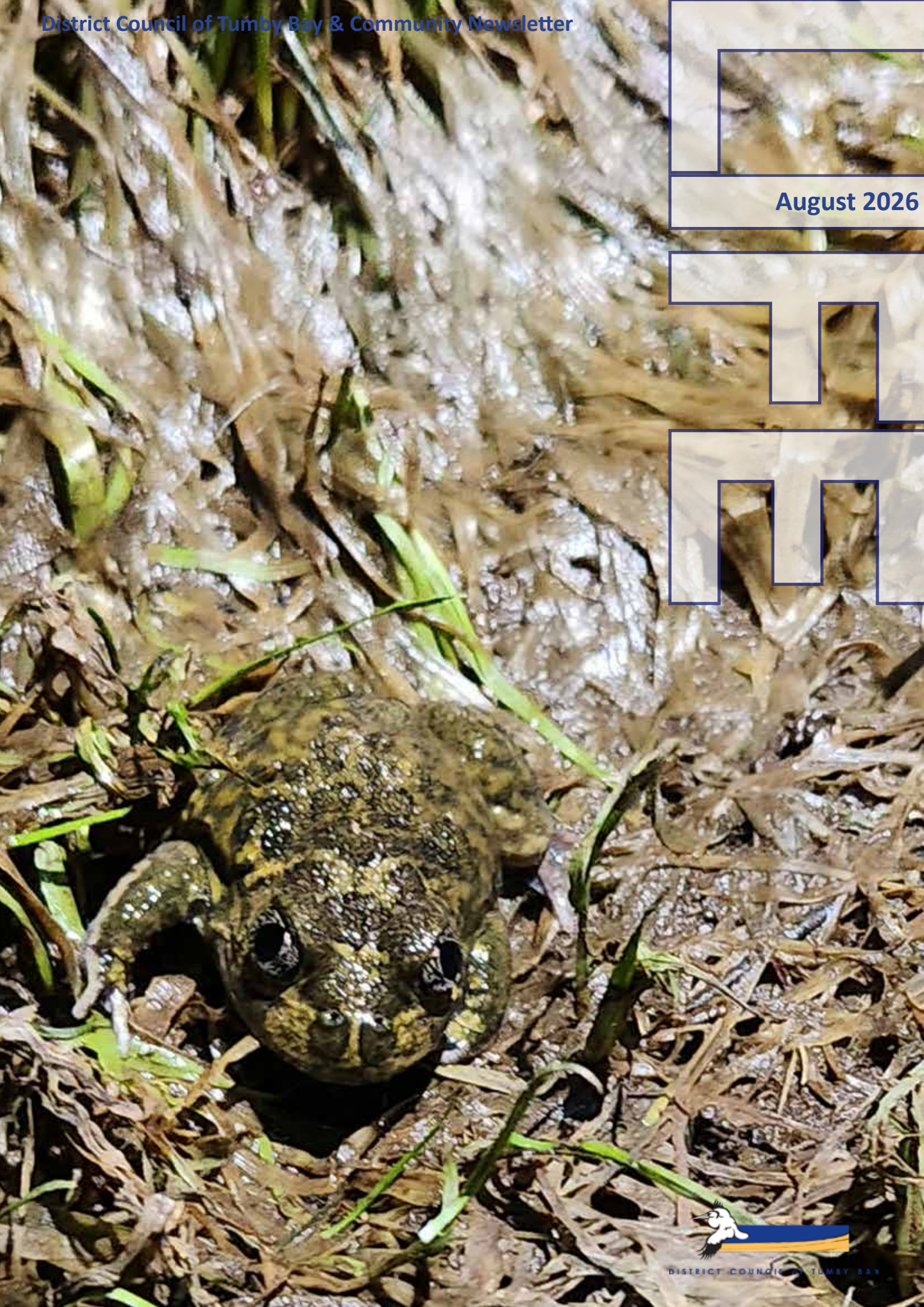
District Council of Tumby Bay & Community Newsletter



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August 2026

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Your Elected Members



Mayor Geoff Churchett



Deputy Mayor Julie Elliott



Cr Rick Will



Cr Trevor Smith



Cr Fiona Ward



Cr Robert Randall

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LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

I would like to publicly recognise two members of the District Council of Tumby Bay staff.

Dion Watson is retiring after, in excess of 44 years with Council.

Dion's dedication to his position as Deputy CEO and finance cannot be questioned. He has served Council over many years with distinction and pride.

Julie Kemp is also retiring after many years with Council. She also has served Council with pride and dedication to her position.

I thank both Julie and Dion for their service and passion and wish them both all the very best for their future endeavours.

Now that the 2026/27 Annual Business Plan and Budget have been adopted, Council is focused on delivering the planned projects, services and priorities.

I would like to acknowledge and thank those members of the community that gave us feedback on these areas and your thoughts and ideas have been heard.

The State Government and Electoral Commission have decided to move the Local Government Elections from November 2026 to April 2027. This allows the Electoral Commission more time to get it right.

All Elected Members and myself, have indicated that they will stay on in their position at least until April 2027.

Thank you to all and try and keep warm.

