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From the editor



As distances become easier to travel and technology shrinks the globe the concept of community is becoming increasingly complex.

It seems everyone is part of a family, club, association or online forum with members spread all over the world.

At least one thing every reader of this publication has in common is the place they choose to live, work or study. The following pages will show just what being part of this City has meant for some of our neighbours.

On page 18, young people that visit the Twelve25 Youth Centre looking for help coping with school and forging a future discover the patience of Mari and her team of Labradors.

On page 11, Merle, who after 50 years of helping to build our community, finds a group of people willing to give her the help she needs to remain an active part of the City.

And on page 30 parents and guardians Julie and Roy discover the generosity and care of the Para Hills Bowling Club after they approach its members searching for an activity to help their children develop and grow.

Open space is also important for our community, offering places to get together and relax or exercise. On page 18 & 19 of this summer edition we offer a selection of the City's reserves and trails that can be enjoyed throughout the holidays.

But first turn the page to find out about Salisbury's involvement in SA's biggest sporting event of the year - the Santos Tour Down Under.

Enjoy the coming festive season and I hope you manage to find some quiet time to sit back and reflect on your community as you enjoy the latest edition of Salisbury Aware.

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The Real Superheroes Start in Salisbury!

THE first stop on the world cycling calendar, the Santos Tour Down Under, kicks off the 2011 cycling year in exhilarating style. The first stage of the event starts in the City of Salisbury.

Come down to Mawson Lakes on January 18, 2011 from 8am to meet and see the superheroes of the peloton as they race 138km from Mawson Lakes to Angaston in the Barossa.

The City of Salisbury will host a range of activities in the lead up to the race including a community event on race day with a breakfast BBQ, face painters, wandering entertainers, rides and much more.

"Salisbury will be in the spotlight as it takes part in this premier cycling event," said Gillian Aldridge, Mayor.

"Mawson Lakes will be a hive of excitement on the day with locals and visitors coming together to enjoy the race spectacle and community activities.

"Not only does our community benefit from such an event, but our local traders are also rewarded through the extra business generated from the thousands of spectators that come to our City.

The last time the Tour Down Under started in Salisbury was in 2006 when crowds of residents turned up to enjoy the first stage of the race in Mawson Lakes.

"We are encouraging everyone to come out and support us in our bid to win the best dressed town competition."

A program of events will be available soon on www.salisbury.sa.gov.au. Be part of the action. See the Real Superheroes start in Salisbury!

Australia Day in the Park

The Rotary Club of Salisbury will once again host a free community event at Carrisbrooke Park to celebrate Australia Day 2011.



Chairman, Neil Hawkless, and his team of committed Rotarians are busily working behind the scenes to pull together a day of free fun and festivities for the local community.

"We were absolutely ecstatic with the success of the event last year and the number of local residents that took the opportunity to celebrate Australia's National Day – we will be back to do it all again next year".

Despite temperatures in the 40's, over 2,000 people attended last year's family friendly, alcohol free event and Rotary hope to see even more people in 2011.

"The City of Salisbury works hard in the lead up to make Carrisbrooke Park an oasis of green and we'll be providing extra shade this year." says Neil.

The day will start with a free BBQ breakfast and include rides, face painters, live music and displays by the Hot Rod Club and the Country Fire Service.

There will be plenty for kids to do and a variety of entertainment to suit all ages. Free parking will be available for the hundreds of cars expected. Major sponsor, Vater Corporation, will be serving samples of their locally farmed seafood and there'll be prizes for the best 'Ozzie Cozzie'.



For more information email info@salisburyaustraliaday.org.au or go to the Salisbury Rotary Club website www.salisbury.rotaryaust.org



Just Too Deadly

A Celebration of Indigenous Education

NEXT month approximately 150 local Aboriginal and Islander students will be acknowledged at the Just Too Deadly Educational Achievement Awards for successfully completing primary and high school.

Locally known as the 'Deadly's', the Awards recognise the efforts and achievements of young Aboriginal and Islander people in education in the cities of Salisbury and Playford.

The awards, an initiative of the City of Salisbury, have grown in stature since their inception in 2003 and are now run in partnership with the City of Playford, Elizabeth Blue Light and the Department of Education and Children's Services.

Annette Buckskin, a member of the Just Too Deadly working party said "the aim of the Awards is to encourage young Indigenous people to remain engaged in learning and to promote education as positive and desirable."

Students who have successfully completed the important milestones of Year 7 and Year 12/13 are recognised at the family orientated presentation evening.

Held at Salisbury Recreation Precinct the evening attracts between 500 and 800 local students, families and friends as well as representatives from government and not for profit agencies.

"It is a fantastic event," said Tammie Hamilton, Research and Policy Officer, City of Salisbury.

"A sense of pride and achievement from the students, their families, teachers and other important key role models creates a significant buzz around the swimming centre grounds every year".

The 2010 Just Too Deadly Educational Achievement Awards presentation evening will take place on Friday 3 December.



For further information, visit www.salisbury.sa.gov.au

An annual presentation and family barbeque is organised to recognise the education achievements of Aboriginal youth.

Salisbury's Seniors Push Boundaries

THOUSANDS of Salisbury residents celebrated ageing last month in the State's biggest festival for seniors.

The month-long Aged to Perfection festival saw seniors take part in more than 600 activities that pushed the imagined boundaries around growing old.

The activities inspired seniors to learn something new, gain skills, socialise and get fit, said Gillian Aldridge, Mayor of Salisbury.

"Aged to perfection is about ensuring inclusion and valuing our senior residents and what they bring to the community," said Gillian.

"The calendar of events complements established programs which already support seniors in Salisbury to interact with each other and remain active, healthy and fit."

The event, which is part of the State-wide 'Every Generation - It's On for Young and Old Festival' encourages fifty-plus to join activities such as mountain biking, Zumba classes and surfing the internet.

The festival also had a serious side. Classes were organised to help older people talk about how to handle retirement, relationships, personal safety and financial changes, such as buying a house.

Some of the festival's most popular events will be continued, including:

Broadband for Seniors Internet Kiosk - FREE
When: Every day except Sunday, 9am to 4pm
Where: Jack Young Centre, 1 Orange Ave, Salisbury
Details: Seniors are invited to come and use the broadband internet facilities for free with tutors available to assist.
Contact: 8258 7286

Mature Movers Aerobics - \$7.50 per session
When: Every Thursday, 9.30am to 10.30am
Where: Jack Young Centre, 1 Orange Ave, Salisbury
Details: Light paced aerobics specifically designed for seniors and run by a professional instructor.
Contact: 8285 3666

Aqua for Seniors
When: Every Tuesday & Thursday, 1pm to 1.45pm
Where: Parafield Gardens Swimming Centre, Kings Road, Parafield Gardens
Details: A low impact, fun aqua class designed for seniors to gradually improve their fitness and strength. Bookings essential.
Contact: 8285 3666



During October seniors participated in over 600 activities as part of the Aged to Perfection festival.

Man's Best Friend Teaching Youth Life Skills

WHEN 16 year old Chris was kicked out of school because of his anger he didn't think he would ever get the SACE points he needed to finish his education or even go to school again.

After a short break from his schooling, Chris was introduced to Labs 'n Life, a classroom of sorts where serious lessons and important life skills are learned.

At its simplest, Labs 'n Life gives young people the opportunity to train Labrador Retrievers to assist families of children with autism.

By the end of the program it is the students who have usually learnt the most from the training exercise.

After two years the change in Chris's attitude and behaviour is profound, said Mari Lobbetael, Programs Manager, Labs 'n Life.

"If you met Chris two years ago you wouldn't think he was the same person," she said.

"He was a very angry boy when he started with us and now works as a Youth Mentor with the group at Twelve25. He has learnt self control and how to better manage his anger."

The program works because of what it teaches young people looking for direction.

The philosophy of Labs 'n Life is that problems aren't the principal barrier to development; rather development is the most effective strategy for preventing problems.

Working with the dogs provides an enormous number of development opportunities, said Mari.

"Working with dogs increases self esteem and sense of accomplishment and instills a work ethic and sense of responsibility.

"It builds trust and empathy and demonstrates the value of reward and positive reinforcement.

"Communication skills are also central to the program and it offers a setting where the benefits of anger management and self control can be demonstrated."

The program is also used to encourage students back to school. Chris can only attend Labs 'n Life if he re-joins his high school class.

Chris is the first to recognise the opportunity it has given him.

"Participating in Labs 'n Life at Twelve25 has helped me deal with my anger issues and I am now a calmer person," said Chris.

"Training the dogs has helped me calm down and I have also learnt how to handle difficult situations without getting angry".

"The best thing about the program is that I get to have fun and learn at the same time, it beats school any day and I get SACE points for doing it."

The project has another significant advantage. The trained dogs turn into helpers for those who need them.

Autism assistance dogs open up lives for families and their children by giving them more opportunities for activities, companionship and safety.

One of Chris's recent projects has been working with Finn, a Labrador puppy.

Finn was placed with Salisbury resident Bronwyn Ryan to help her 15-year-old autistic son Matthew.

Finn has been assisting Matthew and the family for three months now with great success, said Bronwyn.

