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**While 2020 has thrown some major curveballs, it has brought us closer as a community and highlighted fresh alternative ways of providing our services and engaging with one another.**

The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic has had a sudden and significant effect on all of our lives this year and will no doubt change the way we do things for some time to come.

Before COVID-19 many of us were accustomed to spending time out in the community meeting with family and friends, attending events and enjoying visits to our local sites and businesses. During the COVID-19 pandemic we had to find new ways to connect with one another often by embracing technology – such as with Salisbury’s PC User Group which is featured within this edition.



**Mayor Gillian Aldridge OAM**

While we have been restricted in what we can do, things haven’t slowed down for Council. We have been working behind the scenes to ensure we continue providing our important services while implementing measures to support our community during

this difficult time, including a zero per cent rate increase for the majority of ratepayers.

Council was open for core business for the duration of the pandemic as we strived to develop alternative ways to offer services such as library click and collect and home delivery options, online programs, takeaway meals from the Jack Young Centre, digital development applications, care packages and much more.

Please be assured that we are focused on continuing to support you in the recovery from COVID-19 and I am open to hearing from you.

This edition of Salisbury Aware showcases what we have achieved together so far this year, while highlighting some of the people and locations that make the city a great place. I hope you enjoy it and I look forward to coming into our next chapter as a close-knit community which is stronger than ever.



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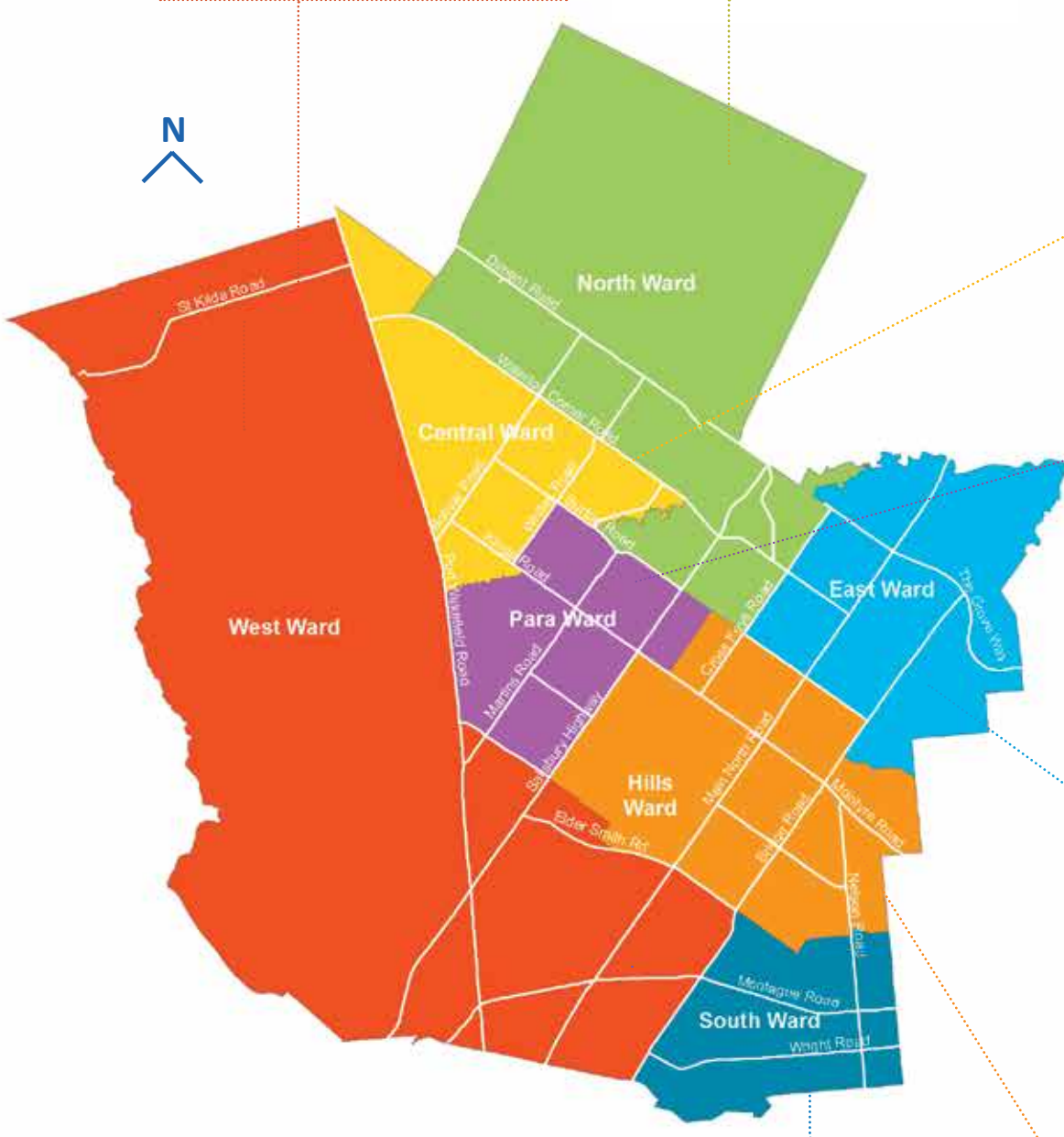
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# WETLANDS

## NURTURING NATURE AND WELLBEING



**As soon as you pass through the entrance gate of the Greenfields Wetlands, City of Salisbury volunteer Linda Millison says you can expect to be welcomed by waterbirds including Eurasian Coot, ducks and wrens, while larger birds cast a watchful eye over your movements from high atop nearby trees.**

A little further along you're likely to encounter cormorants, black swans, royal spoonbills and at the right time of year, Rufous Night-Heron.

