

Community Newsletter

Issue 4/2019

Dec - Feb 2019



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

Karoonda Christmas Carols

@6pm - Sausage Sizzle & Messy Church activities

@7pm sharp - Carols to begin

Don't forget to bring a chair!

Robyn Burdett (Messy Church)

Josie Radloff (Ecumenical Council)

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11 Railway Terrace,
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Opening Hours
9am - 5pm

Justices of the peace

Information sourced from

<http://jp.agd.sa.gov.au/JPPublicWeb/>

Numbers given are for use during business hours

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Items for Qtr 1 - March - May 20 Community Newsletter

The Community Newsletter is published for the Community. We endeavour to include as much relevant local information as possible.

Please send contributions via any of the following methods by

15th Feb 2020

Fax 08 8578 1246, email in word format, publisher or PDF to sarah.b@dckem.sa.gov.au or bring into the office.

As this is a Council produced newsletter, Council reserves the right to remove any content it deems inaccurate, inappropriate or offensive.

M Morgan CEO

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| Business Card | \$11.00 | \$20.00 |
| Quarter Page | \$41.00 | \$55.00 |
| Half Page | \$62.00 | \$80.00 |
| Middle Spread - 2 Pages | \$150.00 | \$200.00 |
| Middle Spread - 4 Pages | \$260.00 | \$340.00 |
| Full Page | \$85.00 | \$120.00 |
| Back Page | \$125.00 | \$180.00 |

History Books

Karoonda East Murray 1986 - 2011 history book for sale \$45 per copy
 Karoonda East Murray History to 1986 (Re-print) - \$40 per copy.

Karoonda Cabin & Caravan Park

Website: www.karoonda.org



Powered Site: \$15/Night

Cabins: \$130/Night

Contact 08 8578 1004 for bookings
 or for after hours 0476 853 363

Chair Hire

**Community Events/Organisation -
 Karoonda District Only**

May be hired for free if no damage - damage replacement \$25.00 each

Private Functions

For residents in Karoonda district \$1.00 per chair - damage replacement \$25.00 each
 Contact Council 08 8578 1004

Community Notice Board

There is a notice board available in the Community Shelter for community groups to use. Bookings for space are to be made with staff at the Council Offices, Karoonda. Advertisements A4 and A3 will be accepted and must be dated. Items will be left on display for 30 days.

Correspondence

Please note that it is Council's Policy that we cannot accept and act on anonymous letters. All correspondence addressed to council must have a name and address provided and be received 7 days prior to the meeting.

Council Meetings

Unless resolved otherwise, meetings of Council are held on the second Tuesday of the month, in the Council Chambers commencing at 7:30 pm.

Customer Action Request Form

If you visit www.dckem.sa.gov.au and go to the contact page you will see a Customer Action Request form. This form can be used to advise Council of a problem on a road, property etc or for general enquiries. Of course you may still call or come to the office and advise in person

Waste Depot

Lot 6 Roberts Road, Karoonda;
Licence: EPA 314

Opening Hours

Wednesday & Sunday 2:30 - 4:30pm
Closed Public Holidays & Total Fire Ban days

**Any enquiries please call the office on
08 8578 1004**

Fees as of 1st of July 2019

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Car/Utility/Station Wagon - Sorted | \$10 |
| Car/Utility/Station Wagon - Unsorted | \$15 |
| 6x4 Trailer - Sorted | \$20 |
| 6x4 Trailer - Unsorted | \$25 |
| Tandem Trailer - Sorted | \$30 |
| Tandem Trailer - Unsorted | \$35 |
| Truck (up to 7 tonnes) - Sorted | \$175 |
| Truck (up to 7 tonnes) - Unsorted | \$200 |
| Truck (7 - 14 tonnes) - Sorted | \$350 |
| Truck (7 - 14 tonnes) - Unsorted | \$400 |
| Semi/Commercial Compactor | \$500 |
| Mattresses/Lounges (per item) | \$25 |
| Car Bodies | \$25 |
| Recycling | Free |
| Green Waste | Free |
| Scrap Metal | Free |
| E - Waste | Free |

Kerbside Recycling Service

Private residences
Karoonda & Wynarka

Upcoming Collection date

10 Dec | 13 Jan | 11 Feb

Yellow Lid Recycling

- Paper & cardboard (newspapers, magazines, junk mail, envelopes, egg cartons, flattened cardboard boxes)
- Cartons (juice & milk cartons - rinsed and flattened)
- Glass bottles & jars (rinsed)
- Aluminium & steel (cans and lids) & Empty aerosol cans
- All rigid plastic containers (plastic drink bottles, yoghurt containers, detergent bottles). Remove all lids and place in rubbish bin.
- **NO PLASTIC BAGS**

Visit the Zero Waste SA website for more information relating to recycling
www.zerowaste.sa.gov.au

Deposit of waste oil

Wheelie bins are **NOT** to be used for the disposal of oils and oil filters.

Council has a waste oil collection facility at its depot, which is available to residents & businesses.

Please note that oil filters and oil drums etc **WILL NOT** be accepted for disposal. These items remain the responsibility

Phone: 08 8578 1004 to make an appointment





Karoonda Christmas Party

Saturday 21 December 2019
from **4pm** at the **Karoonda Golf Club**

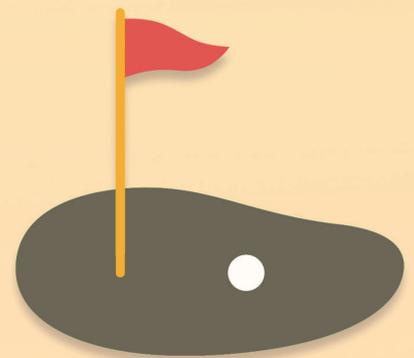
Hosted by the **KAROONDA & DISTRICT TRADERS**

Enjoy the festivities & a relaxing afternoon of local food, licenced bar (strictly no BYO), kids entertainment, live music and a special guest appearance...



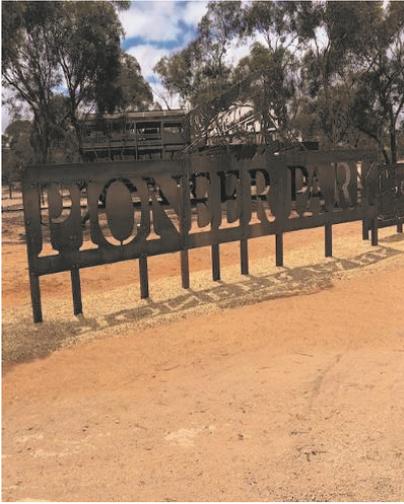
Father Christmas!

