

Infrastructure & Operations

Green Organic Drop Off Days

Four free green organic drop off days were held in February 2022. A total of 1431 drop offs occurred. 200.33 tons of green organics were processed.



Clean Up Australia Day 2022 – Sunday 6 March 2022

Twelve groups registered to participate in Clean Up Australia Day 2022 in the Adelaide Hills Council area. AHC provided waste disposal to seven of these groups. The remaining groups disposed of the waste themselves.



Waste Education Stall

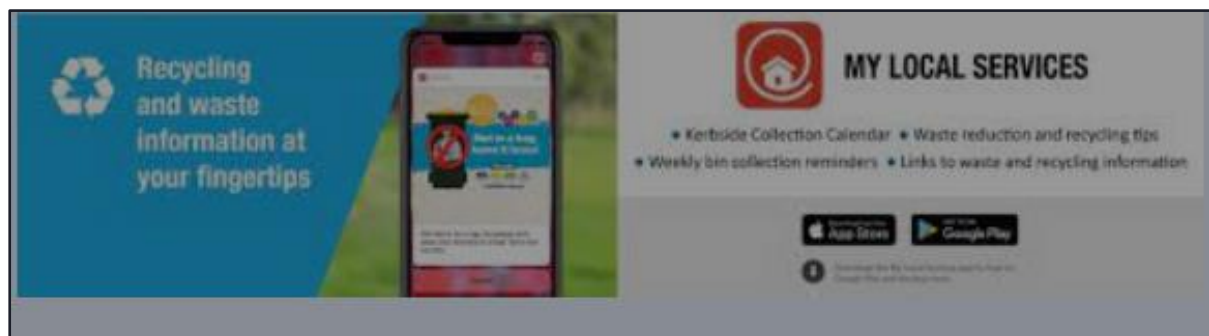
The waste education stall attended the Discover, Play Bikeway event at Charleston on Sunday 6 March 2022.



My Local Services App

The My Local Services App is being used by a total of 19,219 users across the seven East Waste Member Councils. Adelaide Hills Council currently has 14% of its residents using the app.

Council	Users	Percentage of residents
City of Norwood Payneham St Peters	1556	9%
City of Mitcham	3776	13%
Adelaide Hills Council	2313	14%
City of Burnside	2968	15%
Town of Walkerville	669	19%
City of Prospect	2280	25%
Campbelltown City Council	5657	26%



Tackling giant gorse infestation at Birdwood

An important fire mitigation outcome has been achieved by removing a significant vegetation fuel load that was present on private property on the north side of the Torrens River and Birdwood township as a result of Council's involvement in [Tackling giant gorse infestation at Birdwood - YouTube](#)

Upon identifying the 6 Ha, 100% density weed infestation and realising the potential risk to the residents of Birdwood of a fire approaching from the north, Councils Technical Officer Parks & Reserves identified the key stakeholders, evaluated available funding opportunities and initiated a partnership arrangement between the private land managers, the DEW Burning on Private Lands Program team and Hills and Fleurieu Landscapes Board staff to eradicate the weed infestation.

Instigating this initiative resulted in the elimination of the fire risk posed by this weed infestation, and showcases the achievements made by private property owners working together with local and state government land managers to deliver biodiversity protection and fire mitigation management strategies that benefit the local community.

Gumeracha – Federation Park new entrance signage and Skate Park plaque

We have already received positive feedback from the Community about the new sign. We'll be planting some new native plants around it to tie in with the recently upgraded main street.