Teeming with wildlife and brimming with native trees and flowering shrubs, Linda says the diversity of birdlife never fails to give her a thrill.

She has been providing free guided tours of the Greenfields Wetlands for nearly seven years.

The semi-retired teacher says spending time at the wetlands and educating visitors about the area's natural wonders is a labour of love.

"There are many wetlands around Australia, but this has to be one of the favourites," Linda says.

"There is plenty of variety of wildlife, it's easy walking on well-maintained paths with signposts placed to alert walkers to the typical type of wildlife they can expect to see.

"It is a very pleasant way to spend a couple of hours."

The keen photographer also loves the opportunity to observe and photograph wildlife, with the wetlands home to more than 160 species of birds, eight species of fish, four species of frog, yabbies, long-necked tortoise, and numerous aquatic invertebrates.

"Many bird species come and go throughout the seasons and, due to the design of the wetlands, there are many vantage points to observe the various birds large and small,

that have chosen to visit the wetlands to have and rear their young," she says.

The man-made wetlands were conceived in 1984 to divert, capture and store stormwater after flooding became a problem at the Salisbury Highway and Port Wakefield Road intersection.

The resulting plan not only captured the water but included the creation of wetlands habitat and landscape with reed beds, deep open water and islands and facilities such as an interpretive centre, boardwalks, lookouts, a bird hide and picnic areas.

The Greenfields wetland site was built in three stages and now spans 114 hectares.

"I love to watch the growing appreciation by participants as we walk around the wetlands, many promising to return," Linda says.

"Many people, even from Salisbury, are surprised to discover such a nice spot to visit."

She says another advantage of a visit to the area is the Watershed Café overlooking the wetlands, which is ideal for breakfast, lunch or a tea or coffee after the tour.

Alternatively, visitors can obtain a key to enter the site from the Café after leaving a returnable deposit and use a council-provided map to guide you around various paths.

*The Watershed Café is open  
7 days, 8am-4pm.  
Enter off Salisbury Highway,  
adjacent Mawson Lakes.  
Free tours are dependent upon  
availability and bookings must  
be made in advance.*





WORDS Erica Visser

# COMMUNITY BANDS TOGETHER THROUGH COVID-19

**When the COVID-19 pandemic changed our lives earlier this year, Council worked quickly to ensure we supported the community while continuing to provide important services to the best of our ability.**

It was also heartening to see others – including our volunteers and community group leaders – step up during the uncertainty to help others remain supported and connected.

Mayor Gillian Aldridge OAM said she was proud of the efforts Council had made in offering holistic support to all parts of the community in the face of unprecedented challenges.

“We know many people within our community have been doing it tough this year and we are committed to supporting them,

while maintaining a flexible approach to our high standard of service provision,” Mayor Aldridge said.

“I look forward to us moving into the next chapter together as a progressive, sustainable and connected community.”

## Supporting you during difficult times

Earlier this year Council adopted a number of measures aimed at supporting the community through the ongoing impact of COVID-19 while bolstering it for success in the future. These measures include:

- Implementing a rate deferral option for

those ratepayers experiencing hardship due to COVID-19.

- Adopting a 2020/21 Annual Plan and Budget which has a zero per cent rate increase for most of the community and no increase to fees and charges.
- Initiating a COVID-19 Infrastructure Recovery Program which would see a total capital of \$100 million spent across the next two financial years, including existing capital works.
- Extending the existing Financial Hardship Policy to incorporate businesses and offer greater support for ratepayers who qualify under the policy.



## What you said...

*Loving the Click and Collect service that you are providing, I couldn't take the pandemic without my reading!*

*Thanks for the lovely video. My child loves storytelling but he wants to be able to view the words and pictures of the book while being read to. Zooming in to the pages like what you do here helps to attract the little ones' attention, which is often hard in online context due to small screen and lack of physical interaction. Keep up the good work!*

*Max very much enjoyed storytime, so much we watched it twice. Thank you!*

*So excited to see you deliver this online - fantastic and well done everyone!*



Jack Young Centre's Katerina Bogeski with some of the delicious meals offered in takeaway form.

- Taking a flexible approach to timed parking restrictions where appropriate to allow residents to continue to access local businesses.
- Waiving lease fees for sporting and community clubs and developing a \$185,000 COVID-19 grants program to assist clubs.

#### **Flexible provision of library services**

With the pandemic creating restrictions on many things we loved to do – such as spending time with family, dining out, visiting the playground and shopping – staff at Salisbury's library service were adamant about the importance of allowing our community to continue to access their favourite collections.

The Click and Collect service proved particularly popular, allowing members to reserve the items they wanted online and pick them up from their preferred library. A Library to Your Door service was also available to drop-off and pick up items from the homes of people who were unable to visit the library.

#### **Learning programs offered online**

When restrictions were enacted, staff also got to work to quickly ensure the community remained connected and still had access to learning opportunities.

A range of great online programs were also developed including the Little Big Bang Discovery Club for kids, chess and a Microsoft Bootcamp. A range of 'challenges' were also coordinated via Facebook, attracting thousands of viewers.

Regulars to the library also enjoyed seeing the familiar faces of library staff in online story sessions for little ones.

#### **Care packages delivered to vulnerable residents**

A total of 150 care packages containing useful supplies such as toilet paper and canned goods were distributed to vulnerable community members as part of the City of Salisbury's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The packages were delivered to the homes of existing members of Council's accessibility

register who were identified through eligibility criteria which considered factors such as age, isolation and a lack of support or access to alternative services.

Mayor Gillian Aldridge OAM said the initiative, which was the result of a motion passed by Council at a meeting in April, was intended to help reduce the added burden the pandemic was having on vulnerable groups.

