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## Salisbury Writers' Festival Reaches Major Milestone

This year's Salisbury Writers' Festival will be bigger and better than ever as the event celebrates its 10th anniversary.



## SA's First BioBlitz Begins at Harry Bowey

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

“ This edition outlines some of the exciting projects and works planned for the City of Salisbury as we enter the new financial year,

In 2014/15 we will see greater investment in flood prevention, an expanded streetscape redevelopment program and accelerated dog park upgrades, but I am particularly looking forward to the commencement of works and upgrades to the popular St Kilda Playground. This multi-million dollar project has been made possible thanks to a \$1 million contribution from the State Government and will see improvements to the Volcano and construction of a new castle.

While we all enjoyed the first-ever Salisbury Secret Garden event in February, another significant local event is reaching a major milestone this year. The Salisbury Writers’ Festival will be celebrating its 10th anniversary this August. And the big events don’t stop there with thousands of people expected to attend the 2014 World Budo Kan Association (WBKA) Festival of Martial Arts and Culture in Salisbury in October, and the BioBlitz in Harry Bowey Reserve in August is also anticipating a large crowd.

As always, there are plenty of stories on local groups and individuals doing great things in the community, and I hope everyone takes the time to read and learn a little more about our wonderful city.

Gillian Aldridge JP, Mayor of Salisbury

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# A JP WHO IS ALWAYS HAPPY TO HELP

IF Alun Hughes were paid for his daily outpouring of community spirit and goodwill, he would be a very wealthy man.



Alun Hughes

But wealth has many meanings. Far from seeking recompense or even recognition, this modest father of 11 from Salisbury North measures his returns from the satisfaction of helping others, which he has been doing for the past 39 years.

As a Justice of the Peace, he attends local libraries every second week and additional hours as requested to help witness and certify documents upholding a judicial oath that calls in part on JPs to “do right to all manner of people after the laws and usages of this State, without fear or favour, affection or ill will”.

Alun has proudly lived in Salisbury North since 1975 after building a house on the block of land he and his wife, Victoria, purchased the year before. Their 11 children grew up in that house and attended local schools.

Born in England, Alun and his five siblings came to Australia with their parents in 1962. He completed his apprenticeship as a motor mechanic after settling in Adelaide and embarked on a long career in the motor industry, rising to training and management roles with the RAA, for which he worked for 28 years.

From 1975 to 2005, he was a leader in the Anglican Boys’ Society, including roles as Branch Governor at St Barbara’s Anglican Church Parafield Gardens, District Commissioner for the Northern Federation and State Training Officer.

For 25 years, he was a member of the Salisbury High School Council, including periods as Secretary and Chairman.

In 2006, the then Minister for Education Jane Lomax Smith presented Alun with a certificate for his ‘voluntary contribution to education and care of children in South Australia’. In 1989, Alun was inducted into the Rotary Club of Elizabeth later serving in various roles including President, and Governor for Rotary District 9500 covering 53 separate clubs around the State. With Northern Volunteering he engaged with employment agencies and other volunteer organisations to help young people find jobs and establish career paths.

Alun has been a local JP since 2003 and recently joined the training team of the Royal Association of Justices of South Australia. “When I was branch manager of the RAA’s Elizabeth Service Centre, I was regularly asked for advice about the Road Traffic Act and had many inquiries about where people could get legal documents witnessed,” he said.

“I thought it would be worthwhile to become a JP, and I successfully applied for the position. It is an important public service helping people with legal matters, including documents that need to be witnessed or certified. It gives me a lot of pleasure assisting people in these circumstances.”

A JP is authorised to witness and attest documents such as statutory declarations, affidavits, wills, divorce documents, power of attorney and guardianship documents, and to certify copies of original documents.



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# HEALTH PROGRAMS HERE TO STAY



Rotary Club of Salisbury's Damien Walker and Faye Gough

## HAVING a healthy breakfast alternative during local Australia Day celebrations is one of many concepts from the three-year Salisbury Healthy Communities Initiative (SHCI) that will continue to be offered to the community.

The SHCI, which ended in June 2014, saw City of Salisbury staff in partnership with the health sector, Salisbury businesses and national, state and local organisations deliver healthy lifestyle programs and activities for the Salisbury community.

"Whether it's getting more people involved in cycling, educating people on how to cook healthy food for their family or promoting activities such as modified Zumba, Strength for Life and Wisemoves – the SHCI has achieved a great deal," said City of Salisbury healthy communities coordinator Cathie Graham.

"The SHCI saw more than 170 volunteers, community instructors, and school and council staff receive training to deliver current and future healthy lifestyle programs and activities. A referral card was also developed for use by the 42 GP clinics in the Salisbury Council area to assist clinic staff in referring patients/clients to a SHCI facilitated program."

One of the SHCI's most successful programs saw healthy breakfast alternatives provided at the 2012 and 2013 Salisbury Australia Day celebrations. This year, the Rotary Club took over the service and will make it a permanent addition to the annual event.

"(In 2012 and 2013) the Salisbury Healthy Communities team with the assistance of some Rotary members provided food such as fruit and berries, natural yoghurt, muesli and low fat milk," said Rotary Club of Salisbury catering organiser and Community Team Leader Graham Purbrick. "The popularity of the breakfasts was unbelievably surprising... nobody would have believed people would have gone for that kind of thing when bacon and eggs were sitting right next to it."

"In the first year I think we did 500 (breakfasts), it is growing every year and this year I think we did about 600. It was lucky because we ran out of yoghurt just before the end of the event so there will probably be even more next time."

Other SHCI programs and activities which will continue to be offered include:

- **BikeSTART:** A free online tool to develop your own Ride Plan.
- **The Cycle Salisbury Re-gifting Program:** This has become the Pooraka Farm Community Centre Bike Re-gifting program, which consists of a re-gifted bike, helmet, lock and bike education session for those in need as identified by Families SA, the Migrant Resource Centre and Anglicare.
- **Ride Leaders Program and Social Rides:** Cycle Salisbury social rides are part of the Bike SA Statewide Rides Program and will continue for as long as the trained local volunteer ride leaders wish to do so.
- **Heart Foundation Walking:** There are 23 Heart Foundation Walking groups in Salisbury. This is a FREE community based walking program that will continue thanks to local walk organisers (Heart Foundation volunteers). Council will be facilitating the development of additional walking groups in the City of Salisbury.
- **Strength for Life:** The SHCI assisted in the development of this program at several local venues including the Gardens Recreation Centre. Strength for Life (through Council of the Ageing) promotes health and wellbeing amongst people over 50 through strength training programs run by accredited fitness providers.
- **Heartmoves:** The SHCI trained local instructors and provided ongoing support. Heartmoves is a low to moderate physical activity program, which will continue to be available at Flexifitness in Mawson Lakes.
- **Lifeball:** A weekly, fun walking team game suitable for all ages. It is a thinking game designed for skill, fun and fitness. Lifeball continues to run at the Gardens Recreation Centre during school terms on a Thursday morning.
- **Low Impact Zumba:** Popular classes now held several times a week at the Jack Young Centre, Para Hills Centre and St Jay's Recreation Centre.
- **Gardening Workshops:** Working in conjunction with the Communal Garden at Paralowie R-12, the SHCI successfully modelled how to run gardening sessions in 2013 for 168 participants. The Communal Garden has released an extensive gardening workshop program for 2014.
- **Cooking Workshops:** The SHCI coordinated 10 community cooking sessions in 2013 for 104 participants. The Morella Community Centre is running a Morella Kitchen Garden program in 2014, which incorporates garden and cooking activities.



You can keep up-to-date with the programs and activities at [www.salisbury.sa.gov.au/livingwell](http://www.salisbury.sa.gov.au/livingwell). The City of Salisbury's SHCI was made possible thanks to a Healthy Communities grant from the Australian Department of Health.