Geoff Churchett

Mayor, District Council of Tumby Bay

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District Council of Tumby Bay
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The District Council of Tumby Bay acknowledges the Barngarla People as the Traditional Owners of the land and recognises their continuing connection to Country, culture and community. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

LETTER FROM THE CEO

It has been a busy and productive period for Council, with a strong focus on progressing our 2026/27 priorities, engaging with the community and planning for the district's long-term needs.

Council recently adopted its 2026/27 Annual Business Plan and Budget following the completion of community consultation. The adopted plan establishes the framework for Council's services, projects and capital works over the coming year, with detailed planning, procurement and delivery activities now underway.

Community feedback is also currently being sought on Council's revised Community Engagement Policy. The policy outlines how Council will communicate, consult and engage with the community when making decisions. I encourage residents, businesses and community groups to review the draft policy and provide feedback during the consultation period. Community input is important in ensuring Council's engagement practices remain accessible, transparent and appropriate for our district.

Over recent weeks, I have appreciated the opportunity to meet with local progress associations, sporting clubs, community organisations and regional stakeholders. These discussions provide valuable insight into local priorities, challenges and opportunities, and will help inform Council's future planning and decision-making.

Council was also pleased to support recent NAIDOC Week activities held in Tumby Bay and Ungarra. These events provided valuable opportunities for community members, local schools and families to learn more about Aboriginal culture, language, history and the continuing connection of First Nations people to Country. I acknowledge the presenters, artists, organisers, volunteers and participants who contributed to making these activities meaningful and accessible across the district.

The next Council elections, originally scheduled for November 2026, will now be held in April 2027. The Council voters roll will close on 4 January 2027, nominations will open on 26 January and close on 9 February, and voting will close on 7 April 2027. Further information about enrolment, nominations and voting will be provided as the election approaches.

Council will remain focused on maintaining essential services, improving project delivery, strengthening community partnerships and ensuring our financial and asset management practices remain sustainable over the long term.

Thank you to our residents, elected members, staff, volunteers and community organisations for your ongoing contribution to the Tumby Bay district.

Luke Moane

Chief Executive Officer

PROJECT OFFICER UPDATE

Since the last newsletter, work has continued across several Council projects, with one project now completed and preparation progressing for upcoming sandbag seawall construction works along the Tumby Bay Foreshore.

The Lipson Cove revegetation planting was completed at the end of June with the assistance of the Tumby Bay Area School Students and the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board. Preparatory works will soon be underway for the Tumby Bay Foreshore Sandbag seawall project, with construction activity expected to become more noticeable over the coming weeks.

Lipson Cove Revegetation Project



On 30 June 2026, Council staff and Mayor Geoff Churchett worked with Year 4 and 5 students from Tumby Bay Area School along with representatives from the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board to undertake revegetation planting at Lipson Cove Campground. This was the final activity as part of our grant-funded project work at Lipson Cove.

2,000 native plants were planted within the designated revegetation areas at the campground. A huge effort by all and with some favourable conditions both in the lead up and after planting we are hoping for some positive future success. The planting day followed learning undertaken by the students about Lipson Cove, its native plants and animals, and the importance of protecting and restoring coastal environments. As part of this work, the students prepared a Lipson Cove Flora Field Guide and wrote poetry about the area, which was shared with everyone during the day.



Council thanks Tumby Bay Area School, the participating students and staff for their work and collaboration on this project over the first semester of 2026. Projects such as this would not be possible without the significant grant funding support that was provided by Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board. We thank them for their generous contribution of $16,143 (ex GST) from the Landscape Priority Eyes on Eyre program, made possible by the regional landscape levy to deliver this project. For those who want to know more about what was completed as part of this project more information is available on our website: Lipson Cove Campground – Revegetation and Pest Control | Tumby Bay District Council



Tumby Bay Foreshore Sandbag Seawall Project

Construction is expected to commence soon on an approximately 167 metre sandbag seawall along the Tumby Bay foreshore between the café precinct and playground area.

The project is funded through Council's 2025/2026 Capital Works Program, with $722,000 in committed Council funding further supported by a $262,500 grant from the South Australian Coast Protection Board's Coast Protection Grants Program.

We are expecting the contractor mobilisation to site at the end of July/start of August. Completion of the works is targeted toward the end of 2026, subject to weather, tide conditions and site requirements.

The seawall will be constructed by a local contractor and will include:

- adjustments to the existing foreshore irrigation system;
- removal of sections of failed concrete seawall;
- construction of approximately 167 metres of sandbag seawall between the café and playground;
- removal of three end-of-life timber beach access ramps located within the project area; and
- construction of new timber beach access stairs near the café precinct.

During construction, sections of the beach and foreshore between the jetty and the northern café precinct will be temporarily inaccessible during active works. Access to the café, jetty, playground and other facilities is expected to remain available.

Beach Access Projects Update

A reminder that the previous newsletter highlighted that Council is progressing several beach access improvement projects in Tumby Bay and Port Neill, with works to be delivered by a local contractor and expected to commence in August 2026.

New infrastructure includes the new timber beach access ramp between the Tumby Bay playground and jetty, funded by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal, along with new and upgraded beach access staircases at key locations across Tumby Bay and Port Neill, funded through the South Australian Government's Algal Bloom Response: Local Government Grant Fund.

