



District Council of Mount Remarkable



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

To kick the year off Council considered the draft Asset Management Plans for Transport and CWMS. There is now some work to do in establishing service standards, and financial modelling to support the adoption and implementation of a successful 10 year asset management plan. This is an exciting development for Council, and one that I hope allows us to work proactively in managing our overall asset base.

We are now fast approaching the 2022 state election. I have been meeting with a number of candidates that are choosing to stand for election for the seat of Stuart. Council's 2022 State Election Strategy forms the basis of my discussions with each candidate. I have been pleased with the proactive feedback and engagement from each respective candidate.

I am delighted to have been invited to attend a number of community events in the past few weeks, including the Weeroona Island Fishing Club AGM. Congratulations on the Club's 10 year anniversary. I take this opportunity to also congratulate the 2022 Australia Day Citizen of the Year, Mr Greg Pech from Wirrabara. Greg is a great asset to the district and is a long standing volunteer and community contributor. Well done Greg!

Recently I had the pleasure of hosting a number of dignitaries from all levels of government, and business owners from across the region. One notable individual was Mark Kuhn from Max Cranes & Equipment Hire. Mark had never previously visited parts of our district such as Willowie Forrest, Wirrabara Forest or The Bluff Lookout. Mark was so excited by the growth and opportunity within our district that Max Cranes and

Equipment Hire has generously provided sponsorship to assist further enhancements to The Bluff Lookout. This is an important illustration that bringing businesses and community on the journey is vital in our overall success as a region. I thank Mark and the team at Max Cranes, along with others who have visited for their genuine support and interest in our growing district.

COVID-19 is still amongst us, and I encourage everyone to adhere to COVID-19 safe practices and follow SA Health guidelines. With the restrictions imposed by COVID-19, Council has unfortunately not had the capacity in the Council Chamber to host a physical public gallery at the January or February Council meetings. However, Council has embraced technology and created electronic access to meetings for the public. I encourage community members to get involved and access Community Question Time and Council Meetings by following the Zoom links which are available from Council's website through the publicised agendas.

Mayor Phillip Heaslip

MAYOR MEETS DEPUTY PREMIER

Mayor Phillip Heaslip recently caught up with Deputy Premier and local MP Dan Van holst Pellekaan. The two shared some local produce in Wirrabara while discussing all things Mount Remarkable.

The two discussed the 2022 State Election Strategy, the Remarkable Southern Flinders project, Mount Ellen, Horrocks Highway upgrade, proposed upgrades to the Booleroo Centre Memorial Swimming Pool, and various other local issues.

Mayor Heaslip has regular meetings with Dan as our local MP, and believes now with Dan being South Australian Deputy Premier only adds value to our region and communities.



Deputy Premier the Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP with Mayor Phillip Heaslip at Wirrabara



COUNCIL NEWS

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, Community Question Time and the 15 February Ordinary Meeting of Council were held electronically.

The agenda included various correspondence and recommendation reports:

- » Draft policy- COVID-19 Vaccination for Elected Members
- » Melrose Park Bench Memorial
- » Annual Review of Delegations
- » Monthly Finance Update
- » Proposed Changes to Organisation Structure
- » Northern Passenger Transport Network
- » Mayor & Elected Member reports

The next meeting of council will be held on Tuesday 15 March. The meeting is scheduled to be held at Wirrabara in the Hall.

Any changes to these arrangements will be advertised via [Facebook](#) and Council's [website](#).

