District Council of Tumby Bay & Community Newsletter

TIDINGS

October 2026



DISTRICT COUNCIL of TUMBY BAY

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

Congratulations to all of the Grand Final winners across our community. Winning a premiership at any level is no easy achievement and takes a great deal of commitment, teamwork and effort. Well done to everyone involved.

Unfortunately, I was extremely disappointed and shocked to see the recent damage to the public toilets at the Travellers Rest Area. The wilful damage to toilet cisterns, bowls and toilet paper roll holders is completely unnecessary and comes at a significant cost to Council and, ultimately, our community.

We have also had several street signs and poles stolen from around town, with some later recovered after being thrown into the sea from the Tumby Bay Jetty.

The damage and theft have been reported to Police, who are making enquiries to identify those responsible. My suggestion to the person or persons involved would be to come forward and speak with Police before Police come to you.

The estimated cost to Council to repair and replace the damaged and stolen items is approximately $3,500. This is money that could have been much better spent on services, facilities and improvements that benefit our community.







On a much brighter note, I recently had the pleasure of attending a State Reception in honour of the Governor of South Australia, Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC. The Governor and her husband, Mr Rod Bunten, have served our State with great dedication, and I appreciated the opportunity to personally thank them both on behalf of the District Council of Tumby Bay

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

September has been another busy and productive month for Council, with significant progress across coastal protection, community infrastructure, regional advocacy and organisational improvement.

Regional advocacy has remained an important focus. The Mayor and I recently represented the District Council of Tumby Bay at the Federal Parliament's inquiry into local government sustainability. This provided an important opportunity to speak directly about the financial and operational pressures facing small regional councils. We highlighted the increasing cost of maintaining ageing infrastructure, responding to coastal hazards and delivering essential services across large geographic areas with a limited revenue base. We also reinforced the need for more reliable, long-term funding arrangements that recognise the additional costs of delivering services and infrastructure in regional and remote communities. Our message was clear: regional communities deserve fair access to government investment and should not be disadvantaged because of their location. Councils need funding arrangements that provide greater certainty and enable long-term planning, rather than relying heavily on short-term or competitive grant programs.

During September, I also appreciated the opportunity to attend local meetings and engage with progress associations, sporting organisations, community representatives and regional partners. These conversations provide valuable insight into local priorities and help Council better understand the different needs of Tumby Bay, Port Neill, Ungarra, Lipson and our surrounding rural communities.

Council has now adopted its updated Community Engagement Policy. The policy provides a clear framework for how Council will communicate and consult with the community and reinforces our commitment to accessible, transparent and meaningful engagement.

I am also pleased to announce the successful recruitment of Meisha Quinn as Council's General Manager Corporate Services. This is an important senior leadership role with responsibility for key functions including finance, governance, administration, records, human resources, risk management and work health and safety. Meisha brings extensive local government experience, strong corporate services knowledge and a collaborative and practical leadership style. Through her work with Council in an interim capacity, she has already developed a sound understanding of our organisation, staff, systems and current priorities.

A key focus for Meisha will be leading the implementation of the findings from Council's recent Corporate Services Review. This includes clarifying roles and responsibilities, improving financial and administrative systems, reducing manual processes, strengthening organisational reporting and building capacity across Council's corporate functions. Filling this important leadership position provides Council with stability and continuity as we progress these improvements. Meisha's experience and knowledge will be valuable in ensuring the review findings are translated into practical changes that support our staff and improve the way Council delivers services to the community. I congratulate Meisha on her appointment and look forward to continuing to work with her as part of Council's executive leadership team.

As we move further into spring, Council will remain focused on delivering the 2026/27 works program, progressing important infrastructure projects and continuing to advocate for the needs of our district.

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

Luke Moane

Chief Executive Officer



PROJECT OFFICER UPDATE

Council has completed two grant funded coastal access projects that have renewed key beach access infrastructure in Tumby Bay and Port Neill.

Beach Access Staircase Project Completed

With generous funding support of $50,000 (ex GST) through the South Australian Government's Algal Bloom Response: Local Government Grant Fund, Council has completed the construction of new timber beach access staircases at:

- Pearson Street, Tumby Bay
- Port Neill, north-west of the Jetty
- Port Neill, Mottled Cove Road

Council acknowledges the South Australian Government's support through the Algal Bloom Response: Local Government Grant Fund for assisting with the delivery of these works.

New Accessible Beach Access Ramp Delivered at Tumby Bay

Council has completed the Accessible Shores: Tumby Bay Beach Access Ramp project, funded through a $25,000 (ex GST) grant from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR).

The new timber beach access ramp is located between the Tumby Bay Foreshore Playground and Jetty and was delivered to improve access between the foreshore precinct and the beach.

The project complements other recent beach access improvements delivered across the district maintaining accessible and functional public infrastructure within key coastal recreation areas.

Council acknowledges the funding support provided by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR), which enabled delivery of the project.

Photo: New Accessible Beach Access Ramp, Tumby Bay

Foreshore Coastal Protection Project Update

Work is continuing on the Tumby Bay Foreshore Coastal Protection Project, a jointly funded project supported by $700,000 from Council's 2025/26 Capital Works Program and $262,500 in grant funding from the South Australian Coast Protection Board's Coast Protection Grants Program.

