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Council's Christmas Message



The Northern Areas Council would like to wish community members a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for a happy and prosperous 2023.

It's been a very busy year, with Council continuing its regular works program, in addition to delivering approximately \$6m in grant funded projects.

With this funding, Council has been able to deliver much needed upgrades to community facilities such as Town Halls, Swimming Pools and Sport and Recreation facilities.

Footpath upgrades have taken place in addition to improvements to play-grounds. Council has sealed several

previously unsealed township roads, as well as community areas including the re-seal of the runway at the Sir Hubert Wilkins Aerodrome in Jamestown. This facility serves as key infrastructure for the Royal Flying Doctor Service on a regular basis and the Country Fire Service during the warmer months of the year.

Council has completed various upgrades to enable better disability access to public areas, and also a range of community facility upgrades. Council has expanded the Solar Energy installations, which will save costs for both Council and the community immediately.

Work is continuing with the preparation of final design specifications for the upgrade of the Pine Creek Bridge near Laura. Council has secured just over \$2.9 million in Bridges Renewal grant funding from the Federal Government, toward the end cost of over \$3.6 million. This will not only enable the bridge to be open to large trucks, it will also see the bridge widened to ensure greater safety.

Council recognises the large number of bridges across our unsealed road network and their importance to commodity transportation. Operational Services staff are continuing to work toward a long term plan to maintain this key infrastructure and upgrade where appropriate.

On a positive note, the recent Australian Census, again listed the Council area as being home to one of the highest rates of volunteers in Australia. We wish to thank those hard working volunteers for the terrific work they undertake.

We look forward to working with you all again in 2023 and Safe travels for those who may be on the road during the festive season.

Season's greetings from the Elected Members and Staff of the Northern Areas Council



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Swimming Pool Opening Times for the 2022/23 Swim Season

Jamestown Swimming Pool

- Pool will be closed if temperature is below 24 degrees
- (Bureau of Meteorology Jamestown forecast for the day as at 6pm the night before).
- The pool supervisors have the authority to close the pool early due to low patronage, as defined by no swimmers for 30 consecutive minutes.

Opening Times

During School Term:

- Monday to Friday 3.30pm – 5.00pm, Saturdays, Sundays & Public Holidays 2pm – 5.30pm

During School Holidays:

- Monday to Friday 2pm – 5.30pm, Saturday 2pm – 7pm, Sundays & Public Holidays 2pm – 5.30pm

Further Details: www.jamestownswim.com.au

Gladstone Swimming Pool

- Opening Temperatures (maximum forecast) please use www.bom.gov.au
- Afternoon sessions: 26 degrees or above, Evening sessions: 32 degrees or above.
- The pool will be closed early at any session where there are no patrons within the first 1 hour of opening (at the pool supervisor's discretion) or if there is no canteen volunteer (a second adult required for emergencies)

During School Term:

- Monday to Friday: 4pm – 5.30pm, Sat/Sun: 2.30pm – 5pm, Fri/Sat/Sun Evening: 6pm – 8pm

During School Holidays:

- Afternoons: 2.30pm – 5pm, Evenings: 6pm – 8pm
- Public Holidays: 2.30 – 5pm (closed Christmas Day)

Further details: Gladstone Public Swimming Pool Facebook Page

Spalding Swimming Pool

- The pool will open when the forecast temperature on www.bom.gov.au (Jamestown) for the next day is 28 degrees or above 7pm the night before.

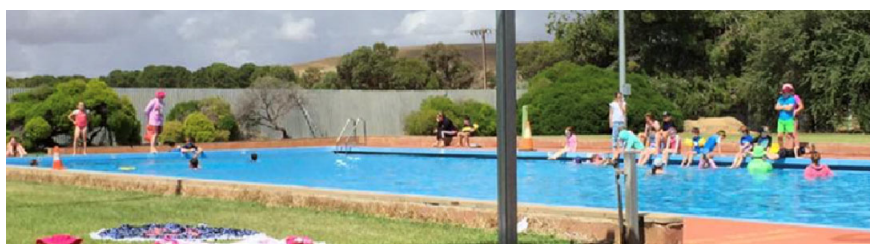
During School Term:

- Mon to Fri, 3.30-5.30pm, Sat & Sun – 3 to 6pm

During School Holidays:

- 3 to 6pm every day

Further Details: Spalding Swimming Pool Facebook Page



Kerbside Waste Collection over Christmas and New Year

Please note: No changes to collection days over the christmas/ new year period

Weekly General Rubbish Collection (Red Lid 140lt Bin)

The waste collection calendar can be viewed or downloaded from Council's website
www.nacouncil.sa.gov.au

Transfer Station Opening times over Christmas and New Year

Gladstone

Sunday 25th December - Closed
Wednesday 28th December – open 9am ~ 11am
Sunday 1st January 2023 - Closed

Jamestown

Sunday 25th December - Closed
Wednesday 28th December – open 12noon ~ 3pm
Sunday 1st January 2023 - Closed

Spalding

Sunday 25th December - Closed
Tuesday 27th December – Closed
Sunday 1st January 2023 - Closed

Dog Control

A reminder that all dogs must be registered with the statewide dog and cat registration system (DACO) which can be accessed online at www.dogandcatsonline.com.au . Council's Dog Control Officer carries out dog registration checks at various times throughout the Council area, and dogs found to be unregistered are liable for a fine of \$170.

