



It's easy being green

Story P5

Turning kerbside waste into fuel

Imagine if you could turn kerbside waste into a usable fuel.

Thanks to some very innovative technology and a partnership between organisations that are passionate about creating a proper 'circular economy', the idea is one-step closer to becoming a reality.

Greenhill Energy, Dryclone Australia, Peats Soil and Garden Supplies and the City of West Torrens have collectively agreed to investigate the potential of using household kerbside waste to produce hydrogen to power vehicles (see story page 7).

How it would work

Step 1: Kerbside waste, known as Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) would be dried and processed at Adelaide Waste and Recycling Centre at North Plympton, a site owned by Council and operated by Solo Resource Recovery.

Step 2: Greenhill Energy would construct and operate a gasification facility at the site (yet to be determined) where the processed MSW would be used as feedstock for the production of hydrogen and hydrogen-derived fertiliser products.

Step 3: Solo Resource Recovery, Peats Soil and Garden Supplies and Council would replace various diesel-powered vehicles with suitable hydrogen powered heavy haulage vehicles in their fleets.

Step 4: Suitable locations for one or more hydrogen refuelling stations for the vehicles would be scoped.

Step 5: Peats Soil and Garden Supplies would also use the hydrogen derived fertiliser products in its product mix.

"As a progressive Council, we are always looking for ways to take a leadership role in the challenges of climate change, energy and waste," Mayor Michael Coxon said.

"We are excited that this project has the potential to address all of these challenges while contributing to a more healthy and sustainable environment; it is in keeping with our Community Plan 2030."

Peats Soil and Garden Supplies Managing Director, Peter Wadewitz, agreed with Mayor Coxon, saying: "I am genuinely excited about the potential of this project to provide a circular economy solution to our waste and provide valuable products as outputs that we can all use."

Dryclone Australia, which is a privately owned subsidiary of Solo Resource Recovery, is committed to providing economical technology to Australia, focussing on diverting residual waste from landfill and maximising recycling opportunities.

"Dryclone Australia proposes a unique technology that processes a large volume of MSW efficiently at low temperatures and produces a great product ideal for use in gasification processes," Solo Resource Recovery Manager Adrian Rose said.

Greenhill Energy Managing Director Nicholas Mumford added: "We are proud to be progressing this project together with its partners and we're excited about delivering our own strategy at the intersection of the emerging circular and hydrogen economies, which is ultimately for benefit of our future communities."



Plympton Ward

Cr Simon Tsiaparis

Plympton International College pick up and drop off: Since 2015, I have been working with Plympton International College and Council staff to create a safer environment at pick-up and drop-off times. In the 2021-22 budget, Council has allocated funding towards the construction of indented parking bays along the Errington Street Reserve and further passenger zones along the corridor. This will increase pick-up and

drop-off capacity and safety in the area, while maintaining traffic flow.

Local Area Traffic Management (LATM): The Ashford, Keswick, Marleston, Kurralt Park, Plympton, North Plympton and Netley LATM is progressing. The LATM is a strategic way of examining traffic and parking issues, such as volumes and speed, while considering pedestrian and bicycle movements and accesses in the local area. A working party of staff and local ward councillors will work through the data and develop strategies based on recent community feedback. This will help Council staff to develop a program of works to be implemented over the coming years to create a safer road network.

Library funding: Council recently passed a

motion to write to the Minister for Local Government to request that there be no reduction to current funding levels for local libraries. Our Council library is an integral component of our community and provides a wide range of services and programs which can be accessed by West Torrens residents and the broader community. Libraries are more than books; they're community hubs and are invaluable to the fabric of our community. I want to thank the staff and volunteers that help run and maintain our library and its services.

As your elected representative, I aim to make myself available as much as possible. If you have any issues or feedback for the local area, please don't hesitate to contact me on 0403 599 569 or via email stsiaparis@wtcc.sa.gov.au

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From left, Community Development Officer Vanessa Green with volunteer gardeners and painters Tracey Preston, artist Ella Simpson, Mary Lou Tucker, Andrew Bekeris, Patricia Hardin.

Mural creates space with a buzz

It's big, it's bold, it's bright and it's bee-autiful.

These are just a few words that can be used to describe the new community art mural at Plympton Community Centre.

The environmental themed mural, completed in April this year, is a collaborative piece undertaken by members of the Plympton Community Garden, City of West Torrens staff and community artist Ella Simpson.

Renovation and restoration works at the Centre have been ongoing for the past few years and as part of these, the volunteer gardeners sparked the idea of the mural to add vibrancy to the area.

Artist Ella Simpson, from Ink and Ruby Studios, was engaged by Council in November 2020 to design and deliver the mural, working with volunteer gardeners to create a design that considered the space, people's ideas and could help liven and brighten an otherwise dull fence.

In February 2021, Ella held a workshop with the gardeners to gain their design ideas and explain how the mural process would occur.

After presenting a number of designs to the group, the 'bee mural' was given the stamp of approval and during two days in April, Ella and a team of five gardeners completed the painting.

"The mural provides the perfect finishing touches to the renovations," Community Development Officer Vanessa Green said.

"When Ella presented the various designs to the group, there was only one which featured the native blue banded bee, and that was really important to the group. We're very happy with the end result as not only does it bring a sense of vibrancy and unity to the space; it is also reflective of our native flora and fauna."

The mural measures around 14 metres in length and four metres in height and Mayor Michael Coxon said that Council was keen to provide funds for the project.

"Public art is very important to West Torrens, not just as a Council but also as a community," Mayor Coxon said.

"We have around 61,000 residents from 110 countries who live in West Torrens and because our community is so diverse, it's

important that our public spaces provide places where people from all walks of life want to be.