The project involves the construction of approximately 167 metres of geosynthetic sand container (GSC) seawall between the café precinct and the playground.

Local contractor EP Civil and Earthmoving is currently undertaking sandbag filling operations and progressing preparation works associated with integrating the new seawall with the existing sandbags near the café end of the foreshore.

Works will continue in stages over the coming months and remain subject to weather conditions, tides and other coastal factors. Council looks forward to further progress as construction activities continue at the site.

Council acknowledges the generous support of the South Australian Coast Protection Board through its Coast Protection Grants Program for funding towards this project.



Lipson Road Weed Control Project

As part of a $15,000 grant from the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board, Council has recently undertaken weed control works along Lipson Road to target a range of invasive pest plant species.

Works completed to date have included the treatment and removal of boxthorn, small, seeded Aleppo pines, polygala, and targeted spot spraying of other identified weed species. Additional works, such as Boxthorn treatment and removal, are expected to continue over the coming weeks along Mine Hill Road between Lipson Road and the Lincoln Highway.

These works have been fully funded through the EP Landscape Board's Grass Root grant program and support ongoing efforts to improve roadside vegetation management and reduce the spread of priority weed species within the district.

Council acknowledges and thanks the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board for its generous funding support towards this project.

Mandy Shephard

Project Officer

volunteering sa&nt

GRANT WRITING SKILLS WORKSHOP

WRITE IT, WIN IT

Location: DCTB Council Office
Date: Tuesday 13 October
Tuesday 20 October
Time: 10:15 for a 10:30am start
(The workshop will finish at 12:00pm)
Cost: Free

WRITE IT, WIN IT: GRANT WRITING SKILLS (SESSION 1 & 2)

Volunteering SA & NT are holding a free online Grant Writing Workshop Series which will give volunteers the confidence and practical skills to find the right grants and write applications that truly stand out.

Across two 90-minute engaging sessions, you'll learn how to match your ideas with the right funders, tell a compelling story, build a clear case for support, and prepare strong, realistic budgets.

This online event will be facilitated through an online delivery. However, spots are limited If you would like to attend please email **rnowikow@tumbybay.sa.gov.au**

Morning Tea Provided

About Kylie
Kylie Fergusen is a qualified social worker, therapist, community development specialist and educator. With formal qualifications from Oxford (UK), Flinders University, the University of Adelaide and the University of New England (NSW), she has spent the past 35 years working alongside communities in Indonesia, Australia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Fiji, Cambodia and Chile, supporting wellbeing, building capacity and contributing to a range of publications.



TWITCHERS TRAIL LEARN TO

Bird Watch

Join us for a relaxed day discovering local birds, learning about their habitats and exploring the Twitchers Trail project with Tim from Australian Coastal Safaris.

Date: Thursday October 22nd

Time: 9:30am- 2pm

Location: Lipson, Ungarra & Moody Tanks

FREE EVENT

(places are limited, booking essential via humanitix by scanning the QR code found below)

Includes

- Morning tea provided by Lipson Progress
- Lunch catered by Ungarra Primary School
- Brief education session and guided birdwatching walks
- Suitable for beginners and experienced birdwatchers
- Tumby Bay Community Bus available from Travellers Rest

(please note on registering if you require this service)

Register Here

This event forms part of the Twitchers Trail Stage 2, supported by the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board's Grassroot Grants program, made possible by the regional landscape levy.

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Refuse Collection

Keeping our community clean

Bin Collection

Rubbish Bin collection day for Tumby Bay, Lipson, Ungarra and Port Neill is **every Thursday from 6am.**



Bin Annual Cost

In the 2026/2027 financial year, each occupied township property is charged a service rate of **$280** for refuse collection which includes the supply of one 140 litre bin.

Additional bins can be arranged at a cost of **$280** per bin per year.

Rural Properties

Rural property owners are able to request a refuse collection service at the same rates mentioned above, however bins need to be brought into either the Council depot on **Pumpa Street Tumby Bay**, or the Council depot on **Coneybeer Terrace Port Neill** for collection.

Contractor:
VEOLIA Environmental Services

Customer Enquiries - Phone:
1800 879 134

Email:
Whyalla@veolia.com.au

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DAFFODIL DAY DIP



Daffodil Day swimmers took the brave plunge in enthusiastic spirit

The "Tumby bay beach babes" and a group of swimmers gathered for their second Daffodil Day Dip on Sunday the 23rd of August. The idea all came about after one of the swimmers lost someone close to them and asked if the babes would be interested in banning together to fundraise for the cancer council. 2025 was a huge success but this year they knew they wanted to go bigger and better.

Fundraising started in April with a range of avenues from Thermomix raffle tickets, money boards, other raffles and the Tumby Bay Bakery jumping on board selling delicious Daffodil Day goodies, they've been simply blown away by the support of community members, local businesses and beyond.

