Friday, 3 February 2017.

**Animated video for vegetation management**

SA Power Networks has now developed a short animated video to communicate the important messages to the public about vegetation management around powerlines. 

[CLICK HERE ](http://www.sa.gov.au) to view the circular.

**Linear Park remediation works**

**SA Water tree clearance work within the waterway**

This week, Council was made aware that SA Water has engaged contractors to clear trees within the waterway. Contact has been made with SA Water to confirm the extent of works, which is focused on clearing trees to ensure clear water flows as a flood preventative measure.

The work undertaken by SA Water is only focusing on the river flow and Council has been advised that other issues should be reported separately. Further correspondence relating to debris, infrastructure and erosion concerns within our part of Linear Park will be forwarded to SA Water accordingly.

**General update on other works**

Work to install a retaining wall and safety rails at the base of the Burlington Street Steps will be complete (except asphalt patching) on Friday 3 February.

Work on repairs to the Frome Reserve Bridge scheduled to begin this week have been slightly delayed and will now commence week beginning 6 February 2017.

**DPTI Upgrade North East Road Intersection**

**Northcote Terrace, Nottage Terrace and Stephen Terrace, Walkerville**

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) will be undertaking safety improvements at the North East Road Intersection with Northcote Terrace, Nottage Terrace and Stephen Terrace Walkerville. (Please see attached information)

As this is not a Council project any enquiries should be directed DPTI at dpti.communityrelations@sa.gov.au or telephone 1300794880.

Council has requested further information from DPTI into the reasons for the upgrade; however, had not received a response at the time of circulation of this publication. This information shall be circulated when received.

*Attachment 1 – Resident notification letter*

*Attachment 2 - Map of planned improvements*
Upgrade of North East Road Intersection with Northcote Terrace, Nottage Terrace and Stephen Terrace, Walkerville

Dear Resident/Business Owner,

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) will be undertaking safety improvements at the North East Road intersection with Northcote Terrace, Nottage Terrace and Stephen Terrace, Walkerville.

The improvements include:

- a new sheltered right turn lane on North East Road;
- extension of the left turn lane on Nottage Terrace and Northcote Terrace;
- a new controlled signalised right turn movement from Nottage Terrace and Stephen Terrace;
- new priority bus and cyclist lanes on approach to the traffic signals on Northcote Terrace
- pedestrian crossing upgrades;
- street lighting and traffic signal upgrade to light emitting diode (LED) lights and a back-up power supply in case of power outage; and
- asphalt resurfacing work, upgrade to signage and line marking.

To accommodate these works, additional parking restrictions are required on North East Road, Northcote Terrace and Nottage Terrace. Bus Stop 10 on North East Road will also be permanently closed.

These safety improvements will significantly reduce the risk of rear end and right angle crashes, as well as increase traffic flow and ease congestion at the intersection.

A concept plan is attached for your information.

Works are scheduled to commence in February 2017 and are expected to be completed by May 2017, weather permitting.

To minimise traffic impacts, construction work will be undertaken as a combination of day and night works.

Residents will be notified in advance of any night works and every effort will be made to minimise disruption during these works.

Roads will remain open to traffic with a 25 km/h speed restriction in place while workers are on site. Temporary detours, lane and other speed restrictions may apply throughout the construction period subject to on site conditions.

Access to properties and businesses will be maintained throughout the construction works.
Kerb repairs and asphalt reseal work

Asphalt works will follow this in mid-February.

Repair works to Kerb and Gutters will be undertaken in Clisby Street, Vale Park and Park Terrace Service Road, Gilberton commencing 6 February 2017.

Council in the news

This week, Kiki Magro, CEO, Town of Walkerville submitted a letter to City North Messenger Press in response to an editorial from the Editor in Chief.

The letter is published below:

“The City North Messenger Press (1/2/2017) reported on a decision of Council not to proceed with a designated Dog Park in the Town of Walkerville. The Editor in Chief, Jessica Leo-Kelton, also took up the issue in her editorial “Going doggone mad by design”.