Face Painting
Slip & Slide
BBQ/Bar Facilities
Putt-Putt
Kids Movies
(bring a bean bag & a chair!)



Proudly supported by
**THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF KAROONDA EAST MURRAY
& THE KAROONDA GOLF CLUB**

KAROONDA AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Through the Federal Government Drought Communities Fund the Historical Society with the support of Council, was able to be included in the funding of projects in the district. We were granted the funds to purchase and erect signs at the entrance to the park. This job is nearing completion after many hours of volunteer time and effort. The signs depict the pioneering history of the area with a steam train, the horse and cart days and an early shearing shed scene. The importance of water in settling the area is represented by the windmill located on the western end of the main road through town.



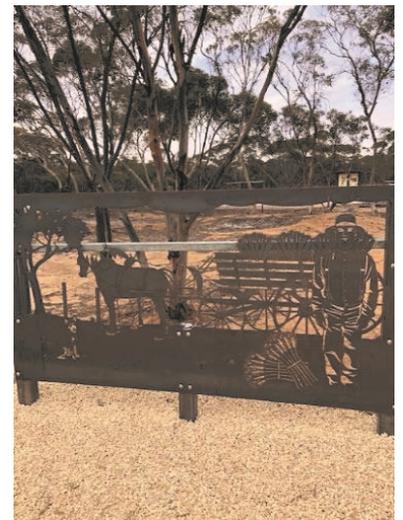
The Uniting Church held the Messy Church day at the park on October 20th with a short service in the old Wynarka Methodist Church followed by a Sunday School type picnic and games. The day was enjoyed by all who attended. We welcome the use of the park for approved community events.

The park is open every day during daylight hours and we welcome visitors to come in and stroll through the park. Entry to the park is free and can be made through the openings adjacent to the main gate.

There are picnic tables and chairs should anyone wish to sit and eat whilst there. Further inspection of buildings can be arranged by appointment.

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Council Chambers and new members are always welcome.

We have one organ in working order, excess to our needs. For inquiries please contact D Roberts on 0427 162 734. Reasonable offers accepted.





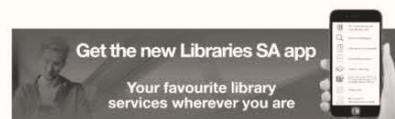
Karoonda School Community Library News

www.onecard.network/karoonda



www.facebook.com/karoondascl

Download the FREE Libraries SA app today to have the library in your hand!



Meet Libby.

Libby by Overdrive – Access to thousands of eBooks & Audiobooks – download to your compatible eReader, iPad, smartphone, mp3 player, PC or laptop anytime 24/7. Go to www.libraries.sa.gov.au to browse, check out, download and enjoy!

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Have you downloaded the PressReader free app yet?

PressReader is our new way of accessing free digital magazines and newspapers & replaces rbDigital.

With over 7,000 publications from over 100 countries in 60+ languages, PressReader is the leading digital newspaper and magazine provider for premium content. Explore titles such as *Better Homes & Gardens*, *Gardening Australia*, *The Guardian*, *Vogue Australia*, *Women's Weekly*, *Australian Men's Health* & much more from all over the world!

Access the link from the Library website to view magazines on your PC or install the PressReader app on your device. You will need an email address, your Library barcode and PIN.

We have easy to follow how-to sheets available at the library so please contact us if you need further support.

Karoonda Playgroup Storytime (Ages 0 – 5)

Every second Wednesday of the school term 10:15am – 11:00am



Library Opening Times

SCHOOL TERMS: Monday – Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm

SCHOOL HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS

Monday: 9.30am - 1.00pm & 1.30pm - 4:30pm

Tuesday: 9:30am - 1.00pm & 1.30pm-4:30pm

Wednesday: 9:00am - 1.00pm & 1.30pm-4:30pm

Closed Thursday, Friday, weekends and public holidays.

Closed over Christmas & New Year from Dec 19 – Jan 6

We have space available for local groups to hold meetings and we encourage local groups to make regular use of the library as a place to meet, to house a display, to hold a demonstration.

Phone: 8578 1120

Email: karoonda.library@gmail.com

Please come in and see us If you would like to join the library or need any information.

It's YOUR library and it's FREE!!

Sue Muster (Library Manager)

Kerry Cornford (Community Library Assistant)



HELP NOW WHERE IT'S NEEDED MOST

TOTAL MORRISON GOVERNMENT DROUGHT ASSISTANCE OVER \$7 BILLION

1. Backing Our Farmers – Now



Help for Farming Families

- Providing more than **12,700** farming families with over **\$100,000** each to cope with the pressures of the drought.
- Plus an **additional \$3,000** to eligible affected households experiencing hardship.
- Farmers and their partners have access to one-on-one meetings with their Farm Household Case Officer, a **healthcare card**, **rent assistance**, and **pharmaceutical, telephone and remote area allowances**.
- Permanently increased the Farm Household Allowance net asset threshold cap to help **more** farmers access payments.
- Access to \$1 billion in **loans for farming families**.
- **Plus additional financial aid** through the CWA and other charities.



Taxation Measures Now

- Income tax averaging evens out farmers' income over time to help them better manage their cash flow.
- Immediate deductions on the purchase cost of new **water facilities, fodder infrastructure and fencing**.
- Until 30 June 2020, farm businesses with a turnover threshold of up to **\$50 million** are able to immediately deduct purchases of eligible assets costing up to **\$30,000**.



Mental Health Services

- The Morrison Government has committed \$29.4 million for community-led **rural mental health services** to help our communities through this drought.
- By removing barriers we're allowing more regional and rural Australians access to Telehealth services.



Improving Access to Water

- On-farm water infrastructure rebates to help farmers install emergency on-farm watering points, de-silting of dams, and drilling of new water bores to access water.
- **\$27.6 million** to improve the Great Artesian Basin.
- This funding helps to drought-proof farms and maximise the availability of water across drought-affected communities.

NEED HELP?