For more information:

Information about our current projects is available on Council's website and we will continue to provide updates as construction progresses and as any changes to project timing or public access arrangements are confirmed.

Current project information is available here: Projects | Tumby Bay District Council

For further information, please contact the Council office on 08 8688 2101 or email dctumby@tumbybay.sa.gov.au.

Mandy Shephard

Project Officer

Masterplan - Community Consultation



A community drop-in session for the Tumby Bay Urban Design Framework Review and Open Space Planning project is planned for August, and residents are invited to come along, share their ideas, and help shape the future of the township.

Tumby Bay's streets, foreshore and open spaces are set to be the focus of a major planning project over the next year, with Council engaging specialist consultants URPS Pty Ltd to review and update the Tumby Bay Urban Design Framework and prepare an integrated open space master plan. This project will help ensure future improvements are evidence-based and community-informed.

As part of this work, Council will host a community session in August where residents, business owners and community groups can drop in, learn more about the project and provide feedback on how Tumby Bay should look, feel and function into the future. Input gathered at this session will directly inform the updated framework and master plan, including priorities for public realm upgrades, land use planning and future grant funding applications.

Everyone is encouraged to come along, have a say, and be part of planning Tumby Bay's next chapter. A community drop-in session is proposed for Wednesday 26 August in the Council Meeting Room, with times to be confirmed. Further details will be shared closer to the date, so please keep an eye on Council's social media channels and website for updates.



PUBLIC CONSULTATION NOW OPEN – DRAFT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

The District Council of Tumby Bay is inviting members of the community to provide feedback on the Draft Community Engagement Policy.
Council is updating the Policy to align with the South Australian Government's new Community Engagement Charter and recent amendments to the Local Government Act 1999.
The Draft Community Engagement Policy sets out how Council will inform, consult and engage with the community on decisions, projects and activities that may affect our district.

Have Your Say!

You can provide feedback by:

- Completing the downloadable feedback form
- Emailing a written submission to dctumby@tumbybay.sa.gov.au
- Picking up a hard copy feedback form from the Council Office or Library
- Delivering or posting a written submission to the Council Office
- Providing verbal feedback to Council staff during the consultation period

The Draft Community Engagement Policy and feedback form are available on Council's website:
www.tumbybay.sa.gov.au
Consultation closes at 5:00pm on Wednesday 12 August 2026.
Community members are encouraged to provide their feedback before the closing date to ensure their views can be considered as part of Council's review of the Draft Policy.

COMMUNITY CORNER

WINTER SOLSTICE SWIM



Some swimmers ready to take the cold plunge



Volunteers Patricia and Ian serving up breakfast

Winter Solstice Swim 2026

For the third year, Tumby Bay Progress Association hosted a Winter Solstice Swim at the Tumby Bay jetty on 21st June at 7am. It was raining right up until the jump which may have put many people off, but approximately 20 brave people of all ages, including some from Port Lincoln, immersed themselves in the refreshing, beautiful Tumby Bay water. There were as many spectators cheering the swimmers on, which was really special.

The rain cleared just before the swim, and with the early morning sun's rays reflected in the calm sea, the view was breathtaking.

Swimmers and spectators alike were rewarded with bacon and egg buns and a hot drink. Thank you to all who helped out in any way.



Brave participants after the swim

NAIDOC WEEK



Students involved in a Yarning Circle



Creative Cultural Activities

This year's NAIDOC Week theme, 50 years of Deadly was celebrated across the District Council of Tumby Bay through two Council supported events held in Tumby Bay and Ungarra during early July.

At both events, Emmalene Richards and family generously shared their knowledge of Barngarla culture, language and traditions, creating valuable opportunities for participants to engage in meaningful cultural learning experiences. Tumby Bay Area School students and community members explored a range of interactive activities including Barngarla language learning, Aboriginal art and symbols, and a reflection on the history and significance of NAIDOC Attendees also enjoyed traditional foods, including damper and kangaroo-inspired dishes. The Tumby Bay event's success was supported by a dedicated group of volunteers, with thanks also to the Tumby Bay Community Centre.

In Ungarra, students from Ungarra Primary School and Port Neill Primary School joined community members for a day of learning and celebration on Country. Emmalene Richards and Ungarra Primary School teacher Rachel Fuller directed participants in taking part in a variety of hands-on cultural activities, including a yarning circle, shelter building, Aboriginal art exploration, traditional cooking and Barngarla language activities. The day concluded with a shared meal featuring native-inspired flavours catered by Lisa Fitzgerald.

The Ungarra event also formed part of Ungarra Primary School's Growing Culture on Barngarla Country project, supported through funding from the National Indigenous Australians Agency's NAIDOC Local Grants program.

Both events highlighted the importance of recognising and celebrating Aboriginal culture while fostering understanding, respect and meaningful connections across the district.



Emmalene sharing a story with Students



Volunteers Suzie and Glenys with Damper



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Friends of the Womens & Childrens Hospital Inc Tumby Bay Auxiliary



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Can you tell us a little about your group?
Thanks to generous local people we receive clothing, jewelry, toys, household items, books, electrical items, camping gear, sports gear, seasonal fruit, plants and veg, etc that we sell at affordable prices in our Shop. Families also approach us to process deceased estates or when they are seeking help for a variety of personal reasons.

