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LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Our October Ordinary Council Meeting was held at the Lipson Hall as part of Council's commitment to bringing Council closer to our local communities. We intend to continue holding meetings at different locations throughout the District from time to time, providing residents with greater opportunities to engage with Council. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Lipson Progress Association for the use of their hall and for their warm hospitality, including the supper they kindly provided.

I recently attended the Thuruna Camp, where I had the pleasure of welcoming the KWY Aboriginal Men's Group to our District. During my visit, I spoke with their CEO, supervisors and several members of the group. They expressed a strong interest in the work Council has undertaken in partnership with the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board, particularly the recent planting of nearly 2,000 native plants and shrubs along our nearby coastal areas. The group is planning to make the camp a regular event in our District, and I look forward to maintaining contact and offering support wherever possible.

The Executive Team and I have also continued discussions with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport regarding the future of our jetties. The Department for Infrastructure and Transport recently requested that Council contribute 50% towards a proposed $900,000 short-term works program intended to keep the Tumby Bay Jetty open for a further 12 months.

However, a significant proportion of the proposed expenditure was allocated to ongoing monitoring, inspections and associated activities, with only a relatively small component directed towards actual structural repairs and improvements.

This has raised concerns for Council regarding the value and long-term benefits of the proposed investment, particularly given the limited structural works identified and the absence of a detailed scope of works and supporting cost breakdown.

Council has requested more accurate costings and a clearly defined scope of works, along with consideration of lifting some or all of the confidentiality restrictions currently in place to allow greater transparency and community understanding of the proposed works and associated costs.Our priority is to ensure we have accurate and transparent information so that we can keep our community informed about the current situation and future of both jetties within our District.

Geoff Churchett

Mayor, 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

As we approach the end of 2026, Council continues to progress a number of important projects and initiatives focused on strengthening our communities, protecting local infrastructure and planning for the future. With increasing financial and operational pressures facing regional councils, it is important that we take a considered approach to future investment, make the best use of available resources and continue to advocate for the needs of our district.

There has been considerable activity across several key community projects in recent months. The Tumby Bay Foreshore Coastal Protection Project is progressing, with works involving the installation of a temporary geotextile seawall to help protect vulnerable sections of the foreshore from ongoing coastal erosion and storm impacts. We recognise the importance of the foreshore to our community, local businesses and visitors, and protecting these assets remains a significant priority.

Planning is also progressing on the Tumby Bay Urban Design Framework, which will guide future improvements to public spaces, streetscapes, the foreshore and community facilities throughout the township. Council has recently undertaken its initial community consultation, providing residents with an opportunity to share their ideas and priorities for the future. I would like to thank everyone who participated. This feedback will help inform a coordinated approach to future development and ensure Council is well positioned to pursue funding opportunities as projects are identified and prioritised.

Another positive community initiative is the continued development of the Twitchers Trail, which celebrates the natural environment and birdlife across the Lipson and Ungarra districts. The project builds on the existing trail and community-created mosaic artworks, with the second stage supporting greater awareness of local bird habitats and opportunities for nature-based tourism. Initiatives such as this demonstrate the value of community partnerships in promoting our district's natural attractions, encouraging visitors to explore our smaller townships and supporting local community pride.

Council has also been progressing its Childcare Needs Analysis, supported by Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula. This important project has involved community surveys, consultation with families and engagement with relevant stakeholders to better understand current and future childcare needs across the district. Access to childcare is an important issue for many families and directly influences workforce participation, local business growth and our ability to attract and retain residents. The findings will provide Council with a stronger evidence base to advocate for improved childcare services, engage potential providers and explore future investment and partnership opportunities.

Looking ahead, preparations are also underway for the 2027 Local Government Elections, which will now take place in April 2027 following the State Government's decision to defer the elections originally scheduled for November 2026. Council is working through the necessary preparations to ensure a smooth election process and transition to the next term of Council. There are several important dates for residents to be aware of. The electoral roll closes on 4 January 2027, with nominations for Mayor and Councillor positions opening on 26 January and closing on 9 February 2027. Voting will close on 7 April 2027, with the counting of votes commencing on 10 April 2027. I encourage all eligible residents to ensure their enrolment details are up to date and to consider the important role they can play in shaping the future of our district, whether by voting or nominating for Council. Further information about the election process and key dates will be shared through Council's communication channels in the coming months.

As harvest gets underway across our district, it is encouraging to see what is shaping up to be a bumper season for many of our local growers. After the considerable effort, investment and uncertainty that comes with each cropping season, a strong harvest is welcome news for our farming community and the broader regional economy. Agriculture remains a cornerstone of our district, supporting local businesses, employment and the prosperity of our communities. With harvest activity increasing, I would also like to remind everyone to take extra care when travelling on our local roads. This time of year brings increased movements of heavy vehicles, grain trucks and agricultural machinery, particularly on rural roads and around grain receival sites. I encourage all road users to remain patient, reduce their speed where necessary, allow additional travel time and exercise caution when overtaking slow-moving machinery. Please also be mindful of dust, reduced visibility and the movement of large equipment between paddocks. Road safety is a shared responsibility, and a little extra patience and consideration can make a significant difference in ensuring everyone gets home safely. On behalf of Council, I wish all our growers and those involved in harvest a safe, productive and successful season.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the many volunteers, sporting clubs, community organisations and local businesses that contribute so much to the strength and character of our district. These contributions are particularly important in regional communities, where the commitment and generosity of local people play such a significant role in making our towns great places to live, work and visit.

Luke Moane

Chief Executive Officer

PROJECT OFFICER UPDATE

Tumby Bay Soldiers Memorial Hall Window Replacement

Window replacement works have commenced at the Tumby Bay Soldiers Memorial Hall, with the smaller rear windows currently being replaced as part of ongoing building maintenance activities. Where windows are removed for replacement temporary boarding up of those windows will occur until window replacement.

The works are expected to continue over the coming months and into early next year. Council will provide further updates as the project progresses.

Tumby Bay Foreshore Coastal Protection Project

Construction activities continue on the Tumby Bay sandbag seawall Project. The project involves construction of approximately 167 metres of geosynthetic sand container (GSC) seawall between the café precinct and playground area.

Challenging beach and tidal conditions during the early stages of construction resulted in some lost time and rework. Works are now progressing to integrate the new works with the existing sandbag wall. PVC sleeves have been installed to depth to allow the future installation of piles for beach access stairs. Relocation of sewage and irrigation pipes within the project area has also been completed to enable construction activities to progress.