The big day arrived, the sun was shining, the tide was up and the people started pouring in. The vibes were high as 30 plus swimmers took the brave plunge into the cold water with around 60 to 70 support crew looked on cheering. It was a beautiful morning followed by morning tea of snags in bread and hot drinks all thanks to Tumby Bay Lions, Tumby Bay Foodland and Neindorfs Friendly Grocers. The team has raised over $4,000, with that figure still climbing. To donate, please follow the link. https://www.daffodilday.com.au/fundraisers/TumbyBayBeachBabes1005

Plans are in the works for next year, with vision to include a tribute garden. To follow along, visit the Tumby Bay Beach Babes Facebook page. (Written by Hannah Allen-Jordan)





Daffodil Yellow Shining Bright

Under the Pines

BRINGING COMMUNITY TOGETHER



Under the Pines is a not for profit event that began in 2017 by a group of local mums. Their goal was to fundraise for a community bus that could assist more children to get to the local school. A couple of local ladies also had a long-held vision for showcasing Port Neill through a local market event — thus, the Under the Pines Market was created.

It has run every year since 2017, (minus the covid year) with crowds ranging from 2000-3000. This year the event is working towards upgrading facilities for children in the community.

"Our town and local area is a beautiful place, full of talented and creative people. We wanted to showcase our town, local products and artists in a family friendly, free event."
Lauren Hunt, Under the Pines Chairperson

The Under the Pines Committee has 8-12 members at any one time, with the event being completely run by volunteers. All money raised from the event goes back into the local community, for upgrades to playground and ambulance equipment, a shed for community groups to utilise and to support the local school. The volunteers put many hours of work into planning this fun, free, family friendly event that brings everyone together. The next Under the Pines event is on Saturday January 9th 2026. For more details, head to their Facebook page.

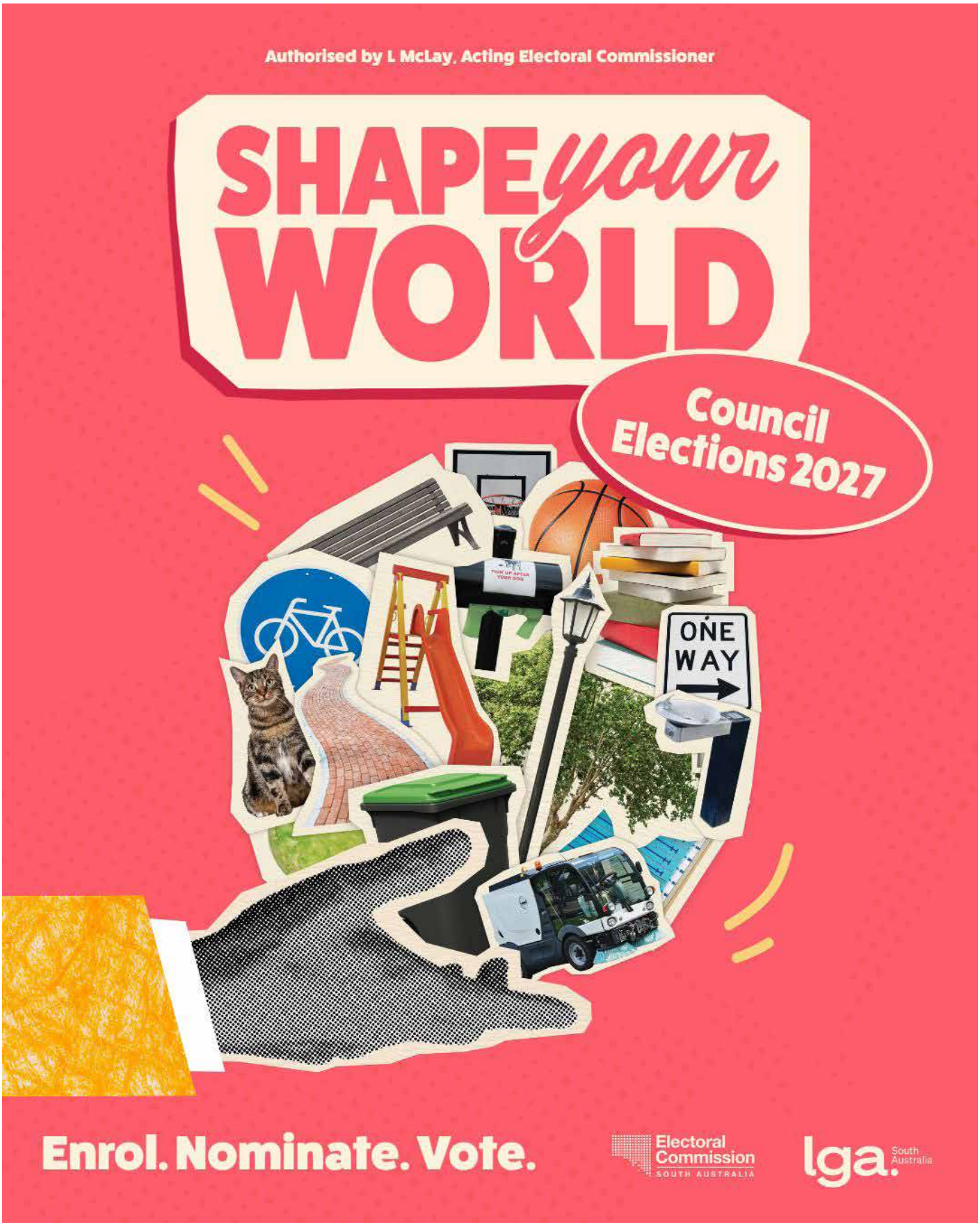
Council & Community
BETTER TOGETHER

"Council has supported the event through in kind support and since 2022 cash sponsorship also. The support assists us in keeping the event free and reducing volunteer hours.