To get financial assistance: **13 23 16**
 To talk to a rural financial counsellor: **1800 686 175**
 Experiencing stress or anxiety: **Lifeline 13 11 14**
beyondblue 1300 22 46 36
 Find out more at: **farmhub.org.au**



TONY PASIN MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR **BARKER**

MURRAY BRIDGE
MOUNT GAMBIER

- 📍 Shop 5, Murray Bridge Green, Riverview Road, Murray Bridge SA 5253 ☎️ 8531 2466
- 📍 27 Commercial Street East, Mount Gambier SA 5290 ☎️ 8724 7730
- 📧 tony.pasin.mp@aph.gov.au 🌐 tonypasin.com.au 📱 [tonypasinmp](https://www.facebook.com/tonypasinmp)



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2. Support for Communities in Drought

- Rural Financial **Counselling Service** to help farmers access additional support, particularly when applying for Farm Household Allowance for the first time.
- Creating jobs in drought affected communities by providing **\$1 million for over 120 local councils** through the Drought Communities Extension Program.
- Extensions to Grants for local business projects to provide employment and **support for local businesses.**

3. Building a More Drought Resilient Australia

- The Morrison Government's \$5 billion Future Drought Fund is a permanent, **long-term investment in drought resilience** for communities.
- From July 1 2020 the Government will draw **\$100 million per year** to invest in drought resilience projects, in both the good and bad years. This funding will support research and development, infrastructure projects, and improved land management in agriculture.
- **21 major water projects already underway.**
- National Water Grid Authority to harness and harvest water storage and supply systems across Australia for the future.
- \$3.5 billion to **build dams, pipelines and weirs.**

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT COMMITMENTS AS PART OF OUR DROUGHT RESPONSE



GRANTS

COMMUNITY GRANT ASSISTANCE

Council is offering assistance to local non-profit community groups to seek funding through external bodies for projects that will directly benefit the organisation.

GUIDELINES

The following guidelines will need to be met for consideration for assistance:

- Funds shall be used to improve the provision of services, facilities and resources for the communities of the District Council of Karoonda East Murray.
- The project should encourage the involvement of volunteers where appropriate.
- Requests for assistance may be received at any time but must be lodged with a covering application form.
- Grant writing assistance will generally only be provided where the cost benefit of the funding to be received (if the grant application were to be successful) is more than 100% of the cost of preparing the grant application. As an indication, it is unlikely that assistance will be provided to projects where funding less than \$2,500 is being sought.
- Projects should take place within the District Council of Karoonda East Murray Council area unless otherwise approved by Council where it is considered that residents of the Council area will benefit from the project.

PROJECT EXAMPLES

- Recreational, cultural activities and sport projects (including skill development, professional demonstrations/training, guest speakers)
- Local community celebrations
- Infrastructure/ improvement to facilities

All applications are assessed according to individual merit. In assessing the applications, the basis of assessment will be on merit, community needs, community benefit, improvement of service and encouragement of volunteers. Council will not necessarily provide grant writing assistance to all initiatives that are requested.

REGISTER OF COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

In recognition of the reality that when a community group conceives an idea for funding and makes a request, there may not be external funding or grant opportunities that specifically align with the initiative, Council will maintain a register of community initiatives.

When Council becomes aware of potential funding opportunities that may align with the initiative, Council will contact the community group to see if the initiative is still seeking funding, and if so, will reassess the application for assistance with grant writing.

For further information or assistance please contact the Council office on (08) 8578 1004 or council@dckem.sa.gov.au



KAROONDA

CHRISTMAS DISPLAY

COMPETITION

PRIZES FOR
BEST:

BUSINESS - \$500
RESIDENTIAL - \$250
FARM GATE - \$250

How to enter:

SEND IN YOUR BEST DISPLAY PHOTO, YOUR NAME, PHONE NUMBER & ADDRESS TO COUNCIL VIA FACEBOOK OR TO COUNCIL@DCKEM.SA.GOV.AU BY 15 DECEMBER.

15 DECEMBER 2019, REGISTRATIONS CLOSE

21 DECEMBER 2019, ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNER AT THE KAROONDA CHRISTMAS PARTY

Judging Criteria:

ALL ENTRIES WILL BE ASSESSED BY THE ELECTED MEMBERS AND WILL BE JUDGED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- CHRISTMAS CREATIVITY
- HOW SUITABLE IT IS FOR BOTH DAY & NIGHT
- LEVEL OF ENGAGEMENT THE ENTRY HAS ON THE KAROONDA CHRISTMAS DISPLAY COMPETITION FACEBOOK PAGE.



NOTE: THE JUDGES HAVE THE FINAL VOTE ON WHO WILL BE CROWNED THE 2019 WINNERS!

CULTURE CORNER

DROUGHT

They call it "drought"-
prose-fellow word of "fire & flood" when
poets spout
verse platitudes to tell of pain
when seasons dud
and dry land begs life-giving rain,

While all throughout .
a year when meager was the mud
still faith devout
that Nature's bounteous will would
deign the crops to bud
and gift again a flood of grain.

Now there's no doubt
with seedbeds lost to vicious scud
with withered sprout
we've known a season in the wane,
But from our blood,
our heritage, we'll take the strain.

Their hearts were stout-
those Mallee forebears were the stud
that gives the clout
to overcome this farming bane.
With such lifeblood
we'll see the desert bloom again.

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FIRERY RETROSPECT

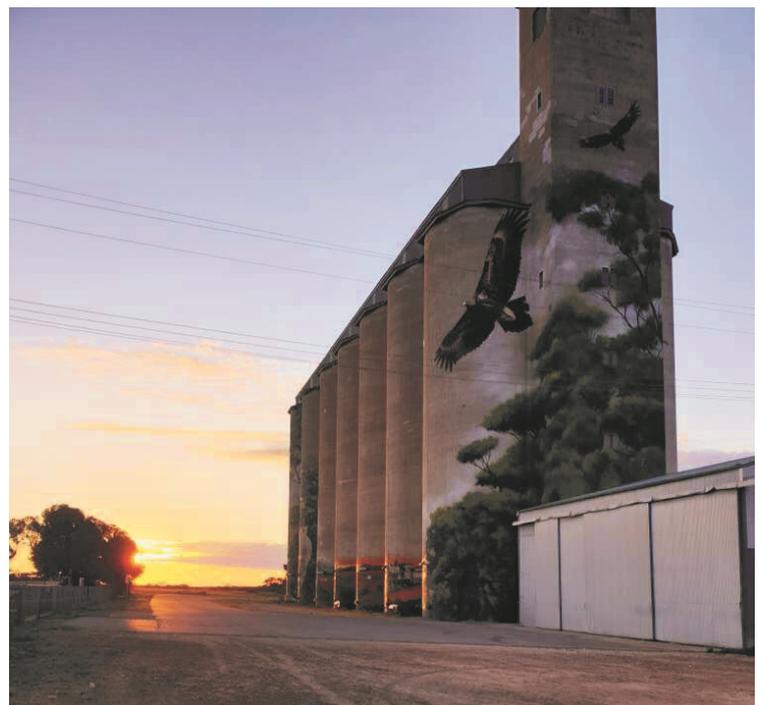
Like a headstone to the ashes of
worldly trophies all around the
blackened chimney stands
mocking
memories of once homely flames...
Recently-shady trees' blackened burnt
skeletons stand like sorry sinners
awaiting Nature's exuberant
resurrection
to carelessly endure a
future generation of
blazing destruction...

