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GULLY GRAPEVINE



Christmas bin collection changes

Jingle all the way to Civic Park Carols

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CITY OF TEA TREE GULLY
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Hello



Mayor Marijka Ryan is getting into the Christmas spirit.

Dear residents

With Christmas just around the corner, many of us look forward to spending time with family and friends.

While it's easy to get caught up in the festive season, please remember that Christmas can be a difficult time for some people.

Many face spending Christmas alone. They might be missing loved ones after a recent loss or simply feeling lonely. Others face financial hardship, which means that treats and presents are out of reach.

This year, I encourage you to give the gift of kindness. Consider inviting someone to your Christmas table or to join you at Civic Park Carols. You could send a thoughtful card or simply meet up for a chat. Small acts of kindness can make all the difference.

You might also like to support local charities that help people in need.

I wish everyone a happy and peaceful festive season and the very best for the new year ahead.

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Pop this mag in your yellow recycling bin when you've finished reading to give it a new life!

Cover image:
Pure joy: Five-year-old Leo at last year's Civic Park Carols.

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CHRISTMAS CLOSURES

Council buildings are closed during the festive season.

Scan the QR code for closure and re-opening dates.

LEARN MORE

Have your say

Council's draft 2027–2028 Annual Business Plan and Budget is open for feedback from 3 December.

We're asking for feedback earlier than usual due to the rescheduled Council elections.

Join the Your Say community to get an invitation to have your say on this and other Council matters.

Visit **yoursay.cttg.sa.gov.au**

Fire Danger Season

Prepare your home and get ready, including creating your Bushfire Survival Plan.

See **cfs.sa.gov.au** for more details and tips.



Taylor, Charlotte, Matilda and Jazmin were all smiles at Civic Park Carols 2025.

Making spirits bright at Civic Park Carols

Enjoy a magical evening under the stars at Civic Park Carols on Sunday 13 December.

Actor and singer Rob Mills and *The Voice Australia* 2023 winner Tarryn Stokes will headline this free, family-friendly show. Marshall and Chase from *Paw Patrol* are also special guests.

They will be joined by leading local performers, an 18-voice community choir and crowd favourite Santa Claus.

Arrive early to see the pre-show, which includes iconic Aussie children's entertainer Peter Combe.

Mayor Marijka Ryan said the annual carols celebration is a much-loved local tradition.

"Civic Park Carols brings people together to celebrate the joy of the festive season," she said.

Help spread Christmas cheer by buying an electronic candle at the event to support event charity partner, the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

You can also join in via livestream. For more details, visit **cttg.sa.gov.au/carols** from 5pm on the day.

A special thank you to our event sponsors Solo Resource Recovery, Westfield, the Nine Network and Amberleigh Golden Grove.

CIVIC PARK CAROLS PROGRAM

4pm	Food trucks open
5pm	Pre-show
7.30pm	Main show
9.30pm	Fireworks

THE MERRY DETAILS

dive-in Carols

Soak up Civic Park Carols with a poolside livestream at Waterworld.

- Tickets on sale from 1 December
- $10 per person (includes entry and unlimited slides)
- Bookings essential

cttg.sa.gov.au/waterworld



A festive highlight



One of the best parts of an Aussie Christmas is seeing all the decorated houses on a balmy summer's night – and what better way to experience them all than by following one trail?

You can use our interactive map to discover some of the best and brightest Christmas displays around.

A big thank you to everyone who helped brighten everyone's lives by registering their amazing displays.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TRAIL

HAVE YOUR
NEXT EVENT AT

THE TEA TREE



We cater for all events and celebrations.

Scan for more details or to make a booking.

Have yourself a sustainable little Christmas



Christmas is a wonderful time for many, but not so much for our bins. Plastic packaging, mountains of discarded wrapping paper, unwanted gifts and leftover food all create a monster problem.

Luckily, a few simple changes can help us enjoy Christmas while making our environment's future merry and bright.