Lobethal Bushland Park – entrance signage

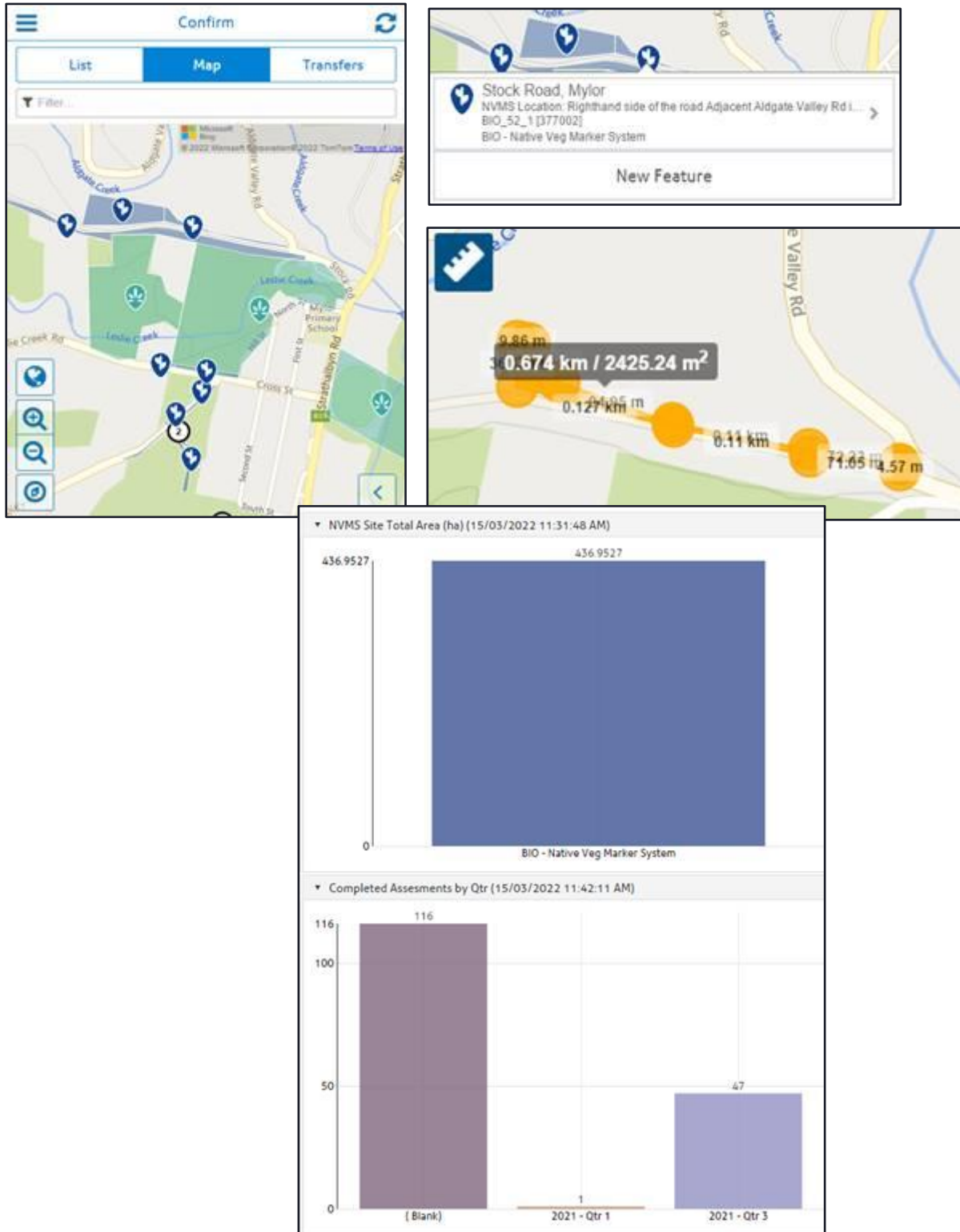
Under the Federal Regional Tourism Bushfire Recovery (RTBR) Grant, Adelaide Hills Council have been able to fund some new park entrance signs, after the older signs were damaged by the Cudlee Creek Bushfire. The double signs are positioned to allow for better viewing when approaching from either direction along the Kenton Valley Road. The third sign will be erected at the Reservoir Road entrance.





Strategic Assets – Using Connect in the field

Council's Biodiversity Team have commenced using Connect with the vegetation marker sites (Blue Marker Sites) as well as monitoring works. Council will continue to work on and adapt where systems allow and assist field staff to view and update real time data while on the road. Connect was rolled out for the Biodiversity Team at the end of February 2022.



Bridgewater Oval Drainage

Through a joint venture of all the sporting clubs involved at Bridgewater Oval, with support from Council, the Oval has recently undertaken new drainage works for the whole oval area.

This was completed to reduce the amount of water pooling around various areas of the oval, with the water now being directed to the creek line.



Charleston – fitness station at playground

Council was delighted to assist the Charleston Community Centre with the installation of new community exercise equipment, now available at Charleston Park.

The Charleston Community Centre Committee has announced how proud they are to unveil this selection of nine exercise stations at the Charleston Park.

This initiative was made possible by the generous bequeath from the late Bill Fechner and will provide an opportunity for locals and visitors to establish and maintain healthy habits while enjoying our Adelaide Hills.



Erica removal at Mylor Parklands

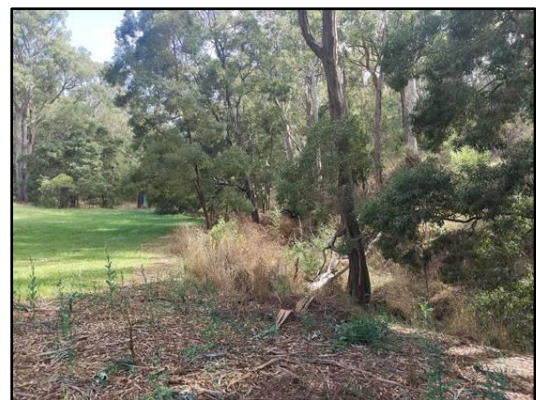
Council has regularly worked with contractors, volunteers and State Government to rid Mylor Parklands of a particularly bad thicket of Erica since 2014. Recently, the Biodiversity Team reached out to the Landscape Board for more assistance through their Landscape Priorities Fund and was allocated \$15,000 p.a. for two years to help tackle this issue, reducing fuel loads while increasing habitat value.