"Finn helps Matthew keep calm and he feels a sense of pride as he looks after the dog and helps train him," Bronwyn said.

Young people involved in the program are chosen because they are at risk of dropping out of school and have had a difficult background.

The program aims to try and turn their lives around.

"We want to make them feel good about themselves, to help them experience and enjoy success and to understand the qualities they have," said Mari.

Labs 'n Life has been running programs during school terms at the City of Salisbury's Twelve25 since 2009.

And local children are benefiting from the locally hosted program.

"Being here (at Twelve25) has enabled us to work with so many more young people, especially those in the Salisbury area.

"We have worked with approximately 10 students each term since we have been here" said Mari.



To find out more about the Twelve25 Salisbury Youth Enterprise Centre go to www.salisbury.sa.gov.au or call 8253 9928.



Story by Sarah Poppy



High school student Chris learnt life skills training Labrador puppy Finn to become an Autism assistance dog as part of the Labs 'n Life program at the Twelve25 Salisbury Youth Enterprise Centre.

Biodiversity Plan Taking Seed

SALISBURY Council will use cutting-edge techniques to extend its environmental leadership with Australia's most ambitious local government regeneration project.

The Council will deploy world's best practice techniques to return 600 hectares of urbanised land to its natural state, safeguard its wetlands and cut the risk of fire.

The ambitious twenty-year biodiversity plan will ensure the water harvesting wetlands have the balance they need to flourish, says Brian Pledger, Environmental Management Officer.

"The survival of our 551 native plant and animal species and the health of our new water harvesting wetlands depends on our ability to return vital corridors to their original state," said Brian.

"We will use cutting-edge techniques to efficiently revegetate 600 hectares of riparian corridors joining our coastline to our hills.

"We've built a 6,000-plant seed orchard to grow more than 150 kilograms of seed per year to revegetate the coast to escarpment corridors."

Before European settlement, Salisbury's grasslands linked colonies of birds and mammals on the coast and the hills.

The biodiversity plan will revegetate these corridors along Dry Creek, Little Para River and the Edinburgh Biodiversity Corridor.

The plan also includes a network of approximately 90 kilometres of walking and cycle friendly paths to link all corners of the City.

The new 'Green Trails' project will seal, widen, link and revegetate existing tracks throughout Salisbury to create an alternative to road and rail.

We want to give people a link from their homes to schools, shops, trains and places of work, says Peter Young, landscape designer with City Projects.

"The network of trails will give commuters an alternative to driving and public transport," he says.

"We are building paths that are attractive to use and are also easy to get to from homes and public places.

"Cyclists, joggers and walkers will have their own corridor and won't have to compete with cars."

The revegetation project also offers a natural solution to slow and stop wildfire.

"We're pioneering the use of native plants that are naturally fire resistant to slow or stop fires close to homes and throughout the corridors," said Brian.

In the long term the 20-year biodiversity plan will reduce environmental costs by cutting weed and pest management expenses.

"A more balanced eco-system will also reduce the environmental management costs by reducing pests such as weeds and vermin," said Brian.

The first year of the biodiversity plan has been funded by Council and the State government.

During the coming months officers will continue weeding areas targeted for regeneration before planting begins next year.

By Christmas the first section of the sealed trail running from Salisbury Heights in the east to the water's edge in the west will be laid.

Midyear Phoebe Wanganeen Scholarship Awarded

KIMBERLEE Kite of Salisbury North was recently awarded the 2010 midyear Phoebe Wanganeen Scholarship.

The scholarship will assist Kimberlee complete a full-time Associate Diploma in Music at the University of Adelaide's Centre for Aboriginal Studies.

Kimberlee's passion is singing and playing the guitar and drums. The 19-year-old aspires to be a music teacher and the scholarship will assist her to purchase the equipment she needs.

Kimberlee has participated in several high profile public performances as extra-curricular activities.

Because of project savings Council were able to award an additional midyear scholarship for the first time this year.

The Phoebe Wanganeen Indigenous Scholarship Program has been set up to assist young Indigenous residents access and benefit from education. Aunty Phoebe Wanganeen devoted her life to helping others realise their potential through improved access to education.

Scholarships are up to \$5,000 per annum to undertake either an undergraduate degree or vocational training course at a tertiary or TAFE institution in South Australia.



Applications for the scholarships can be made between November and March. Application forms can be downloaded from the website at www.salisbury.sa.gov.au Type 'Phoebe Wanganeen Scholarship' in the search field.



'Aunty' Phoebe Wanganeen's Indigenous Scholarship Program assists Indigenous residents to undertake further education.

Strangers turn new neighbours at Hawksbury Park

LONG TIME Salisbury North residents Dorothy and Faye have always loved living in the area.

They had lived in the same street for 40 years and thought they knew everything about the place. But it took an overhaul of the suburb before they really got to know each other.

An opportunity to meet fellow locals and build a community was one of the missing elements in Salisbury North.

The suburb was originally established in the 1950's and by the 1990's it was looking tired and in need of improvement.

In 1998 the Council joined with government agencies and the community to begin a \$180 million renewal project for the area.

A new name 'Hawksbury Park' was chosen to signify the significant changes to come.

New parks and community centres were built and Housing SA made plans to offer more accommodation opportunities in the area.

The project provided builders with hundreds of new allotments and the opportunity to create a diverse range of high quality homes.

Dorothy and Faye joined the project's Community Reference Group. The group gave them the opportunity to join forces to shape their new suburb.

"We knew something was going on in the area and there were lots of rumours about what was going to happen. I wanted to know what was going on so I joined the group for my own benefit and to be a voice for the residents," said Faye.

Dorothy was working at Salisbury High School in 1997 and joined the group as a representative from the school and as a long time resident.

"The group was set up to take any concerns the residents might have to the City of Salisbury and Housing SA and then report back to the people," she said.

Both women have lived in the area for many years. Dorothy moved in to the area in 1960 and Faye in 1971.

"I have always enjoyed living in the area but prior to the improvement project it started to get a bit drab and tired looking. The redevelopment has given a new sparkle to the area," Dorothy said.

Prior to the urban redevelopment many neighbours didn't know each other. Once strangers, Faye and Dorothy are now the best of friends.

The project is a model for urban renewal in South Australia because of the diversity of housing choices it has delivered. Roads and footpaths have also been upgraded.

The community has also been encouraged to enjoy its new surroundings. Healthy lifestyle programs were offered and assistance was given in managing community events.

A newly established Salisbury North Neighbourhood Network organised sausage sizzles and social evenings to welcome new people to the neighbourhood.

Assistance in finding employment and managing personal finances was also provided.

The Hon Jennifer Rankine, Minister for Housing and Stephen Hains, City Manager, City of Salisbury, officially acknowledged the achievements of the renewal at a celebration at the Bagster Road Community Centre on 21 September.

Despite the name change, Dorothy and Faye are both prouder than ever to say that they live in Salisbury North.

"I call it a country town in the city" said Faye.

"You have the best of both worlds. It has always been a neighbourhood, with the emphasis on neighbour, but we have everything we need here. Salisbury North will always be my home".



“ Youth Council Helping the Homeless ”

SALISBURY'S youth will deliver 200 backpacks to homeless people next month in an effort to raise awareness of the problem and help those living rough on the streets.

Homelessness is a significant issue for young people in Salisbury and surrounding areas. One not-for-profit organisation in Salisbury and Playford reported contact with more than 140 homeless youth in the past 12 months.

Housing affordability and the difficulty in accessing the private rental market contribute to the problem.

The City of Salisbury's Youth Council wanted to help young people in Salisbury who are faced with homelessness.

Feedback from local agencies showed that young people who ask for homelessness assistance often face long waiting lists to secure a bed.

The Youth Council decided to do something to give them a short-term helping hand.

The team decided to make backpacks full of essential items for homeless youth in the area, such as soap, deodorant and a toothbrush.

The backpacks will be given by the agencies to young people that they cannot immediately house.

A total of 200 backpacks will be distributed later this year.

“By launching the project and involving a wide range of stakeholders we hope to raise awareness about youth homelessness,” said Linda Weiss, Policy and Project Officer.

“This is a youth-led project; it's about young people helping other young people in the community.”

Youth Council member Rebecca Conole hopes the backpacks will go someway to helping the youth in need.

“I believe that this project will help take some weight off the shoulders of young people who are homeless by at least giving them some essential items,” said Rebecca.



This project has received significant financial and in-kind support from a range of agencies, organisations and community groups including:

- Elizabeth Blue Light
- Shopfront Youth Health & Information Service
- Salisbury Primary Health Care Services
- Salisbury RSL
- Housing SA: Salisbury
- Lyreco,
- T & L Pharmacies

Young people aged 12 to 25 years who are homeless or at risk of homelessness can contact Service to Youth Council's Trace-A-Place (TAP) on 1300 306 046 or Freecall 1800 807 364. TAP is the central assessment and referral agency for emergency and supported accommodation.

Salisbury Youth Council Do you have a Vision?

DO you want to work with others, have a say, take action and make decisions?

If you are a young person aged 14 to 25 years who lives, works, studies or volunteers within the City of Salisbury, this is your chance to get involved in the Salisbury Youth Council.

The recruitment process is underway and the City of Salisbury is looking for passionate young people to get on board and be a voice for youth.