Council and Committee meeting agenda and minutes are available at: <https://www.mtr.sa.gov.au/documents/agenda-and-minutes/council-agenda-and-minutes>

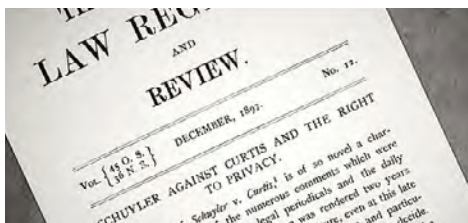
2022 BY-LAW REVIEW – CONSULTATION CLOSES 3 MARCH 2022

In accordance with Section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1999, The District Council of Mount Remarkable has made the following proposed By-laws available to the public as part of its 2022 review of the Council's existing By-laws:

- » Permits and Penalties By-law 2022
- » Moveable Signs By-law 2022
- » Roads By-law 2022
- » Local Government Land By-law 2022
- » Dogs By-law 2022
- » Cats By-law 2022

The District Council of Mount Remarkable invites submissions from members of the community on the proposed By-laws to assist Council in its decision making, feedback closes by close of business 3 March 2022.

To provide feedback and view a copy of the proposed by-laws please visit the Council website <https://www.mtr.sa.gov.au/noticeboard/public-consultation/2022-by-law-review> alternatively send an email to postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au or you can come into the office 3 Stuart Street, Melrose to obtain a copy.



2022/2023 ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN & BUDGET

CONSULTATION AND FEEDBACK INVITED CLOSING 4 MARCH

Preparations are underway for the 2022/2023 budget.

In preparing an initial draft of Council's draft Annual Business Plan & Budget, Council is seeking input from the community as to what is important to you.

For more information and the Budget Submission Form, please visit Council's website <https://www.mtr.sa.gov.au/noticeboard/public-consultation/budget-consultation>

All feedback for consideration within the draft Annual Business Plan & Budget for 2022/2023 should be emailed to postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au, and received by 4pm Friday 4 March 2022.



2022 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANTS - APPLICATIONS CLOSE 1 MARCH

Are you part of a community group or non-profit organisation that has a project it would like financial assistance for? Council's Community Assistance Grant are once again on offer and eligible applications must demonstrate how they will positively impact the District Council of Mount Remarkable community.

Applications are open and close 5pm 1 March 2022.

For further information click here: [Community Assistance Grant Program | District Council of Mount Remarkable \(mtr.sa.gov.au\)](#)



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Clean up Australia Day is scheduled for Sunday 6 March 2022.

Clean up Australia, founded by Ian Kiernan AO is one of the country's most recognised and trusted environmental organisations, inspiring and empowering communities to clean up and conserve our environment. The organisation's focus is as much on preventing rubbish entering our environment as it is removing what has already accumulated.

Council is partnering with the Wilmington community effort to participate in the 6 March event.



✓ CAR BOOTS & WAGONS

✓ UTE TRAYS & TRAILERS UP TO 2m³

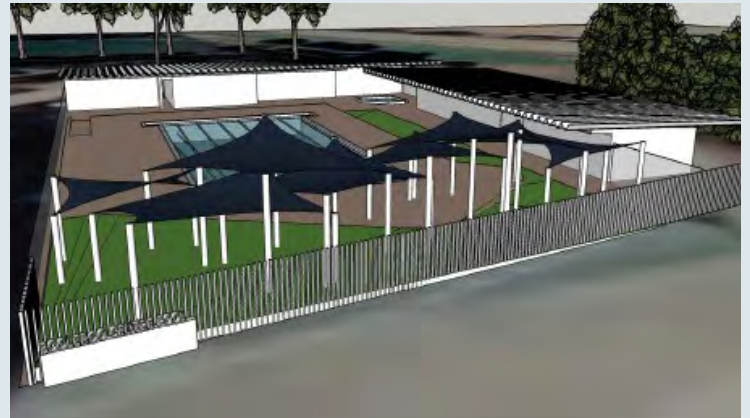
✗ NO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

Waste over 2m³ will incur normal disposal fees

✓ Normal household waste accepted, including up to 1 mattress per household

✗ Not accepted - glass, vehicle bodies or parts, asbestos TVs or computer monitors, tyres, soil, building rubble or hazardous materials

Free Dumping only applicable to DCMR residents, identification required i.e. drivers licence or rate notice