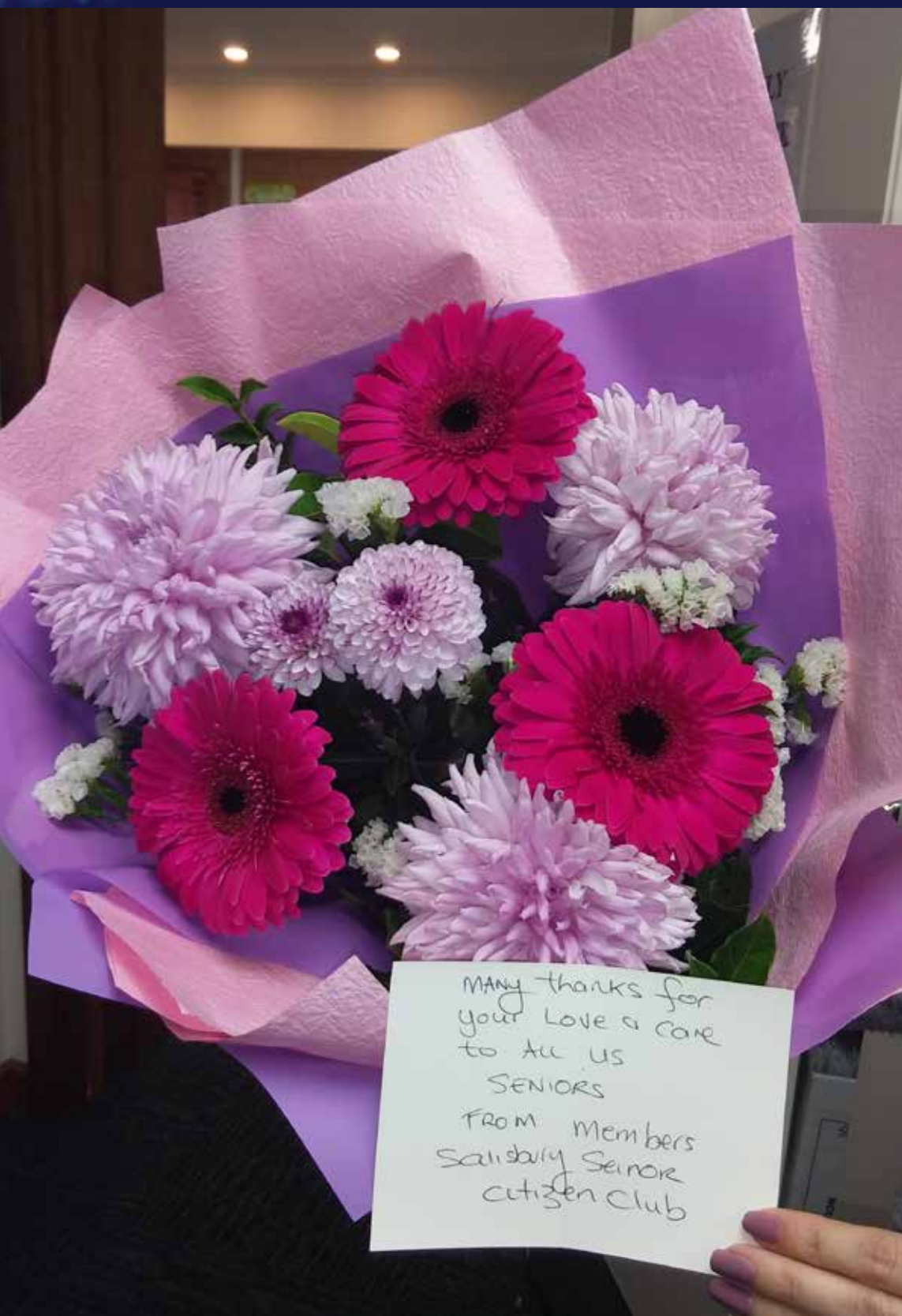
"We are committed to taking extra measures to ensure all members of our community are being looked after during what is a difficult and uncertain time," Mayor Aldridge said.

"These care packages aimed to provide some relief to the recipients, who are facing additional barriers to accessing basic food items and other goods that are currently difficult to source."

Recipient Joan Murden of Para Hills said the package came "totally out of the blue".

"It was a lovely surprise. It's so nice to know that people are still thinking about us," she told the Messenger earlier this year. >>>





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Citizen Club

"My son-in-law does my shopping for me and I talk to my daughter on the phone twice a day, she rings me of a morning to make sure I am still breathing and I ring her at night to let her know I am going to bed."

In partnership with the Salisbury Business Association, Council also provided coffee vouchers for members of the community who were waiting in lengthy lines at Centrelink during the height of the pandemic. This small gesture was aimed at supporting community members as well as local businesses.

### **Looking after our senior community**

While the Jack Young Centre in Salisbury could no longer offer lunches and activities as usual, this didn't stop organisers from providing meals and ways of connecting to its visitors.

Between March 26 (when COVID-19 services were put in place) to July 3, 2145 tasty and nutritious meals were provided at an affordable cost. This included 905 frozen meals, 787 takeaway main meals and 448 soups and desserts.

A new model was also developed by Council and dubbed the Salisbury Seniors Social Connect Project, which allowed for the continuity of the important social services provided by Salisbury's three senior centres under the Federal Government's Community Home Support Program through virtual and digital platforms.

Volunteers contacted members to gauge their interest in accessing services virtually, finding about 80 per cent of people who usually participate in face-to-face services were interested.

Virtual options for activities that City of Salisbury has been trialling include creative writing group sessions, tai chi and Zumba sessions, theatre group, ukulele practice and jam sessions, as well as online bingo.