# TRY A NEW SPORT THESE HOLIDAYS

**ARE you a Salisbury boy or girl looking for an easy, welcoming and FREE way to try a new sport? Then the City of Salisbury's upcoming Growing for Gold program is for you.**

Growing for Gold encourages youth aged three to 16 to participate in sporting and recreational activities within their local community. Sporting clubs open their doors to provide young people the opportunity to come and try their sport. There are more than 20 sports to choose from including basketball, baseball, cricket, netball, martial arts, BMX, athletics, table tennis, futsal, soccer, tennis, gymnastics and swimming.



In 2014 the program will be held during the schools holidays from 29 September to 12 October. All club sessions are fully supervised by representatives of the club and designed to introduce young people to a wide range of sport and recreation opportunities, with the focus on:

- Being Inclusive – open to all young people regardless of ability/disability, cultural background, socio-economic background,
- Affordable – the program is FREE to participants,
- Enjoyment – we want participants to play, have fun and achieve personal success.



Registrations for the 2014 Growing for Gold program open in August. To be notified when registrations open please email [sport@salisbury.sa.gov.au](mailto:sport@salisbury.sa.gov.au) or contact Paul at City of Salisbury on 8406 8366.

## REMEMBERING THE FALLEN

Each year Vietnam Veteran's Day is held on the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan.

The Battle of Long Tan was fought between the Australian Army and Viet Cong forces in a rubber plantation near the village of Long Tan, approximately 27 kilometres north-east of Vung Tau, South Vietnam on 18 August 1966.

On this day Australia remembers its fallen heroes with the respect they deserve. The City of Salisbury named local roads in and around Montague Farm after fallen South Australian Vietnam heroes.

Montague Farm Estate has been dedicated to all Australians who served, suffered and died in the Vietnam War. Of the 514 Australian servicemen killed in the war, 59 of them were from South Australia.

A special ceremony will be held at Henderson Square in the Estate in commemoration of Long Tan Day on Monday 18 August from 11:00am.



## CLUB COMING OF AGE, BUT MORE WELCOME

**Mawson Lakes Scout Group opened in January 2008 and, after starting with a Scout Troop, has grown to include a Cub Pack and a program that is both challenging and varied.**

Mawson Lakes Scout Group is one of six Scout Groups based within the City of Salisbury area, and one of 11 groups that make up Ridley District.

The Scout Troop has seen members attend both the 2010 and 2013 Jamborees, with planning currently underway for the 2016 event. Members have also spent weekends caving, canoeing, rock climbing, and attending leadership and back-to-basics camps.

Not to be outdone, the Cub Pack has had members attend State Cub Camps in 2011 and 2014. Other activities have included a water activities camp, bushcraft camp, hiking, rock climbing, District fishing days, roller skating, night hikes and leadership camps.



If you would like more information on the Mawson Lakes Scout Group, please contact Leader Jeff Bettens on 0407 619 357 or email [mawsonlakes@sa.scouts.com.au](mailto:mawsonlakes@sa.scouts.com.au)

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# STEERING YOUTH TOWARDS EMPLOYMENT AND OPPORTUNITY

**THE inability to drive independently can often be a barrier to employment and opportunity for young people, which is why the City of Salisbury developed the highly successful Wheels In Motion program currently being run through the Twelve25 Salisbury Youth Enterprise Centre.**

Under current state rules, drivers need to achieve at least 75 hours of recorded supervised driving experience (with a qualified supervising driver) while on their L-plates before they can sit for their P-plates in order to drive independently.

Since its introduction in 2010, the Wheels In Motion program has averaged between 28 and 35 hours of driving sessions in Salisbury each week and helped nearly 70 local residents successfully gain their P-plates.

Paralowie's Anthony Hirschausen found himself without a job about two years ago when his contract with a local business ended. "I then had a hard time getting a job because I didn't have my licence," he said. "I also had a very hard time getting my licence because I only live with my mum, and she was at work during the day and I had school. It was very hard to find the hours to do daytime driving."



Anthony Hirschausen

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**The main barrier for a lot of young people is they don't have anybody available with a car. Some cannot afford to pay a regular instructor and others have issues with language.**

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“(Wheels In Motion) was a really easy option to help me get my licence and gave me the right push to get some progress on it,” Anthony said. “I had 1.5 to two lessons every Friday for a couple of months and passed the test first go. A couple months later I was called in for an interview at JB HiFi. One of the main questions was ‘do you have a licence and can you get here easily?’ I could say ‘yes’ and got the job that day. I’m still here after two years.”

As of June 2014 there were 28 participants enrolled in the Wheels In Motion program, which has a waiting list of more than 100. “There seems to be a really big demand for it and people are really interested in it,” said one of the program’s longest serving volunteer Mentors, Alan Reeves, of Munno Para. “The main barrier for a lot of young people is they don’t have anybody available with a car. Some cannot afford to pay a regular instructor and others have issues with language.”

Alan was forced onto a disability pension following an injury, but that hasn’t stopped him from applying his positive, friendly and understanding personality to a great cause. Mentoring has even assisted Alan to find employment. He currently drives a bus for special needs children.

Twelve25 Youth Enterprise Centre Manager Rick Henke said the Wheels In Motion program prioritised people under 26 years of age who need their licence to shift from unemployment into paid work. The program targets specific barriers including:

- Not having any vehicle at home,
- Not having a licenced driver (who is allowed to supervise a learner\*) in the household,
- Not having the economic means to afford driving lessons; and
- Having other barriers such as anxiety / disability or parents whom have health reasons that they cannot supervise their child.

\* To sit next to a learner driver you need to have been off your P’s (on your full licence – without restrictions) for two years.

For a young person to be considered for the program they must first attend a road safety workshop normally delivered at Twelve25 by SA Police, then have four lessons with a licensed instructor before being rostered with a Mentor. Each session costs \$10.



Volunteer mentor, Alan Reeves

The success of the Wheels In Motion program has seen Twelve25 staff help others replicate the model around SA with the Adelaide-based Service to Youth Council Inc establishing the Geared to Drive program in late 2011. Organisations in the Port Augusta, Port Pirie and Port Lincoln triangle established a Wheels In Motion program in 2012, and more recently discussions have commenced with organisations from the Barossa Valley, South East and Tee Tree Gully in relation to developing similar programs.

The City of Salisbury has partnered with SA Police, the City of Playford, Families SA, Northern Connections, the Rotary Club of Salisbury, RAA, Bagster Road Community Centre Inc, Northern Futures and receive significant corporate support from Peter Page Holden at Elizabeth to deliver the program.



For more information on the Wheels In Motion program please contact the Twelve25 Salisbury Youth Enterprise Centre on (08) 8406 8555.



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By Lorren Cianci, True North Writers' Group member

# SHARING CULTURE THROUGH MUSIC

One of the most exciting musical acts in Adelaide is based right here in Salisbury with links across the globe – the Burundian Drummers.

The Burundian Drummers is a high-energy African singing and dancing group established in 2007 that has been performing in Salisbury for more than a year. The aim of the group, which has members from Burundi, Congo and Tanzania, is to share its culture through music with the audience, adding to the City of Salisbury's cultural diversity and building of acceptance of different cultures.

The group is supported by The Association of the Burundians Community of South Australia (ABCSA), a non-profit organisation created in 2005 to help Burundian members, a majority of whom came to Australia as refugees, to settle and integrate successfully into the South Australian community. The ABCSA already has more than 800 people from approximately 200 Burundian families to call its members.

Burundian Drummers is led by Andre Ntibesha, a prominent member of the Burundian community in SA who sees the group as providing an important means "to sustain Burundian culture and customs and promote them among other Australian communities".

The group performs in Kirundi, the official language of Burundi, and has a repertoire of songs that are traditionally performed at occasions as diverse as weddings and hunts.

