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Can you believe we are fast approaching the end of another year?

We understand it has been a tough year for many and as a result Council has partnered with local charities to head a Christmas giving campaign. I thank community members for their generosity in donating food, toys and books to make the festive season a little brighter for disadvantaged families living in our region.

Much like during 2020, we have needed to adapt our daily lives in 2021 as a result of the widespread impacts of COVID-19.

For Council, this has included the way we host our programs and events; for example, in order to continue to allow community members to receive citizenship at the Salisbury Community Hub we held smaller, more frequent ceremonies. You can take a



Mayor Gillian Aldridge OAM

look at a snapshot of some of our newest residents on page 25.

While aspects of life as we know it paused momentarily during COVID-19 'lockdown' in

July, Council staff continued to work behind the scenes to provide services. For example, our field and inspectorate staff members remained on call for urgent jobs and community programs were adapted to online formats. Council staff also made more than 1300 calls to older and vulnerable community members to check in on their wellbeing during this time. You can read more on this on page 12.

Other stories within this issue range in topics from Salisbury's ghostly history, to how one adopted woman has used volunteering at a local senior centre to reconnect with her Vietnamese culture.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of Salisbury Aware and wish you a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

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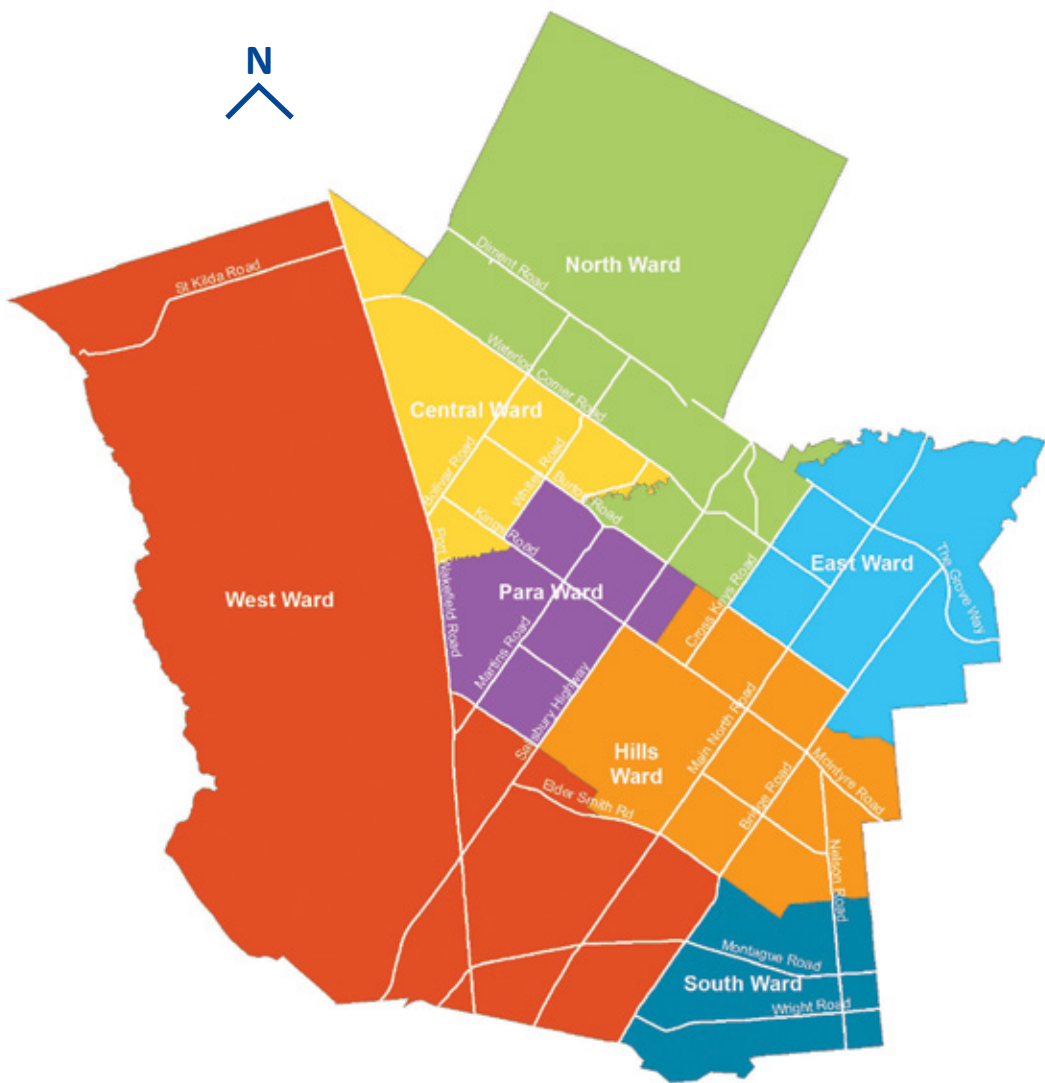
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MAKING FOOD WASTE RECYCLING EASIER

City of Salisbury in partnership with Green Industries SA is rolling out free benchtop kitchen caddies to make recycling food waste easier.

The stylish caddies, which will be provided with a roll of compostable liner bags, can be used to dispose of organic materials such as food and garden waste before it ends up in your green bin.

Mayor Gillian Aldridge OAM said Salisbury was committed to being a sustainable City and the provision of the caddies, for registered green



Oliver (5) and Evie (6) are proof that you are never too young to start doing do your bit for the environment. The Salisbury East and Parafield Gardens residents are pictured with one of the new benchtop caddies that are being rolled out by City of Salisbury in partnership with Green Industries SA.

What can I put in my kitchen caddy?

All food scraps, cooked and raw can be collected in your kitchen caddy and placed into the kerbside green waste bin along with your green waste.

- Fruit and vegetables
- Meat/chicken
- Bones
- Cheese and yoghurt
- Food from the fridge that has spoiled (removed from packaging)
- Seafood
- Egg shells
- Teabags, tea leaves and coffee grounds
- Bread and cake
- Cooked leftovers /plate scraps

You can also include:

- Tissues
- Paper towels and napkins
- Hair and nail clippings
- Shredded paper

bin owners, was another step in the right direction.

“We commend those residents who are already using their green bins regularly and hope that the addition of a caddy in the kitchen might make recycling that little bit easier,” said Mayor Gillian Aldridge OAM.