"Further, we are currently developing a Public Art Strategy which will provide guidance and ideas on how we can increase our public art profile in the city and how we can engage more with our community."

The mural can be viewed at the rear of Plympton Community Centre, 34 Long Street, Plympton.

Mayor Coxon, Vanessa Green and gardener Tracey Preston spoke with Radio Adelaide's Emma Wotzke in May about the project. The interview can be heard online by scanning the QR code.



New Code aims to increase suburban trees

The recently implemented South Australian Planning and Design Code has introduced an Urban Tree Canopy Overlay. The intent of this is for residential development to preserve and enhance urban tree canopy through the planting of new trees and retention of existing mature trees where practicable.

Previously, there was no mechanism to increase tree canopy on private land when new dwellings were developed. It is expected that for every new dwelling within this overlay area that a tree is planted in line with the following table, based on the site area:

Site size per dwelling (m2)	Tree size and number required per dwelling
< 450	1 small tree
450-800	1 medium tree or 2 small trees
> 800	1 large tree or 2 medium trees or 4 small trees



There are some instances where tree planting may not be feasible. This is due to either the zone or soil type, such as in the Housing Diversity Neighbourhood Zone, Urban Renewal Neighbourhood Zone or where the following soil types (in accordance with Australian Standard AS2870) are:

- a) H1-D: Highly reactive clay sites, which may experience high ground movement (41-60 mm) from deep-seated moisture changes; or
- b) H2-D: Highly reactive clay sites, which may experience very high ground movement (61-75 mm) from deep-seated moisture changes; or
- c) E-D: Extremely reactive sites, which may experience extreme ground movement (>75 mm) from deep-seated moisture changes.

When a new dwelling is located in one of the zones, or has a designated soil type,

then the developer may elect to pay into the Urban Tree Canopy Off-set fund as follows (as at March 2021).

Tree size	Rate (\$ per tree)
Small	\$300
Medium	\$600
Large	\$1,200

This Fund can be accessed by Council but can only be used for certain purposes including:

- the planting, establishment and maintenance of trees within reserves and public land
- purchasing land to preserve trees or to accommodate tree planting in an area with a low urban tree canopy level or demonstrated loss of canopy.

For more information on the Urban Tree Canopy overlay or the Urban Tree Canopy Off-set Scheme visit plan.sa.gov.au

Overlays can be accessed via sappa.plan.sa.gov.au

Throwing light on our LED upgrade program

Did you know there are around 8,500 public lights across West Torrens?

Public lighting has many benefits, among them promoting security and safety in urban areas and increasing people's ability to be outdoors by extending 'light' hours. Lights also help improve safety for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.

During the past few years many councils across Australia have been working with electricity providers to upgrade public lights to Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs). LEDs offer the advantages of:

- brighter light with reduced electricity consumption
- low radiated heat
- longer light bulb life.

The City of West Torrens has been working with SA Power Networks to upgrade public lights from standard street lamps to LED for the past few years.

The upgrade project began in 2019-20 with around 1,100 lights changed to LED, and in our most recent financial year (2020-21) we upgraded another 2,600 lights.

While the conversion to LED lights is more costly than just replacing a light bulb, Council stands to save around 40 per cent of energy costs if all lights are exchanged for LEDs, as well as a large reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

"While LEDs have financial and environmental benefits for our community, they also require much less maintenance, which further reduces operational costs," City Assets Manager Joe Ilesi said.

"LED street lights can reduce energy consumption up to 80 per cent when compared with older style street lamps.

"Ultimately we would like to see all lamps upgraded to LEDs but this would be a large financial impost on our community, hence we are undertaking this in a staged process."



Plympton Ward
Cr Surender Pal

On 27 March 2021, I assisted in the local clean-up day organised by the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Temple, Adelaide at Weigall Oval.

Following the event, the organiser of the clean-up day contacted me to thank the

Council for supporting the event and they hope to hold similar clean-up days within our Council area in the future.

Below is the correspondence I received from the organiser:

'BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir - Adelaide, organised a 'Community Clean-up' initiative to foster a sense of shared ownership of one's community. This initiative provided an opportunity for individuals to volunteer their time by cleaning roadsides and/or open areas of accumulated litter, and trash, thereby beautifying the space for all.

On Saturday 27 March 2021, this initiative was executed at Weigall Oval Reserve at Oval Terrace, Plympton where the Councillor of the City of West Torrens, Surender Pal, was also present.

We would like to thank Cr Surender Pal who supported BAPS by coordinating with Council for the recommended location and organising the rubbish pick after our clean-up efforts.

BAPS is proud to note that more than 33 individuals participated in this upstanding cause.'



Clockwise from above: Greening Australia's Cory Nicholas gives some planting tips during Arbor Day 2021; Adeline, Isabelle and Helen braved the cold to do their bit; Alistair tops up water buckets and Mayor Michael Coxon pitches in to help.



Community gets behind Arbor Day

After not being able to proceed with our annual Arbor Day planting in 2020 due to COVID-19, it was great to see such an enthusiastic community turn out to attend this year's planting along the banks of the River Torrens Linear Park at Lockleys.

Around 100 people braved the cold on Sunday 6 June 2021 and there would have been many more people had we not had to limit numbers due to COVID restrictions.

Arbor Day has been celebrated in Australia since 1889 and is traditionally held on a day during June. Its aim is to help rejuvenate our environment with trees and plants that are locally native to the area.

This year our group of volunteers sowed more than 3,500 plants on the riverbank near Michael Street, Lockleys with species including a variety of grasses, shrubs and flowering plants. Member for Colton Matt Cowdrey MP, Mayor Michael Coxon and Thebarton Ward Councillor Graham Nitschke all attended the event.