Andre said the group was an important way for Burundian males in Salisbury to feel connected to and proud of their culture, as well as get fit. "There is a lot of jumping involved," he said jokingly. The group provides its members with "the rewards of physical fitness and mental health", which is important in a community where many members come to Australia as refugees and have often experienced trauma firsthand.



Throughout 2014, the City of Salisbury is giving members of the local True North Writers' Group the opportunity to have one article printed in each edition of the Salisbury Aware Magazine. True North is a group of young writers ranging from 12 to 20 years of age based in the Salisbury Twelve25 Youth Enterprise Centre. To get involved or receive more information, please email Stephanie Hester ([stephanie.hester@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:stephanie.hester@adelaide.edu.au)) or go to [www.salisbury.sa.gov.au/truenorth](http://www.salisbury.sa.gov.au/truenorth)

The group, which rehearses at the Twelve25 Salisbury Youth Enterprise Centre, is also an inclusive affair. "In rehearsals, experienced members of the group teach the new ones about Burundian drumming and dancing, and the idea is to get everyone to perform," Andre said. "We try our very hardest in our public performances so we can encourage other people in the audience to join us."

The group currently has 17 members, but Andre stresses "the club is continuously looking for new members, especially youth, to attain the traditional standard number of 25 performers".

The group relies entirely on fundraising to support itself, and is seeking to raise funds to purchase a new van to address the challenge many members face of travelling to performances. This challenge has not stopped the group becoming well-known as performers, both locally and further afield. Last year, the group even had the opportunity to perform in Parliament House in Canberra, which Andre describes as "the most rewarding performance ever".

The ABCSA also supports various other groups in the Burundian community dedicated to promoting their culture through music, including the Women's Cultural Group Dancers and Christian choirs.



For more information visit:  
[www.burundianssa.org.au](http://www.burundianssa.org.au)

# GET SWITCHED ON TO SCIENCE

**The City of Salisbury, The Mawson Centre and the University of South Australia are again holding a day of scientific discovery, innovation and fun to celebrate National Science Week at the Mawson Lakes campus of UniSA.**

During the day, more than 120 year 9/10 students from four local high schools will have the chance to experience inspirational presentations and hands-on activities, including introductions to the ground-breaking research being undertaken at the Mawson Lakes campus. Hands-on sessions will include a polymers and slime activity, visits to the Adelaide Planetarium, an electrical engineering workshop and an Engineering Without Borders workshop.

From 4.00pm to 7.30pm come along and discover everything you need to know about engineering, information technology, environmental science, geospatial science, science and advanced materials, aviation and mathematics at UniSA. Come and experience what it's like to study at Mawson Lakes by talking to academics and getting involved in a range of hands-on workshops and information sessions. This event is open to the public.



Students from Endeavour College, Salisbury East High School and Para Hills High School during last year's National Science Week event.

The event will be held on Thursday 21 August as a way to get students embracing all things science and to engage them into science/maths careers or at least expose them to the possibility. With the Northern Adelaide region having one of the highest levels of disengaged youth in South Australia, exposing students to the opportunities available through science and maths is essential to re-engaging them.



For more information or to register for the evening session please visit [www.unisa.edu.au/switchon](http://www.unisa.edu.au/switchon)

# HEADSPACE IS HERE TO HELP

**NATIONAL Youth Mental Health Foundation program headspace is currently being trialled at The Mawson Centre (2-8 Main Street, Mawson Lakes).**

headspace is a free and confidential service for young people aged 12 to 25 which provides advice, support and information on issues primarily relating to mental health and wellbeing.

headspace operates Australia-wide and is currently available at Shopfront in Salisbury. The Mawson Centre has been working with headspace to bring this important youth service to an additional site within the Salisbury Local Government Area.

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- Want to talk about sexuality, identity or relationships,
- Are having difficulties with friendships,
- Have sexual health issues or want to find out about contraception,
- Are being bullied, hurt or harassed,
- Are worried about work or study or if you're having money trouble.



If you know of anyone who would like to access this service they can do so via their student counsellor, their GP or you can contact headspace direct on 8209 0700 or The Mawson Centre on 8302 5449 for more information.

# NOW YOU'RE SPEAKING MY LANGUAGE

**THE City of Salisbury is home to one of the most culturally diverse communities in Australia – so finding someone that speaks the same language is not always an easy task.**

Helping bring together people from a similar background is the Northern Italian Community (NIC) Social Program for older people, which meets fortnightly at the Jack Young Centre to take part in activities such as cards, bingo and Tai Chi.

Salisbury is home to a large number of Italian families, many of whom migrated to Australia following the Second World War. However, some struggle to communicate fluently in English and the opportunity to meet together is highly important. Currently there are 200 clients receiving services through NIC.



Ennio and Liliana Sestan regularly utilise the Northern Italian Community (NIC) Social Program for older people.

Elizabeth residents Ennio and Liliana Sestan have been participating in the program for about two years after making the brave decision to relocate from Trieste, Friuli Venezia Giulia in Italy at more than 80 years of age. "Italy is a beautiful place, but the quality of life is better in Australia," the couple said. "We do speak a little English, but from time-to-time we do find it very difficult to understand. It must be the Australian slang!"

In Italy, before retiring, the Sestans owned a supermarket, which was a busy environment full of social interaction and the 'weekly chat' with regular customers. "The Italian Social Support Program is of vital importance for us. It keeps us healthy and connected," the couple said.

"The social support program offers friendship, social connection, education and a happy time. We love playing bingo and attend the fortnightly Italian movie program. We are able to keep our tradition and meet with old and new friends. We have chosen to live in the North to be able to stay socially connected."

Ennio and Liliana have also accessed the ACHA program (Assistance with Care and Housing for the Aged), which is a Commonwealth Government funded program to assist financially disadvantaged older people to meet both their accommodation and support needs and to allow them to remain independent in the community.

The ACHA program covers the local government areas of Salisbury, Playford and Gawler and assists with:

- Helping people to either stay in their current accommodation or finding and securing affordable housing,
- Liaising with support services, community groups and health services,
- Advocating on behalf of client re: housing issues, tenancy advice and financial/legal services,
- Advocating for relevant information, appropriate assessments and services that are culturally appropriate according to a person's needs; and
- Following up and ensure the effectiveness of the service to enable clients to remain in the community.

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The NIC Social Support Program for older people is held at the Jack Young Centre, 1 Orange Ave, Salisbury, from 10.00am to 3.00pm on Saturdays each fortnight. For more information please contact Mary from the City of Salisbury Healthy Ageing and Access team on 8406 8579.

WORDS Craig Treloar | PHOTOGRAPH Blue Razoo

# WRITERS' FESTIVAL REACHES MAJOR MILESTONE

**THE 2014 Salisbury Writers' Festival will mark 10 years of providing unique avenues for amazingly talented writers to hone their skills and creativity, meet like-minded people and learn from some of the top writers and publishers in the nation.**

Since its inception, the Salisbury Writers' Festival has grown to become one of the major annual writing events in South Australia, combining competitions and promotions with rare opportunities for budding writers.

"We decided we would offer a festival for writers and not necessarily for readers," said former Salisbury Writers' Festival Working Party Chair and past SA Writers' Centre Director Barbara Weisner. "There were a few other festivals being run in the metropolitan area and so we knew we needed a festival totally different to any other. One of the core aims was to encourage more locals of all ages to tell their stories through writing. That's why we had the community writing groups coming together and the Young Writers' Nights for primary school students."

Barbara said "one of the most terrific things" achieved over the past 10 years was to attract mainstream publishers from interstate. "South Australia doesn't really have a big publishing industry – most of the industry is on the east coast," she said. "What all writers want is to be published."

The Festival offers attendees a unique opportunity to submit a page of their work to publishers for feedback, which Barbara said "is often the hardest thing to achieve". "That's because of the 'slush pile'," she said. "There are so many writers that want to be published that publishers are inundated with manuscripts. These are basically put in a room somewhere... publishers just don't have the time to look through everything."