Envoi

A distant day away I helplessly inhale
the bitter dust of vulnerable humanity...\

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DECEMBER COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS DISPLAY

WYNARKA

2019



NOVELTY DISPLAY

Something for everyone to see

UNDER CARPORT 24 RAILWAY TERRACE

LUCKY DIPS \$3.00 each

Over 18 \$5.00 each (INCLUDING A CANDY CANE.)

From first Thursday in December

Thursday 5, Friday 6, Saturday 7, Sunday 8,

Thursday 12, Friday 13, Saturday 14, Sunday 15,

Thursday 19, Friday 20, Saturday 21, Sunday 22

Monday 23, **8.30pm until 10.00pm**

Christmas Eve & CHRISTMAS DAY

Tuesday 24 Wednesday 25

8.30pm until midnight

Part proceeds from Lucky Dips will be donated towards Wynarka Christmas Tree and Community Gathering.
Some items with THANKS are donated from Karoonda Newsagency and General Store

SAVE THE DATE

Watch This Space

Australia Day 2020

26th of January

To be held at the
Wynarka Recreation Reserve
More Details to come
in December



Australia Day

Australia Day Council
of South Australia



TAILEM BEND PHARMACY - KAROONDA DEPOT 27 RAILWAY TCE., KAROONDA, 5307

PH: 08-85781085 FAX: 08-85781367

EMAIL: pharmacy@karoonda.com.au

Find us on Facebook: Karoonda Depot
& website: tailembendpharmacy.com.au

- Serving Karoonda area for almost 40 years.
- Fast same day prescription delivery service— phone or leave at the Depot by 3.00 pm— prescriptions delivered to your door from 4.15 pm. (free postage for out-of-towners)
- Bank SA Agency
- Giftware, cards & specials.

Call in & talk to Rhonda & Sue for fast, friendly & efficient service.





Karoonda Community Craft Shop

Loffler's dried fruit & nuts now available

(As previously sold by Uniting Church)

Christmas items in stock

Gifts vouchers

Orders taken for Christmas

Call in & talk to our friendly staff.

Contact: Judy Terrell 0403118006, Sue Koch 0435986122

CWA Karoonda Branch

Meetings held at the Refreshment Room,
Karoonda Railway Station
4th Friday of the month at 1.30pm

Craft days held in the Refreshment Room
1st Tuesday of the month at 10.30am

Bring your own lunch craft, tea/coffee &
biscuits provided.

All welcome.

Contact President Margaret Potter
0431 157 557

Karoonda Licensed Post Office

Servicing the local community with



- Bill payments
- Stamps and Postage
- 100 point ID document certification
- Postpak Packaging
- Prepaid Phone and Internet Recharge Vouchers
- Load & go cards
- Post Shop Products
- Banking Transactions
- Western unions
- Load & go cards
- My Post Concession Card
- I Tunes & Gift Cards
- Travel Insurance
- Money orders, Foreign Currency
- Phone Cards
- Selected Interflora Floral Arrangements next day delivery Australia wide

We also have post office boxes available for rent

Come in and Browse

We look forward to seeing you soon

Monday to Friday

9.00am to 5.00pm

31 Railway Tce Karoonda

Ph/fax 08 85781 042

AH 0418851264 or 0429696905



SANDALWOOD CHRISTMAS TREE

Wednesday 18th December 2019

Sandalwood Hall

From 5:30pm for a 6:30pm tea

All families please bring a
plate of savoury and a sweet
to share for a pooled tea
BYO drinks

Games and treats for the
children as well as a visit by
a special guest!

Gold coin donation
admission

Gift value up to \$15
Age 13 years and under as
of 1st January 2019

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Contact Nat Koch on 0488 781 254 for more information