How long has your group been active locally, and what services or activities do you provide? The charity will have been running in one form or another for 70 years in 2027. We are a participant in the 2nd Bite Program (in conjunction with Foodland) which provides food for a small donation (if it can be afforded) to those in need. The money we raise from the sale of donated items goes toward the purchase of medical equipment by the W&CH Inc which services all SA in-patients

Is there any volunteer in particular you would like to spotlight? In 2024 the following volunteers received Life Membership; Val Cronk 45 years of service this year. Karen Parker 22 years service, and Norvene Richter 19 years service.

What does a "good day" look like for your volunteers?
When a customer has been happy to find something they have been looking for; providing clothing and/or food for someone in need; receiving a compliment about the Shop's layout and when a customer 'pays it forward' for someone else.

How has volunteering with your group benefited members personally?
A sense of achievement; confidence in serving customers; meeting Centrelink requirements in a worthwhile way.

Is there an achievement your group is proud of?
We are acknowledged as the largest regional donor to the W&C Hospital in SA.

How can someone get involved to volunteer?
If you have a willing, helpful attitude and are happy to work in a team, please contact us. We welcome all ages to join us to future proof our shop.

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Norvene Richter - 0478 382 096.



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BATTLING CANCER

Tumby Bay Hospital & Uringa Auxiliary

Eight members met for our latest meeting on Wednesday 1st July '26, in the community health meeting/activity room at Bayview Medical Centre. There were six apologies.

Members were given permission to view the Palliative Care room at the hospital, to see the progress of the upgrade, that has been ongoing, since earlier this year. Although the building of some new infrastructure has been delayed, members were very happy to see some lovely additions now installed, to make the space much more comfortable, for future users.

We are hoping that further works will progress, very soon, not only in the P/C space, but also in new bathroom (8) of the hospital, where recent heavy rain caused an issue, that is taking longer than expected to be resolved.

Auxiliary members will be hoping to share a pooled lunch with residents of Uringa Hostel in November, (not too far away.)

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th August '26, at 1.30 pm; Please note: we would really appreciate to see anyone that would be interested to come and join the Auxiliary, to help raise funds for our local TB Hospital and also Uringa Hostel.

Carolyn Thompson
Secretary TBH&U Aux

Cycle Without Age Trishaw

The Tumby Bay Trishaw is out of the shed and back on the road.

The specially designed three wheeler bike is a pedal powered vehicle, designed to carry passengers. The four trained cycle pilots have been taking residents and patients from Uringa Hostel and Tumby Bay Hospital out for rides in good weather. It is an opportunity to have the wind in their hair and enjoy the Tumby Bay environs. The slow pace of the trishaw provides a close up, peaceful experience . The residents have a chance to share their stories and enjoy the township in which they still belong.

When you see the trishaw, give them a wave and help to keep these special people connected to their community.

Funding and sponsorship is needed to pay for insurance and maintenance costs. Would you like your company name on the bike or a flag promoting your business? Please contact one of the pilots, if you would be able to assist.



Photo of cycle pilots
(Left to right)
Zena Coote, Natasha Clark, Ronda Smith, Grant Coote



Left- Helen Ballard
Right- Sam Campbell
Pilot cyclist - Zena Coote

TUMBY BAY GARDEN CLUB - JULY

The July 2026 meeting and the Annual General Meeting of Tumby Bay and Districts Garden Club Inc. was held with 14 members in attendance.

Life Memberships were awarded, with congratulations to Rhonda Habner and Melva Malcolm.

Trophies and certificates were awarded to the Show Bench winners of the year:

- Single bloom – first Heide Roberts, equal second Shirley Carr and Dianne Bell
- Multiple bloom – first Rhonda Habner, second Heide Roberts
- Third show bench- first Sandra McCallum, second Shirley Carr.

The Nina Giles Perpetual Trophy for the overall points winner for the year was jointly awarded to Heide Roberts and Rhonda Habner.

Office Bearers for the following year were also elected.

The Garden Club meets on the second Monday of the month. The next meeting will be 10am on 10 August at the Senior Citizens Clubrooms. Visitors and new members are very welcome.

Photos supplied:
(1) Heide Roberts (L) and Rhonda Habner (R), joint recipients of the Nina Giles Perpetual Trophy for 2025-26
(2) Life Membership recipient Rhonda Habner(R)
(3)Life Membership recipient Melva Malcolm (R)