Local author Vikki Wakefield attended her first Festival in 2009 and submitted a page of her work to publishers, which eventually led to a flourishing career as a professional writer.

She is published in Germany, the US and UK, and is a mentor for other writers. "I submitted a page (in 2009) purely because it was an anonymous thing – I didn't think I was quite ready to share my work, so it appealed to me to get some feedback without anyone knowing who I was," Vikki said.

"It wasn't until about half way through that I realised they were reading my words aloud. The rest is a bit of a blur! Dyan Blacklock, who is a passionate advocate for YA fiction... at one point slapped the paper down on the table and said 'Where are you? Stand up!' I got an ovation which was fantastic. I knew it was going to be one of those moments where a publisher hands you a business card, which was a turning point for me. It gave me the confidence and belief that I could finish this book."

"Without the Festival and Dyan I wouldn't have written, so any success I've had is a direct result of that 2009 Festival. Sadly, I didn't publish with Dyan. I ended up submitting to agents and in the end I signed a two book deal with Text Publishing and I'm on my second two book deal now."

Vikki, who has twice won the Young Adult Fiction Award at the Adelaide Festival Awards for Literature, will give the opening address at this year's Festival awards night at the John Harvey Gallery on Friday 22 August. "These regional festivals have the biggest impact on people in my experience," Vikki said. "People go to big festivals and they are just part of the crowd, but at a regional festival everyone has a part to play."

The Salisbury Writers' Festival is run by the City of Salisbury in partnership with the Salisbury Writers' Festival Working Party. The event is also supported by the University of Adelaide, the Salisbury library service, Langmeil Wines, the SA Writers' Centre, the Adelaide Review and ABC Book Club. It is coupled with competitions throughout the SA Writers' Centre for short stories and poetry for both adult and youth categories and attracts entries from all over the state.



More information on this year's Festival is available at [www.salisbury.sa.gov.au/swf](http://www.salisbury.sa.gov.au/swf) Places are limited so it is recommended to register and book your place.



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Former SA Writers' Festival Working Party Chair Barbara Weisner with a decade of event programs.

# JOHN JOINS 2014 FESTIVAL



2014 Salisbury Writers' Festival keynote speaker John Marsden.

**RENOWNED Australian author John Marsden will be the keynote speaker at this year's Salisbury Writers' Festival.**

John has sold more than five million books worldwide and is predominantly known for his 'Tomorrow' series and the 'Elle' chronicles. He has always had a strong interest in education and started his own school, Candlebark, in 2006.

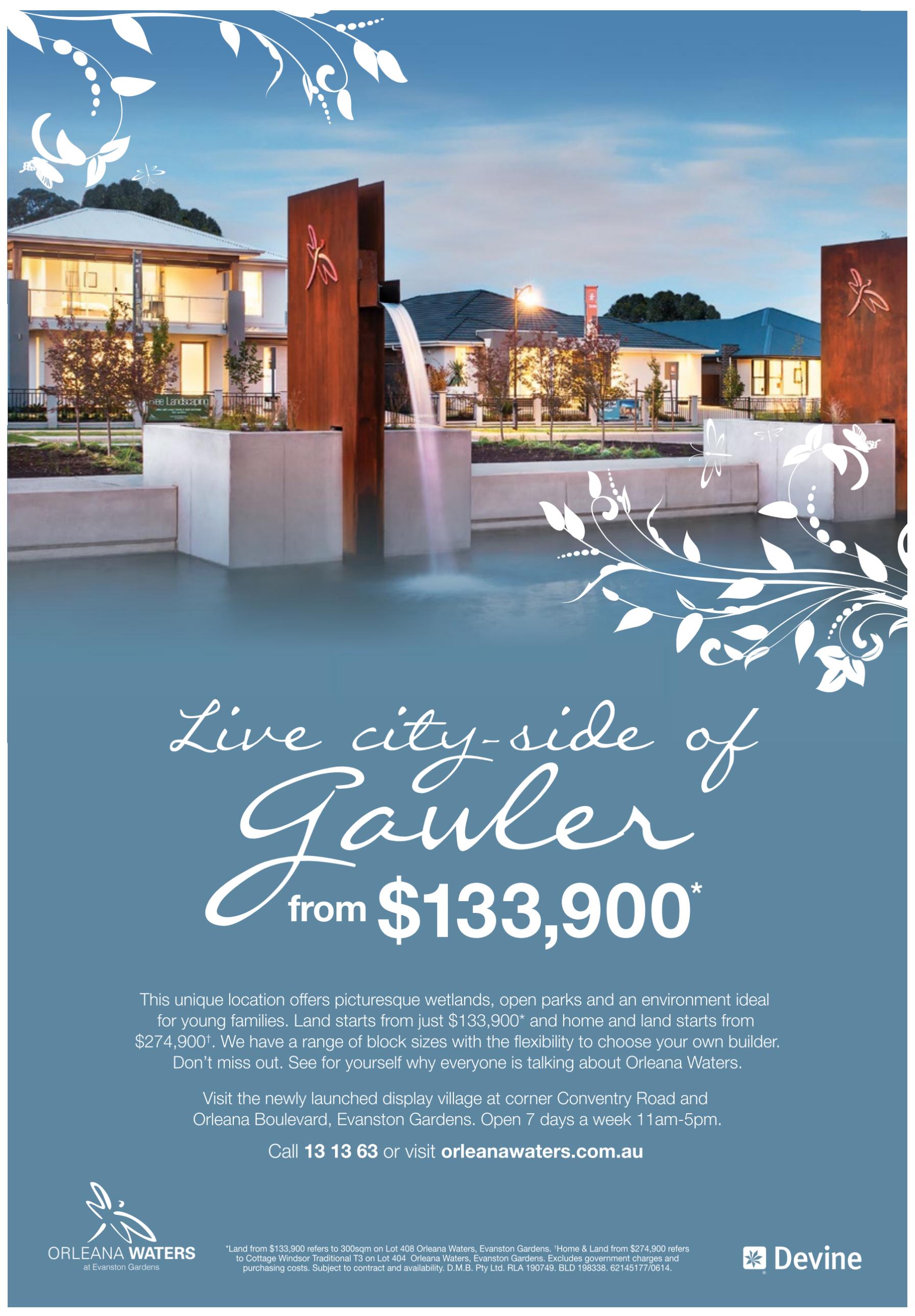
John's keynote address will be held during the Writers' Forum in John Harvey Gallery on Saturday 23 August, which is a day offering a series of lively talks for writers of all genres and abilities.

He will also be running a Master Class on Sunday 24 August from 9.30am to 3.30pm in John Harvey Gallery. Registration is essential. Cost: Full fee \$110, Concession \$80 (Lunch provided).

And on Monday 25 August from 1pm to 3pm, John is hosting a free event for high school students entitled 'Making Words Do Triple Backward Somersaults through Blazing Hoops' at the John Harvey Gallery.



To attend, please RSVP by 15 August 2014 to True North coordinator Dr Steph Hester on 8313 0303 or email: [stephanie.hester@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:stephanie.hester@adelaide.edu.au) Limited spaces are available with first preference given to Salisbury students.



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# ABSTRACT PIECE PROVES A WINNER

**IT took a bold new direction, a floor covered in paint and months of work, but local artist and long-running entrant Katie Wyatt has finally taken out the top gong at the City of Salisbury's annual Watershed Art Prize.**

The Watershed Art Prize was established in 2009 by the City of Salisbury to encourage awareness of water as a precious resource and significant environmental management issue. The 2014 winners were announced at the official opening of this year's exhibition in the John Harvey Gallery on Friday 2 May.