HALIDON XMAS



TREE

Sunday 15th December

From 4pm Games & fun for all

Hampers to raffle

Visit from Father Christmas



BBQ Tea



Bring Salad & Dessert to share

**Competition this year 'Make something
Christmassy out of LEGO'**

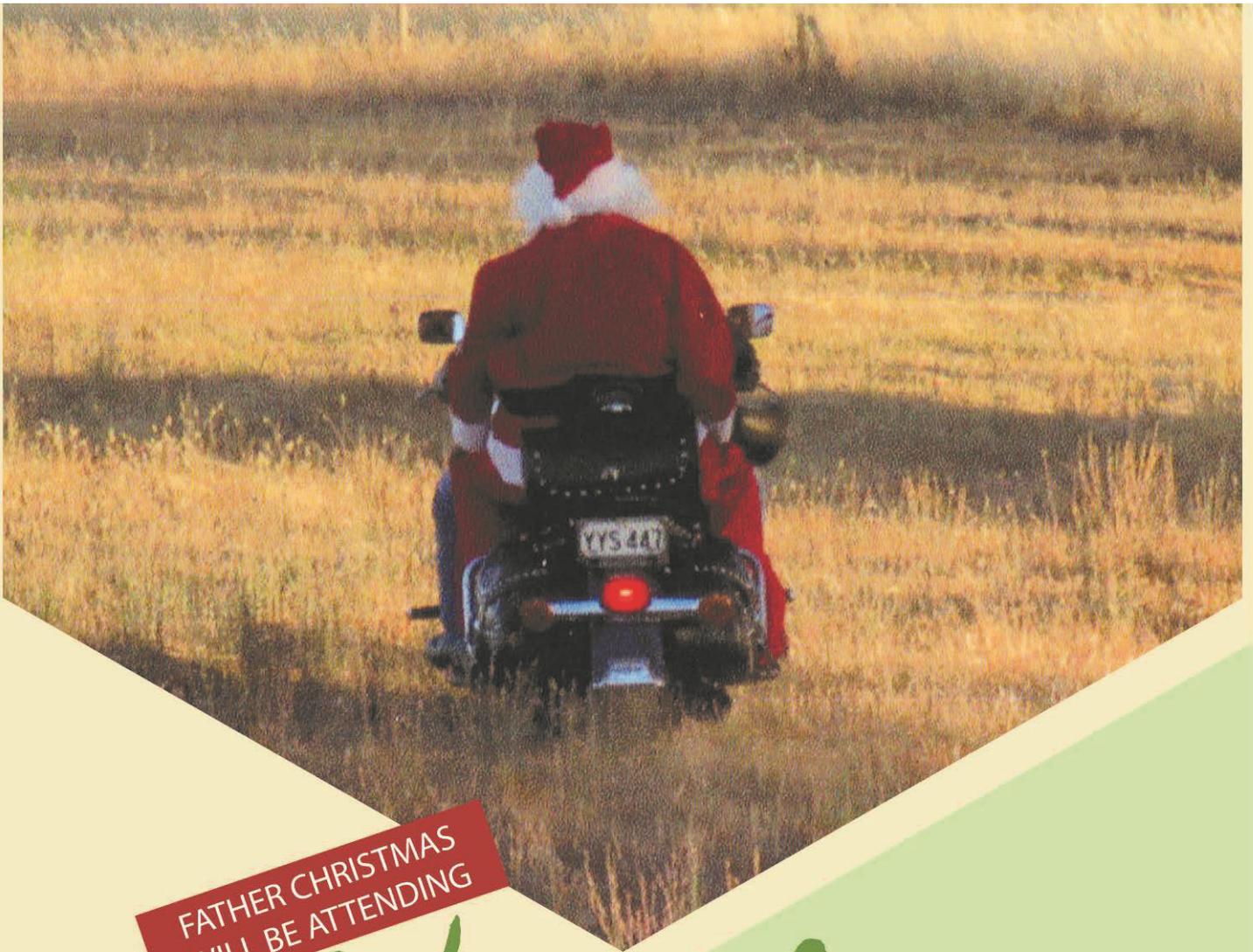
Venue yet to be confirmed

Allison Boughen

85787016

Jill Obst

85787056



FATHER CHRISTMAS
WILL BE ATTENDING

Wynarka christmas tree & COMMUNITY GATHERING

15th DECEMBER AT 5PM

WYNARKA FOOTBALL CLUBROOMS

BRING ALONG DRINKS & A PLATE TO SHARE WITH YOUR FAMILY

ENQUIRIES: CAROLINE PHILLIPS 0418 841 552 | KYLIE MARTIN 0418 891 461 | ABBI PAECH 0400 128 719

DUE TO THE PREDICTED HIGH WORKLOAD AT SANTA'S WORKSHOP DURING DECEMBER WE HAVE RECEIVED OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION FROM THE NORTH POLE THAT ALL GIFTS WILL NEED TO BE UNDER \$15. ELVES HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO WRAP AND LABEL GIFTS TO ASSIST FATHER CHRISTMAS DURING THIS PEAK TIME.



Christmas Closure

wishing you a safe & happy Christmas



Tuesday 24/12/19 (from 1pm) - Closed
Wednesday 25/12/19 - Closed
Thursday 26/12/19 - Closed
Friday 27/12/19 - Closed
Monday 30/12/19 - Closed
Tuesday 31/12/19 - Closed
Wednesday 1/1/20 - Closed

Tuesday 24/12/19 (from 6pm) - Closed
Wednesday 25/12/19 - Closed
Thursday 26/12/19 - Closed
Friday 27/12/19 - Closed
Monday 30/12/19 - Closed
Tuesday 31/12/19 - Closed
Wednesday 1/1/20 - Closed



For any emergency matters during this period please call 8578 1004.



Your local team for all seasons

Managers

Brett Inkley - Branch / Farm Supplies Manager 0408 857 151
Helen Lloyd - Branch Operations Manager 0437 195 421

Livestock / Wool

Eli Koch - Territory Sales Manager – Karoonda 0409 698 713
Justin Robertson - Livestock Manager 0458 755 762
Trevor Smith - District Wool Manager 0457 772 614

Farm Supplies

Craig Bell - Agronomist 0409 955 388
Justin Elliot - Hort / Broadacre Agronomist 0408 554 489
Andrew Boag - Farm Supplies Sales 08 8531 9210

Real Estate

Gavin Clarke - Residential and Rural Sales Consultant 0417 859 733
John Robinson - Real Estate Sales Consultant 0409 609 457

Finance

Nick Brook - Agri Finance Officer 0428 848 610

Insurance

James Bormann - Authorised Reps 0409 990 626
Narelle Bormann - Authorised Reps 0428 541 324

“ALWAYS IN YOUR CORNER”



Murraylands Fire Danger Season 2019-20
1st November 2019 – 30th April 2020

Fire Prevention Newsletter

FIRE DANGER SEASON 2019 - 2020

Property Preparedness

Keeping your home and property well prepared throughout the year is essential to ensure you survive a bushfire. A well prepared home can be easier for you or firefighters to defend, is more likely to survive (even if you're not home), and will give more protection if a fire threatens suddenly and you cannot safely leave.

It is important to remember that while built up areas and townships can provide relative safety, they can be impaired by substantial or poorly managed fuel loads in vacant blocks and back yards throughout the town.

It is also imperative that properties outside towns and safer places take steps to reduce or actively manage the fuel loads on their land.



Properties outside of towns should regularly inspect and manage the fuel loads on their property. Emergency Services may take longer to attend these properties so preventative maintenance is essential.

Property preparedness could include the following:

Around home:

- Spark & ember proofing
- Cleaning gutters
- Clearing under-floor areas
- Check vents, crevices, where debris can gather

Around property:

- Mow & brush cut
- Remove fallen branches
- Move flammable piles away from dwellings (including neighbouring dwellings)
- Manage fuel loads on property
- Regularly inspect property

Fire Ban Districts

Fire ban districts and ratings can sometimes be confusing as there are 15 different fire ban districts throughout the state, often with varying ratings depending on the local conditions on the day.

This gets confusing as there are times when a Total Fire Ban day may be called in certain districts, but not in others. This often leads to confusion about whether certain activities can still take place. The District Council of Karoonda East Murray area falls under the Murraylands fire ban district.

When listening to the radio or looking for the Fire Danger Rating for this area, keep a look out for information relating to the Murraylands fire ban district.

