

# Council Matters

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

**Information Briefing Session**  
**10.00 am on Thursday 29 February 2024**  
**10.00 am on Thursday 28 March 2024**

**Council Meetings**  
**11.00 am on Tuesday 13 February 2024**  
**11.00 am on Tuesday 12 March 2024**



## BUSHFIRE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS

Kangaroo Island is in Fire Danger Season until Tuesday, 30 April 2024.

In the past month, KI has experienced wet weather conditions that have encouraged vegetation growth, increased fuel availability and exacerbated future bushfire risk when dry weather follows.

Council is appealing to residents, landowners, and visitors **not to be complacent** despite rainfall at the beginning of summer. Ensure your property is well prepared for fire risk and you and your family have a Bushfire Action Plan.

As the weather warms up, Council is urging all residents and visitors to the Island to be proactive, know when the CFS declares a Total Fire Ban Day, and adhere to the restrictions that may prevent bushfires.

Understanding what to do and how to act during Fire Danger Season could save your life.

### How do I know when a total fire ban is declared?

The Fire Danger Rating system has changed. It's now simpler with clear actions to take.

There are now four levels of Fire Danger Ratings:

- Moderate
- High
- Extreme
- Catastrophic

During Fire Danger Season, the CFS declare the fire rating at 4.30 pm every day for the following day.

On days when Extreme and Catastrophic ratings for KI are declared, Total Fire Bans are imposed, and restrictions apply.

As the weather warms up, we are asking everyone to be proactive and check the rating every day.

Make sure you understand the fire rating by visiting the CFS website:

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

### The Australian Fire Danger Ratings (AFDRS) levels are:



## NOTICE OF WORKS - GUARDRAILS

Work will start on Monday, 29 January 2024, to install guardrails at the following locations:

- Stokes Bay Road/ North Coast Road intersection and bridge
- Ropers Road bridge (Cygnet River)
- Ten Trees Lagoon Road/ North Coast Road intersection



Please observe all traffic control signage and be mindful of workers on and adjacent to the roads affected.

Works are due for completion by Friday, 2 February 2024, pending weather conditions.

We thank you for your patience while completing these works and apologise for any inconvenience.

## KEEP WILDLIFE OUT OF RUBBISH

In response to community concerns about wildlife knocking over rubbish bins at Island Beach and other locations around KI, SafeWaste Multi-Fit Lid Latches are available for \$8 from the Kangaroo Island Resource Recovery Centre, operated by Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority (FRWA) and located at 217 North Coast Road, 5kms from Kingscote.

You can also purchase the lid latches from the Council's Customer Service team at the Dauncey Street office in Kingscote and the Penneshaw Community Business Centre.



Separating food items from your rubbish bin and diverting green waste to a compost bin should deter the kangaroos and wildlife from interfering with your bin.

Kangaroos knocking over rubbish bins has been an issue at Island Beach for many years. This is partly due to visitors feeding the kangaroos, encouraging them to stay within the township seeking food. This can become dangerous to people in wheelchairs or with mobility issues when bucks, in particular, become aggressive.

Please note, Council does not encourage anyone to feed wildlife on Kangaroo Island as it harms the well-being of animals.

## PENNESHAW PLAYGROUND UPGRADE

On 29 January 2024, work began to upgrade the Penneshaw Playground adjacent to the oval.

Works to remove the existing playground and install the new one will be completed by 19 February 2024.

The playground will be out of service during this period.

We apologise for any inconvenience and appreciate your patience while this work occurs.



The existing playground equipment is pictured above, the new equipment below.

