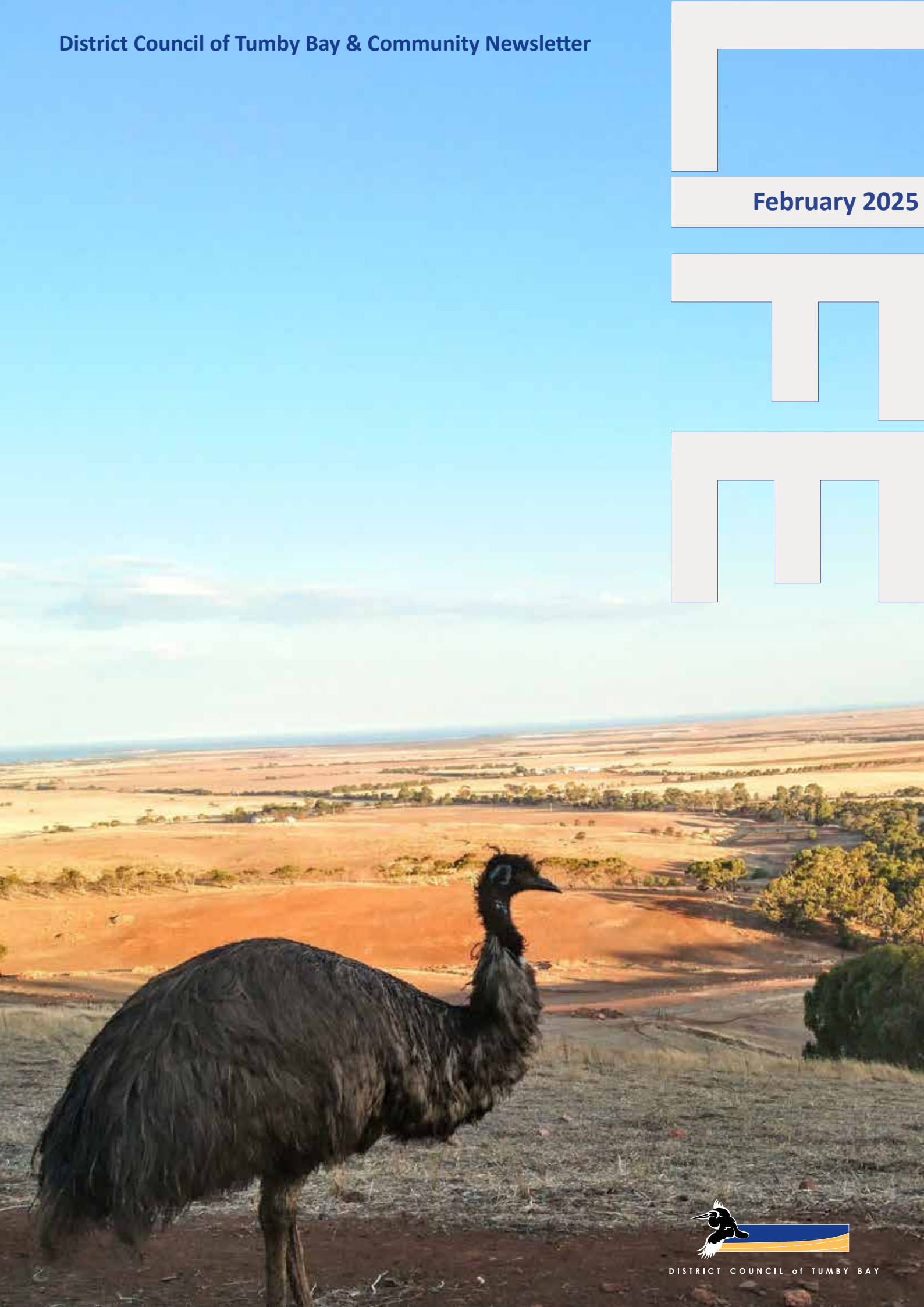


February 2025



## Your Elected Members



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## From the CEO's Desk



Dear Community Members,

Happy New Year and welcome to 2025! I hope everyone had a joyous and restful holiday season, surrounded by family, friends, and all that makes this community so special.