Salisbury East resident Jenny Henry was looking forward to receiving her caddy for food scraps, such as vegetable peels, kids’ fruit scraps and egg shells.

“As a mother of two, life is always crazy so I welcome anything that makes it easier and quicker to do my bit for the environment,” she said.

The caddies will be delivered to registered participants in early 2022.

To register, visit:
salisbury.sa.gov.au/foodwaste

If you do not own a green bin but would like one, please contact NAWMA on 8259 2100 to arrange.

Where does my food & garden waste end up?

Council’s rubbish services are provided by NAWMA (Northern Adelaide Waste Management Authority), including the collection of green waste bins on a fortnightly basis.

NAWMA’s partner, Peats Soil & Garden Supplies, composts the organic material so that the nutrients can be reused in gardens as well as large horticultural and agricultural operations to improve the quality of the soil.

WORDS Erica Visser

HAUNTING HISTORY OF SALISBURY

Behind the well-known buildings of modern-day Salisbury lurks a fascinating history just waiting to be discovered.

City of Salisbury has worked with renowned paranormal historian Allen Tiller in order to uncover the haunting undertones of a number of unfortunate tragedies that occurred in the CBD long ago.

You can discover these too within a self-guided tour available within printed booklet format or via audio.

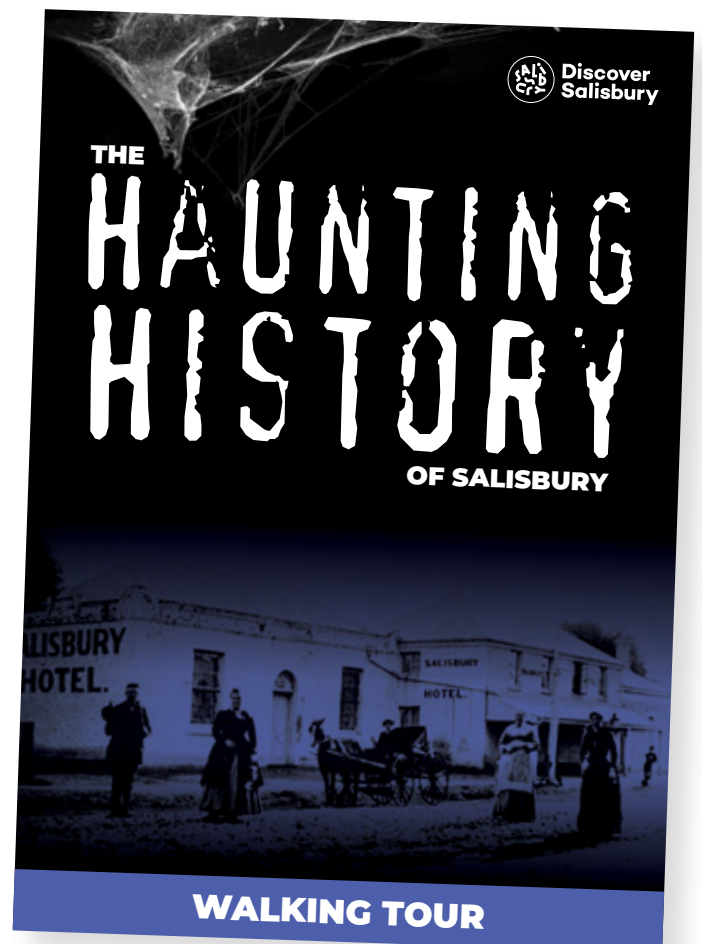
The tour covers about 2km, with 12 stops at well-known locations.

For example, the Salisbury Hotel on Commercial Road has always been a popular watering hole, but it was once also the scene of a scandal that ended in the gruesome demise of farm worker Scotch James.

Around the corner is the Salisbury Museum on Ann Street, formerly the Salisbury Police Station.

Here, there have been eerie reports of a woman's soft whispering thought to belong to Hilda Pethick, the teenage daughter of a trooper, who died there in the late 1800s.

These and other spooky tales are included within a Haunting History of Salisbury tour produced by Allen, with audio and printed options to allow you to undertake a self-guided tour.

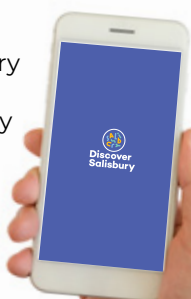


Printed copies of the Haunting History of Salisbury are available at the Salisbury Community Hub, or you can download the Discover Salisbury app via the Apple app store or Android store.

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Simply download the Discover Salisbury App and click on The Haunting History of Salisbury Tour.



THE DEATH OF SAMUEL ROBINSON



The Salisbury Railway Station, pictured in 1890, nearby where Samuel and Emily Robinson lived in a cottage.

For many years, Samuel Robinson and his family lived in a small cottage near the Salisbury Railway Station, named 'Pemberton'. Samuel worked as a bailiff in the local Salisbury courthouse.

In 1891, Samuel was to receive a large amount of money from investments, but he would need to travel to Adelaide to sign a document.

The day before Samuel was due to collect his money, he was seen gardening, happily waving to passers-by.

That evening, another old man was seen to be visiting the couple in their home.

The next morning, the visiting man was seen waving off Samuel's wife, Emily, at the train station, while Samuel was not present.

Emily travelled into the city, and visited Mr Varco, Samuel's attorney, and signed for his money. She informed Varco that Samuel was dead before arranging his funeral and for the removal of his body.

She also visited a doctor to try and persuade him to give her a death certificate without

the doctor seeing the body. He refused, so Emily visited a local Justice of the Peace to get burial approval.

The Salisbury police were phoned about the situation. They went to Pemberton Cottage, spoke to Emily, then removed Samuel's body to be taken to the funeral parlour.

Six weeks later, Emily married her mysterious caller who had seen her off at the train station on the night Samuel died. His name was Mr Thomas Smith, a neighbour to the Robinsons.

The marriage caused outrage in Salisbury. Thirty people signed a petition to get the police to hold an inquiry into Samuel's death, but the police and local magistrates refused to investigate.

An unruly mob of angry locals formed in the town and descended upon Pemberton and the newly married Smiths, both in their eighties. They smashed the front door off its hinges, cut holes through the roof and pelted stones through.

The mob pelted the front of the house with rotten eggs and the whole neighbourhood

descended into pandemonium, with neighbours hollering and hooting and banging on kerosene drums.