This will be followed up by works undertaken by Council contractors over the next month, with both Council and the Landscape Board to consider allocating more funds to the project in the 22/23 Financial Year. The Landscape Board contractors have been through, with the following results – a large area cleared. However much more left to go, as can be seen in the second photo, taken uphill looking down to the cleared area with more Erica to go (bright green) on the right.



Lenswood Centennial Reserve update

Landscapes Hills and Fleurieu and PIRSA obtained a \$3,000,000 grant for Local Economic Recovery (LER) stimulus for in restoration works and weed management within the Cudlee Creek Bushfire Scar plus a 5km buffer zone on roadsides and watercourses. Council applied for some of the funds through this grant (\$25,000 for Financial Year 21/22) to be spent on the watercourse at Lenswood Centennial Park, a high biodiversity site under Heritage Agreement.



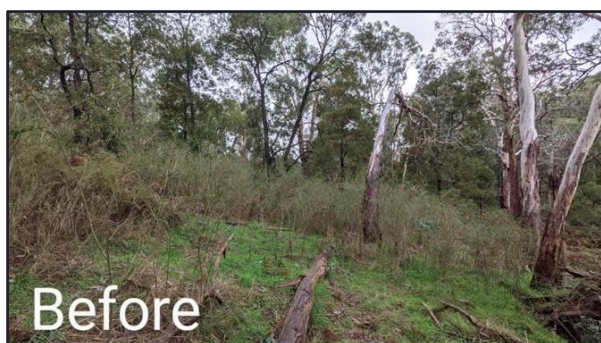
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Mid creek before

Mid creek after



Heathfield Oval Changerooms

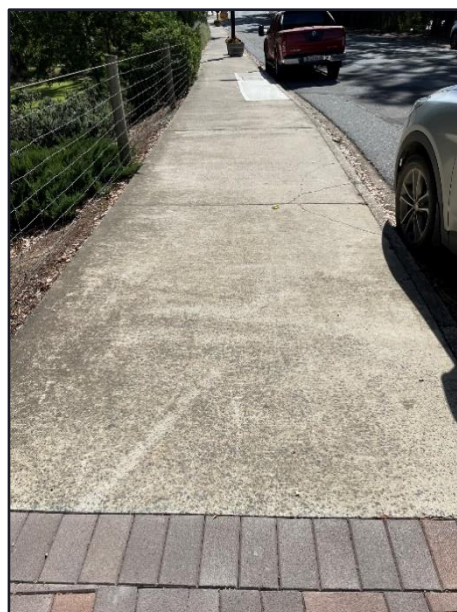
Works progressing very well.

1. Bottom change rooms, existing floor getting waterproofed and adjusted.
2. Wet areas receiving water proofing and tiles, all floors installed.
3. Retaining wall installation to landing for upstairs.



Gumeracha – footpath

The Gumeracha footpath pressure clean; complete.



Lobethal Bushland Park Play space

Council's newest playground - Bushland Park Play space - was officially opened on the 24 February 2022. The new facility covers an area of 1,420m² and caters for a diverse range of ages. New hard base paths provide increased accessibility between the junior and senior play areas as well as linking to the BBQ shelters and picnic settings. An amazing and picturesque setting for a family outing.





Gumeracha, Albert Street – new footpath

Gumeracha, Albert Street new footpath to Randell Terrace; complete.



Heathfield High School Courts

Heathfield High School Courts, works are pushing toward completion with the courts, all asphalt works complete at the site, the rubble pad for the future buildings installed with services ready for construction.

Court surfacing is active this week with a levelling coat applied followed by sanding to produce a good levelled surface prior to final sealing.





Road Reseals – Spray seals

The spray seal program is in full swing with works completed in Lower Hermitage, Kersbrook, Forreston, Birdwood and Lobethal.

To date seventeen roads have been resealed. The focus of operations will now be in the Woodside, Balhannah and Forest Range areas.



Road reseals - rejuvenations

Work on the road rejuvenation projects has been completed with seven roads treated across the Council area.

