



## Council and Youth

In 2008 a forum was held in Ceduna involving youth and youth service providers across the Far West Coast.

Many recommendations came out of the report resulting in a Youth Strategic Plan being developed by the District Council of Ceduna in partnership with youth services.

This plan will be coordinated by a Youth Development Officer who will work along side sports clubs, community groups, service providers and the youth in our community to role out the plan.

The plan comprises many aspects including after school sports, arts, music and community programs.

A website will be developed specifically for youth events and activities designed and coordinated by young people.

The plan also looks at delivering programs that were being delivered from the Youth Centre from different locations within the town.

The youth centre has been operating from the skate park location for the past 10 years. During this period the centre has seen attendance patterns average 45 youth using the centre daily in 2006/07 to a decline in 2009 with numbers being in the low 20's.

This decline has been linked with youth using the centre for a period of years and then with maturity moving onto other social activities as well as limited programs that the centre can offer.

In fact the youth centre has outgrown itself.



It is not large enough or financial enough to deliver programs and activities that young people want to be involved in and the building is in need of major repair and upgrading.

The centre has been funded over the years by Council and Families SA and grant funding through the Attorney Generals Office, but due to restrictions, funding has been cut by approximately 50% as of June 2010.

We wish to thank the organisations for their financial support over the years without which the centre would not have been able to remain open for as long as it has.

Due to these issues Council has been investigating better ways to deliver programs and activities to include all youth in our community utilising existing sports and community organisations. By including young people in the planning and coordination of these programs we feel that they can make Ceduna a great place for youth.





## From the Mayor's Desk

### Dust nuisance within our town

We are receiving a large number of complaints about dust caused problems particularly within the Thevenard area.

We understand that this is a serious problem and acknowledge that residents of Thevenard have been very understanding over a long period of time.

Please accept our assurance that we have started to investigate the areas of concern and will try to implement solutions over the next few weeks and months. Some of the dust generation is a long term problem which will take time to resolve or mitigate.

So far we have identified at least 6 causes of dust including farm drift, new developments and historical industrial operations. Some causes such as farm drift are beyond our control and probably will always exist. In other cases the cause is temporary and will be rectified in the relative short term due to actions already in place.

In some cases a solution, or at least effective mitigation, will require a lot of consultation and cooperation from other parties. We will be discussing the best way to improve this situation and will report back in the near future as to the steps that can be implemented to ease the problems.

Hopefully these discussions will include details of the main dust generating activities and proposed strategies to provide resolutions to give residents some relief.

We do understand how serious this issue is and will do our best to try to help to deal with it.

*Mayor Allan Suter*

## Thevenard Lighting Upgrade

The Ceduna community has celebrated the official opening of the first stage of the Thevenard Streetscape project delivering new lighting for the town's main street.



*Mayor Allan Suter and Member for Flinders Liz Penfold MP at the official unveiling of the plaque on Thevenard Road.*

The official unveiling of the plaque commemorating the project was held on Tuesday 23rd February. The unveiling by Mayor Allan Suter was witnessed by about 17 onlookers from the local community, Member for Flinders Liz Penfold MP and members of the Thevenard Ratepayers Association.

The unveiling was followed by a light luncheon held in the Council Chambers.

The Rudd Labour Government provided \$100,000 to the District Council of Ceduna for this project, from the \$1 billion Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program (RLCIP).

Minister for Infrastructure and Local Government, Anthony Albanese, said the RLCIP was a key part of the Rudd Government's Economic Stimulus Plan and was delivering local jobs in communities across Australia by building infrastructure for the long term.

"The main street in Thevenard forms part of a major transport route. The new lighting will deliver direct benefits in increased commercial activity and improved road and pedestrian safety.

"In partnership with every council in the country we are delivering more than 3,300 small and larger scale building projects, including new and refurbished public libraries, sporting facilities, parks and playgrounds, and child care centres.

"The Program's remaining \$220 million is being delivered to councils in the coming months, with the District Council of Ceduna set to receive at least another \$30,000.

"This additional funding will support more local jobs and rebuild even more of the nation's vital community infrastructure.

"I congratulate the District Council of Ceduna and the local community for helping deliver this much needed local project, and helping to build a stronger region for the future," Mr Albanese concluded.