The local police trooper was not present in the town, so the duties of law and order fell onto one brave local Justice of the Peace who tried in vain to settle the unruly mob. Every evening, people would walk past the house and scream "murderer" in its general direction.

One night, the screams of "murder" came from inside the house. Three men burst through a locked door and threw a meat chopper at Emily Smith, badly cutting her toes.

They also beat her savagely with a crowbar. Emily put in a complaint to the police, but the men were never caught. The following day Emily released a statement in which she said that Samuel had died from convulsions at the age of 86 in the same way as his father and numerous brothers and had prepared for his own death.

She stated that Samuel knew of her relationship with Mr Smith and Samuel had given them his blessing that should he die, they should marry to take care of each other.

Following the statement, a police order was issued in Salisbury that all abuse toward the Smiths should stop immediately or the full extent of the law would be felt to those who disobeyed.

The Attorney General's Office also spoke on the matter, stating that no inquiry into Mr Robinson's death would be needed. Statements had been collected on the day of his death, and a full medical examination by Dr Nesbitt, showing he had died in the morning, not the evening prior, had been submitted at the time.

The police and the Attorney General's Office did not see anything suspicious in Emily or Thomas Smith's behaviour and the case was never investigated. As an interesting postscript, Mr Varco advertised in local newspapers the sale of Samuel Robinson's goods only a week after his death.

One must wonder if Mr and Mrs Smith received the profits from that sale as well!

WORDS Erica Visser

NEW HUB

IN PROGRESS

Construction is underway of a new Burton Community Hub which will showcase the transformation of the City of Salisbury's north/west Central Ward.

Providing linkages to the Burton precinct's local sporting, community and retail options, the Burton Community Hub will include a range of library services, a community garden, a 'shed' and learning and reflective spaces to enable greater connections with education, business and community.

The beginning of construction was marked with a ground-breaking ceremony held in October, with the hub expected to open during 2022.

Accessible public transport is located on Waterloo Corner Road, along with the gateway to the Kurna Park wetlands as part of the Edinburgh Biodiversity Corridor.

In response to community feedback, Burton Community Hub will replace the Burton Community Centre at 386 Waterloo Corner Road, in line with Council's commitment to support programs that promote active living, health and wellbeing.

Located adjacent to the Salisbury United Football Club, Burton Park Playground and Springbank Plaza Shopping Centre, the site will include a range of multipurpose and flexible spaces for the entire community, the likes of which have not been previously available in the area.

The project is being developed by Council in partnership with the Federal Government,

with \$500,000 allocated under its Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (Phase 2) towards the community shed and garden components.

DASH Architects has developed the concept plan and design, following an extensive community consultation process.

Mayor Gillian Aldridge OAM looked forward to the creation of the modern new site, which she expected would follow in the footsteps of the two-year-old Salisbury Community Hub in becoming the social heart of the local community.

"The Burton Community Hub will bring together a range of services within one vibrant, adaptable space to be used by the whole community," Mayor Aldridge said.

"The Hub will offer cultural, learning and recreational opportunities and features including an innovative technology suite with WIFI enabled computers, quiet study areas, community programs and meeting and event spaces.

"Council's investment into innovative spaces for the community, where they can access a range of services, speaks to its vision of Salisbury as a progressive, sustainable and connected community."

Central Ward Councillors Deputy Mayor Chad Buchanan and Cr Donna Proleta – who have been working closely on the Burton Community Hub proposal – welcomed this significant milestone and looked forward to seeing the project progress.



The site where construction is underway for the new Burton Community Hub.



Council CEO John Harry, Cr Donna Proleta, Mayor Gillian Aldridge OAM and Deputy Mayor Chad Buchanan turn the sod to mark the beginning of construction of the Burton Community Hub.

The Burton Community Hub will deliver on a commitment made to residents to provide a new community facility and bring much needed services, including a library, for the residents of Burton and Paralowie,” said Cr Buchanan.

Cr Proleta said the Burton Community Hub would be an “exciting and well deserved” facility for residents in Burton and surrounding areas.

“We are so excited about the development and transformation this Hub will bring to the Burton precinct. This Hub will bring many opportunities and create pride for the community.”

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Aboriginal Elder Frank Wanganeen with Alison Cain of InComPro.



Deputy Mayor Chad Buchanan with Salisbury United FC's Charles Morgan and Tony Dalwood.



Cr Donna Proleta and Cr Sarah Ouk.



Bob Scott and Kevin Collins.



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WORDS Gaynor Moran

BRIDGING THE GAP

A new partnership between the Salisbury, Playford and Port Adelaide Enfield councils is working towards bridging the gap between basic work skills and finding employment.

Launched in September, the Northern Regional Consortium Employment Pathways Project is providing fully-funded adult education programs to community members. This training is funded through the Government of South Australia via the Department for Innovation and Skills.

The programs – which focus on basic numeracy, literacy and essential skills required for the workplace – are offered in a supportive environment, with a variety of sites and online options available.

Mayor Gillian Aldridge OAM said the first term of programs was a great success, with the skills gained by participants well aligned with the needs of local industry and the employment opportunities available in Adelaide's north.

"Within the first term of this new project alone, eight participants have developed extensive computer skills to advance their careers, four have engaged in volunteer positions and additional study and several others have a clearer idea about the study pathways available for them and are working on pursuing these," Mayor Aldridge said.

One of the participants, Tony Vu, is looking forward to an exciting career in cyber security after completing the English for Work and Study course.

Tony arrived in Australia in 2017 from Hanoi, Vietnam, where he worked in the Information Technology department at a bank.

He has since strived to improve his English skills in order to seek out employment in the Salisbury region.

"I enrolled in an English class at Mawson Lakes Library in 2018 and Pooraka Community Centre in 2019 and more recently completed the English course at Bagster Road Community Centre," Tony said.

"I am trying to improve my English to get a certificate and I can enroll in a course to get back to my profession in IT area in the future."

Sean Malone, who is heading the Consortium Project, said undergoing the program had a direct impact on Tony's future study and job prospects.



Northern Regional Consortium Employment Pathways Project participant Tony Vu is using the program as a stepping stone to a career in IT.

"The course has helped Tony who is looking to move into tertiary education, concentrating on cyber security," Sean said.

"He has expanded his conversation vocabulary and improved his reading and writing in English."