As part of the project, new timber beach access stairs will be constructed near the café precinct to reinstate beach access following completion of the seawall works.

Based on current progress and site conditions, construction is now expected to continue into early 2027. This remains consistent with the project timing previously communicated by Council, which recognised the potential for construction activities to be affected by tides, weather conditions and other site constraints. As we approach the summer holiday period, the Council and contractor will assess the opportunities to open completed sections of the work to public access.

Further information, including project scope, timing, access arrangements and project updates, is available on the Council website via the Tumby Bay Foreshore Coastal Protection Project page here: [Tumby Bay Foreshore Coastal Protection Project | Tumby Bay District Council]

Council thanks residents, businesses and visitors for their patience and cooperation while these works are being undertaken and will continue to provide updates as the project progresses.

Mandy Shephard

Project Officer

A REMINDER WHEN SETTING UP SHADE STRUCTURES

With the warmer months approaching, Council reminds residents and visitors to avoid pegging gazebos, marquees and other shade structures into grassed areas where underground irrigation pipes may be present.

Council has experienced three punctured irrigation pipes in the past fortnight as a result of ground pegs. These pipes carry recycled effluent water, meaning damage can create potential health risks, as well as costly repairs.



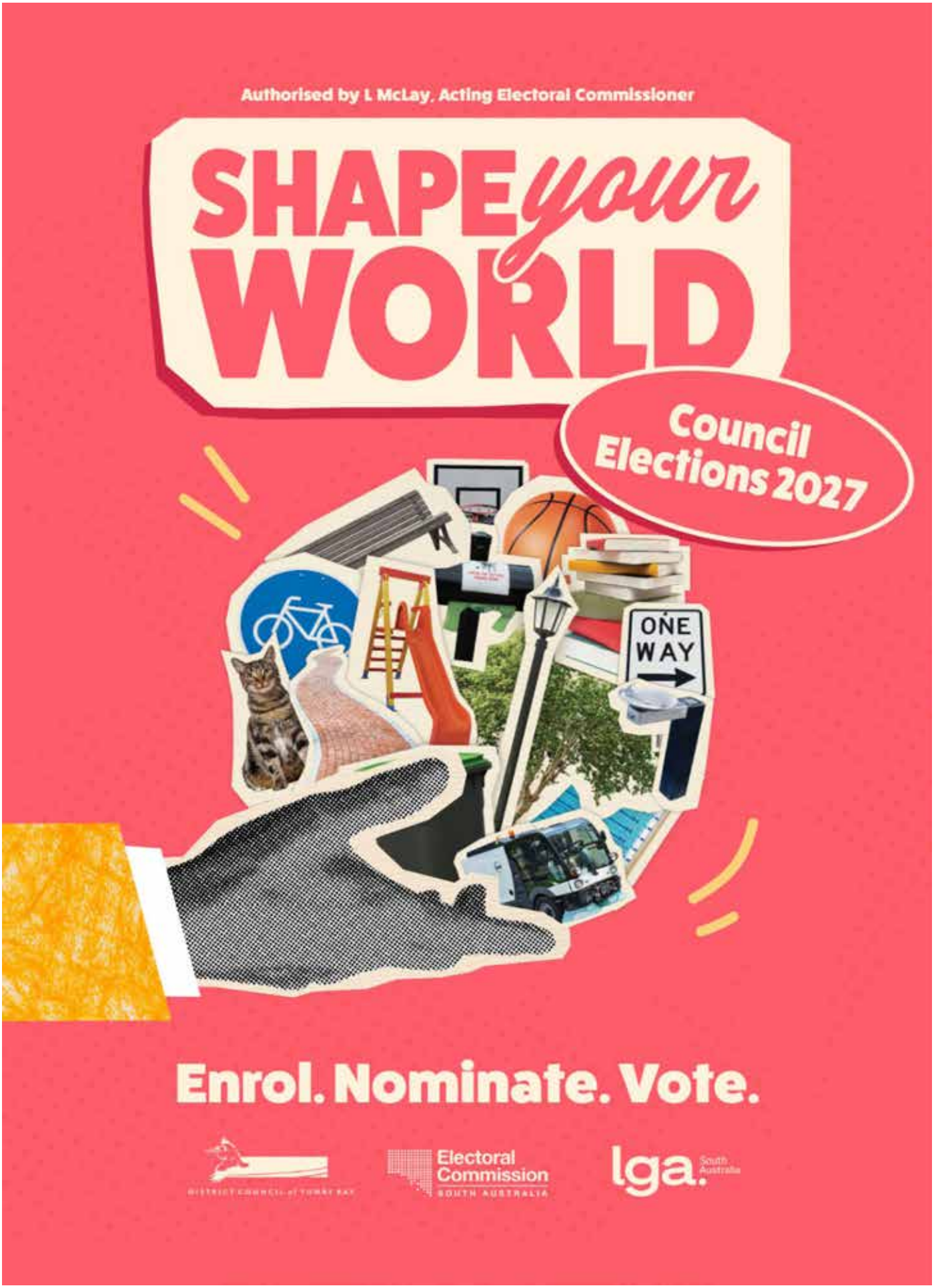
Ground pegs can puncture underground irrigation pipes.

PLEASE USE SAND BAGS OR WEIGHTS

Please help protect our public spaces by using alternative methods to secure shade structures, such as sandbags or weights.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our community spaces safe and enjoyable for everyone.




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YALLUNDA FLAT SHOW



John Roe/Yallunda Prime SAAM
Open Sports Shear Winners

The 111th Yallunda Flat Show is still showcasing the District to both locals and tourists alike. Our show has been bringing our Community together since 1908. Is heavily focused on family activities, providing country experience and lifestyle, and entertaining the masses of kids (Free Kidz Zone, Bendigo Yallunda Flat Track, Face Painting, Bouncy Castle, Balloon Animals, Zorb Balls and our longtime favourite the Animal Nursery) and adults alike throughout the day, showcasing shearing, wool handling, horse events (Led Tiny Tots, Led Exhibits, Games, Open Hack, Games & Showjumping), live music (James & Oz – an Australian Rock Duo) and so much more.

Fizzics Education ran every hour providing hands-on science toys and activities was a hit with all ages. Back to our traditional roots there was a display by the Koppio Smithy Museum (Stationary engines, museum displays) and Tumby Bay's National Trust Museum (rope making machine, displays of locals and our history).

