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In order to further advance Council’s relationship with the local Indigenous communities, Council have donated $403 to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander War Memorial Appeal. This donation will assist in building the first national memorial of significance to Aboriginal servicemen and women.

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Mayor Cr. Roger Strother

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Prepare for upcoming fire danger season

All landholders or occupiers of property within the Council area must make every effort to clear all flammable materials from around their dwellings, sheds and any vacant land located within the district.

The Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005 requires the owner or occupier to take the following action to protect property on the land from fire or to prevent or inhibit the outbreak of fire on the land or the spread of fire through the land:

- Within 20 metres of your dwelling and 5 metres of any other building and reduce all grasses, pest plants and undergrowth to a maximum height of 10 centimetres.
- If the land is under half a hectare in area reduce all grasses, pest plants and undergrowth to a maximum height of 10 centimetres.
- If the land is over half a hectare in area, establish and maintain a fuel break around the whole area, placed as near as practicable to the perimeter. The fuel break shall be at least 4 metres wide on which all grasses, pest plants and undergrowth are reduced to a height of 10 centimetres.

This action should commence in October and be completed prior to the Fire Danger Season which commences on 15 November 2012 and is maintained throughout the length of the Fire Danger Season which concludes on 15 April 2013, both dates inclusive.

Six steps for food safety at home

- Cook foods thoroughly; make sure food such as meat and poultry are cooked until their core temperature reaches 75°C. Cooking thermometers are available from many supermarkets.
- Avoid cross-contamination such as keeping raw foods and ready-to-eat foods separate, and use separate clean utensils, containers and equipment when preparing or serving food.
- Avoid spoiled foods, foods past their use-by dates or food in damaged containers or packaging.
- When in doubt, throw it out! This is the Golden Rule for Food Safety!
- Good personal hygiene, such as thoroughly washing and drying your hands when handling food and before you eat.
- Avoid the Temperature Danger Zone; keep chilled foods cold at 5°C or colder, and hot food hot at 60°C or hotter.

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Mosquitoes become a nuisance in areas where there are no predators to control them. Where is that you say? Well it’s the isolated pools of water in our backyards and on our farms.

Mosquito larvae (wrigglers) get oxygen from the air, via a breathing tube, enabling them to survive in polluted water where their predators cannot live. Council has continued it’s winter surveillance program of potential problem sites.

Now is the time for residents to start checking around the house, yard or farm for potential breeding spots. Take time to clear any items that have the potential to catch and retain water and therefore become a mosquito breeding site.

Kerbside collection reminder

Council’s three-bin kerbside collection system has been in place for just over one month. Copies of extra 2012/13 kerbside collection calendars can be collected from any Council office.

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Kerbside Collection Enquiry Line 1300 558 409 (24 hour service)
Did you know that Council has established various committees under Section 41 of the Local Government Act? These committees, which meet regularly, make recommendations to Council on the operation of some Council assets and they also look after areas of public interest including aged care, bushfires and nature. Each committee reports directly to Council and their minutes are included within the full Council agenda. Different committees will be showcased to readers in future editions.

The Coonalpyn Soldiers Memorial Swimming Pool Committee features in this edition of The Community Link.

Council’s swimming pool complex at Coonalpyn is supported by a committee with a large volunteer base, whose primary aim is to keep the pool operational. In conjunction with paid pool attendants, community members supervise activities during swimming hours and record gate takings. Testimonial to their voluntary commitment, the management of the canteen is undertaken by committee members as a fundraiser for the pool, which in turn is used for improving the facility.

Chairperson Marcia Camac recalls some recent committee achievements. "(Assisting with the) swimming season and catering for three school swimming carnivals are just some achievements" she said. But a generous donation from Tintinara Action Club, who the committee also have a close affiliation with, will see the installation of removable steps - a move in the right direction for the less agile in the community.

The pool is adjacent to the caravan park and oval playground, forming a cluster of valued relaxation facilities for not only Coonalpyn residents, but visitors and passing traffic.

Full Steam Ahead! Community Expo
Getting and staying active in later life
Tailem Bend Town Hall & Willow Street Precinct
Railway Terrace, Tailem Bend
Displays ~ Entertainment ~ Activities
For assistance with transport contact Gary on 8539 1156

Coorong District Council
Community Events, Grants and Donations
Applications for the second round of community funding for 2012 from Council opened on 1 September 2012. Council invites applications from eligible organisations within the Council area, as we seek to support projects and activities that focus on the development of local communities, encourage groups to take a more active and visible role in the life of the community and create opportunities for wider community participation.

One-off applications for funding of up to $5,000 will be considered by Council on merit, and in accordance with Council’s Community Events, Grants and Donations Policy.

Application packages and a copy of the policy are available from Council’s website or by attending any of Council’s offices. For further information please phone Kellie Jaensch, Community Liaison Officer on 8572 3611.

