

# GOYDER GAZETTE

REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOYDER - QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

BY BILL GEBHARDT

As 2025 draws to a close, its a good time to reflect and celebrate our achievements. Its been a particularly busy twelve months with a range of major projects and activities taking place.

Attending community events and engagements has been a highlight this year, offering valuable opportunities to hear directly from residents. Council's listening posts have provided meaningful platforms for consultation and transparency.

Council provided 37 community grants across the entire Council area during the year. We have continued to be very supportive of community events, galvanising and enabling social connections wherever possible. Our commitment to volunteers remains a focus for Council, without volunteers, many services could not be provided. We acknowledge that many of our volunteers are retired and give their time up freely for the benefit of others across the community, for which we are deeply grateful.

Significant progress has been made on the World Heritage listing for the Australian Cornish Mining Sites in Burra and Moonta. The Preliminary Assessment has been submitted to UNESCO and will be reviewed by ICOMOS over the next year.

Christmas is a time to reflect, come together, and appreciate the people who make our region such a wonderful place to live, work and visit. Our volunteers, community groups, local businesses, and dedicated Council staff all play an important role in strengthening our towns and supporting one another throughout the year. I sincerely thank you for your commitment and contribution.

I also encourage everyone to reach out to neighbours, friends, and family—particularly those who may find this time of year challenging. A small gesture of kindness can make a world of difference.

On behalf of Council, I wish you a safe, joyful and relaxing Christmas, and a Happy New Year. I look forward to continuing our work together in 2026 as we build an even stronger and more connected Goyder community.

*Mayor Bill Gebhardt*



## REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOYDER OFFICE CLOSURES

The Council Offices will be closed over the Christmas / New Year period as follows:

**Burra Office:** from 5.00pm Friday 19 December 2025  
reopening 9.00am Monday 5 January 2026

**Eudunda Office:** from 5.00pm Thursday 18 December 2025  
reopening 9.00am Tuesday 13 January 2026

**Changes to Waste Collection Service**  
Collections due on:

- 25 December 2025 will be collected on 29 December 2025
- 1 January 2026 will be collected on 2 January 2026

**Transfer Station Closures**

- Burra : Closed Thursday 25 December 2025 & Thursday 1 January 2026

**Depots**  
Burra and Robertstown depots will both be closed from 4.00pm 18 December 2025 and will reopen at 7.00am 12 January 2026.

**Burra & Goyder Visitor Information Centre**  
Closed 25 December 2025

*The Mayor, Councillors and Staff of the Regional Council of Goyder wish everyone a safe and festive Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

David J. Stevenson  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

# EUDUNDA GARDENERS

## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November, Council and the Eudunda Community Business & Tourism Committee (ECBaT) were delighted to host a morning tea celebrating the dedicated volunteers who maintain the Eudunda Gardens.

Mayor Bill Gebhardt expressed his gratitude for their outstanding contribution to the garden’s upkeep and maintenance – a space enjoyed and appreciated by both locals and visitors.

Cr. Judy Partington also made a special presentation to Pam Dutschke, recognising her remarkable 25 years of volunteering in the gardens – an incredible milestone.

If you are interested in joining the volunteer gardeners, please contact Mel Zerner of ECBaT on 0418852353.

Image: Mayor Bill Gebhardt, Greg Obst, Greg Post, Scott Gilbert, Cr. Judy Partington, Pam Dutschke, Bobbie Post, Neil Purdam.

Volunteers absent: Shirley Reimann, Murray Sauer & Trevor Schutz.



# BURRA & EUDUNDA SWIMMING POOLS

## BURRA & EUDUNDA POOL OPENING HOURS

Monday - Friday (excluding public holidays & school holidays)  
4.00pm - 7.00pm (weather permitting)

Weekends, Public Holidays & School Holidays  
1.00pm - 7.00pm

Closed Christmas Day

The pool will only be open to the public if the forecast to be 27 degrees or over at 5pm the day prior.



# NATIONAL SMALL TOWNS CONFERENCE

## REVITALISING REGIONAL TOWNS

The National Small Town Reinvention Conference brought together passionate community builders from across Australia to explore innovative and practical approaches to revitalising regional towns. With keynote presentations, interactive workshops, storytelling sessions, and immersive study tours, the program showcased real-world solutions that are strengthening small communities nationwide.