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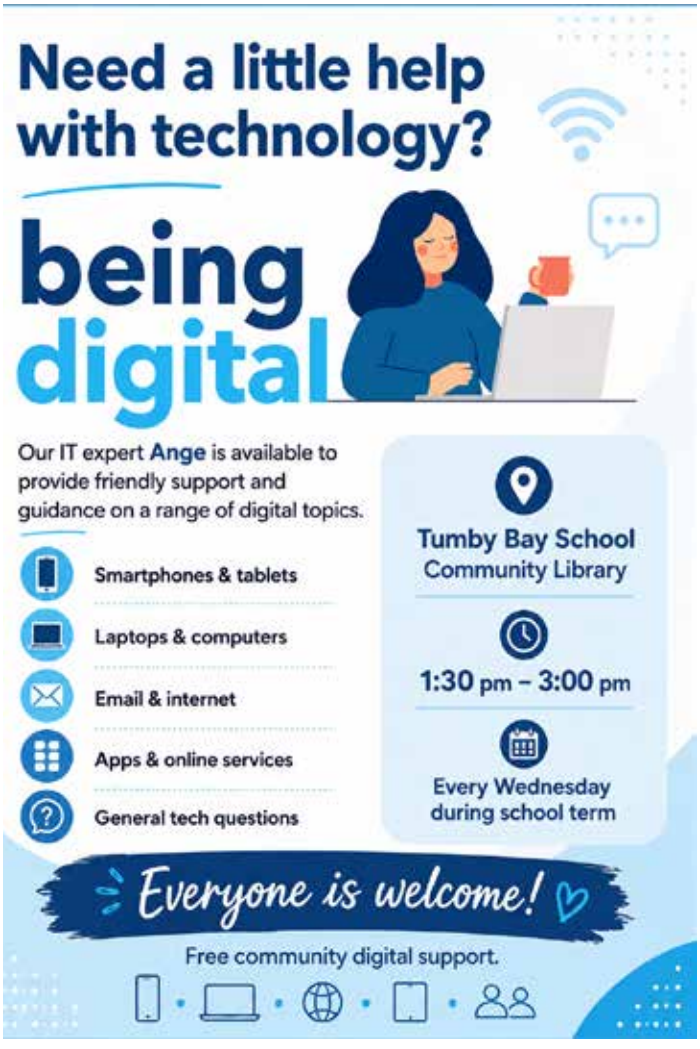
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Port Neill Hotel Sunday Sessions

Sunday Sessions (4-7pm) *

Sunday, 19th July	The Cookie Farmers
Sunday, 26th July	Steve (Mr Music) Murray
Sunday, 2nd August	Bronte McCallan **new**
Sunday, 9th August	Gav Masters
Sunday, 16th August	Scotty Bassham ** new**
National Tour 2026	
Sunday, 23rd August	Lesser Wanderer
Sunday, 30th August	Rusty Bonnet
Sunday, 6th September	Whiskey Jack
Sunday, 13th September	Mike Williams **new**
Sunday, 20th September	The Cookie Farmers
Sunday, 27th September	Paulie
Sunday, 4th October	Steve (Mr Music) Murray
Sunday, 11 October	Chasing Sunsets
Sunday, 18th October	Rob Beinke & Bec
Sunday, 25th October	Cookie Farmers
Sunday, 1st November	Geoff & Dubbo
Sunday, 8th November	Mark Turner
Sunday, 15th November	Rusty Bonnet
Sunday, 22nd November	Nick Kreig
Sunday, 29th November	Gemma Leonard
Sunday, 6th December	Brie Ryan
Sunday, 13th December	TBA
Sunday, 20th December	TBA
Sunday, 27th December	Nick Kreig
Sunday, 3rd January	TBA
Sunday, 10th January	All the President's Men
Sunday, 17th January	Lightning Rod & Fast Eddy





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New BOOKS at the Library!

JUNE 2026

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ADULT FICTION

★ Ironwood	Michael Connelly
★ In Her Defence	Philippa Malicka
★ The Divorce	Freida McFadden
★ The Midnight Train	Matt Haig
★ Dear Doctor Love	Susan Murphy
★ Bugger	Michael Ahmad
★ Daughters of the Tide	Arianne James
★ On Mystic Lake	Kristin Hannah
★ Out of the Blue	Penelope Janu
★ The Yacht	Kayte Nunn
★ Where Truth Ends	Mark Smith

Great stories start here!

ADULT NON-FICTION

★ Enshitification: Why Everything Suddenly Got Worse and What to Do About It	Cory Doctorow
★ The Pocket Pickleball	
★ The Ultimate Photography Ideas Book	Niall Hampton
★ Mother Shadow	Cynthia Banham
★ Bush Doctor	Damien Brown
★ True Crime	Patricia Cornwell
★ The Desert Swimmer	Brendan Cullen
★ The Last Charge of the Australian Light Horse	Peter FitzSimons
★ Look After Your Feet	Rosalie Ham
★ My Cursed Vagina: A Memoir	Lally Katz
★ The First ANZACs: The Incredible Untold Stories of Aussie and Kiwi Combat Engineers in World War I	Jimmy Thomson
★ Oscar Piastri	Andrew van Leeuwen
★ Tell Me Where It Hurts	Rachel Zoffness

LARGE PRINT

★ Hope Rises	David Baldacci
★ Atmosphere	Taylor Jenkins Reid
★ The Deadly Dispute	Amanda Hampson
★ The Peak	Sam Guthrie
★ The Widow	John Grisham
★ Cross and Sampson	James Patterson
★ Dear Debbie	Freida McFadden
★ Ironwood	Michael Connelly

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DISTRICT COUNCIL of TUMBY BAY

Events & What's on! August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
• Dragon Boating 7:45 Boat Ramp • Community Shed & Garden Tumby 10-4pm • Tumby Bowling Crackerjack Bowls 1pm. • Casual Croquet Tumby Foreshore 1:15pm 30	• Ungarra Playcentre 10am-12pm • Ungarra Cafe 12pm-2pm • Indoor Bowls 1pm Senior Citz Tumby Bay 31				• Port Neill Playcentre 9am • Craft Fridays Tumby Bay Community Centre 10am-3:30pm • Games 1pm Senior Citz Tumby Bay	• Bikes by the Bay 8:30am 1
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For queries or to send your events in, please contact rnowikow@tumbybay.sa.gov.au

TUMBY BAY HOSPITAL & URINGA AUXILIARY INC.

