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## NOVEMBER 2019



### MAYOR CONGRATULATES APEX

Mayor Clare McLaughlin has paid tribute to the Whyalla Apex Club, GFG Alliance and all the volunteers that made this year's GFG Alliance Whyalla Christmas Pageant and After Pageant Fair such a success.

Mayor McLaughlin said there were huge crowds along the route of this year's pageant and a

fantastic turnout for the fair in Ada Ryan Gardens.

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## **AFL TOURS BENNETT OVAL**

AFL and Port Adelaide Football Club officials braved scorching conditions to inspect Bennett Oval as preparations continue for the pre-season match between the Power and Western Bulldogs next year.

It was a thumb-ups on the progress as the visiting officials met with Council staff for a walk-around on the oval to inspect the work being done on the surface and a tour of the construction site to see the progress of grandstand area redevelopment.

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## **STORY DOGS SAY THANKS TO COUNCIL AND SCHOOL**

City of Whyalla Councillor Irene Adair attended a special assembly at Memorial Oval Primary School (MOPS) to acknowledge the Story Dogs program

and a joint sponsorship from Council and the school.

Following an application for funding from Whyalla Story Dogs, Council recently contributed \$300 with MOPS tipping in \$200 to sponsor the work Graham Murray and his dog Abby have been doing at the primary school for the past two years.

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## **OLIVIA'S ART CONNECTS WITH UNEARTH**

Whyalla's uneARTh Festival has connected with its image for 2020 following November's Poster Competition announcement.

The bright and colourful submission by Whyalla artist Olivia White was chosen by the competition judges as the artwork to promote uneARTh to the world. It was unveiled at the festival Information Night at the uneARTh HQ in City Plaza.

Stall holders and performers for next year's event rolled up to hear about the 2020 festival and see Olivia's winning entry which features a stylistic feline character and flying fish connecting with the uneARTh branding.

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## STATE GOVERNMENT BUYS WHYALLA STEEL

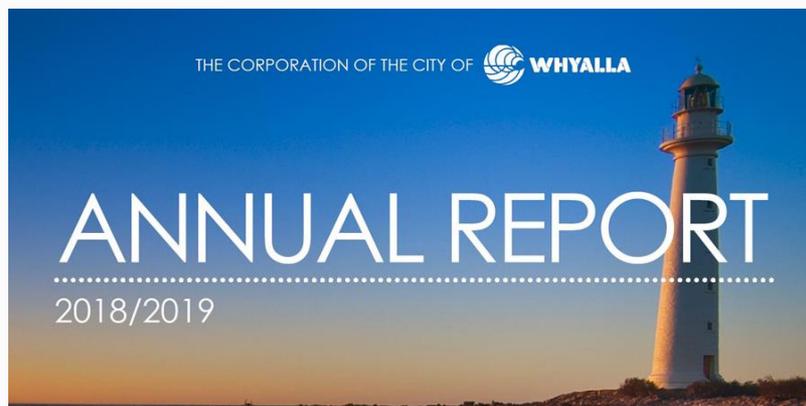
Mayor Clare McLaughlin has congratulated the State Government and GFG Alliance after a major announcement on the weekend regarding steel supply for Whyalla's new \$100m high school.

Mayor McLaughlin was speaking on at the steelworks after Minister for Energy and Mining, the Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan, visited the city to announce that 650 tonnes of structural steelwork for the new school would be sourced from the Whyalla steelworks to further boost the local economy.

Up to \$3.5 million will be injected into the local industry for the supply and installation of 650 tonnes of steel that will form the structure of the new school.