A private social support online group also proved a good tool for social connection for many residents, while Cycle Salisbury Social Rides set weekly challenges to keep riders motivated to go on solo rides during the pandemic restrictions.





A variety of activities for doing at home were also trialled including growing herbs and flowers, baking, brain training challenges, a weekly walking group challenge and unique opportunities to connect with others while staying at home, such as rock painting and creating items for a yarn bombing project.

Participants of all activities were encouraged to look for the silver lining during this difficult time and this was supported through activities such as creating gratitude journals, playing wellbeing bingo and taking part in wider community-based projects.

### Promoting community safety

When restrictions began, Council staff began to complete routine checks at popular sites across the city on top of their general duties to ensure the community was keeping safe. A total of 1850 inspections were undertaken, including at the following hotspots:

**Parks, reserves and playgrounds: 1,121**

**Food premises: 391**

**Shopping centres: 61**

**Dog parks: 171**

Council also worked quickly to provide relevant information in the forms of website and social media updates, signage, check-in calls and emails to the community to encourage health and safety. Relevant information was provided on the Salisbury Community Hub's digital screens in a number of key languages spoken by our community members.

### Greening up while locked down

While the city's open spaces were out of action we made sure they were in tiptop condition for when life resumed.

For example, field staff took the opportunity to green-up local dog parks while they were closed, including Happy Home Reserve (pictured left).

A key focus was rejuvenating the irrigated grasses to ensure they were looking healthy and have great coverage for four-legged and two-legged friends alike to enjoy. A separate park for small dogs was also developed adjacent to the dog park.



## Keeping connected during COVID-19

Eighty-one-year-old technology enthusiast Derek Hockley loves a challenge.

It is what has motivated him to head the Salisbury PC User Group for the past 14 years in the face of rapidly changing technology.

"What we normally do is run a two-hour session – the first hour I speak on a technical subject, and then we have something called, 'What's your problem?' where we troubleshoot any issues people might be having, and then it's tea, coffee and biscuits," said Derek.

Earlier this year when the arrival of COVID-19 pressed the delete button on all of our normal plans, it would have been easy for Derek to put the group on hold indefinitely as they could no longer meet as they usually do fortnightly at the Salisbury Community Hub.

Instead, he quickly got to work to ensure all group members – the majority of them fellow seniors – were equipped to transfer the meetings to video-conferencing program Zoom, where they logged in for a chat every Wednesday morning for the duration of the COVID-19 restrictions.

"I spent hours getting everyone up online with Zoom installed. We finally got there and have been averaging about 10 people per meeting," Derek said.

"I think when we first got on people were quite pleasantly surprised that we were able to see and hear each other while confined at home.

"It's been a great thing socially to be able to get people together regularly, particularly when a lot of people have been a lot more isolated from their families and friends."

The Elizabeth Vale resident, who draws inspiration from his career background working as a technician for South Australia's Department for Education and his involvement in School of the Air, said the group was open to new members who were keen on using technology to connect with others or achieve their own goals.

"I'm not the guru of everything, that's why it's a self-help group where we work together to find solutions for issues involving all devices from PCs, laptops, mobile phones and so on," Derek said.

*The PC User Group generally runs out of the Salisbury Community Hub on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Anyone interested in getting involved can contact Derek at :*

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WORDS Greg Ratsch & Clint Watchman

# CREATING A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK



## Council endorsed its latest City Plan at its meeting in June 2020.

The City Plan is Council's highest level planning document and outlines Council's directions and priorities for Salisbury.

Among the big ticket items are new community hubs for Burton and Ingle Farm, replacement of all Council-owned street lights with energy-efficient lighting, upgrading John and Church Street in the Salisbury City Centre and delivery of Council's \$100 million capital works program in response to COVID-19.

The program, which will engage northern businesses wherever possible, is one of the ways Council is assisting the community to recover from the impact of COVID-19. It aims to stimulate growth within the City of Salisbury, ultimately making it a better place to live, visit and do business.

The plan contains a strong commitment to addressing the things that our community tells us matter most to them – a focus on streets and neighbourhoods being attractive and well maintained, community safety, enhancement of our environment, more job opportunities in our local area and Council providing great customer service.

Underpinning the plan is Council's new vision – for Salisbury to be a progressive, sustainable and connected community. These attributes are at the heart of well-functioning cities worldwide. While these elements are already part of Salisbury's DNA, they can be built upon so Salisbury becomes a better place to live and work.



The plan is for all of Salisbury's suburbs. It commits to delivering the masterplans for St Kilda and The Paddocks in Para Hills, maintaining the existing character of Globe Derby, stabilising Dry Creek and Little Para River as well as further development of Edinburgh Parks and Technology Park as modern economic precincts.

It also acknowledges that we cannot do everything on our own and identifies Council's advocacy priorities including improved community safety, redevelopment of the

Salisbury and Mawson Lakes Interchanges and appropriate, well-planned development on the Dry Creek Salt Fields. Major upgrades are sought for Kings Road, Elder Smith Road and Park Terrace/Waterloo Corner Road.

This plan also has a strong focus on future opportunities, identifying the need to prepare a structured plan for the land west of Port Wakefield Road, develop an environmental sustainability strategy and assess future social infrastructure needs.

The plan is ultimately about improving the day to day experience of living in Salisbury, providing a competitive business destination, improving our environment and focusing on Council's internal processes in delivering great outcomes for the community so these things form a strong foundation for Salisbury in the longer term.



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John from Helping Hand with Mr & Mrs Tucker.

*"We are really appreciative  
of everything John does."*

MRS TUCKER.