Sections & Exhibits: Vegetables, Agricultural Produce, Art, Cake Decorating, Cookery, Cut Flowers, Floral Art, Handicrafts, Needlework, Photography, Preserves and many more. Volunteers and new Committee Members are welcomed.

AWI Novice Sports Shear 1st Nicole Vandenbroek, Poochera, 2nd Marcus Ottaway, Athelstone. Heiniger Intermediate Sports Shear1st Jamie Brands, Ungarra (out of retirement for the day), 2nd Bed Franklin, Cummins, 3rd Joey Leinert, Kimba, John Roe/Yallunda Prime SAMM Open Sports Shear 1st Brody Stratford, Tumby Bay, 2nd Ray Boehm, Cummins, 3rd Adam Briese, Yallunda Flat (filling a stand) Elders Open Wool Handling 1st Nicole Vandenbroek, Poochera, 2nd Natasha Boehm, Cummins 3rd Charlie Powell, Kimba, 4th Ruby Cabot, Yallunda Flat, 5th Sally Cabot, Yallunda Flat, 6th Sadie Curtis, Tumby Bay, 7th Claire Loveridge, Wangary.

Lisa Povey (Yallunda Flat Show Secretary)



Fizzics Education (above) was popular with the crowds



Showjumping & Xtreme Kites and Paddles



Heiniger Intermediate Sports Shear 1st Jamie Brands



Restoring Coastal Harmony at Lipson Cove



Lipson Cove is one of the district's most treasured coastal locations, located approximately 24 kilometres north of Tumby Bay, it is valued by campers, families, fishers and visitors for its natural beauty and peaceful coastal setting. Recent restoration works are helping support the long-term health of the reserve's biodiversity while preserving its natural qualities for future generations.

Through funding from the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board under the Eyes on Eyre initiative a range of environmental improvements have been completed, bringing together regional partners, local contractors, Council staff and local students to help protect and enhance one of the district's valued coastal reserves.

Works completed as part of the project included the removal of Boxthorn in priority areas, undertaking rabbit control, including warren ripping, and installation of two rabbit-proof access gates within existing fenced revegetation areas. A further 2000 native seedlings selected for Lipson Cove's coastal conditions were also planted.

Local contractors were engaged to undertake specialist pest control and site works, while Council staff coordinated project delivery and ongoing site management. Tumby Bay Area School's Year 4/5 students and teachers participated in classroom learning and learned about local vegetation and native plant species, biodiversity and coastal ecosystems while contributing to planting activities and creating educational resources about the reserve.

Tumby Bay-based Landscape Officer with the EP Landscape Board, Geraldine Turner, says it's great to see the improvements at this coastal camping site.

"The land management and revegetation works at Lipson Cove will support native vegetation and wildlife, while helping preserve the natural character of a place that means a great deal to the community. The campground upgrade ensures more sustainable camping and reduces negative impacts on the surrounding environment - which is what the Eyes on Eyre initiative has been all about," Geraldine says.

Council & Community

BETTER TOGETHER

"The Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board is proud to support important environmental projects that are driven by the local communities. This project shows what can be achieved when organisations and community members work together with a shared goal."

The project reflects a collaborative effort between the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board, local contractors, Tumby Bay Area School and the District Council of Tumby Bay to support the ongoing management of Lipson Cove.



Harvest Time

Let's Look Out for Each Other on Our Roads

As paddocks turn golden and headers begin to roll, our roads get busier. Show patience, stay alert, and help keep our community safe this season.

Road safety is everyone's responsibility this harvest season.

- Slow Down: Adjust your speed to suit rural conditions and vehicle classification
- Allow Extra Time: Expect slower-moving machinery and plan for delays
- Overtake Safely: Pass only when legal, safe, and with a completely clear view ahead.
- Give Plenty of Space: Leave wide gaps for trucks and machinery turning into paddocks.
- Stay Alert: Watch for dust clouds, changing road surfaces (corrugations, loose gravel, potholes), and agricultural traffic entering or leaving the roadway

Harvest is a crucial and rewarding time for our region, but it brings a significant increase in heavy farm machinery, grain trucks, and holiday traffic.

Whether you are a local, visitor, farmer, or contractor, a little extra patience ensures everyone gets home safely at the end of the day.

Let's work together to make this harvest season a safe one for our entire community!

Wishing all farmers, contractors, transport operators, residents, and visitors a safe and successful harvest and holiday season.

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PRESIDENT REPORT 25/26 - TUMBY BAY PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

The focus of our projects this past 12 months has been mainly town and district tourist promotion. Tourism is a critical part of our economy and encouraging visitors to linger longer benefits us all.

Travellers Rest shed has had a complete makeover and now has a modern, professional look. It is now our digital visitor information centre. The picture boards give some basic information and are QR coded back to our web site where detailed information will be found. The town's collection of street art has also been QR coded and that all links to detailed information on each mural and the artist who created it. The district web site is still having content added to it and is a really good starting point for visitors to our district. Currently we are working on self-guided drives of the district, some walking trail maps, a town history walk and also a few "local secrets" to add to the web site. Google Tumby Bay tourist information and have a look: tumby-bay.com.au

Still at Travellers Rest we are working on a freshening up of the public toilets. We partnered with council to upgrade the lighting. Our next project at that facility, in partnership with council, will be to paint the floors to make it a cleaner, brighter more welcoming place.

Still on district promotion our tourist brochure supply has been exhausted and another complete redesign has been done. Our last print was for 5000 and they have only lasted a bit over 12 months. This is a major undertaking and thanks to the local businesses who have taken out advertising to pay the printing costs. Also a big thanks to Jackie Hibble for the time she has put into this project.

Other activities during the year has been the annual refurbishment of the town Christmas decorations, assisting with variety club fundraising, helping to organise and run the guitar festival, hosting the whip cracker at Ski Beach and supporting the community Christmas carols. We also organised and hosted the winter solstice jetty swim.

Ski Beach facility has a new management team in place and is available to the community to hire for events and functions. All proceeds raised through hires are reinvested back into that facility. As a community we really are lucky to have that building available, it truly is a great location for any event.

Special thanks to those who have taken on committee positions, a good group in those management positions certainly made my job easy. Thanks also to Marie Elson for the effort, the professionalism and hours you put in.