Without the Council support and guidance the event would not be able to go ahead in the same capacity."

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DISTRICT COUNCIL of TUMBY BAY

Be a Elected Member and help shape the District Council of Tumby Bay

What does a Elected Member do?

Elected Members work together to make decisions that shape the future of the community. Through formal council meetings, they consider professional advice, community feedback, strategic plans and budgets before making decisions by majority vote.

Their decisions influence a wide range of local matters including community facilities, roads and footpaths, tourism initiatives, environmental projects, housing and future land development.

While Elected Members focus on governance and decision-making, the CEO and council staff are responsible for managing the council's day-to-day operations and delivering services.

Are Elected Members paid?

Elected Members receive an annual allowance, which is set by the South Australian Remuneration Tribunal and reviewed regularly. While it is not considered a salary, it recognises the time and commitment involved in performing the role.

Councils may also reimburse approved expenses such as travel, childcare, phone or internet costs incurred while undertaking council duties.

Scan the QR code to find out more about the Elections

How much time does it involve?

Being a Elected Member requires a genuine commitment of time. Council meetings are generally held at least once a month, but Elected Members also attend briefing sessions, committee meetings, community events and training activities.

Time is also required to read agendas and reports, engage with residents, and stay informed about local issues.

What support is available?

Newly Elected Members receive an induction and orientation program covering council operations, governance, roles and responsibilities. Ongoing training is provided throughout the term, including mandatory training in areas such as decision-making, meeting procedures, strategic planning, financial management, and legal responsibilities.

DCTB and LGA South Australia also offer development opportunities, resources and mentoring to support Elected Members in their role.

Do you have more questions?

Attend our informal information session to hear more about being an Elected Member.

Date: November 2nd
Time: 5:30-6:30pm
Location: Council Chambers Tumby Bay

Tumby Bay Hospital & Uringa Auxiliary

This is a special invite to everyone, to help a member of Tumby Bay Hospital & Uringa Auxiliary, (and her husband) to move, from the family farm, into town (after 57 years -Judy and 77 years-Graeme's residency.)

Please come, ladies wear a pretty hat to celebrate spring & summery weather and purchase a garden pot or two, of which Judy has too many, surplus to her needs.

Meet up with old friends, from far and wide. Enjoy an afternoon tea, hosted by ladies of Auxiliary; and HELP us to raise funds for TB Hospital & Uringa Hostel

Our Auxiliary members meet at 1.30pm, every first Wednesday of each month (excluding January) at the Community Health meeting room, Bayview Medical Services' building. We would love to welcome new members to our monthly meetings and have more helping hands, for our cause!

Carolyn Thompson

Secretary TBH&U Aux

Everyone is invited

SPRING GARDEN PARTY

and plant sale

at "Yadnarie" 913 Stirlings Road, TUMBY BAY

Friday 23rd October 2pm – 4pm

Bring a shopping bag for free cuttings

Afternoon tea provided by

Tumby Bay Hospital and Uringa Auxiliary

Entry and afternoon tea proceeds to Hospital Auxiliary

Entry $10 each

Best spring hat prize

Please call Judy Stirling 0427 160 871 to book for catering numbers

Cash only thanks

TUMBY BAY GARDEN CLUB -

The September 2026 meeting of Tumby Bay and Districts Garden Club Inc. was held with 11 members in attendance. A minute's silence was taken to honour Dorothy Strauss, who was a valuable contributor and Life Member of the Club.

The Show Bench winners for September were:

- Single bloom – equal first Maxine McRostie, Lynne Habner, second Heide Roberts
- Multiple bloom – first Lynne Habner, second Shirley Carr
- Third show bench (a miniature flower in vase) – equal first Lynne Habner, Barbara Roe, second Maxine McRostie.

Members gathered for a shared picnic lunch following the meeting.

The Garden Club meets on the second Monday of the month. The next meeting will be 10am on 12 October at the Senior Citizens Clubrooms. Visitors and new members are very welcome.

Photos supplied: (1) Show bench winners – miniature flower in vase

(2) Show bench winners – single bloom (L-R Gerbera, Rose – Gold Bunny, Rose – Mother's Love)

Lynne Habner

Secretary Tumby Bay and Districts Garden Club Inc.