As we enter the new year, Council is committed to ensuring our district remains vibrant and sustainable. We are currently seeking community feedback on an important document—our Long-Term Financial Plan. This plan is vital in guiding the Council's future decisions and investments, and we value your input. If you have any questions or concerns, I encourage you to reach out to Council staff directly to ensure you receive accurate and factual information. Your participation is crucial to shaping our shared future.

On a personal note, after much reflection, I have made the difficult decision to step down as CEO in a few months' time. This decision comes with mixed emotions. It has been an absolute privilege to serve the District Council of Tumby Bay and work alongside such a dedicated team. However, with my family returning to Adelaide, I have realised that living apart from them would be too great a challenge. While I will miss this district, I believe it is the right time to follow my family and begin this next chapter.

Over the coming months, I remain committed to continuing our work together and ensuring a smooth transition for the leadership of the Council.

Here's to a productive, positive, and community-focused year ahead.

Warm regards,

**Rebecca Hayes**

Chief Executive Officer

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To have it emailed or posted, call (08) 8688 2101.

Content submissions: Welcome (subject to space), deadline is the second Thursday of the month.

## Project Officer's Update

### Completion of the Rabbit Control Program at Lipson Cove

The District Council of Tumby Bay, in partnership with the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board, has completed a Rabbit Control Program at Lipson Cove. The program ran from the 8th to the 15th January and aimed to address the environmental impact of wild rabbits. The goal to reduce rabbit population numbers in the area.

Oat trails were laid within the northern area of Lipson Cove before the campground and within the revegetation fencing areas of the campground.

The program focused on the following:

- Three (3) free feeds of plain untreated oats to attract rabbits between 8-13th January 2025; then
- Release of RHDV K5 (Calicivirus) treated oats on the 15th January 2025 to target rabbits.

Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV), also known as calicivirus, is a biological control agent used to manage wild rabbit populations. It only affects rabbits and does not harm other species, including humans. The virus is transmitted by flies or through direct contact between rabbits.

More information about biological rabbit control can be found on the [Department for Primary Industries Regions \(PIRSA\) Website](#)

On the of 20th January, Council monitoring of this project showed that all treated oats had been consumed, indicating successful uptake. The weather conditions throughout the program were favourable, which we hope contributes to the effectiveness. While controlling rabbit population can prove challenging, we are optimistic that this effort will help reduce some of the local rabbit population and associated environmental impacts in this location.

If you are at Lipson Cove over the coming months, we encourage people to report any sightings of rabbits via [RabbitScan](#). This will assist in tracking the rabbit numbers and the program's effectiveness. Property owners who are interested in rabbit control on their land can contact the [Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board](#) for guidance and support.

### Dredging Project Update – Tumby Bay Marina and Port Neill Boat Ramp

The marine dredging project has progressed through some further approval phases. This dredging project is supported by a grant of \$248,744 from the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program. The project aims to:

- **Tumby Bay Marina:** Restore design water depths in specific locations. This will resolve sediment accumulation issues and greatly improve navigational safety and accessibility for all marine users.
- **Port Neill Boat Ramp:** Removal of accumulated sediments and restoration of design water depth to allow safe access at all tide states for recreational and emergency services users.

While the exact dates for work are still to be confirmed pending final approvals, initial indications from discussion with contactors and requirements set out in approvals will likely see a works timeline for dredging as follows:

- **Tumby Bay Marina:** Dredging is expected to begin in February or March 2025, depending on weather and operational conditions, with a duration of 2-4 weeks.
- **Port Neill Boat Ramp:** Dredging is expected to begin in April 2025, also for a 2-4 week period, contingent on weather and operating conditions.

Council will aim to avoid works during peak holiday periods to minimise disruption where possible. During works these sites will be temporarily closed which we understand is an inconvenience. The work is expected to be completed in fairly short timeframes, and we will aim to re-open the facilities as soon as possible.