1. Make the most of your festive feast

Plan meals around guest numbers, coordinate who's bringing what dish, and check your fridge and pantry before writing a shopping list. After the feast, refrigerate leftovers in air-tight containers, send guests home with a festive snack pack or freeze suitable leftovers you won't eat in time.

2. Gift an experience

Instead of gifting material items that could eventually become waste, gift experiences such as a zoo pass, movie tickets, spa voucher – or even a Waterworld season pass!

3. Keep batteries out of the bin

Some toys and gadgets need batteries to come to life. When the batteries are flat, never put them in a household bin. Take them to a battery collection point at a supermarket or the Civic Centre so they can be recycled safely.

MORE ON WASTE

4. Give old electronics the right send-off

Replacing an old electronic device that still works? Don't dispose of it in your household bin. Instead, pass it on to someone or take it to an e-waste collection point. You can recycle your small-to-medium electronic waste for free at select Bunnings Warehouse stores in SA.

Scan the QR code below for more information on what to do with your waste.

Christmas bin changes

Some bin pick-ups will change for the festive season. Check out the updated schedule below.

NORMAL PICK-UP	RESCHEDULED PICK-UP
Friday 25 December	**Saturday 26 December**
Monday 28 December to Thursday 31 December	**No change**
Friday 1 January	**Saturday 2 January**

2027 BIN CALENDAR

Get your bin calendar with your January rates notice – or download one anytime from our website.

DOWNLOAD



Waterworld season is back!

When the weather heats up, there's plenty of fun to be had at our aquatic park. Start planning your perfect swim season at Waterworld today.

DIVE INTO THE DETAILS

SEASON PASS, ANYONE?

Buy a Waterworld membership to get unlimited entry for 12 months during open season. We also have fixed-term and casual passes. Pensioners enjoy free entry at selected times when they become a member.

LEARN TO SWIM

Swimming classes are held in outdoor heated pools daily in Term 4 and Term 1. They're run by qualified instructors and cater to all ages and abilities. If your child hasn't used their Sports Vouchers, they may be eligible for a free or low-cost term of lessons. Chat to a Waterworld staff member to redeem your vouchers.

PARTY TIME!

Book a birthday party in one of the indoor or outdoor party spaces. Your two-hour event comes with a party host, an hour of fun water-based activities (including priority access to slides), your own private party area and more!

GET AQUAFIT

Stay fit while having fun. This low-impact activity is for all ages and abilities and is run by an experienced instructor. Classes go for 45 minutes with no bookings required.





we ♥ to swim





The Big Aussie Splash

Celebrate Australia Day at Waterworld! The Big Aussie Splash will have loads of fun things to do for the whole family.

Scan the QR code to learn more about what's in store.

LEARN MORE


SRO EVENTS
PRESENTS
A DAY IN THE GULLY
(PERFORMANCE ORDER)
PEKING DUK
THE VERONICAS
XAVIER RUDD
RUEL
J-MILLA
YUNG MILLA
THIRSTY MERC
PASH
JEANE
ZARA CHANTELLE
VYCE VERSO
CHECKERS
SATURDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2027
CIVIC PARK, 995 NORTH EAST ROAD, MODBURY SA
GATES OPEN 12PM | ALL AGES EVENT | ADAYINTHEGULLY.COM.AU
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LEGEND
Council events
Non-council events

What's on in our City

REGULAR EVENTS & PROGRAMS



MONDAY MOVIE CLUB

Grab the popcorn and settle in, it's time for movie night! You might not know every month where we might take you, but you will be glad that you came along. Films may be rated from G to M15+.

- Various Mondays, 6–7.30pm
- Tea Tree Gully Library
- Free

STRENGTH FOR LIFE 50+

A program for those over 50 years who want to get fit. Until 18 December; recommencing 11 January.

- Sessions daily, times vary
- Turramurra Recreation Centre and Golden Grove Recreation Centre
- $50 assessment fee, session passes available

TEA TREE GULLY KINGFISHERS MASTERS SWIMMING CLUB

Where fitness meets friendship in the water. For ages 18+. Expert coaching available.