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

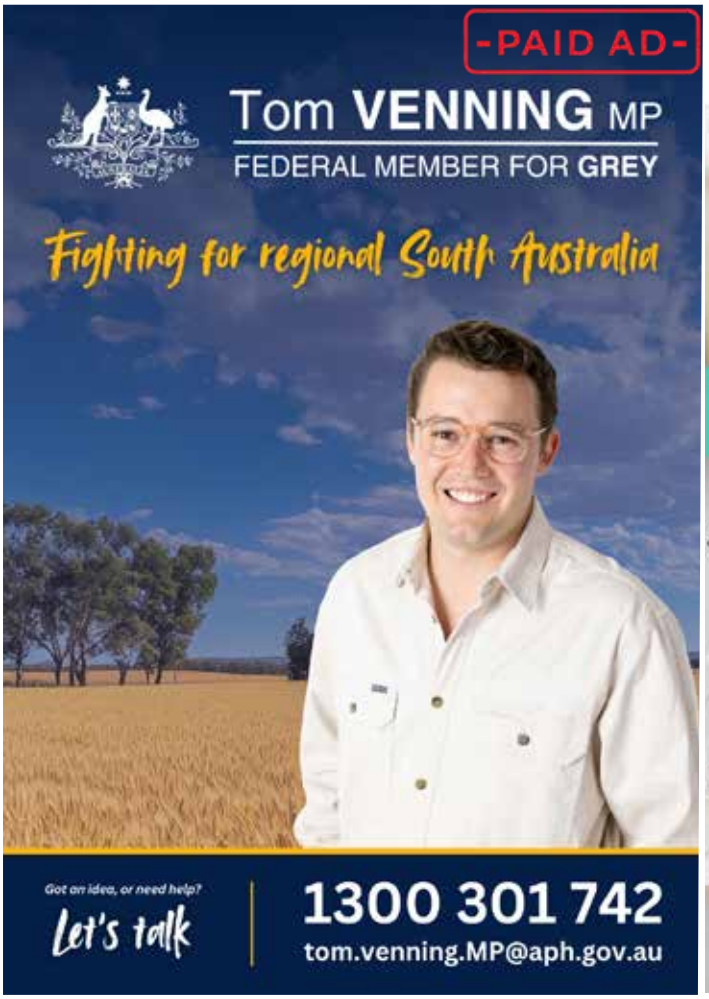
Catholic Church
Church Street

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





MEALS ON WHEELS®

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
OCTOBER 2026 CONTACT: J. Powell 0428 845 060	**Car 1 south** **Car 2 north**		**1** S Monfries M Poole R Glover G Glover	**2** M Woolford R Woolford L Richter B.Feid
5 T.Kopman S Franks J Wilson P Tressider	**6** B Blackwell J Blackwell Xxxx xxxx	**7** N Srewart G Stewart H Ware R Ware	**8** T Clark R Arthur T Stringer J Birkin	**9** K.Henderson J.Powell W Coad R Hopgood
12 A. Swaffer G Fuller C Gould J Allen	**13** N Richter M Bishop G Stirling J Stirling	**14** C.Capararo D.Capararo M Poole J Loudoun	**15** R Lawrie A Lawrie J Tierney M Bell	**16** J Higgins M Poole B Burford P Darling
19 D Prime S Eaton D Chapman V Webb	**20** E Nathan P Nathan P Horne xxxx	**21** C Fraser K Lawrie B Baillie G Fleming	**22** C Kolosche B Treasure A Southern J Monfries	**23** C Franklin K Cave R Habner R Habner
26 R Powell A Stockwin Z.Coote G Coote	**27** W Coad V Lawrie J Cook A Cameron	**28** E Korbetis B Mackay B Ollivier P McKenna	**29** S Monfries M Poole R Glover G Glover	**30** M Woolford R Woolford L Richter B.Feid



3-year-old preschool

Register now for 2027

In South Australia, 'preschool' and 'kindergarten' are the same.

Going to preschool has a big impact on your child's learning and development. Through play-based learning, your child builds important social, emotional and thinking skills to help them thrive.

How to register

1. Find your local preschool
You can use the tool on the department's website to find your local preschool. This will tell you when universal 3-year-old preschool will be available there.

2. Complete a preschool registration of interest form
You can apply online on the department's website or get a registration of interest form from your local preschool.

3. Wait for further details
If you meet eligibility requirements and your preschool can offer your child a place, you will receive an enrolment offer via email or letter from the preschool. If a place is not currently available, further information will be provided.

4. Starting preschool
Once you have accepted your offer, your preschool will provide advice on when your child can start after their third birthday.

To apply online or for more information visit
education.sa.gov.au/preschool-for-3-year-olds

Flying Start for kids

Government of South Australia

Zonta Club of Lower Eyre

On a recent family holiday to Alice Springs to stay with friends, Glenys Sauturaga from Tumby Bay visited the Alice Springs Uniting Church Op Shop. A casual conversation was had with the volunteer staff members about how busy they were with tourists, backpackers and locals all enjoying shopping there, and this was leaving them with a serious lack of stock. This planted a seed and a call to action for Glenys.

Back home, and a casual chat with Dave Pearson president of the Tumby Bay Lions Club was all that was needed to start the ball rolling.

Dave suggested that the Lions Club might be able to get a wool bale, help fill it with donations and transport it to Alice Springs.