Further updates will be provided once contractor schedules and final approvals are confirmed, with more details about the works, frequently asked questions and final dredging management plans to be provided on the website soon.

### Tumby Bay Foreshore Tile Mural Project

We are pleased to announce a new community art project for Tumby Bay's foreshore—a tile mural depicting the original Tumby Bay jetty. This

project continues the work initiated by Marcia Octoman, the Council's former Community and Economic Development Officer, and it is exciting to see her vision come to fruition and deliver this project.

The art recognises and celebrates the importance of the little jetty (otherwise known as the old jetty). The photo chosen of the little jetty in 1909 has been custom printed onto tiles.



During February local contractor JNJ Design and Construct will complete the works and tile art installation, which will also include an upgrade to the shower plumbing at the site with new stainless steel fixtures and fittings.

With wonderful timing, this project aims to be completed before our Colour Tumby festival

and will be a lovely art addition to support this wonderful community event.

### **Painting of Council Buildings**

In addition to these ongoing initiatives, the Council continues to make progress with maintenance painting of Council buildings. Recently, several key locations have been revitalised with fresh coats of paint, enhancing the look of our community assets.

We have completed painting at the below sites in Tumby Bay:

- Foreshore public toilet blocks (Medical Centre, foreshore, yacht club)
- Travellers Rest
- Front of the Council building
- Cemetery gazebo

Local contractor Guppy Painting and Decorating is currently working on the Harvey Drive toilet block and the BBQ gazebo area in Tumby Bay. Huge thank you to Trevor and his team so far for their efficient and quality work.

As part of this ongoing maintenance program, additional Council assets and sites will be painted throughout the rest of this year with updates on locations and progress regularly shared on social media and the Council's website.

### **Stay Informed**

For more information on these projects, or if you have any questions, please visit our website or contact the District Council of Tumby Bay at 8688 2101 or [dctumby@tumbybay.sa.gov.au](mailto:dctumby@tumbybay.sa.gov.au). We will continue to provide updates to these projects as they progress.

### **Mandy Shephard**

Project Officer

# Tumby Bay Celebrates Australia Day 2025

The District Council of Tumby Bay congratulates and recognises the contribution of the 2025 Australia Day Award recipients.

Citizen of the Year Award: Paul Stoddard

Young Citizen of the Year Award: Naylene Campbell-Webb

Senior Citizen of the Year Award: Marlene Poole

Award for Active Citizenship: Tumby Bay National Trust Museum Volunteers

Community Event of the Year: 24 Hour Pedal for Parkinsons

Certificate of Achievement: 100 Years of Tumby Bay Croquet Club

We also extend a warm welcome to our newest citizen, Eka Yulianti.



# Community Consultation Long Term Financial Plan 2024-2039

Council is reviewing its Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP) and Infrastructure and Asset Management Plans (IAMP) to guide our community's growth and sustainability over the next 14 years. These plans will shape decisions on services, infrastructure, and investments while ensuring financial responsibility.

## Proposed Changes to Existing LTFP

### 1. Inclusion of required expenditure on the Tumby Bay jetty and Port Neill jetty

Council's LTFP is structured around obtaining a Cash Advance Loan through the Local Government Finance Authority (LGFA). However, it is essential to note that this loan is not guaranteed and remains subject to approval by the LGFA Board.

Securing funding for the ongoing maintenance and upgrades of the Tumby Bay and Port Neill jetties hinges on a joint funding approach. Without this critical funding, Council will be unable to proceed with planned works on either jetty.

In such a scenario, Council would have no alternative but to return the ownership of the jetties to the State Government. This could result in their closure, depriving our community of these valued assets.

### 2. Deferral of proposed Tumby Bay foreshore works by 4 years

Council acknowledges feedback from the community regarding the proposed foreshore mitigation works. The rock revetment wall is seen as critical in the future mitigation of climate change induced coastal erosion and will provide vital protection for foreshore recreation areas and public and private infrastructure within the township.

Further consultation with the community will occur in 2025 as Council undertakes engagement on the detailed design and alignment of the proposed foreshore wall.

