

Council Matters

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Special Council Meeting:
9.00 am, Thursday 27 November 2025

Council Meeting:
11.00 am, Tuesday 9 December 2025

Information Briefing Session:
9.30 am, Thursday 27 November 2025

COMMUNITY NEWS

Free Boat Launching – State Government and Council Initiative

Council will provide **free access to all Council-managed boat ramps** from **1 November 2025 to 30 November 2026**, as part of the State Government's **Algal Bloom Fish Recovery Program**.

This temporary, State-funded initiative supports fishing recovery while bag limits are reduced to help fish stocks rebuild, with no cost impact to ratepayers.

Free access applies at:

- American River
- Christmas Cove
- Baudin Beach
- Emu Bay
- Bay of Shoals

Normal fees will resume from **1 December 2026**.

Learn more about the State program at algabloom.sa.gov.au/news/algabloom-fish-recovery-program.



BUSHFIRE PREVENTION

Kangaroo Island Airport

Council staff have been actively engaged in vegetation management at the airport, focusing on fire prevention measures. Their work includes slashing and clearing overgrown grass along the runway strips, as well as systematically removing small shrubs and bushes that could obstruct sightlines or interfere with aircraft operations. These efforts are part of routine maintenance to ensure the airport remains compliant with aviation standards and continues to operate efficiently and safely for all users.



WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

Stokes Bay Toilets – Upgrade
Upgrade works are currently in progress at the Stokes Bay toilet facilities.

The Council has engaged the Stokes Bay Hall Committee to deliver these improvements. So far, the team has refreshed the interior by painting the walls, and the next step will be applying an epoxy coating to the floor to complete the upgrade.

In the meantime, temporary toilets remain available for public use, ensuring the facility continues to serve visitors and locals during the works period. The upgraded facility is expected to reopen by the end of next week.



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Celebrate Our Local Legends – Nominations Closing!

Do you know someone who makes your community a better place?

The **Citizen of the Year Awards**, proudly presented by the **Australia Day Council of South Australia** and administered by Kangaroo Island Council, acknowledge the unsung heroes who make a difference every day. Through their contributions, they help our community thrive and make Kangaroo Island a better place to live.

Local Award Categories

- **Citizen of the Year** – Recognising individuals who have shown exceptional service and commitment to the community.
- **Community Event of the Year** – Celebrating events that bring the community together and showcase the spirit of Kangaroo Island.
- **Community Project of the Year** – Honouring projects that improve or benefit the local community.

Nominate Today

Help us recognise those who make Kangaroo Island a better place to live. Nominations can be submitted all year round, but to be considered for the 2026 Citizen of the Year Awards, entries must be received by **Sunday, 16 November 2025**.



To submit a nomination, visit citizenoftheyear.com.au/nominate

Award recipients will be announced at Council's **Australia Day 2026 celebrations** and may go on to be considered for the **State Awards**, presented by the **Governor of South Australia**.

Take a moment to nominate someone who deserves to be recognised for their outstanding contribution to our community.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Council is inviting community feedback on the draft Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) 2026-2030.

The Plan sets out practical actions for the next four years to foster greater inclusion for people living with disability.

Building on the progress of our first DAIP (2021-2024), the draft Plan focuses on ensuring everyone in our community feels respected, by providing facilities and services that are accessible and inclusive to everyone.

The draft DAIP aligns with South Australia's State Disability Inclusion Plan 2025-2029 and is structured around five domains: Inclusive Environments and Communities, Education and Employment, Personal and Community Support, Health and Wellbeing and Safety, Rights and Justice.

The draft plan outlines the inclusion domains, outcomes framework, measures to be met and our actions to meet the measures.

Your feedback will help refine the final Plan before it goes to Council for adoption in early 2026.

How to provide feedback

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Mobi Mat – Kingscote Tidal Pool

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