This year's planting event was undertaken in partnership with Greening Australia and Green Adelaide, with Council receiving \$30,000 funding assistance from Green Adelaide as part of the River Torrens Recovery Project. This project targets priority sites to improve water quality and ecosystem function in the river.

Environment Sustainability Officer Amy Bruckman said local native flora not only helps restore the natural beauty to the area, but also provides a much-needed source of habitat for birds, pollinators and other unique native wildlife along the river, such as the Rakali.

"Locally native plant species also have a long flowering period which extends throughout the winter when many other plants are dormant," Amy said.



"This is very important to our local ecosystem as it provides an important source of food for our native wildlife. Native species replace weed species across the site, which also helps bank stabilisation and contributes to restoring local biodiversity."

More photographs from our Arbor Day planting can be viewed on our Facebook site - facebook.com/cityofwesttorrens

COVER PHOTO: Munny So and Daro Yom added a splash of colour to a cold winter's day to plant trees for Arbor Day.



Keswick Ward

Cr Elisabeth
Papanikolaou

Trash to energy technology: Making hydrogen from waste is not only a carbon-free, energy rich fuel, but the approach also diverts mountains of trash from landfill and waterways, eliminates greenhouse gas emissions and is a technology that can help solve the waste crisis. The raw materials are cost-negative – it will come from our red bins (general waste). Currently it is costing Council \$140 per tonne to have landfill waste processed; our priority is to reduce this. Everywhere people live waste is generated; but not everywhere that people live is there a plant that can process waste and produce pure hydrogen that is energy-efficient and an environmentally friendly alternative. The City of West Torrens is the first local government authority in Australia to investigate such technology. It is not a new technology, but a proven technology using gasification techniques. See story P2.

South Road tunnel reveal: Dubbed the hybrid solution, the Department of

Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) will build a combination of tunnels, lowered and ground-level motorways, as well as over passes at key intersections. Work on the reference design is still ongoing and the first pictorial of this was released to the Community Reference Group that I am a member of, and represent the City of West Torrens, before being circulated to the public as part of a consultation survey.

Masterplan for Richmond Oval: Our community's wellbeing is important to me and here is another project we have embarked on - creating an open space that is user friendly. Our masterplan includes for the first time a shared running track/ kids bike track and a connection link to the Westside Bikeway path. More information can be viewed at yoursay.westtorrens.sa.gov.au

Peake Gardens Riverside Tennis Club:

In December 2020 the City of West Torrens was successful in receiving grant money of \$950,750 from the Office of Recreation, Sport and Racing to redevelop the clubroom facility. This was unexpected but well received news for the club, which has a great history in the suburb of Marleston. Another open space for our community to come together and use.

Brown Hill Keswick Creek Stormwater Project: Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi (Park 16) Wetland Construction. To cope with a 100 year flood event a wetland is being constructed to mitigate flood risk in downstream areas one which West Torrens is part of. 130,000 cubic metres of soil is being excavated, sorted and tested to form the wetland.

To keep up-to-date visit bhkcstormwater.com.au

Local Government Reform Bill: The Bill underwent alterations before it was passed by Parliament. Some of the changes that will occur from 2026 once the Bill is proclaimed by the Governor include:

- Impose a cap on the number of Council members to 13, which includes the Mayor.
- The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) remuneration to fall within a band to be determined by the Remuneration Tribunal.

The Bill will also help make councils more transparent with regard to community engagement as it will introduce a 'community engagement charter', which will modernise the way councils engage with communities. This will help ensure that major decisions made by local government are subject to appropriate consultation across the board.

Time to register your dog

It's that time of year again when dog owners need to register their pets.

Registrations are required by no later than 31 August and can be paid online at dogsandcatsonline.com.au

Dogs and Cats Online (DACO) was implemented in July 2018 to replace the individual dog registration registers previously maintained by 68 different councils in South Australia.

DACO provides a one-stop online service for all registration payments, microchipping and breeder information, change of address details and change of contact details. It is accessible 24/7 and is easily accessed from smartphones, tablets and computers.

Dog registrations expire each year on 30 June and registration renewals can be made from 1 July to 31 August. If payments are not made within the required time-frame, a late fee will apply.

For people who have recently moved to West Torrens with a registered dog, you must transfer your dog's registration details to the City of West Torrens within 14 days via DACO.

For more information about dog registration, visit westtorrens.sa.gov.au/dogreg

Cat registrations

While the City of West Torrens does not charge a fee for cat registrations, cats born after 1 July 2018 must be desexed and microchipped, as is the same with dogs.

Cats must also be registered with DACO so that if a lost cat is found in the neighbourhood the owners can be notified quickly to avoid the animal being taken to Animal Welfare League.



Top 10 names of dogs registered in West Torrens

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| 1. Bella | 6. Buddy |
| 2. Charlie | 7. Ruby |
| 3. Max | 8. Archie |
| 4. Coco | 9. Lucy |
| 5. Molly | 10. Oscar |

Top 10 breeds of dogs registered in West Torrens

1. Maltese
2. Labrador Retriever
3. Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
4. Border Collie
5. Staffordshire Bull Terrier
6. Australian Kelpie
7. Jack Russell Terrier
8. Golden Retriever
9. American Staffordshire Terrier
10. Poodle (standard)

Get social!



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follow us on social media

**What's
on ...**

**... in West
Torrens**

Here are lots of ideas to be more active, learn new skills and meet people at a local community group. If you have a local activity that you would like to promote in the next edition of Talking Points, email tchaplin@wtcc.sa.gov.au

*Photo: Apex Park Community Centre -
home of the Combined Probus Club of West Beach.*



Get crafty and find some treasure

The Embroiderers' Guild of South Australia Exhibition

West Torrens Auditorium Gallery, 1 Brooker Terrace, Hilton.