- 2025/2026- An allocation of \$700,000 has been provided for the early installation of erosion protection to replace the existing section of failed seawall between the Bluewater Café and foreshore conveniences. It is expected that this will deliver a medium-term solution such as a sandbag seawall.
- To enable the inclusion of remediation on the Tumby Bay and Port Neill jetties, the proposed Tumby Bay foreshore erosion and flood risk mitigation projects have been re-scheduled to later in the revised plan.

## Key Highlights of the Draft LTFP

### 1. Tumby Bay Jetty Repair

Securing the future of the Tumby Bay Jetty through

essential repairs to maintain its structural integrity and community use.

### 2. Port Neill Jetty Repair

Undertaking critical works to ensure the Port Neill Jetty remains safe and accessible for residents and visitors.

### 3. Tumby Bay Foreshore Protection Works

The Council is committed to implementing long-term strategies to protect the Tumby Bay foreshore from coastal erosion and safeguard our natural and built environments.

### 4. Infrastructure and Asset Maintenance

Continued provision of high-quality road networks, parks, public assets and public spaces across the district.

### 5. Financial Sustainability

Balancing community needs and expectations with available funding to maintain affordable rates for residents.

## Have Your Say

We invite you to review and provide feedback on the LTFP and IAMP.

Please visit the Council website [www.tumbybay.sa.gov.au](http://www.tumbybay.sa.gov.au) (or scan the QR code below) for further information including proposed rate increases and proposed costings for jetty remediation works. Copies of the draft documents are available from the Council office, Tumby Bay School Community Library, or on the Council website.

Choose the way to provide feedback that suits you best:

- Online Survey: Take a short survey online
- By Post: Print a copy of the feedback form and return to PO Box 61, Tumby Bay, SA 5605
- By Email: To [dctumby@tumbybay.sa.gov.au](mailto:dctumby@tumbybay.sa.gov.au)
- Drop-Off Locations: Print a copy of the feedback form and return to the Council Office or Tumby Bay School Community Library

Feedback received will be presented at a Special Council Meeting on 20 February 2025.

We appreciate your time and involvement. Together, we can build a stronger future for our District.



## Carols by the Beach 2024



Lions Club made 500 donuts which were consumed by a crowd of about 350 people. Who ate them all???



Decorations on the existing outdoor tree were made by children and their families at the recent inaugural Christmas Journey, also an initiative of Tumby Bay Interchurch Council. They have been crafted using upcycled yarn and string soaked in glue and wrapped around a balloon. Thanks to Andrea Thompson for coordinating this.

Funds raised will go towards Pastoral Care Programs in our local schools and our Crisis Care Network as we continue to learn how best to support those in need across our community.



Interchurch Council wish to thank the many volunteers and groups who contribute to the event for making it another special time at Carols by the Beach.

Glenys Sauturaga



## SA Seniors Card

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- contact your bank immediately,
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- make a report to the Australian Cyber Security Centre at [www.cyber.gov.au/report-and-recover/report](http://www.cyber.gov.au/report-and-recover/report).

More information: <https://www.seniorscard.sa.gov.au/weekendplus/news/misleading-seniors-card-website>



# Drought support

The State Government is investing \$18 million to assist farming communities affected by drought across SA, including on-farm drought infrastructure rebates, grants for community support events and mental health training opportunities, and funding to help donated fodder reach more communities.

Visit [pir.sa.gov.au/drought](http://pir.sa.gov.au/drought) to apply for a grant or rebate.

As many primary producers experience their driest season on record, the State Government is investing [\\$18 million to assist farming communities affected by drought](#) across South Australia.

The package has been informed by drought roundtables held across the state and by the SA Drought Advisory Group, which includes representation from key primary industries as well as state, federal and local government.

This support is available to all communities in South Australia.

## On-farm drought infrastructure rebate scheme

Primary producers can apply for rebates of up to 75% (to a maximum of \$5,000 excluding GST) for on-farm drought infrastructure that assists in managing drought conditions and strengthening preparedness.

Eligible projects will include water infrastructure updates, water, grain and fodder storage, stock containment feeding, fencing, soil moisture monitors, weather stations, and other farm improvements.