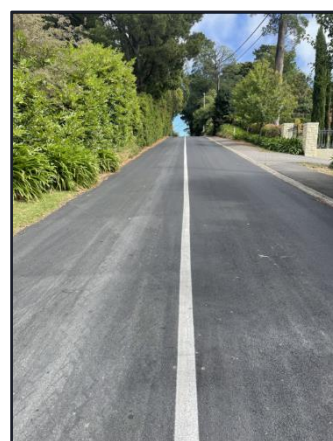
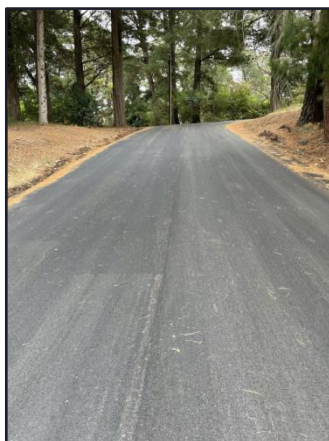
Rejuvenation treatment includes recycled content of reclaimed foundry sand that adds texture and grip to the finished surface.

Total content of recycled foundry sand was 2,838 kg.



Road reseals - asphalt seals

Work on the asphalt part of the road reseals is drawing to a close with three more roads resurfaced this month in the Bridgewater, Aldgate and Stirling areas



Development & Regulatory Services

Major Developments Lodged in the last 4 Weeks:

Development Application 22007004 by Luxury Lodge Group for tourist accommodation comprising 20 units with ancillary lodge and shop (personal services establishment in the form of a day spa), water tanks, access road and associated earthworks at 5 Ravenswood Lane, Balhannah on land owned by Vestey Vineyards Pty Ltd containing the Lane Winery, Restaurant and Cellar Door. The application is performance assessed and will undergo public notification as part of the assessment process in due course. If there are representations to be heard, CAP will be the relevant decision authority.

Development application 22005412 by Future Urban Pty Ltd for Construction of a Childcare Centre with associated advertising, and boundary retaining and fencing at 23 Morella Grove, Bridgewater. The application is performance assessed and will undergo public notification as part of the assessment process in due course. If there are representations to be heard, CAP will be the relevant decision authority.

Development Application: 22006231 by Beyond Ink for Change in Use from shop to indoor recreation facility at 41 Avenue Road, Stirling. The application is performance assessed and will undergo public notification as part of the assessment process in due course. If there are representations to be heard, CAP will be the relevant decision authority.

Update on the Childcare Centre at 14 Johnston Street, Stirling:

CAP considered the development of a three-level Childcare Centre (pre-school) with ancillary car parking, outdoor play areas and landscaping at the meeting held on 9 March 2022. Representations were heard but after several hours of debate, a decision was deferred to allow the applicant to provide further information in relation to an acoustic report prepared by a suitably qualified professional, a review of the car parking design and its relationship with the intensity of the land use, in consideration of staff, parents and children, and visitors to the site, a waste management plan and overshadowing.

Strategic Planning – Guide to Rural Land Management Launched



The 'Adelaide Hills – A Shared Landscape' series was launched through the latter part of January and into early February. The series seeks to increase general community awareness of key land management issues in the region and the roles and responsibilities of all locals in maintaining land and water resources.

Using a mix of video and written content (flyers) the series profiles five key rural land management issues in the Hills, which includes:

- Horse Keeping
- Pests (foxes, deer and rabbits)
- Unmanaged Orchards
- Agricultural Sprays and Applications, and
- Watercourse Management.

Each topic has been selected in collaboration with Council's Rural Land management Advisory Committee, with the content developed by external consultants including input and guidance from key Council staff.

So far the landing page on Council's website has received approximately 243 hits, with the videos receiving 137 views and the fliers 32 downloads (these will also be available in hard copy at Council). On-going engagement will continue with the community via Council's online channels and service centres. The series can be accessed on our website - [Resident Rural Land Management Guide](#)

Regulatory Services – Cat Management

Council Regulatory Services continue to enforce new Cat By-law, which requires that all cats be confined to the property of their owners. Council currently has 1212 cats registered within the Council area and so far Council has received 60 cat related CRM request and has impounded 8 cats. Several cats have been returned to their owners as well as re-homed with the RSPCA.



Community Capacity

Fabrik's *Creative Recovery after Bushfire* program has been shortlisted for a LG Professionals Leadership Award in the Community Services and Development category.

Details of the Creative Recovery program have also been placed on Fabrik's website, so Elected Members (and the community) can see an overview of the activities presented since the program commenced in early 2020 - <https://fabrik.org.au/creative-recovery/>

As COVID restrictions ease, Fabrik is reconvening the small group gatherings that have emerged out of the community recovery activity, and is still actively seeking funding for future projects, as community recovery continues.

Communication & Events

Discover, Play Bikeway was held on Sunday 6 March and was a great success with increased numbers of people out on the bikeway and through the market, entertainment and tennis hubs at Woodside, Charleston and Mt Torrens.

The mobile library attended the Woodside venue with lots of visitors, participants in story time and even some lending. Amy Gillett's parents were there for the day and Forestry SA and RAA stands were busy all day. Many local stall holders participated and the Onkaparinga Lions club sold over 250 sausages at their tent and gave away 90 bike bells.