All of us in any organisation at some time make a decision that we need to step back and take more of a back seat role. After a lot of years driving projects and assisting with the running of progress Paul Stoddard has made the call to step back. Paul really has been a major part of Tumby Bay Progress Associations achievements over the past years. As a community we can thank Paul for his vision that has given us Colour Tumby and the art. That has been seriously good for our local economy, it's created jobs, greatly increased tourist numbers and allowed local business to survive in some tough times. Thank You Paul for all you have done during your time in progress management positions.

Looking back through the year's summary it seems a lot for a small group to achieve. That's a lot of hours given up to volunteer for your community and the Progress Association. It has been my pleasure again to work with you all in delivering projects to improve Tumby Bay.

Again Thank you all for your contribution in delivering projects and making Tumby a better place

Dion LeBrun

President Tumby Bay Progress Association

BIKES BY THE BAY



ABOVE AND BELOW
Some of our intrepid "peddlers" enjoying a "breather" and refreshments after the ride at Louth

Our small group of intrepid "peddlers" continued to ride both locally and with other groups outside the district during 2026. Normally there is only one "away" ride available, combined with another group each year. This year there has already been two, with third in the offing for our Christmas function.

The first away ride was at beautiful Louth Bay in July. The photo to the right shows the group enjoying the view out over the area from the look-out on the bike trail, whilst the one below shows some appreciating the social event after the ride. It was interesting to learn the local history and note the development of the area.

It was an easy and rather short ride, but regardless, we were all looking forward to coffee and cake which had been prepared by our support crew. The bikes were then transported back to Tumby.



The long ride for the year was 4 days in the Flinders Ranges riding the Southern Rail Trail from Wilmington to Laura based out of Melrose. The aim being to provide a pleasant and different ride for our cycling group away from the Tumby Bay Area, in a social setting, and it certainly achieved that.

The trail was only completed in July 2025, but unfortunately there had been very heavy, unseasonal rain in the area prior to our arrival and many areas of the trail had been damaged or completely washed out, so the ride was more difficult than expected and some areas required the bikes to be carried through the water to overcome the washouts.

A total of 9 riders and 3 support crew undertook the ride and despite the difficulties enjoyed the adventure, without any injury or major damage. Apart from the beautiful scenery along the trail I think all will remember the coffee shops/bakeries along the way – I am certain that the dinner, with a difference, at the Melrose Hotel will always be a talking point.



ABOVE: Day 1 at Melrose. Let the fun begin
BELOW: Garry carrying bike through washout on way to Booleroo Centre

During the year we would like to invite others in our area to join us in our Saturday morning social rides departing the Jetty at 8.30am and culminating an hour later at one of the local coffee shops for a well-earned "reviver".

These are social rides, not competitions. We ride as a group and at a pace that suites all. The length of the ride is tailored to meet the capabilities of the group.



Come along and give it a try.

It is great fun and healthy exercise.

Ungarra SACWA News

Sadly this year three members have parted ways, their loss is greatly felt.

We farewelled the lovable Lizzie Dodd, but our loss is Murray Bridges' gain.

We have had many interesting days this year so far and are surprised as always by how the year flies by.

Our mystery Bus tour , a craft day at the library open to all, a day cooking out in the Ungarra Community Cafe, two members attending State Council in Adelaide and sending more again to Adelaide to work at the show.

We have a great bunch of women and even manage to make meeting days fun, craft days are always a hoot even if your crafting abilities have taken a break. But if you could enjoy some company, make a new friend, or just be a part of something bigger.

Lisa Law

SACWA

Octoman Group Floriculture

Octoman Group Floriculture officer, Sandy McCallum held a Floriculture workshop at Tumby Bay in October. Members from Port Neill, Tumby Bay and Ungarra branches attended. Demonstrator Wendy Schneider made a table arrangement while giving hints on floral art. Members were then given oasis in a black plastic container. They had a vast array of garden flowers and foliage to choose from, to arrange their own to take home. Members also took home a posy holder after observing Wendy demonstrating a posy. It's great that floriculture is alive on E.P. Photo shows the arrangements done by members. Well done members- a worthy effort, having fun with flowers.

Submitted by Sandy McCallum, Tumby Bay



TUMBY BAY AND DISTRICTS GARDEN CLUB

The October 2026 meeting of Tumby Bay and Districts Garden Club Inc. was held with 13 members in attendance.

The Show Bench winners for October were:

- Single bloom – first Dianne Bell with a Tequila Sunrise rose, then three equal seconds: Shirley Carr with a Graham Thomas rose, Maxine McRostie with a Poinsettia, and Lisa Peroff with a Bird of Paradise
- Multiple bloom – first Rhonda Habner with a Pelargonium, and second Dianne Bell with a Gold Bunny rose
- Third show bench (a bird ornament) –first Shirley Carr, second Lisa Peroff.

Following the meeting, members visited the local garden of club member Leeanne Solly, which had plenty of roses and pelargoniums in bloom, amongst other cottage garden plants.

The Garden Club meets on the second Monday of the month. The next meeting will be 10am on 9 November at the Senior Citizens Clubrooms. Visitors and new members are very welcome.

Photos supplied (1) Local garden visit host, Leeanne Solly

(2) Show bench winners – multiple blooms

3) Show bench winner – single bloom – Tequila Sunrise rose

Lynne Habner Secretary Tumby Bay and Districts Garden Club Inc.







Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 T.Kopman S Franks J Wilson P Tressider	**3** B Blackwell J Blackwell TBA TBA	**4** N Stewart G Stewart H Ware R Ware	**5** T Clark R Arthur T Stringer J Birkin	**6** K.Henderson J.Powell W Coad R Hopgood
9 A. Swaffer G Fuller C Gould J Allen	**10** N Richter M Bishop G Stirling J Stirling	**11** C.Capararo D.Capararo M Poole J Loudoun	**12** R Lawrie A Lawrie J Tierney M Bell	**13** J Higgins M Poole B Burford P Darling
16 D Prime S Eaton D Chapman V Webb	**17** E Nathan P Nathan P Horne TBA	**18** C Fraser K Lawrie B Baillie G Fleming	**19** C Kolosche B Treasure A Southern TBA	**20** C Franklin K Cave R Habner R Habner
23 R Powell A Stockwin Z.Coote G Coote	**24** W Coad V Lawrie J Cook A Cameron	**25** E Korbetis B Mackay B Ollivier P McKenna	**26** S Monfries M Poole R Glover G Glover	**27** M Woolford R Woolford L Richter B.Feid
30 T.Kopman S Franks J Wilson P Tressider		**NOVEMBER** **2026** CONTACT: J. Powell 0428 845 060	**Car 1 south** **Car 2 north**	

Join the new Tumby Bay Probus Club!