Youth Council is an opportunity for you to make a difference and express your ideas and opinions about key issues affecting the community.

As a Youth Council member you will be involved in voicing the views of the young people you represent by participating in project teams, forming partnerships with community groups, agencies and businesses as well as working with Council staff on ways to address issues.

Developing new skills and receiving SACE and Duke of Edinburgh Award accreditation are just some of benefits that come with being a Youth Council member.

Share your creativity, share your vision! Become a Youth Council member.



If you are interested in getting involved, or would like more information, call Linda Weiss on 8406 8557 or visit www.salisbury.sa.gov.au



Some of the essential items in the backpacks include:

Towel
Toothpaste
Tissues

Wallet
Toothbrush
Band-aids

Face washer
Deodorant
Drink bottle

Soap
Shampoo / conditioner
'Doin It Hard' youth information card

Merle is a Picture of Healthy & Active Ageing

AS newlyweds, Merle and Max Thomas regularly watched from the window of their passing steam train as bright new homes sprang up in the paddocks at Salisbury North.

At the time they were renting an old house near the distant township of Roseworthy and the thought of moving into a new home on an expansive block with neighbours their own age was irresistible.

Full of hope and anticipation, they applied to the South Australian Housing Trust for one of the homes. Today, they still reflect on their good fortune in being among the first residents of Salisbury North in 1953.

Merle and Max's home in Rolleston Avenue was full of happiness as their children – Lorraine, David, Robert and Rosemary – grew up among other hard working families. The families embraced opportunities to get together through sport and a welcoming group of community clubs.

"We always had good neighbours and, from the very start, we wanted to be part of the new community," Merle said.

"I was on school committees, and became involved in Mothers and Babies and the local Anglican Church ladies group. Then, as the kids became involved in sport, we joined in with other families."

After more than half a century in their Salisbury North home, with its front yard coloured in flowers and back garden full of memories, and with their kids embarked on their own careers and marriages, Merle and Max moved house.

They didn't go far! Max, experiencing faltering health, was no longer able to care for the garden he loved. With Merle, the decision was made to move into a cottage-style home at Motcombe Road. That was four years ago.

More recently, Max's health has deteriorated to the extent that he is now in residential aged care at Playford Village, Davoren Park, with Merle his regular and loving visitor.

Now, after giving so much to Salisbury, the time has come for Salisbury to give something back to Merle and her family. "I'm over 80 now you know," she said. "And I don't drive. But I'm able to enjoy my life and stay in my own home with the wonderful support of local people through Healthy Ageing and Access."

Funded by the City of Salisbury and Home and Community Care, with support from the State and Federal Government, Healthy Ageing and Access assists Merle by taking her shopping to Hollywood Plaza and to appointments with her doctor.

"It is a wonderful service that helps me enormously," she said. "Where possible, the people from Healthy Ageing and Access help me with little things around the house, and they suggested I become involved with the Para Hills Centre."

"Before Max went into residential care, we both enjoyed our regular outings to the Para Hills Centre."

"Now they drive me to the club on Mondays where volunteers cook a lovely two course meal and I can enjoy the company of others."

"We have guest speakers, do gentle exercises and play games like bingo. I've even become a member of the Para Hills Centre Advisory Committee."

"I never thought I'd become involved in another committee. But Healthy Ageing and Access has made this possible and I do enjoy the social interaction. Until I had first contact with the organisation, I didn't know this level of care existed in the community."

"There are many other older people who would benefit from this support and I'd encourage them to contact Healthy Ageing and Access because it can open a new window in your life."

Jenna Harrison, the Program Development Coordinator for Healthy Ageing and Access, said the primary objectives were to help older people to stay in their own homes for as long as possible and to interact with others in the community.

"We support and encourage people to engage with others and to become involved in healthy leisure and social activities at the Para Hills Centre and Jack Young Centre," she explained. "The service provides assistance with transport and some domestic help and home maintenance."



For information on home support services through Healthy Ageing and Access call 8406 8225. For details on the social program at the Para Hills Centre or Jack Young Centre call 8258 7286.



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I decided to come to Para West because of the adult atmosphere and because of the supportive environment, which has proven to be really beneficial. I'm 18 years old and completed Stage 1 SACE, then had a gap year. Currently I'm studying Justice and Society, IPP, English, Maths, and Psychology. I eventually want to go to TAFE and study Real Estate. **Caroline**



This is the first time I have been at school since leaving high school. I enjoy coming to PWAC as I have made some friends and also learned about literacy. I have had a computer for several years, but have never used Microsoft Office or Word so it has been quite an experience and I have learned a lot, thanks to our teacher who is very good and extremely patient. **Ian**



I am from Burma and study four subjects: Child Studies, Intro English, Health and Wellbeing and Intro Computing. I like PWAC especially because all of the staff are helpful, polite and friendly. There are some very quiet places to study, plenty of space for car parking and many different subjects to choose from. My teacher is very helpful and she can understand my broken English. **Lydia**



PWAC is the first school I have attended in Australia. I heard about it through the local paper and started in 2008. My teacher and classmates are very nice and helpful. As I have got to know more people, I have built up more confidence. I feel more comfortable coming to school and have made new friends. As a result, I have become involved in my daughter's school and have been doing voluntary work there. I love coming to PWAC because of its adult environment. **Maria**



After attending a technical college I decided to finish SACE Stage 2 at Para West. I really like the friendly and helpful environment and next year I want to return and complete Cert 2 Outdoor Education. In the future I hope to join the army. **Owen**

Making Reading as Easy as



The City's libraries were recognised for their efforts to help children learn to read with a Jim Crawford Award for Innovation in September.

They library services received the award for the 'ABC 30+3' program which encourages parents to read with their children as often as possible.

It also assists parents to give their children the most benefit from time spent reading.

"Reading with children isn't always a natural and easy thing to do for parents," said Sandhya Burton, Team Leader Community Learning and Outreach at the libraries.

"Reading stimulates children to learn and we work with parents and children to help them discover the enjoyment they can have together with books."

The program is based on research that shows children have the most chance of being ready for school by age five if they are read to at least three times a week. The research also points out that children will benefit even more if read to everyday.

The program offers parents and children a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere to read with their children and learn from other parents and experts. So far more than 200 children have benefited from the program with some great results achieved.

One parent was struggling with her four-year-old son who has a learning difficulty. A few sessions with the team from the library changed that.

"Thanks for helping me reconnect with my son," the mother said after learning some techniques that helped her sit and read with her child.

An important element of the program is making reading a fun activity for children.

"We encourage parents to treat books like toys so that children see opening a book just like playing," said Sandhya.

"After following the advice one mother caught her eight-month-old seeking out a book during play for the first time."

The program is also introducing children to the libraries. More than 75 per cent of children that have attended the program are now considered regular library users.

The biennial Jim Crawford Awards celebrate the contribution made to the development of public libraries in SA by the late Jim Crawford, a former chairman of the Libraries Board of SA.

Mr Crawford – at the time Mayor of the former Brighton Council and Vice-President of the LGA – convinced former Premier Don Dunstan to co-invest with Local Government in a program to develop libraries to serve every Council area across SA between 1975 and 1990.



For more information on the 'ABC 30+3' program please call Sandhya on 8406 8237.

Tips for reading with children, as suggested by Mem Fox

1. Spend at least ten wildly happy minutes every single day reading aloud.
2. Read at least three stories a day: it may be the same story three times. Children need to hear a thousand stories before they can begin to learn to read.
3. Read aloud with animation. Listen to your own voice and don't be dull, flat, or boring. Hang loose and be loud, have fun and laugh a lot.
4. Read with joy and enjoyment: real enjoyment for yourself and great joy for the listeners.
5. Read the stories that the kids love, over and over and over again and always read in the same 'tune' for each book: i.e. with the same intonations on each page, each time.
6. Let children hear lots of language by talking to them constantly about the pictures, or anything else connected to the books.
7. Look for rhyme, rhythm or repetition in books for young children, and make sure the books are really short.
8. Play games with the things that you and the child can see on the page, such as letting kids finish rhymes, and finding the letters that start the child's name and yours, remembering that it's never work, it's always a fabulous game.
9. Never ever teach reading, or get tense around books.

Book Review by Sandhya Burton

It's a Book By Lane Smith

Published by Walker Books Australia 2010

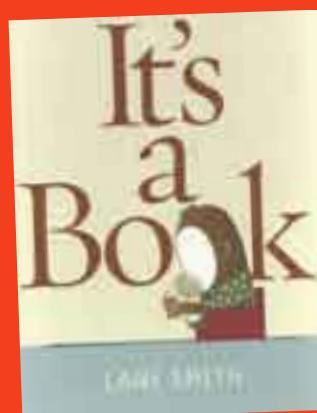
The moment I opened the cover of *'It's a Book'* recently in a children's book store, I knew immediately that I was about to read something special.

A mouse, a jackass and a monkey play out the simple picture book story where tech savvy jackass pursues a traditional monkey about the use of a book. "How do you scroll down?" he asks. "Do you blog with it?" Monkey's consistent reply is, "No, it's a book." And jackass continues with questions, "Can it text? Tweet? Does it need a password?"

