

Kaleidoscope

A vibrant community between the City and the Sea



Planning for the future.
Shopping list for a city.
Play neighbour bingo, and win.

Message from the Mayor



▲ Australia Day 2009: Mayor Anderson inspects the Fort Glanville guard.

Our city is experiencing a very exciting time. The recent announcements of major projects at Cheltenham and Brompton, the upgrade of AAMI Stadium and the extension of the tram line to an upgraded Entertainment Centre fit right in line with our Community Plan 'Shaping the Western Suburbs 2027': a vision that reflects a city that is changing rapidly and a community that is proud of its diverse heritage and seeks to shape its future.

The City of Charles Sturt is planning for the future, ensuring that new developments unfold in a way that reflect the needs of our community. Council is pleased with the announcement by the State Government that it supports the Council initiative for the expansion of the stormwater harvesting and reuse project. Read about this and other ways your Council is planning for the future and shaping the Western Suburbs on page four.

It's that time of the year again when Council needs to prepare our 'shopping list' and set the budget for 2009/10. I encourage you to look at the list on page seven and to get involved in the community engagement events to have input into the process of balancing the needs of our community with what's in our purse. I look forward to seeing you there.

Harold Anderson AM, JP
Mayor

Australia Day Awards

On Friday 23 January 2009, the City of Charles Sturt celebrated its largest citizenship ceremony with more than 100 candidates taking the pledge. We also recognised the achievements of our community through the Australia Day Awards.

Community Event of the Year 2008

'Molly's Community Garden Festival'

'Molly's Community Garden Festival' celebrated the sharing of knowledge, skills, and freshly picked produce and "growing a sustainable community" at Henley Beach.

Molly was unable to attend the Australia Day event, as Molly is a dog. Molly belongs to Debra Bassett, the coordinator of the Henley High School's Lyn Wright Supported Learning Centre at the time. While Deb was walking Molly one day,



Molly dragged her over to play with another dog – Deb and the other owner got talking about gardening, and the possibility of creating a community garden sprouted.

As word spread amongst the community, more and more people put their hand up to be involved, and soon enough – the students at the supported learning centre were working alongside members of their community to grow their own fruits and vegetables.

'Molly's Community Garden Festival' allowed the students to speak about their involvement and the skills and confidence they had gained. It also encouraged the sharing of the produce by providing soup made from the garden's vegetables on the day.

More than 500 people attended the festival, with the sale of plants propagated from the garden resulting in the purchase of a 8,000 litre rainwater tank.



Young Citizen of the Year

Natasha Pataki, Seaton

At only 15 years of age, Natasha Pataki has shown that she is a born leader.

A highly active member of our community, Natasha has shown her motivation to contribute to her community and develop her leadership skills through a number of volunteering roles.

For the last four and a half years, Natasha has been a member of the Kidman Park (Corella) Guides, and she is now a Patrol Leader within her group, sharing her experience and skills with other young

women, helping them in their personal development, and quest to contribute to their local community. As part of this role Natasha visits nursing homes within the council area and participates in fundraising activities, including barbecue's at the football.

The people who work with Natasha say she's willing to give anything a go – she's always the first to arrive, and the last to leave.

A few years ago, Natasha came to Youth Central to participate in a school holiday program and her curiosity and hunger to grow and be involved found her joining the Youth Advisory Committee, to which she is currently secretary.



Citizen of the Year

Barbara Joan Stankovic, Woodville Park

Barbara Joan Stankovic is always looking for ways in which she can help others.

Rain, hail or shine, she has dedicated herself to helping those in need, both within the Charles Sturt community and overseas.

Some of Barbara's contributions to our community in the last decade include:

- Being a member of the Arndale branch of the Salvation Army
- Making regular visits to patients of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital

- Knitting and sewing clothes for underprivileged children both here in the Charles Sturt council area and overseas.

In finding opportunities to connect herself with other members of the community, Barbara has also helped to facilitate and strengthen local groups, thereby providing and promoting social inclusion for others.