Katie, a Mawson Lakes resident, has entered the Art Prize every year since its inception and attended this year's exhibition opening with her family. She said it was a "fantastic feeling" to receive this year's first prize. "(The announcers) went through all the prizes and were reading out the merit awards, the second prize and other commendations and I thought 'I guess I didn't get anything... no worries' – and then I got first prize!" she said. "The kids turned around and said 'Mummy!' which was quite hilarious and really cool."



The Art Prize is an opportunity for artists to submit works that focus on water sustainability and wetland biodiversity, which are displayed in the John Harvey Gallery throughout May.

Katie, who received a Merit Award in 2010, said she had traditionally entered "conservative pieces, like a landscape or birds". "This year I really went out on a limb and did a fairly abstract interpretation of the landscape," she said. "There was a mess in the studio afterwards I can tell you. I haven't painted in that style before – it must have just been sitting in the back of the mind and finally came out. It was a really large piece and the largest you could enter, which is 1200mm x 1500mm."

One of the 2014 judges, Art Gallery of South Australia project curator Lisa Slade, described this year's entries as "generally of a very good standard" with "several artists showing an exemplary engagement with their preferred medium and the selected theme (wetland environments)."

Commenting on this year's winners, Lisa said the first prize work "demonstrates an excellent command of paint and an expressive process that features drawing through wet paint, to capture the bushland surrounding the wetlands. The second prize work is a work on paper that uses an experimental drawing and printmaking process to create an impression of place – one that highlights the delicate nature of the environment... a quiet meditative work that rewards close looking."

The 2014 Watershed Art Prize was supported by ICE WaRM, Watershed Café, Uni SA and the City of Salisbury.

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## 2014 WATERSHED ART PRIZE WINNERS

First Place: 'Wetlands Ecosystem' by Katie Wyatt

Second Place: 'Point of Entry' by Liz Butler

Young Emerging Artist: 'Even the Smallest is precious' by Hieu-An Nguyen

High Commendation: 'The Ducks of Mawson Lakes' by Robert Martin

High Commendation: 'Portal of Possibility' by Audrey Harnett

High Commendation: 'Greenfields, Blue Skies' by Lise Temple

People's Choice: Joint winners Victoria Rolinski and Darren Harding

Mayors Award: 'Autumn Approaches' by Andrea Louis

Mawson Lakes Living Editor's Choice: 'In the Beginning' by It Hao Pheh

WORDS Craig Treloar PHOTOGRAPHS Blue Razoo

# WHAT WILL YOU DISCOVER AT HARRY BOWEY?

**CAN you name all of the animals living in Salisbury's Harry Bowey Reserve? No? Well here is your chance to explore and learn all about this local natural environment while helping with scientific research.**

As part of National Science Week 2014, Harry Bowey Reserve is hosting a Citizen Science project, which will see up to 1000 people attend a 24-hour BioBlitz at the popular site between 22 and 23 August.

"A 24-hour BioBlitz is where scientists, amateur naturalists and the public get together to try and record every living thing in that location in that 24 hour period," said Citizen Science project leader with UniSA, Philip Roetman. "We will be working against the clock to count every living thing. That information will go online into the Atlas of Living Australia and will be available for scientists around Australia to compare species and have a record of what is in local parks. From a public perspective, it helps people to learn about the nature that is on their back doorsteps. A lot of the species that are in the park at Harry Bowey Reserve will also be in people's backyards in the local area."



It is not unusual for a BioBlitz to discover species that haven't previously been seen in an area. Although quite popular in Europe and the US, the BioBlitz at Harry Bowey Reserve is understood to be the first ever undertaken in South Australia.

"Throughout the event there will be set tours of the park where teams of scientists and volunteers will go and look for the various plants or animals that they specialise in," Philip said.

"For example on Friday evening we will have some bat people looking for micro bats that exist in the park. We will have people doing invertebrate light trapping, mammalogists looking for nocturnal marsupials like possums; we will have people looking at water bugs in the creek, bird surveys and frog counts."

"Saturday will have a festive-like environment with all sorts of group setups to learn about the local nature and the people involved in managing it, and people who are interested in it like amateur naturalist groups," Philip said. "On the Friday afternoon we will start at about midday and will have eight local schools come down and cycle through different stations where they learn about the local wildlife there and then they go out and do hands-on activities with the scientists."

Citizen Science has become popular in recent decades and is used around the world as a way for scientists to engage and partner with communities to conduct research in a fun, engaging and educational way.

"It is something that is taking off internationally because – although it has been around for long time – it has taken off over the last 20 years because the technology is now available to do Citizen Science really easily with the internet and smart phones."



Citizen Science project leader with UniSA Philip Roetman

“It helps people to learn about the nature that is on their back doorsteps. A lot of the species that are in the park at Harry Bowey Reserve will also be in people’s backyards in the local area.”

The BioBlitz is part of a new City of Salisbury partnership being coordinated through UniSA called Creating Biophilic Cities through Citizen Science. Projects began early this year and will continue to provide opportunities for Salisbury residents to get involved, contributing to science in fun, engaging and educational ways. UniSA is asking South Australians to let them know about local places and species they value or hold concerns for that would be suitable for a Citizen Science project. To stay informed about the program and the opportunities to participate, please register at [www.unisa.edu.au/citizenscience](http://www.unisa.edu.au/citizenscience)



The Citizen Science project at Harry Bowey Reserve has been made possible thanks to funding from National Science Week.

Harry Bowey Reserve is one of the City of Salisbury’s most popular recreation parks for a family day out or special event. Shaded barbecue and picnic areas and public toilets make it ideal for entertaining. A junior playground, a cricket pitch and two steel net tennis courts provide sporting choices for children, while large walking bridges over the nearby Little Para River can be followed east to Carisbrooke Reserve, across the river to Boundary Park or west to Jenkins Reserve. Compressed trails run through this tree filled reserve and aid unassisted access for those using wheelchairs. Car parking is provided but the gates to the car park are closed at sunset.



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# MARTIAL ARTS AND CULTURE COMING TO SALISBURY

**ONE of the largest ever gatherings of martial artists in South Australia is expected to take place in Salisbury on 11 and 12 October for the 2014 World Budo Kan Association (WBKA) Festival of Martial Arts and Culture.**



The WBKA Festival – to be held at the Parafield Gardens Recreation Centre on the corner of Kings Road and Martins Road – is a truly international event with students and instructors attending from all over the world including the UK, USA, Africa and New Zealand to be a part of this festival and share their knowledge.

Organiser Carl Withey, of Salisbury, says the event's major drawcard is a triple world record attempt by Hanshi Bruce Haynes (10th Dan and 44 times world full contact karate champion) who will try to break 410 kilograms of concrete with a single strike. "Our own Australian sports and martial art legend Hanshi Bruce Haynes will be attempting to smash his 14-year world record at the age of 65," Carl says. "Hanshi Bruce has held and defended more world titles than any other Australian sportsman in history."

"It should be a fantastic day for all concerned, especially for members of the public and their families who will not only see some of the world's leading exponents of martial arts, but will see live demonstrations and be able to partake in our come-and-try sessions."

The festival will host more than 200 martial artists ranging in age from five to 70 years with thousands of spectators also expected to attend.

The event will have a focus on health and wellness, along with cultural and interactive displays including origami, calligraphy, henna painting, food stalls, a tea ceremony, music by internationally renowned Japanese folk group Harvest, and much more.

"We have gathered together some of the best martial arts masters ever to come to Adelaide," Carl says. "This is a huge honour for us, with such diverse and dynamic instructors as Professor Gringo Leonides Santos and Shireen 'Dindar' Collins teaching the dynamic Brazilian martial art of Bantus Capoeira, to one of our come-and-try sessions with Tai Chi instructor Sifu Patricia Kent."

The Festival is open to the public on both days, with doors opening at 10am. Entry is \$3 per person or \$5 per family. The World Budo Kan Association Inc is a not-for-profit organisation with its main headquarters here in Salisbury.