Another reminder that it is a requirement for both dogs and cats to be microchipped. Microchipping **does not** replace registration in DACO.

If your dog or cat is deceased please contact Council so that the DACO records can be updated and therefore avoid renewal reminders and possible fines. If your dog or cat is transferred to another owner in a different Council area the DACO records must be updated and also if you become an owner of an animal registered already in DAO your details as an owner must be updated within 14 days of taking ownership.

Cats **MUST** also be registered in the DACO system although Council does not charge fees. Renewal notices are issued for cats at the same time as the dog registrations are due for renewal. Cat owners are advised that they must ensure that their cat's details are kept up-to-date in the DACO system.

Council administration staff are able to help with any queries about dog and cat registrations.

Did you know?

*In South Australia, you **must** keep your dog on a leash no longer than 2 metres unless in an off-leash area marked by Council signage. **Leash up** for dog's sake! Most dog attacks reported to Councils happen when dogs are off-leash. Leashing your dog can save you, your dog and others a lot of pain and anguish.*

When your dog is on a leash, you and your dog are safe. It's not worth the risk, leash up!



Community members who have concerns with dogs barking, harassing people or other animals are encouraged to contact Council's Dog Management Officer, Garry Harris on **0497 322 737**.

Infrastructure Update



Pine Creek Bridge Update

Pine Creek bridge has historically been burdened with a 30 tonne weight restriction. Council recently engaged Engineers to undertake an assessment of the bridge sub-structure/superstructure. They then provided remediation cost estimate for increasing the gross tonnage from the current 30 tonne weight restriction. Council then lobbied the outgoing Federal Government for funding that would target the IBridges Renewal Program (BRP) & Heavy Vehicle Safety Productivity Program (HVSP) and in doing so was successful in securing \$2.98m of the Engineers cost estimation of \$3.66m for remedial works that would increase the current 30 tonne weight restriction.



Council has further engaged the services of engineer consultancies to undertake a detailed design that can be used to support the planned Request For Tender (RFT) for the Pine creek Bridge remedial works. The detailed design is now approximately 75% completed which allows for Council going to RFT early in the new calendar year.

Stormwater Management

Council has organised the services of Engineering consultants to formulate Stormwater Management Plans (SMP) for Georgetown, Gladstone, Laura & Spalding. The cost is \$200k which is 50% co-funded by Stormwater Management Authority (SMA). These plans will be completed by financial years end, June 2023, and the availability of the SMP's will give insurers and property owners a higher degree of confidence concerning local flood water behaviour;

Bridges on the Council Road Network

A level 3 structural assessment has recently been undertaken on the Hill River Road wrought iron bridge which currently has a weight restriction of 68.5 tonne. This stems from the level 3 structural assessment which has outlined works needed to lift the weight restriction and maintaining the existing single lane access.



Such works will likely commenced in the new financial year. Council will have completed its draft Bridge Asset Management Plan (BAMP) for review in early 2023, which will provide guidance to Council for future Capital Expenditure and Operating Expenditure budgets across the next decade.

All Abilities Playground Equipment

Council have recently purchased a new All Abilities swing set, which has been installed at Memorial Park in Jamestown.

Council will progressively incorporate such improvements in future playground upgrades as part of its Disability Access and Inclusion Plan.



Flinders Mobile Library



www.onecard.network/flindersmobile

Summer Operations Calendar

	December	January	February
LAURA 12.45 - 4.15pm	Tuesday 6	Tuesday 3, 17, 31	Tuesday 14, 28
GLADSTONE 1.00pm - 4.30pm	Wednesday 7	Wednesday 4, 18	Wednesday 1, 15
GULNARE 10.00am - 11.00am SPALDING 11.45pm – 12.45pm GEORGETOWN 3.15pm - 4.15pm	Wednesday 14	Wednesday 11, 25	Wednesday 8, 22
YACKA 2.15pm - 3.30pm	Friday 2, 16	Friday 13, 27	Friday 10, 24

Return boxes are located at the Gladstone Council Office, Laura IGA, Spalding Shop and the Yacka Craft Shop.