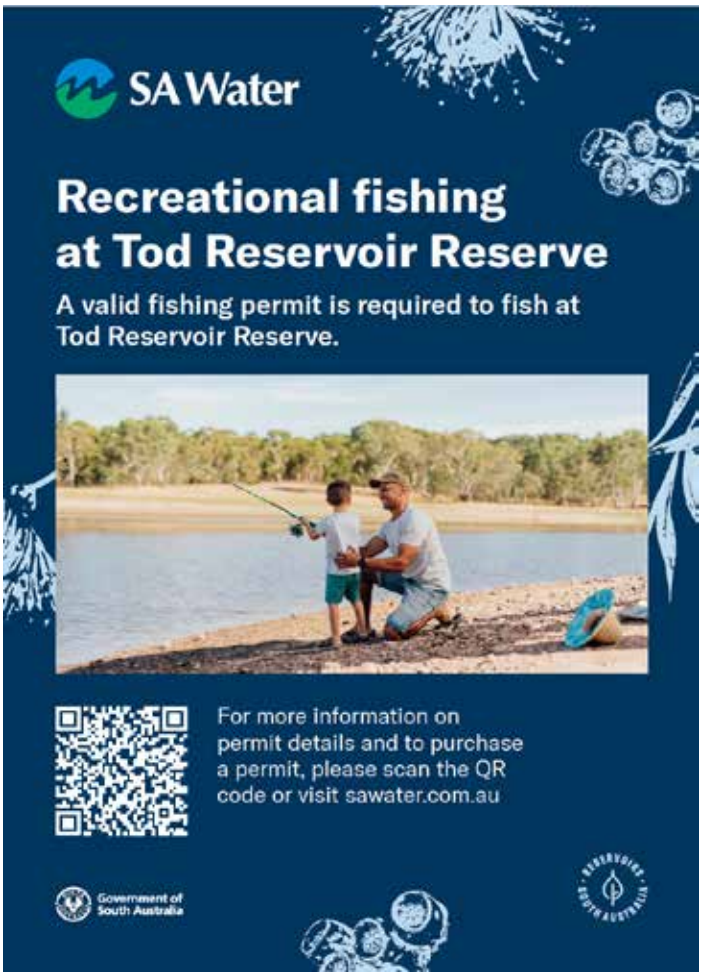
Our newly-formed Tumby Bay Probus Club is welcoming new members! Come along to our next meeting and learn all about it!

WHERE: *Tumby Bay RSL Club, 16 Lipson Rd, Tumby Bay SA 5605*
WHEN: *Thursday, 12 November 2026 at 10:00am*

Contact Audrey on 1300 630 488 or scan the QR code to register

MORNING TEA WILL BE PROVIDED

WHERE RETIREMENT COMES ALIVE!



THE CHURCHES OF TUMBY BAY welcome you

TUMBY BAY

Anglican Church
Cnr Lipson Road/Tennant Street
diowillochra.org.au/our-churches

Church of Christ
23 Tumby Terrace
www.tumbycofc.com

Lutheran Church
14 Lipson Road
tumbybay.lutheran.org.au

One Heart Church
31 West Terrace
www.oneheartchurch.com.au

Uniting Church
30 Spencer Street
tumbybay.ucasa.org.au

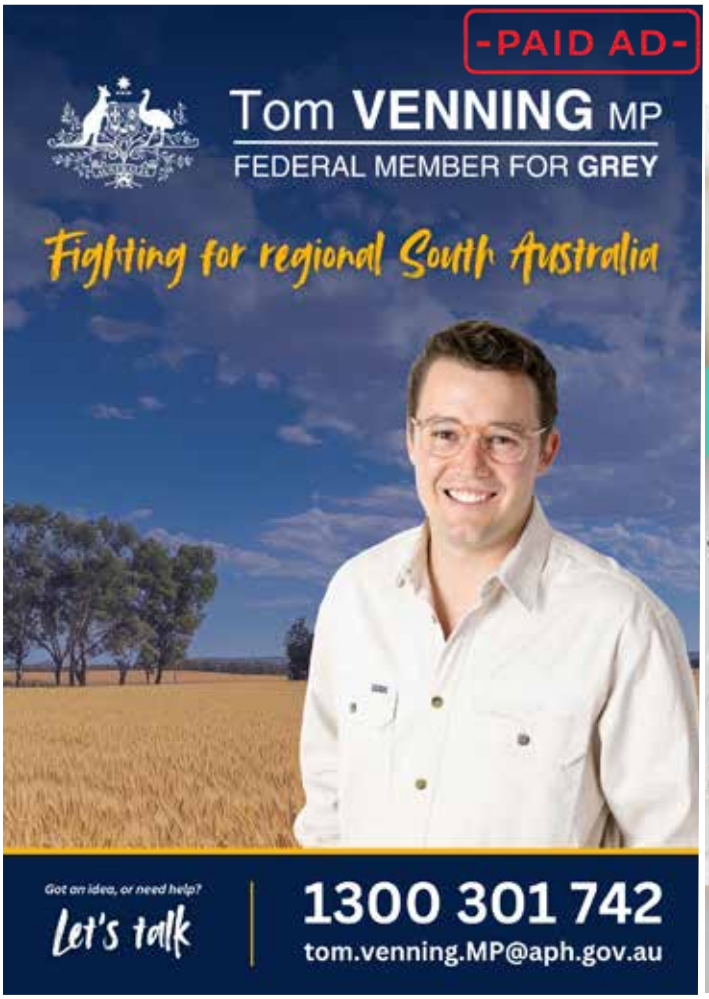
Catholic Church
Church Street

LIPSON

Uniting Church
Church Street, Lipson
tumbybay.ucasa.org.au

UNGARRA

Church of Christ
Main Road, Ungarra
churchesofchrist-sa.org.au/find-a-church/ungarra-church-of-christ





Zonta Club of Lower Eyre

November will be a busy month for our local Zonta group. Firstly they have a day organised with the Tumby Bay Quilters to make breast cushions for cancer survivors happening on November 9th. We welcome anyone who would like to assist us in any way on the day, sewing skills not necessary; morning tea and lunch will be provided, please join us at any time from 9am to 3pm at the Tumby Bay Golf Club.

You might notice trees in Tumby Bay on Spencer Street being orange yarn bombed and orange wooden-ladies placed around the local streets.