9 September - 7 October: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10am - 6pm, Thursday 10am - 8pm, Saturday 10am - 4pm, Sunday 1pm - 4pm.

Contact: Barbara Mullan barbarajmullan@gmail.com

The Handspinners and Weavers Guild of SA

196 South Road (corner Lurline Street), Mile End.

Are you interested in hand-spinning, weaving, dyeing, felting or associated crafts? Guild meetings are held on the first Saturday of the month and Informal guild groups meet regularly through the week. All members are welcome to join these groups, with a small donation requested. The Little Glory Gallery is open Wednesdays and Saturdays, 11am - 3pm.

Email spinweavesa@gmail.com



The Lions Club of Richmond Op Shop

63 Penong Avenue, Camden Park.

This op shop is the size of a school gymnasium and sells furniture, books, clothing, crockery, glassware, electrical, tools, plants, jewellery and more. Open every Wednesday 9am - 12noon and the first and third Saturdays of each month 9am - 12noon.

Phone 8295 4048.

The Embroiderers' Guild of South Australia

Regular meetings for general and special interest groups at 16 Hughes Street, Mile End.

Beginners to advanced stitchers are welcome to any session. We also have a wide range of classes available to suit all tastes and skill levels. Membership starts at \$80 for the year.

For further details visit embguildsa.org.au or phone 82341104.

Trading Post Church of St Richard of Chichester

1 May Terrace, Brooklyn Park.

The trading post is a pop-up op shop with lots of good quality/low cost items including homewares, books, plants and food.

Friday 20 August, Saturday 21 August, 9am - 2pm.

Friday 1 October, Saturday 2 October, 9am - 2pm.

Friday 12 November, Saturday 13 November, 9am-2pm.

Sport and fitness

Western Youth Centre

79 Marion Road, Cowandilla.

For more details visit wycinc.com.au

- Annual general meeting and presentation night Friday 27 August, 7pm - open to community members.
- Cricket: practice Thursday 5pm - 7pm, matches Saturday.
- Gymnastics: Monday, Wednesday 6.30pm - 7.30pm.
- Judo: Tuesday, Thursday 6pm - 7.30pm.
- Kindergym and pre-gym: Tuesday 9.30am, 10.45am, 12.30pm. Thursday 9.30am, 10.45am & 12.30pm.
- Marching: Tuesday 7pm.
- Table tennis: 8.30am - 12.30pm.
- Tennis: coaching Monday, Thursday afternoons, Sunday morning.
- Adelaide Titans Soccer Club: contact club for training times.

Airport Over 50s Club

18 Coral Sea Road, Fulham.

For more details visit airportover50club.org.au

- Aerobic dance and tone, Monday 9am.
- Keep fit, Monday 10.15am, Wednesday 9.30am.
- Pool/8 ball, cards, Monday 11.30am and Wednesday 11.30am.

- Chi ball, Tuesday 9.30am.
- Mah-Jong, Tuesday 1pm, Thursday 1pm.
- Zumba Friday 9.15am, 10.15am.
- Indoor bowls, table tennis, pool/8 ball, Friday 11.30am.
- New members very welcome.

Adelaide Malibu junior squash

1 Autumn Avenue, Lockleys.

Come and play squash Mondays and Wednesdays after school. Squash is fun, easy to learn and all the equipment is provided. Learn from experienced coaches Zoe and MJ who have working with children approval. Phone Zoe 0401 848 243, email zoeshardlow@hotmail.com

Senior's volleyball

Plympton International College gymnasium, parking via Myer Avenue, Plympton.

Try volleyball on Mondays and Wednesdays 5.30pm - 6.30pm. Senior/retired men and women with a reasonable level of mobility can join the group and no previous experience is necessary. We divide into even teams and play to modified rules for exercise and fun. Cost: First night free, then \$25 per player per season. Phone Alan 0481 382 845.

Dynamic Balance for Life - for men and women over 50

Winwood Street, Thebarton

Adelaide University Judo Club presents a

10 week course on Tuesdays that will help you improve your core strength and balance and minimise the harm from falling. You will learn techniques that will protect your head and limbs as well as how to safely roll to the floor. With limited numbers in the group you will receive individual attention from experienced coaches.

Bookings are essential. To register and for details on dates and times, phone Meera 0409 740 733.

Novar Gardens Sports Club - lawn bowls and pétanque

489 Anzac Highway, Novar Gardens

Social bowls Mondays and Wednesdays from 12noon.

Pennant competition bowls and lawn bowls coaching also available. To register email

admin@supernovars.com.au or phone 0431 487 743.

Social pétanque Fridays from 6.15pm and Sundays from 12.30pm. Meals, competition and coaching also

available. For more details email

petanque@supernovars.com.au or phone 0418 831 446.



Be social

National Servicemen's Association 70th Anniversary Celebration and Open Day

Monday 6 August, 11am - 2pm

41 Surrey Road, Keswick

See the unveiling of the NSA's new memorial and visit their clubrooms to learn about our military history.

Entertainment provided by the SA Pipes and Drums Band and lunch is available for a donation to Legacy.

To register phone 8293 6344,
email NSAASA@adam.com.au

Combined Probus Club of West Beach

Apex Community Hall, 616 Burbridge Road, West Beach.

Meetings and activities for retired/semi-retired men and women on the first Thursday every month,
10am - 12noon.

Phone 0428 858 895.

Hilton RSL

147 Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Hilton.

Enjoy a low-cost meal and the chance to win a raffle prize every Friday night 6pm - 7.30pm.