# Council Staff Update

## Administration



Karina Michalantos has joined Council as an Administration Officer. Karina aims *"...to work as a valuable part of the team and achieve job satisfaction."*



Jo Skinner has joined Council as Finance Officer. Jo aims *"...to pay everyone on time!"*

## Maintenance

Kim Harding and Simon Stott have joined the maintenance crew. Kim aims *"...to become qualified in all areas of his work and be recognised for doing a good job."*

Simon aims *"...to put more back into the Community and achieve all the goals set for the year."*



Ricky Masters has joined the Parks and Gardens crew. Ricky aims *"...to achieve great knowledge in the Parks and Gardens field."*

Council would like to extend a very warm welcome to all new staff members!

# Public Holiday Rubbish Collection

Council advises that NO rubbish collection will occur on a public holiday. The following changes will apply;

## EASTER

- Friday 2nd April – NO Collection
- Monday 5th April – NO Collection
- Tuesday 6th April – Koonibba, commercial and usual collections

## ANZAC DAY

- Monday 26th April – NO Collection
- Tuesday 27th April – Koonibba, commercial and usual collections

## QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

- Monday 14th June – NO Collection
- Tuesday 15th June – Koonibba, commercial and usual collections



# Doctor Housing Project

Council and the Health Service have had a long term partnership in providing Council owned houses and leasing it to health services at no cost. This has been done to assist with attracting and retaining doctors to the town and region to provide improved health services.



Our existing housing stocks are now quite aged, with the standard of housing not being to a level that medical professionals and their families find acceptable or attractive.

Councils plan, in partnership with Country Health SA, is to demolish our existing house on Dowling Crescent and construct two, two story town houses that will be of modern design and take advantage of the magnificent sea-scape.

It will be a challenge to fund this project, but through the future sale of our Christopher Street property and financial assistance from Country Health SA – this project will become a reality.

# Proclaimed Weeds

## Buffel Grass

### THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT BUFFEL GRASS

Buffel grass is a summer-growing perennial grass that is supported by a deep root system and large amount of biomass or living material.



Plants have green blades of grass, with fluffy seed heads that can range in colour from white to dark purple and can grow up to 15 cm long. The flower heads form from November to May then bloom after summer rains. Buffel grass reproduces from seed, germinating and setting seed within 6 weeks of a rainfall event making it an extremely invasive plant. The seed is thought to remain viable in the soil for four years.

### WHY SHOULD BUFFEL GRASS BE CONTROLLED?

Buffel grass is found in isolated patches on Eyre Peninsula so it is important that the spread is prevented. The Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management Board is aiming to completely eradicate buffel grass from the region.

Buffel grass is regarded as one of Australia's worst environmental weeds due to its ability to grow rapidly and establish quickly because it has a high rate of seed production and dispersal. The plant is tolerant to drought, fire and heavy grazing, all traits that make it such a successful weed.

It can invade native vegetation and completely dominate the understory. Because buffel grass produces up to two to three times more flammable material than native grasses, it creates an increased fire risk. This means a hotter and more intense burn, which ultimately leads to a greater amount of fire damage, not only to native vegetation, but to any associated infrastructure.

If you think you have seen buffel grass or know where an infestation is, please make sure that you contact your local NRM office so the locations can be recorded.

For more information on Buffel grass, contact your local EPNRM office or visit [www.epnrm.sa.gov.au](http://www.epnrm.sa.gov.au)

## Fountain Grass

### THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT FOUNTAIN GRASS

Densely tufted, perennial grass, mostly 30-90cm in height. Grows from a small, shallow root system. Flower heads are spiky and bottle brush



like, 10-25cm long and feathery. Colour varies from pale pinkie-white to purplish. Leaves are long and narrow, with small forward directed serrations on leaf margins. Grows most actively between spring and autumn however will green up rapidly with any rain.

### WHY SHOULD FOUNTAIN GRASS BE CONTROLLED?

Fountain grass is native to Africa and was bought to Australia for use as a garden ornamental. However, like many other "garden escapees", it is fast becoming a problem weed on Eyre Peninsula. Seeds are mainly wind dispersed but will also spread by vehicles, humans, livestock and water.

Fountain grass out competes and suppresses native vegetation, invades pasture, spreads rapidly along roadsides, railways and fence lines, and greatly increases fire risk on your property. This is because when the leaves dry out in summer, it is highly flammable. This plant is also supremely adapted to drought and will survive most conditions in our region.

### CONTROLLING FOUNTAIN GRASS?

Established infestations can be difficult to eliminate. Control may need to be repeated annually for a number of years. The seeds live for a long time, so continued monitoring after treatment is essential.