Over a cup of tea in the hall of the Church of Christ, the Tumby Bay Ukers had finished their rehearsal and a quiet conversation was had with uker Rosemary Shanks, also the secretary of the Zonta Club of Lower Eyre, about gathering donatable goods.

At the monthly Zonta meeting next day, the club members all agreed it was a great cause to support and yes, they had donations.

After meeting with the Cummins based Zonta members next week to gather these donations the president of Lower Eyre Zonta Club Belinda Wise mentioned that the Cummins Community Op Shop may have surplus stock. A quick visit, introductions and yes, they did indeed have surplus stock.

And this surplus stock was kindly transported to Tumby Bay the next day by the Cummins based SA SES unit, of which Belinda is the Unit Manager.

With stock piling up at Rosemary's house it was transported to The Church of Christ and added to by the members of the Tumby Bay Ukers, Tumby Bay Interchurch Council and the Tumby Bay Lions Club.

Meanwhile Dave worked with many members of the Lions Club to get wool bales labelled and donated, the clothing compressed and packed (340kgs total), and transported to Alice Springs; with transportation generously donated by Smiths Haulage and McArdale Freight.

Dave commented" If we can do this well, we all hope to make it happen some more".

No committee meetings, no emails, no lengthy exercises in goal setting, no budget or cash outlay; just some big picture thinking, a few conversations and cups of tea, many willing helpers and the generosity of service and community clubs and their members.

Pic #1 Glenys Sauturaga

Pic #2 Dave Pearson-Lions Club, Rosemary Shanks-Zonta Club, Andre Smith- Smiths Haulage



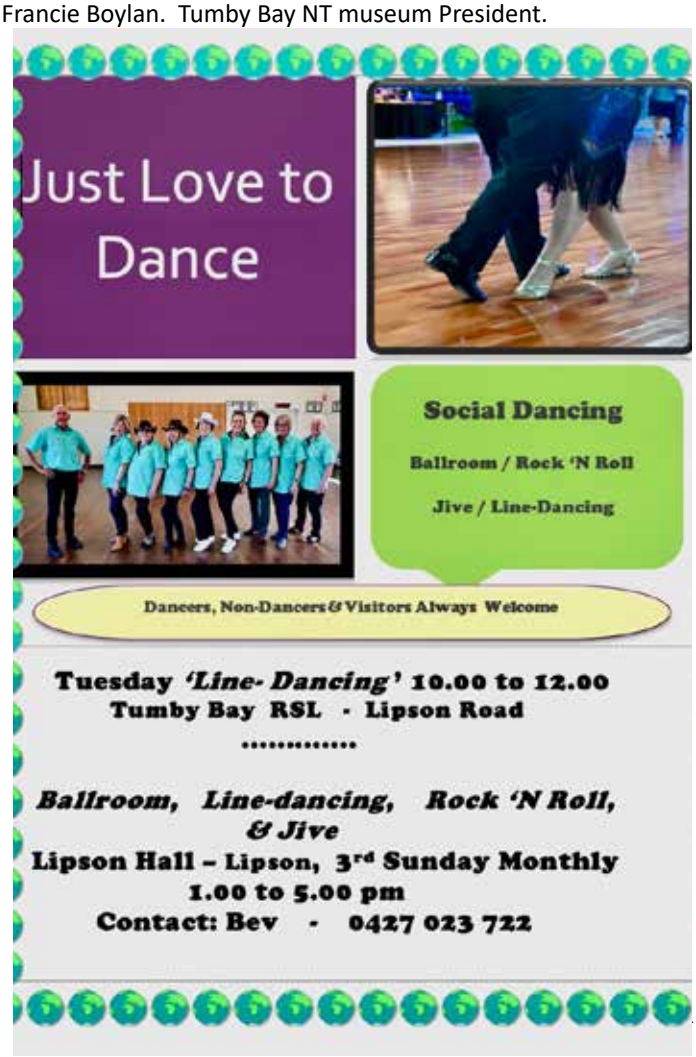


Tumby Bay National Trust Museum

Our 2025-26 year has been challenging for various reasons.

Grant, our long time treasurer, data and record keeper, decided 23 years was long enough. Thankfully Helen is willing to manage the finances as well as the secretarial position. Helen is computer "savvy" so has been able to deal with internet banking and all the requirements of the NT head office. Grant previously volunteered time to open the museum three days a week (2hours each day) and committee members are not always available to fill these times so we decided not to open the museum on Mondays. Pat, our museum manageress, continues to maintain a clean and orderly facility with everything clearly labelled and displayed. Towards the end of the financial year Pat was not available and at time of writing is still having a break so the committee has been rostered to open the museum whenever we can. Luckily this time of the year visitors are rare and we have a new member, Gary, who was put to work very quickly. Welcome and thank you Gary! In amongst the recent happening our president , Lizzie, moved from Tumby so once again I am writing this and organising volunteers rosters. You can be a volunteer without being a committee member. If you have 2 hours to spare on Friday or Monday we would love to hear from you. The last 12 months we have had travellers from over Australia plus local schools, CWA ladies, special needs groups, and several people wanting information about their family tree. Visitors always have positive comments about our museum. History month was a busy time with several events that were very successful. Thanks must go to Ross for his research and presentations of historical photos. We hope to have more happening next May. Thank you to the committee for their input over the year. Special thanks to Helen who has capably managed our finances and liaised with NT head office to keep the museum running smoothly.