2022 will be an exciting year for the project with programs in Work Health and Safety (WHS), basic work safety, language and literacy, digital skills and resume writing all to be held at multiple sites across the three Council areas from February.

Build your skills

What to expect as you prepare for that next step towards your career:

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- Practical skills for the workforce.
- Feeling comfortable and supported along your journey
- A pathway to employment with increased participation by local City of Salisbury, City of Playford and City of Port Adelaide Enfield residents and interest groups.
- Keep it simple – you don't need to try to do anything fancy.

For more information about programs commencing next year please visit:
www.salisbury.sa.gov.au/buildyourskills

WORDS Heather Kennett

BOSNIAN SENIORS STAY CONNECTED

A nostalgic exhibition has helped overcome loneliness and isolation for Bosnian seniors.

The Salisbury Council-supported art project, The Nostalgic Connection with Love, is breaking through COVID-19 travel bans to lift spirits and bring people together.

Unable to travel overseas to visit family and friends, the Bosnian Seniors Social Support Program participants decided to do something positive to embrace their country and culture.

Through the help of artist Sefer Ibrahim, they chose images of their homeland and superimposed themselves into the photos, helping to reconnect them with the people and places they are temporarily isolated from.

The exhibition, on display at the Pine Lakes Centre, is evoking cherished memories of family, food and landscapes.

Aisha Dedovic, 67, has lived in Australia for the past 26 years.

She would regularly travel to Bosnia to visit her sister and two nieces before the pandemic closed international borders. She says the art project has helped to feel closer to Bosnia while also connecting her more deeply to her Australian home.

"We are doing what we can to overcome the loss of travel and missing family," the Walkley Heights mother says.

Aisha chose to feature an image of a cemetery, a place which resonated for several reasons.

"My mum's community lives very close to the cemetery and there are people buried in there who are very close and special to my family."

Aisha says she enjoyed the opportunity to explore her "freedom" as part of the project.

"You think more deeply than usual, and it made me realise how lucky I am to be in a safe place here in Australia," she says.

She explained that being involved with the Bosnian Seniors Social Support Program also helped to ease the isolation from her loved ones in Bosnia.

"I feel like I have a new adopted family, we feel very happy when we come together. We have found a safe, good place where everyone is very supportive and looks out for you."

The City of Salisbury supports several social groups for older people from diverse cultures to help them maintain social connections and receive information in their own language. These activities contribute to their independence and continuing to be active in the community.

Council received overwhelming positive feedback regarding our COVID-19 measures...

"I'm using the virtual support programs to keep me updated with latest COVID -19 information, and appreciate the link to contact tracing and exposure sites. I feel informed and connected even though I'm home alone. Thank you to the team providing this service."

Fay (resident)

"I had a call from the Jack Young Centre. She was very informative and told me where the COVID hotspots were and where to find them online. I was thankful that someone really cared. It was very good chat. Gave me the incentive to keep going."

Maxine (resident)

For further information about the Cultural Social Support Groups or for exhibition details contact:
Mary at the Pine Lakes Centre on 8406 8513

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Members of the Bosnian Seniors Social Support Program found a creative way to feel connected to home.

Council supports community through lockdowns

Council was the go-to community COVID team during lockdowns.

Throughout July's SA Government-enforced 'Stay at Home' orders, City of Salisbury's Home and Community services and the Jack Young Centre remained open to provide essential services to Senior residents.

Council-supported services included:

- Transport to essential medical appointments
- Domestic assistance including essential house cleaning and shopping
- Urgent home maintenance or modifications

to ensure the health and safety of clients

- Access to meals
- Assistance with crisis housing support for those qualifying for the Assistance with Care and Housing (ACHA) program.

Council staff continued to support Seniors throughout the lockdown:

- Six staff worked onsite at the Jack Young Centre along with several staff working from home, to make welfare calls
- Ten staff from Home Assist services continued to deliver essential services for Seniors
- City of Salisbury staff made more than 1320 calls to community members who access services from the Jack Young Centre, Para

Hills Seniors Centre, Pine Lakes Centre and Home Assist, to ensure older residents had essentials including food and medicines and access to up-to-date information on services and government-mandated requirements

- Staff provided up-to-date SA Health information including exposure sites and quarantine requirements
- 250 fresh and frozen low-cost meals were sold through the Jack Young Centre
- 175 meals were cooked to stock up our freezers
- 270 Seniors connected with our virtual support program options via remote access.



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WORDS Heather Kennett

CULTURAL & COMMUNITY

CONNECTIONS ON THE MENU

Mai Ralph says volunteering at a City of Salisbury-supported Vietnamese seniors' program is the perfect recipe to establishing a stronger connection to her heritage.



Having been adopted by Australian parents, Mai Ralph has established a connection to her Vietnamese heritage through volunteering.

Every fortnight the 52-year-old assists a group of volunteers to prepare a Vietnamese meal for participants of the Vietnamese Senior Social Support Program at the Pine Lakes Centre.

Mai says assisting at the Parafield Gardens centre for the past two years has helped her to re-connect with her birth country and language.

"I was born in Vietnam but lost my parents during the war," she says.

"My Dad was American, and my Mum was Vietnamese.

"I was left in a blanket at the door of an orphanage and stayed there until I was five, when my Australian parents adopted me."

Mai says she lost her ability to understand or speak Vietnamese upon starting school in Adelaide, compounded by having little involvement with the local Vietnamese community.

"I don't have many memories of my early years, however my mum tells me that when I arrived the first thing I did was to pick up chop sticks," she recalls.

"And I just knew how to use them, no one had taught me that, I just knew what to do."

Mai says she enjoys working with the team of four other kitchen volunteers to prepare a meal offered as part of the program.

She also relishes the opportunity to form deeper links with her cultural community.

"We all cook Vietnamese food for the seniors who come in," she says.

"We make soups, spring rolls, meat dishes, rice and rice noodles.

"It is the perfect opportunity to join in and try to pick up Vietnamese language and learn to cook Vietnamese food."

The former production worker also volunteers two days each week at Jack's Café, helping to prepare nutritious, affordable and tasty meals for members and visitors to the Jack Young Centre.

Mai says volunteering at both City of Salisbury community centres has been a positive experience for her and she encouraged others to consider volunteering.

"There are lots of staff to help you and you don't need a lot of experience to help out there," she says.