Monkey introduces jackass to the joy of reading a book, and needless to say, jackass overcomes his need for simplified instant message style language, and becomes absorbed in a story rich in language, adventure and plot.

In an age where children grow up surrounded by digital devices and instant gratification in entertainment, the pleasure of reading and taking time to allow a story to unfold can sometimes be easily lost. Lane Smith's children's picture book doesn't deliver a heavy message, nor does it judge the users of digital devices and lovers of online communities. Rather, it reminds us of traditional pleasures and an age where new technology provides exciting new opportunities but doesn't have to replace the old entirely.

Adults will remember the shift from vinyl and cassette to CDs and then again to digital audio files. And now the same can be said for books. While the hardcopy printed word still fills our book shelves, we now make way for hard drives, iPads, Kindle readers and a myriad of other devices that store vast libraries in small or virtual spaces.



'It's a Book' can be enjoyed by people of all ages. With simple yet quirky characters and a story line that will make the reader smile and laugh, it is sure to please just about everyone. And it's about time we saw a jackass in children's literature again!

City Builds on Economic Growth in 2009/10



DESPITE the difficult economic conditions during the 2009/10 financial year, Council continued to rigorously pursue its plan for economic growth and increased prosperity in the community.

The City built on its reputation for innovation in attracting business, caring for the environment and supporting its community.

This reputation was enhanced by the launch of a television advertising campaign, which was backed up by new gateway signage. The reinforced image of an innovative, sustainable, attainable and liveable City will enhance efforts to attract new investment needed to grow Salisbury.

Council advanced its leading environmental initiatives in stormwater harvesting that cuts waste and offers a sustainable resource to business and community customers. In the previous financial year 2,000 million litres of water was captured and reused across Salisbury.

The City endorsed and began work on its ambitious biodiversity plan which will return 600 hectares of urbanised land to its natural state and ensure the viability of our wetlands.

Approximately 90 kilometres of cycle friendly pathway will also be included in the revegetated corridors which will provide an alternative transport network for residents.

Council also committed to reducing the greenhouse gas emitted from its operations by 40 per cent by 2015 (from the 2008/09 level). This will be achieved by increasing the efficiency of energy use and utilising solar power. Energy efficient initiatives were also investigated and implemented across the City, including LED street lighting in Walkley Heights and solar power heating for swimming pools.

The learning opportunities and support for our community was again a high priority during the year. The community centres grew, attracting 22,000 more visits and Council also began preparations for new initiatives to support Salisbury's youth, including the 'Midnight Basketball' program.

The efforts to facilitate economic growth and offer support to all members of our community has been matched with efficient financial management. Our commitment to ensuring each generation of ratepayers only pays for the services they consume will see the budget return to a surplus next year.



The Annual Report 2009/10 can be downloaded from the Council's website at www.salisbury.sa.gov.au (type Annual Report in the search field).

Dogs Wandering at Large

LAST year approximately 1,500 reports of dogs wandering at large were received by the City and around 1,200 dogs were impounded.

Only 45 per cent of these were claimed and returned to their owners.

Dogs left wandering at large is a growing problem in the City of Salisbury.

Although the City aims to ensure wandering dogs are seized and returned to their owners, a roaming dog is a danger to itself and others. Roaming dogs can be injured or killed and can also attack people and other animals.

Catching roaming dogs also puts Council officers, who must be trained to deal with the unpredictable animals, at risk.



In order to prevent dogs escaping owners are asked to secure their homes and take the following steps:

- Provide a secure enclosure in the rear yard for your dog to prevent access to gates and fences
- Secure screen doors and window screens
- Lock gates and secure latches
- Repair and maintain fences
- Check fence lines for evidence of digging
- Remove items from fences such as bins and boxes that may enable dogs to climb
- Keep dogs indoors when storms and thunder is predicted
- Keep dogs indoors if fireworks will be heard in your area

There can also be consequences if your dog escapes.

In addition to the chance that your pet may be injured or killed by a vehicle a fine of up to \$250 plus seizure fees can be levied.

Much higher fines and penalties can be imposed if a dog attacks a person.

Registering dogs increases their chance of being returned.

Last financial year the City also received 610 lost and found dog reports from residents. Officers managed to return 314 directly to their owners, as they were registered and identified, preventing these owners getting fines and being charged additional costs.



If your dog isn't registered please follow the instructions on the web site at www.salisbury.sa.gov.au (type Dog Registrations in the search field) to find out more.

Community Grants Given Early

A NUMBER of the City's dance, cheerleading, cultural and athletics clubs and volunteer service organisations received funding from the last round of the Community Grants Program.

The City's grants program provides funding assistance for community not-for-profit organisations serving Salisbury residents.

The grants are given twice a year and the maximum amount available is \$2,000. A new incorporated club is eligible for a once off or establishment grant of up to \$5,000.

Organisations providing a service or program fostering opportunities for community participation and development are eligible for the grants.

This financial year's first allocation of grants was brought forward to September because of the Local Government elections.

The next round of grants will open in February 2011. Application forms and selection criteria will be available from the City of Salisbury, 12 James Street, Salisbury or an application can be downloaded from our website www.salisbury.sa.gov.au

Enquiries should be directed to Mechelle Potter, telephone 8406 8340.

Youth Sponsorship Available

IN September the latest round of youth sponsorships were awarded.

The Youth Sponsorship Program offers assistance for youth who are representing South Australia or Australia at a sporting or cultural event.

Sponsorship ranges from \$50 to \$200 depending on where the event is being held and the number of applications received for the same event.

Applications are assessed monthly and recently assisted young people in our community to participate in the following activities:

- 2010 Victorian State Short Course Swimming Championships in Melbourne
- 2010 Australian Irish Dance National Championships in Wollongong
- World Natural Bodybuilding Federations Asia - Pacific Championships in Sydney
- Australian International Mens & Mixed Netball Association in Coral Spring USA

Application forms can be downloaded from the City's website at www.salisbury.sa.gov.au (type Youth Sponsorship Program in the search field). Enquiries should be directed to Mechelle Potter on 8406 8340.

Residents Satisfied with Streetscape Consultation

A RECENT survey of residents and property owners from 43 streets showed the majority are satisfied with their involvement in decisions about renewing the trees in their street.

Prior to rolling out the 2010/11 Streetscape Renewal Program, residents and property owners were sent information on the upcoming plans for their street and invited to attend a street corner meeting.

1,000 residents and property owners were later surveyed on the process and asked what could be improved.

Following are some key findings:

- 76 per cent of respondents were satisfied by the information provided by Council.
- 51 per cent of respondents found the letter very informative, five per cent found it not informative.
- Of those that attended the street meetings, 75 per cent believed it provided an adequate opportunity to voice their opinion, 24 per cent believed it did not.
- 69 per cent of respondents would recommend being involved in consultation to others.

Several comments were also received on the process, including:

"It was good to have input into the tree selection and understand the reason for that selection."

"Residents live with, and in most cases care for the verge in front of their home, they should have more say on how their council rates are spent."

"We look forward to having a lovely green street in the future!"

In addition residents made several suggestions that will assist Council to refine the public consultation material and improve the process for the future.

The Streetscape Renewal Program will replant more than 1,000 street trees to improve the local urban environment this financial year.

The removal of trees scheduled to be replaced will begin next month and new trees will be planted from May next year.



Details can be found on the City's website at www.salisbury.sa.gov.au (type 'Streetscape Renewal Program' in the search field).

Local Government Elections

AS this edition of Salisbury Aware arrives with your mail, the ballot boxes will have just closed for the 2010 Local Government elections.

This year a total of 29 nominations were received for 17 positions on the City of Salisbury's Council.

Mayor Gillian Aldridge was re-elected unopposed as were East Ward Councillors Joe Caruso and Damien Pilkington. Chad Buchanan and Donna Proleta from the West Ward were also re-elected unopposed.

The most tightly contested positions were in Central Ward with eight nominees vying for the two Councillor roles.

