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McLaren Vale is charged up



Drivers of electric vehicles (EV's) have a new spot to power up their engines in Adelaide's south. Three EV charging stations have been installed in the carpark of the McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Visitor Information Centre, our southern green hub demonstration site.

The chargers are currently free to use and include two e-station Circontrol type 1 charging stations — compatible with all cars (type 2 cars will require an adaptor) — and one Tesla type 2 station for Tesla vehicles.

The EV charging stations fit perfectly with our efforts to reducing our carbon footprint at the centre, and it's a great opportunity for people to stay for a coffee and then pick up a green hub trail map from the centre and be inspired by the environmentally-friendly changes they can make in their home. [Click here](#) for more info.

Get your garden climate ready

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Photo: Sophie's Patch

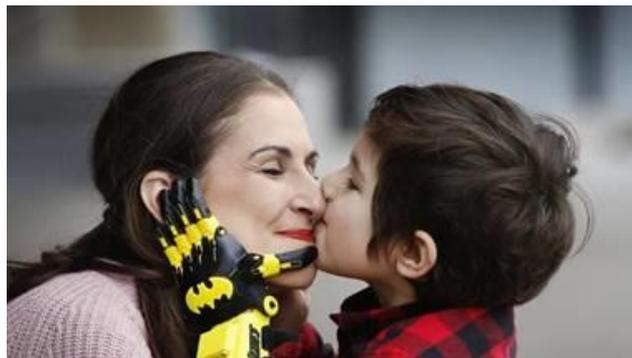
Sophie Thompson from Gardening Australia is a passionate advocate for greening your home garden and reducing summer temperatures around your house. Now is the best time to get planting.

[Watch her video](#) from the Cooler, Greener Adelaide event in March where in only 5 minutes she inspired everyone to grow edible vines that grow fast, produce food and provide a dramatic cooling effect around your home.

Are you interested in finding out about government policy that influences the greening of our communities, sustainable urban landscapes and good design? [Subscribe to the #CoolerGreener Adelaide campaign](#) to be kept up-to-date with the latest policy and commentary from Water Sensitive SA.

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From drink bottles to bespoke hands



Envision Hands is on a mission to make 100 bespoke prosthetic aids (such as artificial hands) for child amputees, from recycled plastic bottle caps using 3D printers.

It will take 2 million bottle tops to make this happen so they need your help!

Flat drink top bottle caps with a '2' or '4' on the cap (not the bottle) are accepted. This generally includes soft drink, water and milk bottle caps. Any caps without numbers are unusable. Rinse caps and ensure that no extra plastic, metal or other material is attached.

Drop-off points are located around our region but include Woodcroft Community Centre, our northern green hub. For more info visit [Envision Hands](#)

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Collaboration with Kurna Monitors



Planting continues at Port Willunga Creek in collaboration with Kurna Monitors in the culturally sensitive areas of the reserve.

1,270 local native plants have been planted to help stabilise the sand dunes and creek line and increase biodiversity throughout the reserve. A total of 24 species will help restore the site and additionally attract birds, bees and butterflies including flowering plants like *Lotus australis* (pictured).

Planting of indigenous climbing plants like *Billardiera cymosa* (sweet apple berry), *Clematis microphylla* (old man's beard) and *Hardenbergia violacea* at the base of controlled weedy trees will benefit the birds utilising the tree frames as perches by providing habitat.

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New ABC doco seeking households

The team behind the War on Waste is working on a new ABC documentary that will focus on Australia's role in climate change.

The program is currently looking for households in Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, **and South Australia** that are concerned about climate change but don't know what they can do about it in their day-to-day

lives. All households are welcome to apply, from owners to renters, families to retirees, and everyone in between. Successful applicants will participate in an eight- to 12-week carbon-reducing initiative and share their experiences on camera.

Interested households should email kvurlow@lunemedia.com.au with their contact details.

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Put second-hand first and join the Garage Sale Trail



We're once again supporting the Garage Sale Trail, Australia's biggest weekend of garage sales in October. The event, on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 October, is dedicated to getting Australians to choose second-hand first by hosting a garage sale or shopping the trail.

The Garage Sale Trail supports our commitment to reducing waste and provides a fun way for people to declutter, fundraise or make some money, and meet their neighbours. It also aims to inspire Aussies to understand the importance of re-use and the need to take individual responsibility for the impact the stuff we buy has on the world around us.

Why not host a garage sale! It's free to register and you'll get access to a range of free promotional materials including posters, bunting and more. Last year on average, household garage sales made \$309, participants connected with 46 local people, and more than 500kg of stuff was sold and re-distributed.

Trail-goers can search local sales, mark their favourite items and then create a personalised trail map for the day. [Click here](#) for more information.

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Become a Beach Detective



Did you know that a Sea tulip isn't a plant but is an animal or that the female crab has a wider tail than her male counterpart because she keeps her eggs stored there? Spring is a great time for beachcombing because the waves wash up all sorts of interesting things, giving you an insight into the hidden marine world that lives below the sea's surface.

Download NRM Education's new [beachcombing ID chart](#) and go for a wander on one of our glorious beaches. The kids will love it too!

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Life just got a little less hazardous



Need to get rid of unwanted paint tins, batteries, chemicals, and other hazardous household waste for FREE? You'll be pleased to know that a new permanent drop off site has just opened in North Plympton that's open 7 days a week.

Later this month, another permanent site will open in the Adelaide Hills (32 Scott Creek Road, Heathfield) which will be handy for our northern residents. [Find out more here.](#)

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Become a Climate Ready Champion



If you're curious about how we can get ready for changes in our climate as a community, you can join our group of Climate Ready Champions.

The Climate Ready Communities training will help you understand how the things we love may be affected by our changing climate, and explore what we can do to take action!

The training includes practical guidance so that you have the tools to deliver activities and talk about climate readiness with your networks and local community.

[Bookings are now open](#) for the FREE training occurring locally.

Saturday 12 October, 9.30am-4.30pm at Elizabeth House, Christie Downs.

More dates/partner council venues will be advertised shortly.

This project is supported by Resilient South - The Cities of Holdfast Bay, Marion, Mitcham, and Onkaparinga. The training is currently open to those who work, live, or are involved in these areas.

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Create a nature journal



Native leek
Bulbine bulbosa



Short-stem flax-lily
Dianella brevicauli



Curved Riceflower
Pimelea curviflora var. curviflora

Spring is a great time to get out and explore local bushland reserves, with some of the most beautiful wildflowers emerging at this time of year.

One of our largest patches of native bushland is found in Tangari Regional Park. This is home to a nationally endangered Grey Box Grassy Woodland plant community which also includes many rare native understory species. You'll also enjoy visiting the many creekline reserves that are hiding in every suburb.

A fun idea for young and old is to create a nature journal. Simply take some photos and start recording some of the plants and animals that you see!

Pictured above are a few of the more commonly found wildflowers that can be spotted across our region at this time of year, but there are many more, that can be easily identified using field guides (eg *Its Blue with Five Petals*) and apps (eg *PI@ntnet*).

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Last but not least..... a useful bin tip

Kerbside bins occasionally need to be repaired or replaced due to general wear and tear or damage. Council will repair or replace your bin for free and it's very easy to arrange.

Simply contact us by telephone 8384 0666, [online](#), or via email mail@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au



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