"It's fun, we have a laugh and joke around and everybody is very caring and understanding of other's needs.

"I feel like it is one big family with everyone helping each other."

WORDS Mike Richards

POLARIS CELEBRATES 20 YEARS

Over the last two decades the Polaris Business and Innovation Centre has supported thousands of businesses to succeed, rapidly transitioning online during the COVID-19 lockdown to maintain these critical services during challenging times for our businesses.

Since opening its doors on November 21, 2001 Polaris has consistently provided flexible business advice and assistance to help local businesses strengthen and prosper.

Its specialist digital advisory service helps build businesses online with tailored mentoring programs offering information suited to the specific needs of each individual business.

Today the organisation is proud to be an essential contributor to the City of Salisbury's economic development and our business community.

Polaris has mentored thousands of businesses, helping them to set up, providing affordable and accessible advisory support, workshops and networking events along the way.

Coiltek and Rory's Group are just two businesses that attribute their success story to their long-term relationships with the Polaris Centre.

Natalie Michels, CEO of Coiltek, said the company had benefitted from Polaris' expertise for a number of years.

"We kick started the refining of our systems and procedures with The Business

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Fundamentals course followed by the Mentoring for Success Program," she said.

"We're so glad we did, as we may not have realised the importance of working on the business, not just in it.

"By taking the time to put key areas for business success under the microscope we've seen new opportunities expand, providing controlled growth and good revenue".

Rory Hope, Managing Director of Rory's Group, shared a similar sentiment.

"I tell everyone who is starting up to get into Polaris. Find yourself a coach or a mentor as there's so much you don't know when you get started," he said.

"We've made a lot of mistakes along the way which can be very expensive. Polaris can help you avoid these."

Polaris has partnered with numerous organisations for over 20 years to deliver programs and projects to support the development of the Salisbury and broader Northern Adelaide economy.

This has included Commonwealth Government, State Government, University of South Australia, Northern Business Breakfast, City of Tea Tree Gully, City of Playford, City of Port Adelaide Enfield, Northern Futures, Northern Leaders and more.

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Con Zissopoulos, construction manager at Attica Homes, outside one of the custom-built houses constructed by the team.

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BUILDING BUSINESS SUCCESS

City of Salisbury is home to thousands of businesses including Attica Homes.

A construction company specialising in custom-built homes and subdivision projects, the company is based in Mawson Lakes with a team that lives entirely locally.

Started in 2016 by Company Director Constandinos Nicolakopoulos and Construction Manager Con Zissopoulos, Attica Homes benefits from combined experience of 40 plus years.

The company credits the combination of a plethora of experience with meticulous project management with its success in building dozens of homes using high quality contractors, suppliers and builders.

"Clients appreciate our transparency and accuracy in quoting which enables them to build the homes dreams are made of without

any hidden costs or surprises," said Mr Nicolakopoulos.

While the company offers competitive value throughout each stage of the build, the quality of the products and services being used is paramount to their success.

On a more personal note, the team is knowledgeable and passionate about providing a memorable experience throughout the building process, which they appreciate can be a stressful time for some.

The company has recently expanded its team, consisting of a company director, three site managers and four office staff who manage the client selections. The team works cohesively every day with the common goal of producing beautiful, quality custom homes

and they believe their passion and knowledge are what sets them apart from other builders.

To date Attica Homes has not advertised through the traditional avenues, currently using social media channels such as Instagram and Facebook to promote its work and brand.

Interestingly and what they didn't anticipate was that their clients were their main providers of new business, through word-of-mouth referrals.

Mr Nicolakopoulos said mentoring from the Polaris Business and Innovation Centre had helped the company along its journey to date.

"Polaris has assisted us greatly to develop smarter planning strategies by identifying areas of weakness and opportunity within every layer of the business," he said.

WORDS Erica Visser



MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Artistic flair was on display when it came to the entrants of the City of Salisbury's 2021 Mayor's Christmas Card Competition.

Three winning entries are chosen each year, with first, second and third prizes chosen.

"There was a high calibre of entries this year, making it a particularly hard competition to judge!," said Mayor Gillian Aldridge OAM.

"Thank you to all the children who entered and I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas."

Take a look at some of the entries below!

1st PRIZE



Isaac - Age 6

2nd PRIZE



Samantha - Age 10

3rd PRIZE



Jurlena - Age 7

Have Your Say

Did you know Council wants to hear from you on a range of issues?

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salisbury.sa.gov.au/haveyoursay



WORDS Erica Visser

REELING IN MORE VISITORS



City of Salisbury is ready to welcome more recreational fishers and boaters following an upgrade to the popular St Kilda boat ramp.

The upgrade includes a much-needed additional boat lane, extra pontoons for secure mooring and safe access, as well as a mobility hoist.

The ramp was officially opened at the popular fishing spot in October.

“We look forward to welcoming greater numbers of boaters and fishers to the area this season, while boosting access to Gulf St Vincent and the Port River Estuary waters,” said Mayor Gillian Aldridge OAM.

“This exciting upgrade will improve the experience and safety of users of the ramp by addressing congestion during peak boating periods.

“I am also thrilled with the addition of the mobility lift, which will assist not only those

living with disability, but also keen fishers who have found it harder to get in and out of a boat as they’ve gotten older.”

The upgrade also has the potential to reduce growing demand on other northern Adelaide boat launch facilities, such as at North Haven.

Robyn Cook, who runs St Kilda business Tackle and Tucker, said she had already received positive comments regarding the upgrade from boat ramp users.

“It’s great for local businesses but also brilliant for the fishing community,” Ms Cook said.

“It’s going to be so popular. It will be nice to see some happy fishing faces.”



Members of the St Kilda fishing community ready to test out the new ramp.



There is now four lanes, which will reduce congestion during peak periods.

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GOING BATTY

FOR A GOOD CAUSE

One of the best things about living in Mawson Lakes is the abundance of wildlife, according to Fauna Rescue of SA Bat Team member Shane McCann.

"We're lucky to have regular visitors of many species of frogs, lizards, ducks, pelicans and so many other bird species," she said.

And then there are the species that many of us don't often spare a thought- like bats.

Shane, who became a volunteer wildlife rescuer and carer eight years ago, is hoping education will change the public's perception.

"My absolute love is the amazing Grey-headed Flying-foxes," the grandmother of two boys said.