This has included:

- Being an active participant of the Companion Club and Womens Fellowship, and;
- Leadership within the Woodville Over 50s Club, where she was president for more than 11 years.

Charles Sturt is... planning for the future



▲ Imagine the future: a revitalised Woodville Road

The City of Charles Sturt is planning for a sustainable future.

The upcoming developments on the Cheltenham Racecourse and adjoining Actil site at Woodville will bring up to 3,000 new residents to join in our community.

The Council has been operating with direction from the Community Plan 'Shaping the Western Suburbs 2027' to ensure that these developments unfold in a way that reflect the needs of our community.

The last edition of Kaleidoscope reported on Council's successful push for energy efficient street lighting in the new developments and in February the State

Government announced its support for a council initiative to expand the stormwater harvesting project.

From the outset, the opportunity for stormwater to be harvested at Cheltenham was a priority for Council and research into how the site might process stormwater from the flood prone Torrens catchment was undertaken. This led to investigations into the harvesting of excess flow from the Torrens River at peak periods to drought proof the project and have enough water for re-use.

Water isn't the only thing Council is hoping that the wider community will gain from the new developments in the Cheltenham / Woodville area.

Opening up the Open Space

The layout of the public open space in the new housing developments will open up a green link between Cheltenham Parade and Woodville Road featuring cycling and walking paths, sporting fields, landscaping for biodiversity and wetlands to harvest stormwater.

Council has worked with the developer to ensure the open space will be laid out to meet the needs of the wider community.

To achieve a continuous linear park of space through the housing developments, negotiations are underway to relocate one of the two St Clair Ovals to the former Actil site. A new district level oval will be created, along with playing fields and new facilities.

This reshaping of St Clair will provide a new access road from Woodville Road.

Current users of the St Clair Ovals will be kept informed of negotiations for the relocation and development of the new oval, and a wide community engagement process will take place regarding the change. The new facilities are yet to be designed.



▲ Vision from Woodville Road through a green link of public open space

Next Stop: Woodville Road

Every few minutes, every day of the week, a train arrives at the Woodville Station, opens its doors, and people step on or off to go to school, to work, to the library, and to medical appointments.

Imagine a future where Woodville Road is a place that people also come to wander the shops, to catch up with friends for coffee and to soak up the vibrant atmosphere of their city.

The Council has decided to develop a plan to revitalise Woodville Road. The plan will focus on the train station as an entry point to the road

and will aim to create a place people come to visit and spend time and money – providing jobs and boosting the local economy. Another element central to this plan is providing people with places to live within walking distance of the train station, so that they can live day-to-day without the need to drive a car.

The extension of the tram line from the city to the Entertainment Centre, due to be completed next year, will be followed by an upgrade of the train line through Woodville. Dual-voltage trams will operate alongside electric trains and a new track will be built to extend the Grange line to AAMI Stadium and West Lakes.

A convenient and desirable destination can be successfully created by planning the future of the whole of Woodville Road – and providing the right balance of places to live, places to work, and access to services and facilities. Your ideas about how Woodville Road can be revitalised to meet your needs in the future will be vital to this plan. A community engagement process will begin in the coming months.

Affordability: Stay Tuned

The City of Charles Sturt is waiting for an announcement after reaching the second round in an application for \$12.3 million federal funding

for Affordable Housing. A number of houses in the new development will be offered at a regulated price of \$213,000 to eligible buyers.

The Federal Government funding administered by Council will subsidise some of the infrastructure works, enabling the developer to invest more into building high standard homes in a variety of styles to meet the needs of eligible purchasers including single parents, young families, and older people.

For eligibility criteria go to www.housing.sa.gov.au.

Henley Community Hub

Over the past few weeks Council has been speaking with the local community and stakeholders about a proposal to build a new Community Hub adjacent to the Henley Town Hall.