This year's conference was centred at the Kapunda Football Club, with activities and excursions extending across the regions of Goyder, Light, Barossa and Clare & Gilbert Valleys.

The opening day culminated in a community dinner at Eudunda, hosted by the Eudunda Community Business and Tourism Committee (ECBaT). Guests heard from Mel Zerner, Deputy Chair of ECBaT, who delivered an inspiring keynote on how Eudunda's community groups collaborate to drive positive change. His presentation highlighted the Eudunda Community Plan, developed in partnership with Rural Aid, as a living example of grassroots leadership. Samuel Doering and Henry Schutz shared their experiences within the SA Rural Ambassador Program.

On Day Two, in the afternoon, delegates travelled to Farrell Flat, where Barb Button, Director of Community Engagement & Development, presented the story of the town's celebrated silo art project on behalf of the Farrell Flat Committee. The journey continued to Burra, where Barb and Holly Cowan (Copper Coast Council) spoke about the Australian Cornish Mining Sites: Burra and Moonta World Heritage Bid. Participants explored how both towns are embracing their Cornish heritage through initiatives such as the World Heritage nomination, the Burra Heritage Passport Product, and major cultural events including Burra's Back to Burra 180th Celebrations and Moonta's Kernewek Lowender Festival.

The visit to Burra concluded with a guided tour of some of the Burra Heritage passport sites. Led by Chris Reed (National Trust – Burra Branch) and Graham Hancock (National Trust – Moonta Branch), attendees experienced Paxton Square Cottages, the Unicorn Brewery Cellars, the historic Burra Mine site and Redruth Gaol.

The conference provided an invaluable platform to showcase Goyder's small towns on a national stage, celebrate local achievements and connect with community leaders from across the country.



*Presenters included Samuel Doering, Henry Schutz & Mel Zerner from Eudunda*



*Chris Reed & Hon. Tony Piccolo MP touring Burra*

# FIRE DANGER SEASON

## 2025/26 SEASON COMMENCED

The SA Country Fire Service (CFS) has confirmed the official dates for the 2025/26 Fire Danger Season across South Australia.

For the Mid North region, the Fire Danger Season commenced on **1 November 2025 and will conclude at midnight on 30 April 2026.**

With the season's declaration, fire restrictions become legally enforceable in the affected districts. This means certain activities—such as burning off, using machinery, or lighting campfires—may be restricted or prohibited depending on local conditions.

“Now is the perfect time to prepare for the oncoming season and update your Bushfire Survival Plan,” said the CFS Chief Officer.

To find out what you can and can't do during the Fire Danger Season, and to access resources for creating or updating your Bushfire Survival Plan, visit the CFS website [www.cfs.sa.gov.au](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au)

# CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

## FOOD DONATIONS WANTED

SPREAD SOME CHRISTMAS CHEER.....



# Christmas Giving Tree

**FOOD DONATIONS WANTED!**



This Christmas, we're putting together food hampers to support our Goyder community — and we'd love your help!

We're looking for donations of **non-perishable food** items such as canned fruit & vegetables, soups, pasta, rice, UHT custard, shortbread, nuts, long-life milk, honey, jam etc.

Drop your donations into the Burra or Eudunda Council Offices and help spread a little extra cheer this festive season.



# TOURISM UPDATE

## YORKE PENINSULA FIELD DAYS

Council proudly showcased the Goyder Region at the 2025 Yorke Peninsula Field Days in Paskeville, held from 29 September to 2 October. The event provided an excellent platform to promote our region's attractions, experiences and future opportunities to attendees.

In addition to our Goyder stand, Council partnered with Copper Coast Council to present a shared display on the Australian Cornish Mining Sites: Burra and Moonta World Heritage Bid, sparking strong interest and conversations about the international significance of our heritage.

A highlight of the Field Days was engaging directly with visitors and completing more than 300 surveys that offered valuable insights into visitor experiences and expectations. This feedback will play a key role in shaping our future tourism planning for the next 12 months.