Email hilton@rslsa.org.au

Probus Club of Airport District Inc

Airport Over 50s Club, Coral Sea Road, Fulham.

Guest speakers followed by lunch at the Lockleys Hotel.

There are also outings to theatre shows and places of interest, plus coffee groups for men and women.

Fourth Thursday every month, 10am.

Phone Vicki Miller 0407 867 574.

Rotary Club of West Torrens

West Adelaide Football Club, Milner Road, Richmond.

Networking and fundraising meetings for professional people every Tuesday 6.30pm.

Phone Bruce Harrison 0418 532 563.

Camden Community Centre

7 Carlisle Street, Camden Park

Phone 8376 0022, email admin@camden.org.au

- Camden men's shed: Monday to Thursday, 9.30am – 3pm.
- CHSP social programs: Community connections with lunch for people over 65, Monday to Thursday 10.30am – 1.30pm. Monthly travel club for people over 65 includes bus trip, morning tea and lunch.
- Op Shop: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10am – 2pm, bargains galore, clean quality donations accepted.
- Computer classes: Tuesday, free - bookings essential.
- Pleasure art class: Wednesday 2pm – 4pm.
- Pilates: Wednesday 6.30pm – 7.30pm.
- Men's social group: Friday 11am – 2pm including lunch.
- Close to my heart scrapbooking and card making: monthly Friday evening 7.30pm – 11.30pm, Saturday afternoons 1pm – 5pm.
- Bingo at Camden Hall: Saturday 7.30pm – 9.30pm, doors open at 5.30pm for light meals.
- Community garden with raised garden beds to grow your own veggies and herbs.

Fulham Community Centre

19 Fitch Road, Fulham.

For more details visit fulhamcc.com.au

- Monday: Crèche 9am - 12noon, Hot desk for mums in business 9am - 12noon, Meditation for women 9.30am - 10.30am, Let's learn technology 10am - 12noon, Mixed art lessons 10am - 12noon, Cooking class for women 10.30am - 11.30am, Kid friendly/family meditation 4pm - 5pm, Shaolin kung fu (ages 14 and over) 6.30pm - 8pm.
- Tuesday: Playgroup 9.30am - 11.30am, 60 plus fitness 9.30am - 10.30am, Maxima employment consultancy 9am - 5pm, Spectrum kids 4pm - 5.30pm, Golden Knights martial arts 6.30pm - 8.30pm.
- Wednesday: Crèche 9am - 12noon, Hot desk for mums in business 9am - 12noon, Art class for women 9.30am - 10.30am, Groove dance for women 10.30am - 11.30am, Maxima employment consultancy 9am - 5pm, MJB Dancers 4.30pm - 9.30pm.
- Thursday: Playgroup 9.30pm - 11.30am, Tai chi 9.30am - 10.30am, 50 plus fitness fun 11am - 12noon, African drumming and dance 4pm, Yoga 6.30pm - 7.40pm.
- Friday: Crèche 9am - 12noon, Hot desk for mums in business 9am - 12noon, Pilates for women 9.30am - 10.30am, Sleep consultant (monthly first Friday) 10am - 12noon, 50 plus craft fellowship 10am - 12noon, Yoga for women 10.30am - 11.30am, Inner piece art therapy 2.45pm - 4.15pm, Radio experimenters group (monthly) 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

Thebarton Community Centre

Corner South Road and Ashwin Parade, Torrensville.

For more details phone 8416 6333.

- Robot Club for children, Monday to Friday 4pm during school term.
- Falun Dafa exercise, Thursday 7pm.
- Lynne Brown's music sessions for people with a disability, fortnightly Thursday 10.30am.
- Greek Pensioners of Thebarton, Friday from 7am.
- Italian Pensioners of Thebarton, Wednesday from 8.30am.
- Fitness and wellness mat classes, Wednesday 10am.
- Bradley Bettens' fun, fitness and friendships, Monday, Tuesday 9.30am.
- Narcotics Anonymous, Mondays 7pm, Wednesdays 6pm.
- Adult children of alcoholics anonymous, Mondays 6.30pm.
- Orana's dance for people with disability, Monday from 4.30pm.
- Debtors Anonymous, meeting once a month Thursday, 7.30pm, phone Michael 0434 407 206.

Plympton Community Centre

34 Long Street, Plympton.

For more details phone 8416 6333.

- Fit ball drumming, Tuesday 3pm - 4pm.
- Sewing Studio, Monday 6pm, Wednesday 11am.
- Movers and Shakers exercise for over 50s, Friday 9.45am.
- Share a Table lunches for people over 50, Tuesdays fortnightly from 10am.
- West Torrens Seniors Program with 8 ball and games, Thursday 11am.
- Hayhurst Senior Citizens group with afternoon tea, cards and indoor bowls, Saturday 12.30pm.

Education

Thebarton Senior College 2022 enrolment information sessions

40 Ashley Street, Torrensville.

Find out more about the college, meet key staff, see our facilities and learn about our wide range of subjects and courses. Registrations are essential via Eventbrite.

Wednesday 1 September, 5pm - 6.30pm.

Thursday 9 September, 5pm - 6.30pm.

Phone 8159 3100, email info@tsc.sa.edu.au

Lockleys Primary School book week dress up parade and story time

29 Elston Street, Brooklyn Park.

Morning tea provided for future and current parents.

Friday 27 August, 9am - 10.30am.

RSVP by Friday 20 August, phone Katie 8443 6103.





HYDI Chief Executive Officer Roger van der Lee with Mayor Michael Coxon at the launch of the new hydrogen powered waste trucks in West Torrens.