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WORDS Nina Parletta

# LEADING

## THE WAY IN BUSINESS



Emerging leader Rebecca Clare has big plans for expanding PhysioWest, of which she is a co-owner.

### Rebecca Clare of PhysioWest recently won the Emerging Leader category in the 2020 Telstra Business Women's Awards.

PhysioWest has its origins at Mile End and expanded into Salisbury three years ago.

Rebecca was initially employed as a junior receptionist in the business and moved through the ranks to become co-owner of the steadily expanding physiotherapy firm while completing two law degrees.

Along the way she has developed her own personal approach to leadership.

"I say yes to every opportunity and back myself and my team to be able to find a solution," she said.

"I have always strived to learn new things and see every challenge as an opportunity to grow."

Rebecca benefited from being mentored along her professional journey and, in return, she is now acting as a mentor to others.

"I am passionate about creating a business for good and helping others to do so. I believe that as a leader we have a greater reach than our team and our clients," she said.

"Our reach and voice should be used for good in the greater world. I am passionate about creating equality not only in our workplace but in the community."

While continuing to develop the Salisbury clinic is high on her agenda, Rebecca and her team are looking further afield and plan to take physiotherapy abroad to communities in need.

"This is the dream of our team and we are on track to meet it in 2022."

WORDS Greg Ratsch

# A YEAR OF ECONOMIC CHANGE

The past financial year has been a challenging one for Salisbury's business community – but there have been bright spots as well.



## Raytheon Australia's skyrocketing success

Raytheon Australia, one of Australia's largest defence contractors, was recently awarded the contract to deliver Australia's new short range ground-based air defence system known as the LAND 19 Phase 7B project.

The \$50 million system will be assembled in Raytheon's new \$30 million Centre for Joint Integration that is being constructed along Main North Road at Technology Park.

Raytheon anticipates the programs it will manage at its Centre for Joint Integration will generate up to 300 new direct jobs over the next 10 years, not only through LAND 19 Phase 7B, but also with planned upgrades to the SEA 4000 Hobart class destroyers, and systems integration work on the SEA 5000 Hunter class frigates.

Nearly \$3 billion worth of construction has been recently completed, is underway or planned. This is reinforcing Salisbury's position as one of South Australia's largest economies which is home to more than 54,000 jobs.

The defence sector has been the standout due to continued investment into the Edinburgh Defence Base to support the P-8A Poseidon surveillance aircraft and the MQ-4C Triton Unmanned Aircraft System as well as a space research hub to model NASA.

A short drive away, the Defence Science Technology Group commenced building its \$68 million High Performance Computer Centre and private firms such as Lockheed Martin, Saab Australia and Raytheon have won contracts to support future growth.

The opening of the \$867 million Northern Connector has spurred interest in the western part of our City from transport and logistics operators. In the past year plans for AusCold's \$7.5 million expansion into Edinburgh Parks were approved and Booth Transport and Beattie Transport are expanding.

Manufacturing remains the backbone of Salisbury's economy. Precision Buses won a contract to produce buses as part of Scania Australia's contract to provide 340 buses to the State Government. Bickfords unveiled its \$20 million bottling line and announced a new product range including iced coffee and Brabham Automotive's BT-62 supercar continues to win acclaim internationally.

Schools in our area continue to grow with Council approving new buildings at Parafield Gardens R-7 and High School and Paralowie R-12. New facilities have been added to Endeavour College and Temple Christian College.

Developing Salisbury's economy is an important element of Council's new City Plan. To inform that element Council contracted Deloitte to take a look at Salisbury's economy and provide recommendations on how to grow it further.

What they found was a richness of strategic



assets such as the Edinburgh defence Base and the University of South Australia's Mawson Lakes Campus, strong transport infrastructure, vibrant economic precincts and a can-do attitude among our business leaders.

On the flip side, Deloitte reinforced that more could be done to create connections between Salisbury's residents and new job opportunities as well as the need to promote the Salisbury story to investors and our community. They highlighted the need to challenge perceptions of what can be achieved in Salisbury.

Among Deloitte's recommendations are to further build on the defence and research strengths of our region, develop a thirty year plan for the land west of Port Wakefield Road, strengthen connection between education providers and industry, better activate Technology Park and link it to other innovation precincts, improve connectivity (both digital and east-west transport routes), improve the upkeep of our suburbs and commercial areas and continue with the renewal of the Salisbury City Centre.

Deloitte's recommendations seek to grow business activity, create a skilled workforce, improve productivity, create job opportunities and increase prosperity.

The need to pursue these opportunities is heightened in the wake of COVID-19. Early analysis suggests the local impact of the lockdown restrictions will be an eight per cent decrease in the value of our economy and the loss of around 3,000 jobs.

To support businesses during this time Council, through its Polaris Business and Innovation Centre, has introduced a new range of free online workshops, increased follow-up of firms on its database and reduced the cost of mentoring.

In the three months to the end of June, more than 400 firms used the Polaris Centre's programs with many seeking information and advice on how to access JobKeeper payments, identify new markets or move their business online.



## Future bright for Tindo Solar

As many businesses were working to adjust to the negative impacts of COVID-19, Tindo Solar celebrated its strongest three months on record while preparing for a multi-million dollar expansion.

CEO Shayne Jaenisch said the strong sales period was a result of a number of factors.

"I think it comes down to a number of things. A lot of hard work, uncertainty in the market which is driving people to making safe, secure decisions and backing Australian made products and locally run companies," he said.

"COVID 19 has resulted in people working from home and their home energy usage in some cases has doubled."

The business, located in the heart of Mawson Lakes' Technology Park, is in the construction phase of developing a new \$6 million headquarters with a vision to relocate by early 2021, creating up to 50 new local jobs.