The Community Hub would comprise of a new library and community centre, and if built alongside and linked into the Town Hall it could revitalise the Town Hall and increase the use of this community facility.

The existing library and community centre occupy buildings that were not originally designed as community facilities. The early design proposals for the Community Hub allow for more than enough space, and if the project proceeds,

the layout of the new building would be designed to cater for community needs and to provide spaces that can be shared. All existing services provided at the Henley and Grange Community Centre and Henley Beach Library would be accommodated in the new facility.

Several options are being considered, and Council is continuing to receive feedback from the community until Friday 20 March 2009.

You can find more information and a feedback sheet at the Civic Centre, Henley Library and Henley Community Centre, online at www.charlessturt.sa.gov.au, or by calling 8408 1111.



What happened to the plan for a Community Hub at West Lakes?

Following community engagement in 2008, Council resolved that while there is strong demand for a community hub in West Lakes, there was significant opposition to the proposed Midcourse Reserve location.

The leases for the library and community centre have been extended.

Council is continuing to investigate opportunities to build a Community Hub in the West Lakes area.



Youth Week 09



Talent Discovered

Saturday 28 March at 7pm
Woodville Town Hall

A talent competition for young people aged 12- 25 years.

Young people wanting enter need to register by close 17 March 2009. Or come along and show your support.

Call Youth Central 8408 1313.

Youth Arts and Cultural Festival

Sunday 5 April, 10am-3pm
Civic Centre

Providing an opportunity for young people (12-25 years) to exhibit art work, enjoy performances in dance, music and theatre and participate in workshops.

Thanks to the City of Charles Sturt and Port Adelaide Enfield, local community artists and Charles Sturt's Youth Events Management Group.

Yearly Shopping List for a City

A dozen eggs, bread, milk... a lot more goes into preparing a shopping list for a city that is rapidly developing. It takes planning, consultation and tough decisions to ensure we deliver a city that our residents and business owners can be proud of.

Join Council Members and staff to determine our 'shopping list' list of priorities for 2009/10.

Consultation on the Annual Business Plan and Budget will be held during April.

To register your interest for future information regarding the management process on the 2009/10 Budget and Business Plan, phone Brenda Julian on 8408 1213, and regularly visit our website for updates.

Instalment Payments for Rates

Council rates are payable in full, or quarterly. Quarterly payments are due on:

- 1 September
- 1 December
- 1 March
- 1 June

Please allow four business days prior to "Last Day to Pay" (as per above), for payments sent by mail. Rates are in arrears if an instalment is not paid prior to the "Last Day to Pay" date. Fees and charges may apply, please refer to the back of your rates notice.

In the event that as a ratepayer you have objected to your valuation and you are awaiting a decision from the Valuer General, or have an unresolved issue with Council, your rates are still due and payable by the "Last Day to Pay". You will receive a refund if your rates are changed.

Payment Options

At the City of Charles Sturt, we provide a number of ways to pay your rates making it as simple as possible.

Online or by phone: go to www.charlessturt.sa.gov.au and click on online payments, or phone 8408 1111 (max. \$5,000 per transaction, Visa and Mastercard)

Direct Debit: Contact Council to arrange this directly from a cheque or savings account.

BPoint: Payments can be made at any Commonwealth Bank Branch, or any outlet displaying the BPoint Logo.

BPay: Contact your bank or credit union to arrange online banking, or phone payments.

In Person: At any Australia Post Outlet or via credit card and call 13 18 16 (min. \$20 transaction) Cheque, eftpos or credit card payments can be made at the Civic Centre, 72 Woodville Rd, Woodville, or at Council's libraries located at Henley Beach, West Lakes, Hindmarsh and Findon (cheque or credit card payments only).

By Mail: Cheques should be made payable to The City of Charles Sturt and crossed "Not Negotiable". The payment slip attached to the bottom of your rates notice must be completed and accompany the cheque. The mailing address is City of Charles Sturt, PO Box 1 Woodville SA 5011.