[Apply for an on-farm drought infrastructure rebate now.](#)

**Please note:** if you've already submitted an 'expression of interest', you now need to submit a full application to receive your rebate.

## 'Connecting Communities' events grants

Eligible groups can apply for grants of up to \$5,000 (excluding GST) to host community events that foster social connections and provide support during these challenging times.

This can include support for mental health-related training opportunities for their communities.

Eligible groups include industry groups, community groups, not-for-profits, local government and other incorporated groups.

[Apply for a Connecting Communities events grant now.](#)

## Family and Business Mentors

The support package also includes extra funding for PIRSA's [Family and Business \(FaB\) Mentors](#) – a free, independent and confidential service who can provide a listening ear when things get tough.

FaB mentors are located across the state in regional areas and are available to help primary producers identify assistance specific to their situations.

## Ongoing hardship support

This new drought support package is on top of a range of [ongoing support programs](#) that are available based on need, no matter what type of hardship primary producers are experiencing:

- [Family and Business mentors](#)
- [Rural Financial Counselling Service](#)
- [Farm Household Allowance](#)
- [Taxation measures and support](#)
- [Farm debt mediation](#)
- [Low interest and concessional loans](#)
- [Farm management deposits](#)
- Telecommunications bill assistance
- Industry-led support programs
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Visit [PIRSA's drought webpage](#) to learn more and download the 'SA Assistance guide for primary producers'.

If you have any questions about the programs above, you're welcome to contact [PIRSA.drought@sa.gov.au](mailto:PIRSA.drought@sa.gov.au) or call the Recovery Hotline on 1800 931 314.





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## Bushfire Preparation Checklist

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| July      | Create a 20-metre defensible space around your home   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|           | Update your Bushfire Survival Plan  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| August    | Trim lower branches of trees to separate the foliage from the ground fuels underneath         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|           | Create your emergency kits – home & car   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| September | Prune shrubs so that their tops are well away from the lower branches of trees                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|           | Test equipment eg tank fittings, generators & sprinkler systems, pumps, hoses & hose fittings | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|           | Download the Alert SA app   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| October   | Block ember entry points eg vents, seals & flues  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|           | Clean gutters & remove fine fuels   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|           | Practice your bushfire plan & place on fridge   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|           | Know your Australian Fire Danger Ratings  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### FIRE DANGER SEASON

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| November | Maintain yard, clear flammable materials away from buildings & sheds |
| To       |  |
| April    | Maintain firefighting equipment readiness                            |
|          | Monitor Fire Danger Ratings & weather                                |
|          | Practice and follow your bushfire survival plan                      |

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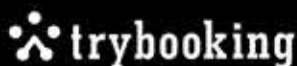
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Normal time: Sun, 10.30am  
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14 Lipson Road  
Normal time: Sun, 9am  
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www.oneheartchurch.com.au

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Normal time: Sunday, 10am  
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Monthly, 4<sup>th</sup> Sat 9am  
Monthly, 5<sup>th</sup> Sun 5pm

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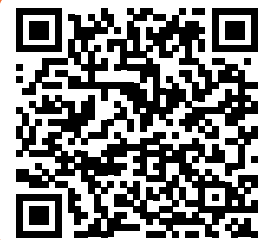
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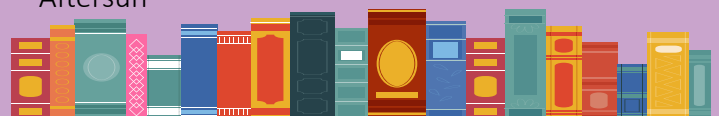
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*Written by Geoff Stewart*

Service No.: S11922  
Name: Albert Barr WISHART  
Nickname:



Medals and Decorations:  
NOT APPLICABLE

Rank: Private  
Service: Army  
Enlisted: 22 May 1917  
Discharged: 20 Nov 1917

Albert was born on 2 May 1872 at White's Flat (near the Tod River, SA) to John Innes Wishart and Jessie Wishart (nee Barr). He was the fourth youngest of 11 children in the family, 4 boys and 7 girls. His father, who came to Australia from Scotland in 1840 settled at Penrice (near Angaston SA), before purchasing land at Flaxman's Gully (near Angaston). In 1867 the Angaston property was sold and the family moved to Eyre Peninsula and took up land near the Tod River, the property being known as the "Mallee". Two years after Albert was born the family moved again, this time onto a larger farm at Warratta Vale.