The City of Salisbury has previously supported the WBKA with a grant of \$1,000, and made funding available for coach development. The WBKA participates in programs like Growing for Gold (more information on this program is available in the Salisbury Life section) and is also a member of the Salisbury Sport and Recreation Network (SSRN).

The Network was established as part of the City of Salisbury's Sports Development Framework and enables Council to build partnerships that support growth and development of local sport in Salisbury.

Local sport and recreation clubs that have a current lease or licence on Council reserves / facilities (excluding Recreation Centres) are automatic members of the Network. All other sport and recreation providers are welcome to join for a small annual fee.

Members receive a quarterly newsletter with updates on funding, workshops, training and development opportunities and best practice ideas. They have access to Quarterly Network Forums and expand their profile through the City of Salisbury website, community events and publications, and Sport and Recreation fact sheets.

**Hundreds of martial artists and thousands of people are expected to attend the 2014 World Budo Kan Association (WBKA) Festival of Martial Arts and Culture in Salisbury this October.**

# BUSY YEAR AHEAD



**AS we enter the 2014/15 financial year, now is the ideal time to examine some of the key initiatives and major works planned for within the City of Salisbury.**

In 2014/15 Salisbury residents will continue to enjoy one of the lowest average rate increases across metropolitan councils of 3.25%, with Council expecting to deliver an operating surplus of about \$313,000.

This has been achieved in the face of a real decrease in our Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grant of \$500,000 and the negative impact of lower development growth, which has slowed with the completion of Mawson Lakes and no large scale development currently underway. Council has also lost \$688,000 in Supplementary Local Road Funding from the Federal Government in 2014/15.

Salisbury Mayor Gillian Aldridge says Council is looking to deliver improved services and a large capital program aimed at renewing and expanding existing assets. "We continue to focus on developing a strong social and economic base while also recognising our region is facing some future economic challenges," Mayor Aldridge said. "Council is reviewing service provision to ensure sustainability and effective resource management. Our efforts to date have resulted in savings of approximately \$700,000, which has partly been redirected to higher priority services and is reflected in the average rate increase of 3.25% for 2014/15."

Key projects for 2014/15 include:

- The commencement of the St Kilda Playground Renewal Project.
- Utilisation of the Council's recycled water to assist in greening the City.
- Continuation of the solar panel program roll out.
- Upgrades to the Heyford and Illberry reserves.

## Community Asset Renewal Program and Capital Works

Council manages community assets valued at more than \$1.6 billion in the form of roads, footpaths, drains, buildings, lighting, parks and playgrounds. Many were created as the city developed rapidly in the 1960's, '70's and '80's, and due to age now require greater maintenance and renewal.

In 2014/15 our planned infrastructure investment is \$30.8 million. This includes: \$17.4 million on renewal and replacement of existing assets:

- Road reseal and reconstruction \$8,028,000,
- Capital Upgrade Program for Sport and Recreation Buildings \$1,885,000,
- Playspaces and accelerated Dog Park Upgrades \$745,000,
- Expanded Streetscape Redevelopment Program \$712,000; and
- Buildings (renewal / upgrades to some of the 220 buildings Council owns) \$1,271,000.

\$9 million in new capital works expenditure:

- Water for the Future (stage 3 at the old Bridgestone facility, Salisbury South) \$1,615,000,
- Lake Windemere flood mitigation and landscaping \$1,100,000,
- Local Flooding Program \$751,000,
- Council Funded New Footpath Program \$450,000,
- Resource Recovery Park \$560,000,
- Salisbury Water Disinfection System \$500,000,
- City Wide Trails Program (Little Para and Dry Creek corridors) \$486,000; and
- Energy Efficiency / Solar Panels (Ingle Farm Recreation Centre, Para Hills Library, Para Hills Recreation Centre) \$430,000

## Rate Increase

The average rate increase is 3.25%, which represents an increase of \$40 on the current average residential rate.

The Local Government Cost Index shows an increase of 2.9% for the 12 months to March 2014 while the Adelaide Consumer Price Increase for the year to March 2014 is also 2.9%. Prudent decision making despite some significant funding cuts has allowed this budget to maintain a balanced/surplus operating result to ensure our financial position is sustainable and equitable between generations of ratepayers.

# SUPPORTING SPORT IN MAWSON LAKES

**MAWSON Lakes residents are enjoying greater opportunities for sport and outdoor activity following the recent completion of the Mawson Lakes community recreation facility.**

Salisbury Mayor Gillian Aldridge said the project was a wonderful way to promote healthy living and an active lifestyle in the Mawson Lakes community. "The new facilities allow residents and visitors to participate in sports such as tennis, golf and field sports in a modern and inviting environment," Mayor Aldridge said.

"The use of recycled water has made parks and reserves greener and highly appealing, while new public amenities and improved lighting help create a convenient and safe precinct."

The Mawson Lakes community recreation facility project resulted in the following works being undertaken:

- relocation of three golf course holes,
- construction of a sports oval,
- irrigation, landscaping and connection to recycled water,
- construction of three tennis courts,
- extension of the existing storage shed,
- provision of public toilets; and
- sportsfield lighting.

The oval has a joint use agreement with Endeavour College and is accessible to the public afterhours and on weekends. Expression of Interest to use the soccer pitch will open at the end of this year.

The community recreation facility was jointly funded by Uni SA, Endeavour College and a significant financial contribution from the now defunct Mawson Lakes Community Trust Fund, comprised of the City of Salisbury and Mawson Lakes JV Partners. The Office of Sport and Recreation provided grant funding for the installation of flood lighting for the pitch.

The Mawson Lakes Community Trust Fund was created from 0.5 per cent of the revenue from land sales, which was matched by the City of Salisbury. The Trust Fund worked under the vision that 'Mawson Lakes will be a rich and diverse community, which demonstrates how we can live, learn, work and play in an environment which is integrated, harmonious, safe and ecologically and economically sustainable'.



# ST KILDA UPGRADES STARTING SOON

**WORKS will be underway soon on the highly anticipated \$3.55 million redevelopment of the St Kilda Playground.**



Artist's impression of one of the new pieces of equipment for the St Kilda Playground Renewal

Salisbury Mayor Gillian Aldridge says the works will significantly enhance the already popular site.

"St Kilda Playground was built in 1982 and the last major upgrade saw submarine-shaped shaded equipment for younger children and a maze installed more than 10 years ago," she said.

"It is important that Council continues to renew, build upon and maintain the playground on a regular basis to ensure visitors have the best experience possible and a reason to keep coming back time and time again."

Mayor Aldridge says every effort will be made to keep residents and the attraction's many visitors informed about when work will be occurring.

"Council is mindful that the playground is popular during the school holidays and we will attempt to keep site work to periods during the school term so as to have the smallest community impact as practical," she said.

Works will be spread across the 2014/15 and 2015/16 financial years and undertaken in four stages, including:

## STAGE 1/2

- Landscaping including re-vegetation, turfing and irrigation,
- Upgrade of the Volcano including slide redevelopment and accessways.
- Drinking fountain, park furniture, electric BBQ and shading,
- Signage and wayfinding; and
- Installation of a large unique play element (pictured).

## STAGE 3

- Reconstruction of the castle.

## STAGE 4

- Construction of a tram stop to include the relocation of the existing tram shelter,
- Removal of existing west end tram track and conductor poles,
- Construction of a new amenity building; and
- Internal pathway network and disability access.

The project is being funded by the City of Salisbury and a \$1 million 'People's and Places' grant from the South Australian Government.

Minor Earthworks have already commenced but on-site construction in the play space will begin around September 2014.



To stay up-to-date with the project keep an eye out for public notices in the local Messenger newspaper and follow us at:  
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# PROGRAM PUTS MORE THAN 140 BUSINESSES ON THE RIGHT TRACK

## AN innovative business mentoring program is delivering great results for local businesses.

For business owners looking to grow their business, or get it back on track, the Polaris Business and Innovation Centre's Mentoring for Success program offers the opportunity to learn from some of the best in SA business.