What's in our purse?	
Rates	\$80
Grants	\$10
Fees & Charges	\$7
Borrowings	\$3
Total	\$100*
What it will it cost?	
Parks and Gardens	\$14
Verge Maintenance	\$1
Public Lighting	\$2
Stormwater Drainage	\$11
Community Services	\$4
Governance/Admin	\$10
Interest	\$1
Library Services	\$5
Public Health & Safety	\$3
Property Maintenance	\$9
Road, Footpath and Traffic Management	\$28
Waste Management	\$8
Planning & Development	\$4
Total	\$100*

*Based on estimates per \$100

Faster Assessments for Home Improvements

New planning rules introduced across the State now allow for some minor home improvements to be completed without the need for development approval.

The City of Charles Sturt anticipates that this reduction of applications to be processed will improve assessment and decision timeframes for other applications.

The information on these pages outlines when certain types of home improvements may not require a development application.

A second raft of changes introduced for these types of developments will identify cases where only building assessment is required rather than both planning and building assessment and approval. This will make it simpler for applications to be lodged and assessed.

Please note that exceptions apply for Local and State Heritage Places and within Historic Conservation Zones or Policy Areas, the Coastal Zone and in the Residential Zone Policy Area 4 and 5 (around West Lakes).

For full details on the new planning rules, go to our website www.charlessturt.sa.gov.au or visit the Civic Centre to talk to a planner.



Deck

No assessment or approval is required if the deck is:

- no higher than 500mm above natural ground level; and
- no closer than 900mm to a boundary.

Water Tanks

No assessment or approval is required if the tank:

- is part of a roof drainage system; and
- no greater than 10m² in area; and
- is located wholly above ground; and
- no higher than 4m.

Shade Sail

No assessment or approval is required if the shade sail:

- sail consists of permeable material; and
- sail no greater than 20m² in area; and
- no higher than 3m above ground or floor level; and
- no closer to the primary street frontage than the existing building.

Internal Alterations

No assessment or approval is required if the alterations:

- do not affect the structural soundness of the building; and
- there is no demolition undertaken.

Outbuilding (e.g. shed, garage)

No assessment or approval is required if the building has:

- no greater than 15m² floor area; and
- no span exceeding 3m; and
- no higher than 2.5m; and
- no closer than 900mm to a side street (secondary) boundary; and
- no closer to a primary street boundary than the existing dwelling.

Retaining Walls

No assessment or approval is required if the retaining wall is:

- no higher than 1m.

Fencing

No assessment or approval is required if the fence is:

- no higher than 2.1m;
- a swimming pool safety fence (special requirements apply);
- a masonry fence no higher than 1m;
- brush fence no closer than 3m to an existing building unless the building is fire-rated.

Solar Panels (Photovoltaic cells)

No assessment or approval is required if the panels are:

- no heavier than 100kg; or
- greater than 100kg if:
 - weight load does not exceed 100kg at any one point of attachment;
 - panels do not overhang roof;
 - fitted parallel to roof with panel undersides no more than 10cm above the roof;
 - installed by a person accredited by the Minister.



Roller Door (Tilt Up/Panel Doors)

No assessment or approval is required if the door is:

- installed on existing garage or carport that is ancillary to and is located in line with or behind the front of an existing dwelling.

Outbuilding (Historic Conservation Zone)

No assessment or approval is required if the building is:

- no greater than 10m² floor area; and
- no span exceeding 3m; and
- no higher than 2.5m; and
- no closer than 900mm to a side street (secondary) boundary; and
- no closer to a primary street boundary than the existing dwelling.

Pergola

No assessment or approval is required if the pergola:

- does not have a roof; and
- each freestanding side is open; and
- no higher than 4m; and
- no closer than 900mm to a side street boundary; and
- the pergola will not protrude in front of the existing building line.

New Study: how our neighbourhoods are changing and growing

Our Community Plan 'Shaping the Western Suburbs 2027' set the vision for an economically prosperous, attractive and functional city:

"In 2027 our city reflects a balanced mix of land uses where people can live, work and participate in leisure activities without having to leave the area."