- Mon, Wed and Fri, 6.30–7.30pm
- Waterworld
- Free for first three sessions
- Call 0432 737 904 for details

Book now or see more events!

SCAN HERE

OVER 50s BADMINTON

Join the over 50s club for a hit of badminton and a tea or coffee catch-up after. Equipment supplied.

- Wednesdays, 1–3.30pm until 16 Dec; recommences on 13 Jan
- Turramurra Recreation Centre
- $7 per person
- Call 8397 7433 to book

SOCIAL BADMINTON

Everyone is welcome to join these casual sessions. Equipment supplied. No bookings required.

- Mondays, 1.30–3.30pm until 14 Dec; recommences 11 Jan
- Turramurra Recreation Centre
- $8 per person

TBC FIELD ARCHERS

Come-and-try archery sessions with all equipment provided. Suitable for ages 5 and up.

- Sundays, 10.30am (no sessions on first Sunday of month)
- 145 Seaview Road, Yatala Vale
- Free
- Email info@tbcsa.com.au or call 0477 174 292

LADIES DAYTIME BASKETBALL AND NETBALL

A great way to get active at a low cost. Nominate a team or register as an individual player. Free creche for children aged 5 and under.

- Basketball: Wednesdays, 9.30–11am until 9 Dec; recommences 27 Jan
  Netball: Thursdays, 9.30–11am until 10 Dec; recommences 28 Jan
- Turramurra Recreation Centre
- One-off $15 player registration; $10 game fee per player
- Call 8397 7433 for details

MODFIT

A low-to-medium intensity exercise program for over 50s. BYO gym towel and mat. No bookings required.

- Session times and days vary until 17 Dec; recommences 12 Jan
- Turramurra Recreation Centre and Golden Grove Recreation Centre
- Single session: $10, 5 visit pass: $45, 10 visit pass: $90
- Call 8397 7429 for details

JANUARY

MODEL TRAIN EXHIBITION

The SA Railway Modellers Association is back with another model of a railway. See all the details of these intricate layouts up-close.

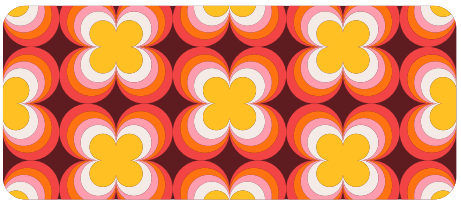
- 12–19 January, library open hours
- Tea Tree Gully Library
- Free

FEBRUARY

IT STARTS IN THE BACKYARD

The backyard is a place of expansive possibilities. This is an Adelaide Fringe exhibition.

- Launch event: Thurs 4 Feb, 6–8pm
  Exhibition: Fri 5 Feb – Sat 20 March
- Gallery 1855
- Free



BRIT PARADE – FLOWER POWER EXPRESS

Take a groovy, high-energy musical trip through the iconic sounds of Woodstock, Monterey, The Summer of Love and beyond.

- 11 February, 1.30pm
- Golden Grove Arts Centre
- $26 per person



Daniel, Damilola, Adetola, Japheth, Gabriel, Adeoye, Dunmininu and Demilade enjoying a school holiday event.

The fun starts here

Looking for low-cost or free ways to keep the kids busy during the school holidays?

Our school holiday program is packed with super fun ideas that are guaranteed boredom busters!

Whether your child enjoys drawing and painting, sports and games, music and performance or hands-on crafts, there's something for everyone.

Visit our website from 30 November to discover what's on and start planning your holiday activities.

WHAT'S ON

READY, SET, RIDE!



Myra and Abhir on the mini road network at the Road and Cycle Safety Centre.

Roll on down to the mini road network at the Road and Cycle Safety Centre.

Kids can test their bike and road safety skills as they tackle traffic signals, pedestrian crossings, roundabouts and more.

It's free to use every Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday and public holidays from 9am–7pm over summer.

The centre can also be booked for birthday parties and by school and community groups.

HAZEL GROVE, RIDGEHAVEN

LEARN MORE



From little things, big things grow

Silverlake Reserve has a bright future ahead once again, thanks to a little help from our friends at Dernancourt Kindergarten.