Running since early 2013, and subsidized with a grant from AusIndustry, approximately 140 local businesses have benefitted from the knowledge and experience of some of SA's business success stories. The results so far have been outstanding, with enhanced productivity, increased profitability and improvements in general business confidence.

Businesses that participate in the program receive nine hours of one-to-one mentoring and advice, generally over six months, from their choice of mentor from the 'Mentoring for Success' panel.

While the focus of the mentoring depends on the specific business needs, topics can include marketing, social media and online applications, staff, costs, growth strategies, innovation and business planning with specialised mentors from a broad range of sectors and business specialties.

Local business owner and General Manager of Parafield Ink and Toner, Rex Wallace, has experienced first-hand the benefits of the program.

"We took over a closed franchisee store in November 2009 and operated in Mawson Lakes under the franchise name. We were struggling to break even under the existing arrangements," said Rex.

Through the Polaris Centre's Mentoring for Success and Business Fundamentals programs, he said it became clear what needed to change. "We weren't told what to do, but had a reality check of which ideas were sensible and which weren't.

In October 2011 we moved out of Mawson Lakes into the store at Parafield Discount City under the new name Parafield Discount Ink and Toner. The Polaris Centre helped confirm the shift away from the franchise and the move to a new location was a good idea, and they were 100% right. The store has gone ahead in leaps and bounds."

Rex said the Polaris Centre helped him realise his unique selling point; the environmental benefit of refilling cartridges. "That was our sustainable competitive advantage, our core point of difference with the supermarkets and the big stores, and what we were also making the most money on. Polaris helped us to recognise that."

City of Salisbury Economic Development Manager, Greg Ratsch, says Rex's success is a great example of the types of results achieved across the board. "We've had a huge amount of interest in the program and we've been particularly pleased seeing the growth and change participants are enjoying."

Whilst the AusIndustry funding program is complete, the program will continue to be available to businesses at a rate that provides significant value for money. As Greg says, "Participants have access to some of the best business minds in SA at a price that is a real bargain."

The Polaris Centre will also be exploring a number of new opportunities linked to the Mentoring for Success program. These include an off-shoot mentoring program that is specifically for start-up businesses, continued refinement of the mentors panel to reflect the demands and needs of participants and the development of a range of targeted workshops and events that cover issues common across many businesses.



For more information or to register your interest in the Mentoring for Success program please email [polaris@salisbury.sa.gov.au](mailto:polaris@salisbury.sa.gov.au) or phone 8260 8205.



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The Northern Metro Community Passenger Network coordinates links between people who require transport services and those who can provide transport services across the Northern Metro region.

The Network specialises in transport options for residents, in the Playford, Salisbury and Tea Tree Gully council areas, who are unable to access transport due to frailty, age, disability, geographic isolation or are transport disadvantaged.

Transport disadvantaged is defined as the inability of a person to either drive them self, or access another person to transport them, or to access public transport, when they need to travel. As a result, their quality of life is significantly impaired due to the lack of access to services.



### How do I book?

- If you are over 65 your first call should be to your local council: **Playford 8256 0355, Salisbury 8406 8225 or Tea Tree Gully 8397 7416**. In the event that services are not available through your local council a referral will be forwarded to the Community Passenger Network (CPN).
- If you are under 65 then you need to contact the Community Passenger Network (CPN) direct on **8256 0391**.
- **AT LEAST TWO DAYS' NOTICE OF YOUR TRANSPORT REQUEST IS REQUIRED.**
- If you satisfy the criteria, registration is necessary, which will take approximately 10 minutes.

## Information brochures on service are available from your local council

**Volunteer Driven** – The CPN service is provided by volunteer drivers, would you like to become a volunteer? **Call 8256 0391**

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## Telephone Contacts

**8256 0391 or 8256 0133**



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# NEW GARDEN OF EARTHLY DELIGHTS

**PARAFIELD Gardens residents near Heyford Reserve love the zest of citrus and flesh of stone fruits, but would prefer to leave a seedy pomegranate on the tree.**

That is according to the results of the City of Salisbury's recent community consultation on plans to upgrade Heyford Reserve, which will see old tennis and netball courts replaced with lawn, play equipment and furniture, and the establishment of a fruit grove and herb patch.

Heyford Reserve was built by the community in the 1960s and was once a thriving centre for sport with netball and tennis played by at least three generations of children. The sports moved on and the Reserve stayed as a monument to a proud community. Tennis and netball are no longer played at the site and as time has passed new families have moved into the area.

In 2012, the City of Salisbury started talking with residents including students from Parafield Gardens Primary School about their vision for the Reserve. The community initially provided significant input into the designs for a new Heyford Reserve, and additional suggestions added further value and were incorporated into the draft plans.

During the month of April 2014 a community consultation was held to help select what fruit trees would be planted in the new fruit grove. Residents within a 400-metre radius of the Reserve were given the choice of nearly 20 fruit trees. These trees were specially chosen for their suitability to a Mediterranean climate such as ours. Over a quarter of residents responded and the top 12 fruits were selected, which included some in pairs for pollination to support fruit growth.

"Many residents are excited about the new fruit grove and have told us that they are looking forward to using the produce to make jams, cakes and even macarons," said David Clayton, Recreation and Open Space Planner with the City of Salisbury.

Comments and tree selections was also received via Twitter and Facebook with retweets and tags generating much interest in the Reserve. Residents from other suburbs began asking for fruit to be planted in reserves near them too, and other councils joined the conversation and are looking to Salisbury in planning community orchards of their own.

"While the old courts were removed in December last year, construction for the revitalised Reserve will occur through July," David said. "This will include planting seven very advanced fruit trees that should start producing fruit in their next growing season. A further 13 fruit trees will be planted by the community to celebrate the completion of the new reserve. We hope that all residents will enjoy the fruits of the project for many years to come."



Members of the community who are interested in forming a Friends of Heyford Reserve group are invited to contact David at Salisbury Council on 8406 8223.



## TASTY TREATS COMING TO HEYFORD RESERVE:

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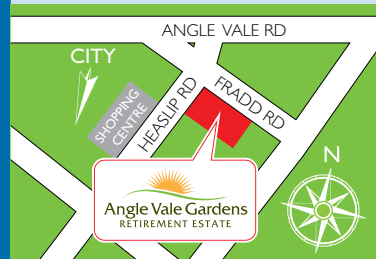
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# CAPITAL WORKS

## JULY - OCTOBER 2014



**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 Council's Customer Centre on 8406 8222.

### Building Renewal Program

City of Salisbury owns approximately 200 buildings across the city. These buildings are included within a renewal program of works, which are generally prioritised in accordance with building condition and community need. As part of this program Salisbury West Sports Club located at Salisbury Downs, Pooraka Football Club and Brahma Lodge Football and Sports Club are to benefit from renewal work to their wet areas, kitchen and provision of a new compliant access toilet.



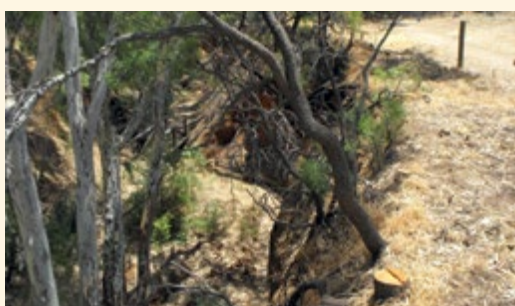
### Pt Wakefield Road Underpass

The City Wide Trails Program aims to provide a network of off-road paths within the City of Salisbury and linking beyond Council boundaries to neighbouring Port Adelaide Enfield, Tea Tree Gully and Playford Council areas. The City Wide Trail will provide an alternative transport corridor and active recreational opportunities for the community. Within this program of works, a new link will be better formalised in 2014 with the creation of a complying pedestrian and bicycle path which travels underneath Pt Wakefield Road, Little Para Linear Park, and Paralowie/ Parafield Gardens. The Underpass project will also deliver lighting in addition to the creation of the path at an accessible grade increasing the sightlines into the underpass.