Special thanks go to our Tourism Ambassadors: Mayor Bill Gebhardt, Cr. John Oates, Cr. Jane Hill, Cr. John Neal, Wayne and Anne Tomsen (Paxton Precinct Managers), Mel Zerner, Graham Kellock, Matt Reilly, Neil Nicholson and Burra & Goyder Visitor Information Centre staff Sue Freeman-Ward and Hayley Walmsley. Their enthusiasm and knowledge ensured the region was represented with warmth and storytelling throughout the event.

The 2025 Field Days were a valuable opportunity to raise the profile of Goyder as a destination, promote our World Heritage aspirations and strengthen connections with potential visitors from all around South Australia.



## SOUTHERN FLINDERS VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES GATHERING

We were delighted to welcome representatives from a number of Southern Flinders Visitor Information Centres to Burra for a day of knowledge sharing, collaboration, and exploration.

The visit provided an opportunity to showcase the Goyder Region's tourism offerings and to share the tools, resources, and approaches used by the Burra & Goyder Visitor Information Centre to enhance visitor experiences. Discussions also highlighted the exciting progress of the Australian Cornish Mining Sites: Burra and Moonta World Heritage Bid, sparking valuable conversations about the broader benefits of heritage tourism.

Delegates explored some of Burra's heritage sites, including the Burra Mine Site and the Unicorn Brewery Cellars, where staff shared stories about Burra's heritage that make the town unique.

The exchange provides opportunities to not only showcase what makes each region special but is also a way to build stronger connections between Visitor Information Centres.

# BURRA & GOYDER VISITOR CENTRE

## BE A TOURIST IN YOUR OWN TOWN

The Burra & Goyder Visitor Information Centre will be open every day (with the exception of Christmas Day) over the holiday period.

Looking for a fun school holiday activity? Step back in time in Burra, a historic town founded in the 1840s and explore its fascinating heritage with the **Heritage Passport Key**. This special key gives you access to 11 National Heritage-listed sites, including the Monster Mine Site, Morphett's Engine House and Redruth Gaol. Each site offers a unique glimpse into Burra's rich history—from its bustling mining days to its cultural evolution.

Plus, did you know **Goyder locals** enjoy a special **discount** on the Burra Passport? Visit the friendly team at the Burra and Goyder Visitor Centre to collect your Heritage Passport Key.



# EUDUNDA FAMILY HERITAGE GALLERY

## RENOVATIONS COMPLETED

After several months of renovations, the doors are open once again and what an incredible transformation it is. Thanks to the combined efforts of dedicated volunteers, local businesses, and Council support, the Eudunda Heritage Gallery has been beautifully refreshed, preserving the stories and history that make Eudunda so special.

Visiting the gallery is like stepping back in time. Wander through the exhibits and discover the lives of local families, the challenges they faced and the rich culture that built this region. Don't miss the charming cottage behind the gallery - it's like slipping into the shoes of those who lived here generations ago.

Take a walk through Eudunda's past, you'll leave with a new appreciation for the stories that shaped our present. The Gallery is open every Friday, Saturday & Sunday 10am - 2pm.



Mayor Bill Gebhardt, Cr. John Neal & CEO David Stevenson.

Image: Hayley Walmsley

# LAVENDER FEDERATION TRAIL

## EUDUNDA RAIL TRAIL UPGRADE

*\*Article & images sourced with permission, from the SARTI Footsteps & Pedals Newsletter - October 2025*

"The long-awaited upgrade of the Eudunda to Hampden Rail Trail is finally completed. The Regional Council of Goyder allocated \$100,000 for its construction from the Governments Local Roads and Community funding grant package. However, negotiations and planning caused delays and the cost blew out with the Goyder Council contributing an extra \$115,000 to complete the project.

The railway line was built as a route to get to Morgan and cart the produce brought there by the paddle steamers as the Murray River was often unreliable below Morgan. The 5km track from Eudunda to Hampden was one of the steepest in the State and on a frosty morning the train drivers had to tip sand on the railway line to get traction. This has left a spectacular trail with several large cuttings and embankments."

*John Neal, Regional Council of Goyder Councillor & SARTI Board Member.*



Upgrading of the rail corridor has allowed the walking trail to use the section previously covered with rail ballast in lieu of the edge of the corridor. Walking on the rail ballast was not permitted by DIT authorities due to the possibility of arsenic contamination from weed spraying.