Albert went to school at Hinkler's Private School (the predecessor to the Warratta Vale School), at Warratta Vale. Like most young lads of the time he worked on the family farm on completion of schooling.

On 4 Nov 1902 Albert married Agnes Jane Brougham at the Church of the Epiphany at Lipson. They had a family of 5 children, 2 boys and 3 girls. They raised their family on the farm at Warratta Vale.

On 22 May 1917 Albert enlisted in the Army at the age of 45 years: his previous applications for enlistment having been rejected on medical grounds because of varicose veins. He was sent to 2<sup>nd</sup> Depot Battalion (Bn) at Mitcham for training before being posted to the Veterinarian Section also at Mitcham. Approximately 6 months later he was discharged from the Army on medical grounds, again varicose veins.

The prefix "S" to his service number indicates that he did not complete his training before discharge and was not a member of the AIF.

Albert returned to Tumby Bay and the property at Warratta Vale; he immersed himself in community service. He was the Chairman of the Tumby Bay District Council for several years and also the Chairman of the Lipson Show Committee for many years. He remained interested in public affairs in both the local district and the Eyre Peninsula until his death.

He was also an accomplished sportsman, winning the Veterans Bowling Championship at Tumby Bay at the age of 90, an achievement of which he was justifiably proud.

He died on 13 Apr 1964 at the age of 91 years. His wife Agnes died on 12 Jul 1975, also at the age of 91 years. They are buried side by side in the Lipson Cemetery.

His photo is displayed in the RSL Tumby Bay Portraits Memorial.

## Attention Friends of Sonia DORWARD

Thank you to the community of Tumby Bay who have supported and cared for our mum, Sonia DORWARD, especially those who kept an eye on her when she was having her daily swim. Still swimming at 92, she was a bit of a local icon and inspiration to many.

Mum has gone into care in Heywood Victoria where she is close to family. She is happy and settled and as cheerful and lively as always. It all happened quickly so she didn't have a chance to say goodbye.

We are very grateful that she was able to stay in her home at Tumby despite her dementia. Many thanks to all who cared and looked out for her.

The DORWARD Family (Bronwyn, Stephanie, Dion, Quentin and Jacqueline)

## Community Newsletter Submissions

Snapped a great shot or want to share your team's outstanding game? Share your community stories with us at [dctumby@tumbybay.sa.gov.au](mailto:dctumby@tumbybay.sa.gov.au). Submissions by the second Thursday of the month for the following months' issue; subject to approval and availability.

An opportunity to meet, greet and eat at the next



**Where?** Church of Christ, Tumby Tee.,  
Tumby Bay  
**When?** Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025  
**Time?** 8am

Donations gratefully received  
Proceeds, in excess of costs, to RFDS

So that there will be plenty to eat, please let us know you are coming by call or text to 0409499348 by 13<sup>th</sup> February

## Returned Services League (South Australia)

### Tumby Bay Sub Branch - News



Happy New Year to all; may 2025 bring you good health and happiness.

We are looking forward to a harmonious year supporting our community. To do this we need your help in supporting our Club, especially from present and past service members.