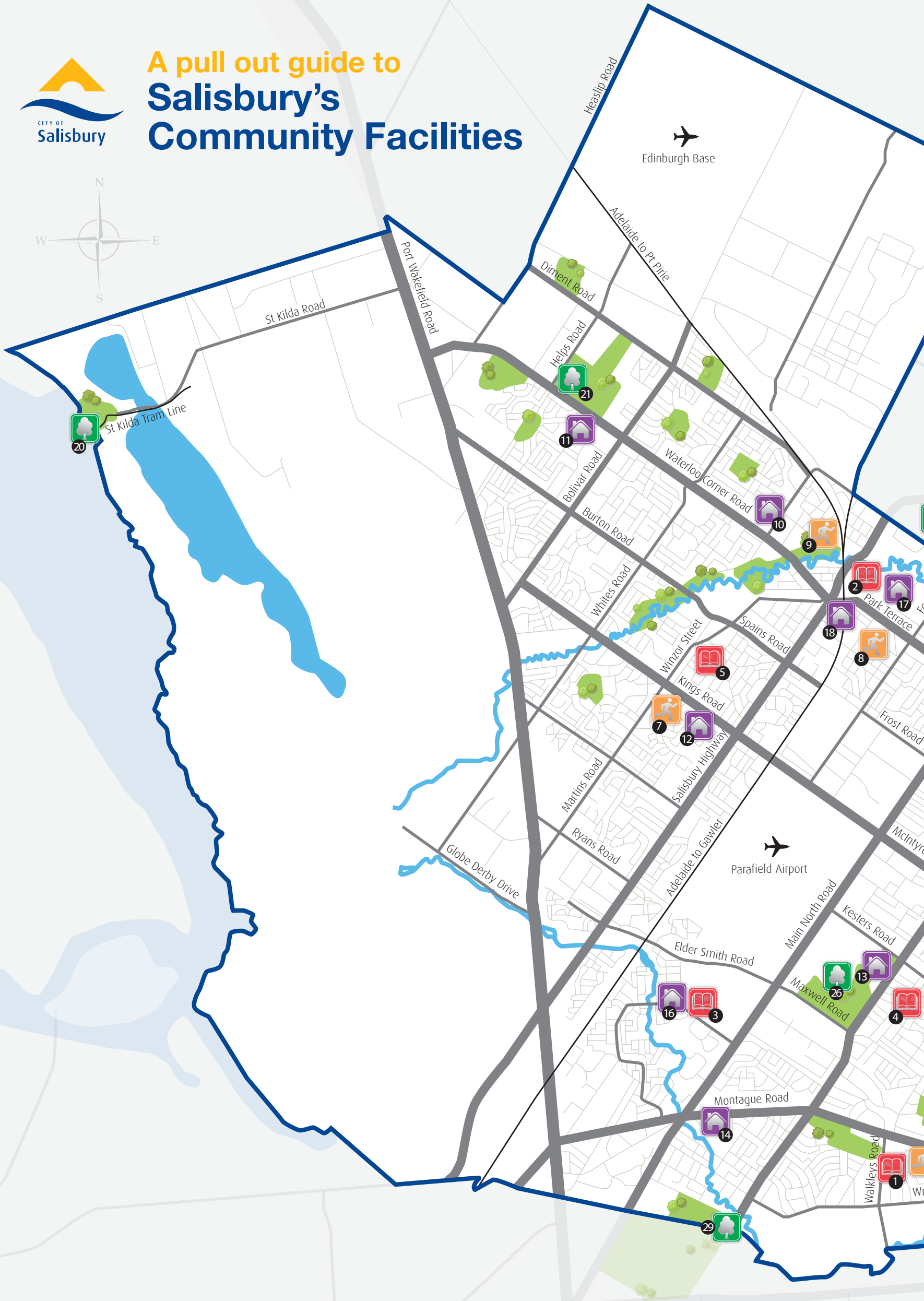


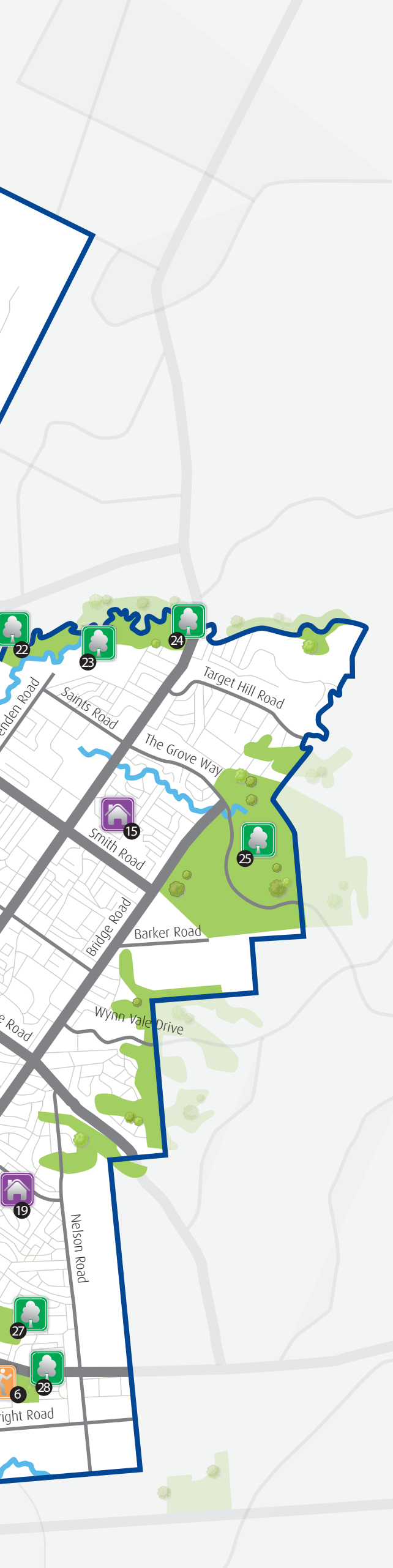
Results will be announced following the close of voting on November 12.

Following the formal declaration of the election results, the new Council will be sworn in at a Council Meeting on Monday 22 November 2010.



A pull out guide to Salisbury's Community Facilities





Libraries

1. INGLE FARM LIBRARY - Beovich Road, Ingle Farm
Telephone: 8265 4717
2. LEN BEADELL LIBRARY - 55 John Street, Salisbury
Telephone: 8406 8283
3. MAWSON LAKES LIBRARY - 2-8 Main Street, Mawson Lakes
Telephone: 8302 5555
4. PARA HILLS LIBRARY - Wilkinson Road, Para Hills
Telephone: 8264 2512
5. SALISBURY WEST LIBRARY - Hollywood Boulevard, Salisbury Downs
Telephone: 8258 2788



Recreation Centres

6. INGLE FARM RECREATION CENTRE - Corner Beovich & Roopena Roads, Ingle Farm
Telephone: 8263 0411
7. PARAFIELD GARDENS RECREATION CENTRE - Corner Kings & Martins Roads, Parafield Gardens
Telephone: 8281 4888
8. ST JAYS RECREATION CENTRE - 15 Brown Terrace, Salisbury
Telephone: 8258 9211
9. SALISBURY RECREATION PRECINCT - Waterloo Corner Road, Salisbury North
Telephone: 8258 1713



Community Centres

10. BAGSTER ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE - 17 Bagster Road, Salisbury North
Telephone: 8250 4167
11. BURTON COMMUNITY CENTRE - 386 Waterloo Corner Road, Burton
Telephone: 8280 8843
12. MORELLA COMMUNITY CENTRE - 90 Kings Road, Parafield Gardens
T. 8250 7786
13. THE PADDOCKS CENTRE - Corner Bridge and Kesters Roads, Para Hills West
Telephone: 8258 8099
14. POORAKA FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE - 126 Henderson Avenue, Pooraka
Telephone: 8262 5544
15. SALISBURY EAST NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE - 28 Smith Road, Salisbury
Telephone: 8285 2055
16. THE MAWSON CENTRE - 2-8 Main Street, Mawson Lakes
Telephone: 8302 5449
17. TWELVE25 SALISBURY YOUTH ENTERPRISE CENTRE - 17-19 Wiltshire Street, Salisbury
Telephone: 8253 9928
18. JACK YOUNG CENTRE - Orange Avenue, Salisbury
Telephone: 8258 7286
19. PARA HILLS CENTRE - Wilkinson Road, Para Hills
Telephone: 8395 1520



Parks and Play Spaces

20. ST KILDA ADVENTURE PARK - St Kilda
21. KAURNA PARK - Corner Helps/Waterloo Corner Roads, BURTON
22. JENKINS RESERVE - Saints Road, Para Vista
23. HARRY BOWEY RESERVE - Riversdale Drive, Salisbury Park
24. CARISBROOKE RESERVE - Main North Road, Salisbury Park
25. COBBLERS CREEK RECREATION PARK - Bridge Road, Para Vista
26. THE PADDOCKS - Bridge Road, Para Hills West
27. WALKLEYS PARK - Fairfax Avenue & Lauder Street, Ingle Farm
28. GOLDING OVAL - Redhill Road, Para Vista
29. POORAKA UNITY PARK - South Terrace, Pooraka

Beauty and Wonder of our Parks and Play Spaces

TODAY in Salisbury thousands of people – from toddlers in play spaces to sporting teams and adult walking groups – enjoy our parks and reserves.

In the last half century the City has led a regeneration effort to bring back much of the vegetation, originally cleared in the 1960s and 1970s.

The conversion from a dustbowl to a green city has come about from a strategic plan to conserve and promote biodiversity and natural habitat in harmony with the sporting and recreational interests of the community.

Salisbury now boasts more than 130 parks and reserves and more than 50 kilometres of walking trails.

The network of green space has been completed through extensive plantings of native species and supplemented by a world-class water catchment management plan through the creation of wetlands, aquifer storage and around 60 kilometres of mains carrying treated water.

More than 1,721 hectares of parks is maintained by council staff who water, prune and protect each tree, plant and patch of grass throughout the seasons.

As winter turns to spring and plants start to shoot the maintenance staff begin a weed spraying program to protect native flora. Persistent pests such as Bathurst burr, caltrop, three corner jack and khaki are a number of the perpetrators that keep staff busy.

During growing months a mowing program ensures residents are provided with safe and pleasant play spaces. Most reserves are trimmed every six weeks and regularly used sports grounds are visited weekly.