"Once you understand the importance of our night time visitors you will appreciate them as much as I do.

"No words can describe the feeling I have each and every time I care for an orphaned animal, and watch them thrive, and finally be released into freedom amongst their own kind."

The Grey-headed Flying-fox, South Australia's only species of megabat, is endemic to Australia and is a protected species which is vulnerable to extinction.

Also known as a "keystone species", many other plants and animals rely on them for their survival.

As part of the Fauna Rescue of SA Bat team and Bat Education team, volunteers like



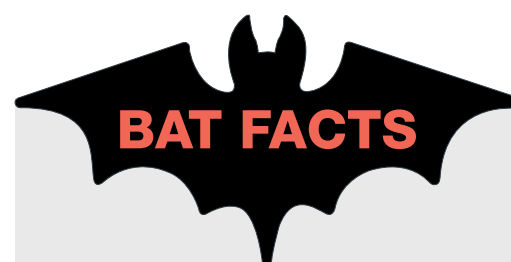
Bats being cared for by the Fauna Rescue of SA.

Shane help to not only care for but educate others about the importance of flying foxes, for example through educational talks to a range of different groups.

"We feel the key to education is providing correct information and dispelling myths," Shane said.

"This knowledge could be the greatest hope these animals have for the survival of their species."

If you come across an injured bat or one out on their own during the daytime, please do not touch them and call the Fauna Rescue of SA Bat Team Hotline on 8486 1139 - 24 hours a day.



- Flying foxes are responsible for pollinating and propagating a massive 70 per cent of hardwood eucalypts on the east coast of Australia.
- Tiny microbats do us a massive favour by eating hundreds of insects on any given night, often totalling up to 40 per cent of their bodyweight!

More information on the Fauna Rescue of SA Bat Team can be found at:
faunarescue.org.au

WORDS Erica Visser

FREE COMMUNITY BUS TRIAL IN MOTION

City of Salisbury is trialing the operation of a free community bus in the western part of the Council area, with the aim of better connecting community members with key parts of the City of Salisbury.

The bus covers eight stops on a fixed route, starting at the Salisbury Community Hub/Parabanks Shopping Centre and finishing at St Kilda Playground.

Mayor Gillian Aldridge OAM said the trial, which will run until April, will help Council understand future needs for this type of service.

“We understand there are gaps in public transport in some areas of the City and this trial is looking at alleviating these and assessing the need for further ongoing services,” Mayor Aldridge said.

More information on the community bus trial can be found at: salisbury.sa.gov.au/bustrial



Parabanks Shopping Centre ➤ St Kilda			
Location		Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday	
Stop 1	Parabanks Shopping Centre (Woolworths Loading Zone)	9.00am	3.00pm
Stop 2	Hollywood Plaza Shopping Centre (Jive Café Entrance)	9.15am	3.15pm
Stop 3	Globe Derby Park (SA Harness Racing)	9.35am	3.35pm
Stop 4	Highway One Tourist Park, Bolivar (Front Entrance)	9.45am	3.45pm
Stop 5	Paralowie Village Shopping Centre (Liberator Drive)	9.55am	3.55pm
Stop 6	Springbank Plaza Shopping Centre (Bus Stop 60, Waterloo Cnr Rd)	1.05pm	4.05pm
Stop 7	St Kilda Hotel (Carpark)	10.15am	4.15pm
Stop 8	St Kilda Adventure Playground (St Kilda Tackle 'n' Tucker)	1.20pm	4.20pm

St Kilda ➤ Parabanks Shopping Centre			
Location		Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday	
Stop 8	St Kilda Adventure Playground (St Kilda Tackle 'n' Tucker)	10.20am	4.20pm
Stop 7	St Kilda Hotel (Carpark)	10.25am	4.25pm
Stop 6	Springbank Plaza Shopping Centre (Bus Stop 60, Waterloo Cnr Rd)	10.40am	4.40pm
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• Times are approximate only and could be subject to change.
• Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

WORDS Heather Kennett

YOUTH CLEAN UP TO GAIN CREDIT

Young people in Salisbury are gaining new skills, improving their wellbeing and making new connections while working towards the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award.

Offered through Council's youth centre, Twelve25, the Duke of Ed Award is open to young people aged 14 to 24 years to complete in three stages – bronze, silver and gold.

To achieve bronze, participants need to spend one hour per week in each of the four following areas over six months:

- Improving their physical wellbeing
- Volunteering in their community
- Learning a skill
- Experiencing an adventurous journey with a team

All participants are supported by trained award leaders and mentors.

Benefits also include SACE credit and the ability to list the Award on your resume in order to stand out and feeling better prepared to achieve your potential.

Bronze program participant Sofina Le was among a group of young people who took part in recent community clean up days to improve the local area which went towards their volunteering targets.

"It's awesome being able to clean up the area you spend so much time in and doing it with a group that supports you," she said.



Duke of Edinburgh Award participant Sofina Le Thi at a recent clean up day.

"It's a great program as you get support from the Award leader and assessors as you work towards completing all your hours.

"You also get to create SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-Bound) goals and get involved in the community and surrounding communities."

More details on how to enroll in the course can be found at:
[Salisbury.sa.gov.au/dukeofed](https://salisbury.sa.gov.au/dukeofed)

WORDS Nicole Alberton

FINDING FREEDOM

From Afghanistan to Australia, the Haidari family was among the 3,500 people evacuated to Australia when the capital city of Kabul fell to the Taliban earlier this year.

Mayor Gillian Aldridge OAM first met Mohammad Sadiq Haidari, who lives in the northern suburbs, at one of the City's Citizenship Ceremonies where he became an Australian Citizen.

However, it was a sombre day for Mohammad, who reflected on the tragedies happening back in his homeland, where his children and wife Fatima still lived in fear and with limited freedoms.

"Salisbury is proud to be a welcoming City with a thriving Afghan community – which makes up 1.6 per cent of the population."

"After hearing his story and seeing the sadness in his eyes, I helped direct Mohammad to see what could be done to relocate his family," Mayor Aldridge said.

"Salisbury is proud to be a welcoming City with a thriving Afghan community – which makes up 1.6 per cent of the population."

In August of 2021, Council formally moved to stand in solidarity with the people of Afghanistan as images of the unfolding crisis emerged.