Francie Boylan. Tumby Bay NT museum President.



Bloom

30 OCT *women's event*
5.30pm *all welcome*

guest speakers • prayer • worship
food • connection • encouragement

Beauty. Identity. Purpose.
What is waiting to bloom in you?



Fiona Voortman
Sunday, Mount Barker

Jackie Poyzer
Pathlife Church, New Port



Tumby Bay Uniting Church Hall
30 Spencer Street, Tumby Bay
$25 per person • bring a friend!
5.30pm food + fellowship • 6.30pm main event

be d
Supported by CRC and UC churches

RSVP by 15 October
Ruth: 0422 177 705

START LIVE LIFE LOUDER

Featuring: Whyalla H2 Grand Prix World Champions
Simon and Eli Coppins!

YOUTH BAND



FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER | 6PM

Dinner provided
Gold Coin Donation

LIVE LIFE LOUDER
Venue: Tumby Bay Uniting Church Hall





NEW BOOKS at the Library

AUGUST 2026

New reads, new adventures, await! ♡

Discover what's new on the shelves this month! Whether you're looking for a gripping thriller, a captivating romance, or some inspiration for the garden, there's something for everyone.

ADULT FICTION

Babel	R.F. Kuang
The World Beneath Her Feet	Holly Ringland
We Chase Shadows	Richard Osman
Good Intentions	Jessy Wu
Sophie, Standing There	Meg Mason
The Secrets We Hide	Karin Slaughter
Weddings	Danielle Steel
Brain Damage	Freida McFadden
Delusional	James Patterson & James Born
It Could Have Been Her	Lisa Jewell
The Governor	Lynda La Plante
Whistler	Ann Patchett



ADULT NON-FICTION

Garden Yourself Happy	Jonny Hincks

Pop into the Library and check out the latest additions! ♡



DISTRICT COUNCIL of TUMBY BAY

Events & What's on! October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Weight watchers CWA hall 9am. Food relief St Marg Church 10:30-12 Come n Try Croquet Tumby Foreshore 1:30pm • Cuppa Club Lipson Hall 10:30-12:30 1	• Craft Fridays Tumby Bay Community Centre 10am-3:30pm • Games 1pm Senior Citz Tumby Bay 2	• Bikes by the Bay 8:30am • Come n Try Croquet Tumby Foreshore 1:30pm 3
• Dragon Boating 7:45 Boat Ramp • Community Shed & Garden Tumby 10-4pm • Tumby Bowling Crackerjack Bowls 1pm. 4	• Indoor Bowls 1pm Senior Citz Tumby Bay **111th Yallunda Flat Show Gates Open 8am** 5	• Line Dancing RSL 9:30-12 • Bingo 1pm Senior Citz Tumby Bay 6	• Community Shed & Garden Tumby Bay 10am-4pm • Creative Crew Studio 10:30- 12:30 • Indoor Bowls 1pm Senior Citz Tumby Bay 7	• Weight watchers CWA hall 9am. • Come n Try Croquet Tumby Foreshore 1:30pm Foodbank St Marg Church 10:30-12 8	• Craft Fridays Tumby Bay Community Centre 10am-3:30pm • Games 1pm Senior Citz Tumby Bay 9	• Bikes by the Bay 8:30am • Come n Try Croquet Tumby Foreshore 1:30pm **Beacon of Hope World Mental Health Day Event Tumby Community Centre 10:30am** 10
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For queries or to send your events in, please contact rnowikow@tumbybay.sa.gov.au



RETURNED SERVİCES LEAGUE (South Australia)

Tumby Bay Sub Branch - News

Historical Dates:

Dates to remember during September. We can provide links for those who wish to read further on these events

- **3 Sep 1939 - Britain and France Declare war on Germany following the Invasion of Poland.**
- **3 Sep - Merchant Navy Day**
- **10 Sep - World Suicide Prevention Day**
- **14 Sep - National Peacekeepers' Day**
- **15 Sep 1940 - Battle of Britain Day**
- **18 Sep 1918 - Australian attack on the Hindenberg Line**
- **20 Sep 1999 - International Force East Timor (INTERFET) raised.**
- **21 Sep 1971 - Battle of Nui Le (SVN).**
- **26-27 Sep 1943 - Operation Jaywick destroys Japanese shipping**

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

Celebrate the importance of connecting and taking time for ourselves, in Celebration of
World Mental Health Day, 2026 - Together we Thrive

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FAMILY, FUN AND FOOD

Tumby Bay Community Centre

Saturday October 10th

Activities beginning at 10:30am
BBQ Lunch beginning at 1pm
(More detail to come)

ACTIVITES AND LUNCH PROVIDED

Contacts: Emma: 0488947135 (Community Centre)
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A SOLDIER'S STORY

Written by Geoff Stewart

Service No.: SX592 (S305169)
Name: Donald Edward TONKIN
Nickname: Ed

LEST WE FORGET

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



Rank: Private
Service: Army
Enlisted: 20 Oct 1939
KIA: 17 Jul 1942

Ed was born on 14 Jul 1920 at Adelaide to James Hurtle Tonkin and Annie Florence Tonkin (nee Saunders). He was the youngest of 4 children in the family, 3 boys and a girl. His father was a chemist at Plympton SA.