Ms Leo-Kelton wonders how “a fenced-off piece of grass” could cost so much money and is perplexed as to why a consultant needs to “appraise such a basic space.”

If only things were so simple. Firstly, let us start with the business of finding a suitable location in our suburbs. This entails consulting with the wider community and talking to residents or nearby businesses and schools. It requires allocating budgets for ongoing maintenance and associated infrastructure upgrades. The creation of Dog parks can have a negative flow on effects on seemingly unrelated issues, including increased noise and parking in residential areas.

Unlike State and Federal Government, local Government is required to consult with its community on issues that will, or are likely to, affect them.

Then there is the matter of design and planning.

Dog parks are completely different to regular parks and open spaces. It is not simply a case of putting up a fence. A naive suggestion! Dog parks are custom built for purpose to incorporate a range of design elements including activity zones, circulation paths, entry and exit points and amenities specific to confined areas where lots of dogs and people and children will interact.

Unlike play spaces for children, there are no Australian standards to guide the planning, design and management of an enclosed dog park. However, it would be highly irresponsible for Council to ignore the accepted practices and the wealth of data from around the world that is available on this topic. The Dog and Cat Management Board of SA has published ‘Unleashed, a guide to successful dog parks’ to assist local Councils in the establishment of enclosed dog parks.

The report is available from www.dogandcatboard.com.au

Ms Leo-Kelton accuses Council of making a “mountain over a mound of dirt.” I suspect that any resident concerned with the safety and wellbeing of dogs and people in our parks and gardens, may not agree.”

Council’s customer satisfaction survey is now open

Council has engaged New Focus to undertake a telephone survey of randomly selected households in the Town of Walkerville to help us measure community satisfaction levels with our services.

The survey is open to all residents over the age of 18 years and we particularly encourage people in the 18 – 35 year
age bracket to participate.


Printed copies are available from the Civic & Community Centre during business hours.

By completing the survey you can go into a draw to win a $50 voucher from Walkerville Woolworths.

**Survey closes: Friday 17th February 2017**

**Weekly online poll**

Beginning this week, Council will be publishing the responses received from our regular online polls.

Attached is feedback from our most recent poll which asked people what they thought about the changes to Mary P Harris Reserve.

Click on the link below to take this week’s poll which is about Cats!

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/catsintown
Town of Walkerville

Q1 Have you seen the changes to Mary P Harris Reserve?

Answered: 12  Skipped: 0

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Q2 Do you like the changes Council has made so far?

Answered: 11  Skipped: 1

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Baby bounce

Monday 10am in the Town Hall
66 Walkerville Terrace, Gilberton

We are currently seeking feedback on our Baby Bounce program and would love to hear from you.

CLICK HERE to complete the poll.

For more information on our Baby Bounce program, please contact the Library on 8342 7150.
Weed spraying

From Tuesday 31 January 2017, GLG Group will commence their third round of weed spraying of the Township.

GLG will start in Vale Park and work their way down through to Walkerville, Gilberton and then Medindie.

We anticipate it will take 1-2 weeks to complete, weather permitting.

Elector representation review

Council is inviting community members to take part in a review to determine whether changes are required in respect to elector representation to ensure that the electors of the area are being adequately and fairly represented.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 12(7) of the Local Government Act 1999, notice is given that Council has prepared a Representation Options Paper (CLICK HERE) which examines the advantages and disadvantages of the various options available in regards to the composition and structure of Council, and the division of the Council area into wards.

A printed copy of the Options Paper can be inspected or purchased at the Council office, 66 Walkerville Terrace, Gilberton. A form has also been prepared to assist people with their submission.

Interested members of the community are invited to make a written submission expressing their views on the future composition and structure of Council. Submissions will be accepted until 5pm on Friday 3rd March 2017 and should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 55, Walkerville 5081 or emailed to walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au.

Further information regarding the elector representation review can be obtained by contacting Craig Rowe, C L Rowe and Associates Pty Ltd, on telephone 0430 348 377 or email clrowe@internode.on.net