Mohammad Sadiq Haidari, pictured with daughters Shila and Lailoma and wife Fatima, met with Mayor Gillian Aldridge OAM recently to celebrate after the family was reunited.

It was around this time that Mohammad's hopes for his family's future were finally answered.

His wife and eight children managed to flee on one of the last flights out of the occupied city.

Mohammad, with his wife and daughters Lailoma and Shila in tow, visited the Mayor to thank her for helping them reunite after almost 12 years apart.

"I still can't believe my family are here," he said.

"I thought I would not see them ever again and now, after three months, they are here and I feel like I'm dreaming."

Lailoma and Shila are adjusting well to their new life and are now in school and enjoying every minute of it.

When asked what she found most different about Australia when compared with her former home, younger daughter Shila's response was telling.

"How safe it is."

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WORDS Erica Visser

NEW RESIDENTS WELCOMED

Each year, hundreds of community members are recognised as new citizens in ceremonies held at Salisbury.

Between January and September of this year, about 1,165 people received citizenship at the Salisbury Community Hub.

These new citizens had arrived from approximately 73 different countries, including 17 per cent from India, 14 per cent from Afghanistan and seven per cent from Pakistan.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Council worked to continue to safely hold ceremonies, with smaller but more frequent events held – with sometimes up to five ceremonies in one day.

Mayor Gillian Aldridge OAM also held five private ceremonies.

*Congratulations to everyone
who became an Australian
Citizen in 2021!*



Parafield Gardens resident Sumanlatha Surendar Kumar moved to Australia from India eight years ago to be with her husband, who works in IT at a local university. "I am number one in our family to become a citizen – it's amazing! I am so excited," she said.



Direk resident Yasin Hassanyar received citizenship with his mother, Gul Nisa Farzana, with his sister Farida there to cheer the pair on.

"It's a great honour and a privilege to be part of this citizenship ceremony," said Mr Hassanyar, who works at the Australian Migrant Association Centre.

The family moved from Afghanistan several years ago and Mr Hassanyar also has a sister living in Queensland.

He said the escalating conflict in Afghanistan had meant it was a distressing time for the local Afghanistan community.

"The community is very disappointed and it is a hard time. It has affected me personally as I have had many calls from people back at home crying," he said.

"I have also deferred my studies for this semester as it is hard to concentrate."



While sixteen-month-old daughter Olivia was born here, Maria and Rewell were thrilled to become Australian citizens five years after the couple moved from the Philippines.



Radwa (back left) and Talal and their six children became Australian citizens earlier in the year. The following day Radwa said "Yesterday was the day of my new birth in this great country since I left Syria as a refugee and I feel that I have lost my humanity and lost safety. I felt marginalised from inside. I lost my homeland and I did not know that God had chosen for me the paradise of the earth Australia".

If you look closely you'll see that Radwa's dress is covered in the Australian flag.

WORDS Erica Visser

LOOKING BACK ON

January



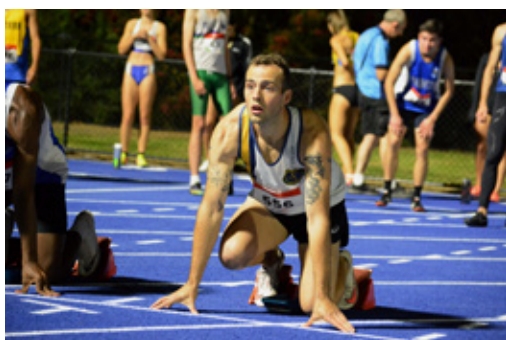
About 1400 people turned out for Australia Day celebrations in the Salisbury Civic Plaza/ Inparrinthe Kumangka including awards, lamington eating competitions and novelty games.

February



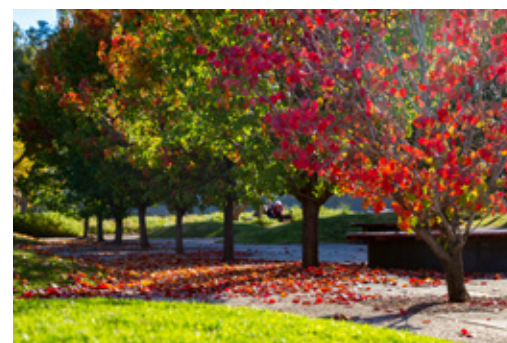
The Salisbury Fringe Carnival was a great success, with show rides, upbeat entertainment and colourful street performers popular with crowds.

March



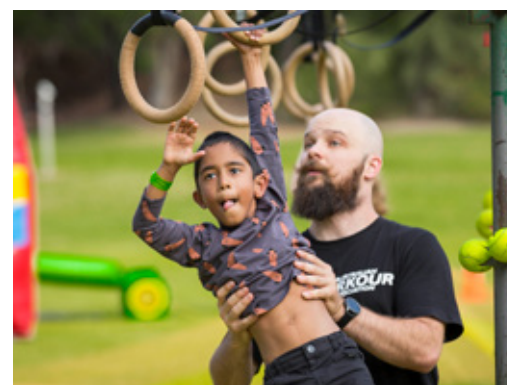
In March we celebrated the opening of the innovative Bridgestone Athletics Centre, while celebrating our multicultural community during Harmony Week.

April



The turning of the season made for a pretty sight at Mobara Park in Mawson Lakes.

May



A Salisbury Community Fun Day attracted hundreds of people of all ages to Carisbrooke Park.

2021

June



To honour Refugee Week, the 'New Land, New Hope' exhibition was held in the Salisbury Community Hub featuring the stories of refugees including local Sudanese elder Margaret Bako, who shared her story of relocating to Australia as a refugee in the 1980s. While living in Roseworthy, Margaret taught herself to speak English by watching episodes of Days of Lives.

July



A Reconciliation in the North morning tea was held by Salisbury and Tea Tree Gully councils to recognise Reconciliation and NAIDOC Weeks. Talented students from Kildare College performed a dreamtime dance and Nathan May took to the stage to share some original songs inspired by his experience as an Aboriginal man living in Adelaide and his hometown, Darwin.

August



Write Now! – the next chapter of the Salisbury Writer's Festival – proved popular with a broad spectrum of community members. Author Katrina Germain took the opportunity to launch her latest children's book, My Dad thinks he's super funny, while paranormal historian Allen Tiller gave insight into his process for researching Adelaide's haunts.