A big win also for the Lavender Cycling Trail. Cyclists using the Lavender Cycling Trail from Eudunda to Hampden were required to follow the busy Thiele Highway then Wahroonga and Julia Roads. Now, no more busy main roads with this section off road, now the multi-use rail corridor is completed.

In 2015 when applications were made to ORS for funding for the Lavender Federation Trail from Eudunda to Clare, a proposal to cover the rail ballast was made, however, funding for this part of the project was unsuccessful.

Early September, Hampden rail trail volunteers Helen, Derek, Robert, David & Trevor's 1 & 2 cleaned up the trail and installed a new Traker electronic counter. The group installed six timber posts to mark the trail, removed several old markers and recovered three redundant stiles for re-use. The trail still needs cleaning up with old fences & fencing materials, rubbish and plenty of weeds but that will need an empty ute and trailer and another working bee.

The continuation of the rail corridor at Hampden is an attractive pine lined corridor and is worth the time as a short detour and a look at the old Hampden Rail Station.

# COUNCIL MEETING MATTERS

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## OCTOBER MEETING WRAP UP

- The 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026 meeting of Council will be held at the Eudunda Clubrooms.
- Council will correspond with Electranet in relation to the proposed Northern Transmission Project corridor selection for NTx South highlighting concerns the Council and community have relating to the proposed corridor immediately to the west of Eudunda, citing matters raised by the community and seeking clarification before any final decision is made by Electranet.
- Council agreed to transfer the Eudunda Family Heritage Gallery (Hambour Building / Gosling Cottage) to the Eudunda Family Heritage Gallery Incorporated. Council will donate an amount equal to the annual rates and service charges of the property to the Eudunda Heritage Gallery Incorporated. Council will meet any conveyancing and transaction costs associated with the transfer and Council will make a one-off contribution of \$12,000 (from the Community Facilities Fund) to the Eudunda Family Heritage Gallery to meet alteration expenses for drainage and internal structures.
- Following public consultation Council approved the leases between the Council and the following community groups: Farrell Flat Management Committee, Burra Regional Art Gallery and the Burra Town Hall.
- The request from the Eudunda Area School seeking financial assistance towards the 'Feed the Community' Project was approved for \$600.
- The request from the Burra Community Development Program for carpet replacement in the Mayoral Parlour was approved for \$5,500 from the North Goyder Community Facilities Grant Fund.
- The request from the Booborowie Bowling Club towards the solar installation (stage 2) purchase and installation of a solar battery was approved for \$10,060 from the North Goyder Community Facilities Grant Fund.
- The request from the Hallett Community Sports Association for upgrading the Hallett Rural Outreach Consulting Room in the Hallett Town Hall was approved for \$4038.26 from the North Goyder Community Facilities Grant Fund.
- The request from the Eudunda Bowling Club to provide a uni-sex disabled toilet was approved for \$15,664 from the South Goyder Community Facilities Grant Fund.
- The request from the Southern Saints Football Club for carpet upgrade at the club was approved for \$10,740 from the South Goyder Community Facilities Grant Fund.
- The request from the Eudunda Community Business & Tourism Committee for funding towards the 2025 Eudunda Christmas Party was approved for \$2,000 from the South Goyder Community Events Fund.

## NOVEMBER MEETING WRAP UP

- Council endorsed the lease with the Hallett Community & Sports Association and will now undertake community consultation.
- Following public consultation, Council approved the lease with the Terowie Citizens Association.
- The request from the Burra Community School seeking financial assistance toward the Annual Presentation Night on the 3 December 2025 was approved for \$250.
- The request from the Burra Community Development Program Inc seeking financial assistance of \$1,478.81 toward the 2025/26 insurance premiums was approved.
- Road closures for the Terowie Christmas Pageant and Booborowie Kids Christmas Fete were approved.

# COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

## VISIT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

South Australian public libraries play an essential role in our communities. They provide education, community wellbeing, digital inclusion, emergency management and economic development.

South Australian public libraries make a big impact in communities across SA.

- More than 1 in 4 South Australians are library users.
- 487,000+ active SA members.
- More than 64,000 programs per year.
- 11.5 million loans have been accessed from 140+ public libraries.
- \$253 million worth of benefits in communities across SA.