But in early 2025, it was a very different story when the reserve's pine forest was removed due to a giant pine scale insect invasion.

In response, Council carried out a plan to restore the reserve by planting native trees and shrubs and installing new paths, a nature play area and carved timber animal sculptures.

Council turned to the children next door at Dernancourt Kindergarten for their expert advice on nature play elements.

Council staff ran a planting morning with the children, followed by a nature workshop with Kildare College students.

"The site is already looking great and will look even better when the trees and plants get more established," said Council CEO Ryan McMahon.

Thank you to everyone involved in this project. It just goes to show that beautiful things can happen when everyone works together.

SILVERLAKE RESERVE
918–924 Lower North East Road, Highbury



A fresh start

Groundwork begins shortly on the $4 million restoration of Elliston Reserve – a big step in the reserve's recovery after a 2023 giant pine scale infestation.

A multi-level treehouse playground, bike tracks and hundreds of new trees will feature in the upgrade to be completed in mid-2028.

The state government provided $3.15 million for the project.

ELLISTON RESERVE
953–987 Lower North East Road, Highbury



Your guide to outdoor adventures

Walk this way

Summer is a great time to explore our many local walking and cycling trails.

Take in the views, see historic ruins and maybe even meet local wildlife at Anstey Hill Recreation Park or Cobbler Creek Reserve.

If you're looking for something less challenging, try the paths along the River Torrens, Dry Creek and the O-Bahn track.

During hot weather, plan your walks for cooler mornings or evenings. Remember to also be snake aware.

Visit our website for more trail recommendations and choose a route to suit you.

DISCOVER MORE TRAILS



Invitation to play

Slip, slide, swing the day away at one of the 120 public playgrounds in our City.

Choose your own level of adventure, from towers and slides, through to swings, carousels, tunnels and pump tracks, designed for different ages and abilities.

And the good news is that more exciting playgrounds are on the way next year, including brand-new playgrounds for Maxlay Reserve.

Visit our website to find a playground near you. Use the filter to find features, such as barbecues, toilets, shade and accessibility.

FIND A PLAYGROUND





Above: Jubilee Reserve

Below, from far left: Dry Creek Corridor, Golden Fields Reserve Adventure Playground, Golden Fields Reserve Skate Park

Ramp up the fun

Get set for a wheelie good time at local skate parks.

Kickflip, grind and roll your way to Golden Fields, Bentley Reserve or Modbury skate parks.

They cater for skateboard, inline skating, scooter and BMX riders of all skill levels.

You can ride into the night with lighting available at each site until 10pm daily.

MORE ABOUT SKATE PARKS



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BALMORAL WARD

Investment into local community infrastructure is key to the betterment of our neighbourhoods. Over the next nine months, you will see a series of important upgrades across the ward. These include the new playground at Whinnen Reserve in St Agnes, road resurfacing within Gilles Plains and Hope Valley, and the installation of new footpaths within Valley View. In Holden Hill, stage 1 stormwater works and broader amenity improvements are underway, while ongoing improvements continue across Modbury.

Working with SA Water, we have secured a commitment to complete road repairs and reinstatement along Tolley and Grand Junction Roads, following their recent works.

Street corner meetings remain an important way for us to stay connected with residents. Please take the opportunity to attend when we are in your area. Your feedback helps shape the priorities we deliver.

As your local ward councillors, we want to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

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DRUMMINOR WARD

It's a wonderful time to get out and about, connect with our neighbours and celebrate the people and places that make the City of Tea Tree Gully such a special place to live.

For families looking for a fun free outdoor activity, the Road and Cycle Safety Centre is a fantastic local facility that helps children develop their cycling skills and confidence. Featuring a miniature road network, the centre provides a safe, controlled environment where children can practise riding, while learning important road safety skills

This year's Youth Achievement Awards attracted approximately 50 nominations, highlighting the remarkable contributions young people are making across our community. Congratulations to all winners, runners-up and nominees.