For more information please contact:

Phone/Fax: 08 8662 2305

Flinders Mobile Library

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Does the library have e-books? Yes we do!

Library membership gives you access to a 100,000+ e-books, e-audio books and e-magazines on your digital device/s for FREE. All you need is to be a library member.

So how do I Join?

Membership of the Library is free to all residents of South Australia. You can join by coming into either Library with proof of ID and address. Or you can join on-line via our website to access all of the SA Libraries network's e-resources without coming ever coming into the Library. The 2 apps the Library uses are:



Libby



BorrowBox

There is a wide variety of material available, both children's and adults fiction, cook books and biography to weekly magazines and scientific publications—in both e-book and e-audio format. All for free and available wherever you are!

Links to download the apps are available from our website: www.onecard.network/flindersmobile

Library staff are always willing to help in the setup of the apps so you can take full advantage of these resources.

Fires Danger Season

The Fire Danger Season is from the 15th November 2022 to 30th April 2023

The fire danger season has commenced and with this in mind Council inspectors have begun checking properties for compliance.

Please continue to look at your property on a regular basis and make sure your property is maintained so that you are preventing fire from starting on or moving through your property. Fire prevention is an OBLIGATION OF ALL LANDOWNERS.

Property Preparation Checklist

- Maintain your lawns, groundcovers, shrubs, trees and garden beds.
- Slash or mow long grass and remove cut material from the land.
- Remove weeds around the house. Don't have any shrubs or trees leaning against the house or overhanging the roof. There must be at least 20 metres of maintained ground around the house.
- Remove weeds around garages, carports, sheds and fences. Don't have any shrubs or trees leaning against them.
- Remove leaves and any dead weeds from gutters and consider gutter guard systems to help reduce the accumulated leaf litter.
- Remove fallen branches and other debris.
- Do not have a creeper or vine growing on a poly rainwater tank
- Check and service all of your mechanical equipment, including grass cutters, water pumps, sprinkler systems and extinguishers.
- Review and update your Bushfire Action Plan. Remember to include your pets in this plan.



Keep informed:

CFS website www.cfs.sa.gov.au

CFS facebook pages

CFS Bushfire Information Hotline: 1300 362 361

Office Closures

Jamestown Administration Office

Closing: 3.00pm Thursday 22 December 2022

Reopen: 9.00am Tuesday 3 January 2023

Normal business hours resume **3 January 2023**

Gladstone Administration Office

Closing: 2.00pm Thursday 22 December 2022

Reopen: 9.00am Monday 9 January 2023

Reduced business hours during January 2023 and February 2023 are outlined below:

Open 2 Days a Week during January 2023

Mon	9	Wed	11
Mon	16	Wed	18
Mon	23	Wed	25
Mon	30		

Open 3 Days a Week during February 2023

Mon		Wed	1	Fri	3
Mon	6	Wed	8	Fri	10
Mon	13	Wed	15	Fri	17
Mon	20	Wed	22	Fri	24
Mon	27				

Gladstone Office will resume normal business hours from **Wednesday 1st March 2023**.

Spalding Administration Office

Closing: 5.00pm Thursday 15 December 2022

Reopen: 9.00am Thursday 12 January 2023

Reduced business hours during January 2023 and February 2023 are outlined below:

Open 1 Day a Week during Jan/Feb 2023

Thurs	Jan	12	19		
Thurs	Feb	2	9	16	23
Thurs	Mar	2			

Spalding Office will return to normal business hours opening two days per week from **Tuesday 7th March 2023**.

Out of Hours Emergency Contact

After Hours Emergency contact number during Christmas Closure period call 0488 999 808

Dog Control Officer: 0497 322 737

Flinders Mobile Library Christmas Closure

Flinders Mobile Library will be closing for the Christmas/ New Year holiday break from 4pm on Friday 16 December 2022. We will re-open for business as usual on Tuesday 3 January 2023.

You can find us back on the road in Northern Areas Council townships on the following dates:

	DATE
Laura	3 January 2023
Gladstone	4 January 2023
Gulnare	11 January 2023
Spalding	11 January 2023
Georgetown	11 January 2023
Yacka	13 January 2023

Please check the timetable on our website for more information www.flindersmobile.sa.gov.au

Don't forget, if you run out of reading material you can always borrow eBooks, eAudio and eMagazine items via our website and/or apps. All you need is your library card number and PIN.

Hydrotherapy Pool Christmas Closure

The Jamestown Regional Hydrotherapy Pool will be closed over the Christmas period as per below.

Closing: Friday 16 December 2022

Opens: Monday 9 January 2023

Care in Motion Passenger Transport (Formerly Northern Passenger Transport Network)

Closing: Monday 19 December 2022

Opens: Tuesday 3 January 2023

For further details please call 1300 132 932



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