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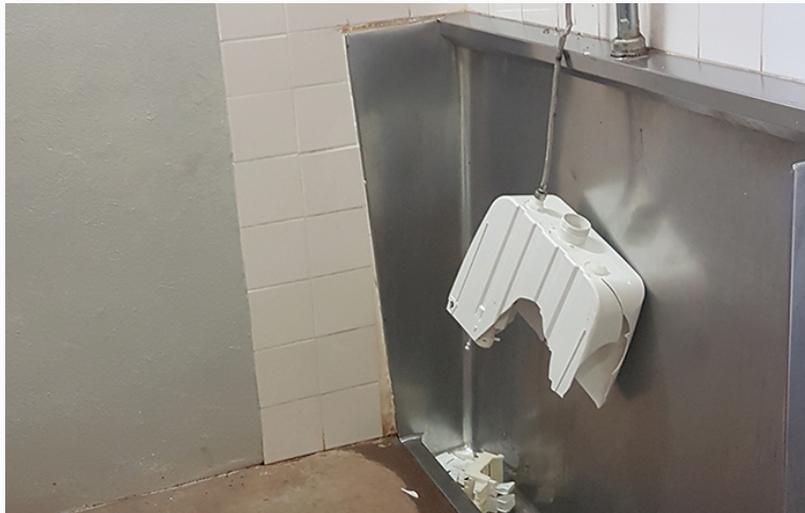
**COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT RELEASED**

Mayor Clare McLaughlin has proudly presented the first City of Whyalla Annual Report for the current Council.

Mayor McLaughlin said the report underlined Council's vision to unearth a bright future for Whyalla. She thanked the previous elected body for its work and confirmed the current Council was continuing to deliver social and economic transformation and diversification for the city.

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## **CIVIC PARK WEEKEND TOILET CLOSURES**

The City of Whyalla advises that the toilet block in Civic Park will be closed at all times on weekends until further notice due to ongoing vandalism.

Council regrets this decision but feels it is necessary at this time in light of the most recent senseless vandalism which resulted in extensive damage to the facilities.

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## MAYOR ATTENDS SOLAR FARM EVENT

SIMEC Energy Australia invited Mayor Clare McLaughlin to the Cultana Solar Farm site to see a test rig and introduce a range of stakeholders to the project.

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## PHILL STONE OUR NEW DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor Phill Stone is Whyalla's new deputy mayor following a vote at November's ordinary Council meeting.

Mayor Clare McLaughlin congratulated Cr Stone on his appointment and said he would bring a wealth of local government experience to the role.

Before becoming an elected member, Cr Stone worked as a Council officer in tourism and communications for more than 35 years. In his tourism role he was responsible for the Whyalla Visitor Information Centre before moving into the

role of Manager Communications and Public Relations.

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## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BEACH WHEELCHAIRS**

The City of Whyalla is seeking volunteers for the Accessible Beach Program this summer.

Whyalla now has three beach wheelchairs and 40m of beach matting to make it easier for those in wheelchairs, walkers and prams to access the beach at the foreshore. In conjunction with the Whyalla Beach Access Group (WBAG), Council has now cleared the way for the wheelchairs to be used.

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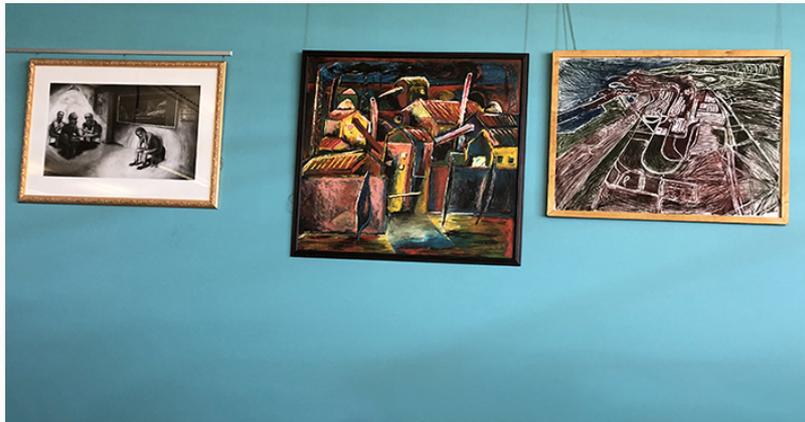
## **COUNCIL REP ON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Councillor Rick Santucci has been appointed as the Council representative for the Whyalla Chamber of Commerce and Industry for the next twelve months.