The City's irrigation network and watering program keeps the greenery alive and healthy during summer. Re-cycled water is used to irrigate our parks and open spaces and support habitat for native fauna.

Much of the water is harvested from the City's 52 wetlands and storm water detention basins that require regular monitoring of water quality.

The continual cycle of care that goes on behind the scenes keeps our play spaces and walking trails alive and attractive places for recreation and relaxation.

Two years ago, the City of Salisbury ran its first open space user survey to collect opinions and impressions of our parks and reserves from the hills face to the sea.

This study showed that 36 per cent of participants visited parks and reserves in Salisbury at least weekly, 53 per cent brought along family members or friends, and 49 per cent walked or came on a bike.

The most popular reasons for visiting parks and reserves include taking children to play and walking the dog.

The most popular reasons for visiting parks and reserves were to walk, take children to play, sport, meet friends and walk the dog.

Ingle Farm Walking Group organiser, Ursula Klok, said the network of walking trails across Salisbury provided a natural attraction.

"Our group walks on Mondays and Thursdays and our numbers vary," Ursula said. "It is wonderful in terms of health and in social contact."

Students and community groups are able to get a greater understanding of our local ecosystems by visiting our wetlands, and people can walk the Wodliparri Trail developed with the Kaurna people as a mark of respect for Indigenous culture.





A selection of our City's parks and reserves

Reserve	Playground	Shaded	Recreational facilities	Dog friendly	BBQ	Toilets	Wheelchair access
Canterbury Drive Reserve Canterbury Drive, Salisbury Heights	✓	✓	BMX track, tennis, basketball, cricket	✓			✓
Castieau Reserve Immanuel Drive, Salisbury Heights	✓		Walking, bird watching				✓
Founders Reserve Brougham Drive, Valley View	✓	✓	Walking, bird watching				✓
Happy Home Reserve Waterloo Corner Road, Salisbury North	✓		Tennis	✓	✓	✓	✓
Harry Bowey Reserve Riversdale Drive, Salisbury Park	✓	✓	Tennis, cricket, walking trails			✓	✓
Hausler Reserve Kings Road/Whites Road, Paralowie	✓	✓	Walking				✓
Kentish Green Nelson Road/Barina Avenue, Para Vista	✓	✓	BMX track				✓
Lindblom Park Albert Street & Quinlivan Drive, Pooraka	✓	✓	Netball, cricket, tennis			✓	✓
Ohio Court Reserve Ohio Court, Parafield Gardens	✓	✓	Walking				✓
Pooraka Unity Park South Terrace, Pooraka	✓		Tennis, skateboarding	✓		✓	
Springbank Boulevard Reserve Springbank Boulevard, Burton	✓		Walking trails		✓		
St Kilda Adventure Park St Kilda	✓	✓	Large playground, walking trails		✓	✓	✓

People can easily walk or cycle from a vibrant metropolis to the tranquillity of the foothills or watercourses where bustle is quickly replaced by birdsong.

Those with an interest in our European heritage can explore the Little Para Trails following the picturesque meanders of the river to discover sites that played an important role in the pioneering days of Salisbury

The sites include homesteads and living reminders of the almond and orange groves that flourished along the banks.

Others can take a stroll back in time on the history walk that reminds us that Salisbury is one of the oldest settlements in the State.

Another picturesque and popular trail follows the Dry Creek Linear Park.

The members of the Mawson Lakes Walking Group also enjoy strolling along the trails.

The group gathers in the evenings from Mondays to Thursdays and always looks forward to the arrival of the summer's weather and extended daylight.

"It is a great way to relax after a day at work," says organiser Elaine Alford.

"Daylight saving is a bonus for us, and we enjoy the fitness and social interaction in the parks and around the water at Mawson Lakes."

The City of Salisbury has also developed a comprehensive Play Space Action Plan to guide the development of our play spaces for the next 20 years.

Nichola Kapitza, Manager of Culture, Recreation and Youth, says: "The city provides over 130 play spaces. We have moved away from the old thinking of just providing playgrounds for young children with bouncy chickens, swings and slides."

"Our emphasis now is on providing spaces where children, young people and older members of the community can have meaningful play and recreation experiences."

Jim Binder, the Program Development Coordinator for Positive Ageing Services, points with pride to the extensive range of Heart Foundation Walking groups in Salisbury where incentives include healthy interaction with others.

"People can join an existing group, or start their own new walking group of friends or like-minded people," he says. "Registration with Heart Foundation Walking is free and we encourage people to enjoy everything that our beautiful parks and reserves offer."



For more information on the City's play spaces visit www.salisbury.sa.gov.au (type trails, parks and playgrounds in the search field).

For more information on Heart Foundation walking call 8258 7286 or 1300 362787 or go to www.heartfoundation.org.au



Story by Trevor Gill

State-first Initiative Recognises Salisbury's Cleanest Kitchens

A new rating system is encouraging licensed premises to push the boundaries of their food handling and attract customers with reputations built on hygiene.

RESTAURANTS in Salisbury are competing for the prestige of having the cleanest kitchen in the City.

The pilot Food Safety Rating Program, introduced in June, gives restaurants a score of between one and five stars for attention to food safety.

Since its introduction, 41 restaurants have joined with 15 achieving five stars and 13 four stars.

The Watershed Café at Greenfields Wetlands was one of the first to join the program.

The initiative recognises restaurants for their responsible management, said director, Gary Sinton.

"The initiative is a much more positive method of dealing with food safety than the traditional methods councils adopt," he said.

"In the past we have just been inspected – which we pay for – and that was the end of it.

"This program recognises our efforts to operate a restaurant with the highest levels of food safety."

"This way we have a chance to promote our good results and show our commitment to operating one of the best run businesses in the City."

Businesses that join the program are given opportunities to promote their rating.

Stickers displaying the star-rating can be placed at entrances and the five and four star restaurants are listed on the Council's website.

The program is also lifting hygiene standards across the City. Since initial inspections when restaurants joined the program, food and safety ratings have improved by 150 percent in the four and five star restaurants.

The increase is because restaurants are vying to gain a five star rating, said James Story, Senior Environmental Health Officer, City of Salisbury.

"Everyone wants to be known as having the best run business and we now have something to offer restaurants that achieve the highest standards," said James.

"Customers are becoming fussier about what they eat, where it has come from and how it has been prepared.

"The star rating program gives restaurants the opportunity to promote their commitment to high standards.

"And customers are also able to access more information and choose to eat at the places with the best score."

Restaurants will only receive five stars if they exceed the mandatory requirements of the state's Food Act.

In addition to assessing how food is handled, stored and prepared, the business must also have a food safety management system in place.

The management system is considered best practice and tracks food through every step from receiving to serving to ensure it is handled correctly.

When Chris Fotopoulos from Café Acqua joined the program his premises was rated as one of the best in the City. However it was still a few points away from obtaining the five stars.

After following the advice from Council officers, Chris tweaked his operation and received the highest rating on the next inspection.

The program is a must for restaurant owners that are serious about looking after their customers, said Chris.

"We are in the businesses of giving our customers the highest quality experience and that means being extremely careful with their food," he said.

"This program recognises our efforts to operate a restaurant with the highest levels of food safety."

"Everyone wants to be known as having the best run business and we now have something to offer restaurants that achieve the highest of standards."

Restaurants that join the program are checked every six months and their ratings are confirmed or changed.

The first stage of the program has been opened to licensed restaurants and Council is currently developing plans to extend it to unlicensed premises.



Details of restaurants with four and five star ratings can be found on the Council website www.salisbury.sa.gov.au (type Food Safety Rating Program in the search field).

Story by Nigel Huxtable



The Watershed Function Centre & Café was one of the first restaurants to join the Food Safety Rating Program and has received a five star rating.



Businesses Rated 5 Stars

Brahma Lodge Hotel
Caffe Acqua
Café Numero Uno
Darshana's Curry and Tea House
Fasta Pasta
Ned Kellys Retreat Restaurant
Para Hills Community Club
Salisbury Hotel
Slug N Lettuce
Somerset Hotel
Tandoori Temptations Indian Restaurant
The Boatdeck Café
The Watershed – Red Jam

Businesses Rated 4 Stars

Hong Kong Palace Restaurant
Red Rock Noodle Bar and Restaurant
SA Harness Racing Club
LB Vietnamese
Old Spot Hotel
Salisbury North Football Club
Whitehorse Inn Hotel
Bridgeway Hotel
Kwik Stix
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'Don't waste those food scraps. Jeff wants them!'

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Everyone who participates in this optional kerbside collection can also pick up a kitchen bench-top bin, free of charge, especially designed for this process.

What to put in your 240 litre green lid organics bin

Prunings (no greater than 100mm in diameter), grass clippings, fruit, vegetables, egg shells, meat, bones, hair, shredded paper, flowers, herbs, teabags, dairy products, tissues, coffee grinds, weeds, paper towel, roots, shoots and leaves.

The garden waste should be as free as possible from soil.



In wet weather grass clippings can become very heavy so take care not to fill your bin to the top.

If you don't already have a garden organics bin and wish to participate in the collection service, you may purchase brand new green lid 240 litre bins from NAWMA for \$50 (including delivery) by calling the free-call number 1800 111 004 or 8252 9666 from a mobile.