Our housing caters for the differing needs of the community with higher density housing serviced by well used transport hubs and lower density housing in our well preserved heritage zones."

A New Study

Council is undertaking a 'Residential Growth Strategy and Character Study' that will:

- provide guidance on where there are opportunities for more houses;
- identify and protect local character zones for the historic, iconic or unique features they contribute; and,
- encourage activity around places where there is good public transport, shops and facilities.



The First Stage

The first task is to undertake a 'desktop' review of aspects of a neighbourhood's character based on information available in photographs, maps and data.

This information is important background information to understand the neighbourhood characteristics and is required by the State Government Department of Planning and Local Government.

How you can have a say

There will be opportunities for people with an interest in the future shape and feel of their local neighbourhood to explore ideas and comment on draft options in the next few months.

Street Sign Upgrade



There have been some changes in our neighbourhoods. New street signs with larger lettering and a reflective white background are really putting Charles Sturt on the map.

This replacement program has commenced in Fulham Gardens and is currently progressing through the suburbs of Seaton and Findon.

Upgraded street signs will also be put in major road reconstruction projects such as Kanbara Street, Flinders Park and in Charles and William Streets, Beverley.

Council has received a large amount of positive feedback and the photos speak for themselves.

All street signs in the City of Charles Sturt will be replaced over the next five years.

Please be patient for the programmed upgrade to reach your suburb.



I Saw a Rat... Now What?

Rats are widespread throughout metropolitan Adelaide and it is impossible to completely eradicate them. This does not mean that we should just accept them.

The tips below will provide you with simple ways to manage and discourage their presence on your property.

Tips to Avoid Rats

- Ensure rubbish bins have tight fitting lids and are emptied regularly.
- Regularly dispose of fallen fruit and keep pet feed in containers with lids.
- Ensure that chicken enclosures and aviaries are kept clean, with the removal of seed and animal waste regularly.
- Minimise excessive materials from your property, and neatly stack remaining

materials at least 30cm above the ground.

- Inspect and repair any cracks, crevices, or holes in buildings and sheds to prevent the entrance of rats.

Tips to Eradicate Rats

- Have a thorough clean up of your property, removing all food and shelter sources.
- Speak to your neighbours and coordinate a neighbourhood approach. Ensure everyone has a general clean up of their property and follows the 'tips to avoid rats'.
- Utilise rat bait or traps set with peanut butter, fish or meat. This method is generally short term with rats returning if food and shelter are available.
- For more information, contact Council's Environmental Health Team on 8408 1111.



Do you know your Neighbours?



To celebrate Neighbour Day, we want you to find a person in your street or around the corner to fill in each square of your Neighbour Bingo card. You will go in the draw to win a digital camera, and we hope that you will get to know your neighbours and have some fun!

Neighbour Day, Sunday 29 March is a national initiative that aims to:

- Strengthen communities and build better relationships with the people who live around us.
- Create safer, healthier and more vibrant suburbs and towns.
- Promote tolerance, respect and understanding.
- Break down community barriers.
- Protect the elderly, the vulnerable and the disadvantaged.

What you can do to be 'neighbourly':

- Take the time to knock on a neighbour's door and say 'hello'.
- Be welcoming – if someone new moves into the neighbourhood, make that first move to welcome them and make them feel included.
- Help out by collecting mail when neighbours are away and keep an eye on their property.
- Share surplus of garden produce.
- Offer to take in people's rubbish bins if they work during the day and you're physically able.
- Leave a family member or close friend's mobile phone number with a neighbour in case they need to contact someone in an emergency.
- Go for a walk together.

Win a Nikon Digital Camera!

Go in the draw to win a Nikon Coolpix S210 Digital Camera - 8 megapixel 3x optical zoom and a 2.5inch LCD screen - donated by Officeworks Croydon.