September

Andrew 'Cosi' Costello joined barrages of excited kids at Ingle Farm's Community Fun Day during September. On a quieter note, rare Yellowish Sedge-skipper butterflies were released at the Greenfields Wetlands as part of a project that aims to restore the native species to the area for the first time since the 1980s.



October



A St Kilda Community Fun Day took place in perfect weather!

CITY WORKS

Ongoing maintenance

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

Redevelopment opened at Salisbury Oval, Salisbury



There's plenty of new amenities to enjoy at Salisbury Oval, including a huge new universal access playground consisting of play tower with tube slide, flying fox, swings, see saw, carousel, nature play elements, trampoline, sand pit and rock climbing wall.

There's also fitness equipment, a multiuse sports court and a grassed kick and catch area. This is topped off with toilets, BBQ area and picnic setting. Plus there's footpaths linking the areas.

New landscaping went in and the irrigation was upgraded. We also installed a detention basin to help with stormwater settling and prevent flooding.

And it's all easy to access with parallel parking along Brown Terrace.

Baltimore Reserve in Parafield Gardens has received an upgrade



A bunch of new equipment has been added to Baltimore Reserve to help get you active. There are three new stations of fitness equipment. New line marking has been added to the basketball half court and the tennis court. A new path has been installed that circulates around the oval and connects with paths. There's also a new mini skate park complete with ramps and rails.

Plus a new small dog park has been added adjacent to the existing park. A new smart solar picnic setting with USB charging points and a drink fountain with dog bowl has been included.



Playground upgrades for Paralowie, Pooraka and Mawson Lakes



Orinoco Street Reserve in Paralowie received new playground equipment, a new shade structure and some fresh grass.



Carlyle Reserve in Pooraka received new playground equipment, rubber softfall and mulch and a new shelter for the existing picnic setting.



Parkview Drive in Mawson Lakes got some fresh new features such as a multi-play unit with slide and bits to climb on, a seated carousel, a track rider, talking tubes and a pod swing.

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WORDS Jennifer Sothman

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A free bus service will take community members to and from the Salisbury Community Hub to St Kilda Adventure Playground, three days a week stopping off at key sites along the way. The hop on-hop off bus trial will launch on Tuesday, 5 October and will be available to all members of the public. The initial trial will run for six months.

Andie Mc How good is this. Great for families who may not have a car but would like to take a trip to St K. Fantastic!

Kids In Adelaide What a brilliant initiative.

Nicole Weller This is a brilliant idea.

Kristine Jonas Wow what an idea. Definitely worth a share.

Kylie Batts This is a great idea.

Debbie Grogan Great idea especially for the school holidays.

Sarah Jones This is fabulous! I hope people utilise it well :)



 discoversalisbury

Join Allen Tiller on Halloween for a special edition of the Haunting History walk. Get into the spooky spirit and dress in your scariest costume. Lollies will be handed out at the beginning of the walk.

Rebecca Coles Enjoyed the last walk, great learning about the history as well as the haunted encounters :) Have fun on the tour everyone!



 cityofsalisbury

A new mural has popped up in the local area adding a splash of colour to the Twelve25 Youth Centre (Youth In Salisbury).

Here's a message from the artist Melita Scott (Melita Murals & Art):

A dandelion is a symbol of hope, growth, optimism and wishes. For most of us, blowing on a dandelion brings back memories of youth.

The face depicted in Believe is that of Keira, a 16 year old local student, who also assisted in painting the mural. The bright rainbow of colours used in the mural represent diversity and equality within the community. The mural, Believe, tells a story of encouragement. Believe in yourself, make that wish and aim for it.

"And the dandelion does not stop growing because it is told it is a weed. The dandelion does not care what others see. It says 'One day they will be making wishes upon me'." B. Atkinson

Helen Kaye Umlauf Looking good. A job well done to those who took part.

Chak Man Bista Beautiful work, well done to the artist. Great work.

Jessica Wilson This is very beautiful and touching, I admire the meaning behind your art, you will go far in life sharing your talent.

Christine Smith Looks beautiful. The meaning of the dandelion is inspiring.

Sandi Taylour Just beautiful... looks like all my Rainbow Crochet Blankets.

Rebecca Coles Love this one, very earthy.

Rosie Ratcliff Absolutely beautiful, well done!

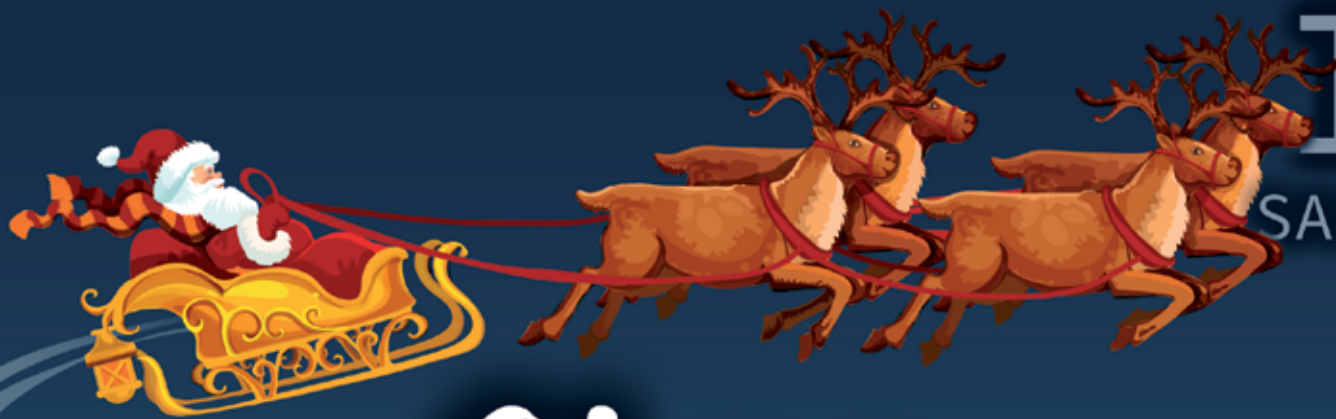
D Waylen EO FANTASTIC mural!!!

Rosene Kotz Well done, looks great, will visit to look at.

Kath Rutledge That's beautiful cant wait to see it up close, well done.

Belinda McKee Beautiful art and so pretty.

Lisa Mansueto How lovely!



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