Visit your local Community Library:

The **Burra Community Library** is a welcoming, free service that supports the diverse needs of people of all ages. Jointly funded by the Burra Community School and the Regional Council of Goyder, the library serves both the school and the wider community.

Visitors can borrow a wide range of materials, including books, magazines, CDs, DVDs and more. The library also offers free access to computers and the internet, along with photocopying services for both school and community use. For those unable to visit in person, home delivery can be arranged.

A highlight of the library is the Ian Auhl Local History Room, a dedicated space for exploring family history and local heritage research.

Housed in the historic Koorunga School building, the library is open:

- During school terms: Monday to Friday, 8:30 am – 6:00 pm
- During school holidays: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Drop in and say hello to Lisa and Mel, our friendly Library Assistants and follow the library's Facebook page for the latest updates and events.

The **Eudunda Community Library** is a free service proudly provided by the Eudunda Area School and the Regional Council of Goyder. It also operates the **Robertstown Link Library**, located at the Robertstown Community Centre.

Both libraries offer a great selection of books, magazines, DVDs, CDs and audiobooks, as well as services such as:

- Home delivery for those who are housebound
- Photocopying, faxing and free Wi-Fi
- Free internet access for all community members

Every Wednesday from 3:30pm, join in the fun and fellowship with games including Canasta, Scrabble, Chess, Cards, Qwirkle, Rummikub and more!

Pop in and see Sandy, our Library Assistant, for a warm welcome.

- Eudunda Community Library: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 am – 5:00pm; Wednesday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
- Robertstown Link Library: Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 5:00pm

# HEART & SOUL OF THE COUNTRY

## CHILDREN'S ART PROJECT

Heart and Soul of the Country was a 2023-24 project in 7 schools in the Goyder area, involving 82 children from 4-12 years in a series of artist led workshops.

Children painted their lives:

- self-portraits to put themselves front and centre as citizens
- landscapes portraying where they live,
- and future drawings to reveal how they see themselves and the world when they reach adulthood.

In the landscape workshops, children featured their keen understanding of where they live - showcasing the vast 4900 square kilometres that makes up the Goyder region including family homes, stations, windfarms, gardens, landmarks, rolling hills and historic buildings.

The original children's art has been donated to the Burra Community Library as part of the local history collection. Six of the artwork pieces (pictured below) are currently on display in the Burra & Goyder Visitor Information Centre - well worth a visit!

The project was funded by the Regional Council of Goyder and Energy Australia.

The project was managed by Mid North Arts (SA) and the Burra Community Management Committee.



*Jacob Almeida*  
Eudunda Area School  
**Entry Sign, Eudunda**



*Molly Noack*  
Booborowie Primary School  
**Willalo - Wind Turbines & Paddocks**



*Amia Menzel*  
Robertstown Primary School  
**The General Store in Robertstown**



*Ned Mepstead*  
Eudunda Area School  
**Eudunda Silos**



*Audrey Schuppan*  
Burra Community School  
**The Burra Mine**



*Olivia Tollhurst*  
Burra Community School  
**King George VII Rotunda, Burra**

# CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

## LOCAL EVENTS

Attend your local Christmas celebration:

- **Eudunda Christmas Party**  
Friday 5 December, 5pm Eudunda Gardens
- **Terowie Christmas Pageant**  
Saturday 13 December, 4pm in Main Street
- **Hallett Christmas Party**  
Sunday 14 December, 4pm
- **Booborowie Kids Christmas Fete**  
Saturday 13 December, 10am in Sixth Street
- **Burra Christmas Fair & Pageant**  
Friday 19 December, 5pm in Market Square
- **Booborowie Christmas Party**  
Sunday 21 December, 4pm



## UNI HUB VISIT

### BURRA OUTREACH

Thinking about Uni?

Adrianna from Uni Hub Spencer Gulf will be visiting Burra as part of the Goyder Outreach Service.

Date: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Where: Regional Council of Goyder's Burra Office

Time: 10am – 3pm

No appointment needed!

If university has been on your mind—whether you're just curious or ready to take the next step—come say hi! Adrianna can walk you through study options, support services, and how Uni Hub can help you succeed locally.

Pop in for a chat and explore your future!



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