Return your completed bingo card to the Civic Centre, Woodville by 5pm on Monday 6 April.



What's On?

Activities and programs held in our Library and Community Centres can be searched in our online events calendar at charlessturt.sa.gov.au.

The next edition of Kaleidoscope will include a lift out featuring new activities for the coming months and a general program book will be available mid year from Council locations, and produced each six months.

Keep an eye out for its release - on it's way to you soon.

Your Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Email: _____ Daytime phone: _____
 Did you meet new neighbours by playing bingo? Yes No

Neighbour Bingo

Someone not born in Australia .	Someone over the age of 70 years .
Name: _____	Name: _____
Someone who has lived in the street for more than 5 years .	Someone who rides a bike .
Name: _____	Name: _____
Someone under the age of 25 years .	Someone who has a fruit tree .
Name: _____	Name: _____

Community Noticeboard

Smoke Alarm Replacement

The SA Metropolitan Fire Service and the SA Country Fire Service are running a campaign to alert the public that all smoke alarms need to be replaced after 10 years in service regardless of whether they are powered by battery or 240v mains power.

And when householders replace their old smoke alarms the fire services are recommending that they should upgrade their smoke alarm system so that the maximum warning is given to escape a house fire. The fire services recommend that interconnected, photoelectric smoke alarms are installed in every bedroom, living area and passage way and that all smoke alarms are hard-wired to the mains power supply.

For more information call 1300 737 637 or visit:

- www.mfs.sa.gov.au
- www.cfs.sa.gov.au

Hospitality Courses

Allstaff Training Consultants conduct free introductory courses in hospitality for women over 40 in the western suburbs looking to change careers or re-enter the workforce. Graduates gain employment in a variety of positions both front and back of house in cafes, restaurants and accommodation establishments.

Please contact Sally Browne on 8212 1766 for further information.

Blue Light Discos

Events at St Clair Recreation Centre, Woodville:

Blue Light Disco for ages 10 to 17 years – 8pm to 10.30pm, Friday 1 May & Friday 24 July.

Skate Rink Junior Blue Light Disco for ages 8–13 years – 7.30pm to 9.30pm, Friday 19 June and Friday 28 August.

\$5 entry tickets at the door

Skate Competition ages under 17 years – 9.30am to 3pm – Regency Skate Park, Days Road. Sunday 3 May \$2 entry on the day or entry forms from Daily Grind Skate shops www.police.sa.gov.au

Rock 'n' Roll Playgroup

It's no symphony orchestra, just lots of movement and fun. This friendly playgroup teachers musical appreciation to younger children and there is also a structured playtime for children and parents to interact. The group meets on Thursdays, 10am – 11.30am during school terms, at Seaton Central, 80 Balcombe Ave., Seaton (car park on Kinross St). Phone Kathy on 0401 420 521 or 8235 9556.

Musical Moments Baby Playtime

Imagine a floor full of babies, some rolling, some crawling and others asleep, parents chatting and laughing and this is what playgroup is all about. Baby Playtime is for babies under 18 months old with their parent/carer. It gives a chance for building community, for making new friends and at the same time learning. The group meets on Tuesdays, 1.30pm – 3pm at Woodville Uniting Church Hall, 44 Woodville Road. Phone Kathy on 0401 420 521.

Del Sante Calisthenics College

Calisthenics for fun and fitness. Weekly classes to develop coordination, strength, flexibility, rhythm and confidence are run by accredited coaches. Various age groups from 3 years, ensure girls are placed in a suitable class according to age and ability. First 2 lessons free for new members. Classes are held at Festival Function Centre, 292 Findon Rd Findon on Tuesdays (9–12 yrs) and Wednesdays (all other age groups).

For enquiries phone Tanya on 0403 710 857 or www.delsante.com.

Nazareth Catholic Community

Open Days during March:

- Secondary Campus Monday 16 March
- Early Childhood Centre Saturday 21 March
- Primary Campus Tuesday 24 March.

www.nazareth.org.au