These actions are to highlight Zonta's 16 Days of Activism in 2026 which runs from 25 November to 10 December, aligning with the global UN campaign to end gender-based violence.

You'll find the Zonta team outside of Neindorf's on November 25th and December 10th with a table full of goodies which can be purchased, a raffle and a money board; with all proceeds supporting Zonta's activities in ending family violence.

We'd love to see you for a chat, maybe you'd like to consider joining our busy community group?

Any enquiries please phone Rosemary 0428585779

Tumby Bay National Trust Museum

The Tumby Bay National Trust committee has settled in to managing the museum without Pat (the manageress). During winter months visitors to the museum are always scarce but this year was more noticeable with profits not paying for the invoices. It seems there are caravans passing through but not stopping. However October has brought in the cash with 53 adults and children visiting. Perhaps it was the scones we provided free with the paying visitors every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during October. Or maybe it was the children's activities that were organised in time for the school holidays. The scones and the kids activities were very well supported. The activities will remain. Committee members also supported the Yallunda Flat Show with activities to promote the museum and the Lipson Market with book sales and promotional material. We have one new offer to volunteer but would like another for two hours a week or just be a backup when members are away. NT pays for the police check and someone will help you apply.

Thanks for your support.

Francie Boylan
Tumby Bay NT museum President.



Libraries SA TUMBY BAY

WORDS GROW MINDS

TUMBY BAY SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIBRARY

STORY TIME

WHATS ON IN TERM 4?

WEEK 1	Visit to Tumby Bay Transfer Station (Dump)
WEEK 2	Little Explorers
WEEK 3	Room on the Broom
WEEK 4	Story Time by the Sea (Lions Park)
WEEK 5	Pirates and Princesses
WEEK 6	Nature Play
WEEK 7	Post Office Santa Letters
WEEK 8	Christmas... special guest
WEEK 9	No Story Time - Merry Xmas!

FRIDAY 9:30AM | RUNS DURING SCHOOL TERM

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WORDS GROW MINDS

TUMBY BAY SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIBRARY

BABY Bounce

Playgroup



TUESDAY 9:30am

FUN & MEANINGFUL EARLY LEARNING FOR 0-2 YEAR OLDS!

A fun interactive session for babies and toddlers with action songs, nursery rhymes and craft! Come for your baby, stay to meet other parents.

Tumby Bay School Community Library

FREE NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED

Runs during school term

New Books at the Library

SEPTEMBER 2026

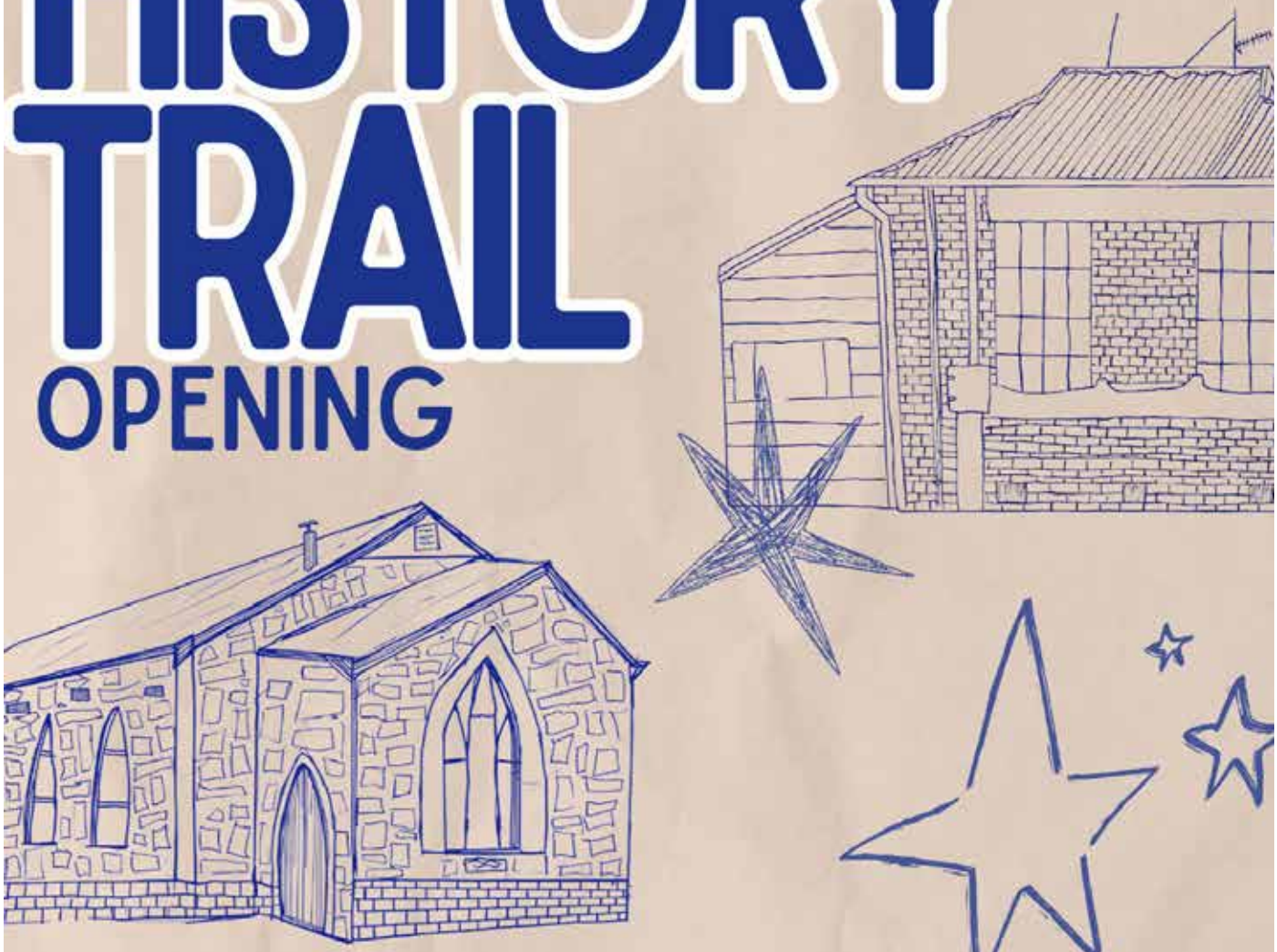
ADULT FICTION:

Our noble selves	Kate Atkinson
Ransom	Daniel Silva
Villa Coco	Andrew Sean Greer
Hollow bones	Jodi Picoult
Taipei story	RF Kuang
When Sullivan met Lola	Monica McInerney
Full circle	Chris Hammer
The French illusion	John Grisham
The German Ward	Pip Williams
The paradise resort	Tricia Stringer

Great reads await!