COUNCIL SUBMITS GRANT APPLICATION FOR BOOLEROO CENTRE MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL

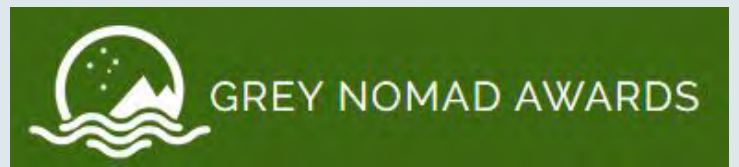
Council has submitted a grant application to the Federal Governments funding round 6 of the Building Better Regions Fund.

Initial concept plans in which Council has received have provided an array of options. It is understood based on detailed architectural costings, that a refurbishment of the exiting supporting infrastructure, and a new 25m pool including a new kids pool, can be achieved for an estimated \$3.5m.

If successful with the grant application, the Federal Government will contribute 50% of the project costs. The pool is considered an integral asset that supports our many communities, and an important social asset.

Council received a pleasing number of letters of support which have been used to accompany the grant application.

The Booleroo Centre Memorial Swimming Pool is currently run by a group of volunteers though the support of the Booleroo Pool Committee. Council thanks both the committee, and the volunteers whom help ensure this great community asset is available for use to those in our community.



GREY NOMAD AWARDS

Grey Nomad Awards – Finalists announced – Booleroo Centre is Officially One of the Best Grey Nomad Destinations

A Southern Flinders Ranges community is celebrating after their new van park was named as a finalist in the national Grey Nomad Awards. The Booleroo Centre RV Park has been shortlisted in the 2021 Best Grey Nomad Community Stay category after proving to tourism leaders that it provided an exceptional experience for visitors aged over 50. Winners in all 11 award categories will be announced on Friday 4 March during an online celebration. Further information about the awards is available here: <https://www.greynomadawards.com.au/>



MINISTER VISITS THE REGION

During February, Minister for Environment & Water the Hon David Speirs MP toured the Council district looking at a number of our natural beauties. A key highlight was a tour of Mount Ellen located near Wirrabara.

Mayor Heaslip accompanied Minister Speirs, along with the Hon. Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP, Deputy Premier and local member for Stuart.

Mayor Heaslip has been keen to show off Mount Ellen on behalf of locals to the Minister for some time, and hopes that the State Government will including Mount Ellen as part of the overall projects happening through the Remarkable Southern Flinders Project.

Both the Minister and the Deputy Premier were deeply impressed by the natural landscape and views that this location offers.



LEFT: Mayor Leon Stephens (Port Pirie Regional Council), Mayor Phillip Heaslip (Mount Remarkable Council), Mayor Ben Browne (Northern Areas Council), Deputy Premier Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP, and Minister David Speirs MP.

RIGHT: Minister Speirs with DEW staff at Mount Ellen



MINISTER VISITS MELROSE HERITAGE MUSEUM

This month the Melrose Heritage Museum had an official visit from Minister David Speirs MP & the District Council of Mount Remarkable Mayor Phillip Heaslip.

They are seen here with a representative from G -Force Building & Consulting and members of the Melrose District History Society Inc. Executive committee. The purpose of the visit was to check on the re-roofing development. Note the tile in the Minister's hands & on the roof.

Starting to look amazing and a real credit to this amazing volunteer group and such a wonderful facility.

LEFT: Minister Visits Melrose Heritage Museum



WILLOWIE TRAILS OFFICIALLY OPENED

20km of remarkable new mountain bike trails at Willowie are now open.

