

### Infrastructure & Operations

#### Heavy Patching Program

The heavy patching program for roads is well underway with works on Pottery, Mappinga, Martins, and South Ridge roads completed.



#### Heathfield High School Sports Courts

The Heathfield High School sports courts now have a new toilet block. With the netball season in full swing at the Heathfield High School courts the local clubs are happy to receive the new toilet block, the new robust low maintenance all steel restroom is colour matched to the nearby school building and compliments the surrounding environment.



### **Crafers Pocket Park**

Project is nearly complete, only a last fence matter at the stormwater drain is to be resolved. DDA compliant concrete path, picnic setting and shelter all installed and ready to use.

The adjacent footpath works installing clay pavers have also been completed.







### **Road Shoulder Renewals**

Road shoulder renewals, works on Hender Road Heathfield in preparation for resealing in the new year have continued with the renewal of badly eroded road shoulders.

The road shoulders assist with drainage keeping stormwater away from the road base and protect the seal from edge breaks.



### **Green Organic Drop Off days**

Visit [Free Green Organics Drop Off Days • Adelaide Hills Council \(ahc.sa.gov.au\)](https://ahc.sa.gov.au) for upcoming Green Organic Drop Off Days.

Hender Road is scheduled for resurfacing in March 2023.



### **Bush For Life 2021-22 Summary of Achievements**

The Bush For Life (BFL) program trains and supports volunteers to care for some of SA's most valuable native vegetation, using minimal disturbance bush regeneration techniques. Through the Adelaide Hills Council and Bush For Life Funding and Partnership Agreement, BFL achieved:

- 28 Bush For Life sites on council land maintained
- 41 'adopt-a-site' volunteers allocated to these sites, contributing an estimated 1,458 hours of site-specific bush regeneration work
- Held:
  - 7 Bush Action Teams (BATs)
  - 45 mini-BATs
  - 31 support visits on these sites
  - The above resulting in 780 hours of on-ground volunteer work
- Skilled BFL Field Officers undertook 280 hours of on-ground work on these sites alongside volunteers, in addition to many hours of work off site to facilitate these outcomes

These achievements equate to an on-ground work contribution of \$121,063 to the Adelaide Hills Council during 2021-22. The Bush For Life program leverages grants and other funding to deliver additional value for our partners where possible. This includes Bush Action Teams and other special activities which may be part of other projects.



### **Riparian Restoration of Cox Creek, Bridgewater Recreation Reserve**

Biodiversity recently won a \$10,000 Grassroots Grant for Riparian Restoration of Cox Creek, Bridgewater Recreation Reserve. The project commenced in 2021 and will protect and improve habitat and water quality of the watercourse, riparian zone and Blechnum bogs of Cox Creek in Bridgewater Recreation Reserve. Weed control of key threatening weed species as identified in recent monitoring reports will be undertaken by skilled contractors within some of the region's best quality habitat for a number of species of conservation significance, including the Spotted Sun-orchid, Yellow-footed Antechinus and Bassian Thrush.



Hampton Reserve photopoint (April 2018). This area was choked with *Erica lusitanica*.



Hampton Reserve photopoint (April 2022). The understorey is returning nicely, and Bush-peas are filling the middle storey.

Weed control techniques (frill and spray, cut and swab, hand pull, careful spray) will be selected to minimise any off target damage to surrounding habitat. Targeted intervention of priority weed species will focus on areas adjacent largely intact habitat or to coordinate with works being undertaken on adjacent properties by project partners.

Follow up control will be undertaken by volunteers, Council staff and contracted weed management with Council's operational budget. Weeds to be targeted include Willow, Broom, Gorse, Blackberry, Watsonia, Periwinkle, Sallow wattle, Pittosporum and Ivy. Where natural regeneration is not expected to occur, revegetation with endemic native riparian and upland species to increase habitat value and improve water quality will be undertaken.

Willow control and revegetation will improve the flow and quality of water in Cox Creek and benefit the local population of Rakali (water rats) as well as other native and threatened species living at the site. The project will be delivered in partnership with Bridgewater Friends of Cox Creek, Conservation Volunteers Australia, Bush for Life, Bridgewater Primary School and also the general community during revegetation events. Extensive woody weed control and revegetation have already commenced in Phase 1 of the project, with willow control to be undertaken over 2022/2023.

### **New Plant for the Civil Operations Team**

Within the heavy plant replacement program, the Civil Operations Team have taken on board the following items of plant. The team wishes to thank Council for committing to a Solid Plant Replacement Program. This allows the team to have continued access to industry leading equipment, which in turn leads to exceptional reliability and efficiency gains through minimal down time and maximum capability. We consider ourselves very fortunate and proud to be having these items out there on display for the community.

New Truck for the Heathfield Maintenance Team to continue our ability to deliver activities like road maintenance, stormwater pit and pipe cleaning and footpath maintenance.





ew Grader for the Heathfield Grading Team for the maintenance of Council's Unsealed Network and Road shoulders.



New Heavy Plant Trailer which will be used by all teams to facilitate the transport of Councils heavy machinery like rollers, loaders and tractors.





### **New Elevated Work Platform**

On Monday 1 August 2022 Council took delivery of its new Elevated Work Platform (EWP), this vehicle is state of the art in particular when it comes to safety features, it is based on a Hino chassis with the tower manufactured by GMJ who are based in Melbourne.



Staff receiving a detailed handover from the manufacturer.



Shows the maximum height of the EWP which is 19m.



Shows the reach out which is very important when doing tree work.

First job for the truck was attending to some storm damage on Milan Terrace at Stirling.



## Community Capacity

### Coventry Library window decals

The new decals on the Coventry Library windows is Council's Reconciliation branding and is based on Artwork "Shared Country" by Paul Munaitya Herzich of **mantirridesign**.

Council's Reconciliation branding represents both an acknowledgement of Country and Council's commitment to Reconciliation. We celebrate and recognise Traditional Custodians and also the significant number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who live, work and have strong connection to our area.

Through public art, place making, interpretive signage and acknowledgement we recognise the Aboriginal culture of our area as a fundamental aspect of our history and heritage and also, importantly, as a living contemporary culture.