Hydrogen technology at work in our streets

Solo Resource Recovery is taking the lead in West Torrens to reduce carbon emissions by fitting HYDI hydrogen technology to its garbage and recyclables collection vehicles. The company is working with our Council to pilot the system in South Australia.

As a long established Australian company with a national fleet comprising more than 500 vehicles, Solo is also fitting the innovative hydrogen on demand fuel supplementation system on trucks in Perth and New South Wales.

Adrian Rose, State Manager Solo Resource Recovery South Australia, said that the initiative was a tangible commitment by Solo to reduce carbon emissions using technology that is economic and immediate in effect.

"We believe we have a responsibility to the communities in which we operate, and to the world at large, to contribute to the net zero carbon emissions objective," he said.

The HYDI system generates hydrogen to supplement the fuel for heavy equipment, enabling a more efficient combustion process and a reduction of up to 80 per cent of diesel particulate matter and other greenhouse gas emissions. Diesel fuel usage decreases and power output increases. Over

a five month trial period, a public transport passenger bus operating in suburban Adelaide fitted with HYDI delivered an average fuel saving of 12.5 per cent.

The City of West Torrens is supportive of Solo's decision to undertake this initiative as it complements our environment and sustainability focus to respond to climate change.

"We congratulate Solo Resource Recovery on its initiative to adopt the HYDI hydrogen technology on its waste collection vehicles," Mayor Michael Coxon said.

"Our Council is keen to minimise its own carbon footprint, and that of our community, so we value the measures our suppliers and contractors implement to do the same."

John Wilson, HYDI's Managing Director said that while attention was focused on future technologies which usually required huge investment and long lead times, it should be remembered that existing heavy industry, transport and bus assets have a life cycle of 20 years or more.

"As a result of this, we can make a significant and immediate contribution to reducing the 29 per cent of carbon emissions attributed to transport with our

retrofit unit which pays for itself via reduced fuel consumption," Mr Wilson said.

The HYDI Hydrogen electrolysis technology is unique in its design and efficiency, with units already deployed in heavy transport, mining, agriculture and marine applications.

Your Say |

To be involved in community engagement and consultation projects, join our Your Say West Torrens group.

Your Say is an online forum that enables you to take part in surveys, discussions and provide comment on projects and issues which affect our community.

Registration is secure and you can stay up to date with projects and nominate topics you're most interested in.

Register today at
[yoursay.westtorrens.
sa.gov.au](https://yoursay.westtorrens.sa.gov.au)

Tech savvy classes help us stay connected



One of the many things to come out of the COVID-19 pandemic is people's increased reliance on technology to help us stay connected.

Not only are we looking to technology for things such as online catch-ups and QR code scanning, but many services have now moved on-line to help deal with physical distancing restrictions and offer alternatives for people to minimise their contact with others.

For some, learning new technologies can be relatively easy and intuitive; for others it can take a bit longer to grasp.

That's where our Rewire program at the Hamra Centre Library can help out.

Rewire is our digital literacy program that offers tech help options for people using computers, smartphones and tablets (iPads). From troubleshooting tech issues to group information sessions, the Rewire program enables ongoing digital learning for all



members of the community, regardless of how tech-savvy you may be.

How does it work?

Rewire provides individual assistance for people and covers functional skills, new technologies, e-safety, creativity and critical thinking. It provides participants with opportunities to practice skills that they have learned in a fun, relaxed and interactive way.

Four 'drop in' sessions are held each week; 2pm - 4pm each Monday; 10am - 12pm on Thursdays; 1pm - 4pm Fridays or 10am - 4pm each Saturday.

Participants are asked to register for a session (to help with group numbers) and you must be a member of a South Australian public library (One Card). Rewire is free and bookings can be made by contacting us on 8416 6228.

Sessions are held in the Hamra Centre Library's Learning Centre on Windows-based computers and a range of mobile devices. Alternatively, we encourage participants to bring their own mobile device or laptop if they have one.

Feature classes

We also offer Rewire 'feature classes' that are small group IT classes for beginners and intermediate users.

These classes are featured on our website or you can contact the library to find out what classes are scheduled.

We recently held two classes about streaming and video conferencing. The first helped people who were unsure about how to stream videos, television shows and music, while the second taught the basics of how to use video conferencing platforms such as Zoom and Microsoft Teams.

More information and bookings

To find out more, speak to our friendly staff at the Hamra Centre, 1 Brooker Terrace, Hilton, contact us on 8416 6228 or visit our website, westtorrens.sa.gov.au/rewire

Comfort quilts offer more than warmth

Visitors to the Hamra Centre Library on the second and fourth Fridays of each month could be forgiven for thinking that our library had taken on a crafty feel.

In actual fact it does, as these are the days that we host the very talented and friendly members of the Orange Tree Quilters group.

The Orange Tree Quilters are a not-for-profit quilting group dedicated to having fun and providing quilts, and other associated craft products, to people in need in our community. The name Orange Tree was chosen as it represents generosity.

The Zahra Foundation, which is based in West Torrens, was recently a recipient of the group's generosity when it was gifted several hand-made quilts created by members of the Orange Tree Quilters.

These quilts will be provided to women and their children who may have had to leave their homes as a result of domestic violence with few or no possessions. It is hoped that the quilts will provide comfort to those who are rebuilding their lives.



A selection of quilts made by the Orange Tree Quilters and donated to the Zahara Foundation.

The Zahra Foundation was established in 2015 in honour of Zahra Abrahimzadeh, who died at the hands of her estranged husband after enduring more than 20 years of domestic violence. The foundation is a South Australian based charity supporting women and children affected by domestic and family violence. It specifically addresses the financial abuse and disadvantage that women experience as a result of domestic violence and it provides tailored programs and services that promote economic empowerment.