UNGARRA HISTORY TRAIL OPENING



9:30AM, FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 6TH, 2026

UNGARRA TOWN HALL

Est. finish time 10:30am, followed by a light morning tea at the school

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE UNGARRA'S HISTORY!

Come along to the official opening of the Ungarra History Trail. Students from Ungarra Primary School will share their learning and the stories they have uncovered through this project, as we walk the trail to visit each site.

All community members are warmly invited to join us!

DISTRICT COUNCIL of TUMBY BAY

Events & What's on! November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
• Dragon Boating 7:45 Boat Ramp • Community Shed & Garden Tumby 10-4pm • Tumby Bowling Crackerjack Bowls 1pm. 1	• Ungarra Playcentre 10am-12pm • Ungarra Cafe 12pm-2pm **Council Elections Information Evening 5:30-6:30** 2	• Line Dancing RSL 9:30-12 • Bingo 1pm Senior Citz Tumby Bay 3	• Community Shed & Garden Tumby Bay 10am-4pm • Creative Crew Studio 10:30- 12:30 • Indoor Bowls 1pm Senior Citz Tumby Bay 4	Weight watchers CWA hall 9am. Food relief St Marg Church 10:30-12 Come n Try Croquet Tumby Foreshore 1:30pm 5	**Ungarra History Trail Opening 9:30-10:30 Ungarra Hall** • Ungarra Cafe 9:30-11:30am Ungarra Kindergym 10:00-11:00 Craft Fridays Community Centre 10-3:30 Games 1pm Senior Citz Tumby Bay 6	• Bikes by the Bay 8:30am • Come n Try Croquet Tumby Foreshore 1:30pm 7
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For queries or to send your events in, please contact rnowikow@tumbybay.sa.gov.au



RSL RFDS Garage Sales, Boot Sales and Quiz Night

On Friday, 18th September a Quiz Night was held along with Sunday, 20th September a Garage/Boot/Site Sale was held at the RSL Tumby Bay Sub-Branch. This weekend was to support the Royal Flying Doctor Service. A Devonshire Tea was also run. From charity events and bake sales to fun runs and online campaigns, there are many ways to help. Together we can make a difference your efforts directly contribute to providing essential healthcare to remote communities across Australia.



RETURNED SERVİCES LEAGUE (South Australia)

Tumby Bay Sub Branch - News

Historical Dates:

We can provide links for those who wish to read further on these events

- 1 Oct 1918 - Australian Light Horse take Damascus.
- 3- 8 Oct 1951- 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, take Hill 317 (Maryang-San) and hold the feature despite fierce counter-attacks.
- 12 Oct 1917 - Captain Clarence Jeffries, 34th Battalion awarded the Victoria Cross posthumously at Passchendaele, Belgium.
- 16 Oct 1967 - Royal Australian Navy Helicopters deploy to Vietnam.
- 20 Oct 1900 - New South Wales naval contingent enters Beijing.
- 23 Oct 1942 - The Battle of El Alamein (Egypt) begins with a massive artillery bombardment preceding attacks by British and Australian divisions. A turning point of the Second World War in the Middle East
- 28 Oct 1916- First conscription referendum in Australia.
- 30 Oct 1918 - Armistice with the Ottoman Empire

Portraits Memorial

The Portraits Memorial is unique to our Club; it is recognised by the Virtual War Memorial of Australia.

There are now over 500 portraits displayed. Spend some time perusing this wonderful memorial to men and women from our community who served.

Geoff Stewart

LEST WE FORGET

Thank You From Dementia Australia

Dementia Australia Advocate Bob Heath and team would like to say a very big thank you to the community for the fantastic, un-believable support they received for the Dementia Australia raffle they conducted in Tumby Bay during DEMENTIA AUSTRALIA WEEK.

WINNERS

1st prize Tina Wells

2nd prize Kerry Eagle

Bob Heath

Dementia Australia



A SOLDIER'S STORY

Written by Geoff Stewart

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PHOTO

Service No.: NX10812
Name: Joseph James Rowe TREZISE
Nickname: Jim



Rank: Corporal
Service: Army
Enlisted: 19 May 1941
Discharged: 30 Nov 1945

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

Jim was born on 15 May 1915 at Tumby Bay to Joseph James Trezise and Ella Muriel Trezise (nee Williams). He was the eldest of 9 children in the family, 6 boys and 3 girls. His father was a miner at Moonta before moving to Butler and then Tumby Bay where he opened an Agricultural Machinery Agency in 1923.

He went to school at Tumby Bay, leaving at Grade 7 at the end of 1929 to work as a labourer in the Tumby District. He then moved to NSW to work on Canluna station (near Canberra). On enlistment in the Army at Canberra on 19 May 1941 he gave his occupation as truck driver, his address as c/- City Post Office, Canberra – although his locality of enlistment was recorded as Canluna, and his mother as next of kin.

He reported to Paddington NSW for processing on 20 May 1941 and 2 days later was sent to the Training Battalion at Ingleburn to undertake recruit training. On 1 Nov 1941 he embarked at Sydney bound for the Middle East, disembarking at Suez on 22 Dec 1941. He marched out to 2/101st Australian General Transport (AGT) Company (Coy), AASC, on 26 Jan 1942 and was taken on strength by his unit the same day.

The 2/101st AGT Coy was formed in mid-1940 in Marrickville, Sydney, as part of the larger Australian Corps Ammunition Park. From Marrickville the coy moved to Greta and then Dubbo. On 26 Dec 1940 the coy travelled by train to Sydney, where they embarked for the Middle East. Upon arriving in Egypt, they travelled by train to Palestine and went into camp at Hill 69. In early 1941 the coy transported troops during the Libyan campaign, while in Jun 1941 they were busy transporting men and equipment for the invasion of Syria. When the 1st Australia Corps returned to Australia at the end of 1941 and the start of 1942, the 2/101st stayed in the Middle East with the 9th Division. It was at this stage that Jim joined his unit.

On 3 Jun 1942 he was admitted to 2/11th Field Ambulance and transferred to 2/8th Field Ambulance the next day; 14 days later he returned to his unit.