For more information on Fountain grass, contact your local EPNRM office or visit [www.epnrm.sa.gov.au](http://www.epnrm.sa.gov.au)



*Head of jetty works nearing completion.*

# CBD Project Update

The Ceduna CBD Streetscape project has been developed in response to the community's interest in re-vitalising the town through an innovative streetscape development.

Through the initial planning and public consultation process Council identified the need for an upgrade and refurbishment of all the in-ground infrastructure and an integrated approach to renew the public space thus providing a functional and attractive streetscape, which incorporates the demand for new infrastructure and public facilities for both the local and regional community.

With \$373,000 support from Planning SA's, Places for People fund, this stage of the project has involved the re-development of the southern end of Poynton Street (the main street), the historic roundabout at the intersection of Poynton & McKenzie Streets, the western extremity of McKenzie Street and O'Loughlin Terrace adjacent to the newly redeveloped Ceduna Foreshore Hotel. The final component of this stage is the head of the jetty works which is being undertaken now.

So far project works completed are:

- The installation of new storm water drainage infrastructure including pollution interceptors prior to discharge.
- The provision of new kerbing, water tables and medians on a new alignment to provide wider pedestrian walkways and safer road crossings.
- Installation of strategic tree planting and development of garden beds around the base of existing Norfolk Pine trees on McKenzie Street.
- Installation of decorative street lighting to Australian Standards.
- Replacement of all pedestrian surfaces with architectural pavers placed at grades and levels to ensure that all disability discrimination standards are met
- Replacement of road surfaces to correct existing faults and ensure storm water drainage systems collect and dispose of runoff efficiently.

Works at the head of the jetty site are well underway with all in ground services including electrical and communications conduits plus water laid. All of the new light poles have been erected and as of writing many

of the low walls foundations have begun to be poured. Footings for the new boardwalk are also in place and the decking should be completed by the time this goes to print.

The final touches to the head of jetty works are presently being undertaken and include:

- Paving of the area with concrete, inlaid with pavers, including tie-down points for temporary structures
- Laying of block-work and capping to form low walls,
- Establishment of garden beds
- Installation of shelters
- Installation of power and water access points.

Council once again appreciates the patience our community has shown with the ongoing works in the main CBD. A lot of the work that has been done is in-ground and working in and around existing services is always a challenge. We believe this stage has complimented the previous stages and will provide an attractive Streetscape, improved; facilities, pedestrian access and vehicle safety in the CBD will benefit residents and visitors alike.

# Smoke Alarms

**10 year old smoke alarms put your safety at risk. Replace them while there's still time.**

South Australia's fire services are encouraging householders to check the age of their smoke alarms. No matter what type of smoke alarms are installed or how they are powered (battery or 240 volt mains powered) after 10 years they are too old to rely on. They can take longer to respond to smoke, or might not even work at all.

Don't take a chance. Check the age of your smoke alarms and replace them if necessary.

Smoke alarm technology has improved since legislation was introduced in 1995 and South Australia's fire services are encouraging the public to improve their home fire safety when they replace old smoke alarms.

The fire services recommend that when you replace old smoke alarms you upgrade from the basic minimum required by law.

Contact your electrician to upgrade your smoke alarms with:

- smoke alarms that comply with AS3786;
- photo-electric smoke alarms which are connected to the mains power supply (ie hard wired);
- smoke alarms in all sleeping areas, in passageways leading to sleeping areas and in living areas; and
- smoke alarms that are all interconnected with one another.

**For more information:**

Phone 1300 737 637

visit the MFS website:

[www.mfs.sa.gov.au](http://www.mfs.sa.gov.au)

or email

[communitysafety@samfs.sa.gov.au](mailto:communitysafety@samfs.sa.gov.au)

**Better to be safe than sorry.**

# Ceduna Library

## Bookclub

Monthly meetings will be held in the Ceduna Area School Community Library from 7-9pm on Thursday;

15th April 2010 • 20th May 2010 • 10th June 2010

## Storytime

Storytime is held at the library every Monday morning from 9.30am during the school term.



*Storytime:*

*Left: Monique Stein and Zaan. Right: Nichole Duregon and Johnny Ray.)*

# 2010 Council Election Enrolment

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## Are you Enrolled to Vote for Council Elections in November 2010?

If you are already on the State Electoral Roll (in this Council area) to vote in State Elections you will automatically be on the Council Voters Roll and will receive voting papers.

