

Council Matters

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Information Briefing Session:

9.30 am, Thursday 26 February 2026

Council Meeting:

11.00 am, Tuesday 10 March 2026

COMMUNITY THANK YOU

Creatures of the Palaeozoic Stamp Launch a Success!

More than 80 locals, kids and adults, joined us at the KI Council Chambers for a fascinating journey back 500 million years to explore the ancient life of Kangaroo Island.

Dr Diego Garcia Bellido from the University of Adelaide wowed the crowd with real fossils from Emu Bay and shared the story behind Australia Post's new Creatures of the Palaeozoic stamp issue.

Families also enjoyed hands on activities like designing their own stamp and fossil themed crafts. Many people told us how lucky they felt to have such a high quality, engaging event right here on the Island. A big thank you to everyone who came along and made it such a great community morning.

We also acknowledge the South Australian Museum, Australia Post and the University of Adelaide in relation to the images and material associated with the stamps.



COMMUNITY REMINDER

Parking on verges and footpaths

Council has received a few recent enquiries about parking on verges and footpaths, so we wanted to share a reminder about how these spaces are meant to be used.

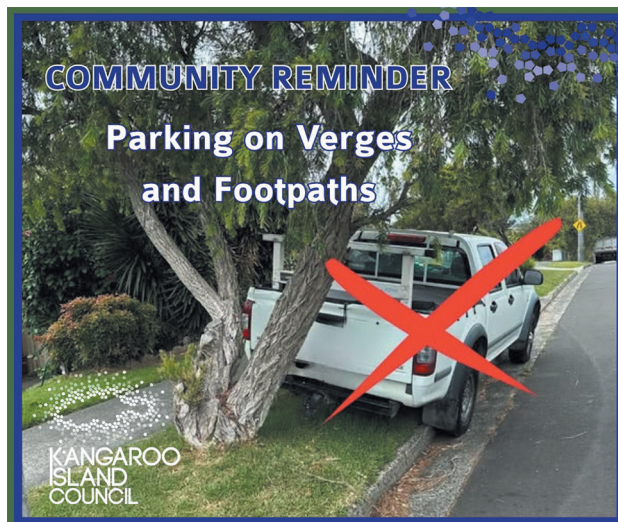
Verges and footpaths are public land, managed by Council. They are designed to provide a dedicated safe space for pedestrian movement including prams, wheelchairs, mobility scooters and children walking or riding to school. These spaces provide a safe area away from traffic. When vehicles park across or on these areas, it can force people onto the road and create safety risks, especially for older residents and those with limited mobility.

Under the Road Traffic Act and Australian Road Rules, vehicles are not permitted to park on footpaths or in a way that blocks safe pedestrian access.

We know parking can be tight in some areas, and most people are not trying to do the wrong thing. This is simply a reminder to please park responsibly and in a way that keeps footpaths and verges clear and safe for everyone in our community.

Council officers will continue to monitor verge parking issues, particularly within the townships, with a focus on maintaining safety and accessibility.

Thanks for helping to keep our streets accessible and safe for all.



WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

Caring for our Historic Mulberry Tree

Works have now been completed to carefully remove a portion of dead branch from the Island's much loved Historic Mulberry Tree.

Following advice from Council's consulting arborist, the dead section was identified as coming from an old wound dating back many years, from when chains were used to support the branch. Removing this section was the best step to help protect the long-term health and safety of the tree.

The works were carried out by a local qualified arborist, with care taken to respect the tree's heritage and significance to our community. Council will continue to monitor the Mulberry and look after this special part of our Island's history.



Kingscote Cemetery Irrigation Upgrade Complete

KI Council Parks and Gardens staff have now completed an irrigation upgrade at the Kingscote Cemetery. We are now just waiting for the grass to grow.

The upgrade follows the expansion of the cemetery in 2024 and is an important step in supporting healthy turf and improving the long-term presentation of the grounds.

There was some disruption during the works and we thank the community for their patience. With the major works now complete, we do not expect any further issues.

This upgrade will help ensure the cemetery continues to be a respectful and well cared for place for families and visitors into the future.