He went to school at Nailsworth Public School, leaving to work at Parry's Engineering Company at Prospect, where he also trained as a driver. During this employ he enlisted in the Militia on 14 Jul 1937, but resigned when he moved to Whites River, near Tumby Bay, and worked as a farm labourer. It was from this location that he enlisted in the 2nd AIF, giving his occupation as farm labourer, his address as Prospect SA and his father as next of kin.

Ed was a keen sportsman; he was especially interested in football, shooting and riding.

After enlistment at Port Lincoln on 20 Oct 1939 he was sent to Warradale for processing before being allocated to Australian Signal Corps on 23 Nov 1939 and sent to Victoria for training. At the completion of training he was sent to Sydney where, after pre-embarkation leave, he embarked aboard HMAT "*Queen Mary*" on 26 Dec 1940, disembarking at Suez on 29 Jan 1941 and then travelled by train to Palestine.

On 16 Mar 1941 he was on the move again, embarking at Suez bound for action in Greece. He remained there with 1st Signals Company for several months before returning to Suez. On his return he was transferred to 2/43rd Battalion (Bn) on 27 Nov 41.

The 2/43rd Bn was raised at Woodside on 17 Jul 1940 and arrived in Egypt at the end of Jan 1941. It was heavily involved during the siege of Tobruk during 1941 before being relieved on 17 Oct 1941 and returning to Palestine. It later moved to Syria and Lebanon for rest, training, and garrison duties. It was here that Ed joined his new unit (2/43rd Bn).

As a result of the Axis advance on El Alamein and the threat to Alexandria, the 2/43rd Bn was rushed to the Alamein front, arriving on 5 July 1942. Two days after arrival it conducted a very successful night raid, followed 10 days later with an attack along the ridgeline from Trig 22 to Ruin Ridge. It was during this action that Ed was listed as Missing in Action and later confirmed as Killed in Action on 17 Jul 1942.

During the El Alamein campaign the 2/43rd suffered heavily.

Ed was buried on the battle field, but later his remains were exhumed and reburied at El Alamein War Cemetery on 31 Mar 1945. His name is recorded on the White's Flat Honour Roll and his photograph is displayed in the Tumby Bay RSL Portraits Memorial.

Council Decisions 8th September 2026

The following provides a summary of the decisions made at the 8 September 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 11 August 2026.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Churchett noted his attendance at various EPLGA Meetings, the Waste to Resources Meeting and the Ordinary Council meeting.

Reports of Members, Delegates and Working Parties

Cr Ward attended the Port Neill Progress Association Meeting and the Ordinary Council Meeting.

Cr Will attended the Ordinary Council Meeting.

Cr Smith attended EPLGA's Water Briefings, the EPLGA board meeting and the Ordinary Council Meeting.

Cr Randall attended Tumby Bay Community Centre Film Night, Urban Design Framework Workshop and the Ordinary Council Meeting.

Deputations
Mayor Dean Johnson – District Council of Kimba

Questions on Notice

Nil.

Questions Without Notice

Nil.

Motions on Notice

Nil.

Council Committee Reports
Nil.

Officers' Reports

CEO: Update

Cr Smith declared a general conflict of interest due to managing the Childcare Project for RDA. As there was no decision on this subject Cr Smith remained in the room and participated in discussions and voting

The report is received for noting.

Review - Policy 3.02 Community Bus

That the Council:

1. adopt Policy 3.02 – Community Bus, as presented.

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

Draft Policy 2.33 - Community Engagement

That Council:

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

General Manager Environmental Services

Archive Building – Additional Crown Lands Fees for Removal of Trust Grant Condition

1. That Council notes the Department for Environment and Water (Crown Lands) has estimated the consideration and statutory fees required to remove the Trust Grant/Crown Condition Agreement at $20,181.41, with the final amount subject to confirmation by DEW.

2. That Council notes these costs were not contemplated or reasonably known to either party when the sale was approved or the Contract for Sale executed, and that the Minister has declined Council's request to waive the applicable costs.

3. That Council approves the final applicable Crown Lands consideration and statutory fees being shared equally between Council and the Purchaser, with Council responsible for 50% of the final amount.

4.0 That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to finalise all necessary payment, documentation and lodgement arrangements to complete the Crown Lands dealing and progress settlement Review of Various Policies.

General Manager Works & Infrastructure

Tumby Bay Foreshore Protection (Sandbag) Seawall Project – Budget Review

That Council approves an increase of $68,000 to GL36191 Tumby Bay Foreshore Protection, and that this adjustment is made as part of 2026/27 Budget Review 1.

Other Reports

Nil.

Matters in Confidence

Nil.

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.