Councillor Santucci's appointment continues a long-standing partnership between Council and Chamber. The Chamber consists of 70 businesses and exists to service the needs of its membership and serve the City of Whyalla.

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## **MORE WHYALLA ART UNEARTHED**

Four more valuable and historical artworks have been unearthed and displayed at the Whyalla Public Library.

The City of Whyalla's art collection has been largely hidden due to the lack of permanent exhibition premises. However, with the help of the library, a wall has been established for three paintings to be exhibited on a rotational basis.

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## BENNETT OVAL SURFACE SHAPING UP

The sprinklers are in and working at Bennett Oval as Stage 1 of the \$2.8m redevelopment of the sporting facility continues.

South Australian company Greene Eden Water Systems has finished installing approximately 2500m of PVC piping below the turf surface with 135 sprinkler heads spaced 15 metres apart to create an even watering coverage of the Bennett Oval surface.

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## MAYOR CONGRATULATES BIS ON 60TH

Whyalla Mayor Clare McLaughlin helped celebrate the 60th anniversary of local production services company Bis and its relationship with the City of Whyalla and the community.

Mayor McLaughlin was a guest speaker at the Bis celebrations on Tuesday night where she paid tribute the company's longevity, community spirit and working relationship with Council.

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## **COUNCIL APPOINTS ACTING CEO**

The City of Whyalla has appointed Kristen Clark as acting chief executive officer.

A decision to appoint Mr Clark was made by the elected members at a special meeting in November. It follows the resignation of Chris Cowley who will be taking up the position of CEO with the City of Burnside early next year.

Mr Clark is presently the Council's Director Infrastructure. He will be acting CEO for a period of up to six months.

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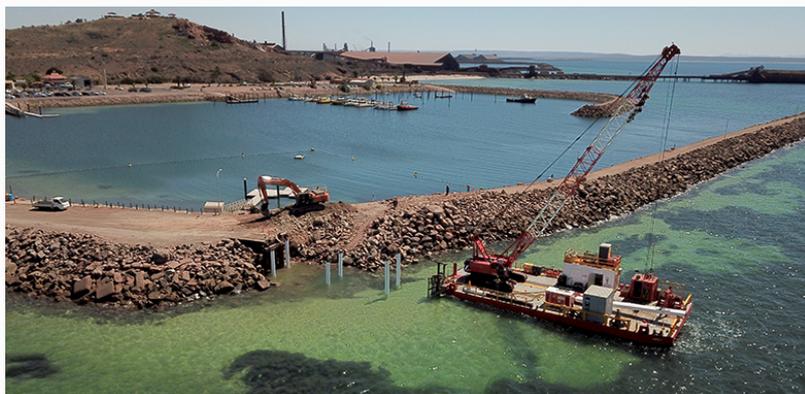
## SWIMMING AREA CLOSURE REMINDER

The City of Whyalla would like to remind residents and visitors that the swimming enclosure in the marina is closed for the duration of the new jetty construction.

The swimming enclosure, and the regular breakwater access to it, is included in the designated construction site of the new jetty which is off limits to the public. Swimming in the marina, outside of the swimming enclosure, is forbidden at all times.

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## WORKING TOGETHER ON JETTY PROJECT

Maritime Constructions continue to work with Ferretti International's Whyalla operation as the new jetty main support piles make their way out to sea.

Many piles have now been driven into place with the Adelaide-based Maritime Constructions

working with Ferretti to ensure the right pile levels are achieved for the pre-fabricated concrete deck.

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## THE COUNCIL EXCELLENCE AWARD

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FOR THE BEST NEWCOMER AWARD OF 2019

## WHYALLA WINS GARAGE SALE TRAIL AWARD

Congratulations Whyalla ... we have won a National Sustainability Award for our efforts in the 2019 Garage Sale Trail.

The City of Whyalla-organised Garage Sale Trail took out the 2019 Best Newcomer Award recognising the way Council and the community embraced this year's reuse program during the October 19-20 event.

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