Through the Council's Community Grants Program, the Pathway Community Centre received $3,000 to replace a freezer to store food for distribution to community members experiencing hardship.

If you have any questions, concerns or ideas about our local community, please contact us. We'd love to hear from you.

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HILLCOTT WARD

We successfully moved that the Milne Road traffic report recommendations be accepted by Council, including:

- Upgraded roundabout at Ladywood Road
- Second roundabout at the Ladywood Road/ Milne Road intersection.

This will be scheduled over the next five years. Most accidents on that stretch of Milne Road were caused by failure to give way, not speeding.

Ladywood Road now has a 40km school zone from Macadam Street to Kestral Way. School traffic management remains a concern throughout our area.

Maxlay Reserve's final community consultation has finished. We look forward to watching the $1.8 million masterplan become a reality.

The aerator at Wynn Vale Dam continues to be monitored and the yellow floating buoys have been painted black to look less obtrusive.

The Wynn Vale Community Garden Open Day featuring ABC's Sophie Thomson was a huge success and the Golden Grove Lutheran Church Fete was great fun.

We wish everyone a lovely Christmas and new year with their families and loved ones.

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PEDARE WARD

We're pleased to share a few exciting updates and highlights from our community.

We successfully applied for portable speed check signs to be placed near our local schools. Signs are scheduled to commence operation in Term 1 2027.

This is a positive step towards encouraging safer driving around schools to helping keep our community safe.

It was wonderful to see another successful Muddy Hands Festival at Golden Fields – a wonderful reminder of what makes our area a special place to live.

The Worldly Cafe at Harpers Field continues to bring people together through food, culture and friendship. Thank you to everyone involved in making these evenings such a success.

Some exciting news for local football, with a nail-biting two-point preliminary final loss this year. Former Crows forward and SANFL star Lewis Johnston has been appointed coach of Pedare's Golden Grove Kookaburras, who will compete in Division One of the Adelaide Footy League in 2027.

WARD SUBURBS

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STEVENTON WARD

Council recently supported Cr Hawkvelt's motion to investigate a financial assistance program to help residents maintain significant trees to keep them healthy and safe. The report will be returned to Council in 2027 for consideration.

Cat by-laws have now been in place in the City of Tea Tree Gully for more than a year. We thank residents for practising responsible pet ownership and remind everyone that the safest place for your cat is at home.

Improvements around the ward continue to progress, including the new multifunction court at Illyarrie Reserve and new dog park at Tilley Reserve, now open for play!

Fire danger season is here. Have you completed your Bushfire Plan? Check the CFS website for tips and tricks on being bushfire ready.

As 2026 draws to a close, we thank everyone in our community for contributing to making our City a wonderful place to live and wish everyone a happy and healthy festive season. See you in 2027!

WARD SUBURBS

Surrey Downs, Fairview Park, Banksia Park, Tea Tree Gully, Vista, Yatala Vale, Houghton, Upper Hermitage, Gould Creek, Golden Grove (part)



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Position Vacant
See cttg.sa.gov.au/emnews for more details

WATER GULLY WARD

As the year winds down, the events are ramping up around the City with end-of-year celebrations, including the popular Civic Park Carols.

Lutheran Homes hosted its food hamper handover morning tea, which I was pleased to attend. We attended the beautiful Remembrance Day service held by the RSL in Memorial Park.

I had the pleasure of speaking at The Hope Valley Bowling and Community Club season opening. This is a much-loved annual event, which I attended along with the Mayor, Councillors Sandy and Bernie Keane and local MPs. They have built an amazing club there and are getting a few needed upgrades to their facilities soon.

The Tea Tree Gully Croquet Club held a come-and-try day in October, which was a lot of fun. The friendly members gave good instructions on the game.

I wish you all a bright and merry Christmas, and a joyous and prosperous new year.

Please reach out to me with any queries.

WARD SUBURBS

Hope Valley (part), Dernancourt, Highbury, Paracombe (part)

Authorised by L McLay, Acting Electoral Commissioner

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Council Elections 2027



Enrol. Nominate. Vote.

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