Seven members met at our latest meeting held on Wednesday 3rd June.

We heard in the report from DON of TB Hospital that there will be a delay to using upgraded rooms 7 & 8 in the TB Hospital, an unforeseen issue has developed within the new Bathroom area, causing delays, of being able to use the new facilities.

Progression of the upgrade to Palliative Care Project will not advance until after the end of June/July, only because there are other priority jobs within SA Healthcare at present, so unfortunately infrastructural jobs at Tumby Bay Hospital are taking a backseat at the present time. Members are somewhat frustrated that plans are not going forward, but the P/C room is being used for its intended purpose, when needed, and several items have been added to the room, to make a much more comfortable space, for the patients who need to use it.

Auxiliary has been asked to cater lunch for Meals on Wheels on 6th July. We truly appreciate that MOW are still supporting our "catering" efforts, as it is our main form of raising much needed funds to assist TB Hospital and Uringa Hostel.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st July, in Bayview Medical Centre, at 1.30pm. We would love to welcome more new members.

Carolyn Thompson, Secretary

Tumby Bay Community Booklet

Tumby Bay Progress Association is compiling an update to the tourism booklet. We invite any club or organisation in District Council of Tumby Bay to have a free listing on the "Join our Community" page. If your organisation welcomes visitors this will let them know you're here.

Holiday home owners, if you would like a listing in the booklet and on the associated website, tumby-bay.com.au, please contact Jackie Hibble for information about your options.

In the updated copy we will feature a new "Book an appointment" page which will be a low cost option for hair, beauty, massage and other service providers to be seen – usually in the days before arriving in Tumby Bay.

This booklet is managed by volunteers from Tumby Bay Progress Association and is paid for by advertising. Advertisers in the booklet are automatically eligible to have a listing and information on the website. Copies are distributed to many sites on Eyre Peninsula and beyond including Port Augusta, Streaky Bay, Ceduna, Whyalla and Port Lincoln. We have distributed over 5000 in the period 25/26 and plan to have the next issue printed by end September 2026.

If you are in a business that benefits from visitors and want to have an entry, if you are interested in having input to the design and organisation of the booklet or if you just want more information please contact Jackie Hibble by email jackiehibble@gmail or phone 0428 882 648.

RETURNED SERVICES LEAGUE (South Australia)

Tumby Bay Sub Branch - News

Historical Dates:

- **1 July 1916 -** The beginning of the Battle of the Somme
- **1 July 1942 -** Sinking of the Montevideo Maru
- **4 July 1918 -** The Battle of Hamel
- **5 July 1945 -** Death of Prime Minister John Curtin
- **10 July 1911 -** Formation of the Royal Australian Navy
- **15 July 1940 -** The Volunteer Defence Corps (VDC), composed mainly of First World War veterans, was formed for home defence by the Returned and Services League (RSL).
- **19 July 1916 -** The Battle of Fromelles
- **22 July 1917 -** Four members of the Australian Army Nursing Service, Sisters Cawood, Deacon and Ross-King and Staff Nurse Derrer, won Military Medals for rescuing patients trapped in a burning Casualty Clearing Station at Trois Arbes, France. These were the first bravery awards won by Australian nurses in action.
- **26 July 1940 -** Formation of the Royal Australian Air Force Nursing Service (RAAFNS)
- **27 July 1953 -** Fighting in Korea ends with the signing of an armistice.

Club Room Bookings

Our air conditioned Club rooms are available for booking by the community for both catered and non-catered events. For details on booking contact our booking officer, Bev Bradford on 0456 762 149

Portraits Memorial

The Portraits Memorial is unique to our Club; there are now over 500 portraits displayed. Spend some time perusing this wonderful memorial to men and women who served from our community.

Geoff Stewart

LEST WE FORGET





A SOLDIER'S STORY

Written by Geoff Stewart

Service No.: 141494
Name: Rolland George Borthwick BAWDEN
Nickname: Roly

Medals and Decorations:
1939-45 Star
Pacific Star
Defence Medal
War Medal
Australian Service Medal



Rank: Leading Aircraftman
Service: RAAF
Enlisted: 9 Nov 1943
Discharged: 10 Dec 1946

Roly was born on 21 Oct 1908 at Tumby Bay to Frank Willoughby Bawden and Edith May Bawden (nee Carr). He was the eldest of 4 children in the family, 2 boys and 2 girls. His father was a farmer at Wadella.