On 26 Jan 1943 he and his unit embarked at Suez aboard HMAT "*L2*" for return to Australia, disembarking at Sydney on 27 Feb 1943. Unit members were then given leave and Jim certainly did not waste his, as on 13 Mar 1943 he married Thelma Eileen Trezise at Croydon SA; he only had a short honeymoon as a week later he reported back to his unit, which was now located in Grovely, Brisbane in preparation for movement to PNG.

On 14 Jul 1943 he and his unit embarked at Brisbane aboard HMAT "*Henry F Allen*" bound for PNG, disembarking at Port Moresby on 20 Jul 1943; he was promoted to Lance Corporal a week later. The terrain and weather in PNG, plus the limited infrastructure made transporting and resupplying units by road impossible, therefore much of this work had to be done by air. Many men from the 2/101st volunteered to work as crews on C/47 aircraft, also known as "biscuit bombers", dropping supplies to the forward units.

On 23 Sep 1943 he was admitted to 2/9th Australian General Hospital (AGH) at Port Moresby, where he remained for a fortnight before being released and transferred to 113th Australian Convalescence Depot. He remained at the Depot for 2 months before being re-admitted to 2/9th AGH and then evacuated on 5 Jan 1944 aboard the HS "Manuka" to Australia, disembarking at Sydney on 12 Jan 1944; he was admitted to 14th AGH. A week later he was medically reclassified as B and released from hospital, but remained working at the AGH and Camp hospital as a general duties driver.

On 14 Jun 1944 his medical classification was revised and he was classified as medically unfit for service outside Australia or in areas of high humidity. He was subsequently transferred to the SA Lines of Communication area, Adelaide, for discharge; this was affected on 30 Nov 1945.

After discharge he settled in Croydon (Adelaide) with his wife and family.

Jim died on 19 Jan 1968 whilst residing in Seaton, SA. He is buried in the Centennial Park War Cemetery at Pasadena. His wife died in 1980; it is not known where she is buried.

Council Decisions 13th October 2026

The following provides a summary of the decisions made at the 13 October 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 8 September 2026.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Churchett noted his attendance at the EPLGA Executive Meeting, the State Reception for the Governor of South Australia and the Ordinary Council meeting.

Reports of Members, Delegates and Working Parties

Dm Elliott attended the CEO Performance Review Committee Meeting and the Ordinary Council Meeting.

Cr Ward attended the CEO Performance Review Committee Meeting and the Ordinary Council Meeting.

Cr Will attended the CEO Performance Review Committee Meeting and the Ordinary Council Meeting.

Cr Randall attended Bendigo Bank Community Grants Committee Meeting and the Ordinary Council Meeting.

Deputations
Kyle Hansen

Questions on Notice

Nil.

Questions Without Notice

Nil.

Motions on Notice

Nil.

Council Committee Reports
Nil.

Officers' Reports

CEO: Update

That Council:

1. notes the Chief Executive Officer Report;

2. notes that arrangements for Open Eyre Events to provide event management services for the 2027 EPLGA Conference were initiated by previous administrations before the commencement of the current Chief Executive Officer; and

3. endorses the inclusion of $50,000 in Budget Review 1 for event management costs associated with the 2027 EPLGA Conference, subject to final confirmation of the service scope, contractual documentation and applicable procurement, delegation and financial-control requirements.

The report is received for noting.

Council resolved not to contribute financially to the proposed short-term works for the Tumby Bay Jetty, while continuing to advocate for a safe, sustainable, long-term solution with the State Government. Full minutes are available on Council's website.

That Council determine its order of preference for the election of the LGA President for the 2026 – 2028 term the full proceedings are available in full minutes.

Review of multiple confidential items lists available in full on Council's website.

Draft Policy 2.33 - Community Engagement

That Council:

1. approves the draft Policy 2.33 - Community Engagement, as presented.

General Manager Environmental Services

Disaster Ready Fund Round 4 Application – Outcome

1. Receives and notes the outcome of the District Council of Tumby Bay's Disaster Ready Fund Round 4 proposal, New Foreshore Seawall to Secure the Future of Tumby Bay's Community, Coastal Lifestyle & Economy, and notes that SAFECOM advised on 27 August 2026 that the proposal was not selected for submission to the National Emergency Management Agency for assessment.

2. Notes that, as no Round 4 funding offer was made:

a. no Disaster Ready Fund income or associated Council co-contribution is to be treated as confirmed in the Long-Term Financial Plan.

b. a prudential report is not presently required for acceptance of funding or procurement, but will be required in accordance with Council policy before Council accepts any future funding offer and proceeds to procurement for the project.

Archive Building and Toilet Block – Purchaser's Advice of Withdrawal

1. Notes the correspondence from Chelsea Franks advising that she wishes to withdraw from the purchase of the Archive Building and Toilet Block properties. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to undertake the administrative steps necessary to formally conclude or terminate the Contract for the Sale and Purchase of Land.

2. Notes that any proposed reimbursement, settlement or other material financial commitment associated with concluding or terminating the Contract for the Sale and Purchase of Land will be presented to Council for consideration prior to being entered into.

3. Requests that a further report be presented to Council outlining the confirmed financial position associated with the transaction and options for the future use or disposal of the site, including completion of the land division and future sale, retention in Council ownership, or other viable alternatives.

Tumby Bay Airport Strategic Employment Code Amendment – Endorsement of Revised Proposal to Initiate

1. Endorses the revised Proposal to Initiate an Amendment to the Planning and Design Code – "Tumby Bay Airport Strategic Employment Code Amendment", prepared by MasterPlan SA Pty Ltd, document reference 55148PI02, version 0.2 dated 7 October 2026,

2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to arrange any minor editorial or consequential amendments necessary to ensure the Proposal to Initiate and associated plans consistently reflect the scope endorsed by Council, and to sign and submit the document to the Minister for Planning.

3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to liaise with MasterPlan SA Pty Ltd and the Department for Housing and Urban Development regarding assessment of the proposal and any Ministerial requirements, with any material change to Council's endorsed scope or additional funding requirement to be reported to Council for consideration before proceeding.

Other Reports

Nil.

Matters in Confidence

Multiple matters in confidence that can be found in the full minutes on Councils Website.

Items Laid on the Table
Nil.

Meeting Dates

Council meetings are usually held on the **2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm** in the Council Chambers on Mortlock St, Tumby Bay. Agendas and minutes are available via our website or by scanning the QR code below.

Scan the QR code to view the latest agendas and minutes.