What Not to put in.

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Kerbside garden and food organic collections take place on the same day as your weekly general waste collection, but the opposite week to your recycling collection. Refer to the green squares on your NAWMA 'wheelie bin' calendar. If you require a new calendar ring 1800 111 004 or 8252 9666 if using a mobile.

November 2010 to March 2011 Capital Works



Ongoing maintenance - Maintenance will occur around the city as part of an ongoing program. This includes such programs as kerb and gutter reinstatement due to tree damage and footpath reinstatement. For more information please contact the Customer Centre on 8406 8222.

Brahma Lodge

Recreation and Sport

Cockburn Green – lighting upgrade.

Burton

Roadworks – New Construction

Thompson Road and Penner Avenue – completion of major upgrade.

Hawker Road – commencement of staged major upgrade of Diment Road between Heaslip Road and Bolivar Road.

Parks and Landscape

Beadell Street Reserve – playspace renewal.

Springbank Waters – western boardwalk.

Recreation and Sport

Burton Park – completion of a major new recreation facility, including three soccer pitches, sporting clubrooms, 'regional' standard playground, car parking and landscaping.

Burton/Direk

Drainage Works

Burton West Industrial Drainage Scheme – culverts at Diment Road.

City Wide

Miscellaneous Works

Kerb Ramps and Footpath Links - to meet the needs of the aged and disabled; timing is subject to a priority assessment and funding availability.

Water Management

reWater Reticulation – continued roll-out of recycled water mains and associated infrastructure to supply reserves, schools and industry.

Drainage Works

Watercourse Erosion – erosion control works along Little Para River.

Parks and Landscape

City Wide Trails and Biodiversity Corridors Program ('Green Trails Program') – includes completion of Little Para River Stage 1 (from Salisbury Town Centre to Kings Road), including signage, outdoor furniture, some lighting and biodiversity planting.

Mawson Lakes

Parks and Landscape Works

Bennett Road Drain – completion of landscaping of section between Elder Smith Road and Main North Road.

Parafield Gardens

Roadworks - Traffic

Mawson Lakes Boulevard / Park Way – design of a new roundabout.

Parafield Gardens

Roadworks - Traffic

Piper Street – centre blister treatment between Andrew Smith Drive and Morgan Street.

Richardson Street – centre blister and associated road reseal.

Bardsley Avenue – channelisation treatments at junctions with O'Neill Street and Tallon Street.

Morgan Street – channelisation treatments at Watkins Street and Hutchinson Drive

Shepherdson Road – traffic calming treatments between Martins Road and Whites Road and associated road reseal.

Martins Road / Lobelia Drive – design of a channelisation treatment.

Footpaths

Tulip Court, Ohio Court, Symor Court, Hilda Court and Banksia Crescent.

Recreation and Sport

Andrew Smith Oval – lighting upgrade.

Para Hills

Roadworks - Reseal

Milne Road (Nelson Road to Robert Court) and Robert Court.

Para Hills West

Recreation and Sport

Paddocks – lighting upgrade.

Paddocks – storage shed for Para Hills Junior Soccer Club.

Paddocks – netball court resurfacing.

Paralowie

Roadworks – New Construction

Bolivar Road – commencement of a major upgrade from Burton Road to Waterloo Corner Road.

Footpaths

Hookes Court, Brando Court, Biscay Court, Garfield Court and Teresa Court.

Pooraka

Roadworks – Traffic

South Terrace – car parking near playground at Unity Park.

Jean Street – alterations to cul-de-sac.

Miscellaneous Works

'Mapping Salisbury' – historical markers for former abattoirs and stock yards, a public artwork project.

Recreation and Sport

Lindblom Park – playground replacement.

Unity Park – skate park terracing and tennis courts resurfacing

Building Works

Pooraka Farm Community Centre – noise abatement.

Salisbury

Roadworks – Reseal

Church Street and James Street.

Roadworks – Traffic

John Street/Church Street – pedestrian crossing improvements.

John Street – completion of continuous accessible path of travel from Ann Street to Commercial Road.

Recreation and Sport

Salisbury Oval – lighting upgrade.

Salisbury Oval – security fencing for Scout Group.

Salisbury Bowling Club - lighting

Building Works

Len Beadell Library – various upgrade works.

Salisbury Downs

Footpaths

Goldwyn Avenue and Arnhem Court.

Salisbury East

Recreation and Sport

Manor Farm Oval - storage shed for Scout Group

Salisbury Park

Parks and Landscape

Wildwood Park – irrigation upgrade.

Salisbury North

Footpaths

Cheney Terrace, Pyatt Court and Mobbs Court.

Recreation and Sport

Adams Oval – completion of playground and Soccer Clubrooms extension and provision of a new storage enclosure.

St Kilda

Miscellaneous Works

Various upgrade works including liberty swing at the Adventure Playground.

Walkley Heights

Recreation and Sport

Pioneer Avenue Reserve – new play space and shade structure.





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It All Makes Sense for Salisbury's Business Ambassadors



Angelo Kotses, Managing Director of Bickford's (left) and Jim McDowell, CEO of BAE Systems are lending their names to the City of Salisbury's business investment campaign.

ACCORDING to Angelo Kotses, Managing Director of beverage manufacturer Bickford's, 'everything adds up, Salisbury is the perfect location'.

Bickford's is one of four internationally recognised brands extolling the benefits of being based in the City of Salisbury as part of a new campaign to encourage business investment in the area.

Salisbury's Manager of Economic Development, Julian Munson, who moved from the UK two and a half years ago, says he was surprised and delighted to discover how many world renowned companies were located in his new patch.

"Having senior representatives from companies like Bickford's, R.M. Williams and BAE Systems prepared to put their name to a campaign like this not only lends a huge amount of credibility to our message, it also means we must be doing something right here in Salisbury."

The City of Salisbury has a concentrated yet diverse business base, with more national and global brands represented here than in any other area of South Australia (outside of the CBD).

In fact Salisbury is one of the key drivers of the South Australian economy. In the years 2001 to 2006 its economic growth accelerated to 4.2 per cent per annum compared with 1.9 per cent for the State.

State Government plans for the area's future will continue the trend. Under the 30-Year Plan for Greater Adelaide, Salisbury is identified as a high growth area with an estimated increase of 20,000 new homes.

"These new homes will need new schools, new shops, new services and facilities which will continue to drive local economic growth," says Julian.

Immediate growth will also come from the relocation of the 7RAR Army Battalion from Darwin to Edinburgh, bringing 1200 troops and their families to Salisbury and the northern region.

The arrival of another piece of the country's defence force will also expand the opportunities in the area.

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In locating their Australian headquarters in Salisbury, BAE Systems recognised the area's status as a major centre for defence and hi-tech research activities, as well as the lifestyle benefits Salisbury offered its employees.

Allied with the Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) and the Edinburgh Defence Precinct, the region is home to a number of other major players including SAAB Systems, Raytheon, Lockheed Martin and General Motors Defense Australia.

Another organisation recognised for its research capabilities, UniSA, has also chosen to lend its name to the business investment campaign.

Professor Andrew Parfitt, Pro Vice Chancellor, Information Technology, Engineering and the Environment, says "the flourishing technology hub of the Northern Region offers the perfect blend of education and research."

UniSA's Mawson Lakes campus is home to some of the world's top research institutes including the Ian Wark Research Institute, which is undertaking ground breaking research in nano and biotechnology and minerals processing.

UniSA's Barbara Hardy Centre for Sustainable Urban Environments also works closely with the City of Salisbury on its' internationally recognised water conservation and management systems.

The final face of Salisbury's campaign is Geoff Thiel, Chief Operating Officer for R.M. Williams, which has been located in Salisbury for over 30 years.

According to Geoff a skilled and accessible labour force along with convenient freight access are two of the factors that make Salisbury an excellent environment for doing business.



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LOCATED at the northern tip of the City of Salisbury and bordering Elizabeth, Edinburgh Parks is one of South Australia's most significant industrial land development projects, identified in the State's 30-Year Plan for Greater Adelaide as key to our economic future.

Covering about 650 hectares and connected by the new northern super highway system, the estate comprises three precincts: an automotive precinct, a defence precinct and an industrial precinct.

It is already home to major facilities including a \$125 million state-of-the-art distribution centre for Coles, a \$100 million food processing facility for Inghams, and a \$24 million logistics hub for DHL.

The area is estimated to be home to more than 3,000 jobs.

The State Government's Land Management Corporation owns much of the vacant land and is actively promoting the sale of industrial allotments to other large, international corporations.

Part of its marketing push is the environmentally sustainable design of the project, based on Salisbury's internationally recognised stormwater management, involving an aquifer storage and recovery system and reticulated non-potable water supply.

Of course, Edinburgh is best known to most South Australians as the long time home of the RAAF Base and DSTO (Defence Science and Technology Organisation).



Edinburgh Parks is home to DHL's \$24 million logistics hub, a \$100 million food processing facility for Inghams and the Coles \$125 million distribution centre among others.

Nowadays it is a strategically important defence hub, being the Australian headquarters for international players such as BAE Systems, Lockheed Martin, Australian Aerospace, MTU Detroit Diesel and Nova Defence.