Shayne said the decision to invest in a long-term future in Salisbury was down to a number of factors.



Mayor Gillian Aldridge OAM and CEO Shayne Jaenisch pictured.

"Salisbury is central, it provides access to blue and white collar workers, is a strong industry area and we've had massive support from the City of Salisbury," he said.

Tindo Solar was established in 2011 and has seen consistent growth over the past nine years.

With 90 per cent of its customer base located in South Australia, Shayne hopes to grow an international customer base and is in negotiations with customers from countries including Vietnam, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands.

WORDS Heather Kennett

# WHEELS IN MOTION TO **EXPLORE** **SALISBURY**



## **Cyclists, walkers and nature lovers are set to benefit from the recent opening of the Tapa Martinthi Yala shared use path, adjacent the Northern Connector motorway.**

The opening of the Tapa Martinthi Yala, meaning “pathway to embrace today” in Aboriginal Kurna language, has created a continuous shared use trail network spanning 43km connecting Port Adelaide with Gawler.

The new 16.7km section connects at its northern point to the Stuart O’Grady Bikeway, adjacent the Northern Expressway and the Port River Bikeway at its southern end.

A highlight of the southern section of the new trail includes a stretch along Little Para River Trail and is ideal for walkers including children and those with prams or using a wheelchair.

Other features of the new shared use pathway are a viewing platform adjacent the

Greenfields Wetlands and panoramic views taking in Swan Alley Wetlands.

City of Salisbury residents can access the Tapa Martinthi Yala northern section (to Gawler) at the Bolivar Rd/Port Wakefield Rd intersection and the southern section via the Little Para River Trail behind Globe Derby.

City of Salisbury Mayor Gillian Aldridge OAM welcomed the completion of the significant piece of infrastructure.

“This is an exciting time for local cyclists, walkers and nature lovers,” Mayor Aldridge said.

“The newly opened path means we now have around 90km of trails and linking

reserves across the City, including Little Para River Trail, Dry Creek Trail and Cobbler Creek, which are all amazing trails and wonderful assets to our city.”

Mayor Aldridge said the opening of the Tapa Martinthi Yala also offered City of Salisbury residents a safe commuter route to Port Adelaide or Gawler.

“A great way to explore the new shared use pathway is to join one of the City of Salisbury walking or cycling groups,” she said.

“It also now opens up opportunities for Salisbury businesses to begin to benefit from cyclist tourism.

“Residents of Gawler and Port Adelaide, and their visitors, can now ride safely to our region, which has the potential to bring additional customers for Salisbury and Mawson Lakes businesses.”

The path provides a new opportunity to be physically active, an alternative route for work or to explore the attractions of Salisbury.

*For more information on City of Salisbury walking or cycling social groups, or to register to receive the Cycle Salisbury Social Rides monthly ride list contact:*

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WORDS Heather Kennett

# SALISBURY YOUTH SHINING LIGHT ON ENVIRONMENT

## Sharif Noorzai is working for his future today.

The 16-year-old Salisbury East student says joining the Salisbury Youth Council is helping him to be part of his community and protect the environment.

The Year 10 student, who migrated from Afghanistan three years ago with his family, says improving the environment is a passion.

“Being part of the Youth Council is a great way to get in touch with the community, learn what other young people think and help solve problems the community is facing,” Sharif says.

Salisbury Youth Council is comprised of 18 young people aged 14 to 25 years, four mentors and three City of Salisbury elected members.

This year the group chose two key projects to work on – environment and cultural awareness – as they aligned with the findings of a survey of 700 local young people and Council’s Youth Strategic Action Plan 2017-2021.

The Mission Australia Youth Survey revealed that the area’s young residents identified the environment as one of their key issues.

“The plan that the committee came up with was to organise events such as tree planting, making a small garden in an area that is affected by climate change as well as environmental programs with schools,” says Sharif.

However, the group had to find a new approach to achieve their aims after the pandemic brought their plans to a halt.

“The environment team then said why not tell people the importance of taking care of the environment through technology, by posting positive messages and tips online,” he said.

The group is now working to develop a survey to better understand



young people’s knowledge of how to care for the environment and hope to assist Council with tree planting projects. They are also looking towards hosting a youth event highlighting recycling later this year.

The keen basketballer, who wants to study criminology and forensic science at university, says volunteering on the Youth Council is rewarding.

“Youth Council is the best way to involve yourself with the community and to focus on actions you want to take in that community,” says Sharif.

“The aim is to tell people how important it is to take care of this lovely environment, especially young people because they are tomorrow’s generation.”

City of Salisbury Mayor Gillian Aldridge OAM praised the members of the Youth Council.

“They are a passionate group of young volunteers who are dedicated to bringing positive change for the youth of Salisbury,” Mayor Aldridge said.

“They understand the importance of engaging young people in projects and programs that will benefit them for years to come.”



WORDS Erica Visser

# MAJOR PROJECTS

## SET TO BOOST SALISBURY



A number of large-scale projects are prioritised for the 2020/21 financial year, with a focus on bolstering Salisbury's economy to assist it in recovering from the impact of COVID-19.

As part of the 2020/21 budget, Council has endorsed a \$100 million COVID-19 Infrastructure Recovery Program. The program will bring a number of major projects forward to boost capital expenditure over the next two years, prioritising northern businesses to reinvigorate the local economy.

A wrap up of some of the major projects can be found below.

### **Burton Community Hub** **\$5 million over two years**

The Burton Community Hub will draw inspiration from the City's existing hubs at Mawson Lakes, Ingle Farm, Para Hills and, most recently, the Salisbury Community Hub.

