

Newsletter

INTRODUCING OUR MAN IN THE VAN

When residents of Access 2 Place Housing call for maintenance and repairs, they're now likely to be greeted by our 'Man in the Van', David Centofanti. A qualified electrician with a wealth of building maintenance experience, David offers a familiar face to tenants as well as having the ability to carry out a number of maintenance tasks in the one visit.

David is based on the road in our newly decked out Maintenance van, we are all very excited to have him on board – and you will definitely see him coming!



Access 2 Place Welcomes 2 new Staff Members

David Centofanti
Maintenance Officer

Nathan Butler
Asset Co-ordinator

EASTER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that our office will be closed from close of business on Thursday, 18 April 2019 and will re open on Tuesday, 23 April.

We will also be closed on Thursday 25 April for the ANZAC Day public holiday and will re open on Friday 26 April. For out of hours **EMERGENCIES ONLY** call 8274 6300.



FROM THE CEO — 2017-2018 Annual Report

The year of 2017-2018 was a year of significant achievements for Access 2 Place. A key strategic goal for A2P is the provision of more housing for people with a disability. We are aware of the need for better housing for people with a disability and our goal is to meet this need. Our aim is to build houses which support independence, create a homelike environment, be accessible, affordable, and are connected to the community. During the year, A2P commenced construction of sixteen new fully accessible houses. Ten at Kidman Park, two at Ascot Park, and four at Christies Beach. In addition, A2P purchased land at Aldinga Beach which has the potential for a further seven houses. In total A2P has committed to \$5.3M for new disability housing. To view the full A2P Annual Report 2017/2018 visit www.access2place.com.au. Wishing you all a happy and safe easter.

Utilities Concession

Eligible South Australians on low or fixed incomes can apply for help with the cost of energy bills for their principal place of residence

For 2019, you may be eligible to receive up to \$223.01 to cover both electricity and gas payments. The SA Concessions Energy Discount Offer is available to energy concession recipients. To be eligible you must:

- live at the property
- be listed first on the electric bill
- hold an eligible concession card or receive an eligible Centrelink payment
- not be living with anyone who has an income of more than \$3,000 per year, unless they either:
 - get an allowance from Centrelink or the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA)
 - are your spouse, domestic partner or dependent.

To enquire email concessions@sa.gov.au or call 1800 307 758. If you have a hearing or speech impairment call - TTY 8226 6789.

Energy Bill Concessions

Using less water to keep your garden green

Three quick tips to keep your garden green and cool without using bucket loads of water.



Water before a heatwave

By giving your lawn and garden beds a good soak two days before a heatwave your plants will have the moisture they need to survive.



Flash watering

A quick water of your lawn or garden on hot, sunny days creates effective natural evaporative cooling for your garden. It can also keep your home cooler, reducing strain on your air conditioner.



Use adaptable irrigation

With the ability to adapt your water system, you can reduce how much water you use – and achieve better results.

The Saver Group

Free Energy Efficient Products

This fantastic new government initiative allows tenants to update their light globes, shower heads and power controllers at no cost to you the tenant.

- ✓ 40 LED globes as shown in picture
- ✓ 3 water-efficient showerheads
- ✓ 3 standby power controllers for computers and TVs
- ✓ Concession card holders can also receive a Free Home Energy Audit.

In addition to getting these products for free, you also get no-cost installations fully installed by trained Upgrade Retrofitters that hold current police clearances and photo ID. If you love finding effortless ways to save money, you'll want to take advantage of this fantastic, one-time offer.



Call Doug Stewart on 0417 814 344 to take up this offer.

BRINGING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER

GRENVILLE HUB

Are you looking for social connections, participation and enjoyment?

The Grenville Hub has a welcoming and spirited atmosphere, bringing the community together with common interests and forming friendships. It provides a meeting point for a broad range of services for people 50 years and over, including:

- Leisure, fitness and recreation activities
- Health education forums and events
- Entertainment and outings
- Links to services and information
- Therapy services, including massage
- Grenville day activity programs
- Cafe, dining and takeaway meal service
- Home Assist services
- Community Passenger Network

The Grenville Hub is conveniently located next to the Elizabeth Shopping Centre and the Civic Centre on Playford Boulevard, Elizabeth.