Common Restrictions during the Fire Danger Season

Comfort Fires / Cooking Fires

On days that are not declared a Total Fire Ban, you can light and maintain a fire for comfort or cooking. The fire must be contained within a 30cm deep trench and does not occupy more than one square metre, and you have a 4 metre cleared space around the fire and a responsible person is in attendance the whole time with water and/or an extinguisher. On a Total Fire Ban day, you cannot light a fire for comfort or cooking with obtaining a Schedule 10 permit from Council.

Kettle BBQ (wood, charcoal, heat beads, etc—including solid fuel pizza ovens)

On days that are not declared a Total Fire Ban day, you can cook using a Kettle BBQ providing the space around has been cleared of all flammable material to a distance of 4 metres, and a person who is able to control the appliance is present at the site until extinguished, and an appropriate extinguisher is kept at hand. On a Total Fire Ban you can not operate a solid fuel Kettle BBQ without obtaining a Schedule 10 permit from Council.

Gas or Electric BBQ (including gas or electric pizza ovens)

On days that are not declared a Total Fire Ban, you can cook using gas or electric BBQs/Pizza Ovens providing the area around is cleared of all flammable material to a distance of 4 metres, and a person who is able to control the appliance is present at the site until extinguished, and an appropriate extinguisher is kept at hand. On a Total Fire Ban day a gas or electric BBQ can be used with the same requirements listed above, providing it is used within 15 metres of a domestic premise, or on a coastal foreshore.

Burning for Fire Prevention

Any burning for fire prevention on domestic properties must not occur during the Fire Danger Season. The provision exists for a permit to be issued, however this only occurs in exceptional circumstances. Any burning for fire prevention should take place prior to the commencement of the Fire Danger Season (typically 15th November unless advertised otherwise.)

Chainsaws, Brush-cutters, Mowing & Slashing

On days that are not declared Total Fire Ban day you can operate a chainsaw etc. providing you have a 4 metre clearance around the activity or a portable water spray at hand, and there is a good working exhaust system fitted which all exhaust exit through, which prevents the escape of burning material, and heated parts of the system are prevented from coming into contact with flammable material. On days that are declared a Total Fire Ban, you should consider postponing the work to another day. If this is not an option, you can operate chainsaws, brush-cutters, mowers and slashers providing you adhere to the above requirements.

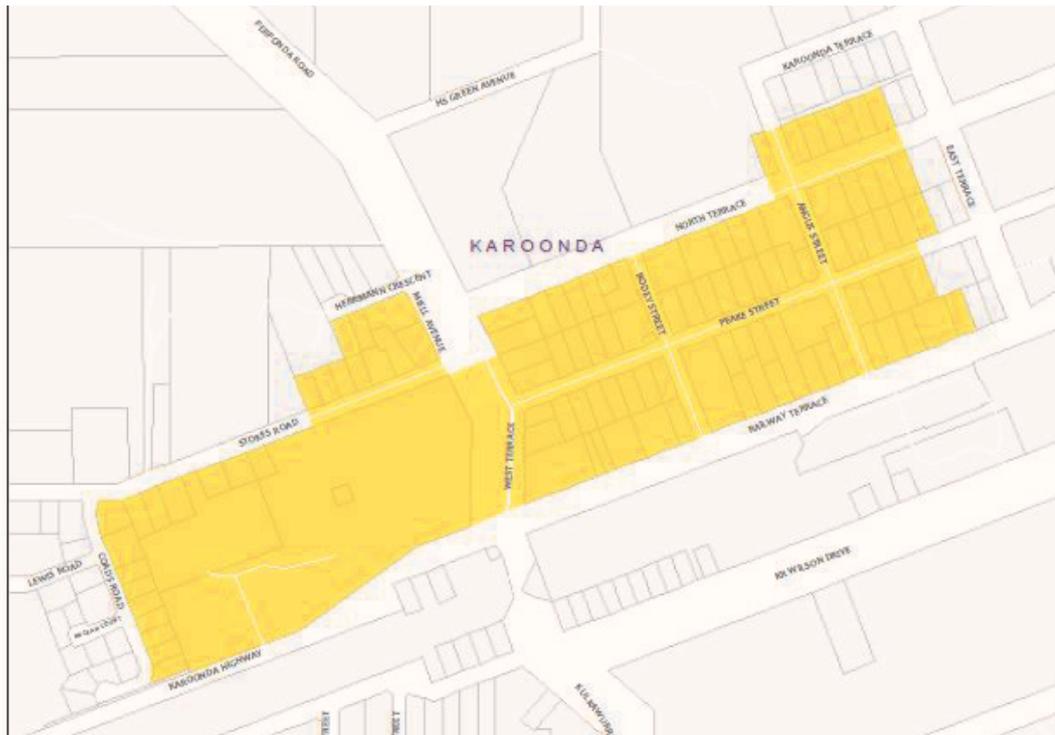
Angle Grinders, welders and any other metal friction or cutting tools

On days that are not declared a Total Fire Ban day, you can use angle grinders, welders or any other metal friction or cutting tool outside providing you have a 4 metre clearance around the activity and water or an extinguisher is kept at hand. On days that are declared a Total Fire Ban you must not use an angle grinder, welder, metal cutting or friction tools without obtaining a Schedule 10 Permit from Council. Permits will not always be issued so it is recommended the work be postponed where possible.

Schedule 10 Permits—Permits for Total Fire Ban Days

Various activities may be permitted throughout the Fire Danger Season, unless a Total Fire Ban day is declared. In the case that a Schedule 10 Permit is required on total Fire ban day, it is highly recommended that every effort is made to postpone the activity until the next day that is not declared a Total Fire Ban day. Permit issuing officers will assess every permit application on its merits, however Schedule 10 permits are only issued in exceptional circumstances or emergencies. If you're unsure about carrying out any activity, please contact Council.

Local Bushfire Safer Places



Bushfire Safer Places

A bushfire safer place is a place of relative safety which may be suitable as a first resort for people who leave early on high fire risk days. Properties on the edge or outskirts of the safer place may be at an increased risk compared to those closer to the centre. The relative safety of the properties

towards the edge of the safer place may be improved by conduction maintenance before the Fire Danger Season. There are no guarantees regarding your safety if you choose to relocate to a bushfire safer place. It is unlikely you will be exposed to direct flame contact or severe radiant heat.

You may still be exposed to smoke, spark & embers which may lead to smaller spot fires within the safer place.