Applications close 5.00 pm, Friday 28 September 2012.

In an effort to make ‘a safer South Australia,’ the Attorney-General announced a gun amnesty. The campaign is being run in conjunction with SA Police and encourages members of the public to hand in unwanted, unregistered or illegal guns, ammunition or gun parts (including silencers) by surrendering them at your nearest police station.

The amnesty period is from 1 August to 31 October 2012. South Australian residents are urged to take part in the amnesty in order to avoid penalties for possessing unregistered or illegal guns. For further information contact the amnesty hotline on 1800 071 507 or visit your nearest police station.

Illegal dumping

The Coorong District Council is concerned with the spate of illegal dumping in the Council region, and requires the community’s help and vigilance to put an end to this practice!

What is illegal dumping?
Illegal dumping refers to the dumping of rubbish (without Council or EPA approval) in public areas such as roadsides or illegal landfills. People might dump rubbish illegally to avoid paying disposal fees. Illegal dumping ‘hot-spots’ are often secluded roads in rural locations. The presence of illegally dumped materials often attracts additional dumping.

What are the impacts of illegal dumping?
Dumped rubbish can leach contaminants into our bushland, harming our plants and animals and blighting our landscape. Illegal dumping can also pose serious health risks. Areas used for illegal dumping may be accessible to people, especially children, who are vulnerable to the physical and chemical hazards posed by waste.

Rodents, insects and other vermin attracted to illegal dumps may also pose health risks. Illegal dumps with old tyres provide an ideal breeding ground for mosquitoes, which can carry diseases such as encephalitis.

So what can you do?
Always make sure you dispose of your rubbish responsibly. Waste disposal facilities are available in the Coorong District Council area. Instead of throwing out unwanted items, try to recycle them so they can be used to produce something new. You can also educate your family and friends about illegal dumping and the negative impact that it has on our environment.

Is there an unregistered gun on your property?
Perhaps an old gun tucked away that you’d forgotten about?
For three months from 1 August 2012 SA Police are holding a Gun Amnesty.

Do you know a worthy... Citizen of the Year?
Applications for Council’s 2013 Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards open 1 October 2012.
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Require the services of a Justice of the Peace (JP)? Keep this handy reference guide on your fridge so that you have district wide details at your fingertips.

Food Handlers Training

The National Food Safety Standards requires food businesses and community organisations selling food to “ensure their staff and supervisors have the skills and knowledge in food safety commensurate with their work activities.”

To assist businesses in meeting the Food Safety Standards Requirements Council is hosting a Food Handlers Training seminar in conjunction with TAFE SA.

Tailem Bend

Tailem Bend Town Hall Function Centre
Murray Street (rear of Town Hall)
19 September 2012
3.00 - 6.00 pm

Bookings

To register your interest and obtain a registration form please contact Jenny Williams (TAFE SA) on 8821 0400 or Nigel Plaskett on 0457 884 332.

Keep the Bugs at Bay! Image adapted from Edmund Rice Camps SA Inc

WiseMove program comes to Tailem Bend

In the July edition of The Community Link we introduced Strength for Life classes in Tailem Bend. This edition we are introducing another new program for the area, aimed specifically at women, ‘WiseMove.’

WiseMove is an initiative of the South Australian Government and the Office for Recreation and Sport. It is a ten week program designed to help women incorporate physical activity into their lifestyle. The initiative encourages participants to designate a few hours each week for physical and mental wellbeing.

In June this year, Healthy Murraylands supported five local women to attend WiseMove training in Adelaide.

Each of these ladies will conduct at least one ten week WiseMove program over the next twelve months, in partnership with Healthy Murraylands and the Office for Recreation and Sport. The first of these programs is well underway in Tailem Bend, led by experienced local fitness instructor and Curves gym owner, Vicki McArdis. These sessions are held at the Tailem Bend Football Clubrooms on Thursday from 4.30 - 5.30 pm.

Tailem Bend Football Club President Terry Connolly, came up with the idea of offering a program for locals mums while their children attend football or netball training. “I would often see mums waiting for their kids to finish training” Terry explained. “I thought, what a good opportunity this would be to get parents active at the same time and some of the footy mums were really keen on the idea.”

WiseMove for women: Tailem Bend WiseMove instructor Vicki McArdis (centre) with her group of participants, about to undertake their first exercise.

Healthy Murraylands coordinator Bianca Gazzola said the WiseMove program fitted well for the group of ladies identified by Terry. “The sessions are split into 45 minutes of physical activity and 1.5 minutes of discussion, so the mums have been able to work out at the same time as the kids train” Bianca said. “The program is also driven by the participants, so the mums have decided on the weekly discussion topics along with a range of ways to be active together.”

For more information or to register your interest in attending WiseMove classes, please contact Healthy Murraylands on 8569 0182 or visit www.healthymurraylands.com.au

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Don’t let mosquitoes bite into your Coorong ‘cruisin’!

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