It aims to provide a space that encourages and promotes lifelong learning, physical activity, healthy living, social connections, participation and enjoyment.

It also provides information, knowledge and support to assist people to remain independent in the community and to live their life to the fullest.

Check out the website www.playford.sa.gov.au for a list of weekly activities program and information about the wide range of services they provide.

For further information, phone 8256 0377.



General Enquiries: Access 2 Place

☎ 8274 6300 ✉ info@access2place.com.au.

How to report maintenance or repairs in your home

✉ Routine and Non-urgent repairs

Complete the maintenance request form on our website and email to: maintenance@access2place.com.au.

📞 URGENT Repairs

Call Access 2 Place on 8274 6300 7 days a week, then email your maintenance request form.

✉ Requesting property alterations

Complete an alteration form available on our website and email to: maintenance@access2place.com.au.

📞 Neighbourhood Disputes

If you have an issue with your neighbours, call SA Police on 131 444 or our Tenancy Team on 8274 6300.

📞 Tenant Advisory Group

If you would like to get involved or join the new Tenant Advisory Group call the Engagement Coordinator on 8274 6300 for more information.

📞 Criminal Activity

In the case of criminal activity, call 000 in an emergency. For non-emergency situations, you can report anonymously to the SA Police via Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



ACCESS 2 PLACE HOUSING

Peachey Place Tool Library EMPOWERING TENANTS IN THE GARDEN



The Peachey Place Tool Library is a library just like a regular library, except you can borrow tools instead of books.

The library offers garden tools for hire at a small cost and gives residents unable to afford a lawnmower, brush cutter, or even a rake, the means to look after their yards.

Peachey Place Tool Library is part of the *Share N Save Program* - run by Zero Waste SA - which is aimed at connecting people with community groups to reduce waste through sharing or swapping.

For more information contact Peachey Place Living Skills Centre on:

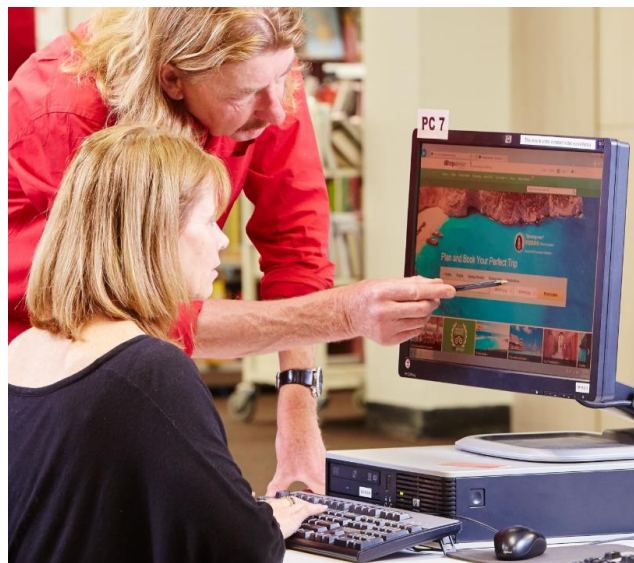
08 7070 6711 or connect via Facebook or visit the Library at 22 Heytesbury Road, Davoren Park SA 511.

FREE TECHNOLOGY AT THE LIBRARY

Why not visit the City of Playford Library for computer, internet and printing services. You can book a session for a computer for up to 120 minutes (2 hours per day), but if you need to quickly log in and print, they also have a 15 minute express computer available.

To reserve your computer go to the booking page at www.playford.sa.gov.au:

- Enter your library barcode and PIN
- Choose a branch from the drop-down menu
- Select date and time
- Check your booking details are correct
- Accept or cancel the reservation by clicking on the submit button
- To make further bookings, click on the 'Reserve a Computer' icon.



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