It is important not to confuse a bushfire safer place with a last resort refuge. A bushfire safer place provides a higher level of safety compared to a last resort refuge.

Clearing Native Vegetation

Under the Native Vegetation Regulations 2017 you can assess native vegetation on your own property and undertake the removal of the vegetation providing it's:

- Within 20 metres of a dwelling; or;
- A fence line fuel break less than 5 metres wide

Clearance of native vegetation can be undertaken within 20 metres of a dwelling (not large trees that have a trunk circumference of 2 metres—at 1 metre above natural ground level).

Clearance can also be undertaken along a fenceline to establish or maintain a fuel break where the total width does not exceed 5 metres. However, the clearance must

be undertaken in accordance with any applicable Bushfire Management Plan, and must be undertaken in accordance with the CFS guidelines Managing Native Vegetation: Reduce the Impact of Bushfire.

If you are unsure about whether you can clear the vegetation on your property, contact Council.

Available from the 15th of February 2020

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Please contact Council 85781004 for information regarding permits

BURNING OFF PERMITS

Obtain a permit from

Tammy O'Malley, Marie Hoare or Sarah Boughen
at the Council office 11 Railway Terrace, Karoonda phone 85781004

Additional local permit conditions

No burning to be undertaken on Saturdays, Sundays or Public Holidays.

Permit holder must on the day of the burn notify Council office with permit number, RPA &/or Section, Hundred, area to be burnt, and type of vegetation.

Fires must be lit after 9 am local time and be extinguished by 9 pm on the same day.

Read the schedule 9 permit carefully, as all conditions (front & back) must be complied with, and include those conditions listed below:

1. The land immediately around the land to be burnt off must be cleared of all flammable material to a distance of four (4) metres.
2. Must be attended at all times by at least two people.
3. At least 250 litres of water with suitable pump must be available.
4. The fire must be lit from the leeward side before being lit on the windward side.
5. Permit holders no more than 7 days and not less than 2 hours prior to burning notify:
 - ◆ Owners or occupiers of adjoining properties and in their absence the local Police Station.
 - ◆ An officer of the nearest fire brigade.
 - ◆ If within 2km of a Conservation Park, the Local District Ranger's office must also be advised.
7. **PERMITS ARE NOT VALID ON A TOTAL FIRE BAN DAY.**
8. If a permit holder does not comply with rules for burning off, the permit will be revoked and an expiation may be issued.
9. Council's fire prevention officer or an authorised officer may inspect property prior or during burning to check compliance with the permit.

A permit application form must be obtained from Council and completed before a permit will be issued.

Permits must be received in person by the applicant prior to the commencement of any burning.

The Permit Officer may include any other appropriate conditions considered necessary.

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Thursday 2nd Jan

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Drought Community Support Initiative



The Salvation Army is working together with St Vincent de Paul Society to deliver the Drought Community Support Initiative (DCSI) for eligible drought affected households.

If you're a farmer, farm worker or farm supplier/contractor who is struggling financially because of the drought, you may be entitled to receive a one-off payment of up to \$3,000 funded by the Australian Government's Drought Community Support Initiative Round 2 (DCSI).

To be eligible you'll need to be over 18, an Australian citizen or permanent resident, and live/work in a specified Local Government Area (LGA). – **Karoonda East Murray is identified as an LGA that is eligible.**

Payments can cover numerous expenses such as groceries, vehicle maintenance, energy & utility bills, health & medical expenses, for example.

Please note that assistance might be provided by either The Salvation Army or Vinnies, depending on your Local Government Area (LGA). The list of eligible LGAs and which organisation you should approach can be found <https://www.salvationarmy.org.au>

Upon completion of your application for financial assistance you may be required to submit a valid form of I.D.

If you have any questions ahead of filling out an online application, you can call -

Drought Community Support team on 1300 551 030

OR

Tammy O'Malley of District Council Karoonda East Murray

8578 1004 tammy.o@dckem.sa.gov.au





Grab your baits at the Fox Bait Distribution Days in February

Managing the impact of foxes on the local landscape is most successful when adjoining properties are baited in a coordinated program, so get together with your neighbours and grab some baits. Natural Resources SA Murray-Darling Basin are offering a group baiting program to landholders across the Mallee and Coorong Districts.

Foxes are significant pests that have a large impact on agriculture and the environment through predation, damage to infrastructure, spreading weed seeds and providing a host for some animal diseases. Effective fox control will result in production and environmental benefits including reduced lamb mortality from fox attack and protection of native wildlife and ground dwelling birds like malleefowl. Improved survival rates for lambs increases productivity and prosperity of farming enterprises so there is a direct benefit to conducting good fox control. Damage cause by foxes usually increases after the breeding season as more young foxes are moving across the landscape, so this is a good time to lay baits.

All landholders are encouraged to participate in the upcoming program to maximise the positive benefits of a coordinated group approach and achieve a significant reduction in foxes.

Bait distribution days will be held around the region in February, but baits are available any time by appointment at the Karoonda NRM Office, now located in the District Council offices at 11 Railway Tce, Karoonda.

Dates for Bait distribution days are:

Karoonda NRM Office . . . 9:00am – 11:00am on Thursday 13 February 2020
Wanbi Hall 1:00pm – 3:00pm on Thursday 13 February 2020
Geranium Oval 1:00pm – 3:00pm on Tuesday 18 February 2020
Lameroo NRM Office . . . 9:00am – 11:00am on Tuesday 18 February 2020
Nildottie Hall 9:00am - 11:00am on Thursday 20 February 2020
Wunkar Hall 1:00pm – 3:00pm on Thursday 20 February 2020
Sherlock Hall 1:00pm – 3:00pm on Thursday 20 February 2020

More information, including best practice advice about using 1080 baits for fox control, can be found on the PIRSA website:

www.pir.sa.gov.au/biosecurity/weeds_and_pest_animals/animal_pests_in_south_australia/using_1080_baits_in_south_australia or contact your local District Officer.

An order form will be sent to all landholders in January, along with a nominated agent form which must be submitted with your order form if you need someone else to collect baits on your behalf, and that person is not associated with your business entity or ownership of the land to be baited. You can register your interest to russell.norman@sa.gov.au or by phone on 0427 095 313.

Please call the Natural Resources SAMDB office at Karoonda on 8578 1493 or Murray Bridge on 8532 9100 or call the District officers directly: Russell Norman on 0427 095 313 or Steve Baltussen on 0427 808 205 for help to control your foxes.