In early 2011 the Battle Group from the Australian Army's 1st Brigade in Darwin will also relocate to new purpose built facilities within the Edinburgh Defence Precinct. The Battle Group includes the mechanised infantry battalion of the 7th Royal Australian Regiment, better known locally as 7RAR.

The Battle Group relocation will provide huge economic opportunities for the area and reinforce South Australia's position as the Defence State.

With partners and children, it's estimated that 1900 people will arrive in the northern suburbs early in the new year, creating new demand for housing, education, childcare, sporting and medical facilities.

In readiness for the arrival of the new troops, the Commonwealth Government began construction of over \$620 million of facilities at Edinburgh in 2008.

When fully completed there will be 80 new buildings including a state-of-the-art health facility, on base living accommodation for over 200 personnel, and a substantial fitness centre including a 50 metre swimming pool.

The barracks will also include high-tech combat simulation facilities enabling soldiers to maintain high levels of deployable readiness.

Edinburgh has also been identified as a potential future defence super base and land has been reserved for further expansion.

Story by Jane Miller



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50 Years to Discover, Learn, Explore at the Libraries

This year the City of Salisbury's libraries will celebrate 50 years of service to the people of the City.

There has been a long history of literary interests in Salisbury dating back to the late 1850s when the first collection of books was assembled.

The first purpose built library was opened on 8 June 1960 at Trinity Shopping Centre on Bagster Road. The new Salisbury North Branch was met with an 'enthusiastic response' from the district.

The event was not far behind the opening of the State's first rate-supported and 'free' library in South Australia, which was built in 1957 at Elizabeth.

From a beginning where its shelves held approximately 2,000 books, the Salisbury library service has always been at the fore of collection and technological development.

The five branches across the City now offer residents a place for people of all ages to meet, read and learn.

Items for loan have changed over time from just books and magazines to knitting patterns, records, cassettes, CDs, videos, home energy kits, DVDs to the new Playaways and Blu-ray DVDs.

There are also specialised collections within the library service. These include the Family Reading Centre, toys, sports equipment and the Local History Collection.

The development of the libraries followed a path that was influenced by changes in local government and community need.

It was not until the development of Elizabeth and the creation of the District Council of Salisbury and Elizabeth that plans were made to expand the existing library facilities.

1965: Two independent district councils were created in Salisbury and Elizabeth. New libraries were created within Salisbury to support a rapidly growing population.

1968: The Para Hills Library was opened on June 17 and in November 1975 moved to Civic Complex. In 2006 and 2007 the library was refurbished and re-opened on 21 February 2007.

1970: The Ingle Farm Library opened.

Left: The Salisbury North library at Trinity Shopping Centre on Bagster Road opened on 8 June 1960. The branch had an initial stock of approximately 2,000 adult books.

Below: The library is a great place for people of all ages and nationalities to meet, read, learn and access information.

1975: The Salisbury Central and the Parafield Gardens libraries opened.

1977: The Home Library Service was established to deliver materials to residents who could not access a library.

1990's: The Salisbury North and Parafield Gardens Libraries were closed to create the new Salisbury West Library near Hollywood Shopping Centre. Salisbury Central and Ingle Farm Libraries moved into new purpose built buildings. They were renamed the Len Beadell Library and the Farm Branch Library.

2005: The Mawson Lakes Library was opened in partnership with the Education Department. It is also unique as it integrates the Mawson Lakes School library collection.

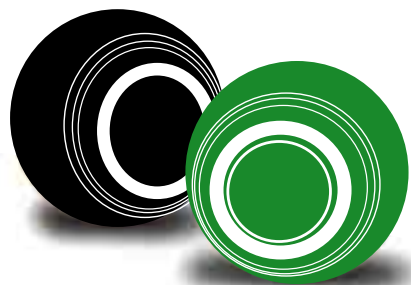
The development of technology has also increased the information that the libraries can offer users and online database access is now provided free to patrons. One of the most widely used is the Ancestry genealogical database.

The libraries also now host a number of events and activities for the community. The school holiday programs, book reader groups, JP Service, chess club, computer club and the family history support group are just a few of the many library programs.

In celebration of its journey the Salisbury Library Service has planned a '50 years of Discovery Day' on Saturday November 6 in the Civic Square from 10am till 3pm. Everyone is welcome.

The Salisbury Library Service is looking forward to another 50 years. So come in to a library near you and Discover, Learn, Explore!





Bowling Buddies Building a Community

THE community focus of the Para Hills Bowling Club is changing young lives and recruiting a new generation of bowlers.

The club has a new Board of Management and a plan to reverse the fall in memberships.

A recent jump in numbers shows the drive is working. However, its impact on individuals is the most powerful sign of the club's new success.

Julie will always be grateful for what the club has given her. Three years ago she had to make a change. Her young son was growing unhappier by the day. He didn't enjoy school and was struggling to make friends.

As a nine-year-old Lucas was dealing with more challenges than most. Asperger syndrome made socialising unnatural and coordination difficult.

His mother needed to find her boy something he could call his own: a passion to throw his energy into and a foundation for his self esteem.

The solution came from the most unexpected of places. After working his way without success through all the usual activities boys often pursue – footy, cricket, basketball – Lucas spent an afternoon on a bowling green.

Three years later he's a different person.

"His schooling has improved, his attitude has improved, he has friends now and he's easier to live with – he's a happier lad," said Julie.

"After trying a number of sports through the Growing for Gold program, he found the Para Hills lawn bowls club.

"I can't imagine where we'd be today if it wasn't for them."

The gentle, subtle but challenging art of lawn bowling made the sport ideal for Lucas. He could take the time he needed to coordinate his movements and still challenge the opposition. He could be part of a team.

Lucas' mother gives his new 'team' credit for her son's new outlook. The club full of 'aunts' and 'uncles' with experience to understand and patience to guide gave him the encouragement he needed.

"Everything has changed, he feels he can do something well and he's found his niche and something he can excel at," said Julie.

"The club gave him the little bit of confidence he needed and now he's more outgoing overall and makes friends a lot easier."

A supportive community that teaches values to young players is part of the new vision Chairman Tom Steele has for the club. "It's pretty much like an extended family down at the club," he said.

"We have a great group of people with a lot of life experience who enjoy working with young people and teaching them sporting and community values – like trying to put an old head on young shoulders."

Another youngster benefiting from the spirit of the club is 14-year-old James.

His guardian, Roy, introduced him to the sport ten months ago. His new team mates have helped James through an unstable time and helped him work with people.

As well as the positive influence of his new team mates, the sport itself is changing his behaviour.

"There is a lot of discipline needed for lawn bowls, you have to be a lot quieter and controlled," said Roy. "There are also older people that he is learning to help and show consideration and respect to."

The club plans to offer more members of the community the opportunity to try out the sport.

Last month a charity day for Camp Quality was attended by more than 100 people with more than \$1,500 raised for kids with cancer.

Over the summer the club will run twilight lawn bowls after 6pm on Wednesday or Friday evenings. Those interested in trying the sport are invited to join. Equipment is provided, however flat soled shoes are required.



For more information on lawn bowls please contact the Para Hills Bowling Club on 8285 6744.



What's on in Salisbury

summer 2010

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Salisbury Christmas Parade

Salisbury Town Centre.

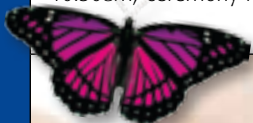
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Asbestos Victims Memorial

10.30am, Ceremony held at Pitman Park, Salisbury.



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Mums 'n' Bubs Expo

10am – 3pm, The Mawson Centre, 2-8 Main Street, Mawson Lakes. Free admission. Call 8302 85449 for further information.

december

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Salisbury Community Carols

Pioneer Park, Salisbury.

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International Volunteer Day

Various events in Salisbury.

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Mawson Lakes Carols

Mobara Park, Mawson Lakes.

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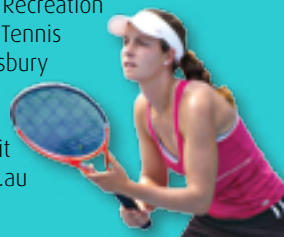
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Australia's best up and coming tennis players compete at Salisbury Recreation Precinct in the World Tennis Challenge City of Salisbury Australian Money Tournament.

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Tour Down Under

Stage 1 of the Tour Down Under starts in Mawson Lakes. Visit www.salisbury.sa.gov.au for further details.



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Australia Day

Awards and Citizenship Ceremony. John Harvey Gallery, 12 James Street, Salisbury.

Family Picnic and BBQ. Carisbrooke Reserve, Main North Road, Salisbury Park.



february

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World Wetlands Day

Trails Tour & BBQ at the Watershed, Salisbury Highway, Mawson Lakes. Call 8258 0862 for bookings.

february

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Tennis Anywhere Anytime

Come and try days for kids aged 3 – 13, 2pm-5pm. Call 8258 1713 for further information.

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Kick Push Shove Skateboarding Program Starts

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SBA Dew Skate Series

Pooraka Skate Park. Call 8406 8366 for details.

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Midnight Basketball Starts

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march

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Clean Up Australia Day

Community clean up events and BBQ's at several parks and reserves in Salisbury. www.salisbury.sa.gov.au





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