More than 18,000 questionnaires have been sent to local business and homes within the area so Council will have a better understanding of what the community wants to see in the new hub. The planning and design is due to begin early next year.



**\$6m**  
Bridgestone  
Reserve



## John Street and Church Street revitalisation

### \$7 million over two years

As part of the ongoing revitalisation of the Salisbury City Centre, works will continue to renew and upgrade these popular areas in order to achieve the following goals:

- Improve the appearance of John Street and upgrade Church Street to better support the community, local businesses and visitors to the city centre.
- Improve the status of this area as a great place to be.
- Improve safety for businesses and visitors.
- Promote economic investment in the city centre.

## Salisbury Oval Masterplan (Brown Terrace play space and reserve upgrade) - \$2.7 million

The Revised Salisbury Oval Masterplan is an exciting part of the strategy to regenerate Salisbury's City Centre, with the next phase of the project focused on creating updated recreation and sport facilities including:

- Playground
- Fitness equipment
- Sports court
- Open kick-about space

## Bridgestone Reserve

### \$6 million

Bridgestone Reserve is set to become the home of South Australia's second fully synthetic athletics track.

It is estimated that the reserve will have over 50,000 visitors each year, from athletics clubs to the greater community.

Bridgestone Reserve is already a popular spot to take the family, with large irrigated lawn areas, play spaces, walking and running trails, a barbecue facility and amenities.

## The Paddocks Masterplan

### \$2.2 million over two years

The Paddocks is one of the most significant recreation and open space precincts within the City of Salisbury.

Works to be completed in 2020/21 include the establishment of a 'grand parkland' through the central park area, featuring lawn and irrigation installation. A new nature playground and public toilet will also be built next to the parkland areas. Lighting will also be installed in key open space areas, as well as CCTV at the Maxwell Road entry.



Additional works scheduled for 2021/22 include a fitness loop and shared use trails within The Paddocks itself, and improving connections between the recreation and residential areas, including an upgrade of the Codd Street Local Park.

These upgrades will add to other recently completed additions to The Paddocks, including a full amenity and safety upgrade of the wetlands through vegetation and path improvements, desilting of the wetlands and a new carpark off Maxwell Road, as well as a viewing mound in the centre of the wetlands and an access track from the Maxwell Street carpark through to the Bridge Street carpark.



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## Strength for Life



Strength for Life participant Damber Kumari Mongar had been looking forward to continuing her exercise program from home, with phone support from the therapist available. She feels Strength for Life has helped her wellbeing as she is now able to move her hands more freely.



Strength for Life participant Dhanmaya Basnet was delighted to receive her borrowed exercise equipment. Dhanmaya said that the Jack Young Centre's gesture and its concern for the group's wellbeing has motivated her to do her exercises at home regularly.

## Heart Foundation Walking Challenge



Our Heart Foundation Walking Group has been participating in a virtual walking challenge. The goal was to record the distance walked individually, add it together and virtually walk around Australia as a group!

## Happy Residents



Two happy residents making the most of the Click and Collect service at the Salisbury West Library.



Volunteer Elva Baxter with a delicious take-away meal available from the Jack Young Centre.

## Zoom Activities



Zumba lessons are usually run at Para Hills Seniors Centre on a weekly basis. During the COVID-19 restrictions, we turned to the internet to find a way to deliver this service... After some brainstorming, Zoom Zumba was born along with Zoom Tai Chi.



The Don't Act Your Age local theatre group has been using Zoom to continue practicing for their next production and the Jack Young Centre Creative Writing Group kept in contact regularly via Zoom.



WORDS Heather Kennett

# BMX CLUB

## PUMPED BY SUPPORT



**Cross Keys BMX Club riders are flying high again as they return to the track after their racing season was interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic.**

Club president Nick Petz said the pandemic had a huge impact on its nearly 200 members because they “lost access to their passion and their sport”, as restrictions forced the club to halt its racing calendar mid-series and shut its gates.

The restrictions also cut deep into the club’s balance sheet.

“Not only did the kids lose their sport, the club lost its main sources of fundraising,” Mr Petz said.

“Everything just stopped, obviously the kids couldn’t race, and the club couldn’t make money.”

Nick estimates the club has missed out on around \$1500 every week of its enforced closure from lost entry fees, missed canteen and barbecue sales and the cancellation of regular fundraising raffles.

While unsure of the full financial impact, he predicts it could cost the club around \$18,000.

However, he’s confident the club will rebound.

“I think everyone is happy the worst of it is over and we just can’t wait to get back out there.”

The successful club, which is home to two former BMX Olympians, including Anthony Dean who represented Australia at the Rio games and hopes to saddle up at the rescheduled Tokyo games next year, is grateful for the ongoing support from the City of Salisbury.

Council has launched a \$185,000 COVID-19 Recovery Support Package and is inviting all City of Salisbury sports and community organisations to apply for a grant.





Salisbury Little Athletics Club members (from left) Samuel Mychael, Aiden Thomas and Georgia Borman with president Craig Thomas pictured at the groundbreaking ceremony late last year for the athletics centre under development at Bridgestone Reserve.

The program offers financial assistance ranging from \$500 to a maximum of \$5000 to any Salisbury not for profit club or organisation impacted by the pandemic.

Council has also waived lease fees for sporting and community clubs between April and June.

Both initiatives aim to help affected City of Salisbury groups recover from the hardships imposed by COVID-19 restrictions.

Nick said the BMX club welcomed the council’s grants program and would reinvest any grant it receives back into improvements at the track and to purchase new equipment for come and try participants.

“We loan bikes to those less fortunate so they can come and borrow bikes, gloves and helmets,” Nick said.

“We are there for the community and that’s the best way of doing it.”