Weeds – who wants them!

Controlling weeds is important as they cause economic and environmental damage by reducing agricultural production, out-competing native species, and contaminating crops. It is important to ensure existing weed infestations are regularly monitored and controlled, and new infestations are found and treated early before they become established. Landholders have a legal responsibility to control declared pest plants on their property.

Biosecurity is everyone's business! This year, lots of hay and grain has been transported around the country and onto farm, increasing the risk of transporting weeds as well. Maintaining good biosecurity processes on your property is important. All sorts of weed seeds can enter your farm via fodder, grain, livestock, vehicles, soil and machinery movement. You don't want any weeds that you don't already have!

You can protect your property from the spread of weeds by:

- making sure vehicles and machinery are clean
- ensuring declaration forms are filled out (buyer beware)
- purchasing weed seed-free produce from vendors
- creating quarantine zones on your farm when new stock or fodder arrive
- monitoring the quarantine zones for weeds
- controlling any introduced weeds immediately.



Property biosecurity is an important way of reducing the spread of weeds

To assist with biosecurity on properties carrying livestock, each property needs to have a Property Identification Code (PIC). The PIC is used to identify properties and associated livestock. It is critical that properties are readily identifiable in the case of disease outbreaks, bushfires and other animal related emergencies where livestock movements need to be traced. **One Biosecurity** is the new online PIRSA farm biosecurity management program that will be introduced in 2018 for sheep, beef and dairy cattle properties. Updates on the introduction can be obtained from PIRSA

biosecurity at Murray Bridge on 8539 2112.

Weed fact sheets are available on the Natural Resources Website in the pest plants section. The PIRSA 'SA weed control' app is a useful tool to identify and control weeds and can be downloaded from Google Play (for Android devices) or iTunes App store (for apple devices).

Weed identification can be challenging. If you have a weed or plant on your property that you are unable to identify, or are unsure how to treat then you can contact the Karoonda Natural Resource Management (NRM) office on 8578 1493 or Murray Bridge Natural Resources Centre on 8532 9100 for assistance.





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Numbers of volunteers in the **Karoonda CFS brigade** are not strong at the moment and we are looking for more volunteers.

If you are interested in helping protect your community and are prepared to give some of your time, we are interested in hearing from you.

With dry conditions, and summer upon us, we will need help.

Please contact any of the following for more info:

Leanne Kruger Ph 0427 858 736, Russell Norman Ph 0427 781272,
Paul Hoff Ph 0427 781322, Glen Lawn Ph 0417 884819,
or come to the CFS station on a Monday night.

Karoonda SAAS News

After 17 years as Volunteer Team Leader, Christine Brown has decided to retire from this position and hand the reigns over.

We would like to congratulate Linda Paech who has been appointed the role of Volunteer Team Leader for the Karoonda SAAS Branch.

Linda began her journey with SAAS in Karoonda in 2008 where her hard work and passion in helping others saw her become an Ambulance Officer. She was awarded with her 10 years of Service in 2018. Linda has been a vital member of the Karoonda team, always encouraging and assisting others to ensure their dream of becoming a volunteer ambo was the outcome achieved. Linda has a special gift of making others happy, feel worthy and she shows appreciation for everyone's efforts. She is very humble and finds praise or fuss hard to accept – this shows she is definitely a giver

Linda is well known within the Karoonda and wider districts. She lives in the district and works full time at the local Area School where she is always ready to assist the children and their families. Linda has been a proactive member of the community holding many office positions in sporting clubs, coaching, umpiring and in general, if anything needs doing, Linda will be there to help. Linda's commitment and dedication to the local community as seen her given Life Memberships but in 2005 she was recognised for her efforts when she was awarded Australian Citizen of the Year for the Karoonda East Murray District. .

When asking Linda how she feels about taking on the leadership role for Karoonda SAAS and what her vision is, she replies

"it is such an honour to be worthy of this position and being able to work alongside the Karoonda team and community, it is a gift to me not them. My vision is to continue delivering a vital and best medical assistance service to our district as we do now with our team of volunteers. To be a volunteer is a blessing and very rewarding, my vision is to promote this within our community by interacting and involving them in a non-threatening environment. Volunteers are a must within our area and I know there are many special gifted people in our community who would make great ambos"

Karoonda SAAS are very fortunate to have a dedicated cohort of people in Leadership – Linda, as VTL will be ably supported by Robyn Burdett (Assistant Volunteer Team Leader), Barbara Pope (Admin/Roster Officer) and Simon Smyth (Volunteer Training Officer).

We would like to thank Christine Brown for her leadership and dedication. Congratulations Linda, we wish you all the very best in your new role as Volunteer Team Leader and look forward to seeing new and exciting initiatives ahead.

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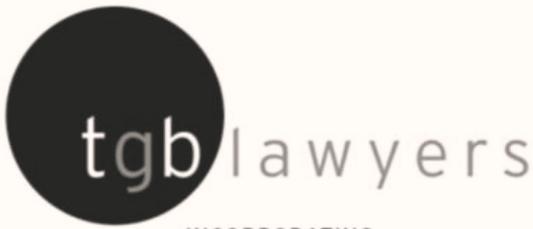
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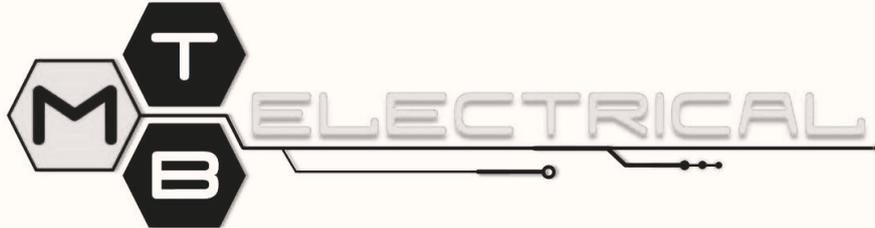
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Appointments must be made by phoning 8578 1004 with your drum numbers

All farm chemical users within the Karoonda East Murray region are encouraged to bring their empty, properly cleaned, non-returnable, steel and plastic farm chemical containers to the Council Depot for inspection and collection.

Unclean or partly filled containers will not be accepted and will remain the property of the chemical user.

Council looks forward to your support in rinsing out, rounding up, and running in all your empty, properly cleaned, non-returnable farm chemical containers.

For more information call the District Council of Karoonda East Murray on Ph: (08) 8578 1004, or call into the Office,

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