Historical Dates:

- 22 January 1879: South Australia's first soldier to be killed in action and the start of the Zulu Wars. Lieutenant Edgar Oliphant Anstey was killed in action at Islandlwana in Natal, South Africa

### Committee for 2025

**President:** Jeff Blackwell 0419 862 332  
**Vice Presidents:** Liz Sharpe 0428 917 252  
Rob McKeown 0467 033 199  
**Treasurer:** Mike Bradford 0477 096 881  
**Membership officer:** Mike Bradford 0477 096 881  
**Secretary:** Graham Ingram 0429 968 310  
**Bookings Officer:** Bev Bradford 0456 762 149  
**Committee Members:** Bev Bradford  
Lizzie Dodd  
Eric Kotz  
Teena Norton-Fahey  
Lisa Povey

### RSL Tumby Bay Website

We are building a Website for our Club. Whilst construction of the Website is not complete, we have opened the site to allow the community access to the site through the following link: <https://www.rsltumbybay.com.au/index.html>

Any suggestions: please contact Geoff Stewart on 0419 208 944 or [geoffst@hotmail.com](mailto:geoffst@hotmail.com)

We have an extensive Portraits Memorial in our Club as shown on our Website. Anyone that has photos of local servicemen in uniform, and would like these displayed, please contact Geoff Stewart on 0419 208 944.

### LEST WE FORGET

Geoff Stewart





# LEASH UP

## for dog's sake

Most dog attacks reported to councils happen when dogs are off-leash. Leashing your dog can save you, your dog and others a lot of pain and anguish.

Don't let your dog be another statistic, **leash up!**



### Did you know?

In South Australia, you must keep your dog on a leash no longer than 2 metres unless in an area marked by council signage (some parks and some beach areas). If your dog is off leash in an approved area marked by signage, it must stay close to you, within your sight and return to you on the first call.



**Government  
of South Australia**

Dog and Cat  
Management Board



# DIGITAL DROP-IN

Wednesdays 1.30-3pm

Tumby Bay School Community  
Library staff can help you with



Basic computer skills- e.g. navigating the desktop, creating and saving files, using email, printing and uploading documents.



Internet access, safety and security.



Assistance with devices such as mobile phones and tablets/ipads.



Accessing library databases and services such as eBooks, Audiobooks, Libraries SA App, online learning via LinkedIn Learning and Ancestry Library edition.

# Tumby Bay Book Club

Join our vibrant book club and immerse yourself in the joy of reading and lively discussions!  
Once a month at the library.



Please contact the library for further information  
Ph: 8688 2471

# Story Time

Fridays 9.30am

0-5 year olds

Tumby Bay School  
Community Library

Come and listen to our fabulous Kerrie read a story each week followed by some arts and crafts!!



# Mums & Bubs

Wednesday mornings

9.30-10.30am

Tumby Bay School Community  
Library

Come for a chat, coffee and some songs.



# LIBRARY STORYTIME



AUSTRALIA  
**POST**



**Big thanks to Belinda  
and Brad for giving  
the children a tour of  
the post office.**

## Council Decisions

The following will provide a summary of the decisions made at the 16 January 2025 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](http://www.tumbybay.sa.gov.au/documents/agenda-and-minutes)

### Mayor's Report

The Mayor's report was received. Mayor Churchett noted his attendance at various Council meetings.

### Reports of Members, Delegates and Working Parties

Cr Elliott attended various Council meetings.

Cr. Ward attended various Council meetings.

Cr Will attended various Council meetings.

Cr Kotz attended various Council meetings.

Cr Smith attended various Council meetings.

Cr Hudson attended various Council meetings.

### Deputations

- Presentation by the Local Government Risk Services.
- Presentation by Amp Energy.

### Questions on Notice

Nil.

### Motions On Notice

Nil.

### Council/Community Committee Reports

Nil.

### Reports of Officers

#### Tumby Bay Sports & Recreational Precinct Master Plan

Council endorsed the Tumby Bay Sports & Recreational Precinct Master Plan.

### Notice of Casual Vacancy

The report was received and noted.

### Investment Report

The report was received and noted.

### Other Reports

#### Capital Works 2024/2025

The report was received and noted.

### CEO Selection Panel

Council adopted the Terms of Reference for the CEO Selection Panel and appointed Panel members, including the independent qualified person.

### Confidential Reports

- Archive Building

### Meeting Dates

Council meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday 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.



Available from: District Council of Tumby Bay office, Mr Pelly, Neindorf's Friendly Grocer, Port Neill Post & Trade