Salisbury Little Athletics Club president Craig Thomas said the Council’s support would be

well-received by the 109-member club, based at Creaser Park, Parafield Gardens. He counts his club among the “lucky ones”, with its summer athletic program already over when social distancing restrictions hit.

However, the club will need to outlay resources ahead of next summer to meet any compulsory hygiene guidelines, including sanitising sporting implements and modifications to its food and beverage area.

“The grant will be needed by the club, however we’re probably among the lucky ones, athletics is a no contact sport with a lot of physical distancing,” he said.

“Our members range in age from three to 15, so really it’s just managing the interaction between the little ones that will be the challenge, so generally I think we will be ok.”

Craig hopes the club can continue to build on its recent successful season, which saw a 30 per cent increase in membership compared to the previous season, six of its athletes bring home medals from the State Championships

and one representative compete at the prestigious Bay Sheffield.

Members are also excited for the opening of the new regional synthetic athletics track at Bridgestone Reserve, which will be shared by three northern Little Athletics clubs, including Salisbury.

“With the new facilities coming on next year, we are hopeful we will continue to grow our membership and build on our success,” Craig said.

“To go to Bridgestone Reserve and train on synthetic track and compete at that facility week after week will be amazing for the kids.

“Any help we get from the council to be more successful is welcomed.”

For more information go to:  
[www.salisbury.sa.gov.au/sportsrecoverygrant](http://www.salisbury.sa.gov.au/sportsrecoverygrant)





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# CITY WORKS



## Feature Landscapes Program

### Keyhole Park Reserve, Mawson Lakes Boulevard and Parafield Gardens Recreation Centre

As part of last year's Feature Landscapes Program, Parafield Gardens Recreation Centre, Keyhole Park Reserve in Mawson Lakes and Mawson Lakes Boulevard also in Mawson Lakes, all received new irrigation, turf, plantings and mulch. They've all recently received some additional mulch and plants, making them look even better.



### Andrew Smith Drive Oval, Parafield Gardens

There's a new place in Parafield Gardens to go and get some exercise. A new full-sized basketball court, three fitness stations, a new picnic setting and shelter and a walking path around the oval – complete with distance markers – have all been installed at the Andrew Smith Drive Oval.



### Venturi Avenue, Paralowie

In April we resurfaced the tennis/basketball court at Venturi Avenue. Paralowie. It's open and ready for you to practice your backhand or shoot some hoops.



### Cross Keys Road, Brahma Lodge

A new pedestrian crossing has been installed to help improve safety. The crossing is located on Cross Keys Road, near Kulta Street and bus stop 47 in Brahma Lodge.



### Happy Home Reserve Small Dog Park

A new park for small dogs has been constructed adjacent to the existing park at Happy Home Reserve Dog Park. The new addition, that opened mid-May, includes a picnic setting, grass, sandpit with pipe tunnels, paths and a drinking fountain.








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# CONVERSATIONS ON SOCIAL MEDIA



At the City of Salisbury we keep in touch with the community via a range of methods, including social media. Facebook, Instagram and Twitter which are used to communicate with residents and visitors, promote Council's initiatives, receive feedback and to primarily keep residents up-to-date and informed.



**f** City of Salisbury | Tapa Martinthi Yala Shared Use Path

The second section of the Tapa Martinthi Yala Shared Use Path which runs alongside the Northern Connector motorway opened yesterday. This means people are now able to ride their bike, or walk, from Gawler to Port Adelaide (all off road).

The final section of the Tapa Martinthi Yala, which is expected to open in the coming weeks will link into the Gawler Greenway project... allowing you to ride quieter streets into the Adelaide CBD.

Local residents can access the Tapa Martinthi Yala northern section (to Gawler) at the Bolivar Rd/Port Wakefield Rd intersection and the Southern section via the Little Para River Trail behind Globe Derby.

**Sheryle Cooper** Love it.

**Fiona Pea** That is brilliant!

**Kevin Drumm** I'll have to give it a go next weekend.



**cityofsalisbury**  
@SandyHorne61: I haven't touched my cameras for weeks ... but here's a shot from two years ago. St Kilda, South Australia. @CityofSalisbury #landscapephotography #southaustralia



**f** City of Salisbury | Salisbury Library Service  
Today is National Simultaneous Storytime! Take some time out of your normal routine today to listen to this year's NSS book - 'Chicken Divas'. Presented by the wonderful staff who work across the 5 branches of our Salisbury Library Service. We hope you enjoy. :)  
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**Andrea Rutherford** How charming. Well presented, library staff. I enjoyed this. (My age? 73yrs!) I love a bit of bling.

**Lana DiStefano** Yaaay!! Loved it! Well done! :)

**Mel Fraser** That was awesome. Well done :)



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**cityofsalisbury**  
A total of 150 care packages containing useful supplies such as toilet paper and canned goods have been distributed to vulnerable community members as part of the City of Salisbury's response to COVID-19 (coronavirus). The packages were delivered earlier this week to the homes of existing members of Council's accessibility register who were identified through eligibility criteria which considered factors such as age, isolation and a lack of support or access to alternative services.

Mayor Gillian Aldridge OAM said the initiative, which was the result of a motion passed by Council at a meeting last month, was intended to help reduce the added burden the pandemic was having on vulnerable groups. "We are committed to taking extra measures to ensure all members of our community are being looked after during what is a difficult and uncertain time," Mayor Aldridge said. "These care packages aim to provide some relief to the recipients, who are facing additional barriers to accessing basic food items and other goods that are currently difficult to source."

**@monuchamlagai** Proud to be a part of a caring community of Salisbury. Such a great initiative.

**@just10athletics** Well done for supporting the community @ this unprecedented time.

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