The Foundation relies on community support to continue providing its valuable programs and services. If you wish to find out more on how you can support Zahra, visit zahrafoundation.org.au, email admin@zahrafoundation.org.au or contact 8352 1889.

Likewise, if you'd like to find out more about the Orange Tree Quilters and the work they do for others, contact our Community Services team on 8416 6236. The group is always looking for new members and extra help.

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Council plans for the new financial year

Each year we spend many hours diligently preparing a budget and annual business plan that details programs, services and projects for our numerous resident, business, sporting and community sectors for the coming year.

This year's budget has been prepared through a COVID-19 lens in that we are still feeling the effects of 2020-21 economic downturn due to COVID; but we will be fast-tracking some of our major projects to help our economy get back on its feet quicker.

Our budget for 2021-22 shows an allocation of almost \$32 million for capital works in West Torrens. Our works program has been accelerated this year thanks to Federal, State and Local Government grant funding opportunities, however in order for us to obtain some of these much-needed grants, funds need to be matched by Council.

We will be advancing some of our major works projects, which will help generate employment and boost job opportunities in West Torrens; they will also provide our community with much-needed infrastructure and services sooner.

To fund these programs, the overall rise in revenue derived from rates for the 2021-22 year is 1.85 per cent, which, we are pleased to say, is 0.5 per cent lower than what we predicted in our previous budget. We are cognisant of 'cost of living' pressures and will always strive to keep our rates as affordable as possible, while continuing to provide the best facilities and services for our community.

Before approving this year's budget and business plan, we invited our community to have their say and provide feedback. This is part of our aim to engage with all our ratepayers and to help ensure that funds are allocated where they are best needed. Our plan also aligns closely to the focus areas set out in our Community Plan 2030 and our comprehensive asset management plans. These can be viewed at westtorrens.sa.gov.au

Payment of rates

Rates can be paid in full by 1 September 2021, or you can elect to pay in quarterly instalments due:

- 1 September 2021
- 1 December 2021
- 1 March 2022
- 1 June 2022.






Assistance

For assistance with your rates, contact our Service Centre on 8416 6333 or email csu@wtcc.sa.gov.au

Complete information about our 2021-22 Budget and Annual Business Plan can be found on our website, westtorrens.sa.gov.au or hard copies can be viewed at our Civic Centre, 165 Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Hilton, or the Hamra Centre Library, 1 Brooker Terrace, Hilton.

Infrastructure

We'll be investing \$31.9m this year including:

Roads and footpaths	\$15.1m	
Buildings and public land	\$6.3m	
Stormwater and drainage	\$5.4m	
Recreational facilities	\$3.4m	
Plant and equipment	\$1.7m	
Total	\$31.9m	




Community facilities

We'll be allocating \$4.8 million for facility community facility upgrades. These projects will be ongoing for several years and will include additional contributions from both State and Federal Governments.

Thebarton Oval/Kings Reserve	\$1.8m	
Apex Park/Lockleys Oval	\$1.2m	
Richmond Oval	\$1.0m	
Thebarton Theatre	\$0.8m	
Total	\$4.8m	

Community initiatives and services

Providing services and projects for our community is very important. This year we will be providing:

Waste management	\$7.3m	
Community development	\$2.1m	
Community care (includes Federal funding)	\$0.6m	
Public lighting	\$1.1m	
Grants and donations	\$0.7m	

Rates payment plan Register today

1. Visit westtorrens.sa.gov.au/online-services or scan the QR code.
2. Select 'My Rates'
3. Click 'Register for this Service'
4. Complete registration information.



Snapshot of upgrade works



Thebarton

- Stirling Street - upgrade of drainage works; completed May.
- Admella Street and Reserve upgrade - construction works due to start early this financial year.

Kurralt Park

- Daly Street - road crossing upgrade has started; to be completed in October 2021.

Hilton

- Bagot Avenue - road reconstruction and upgrade - to be completed in September 2021.

Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) plans

- Torrensville/Thebarton - final design of the Driveway Link, Hayward Avenue at the junction with Ashley Street has been completed.
- Novar Gardens/Camden Park - various traffic calming projects are currently undergoing detailed design. Construction of the traffic calming device at the junction of Bonython Avenue and McCann Avenue has been completed. The remaining traffic control devices being considered for the 2021-22 financial year include:
 - o A roundabout at the intersection of Bonython Avenue and Shannon Avenue.
 - o Traffic control device on Saratoga Drive
 - o Road speed humps in Coorilla Avenue.
- Richmond/Mile End - a draft LATM for this area has been completed and a position paper has been presented to a working party.
- Marlestone/Keswick/Kurralt Park/North Plympton/Ashford - a draft solutions paper was developed following the review of concerns by the local community; this paper formed the basis for concept plans, which have been presented to a working party.

Traffic and parking review

- Meyer Street, Torrensville - new 2P zones to be installed between East Street and Jervois Street (following community consultation).
- Underdale Promenade - a review of area-wide two hour time parking was recently undertaken with residents and the majority of responses were in favour of a two hour limit on Haddrick Court between 8am - 5pm, Monday - Friday.
- Ritchie Terrace, Marlestone - 3P zones being considered and out for resident consultation.
- Pearson Street, Thebarton - 4P zones being considered and out for resident consultation.
- George Street, Thebarton - increasing 30 minute parking to one hour - out for resident consultation.
- North Parade, Torrensville - 2P zones between South Road and Danby Street being considered and out for resident consultation.
- Arthur Street, Richmond - currently reviewing existing parking controls.
- Bus stop 205, Airport Road - consultation has closed regarding the bus stop's relocation and residents supported this. It is now subject to a Development Application.