He went to school at Wadella, until the closure of that school, then transferred to Tumby Bay, leaving at the age of 15 to work on the family farm; before moving to Adelaide and working as a munitions hand (driver). On enlistment in the RAAF he gave his occupation as a farmer/munitions worker, his address as Tumby Bay and his brother as next of kin; he had 3 months service in the 10th Battalion (CMF) prior to enlistment in the RAAF.

After enlistment he reported to No.5 Recruit Centre in Adelaide before being sent to Recruit Depot (Shepparton, Vic) to commence training; at the completion of basic training he was mustered as a motor transport driver and sent to No.3 School of Technical Training at Ultimo (NSW) for further training. He was assessed as a driver, grade 3 and was then attached to No.14 Repair and Salvage Unit at Mt. Druitt (NSW). At the end of Jan 1944 he was posted to No.5 Mobile Works Squadron (MWS) and taken on strength in early Feb 1944 at Ranford (Vic).

No.5 MWS was originally formed in Nov 1942. Its primary role was to construct and maintain airfields and runways in forward operational areas in the South-West Pacific. The work was dangerous, often performed under the threat of enemy attack, and involved landing with, or just after, assault troops. On 18 Jul 1944 the unit was redesignated as No.5 Airfield Construction Squadron (5ACS), also known as "*The Flying Shovels*".

Roly then moved to Lae (PNG) with his unit, arriving on April fool's day 1944. The unit remained here for 2 weeks before moving to Aitape (PNG) where they landed the day after the main assault and had the task of making Tadjii airfield operational within 48 hours; a task which they achieved!

The unit was then given leave before returning to PNG and Noemfoor Island in July 1944. They then assisted US and British forces to construct, extend and repair a number of airfields. The area had not yet been secured so they were also required to man the perimeter defences; whilst doing so the Squadron captured 12 Japanese infiltrators. It was here that the unit was redesignated as No.5 Airfield Construction Squadron (5 ACS) on 18 Jul 1944.

The unit then moved to nearby Biak Island to repair the airstrips at Sorido, Boroko and Mokmer; it remained there until 10 Jun 1945 before it followed the assault troops onto the beaches of Labuan to rehabilitate the airfield.

Whilst the unit went on to serve in the British Commonwealth Occupation Force in Japan (1945–1949), Roly was posted back to Australia, No.4 Personnel Depot (PD) Adelaide and given Special Leave Without Pay until 20 Jan 1946. At the completion of leave he returned to No.4 PD Discharge Squadron and was discharged from the RAAF on 7 Mar 1946 in Adelaide. He returned to Tumby Bay and resumed farming and shearing.

It was during one of his shearing stints at Butler Tanks he met his wife to be, Elsie Jean Kybet, a young lady from the UK, who had travelled to Butler Tanks with friends to experience real Australian country life. He married Elsie in 1955. Elsie made the comment: "you know what these farmers are like, they don't waste time".

They purchased a farm near Tumby and raised their family of 3 children, a boy and 2 girls, there. Roly extended the original stone cottage of 2 rooms to include a further 2 rooms, a bathroom and laundry to accommodate the family

Roly died 22 Feb 1984 at Tumby Bay and is buried in the Tumby Bay Cemetery. His wife died on 18 Mar 2006 buried beside husband.

His photo in Army uniform is displayed in the Tumby Bay RSL Portraits Memorial. A photo in RAAF uniform is not available.

Council Decisions 30th June 2026

The following provides a summary of the decisions made at the 30 June 2026 Council Meeting. We encourage you to read the complete agenda and minutes to get the details and a greater understanding of topics at www.tumbybay.sa.gov.au/documents/agenda-and-minutes

Minutes of Previous Meetings
Council received and noted the Minutes of the District Council of Tumby Bay Ordinary Council Meeting held 12 May 2026.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Churchett noted his attendance at LGA Jetties Working Group online meeting and various Council meetings.

Reports of Members, Delegates and Working Parties

Cr Elliott attended the EPLGA Conference in Ceduna and Various Council meetings.

Cr Ward attended Various Council Meetings.

Cr Will attended Port Neill Progress Association Meeting various Council meetings.

Cr Smith attended Ungarra & Districts Hall & Progress Meeting and various Council meetings.

Cr Randall attended multiple Listening Posts and various Council meetings.

Deputations
Nil.

Questions on Notice

Nil.

Questions Without Notice

Cr Randall raised question - Will any trees be removed during the process of construction of the geotextile sandbag wall?

Answer to Question without notice – (General Manager Works & Infrastructure, Damian Windsor)

No trees will be removed during this process.

Motions on Notice

Audit and Risk Committee Report – Meeting held 9th June 2026

That the Minutes of the District Council of Tumby Bay Audit and Risk Committee meeting held Tuesday 9th June 2026 be received and noted.

Council Comittee Reports
Nil.

Officers' Reports

CEO: Update

The report is received for noting.

Deputy Chief Executive Officers Reports

DCEO 1/626 DCEO 1626 - Review of Finance & Internal Control Policies

1. That the Council: adopt or revoke various policies that can be found in full on the council website:

2. note the associated processes and consider that the documents have been prepared with appropriate due diligence, legislative compliance and reference to risk management.