### Play Space and Playground Renewal

Within the City of Salisbury there are in excess of 140 play spaces available for recreational use and enjoyment by the community. As part of the annual renewal program for play spaces and playgrounds, the flying fox at Lindblom Park, Pooraka will be renewed with a new steel framed flying fox.



### Watercourse Management Plan

Erosion control works were programmed for completion in 2014 along Dry Creek, Pooraka, Cobblers Creek and Barker Rd Gully, Salisbury East/ Salisbury Heights. This work involves Civil Works to address areas of high risk erosion and the de-silting of the dams at two locations. This work is then followed by planting of native plant species, both aquatic and terrestrial, along these water corridors during the cooler midyear climate to assist with the stabilisation of the batters and in-stream areas to minimise the future erosion at these sites as well as increase the biodiversity value of these key open space corridors.

# WHAT YOU TOLD US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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Kerryn Ellis @raunchykerryn May 21  
Listening to a great speaker at the  
#LGBestPractice conference, Chris  
Rajan from @CityOfSalisbury -  
interesting, innovative & entertaining!

Adelaide/Alanna @WeAreADL May 2  
We used to live in the @CityOfSalisbury  
& I have to say they engaged the  
community so well via social media.  
Other local govt do too.

*About the new Heyford Reserve fruit trees:*

Natasha Stewart @natashajstewart  
Apr 16 @CityOfSalisbury I don't live in  
Salisbury, but I love finding local fig trees  
in my neighbourhood. Great initiative!

Ben Murphy @b\_murphs Apr 16  
@CityOfSalisbury Wonderful idea.  
Perhaps #stonefruit or #citrus?  
#SalisburyFruitTree #Adelaide #urban  
#food @GardeningAus @lminteresting

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Thankyou for your prompt reply to needles  
in a ally way cleaned up within 10 min after  
my call.

*Julie WasCity*

*About the new Heyford Reserve fruit trees:*

Yes please! Incorporating it with school  
use and disadvantaged children would  
be great. Community groups could also  
harvest the fruit to supply to schools, aged  
care facilities, the homeless etc and also  
make preserves. So many options!

*Beau A Smith*

Great idea. Citrus and almond trees would  
be great.

*Rachel Ince*

I think its an amazing idea especially for  
people who cant afford to pay for fruit  
due to prices going up I think the council  
should definitely do it.

*Gemma Fairhurst*

Great idea. How about planting some fruit  
trees/community garden in the reserve on  
camper well rise? It is very under-utilised.

*Krystie Mitchell*

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dates to keep in mind.**

2014 Local Government Election Key dates:

- Enrolments close Friday 8 August
- Nominations open Tuesday 2 September
- Draw for position of candidate names  
on ballot 4pm Tuesday 16 September
- Mail out voting material to electors  
Monday 20 to Friday 24 October
- Last day for postal issue/reissue of  
voting material 5pm Wednesday 5  
November
- Last day for personal issue/reissue of  
voting material 5pm Friday 7 November
- Close of voting 5pm Friday 7 November
- Scrutiny and count 9am Saturday 8  
November

The last Local Government election was  
held in 2010 and saw more than 343,000  
people participate in the voting process. For  
more information on the 2014 Election and  
how to be involved please visit the Local  
Government of South Australia website at  
[www.lga.sa.gov.au/page.aspx?u=2644](http://www.lga.sa.gov.au/page.aspx?u=2644)



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## MATSURI ON MOBARA

26 October: Japanese cultural festival held at Mobara Park in Mawson Lakes.

### National Tree Day

27 July: Community Planting Day at Dry Creek & Mawson Lakes.

### SALA Past, Present, Future Exhibition

29 July – 20 August: Salisbury Arts Society showcasing members work as part of SALA 2014. For more information please visit [www.salisbury.sa.gov.au/SALA](http://www.salisbury.sa.gov.au/SALA)

### Long Tan Ceremony

18 August: Remember those who lost their lives at Long Tan. 11.00am, Henderson Square, Montague Farm Estate.

### BioBlitz at Harry Bowey Reserve

22-23 August: As part of National Science Week 2014, Harry Bowey Reserve is hosting a Citizen Science project. See pages 18-19 for more information.

### Salisbury Writers' Festival

22 August – 1 September: The 2014 Festival offers writing enthusiasts and book lovers the opportunity to interact in a variety of workshops aimed at developing writing skills and giving them the chance to meet and learn from some of the best writers in the business!

Visit [www.salisbury.sa.gov.au/swf](http://www.salisbury.sa.gov.au/swf) or call 8406 8469.

### Royal Adelaide Show

5 – 13 September: The Royal Adelaide Show is extending its trading for one extra day, making it a 10-day event in 2014.

### Para River Classic

7 September: Celebrate Father's Day with an exciting fun run/walk for charity. For more information visit [www.salisbury.sa.gov.au](http://www.salisbury.sa.gov.au)

### Dog's Day Out

21 September: Bring your dog on a lead to this free community event and enjoy all the dog activities, stalls, displays, give-aways and advice from the experts. Join in the competitions. Categories include Best Dressed Dog, Dog/Owner Look Alike, Most Photogenic and Best Trick.

To be held at Mobara Park and the Denison Centre, Garden Tce, Mawson Lakes between 11.00am and 3.00pm. 'Like' us on Facebook for more information and updates or visit [www.dogsdayoutmawsonlakes.com](http://www.dogsdayoutmawsonlakes.com)

### Heart Walk or Cycle on World Heart Day

28 September: Join with locals for either a FREE healthy 30, 60 or 90 minute walk led by Heart Foundation volunteers or a short family ride with Cycle Salisbury ride leaders along the Little Para Trail, followed by a healthy morning tea. Register at 9.15am for a 9.30am start leaving from the entrance to the Salisbury Swimming Centre, Happy Home Reserve, Salisbury North.

Contact [jbinder@salisbury.sa.gov.au](mailto:jbinder@salisbury.sa.gov.au) for more information.

### School Holidays

27 September – 12 October: Events and activities for kids aged 2 to 18 years at our community and recreation centres.

### Growing For Gold

29 September – 12 October: Free come and try sports program for ages 3 to 18. Phone 8406 8366 for more information.

### Aged to Perfection

1 – 31 October: Events for Seniors' Month.

### Daylight Saving Starts 3am

5 October: Put your clocks forward one hour.

### Labour Day

6 October: Public Holiday.

### Salisbury Swimming Centre

14 October: Grab your swimming gear as the pool opens for the summer season.

### National Children's Week

18-26 October: Activities at libraries around Salisbury. Visit [salisburylibrary.sa.gov.au](http://salisburylibrary.sa.gov.au) for more details.

### Swim School Commences

22 October: Fun swimming lessons for children held at Salisbury Swimming Centre.

### Midnight Basketball

25 October – 13 December: Tournament 8.

### Halloween Disco

31 October: At Ingle Farm Recreation Centre.

### Remembrance Day

11 November: A Remembrance Day ceremony will take place at Salisbury War Memorial. Email [rsl@bigpond.net.au](mailto:rsl@bigpond.net.au) for details.

### Tyndale Community Carols

7 December: Thousands of people are expected at the Tydale Christian School.

### Community Carols on Sunday

7 December: from 5pm to 10pm featuring jumping castles, face painting, choirs, puppets, drama performances and fireworks.

For more information about these events visit [www.salisbury.sa.gov.au](http://www.salisbury.sa.gov.au). To include your event in What's On please register your event at [salisburyaware@salisbury.sa.gov.au](mailto:salisburyaware@salisbury.sa.gov.au)



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