Fruit fly in West Torrens

Fruit fly restrictions still remain in place in many suburbs in West Torrens.

This means that as a resident you are limited with what you can and cannot do with some fresh produce that you have either purchased or picked from your garden.

In South Australia, fruit fly outbreaks are classified in different 'areas' - red, yellow and green.

Suburbs in West Torrens are listed in either a red or yellow area, which means that you cannot take fruit out of the area and, in some cases, from your property.

Suburbs (and part suburbs) included in fruit fly 'red' areas include:

- Brooklyn Park
- Cowandilla
- Hilton
- Keswick
- Kurralt Park
- Marlestone
- Mile End
- Mile End South
- Netley
- North Plympton
- Plympton
- Red areas
- Richmond
- Thebarton
- Torrensville
- Torrensville
- Underdale
- West Richmond.

Suburbs (and part suburbs) included in fruit fly 'yellow' areas include:

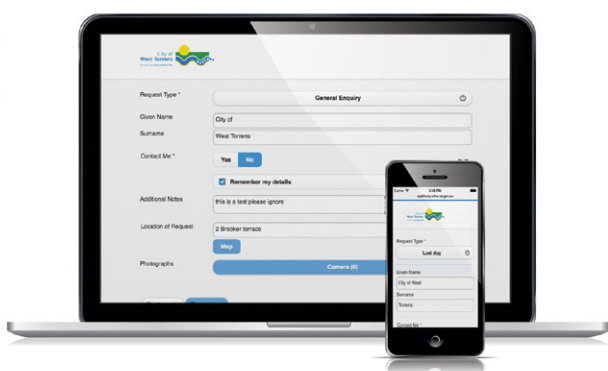
- Adelaide Airport
- Camden Park
- Glenelg North
- Keswick Terminal
- Lockleys
- Novar Gardens
- West Beach.

For more information about what you can and cannot do with regard to fresh produce visit fruitfly.sa.gov.au

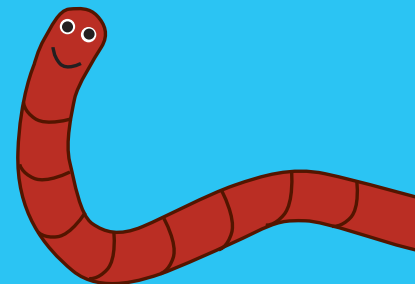
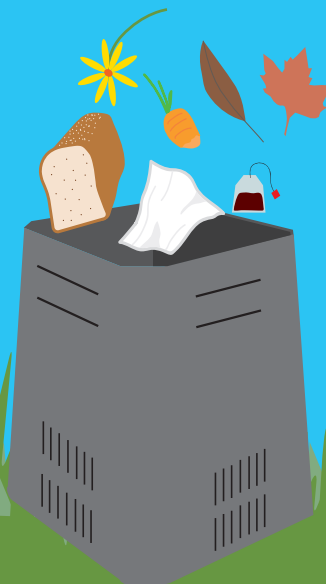
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Recovering and reusing your food scraps

National Recycling Week, 8-14 November 2021, is a chance to focus on the environmental benefits of recycling, including food waste. This year's theme is 'Recovery - A future beyond the bin.'

Food comprises around 40 per cent by weight of household waste sent to landfill. In landfill, food and other organics break down slowly and release methane, which, if not captured, is a greenhouse gas 25 times more harmful at warming the planet than carbon dioxide. Keeping food waste out of landfill is a simple action we can all do to reduce global warming.

During National Recycling Week, we will be staging community workshops that focus on systems that recycle food waste. Come and hear expert advice on worm farms and compost bins and give your food scraps a future beyond your bin that also benefits your garden!

Guest presenter: Alan Shepard

Alan has years of experience in establishing successful compost systems and worm farms at community, school and organic gardens in Adelaide and has held many successful workshops for Council. You can book for one or both.

When: Thursday 11 November 2021

Where: Plympton Community Centre
34 Long Street, Plympton

Composting: 6.30pm - 7.30pm

- techniques for setting up and maintaining a successful system
- how to use liquid compost, humus and accelerators.

Worm farming: 8pm - 9pm

- how to set up various systems
- what to feed worms
- how to use the castings and juice
- how to keep worms alive in hot weather.

To book, contact Margaret on 8416 6333 or email msteuart@wtcc.sa.gov.au

Once you have the low-down on home composting systems, you may feel more confident to buy your own compost bin or worm farm and claim a rebate from us. To find out more about the rebates visit westtorrens.sa.gov.au/foodwasterecycling



Dispose of chemicals for free

Do you have any old paints and chemicals lying around that you need to dispose of?

The Adelaide Waste and Recycling Centre is now open seven days a week so people and trade painters can dispose of any old chemicals and paints in a responsible manner.

The facility, located at 181 Morphett Road, North Plympton, provides residents with the opportunity to dispose of up to 100 litres of paint or chemicals.

Items that can be disposed of for free include:

- acids and alkalis
- batteries
- brake fluid
- cleaning products
- coolants
- fumigants
- fluorescent light globes
- liquid paint
- LPG gas cylinders
- motor oil

- pesticides
- pharmaceuticals
- photographic chemicals
- poisons
- pool chemicals
- solvents
- varnishes and stains.

This service is open Monday - Friday, 7am - 4pm; Saturday and public holidays 8am - 3pm; Sunday 10am - 3pm (closed Christmas, Boxing, New Year's Days and Good Friday).

For more information, visit westtorrens.sa.gov.au/chemicalspaint

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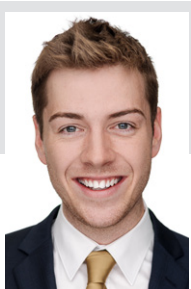
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