However if you are a landlord, business lessee or resident Non-Australian citizen you will no longer be automatically included on the roll. If you wish to vote in Council Elections you are now required to enrol by completing an enrolment form, available from [www.ceduna.net](http://www.ceduna.net)

**Enrolment for the 2010 Council Elections closes at 5pm on Friday 13 August 2010.**

# Calendar of Events

APRIL	<b>Saturday 3    Sunday 4</b>	<b>Tuesday 20</b>	<b>Sunday 25</b>
	<p><b>Ceduna Mixed Social Bowls Weekend</b>            Location: Ceduna &amp; Districts Bowling Club            Contact: 8625 2142</p>	<p><b>Council Meeting</b>            Location: 44 O'Loughlin Terrace Ceduna            Time: 4pm            Contact: Administration Office 8625 3407</p>	<p><b>Anzac Day</b>            March and Ceremony</p>
MAY	<b>Sunday 9</b>	<b>Wednesday 19</b>	<b>Sunday 23</b>
	<p><b>Get Down (Get Dance Out West Now) Program</b>            Location: Ceduna Memorial Hall            Time: 3pm–4.30pm (5yrs &amp; over)            Contact: Jayne Holland 8626 7033</p>	<p><b>Council Meeting</b>            Location: 44 O'Loughlin Terrace Ceduna            Time: 4pm            Contact: Administration Office 8625 3407</p>	<p><b>Get Down (Get Dance Out West Now) Program</b>            Location: Ceduna Sports Club            Time: 4pm–6pm (Adults Only)            Contact: Jayne Holland 8626 7033</p>

For more information about these events visit Council's website [www.ceduna.net](http://www.ceduna.net)



## Water Restrictions

Dripper systems and hand-held hoses fitted with a trigger nozzle can be used for a **maximum of 3 hours a week** during the following times:

**Even Numbered houses;**  
 Tuesday and Saturday  
 6-9am or 6-9pm

**Odd Numbered houses;**  
 Wednesday and Sunday  
 6-9am or 6-9pm

Watering times remain unchanged for people with a permit who are unable to adhere to restrictions due to age or disability.

For more information visit [www.sawater.com.au](http://www.sawater.com.au)

## Rates Payments

**Payment of Rates must be received by Council on or before the instalment due date.**

Please be aware if you are paying your rates using internet or EFT it may take two working days for the funds to clear. If you wait until the last day to make payment using either of these methods and Council doesn't receive the money on the last day there is a chance that additional charges will be added.

Ratepayers wishing to make alternative payment arrangements must contact Council prior to the due date. Approval of any such arrangement will be at the discretion of Council.

## Change of Address

If any of your contact details have changed Council requires notification in writing. Change of address forms are available from the Council Administration Office.

## Dog & Cat Management

All dogs must be on a lead in all public places (this includes the walking trail between Ceduna and Thevenard). An \$80 expiation fee can be issued for each dog which you own or are responsible for that is not on a lead.

## Thanks

Council would like to thank David Harvey of Denial Bay for his dedication and commitment to the community. David has voluntarily installed irrigation around the Denial Bay area which was much needed.

# Council Email Updates



## Have you heard of Council's Community Consultation Email list?

This email mailing list communicates information to the public through regular emails advising of updates on Council projects, public meetings, public consultation periods, Mayoral messages, Council minutes, media releases, Mayoral messages, road closures, changes to rubbish collection and other public notices.

To join the list and receive these Council updates, simply fill in your details below and return to the Council administration office at;

**44 O'Loughlin Terrace  
CEDUNA SA 5690**

or send to;

**District Council of Ceduna  
PO Box 175  
CEDUNA SA 5690**

Alternatively email [council@ceduna.sa.gov.au](mailto:council@ceduna.sa.gov.au) with a request to join the email list.

Name.....

Email.....

Organisation (if applicable).....

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### Areas of Interest

- Public Notices
- Council Project Updates
- Events
- Council Meeting Minutes
- Community Information
- Public Consultation/Meetings
- Other (please specify).....

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## Council has recently joined Facebook!

If you would like to join the group visit [www.ceduna.net](http://www.ceduna.net) and click on the Facebook link.

Alternatively log on to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search for The District Council of Ceduna.

## Upcoming Meetings

Council Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month:

**Tuesday 20th April 2010**

**19th May 2010**

**16th June 2010**



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(PO Box 175)  
CEDUNA SA 5690