Budget Review 3 – May 2026

That Council accept the 2025/2026 Budget Review Three May 2026 as presented and the Deputy CEO update the Council's budget to reflect the changes.

General Manager Environmental Services

Road Closure Process – Portion of Habib Road, Port Neill – Road Process Order and Transfer

That Council:

1. notes that an independent valuation has been obtained for the portion of Habib Road, Port Neill, proposed to be closed and transferred, and that the valuation assesses the market value of the land at $5,000 exclusive of GST as at 19 May 2026;

2. resolves to make the Road Process Order under the Roads (Opening and Closing) Act 1991 for the closure of the portion of Habib Road adjoining Allotment 100 in D85339 and Allotment 55 in D80902, more particularly delineated and lettered A on Preliminary Plan 250021;

3. endorses transfer of the closed road land lettered A to Kieran John Masters in accordance with the Agreement for Transfer dated 19 December 2025, for the amount of $5,000 exclusive of GST, subject to any applicable statutory requirements;

4. authorises the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to execute the Road Process Orders under Council seal;

5. authorises the Chief Executive Officer, or his or her delegate, to sign the final road plan in the space marked "Approved by the Council" and to execute the Agreement for Transfer;

6. authorises the Chief Executive Officer to provide a certified true and correct copy of the Council minutes relating to this resolution, together with any correspondence dealing with objections, to Alexander Symonds to enable final lodgement with the Roads Unit.

Remove/Extinguishment of Easement over CT 5928/963

1. That Council, having considered the request in relation to Certificate of Title Volume 5928 Folio 963, determine that it has no current requirement for the easement over the land marked A in favour of the Council under dealing AQ 6544448 and has no objection to its removal or extinguishment .

2. That Council authorise the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to execute all documents necessary to withdraw, release, remove or extinguish the easement over the land marked A on CT 5928/963.

3. That Council's consent is subject to all legal, conveyancing, registration, verification of identity and any other associated costs being borne entirely by the registered proprietor/applicant.

4. That the final form of documentation be to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer.

Other Reports

Nil.

Matters in Confidence

Nil.

Items Laid on the Table
Nil.

Meeting Dates

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Council Decisions 14th July 2026

The following provides a summary of the decisions made at the 14 July 2026 Council Meeting. We encourage you to read the complete agenda and minutes to get the details and a greater understanding of topics at www.tumbybay.sa.gov.au/documents/agenda-and-minutes

Minutes of Previous Meetings
Council received and noted the Minutes of the District Council of Tumby Bay Ordinary Council Meeting held 30 June 2026.

Mayor's Report

Acknowledged Dion Watson's 44 years of continued service to District Council of Tumby Bay and thanked him for his unwavering loyalty.

Mayor Churchett noted his attendance at NAIDOC Week Awards Dinner, Meal on Wheels Lunch and Awards Presentation, and various Council meetings.

Reports of Members, Delegates and Working Parties

Cr Elliott attended NAIDOC Week Events and Various Council meetings.

Cr Ward atteneded Various Council Meetings.

Cr Will attended various Council meetings.

Cr Smith attended various Council meetings.

Cr Randall attended Lizzie Dodd's Farewell Celebrations and various Council meetings.

Deputations
Nil.

Questions on Notice

Nil.

Questions Without Notice

Nil.

Motions on Notice

Nil.

Council Comittee Reports
Nil.

Officers' Reports

CEO: Update

The report is received for noting.

Annual Business Plan and Budget Adoption and Adoption of Rates

Council adopted the 2026/27 Annual Business Plan and Budget and declared rates for the 2026/27 financial year.

The motions carried by Council, along with the full Annual Business Plan and Budget, Rates Declaration and meeting minutes, are available on Council's website.

Residents are encouraged to visit the website to view the full details and learn more about the decisions made by Council.

Review of Various Policies

Council adopts/revokes various policies, that can be found in detail on Councils Website.

SA Ombudsman Correspondence – Treatment of Confidential Legal Advice

That Council:

1. Notes the correspondence from the South Australian Ombudsman dated 1 July 2026 regarding the treatment of confidential legal advice.

Deputy Chief Executive Officers Reports

Investment Report- June 2026

That the investment report for June 2026 be received and noted.

General Manager Works & Infrastructure

Tumby Bay Aerodrome Masterplan & Lighting Upgrade Project

That Council:

- Adopts the Tumby Bay Aerodrome Masterplan Version 2.1 as presented
- Requests staff to prepare an application to the Federal Government Regional Airport Program for the Tumby Bay Aerodrome Lighting Upgrade Project, and confirms its commitment to funding a co-contribution on a 50/50 or 33/33/33 basis subject to confirmation of final funding arrangements

Road Conditions Update & Proposed Budget Adjustments

That Council endorses the recommendation to:

- Remove Chilmans Road (Lincoln Highway to Ch4400) from the 2026/27 unsealed road renewal program
- Add Koppio Road (Ch3300 to Denniss Road) to the 2026/27 re-sheeting program at an estimated cost of $148,000
- Reduce GL5343 Unsealed Road Maintenance from $70,500 to $38,500

and that the changes be included at Budget Review 1.

Other Reports

See Matters in Confidence

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Items Laid on the Table
Nil.

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