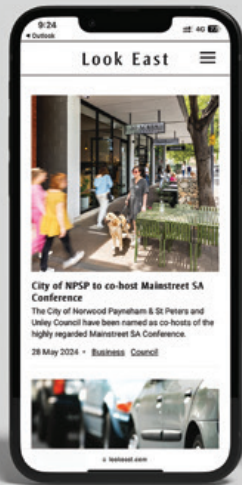
ZEST for LIFE

CELEBRATING
POSITIVE
AGEING

5–18 August 2024

Celebrate your zest for life and join our exciting program of events that enhance positive ageing and Community Well-being.

**For a full program of events, visit
www.npsp.sa.gov.au/zestforlife**



Look East Digital

Launching soon!

Digital communications are leading us into the future and in an effort to stay connected with our community, the Council continues to seek new and innovative ways to share important information.

Your NPSP as we know it is set to transform with the launch of Look East Digital, an innovative new website dedicated to providing the latest updates and stories direct to your inbox.

The website promises to be the go-to platform for real-time coverage of major projects within the City, as well as local events and activations.

In line with its printed version, Look East Digital will also feature a spotlight on local businesses, helping residents discover and support their local economy.

With a user-friendly interface, it ensures citizens stay informed about everything happening within our City. From community events to updates

on local developments, this platform aims to keep citizens connected and engaged.



Don't miss out! Scan the QR Code to sign up for Look East Digital today! Alternatively visit www.npsp.sa.gov.au



Keep in touch

Stay up to date with latest events and activations, as well as updates on major projects around our City.

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FOOD SECRETS + EASTSIDE WINE & ALE TRAIL BUS TOURS

**The best food & wine secrets
are in Adelaide's East!**

Discover new and unique tastes
and flavours, and hear directly
from our very own world-class
manufacturers.

**Tour cost \$55 per person plus
booking fee, including lunch
and wine tastings.**



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