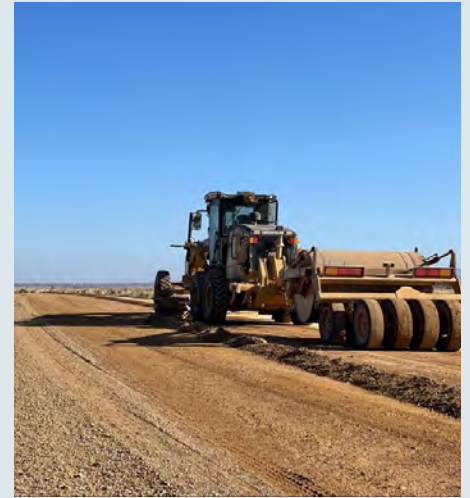
To support the new trails, improved day visitor facilities that include a picnic area, accessible toilets, a refurbished carpark and essential facilities provided for mountain bikers such as tyre pumps.

These new trails contribute to the popular mountain bike trail network that exists in nearby Melrose.

The trails were planned with the help of local mountain bike organisation, Bike Melrose and constructed by South Australian business Trailscapes. Local Port Pirie business Alsanto Constructions completed construction of the day visitor facilities.

All upgrades were made possible through the \$10m Remarkable Southern Flinders project – a partnership between Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife, Northern Areas Council, District Council of Mount Remarkable, Port Pirie Regional Council and Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid-North, the Nukunu Wapma Thura Aboriginal Corporation and the State and Commonwealth Governments.

TOP RIGHT: Willowie Trails officially opened with Nukunu representative, Lindsay Thomas, Rowan Ramsey MP - Member for Grey, Minister for Environment & Water - the Hon David Speirs MP, and Deputy Premier the Hon Dan Van holst Pellekaan MP - Member for Stuart.

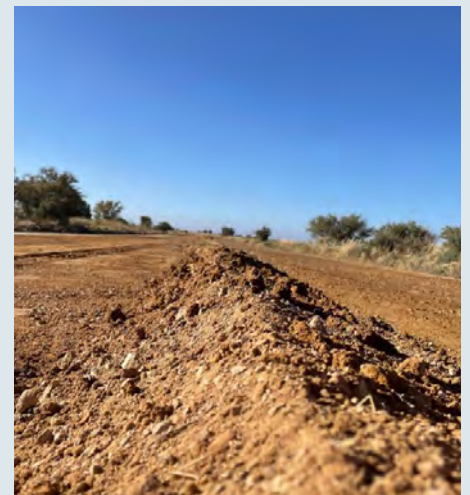


GRADING AWAY

Council staff have been busily grading away over the past month. At times Council has had three patrol graders and one construction grader hard at work.

Council are pleased at the increasing positive comments we are receiving, and our staff are very grateful to receive your feedback. With almost 2,000 kms of unsealed roads across our Council area, it's quite the challenge to make sure our team gets across as many roads as possible throughout the year.

There is a fine art to road grading, and amongst Team Remarkable we have quite an experienced crew. If you see the team out and about, give them a wave. Some even don't mind a chat.





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THE BLUFF LOOKOUT EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS

The recently constructed and opened Bluff Lookout located within the Wirrabara Forrest area has recorded some very attractive visitor numbers. Traffic counters monitored by Council indicate that over 3,000 vehicles travelled to The Bluff Lookout. This equates to an average of 40 vehicles per day with Sunday showing the highest average.

These are great numbers, and if we assume at least two people per vehicle, then these numbers can easily be doubled for an actual person count. Council will continue to monitor patronage and is very encouraged with the data it has received to date.

It is data like this that illustrates there was a need for The Bluff, and that tourism within the broader Council area continues on an upward trend. The positive impacts that have been experienced by local businesses has been welcomed, and we now look forward to the flow on benefits of the \$10m Remarkable Southern Flinders project which is now underway.



WEEROONA ISLAND FISHING CLUB CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

Recently the Weeroona Island Fishing Club celebrated their 10th birthday. Mayor Phillip Heaslip and Councillor Stephen McCarthy both attended the event held at Weeroona Island.

The Weeroona Island Fishing Club is a great community club that provide an array of events throughout the year. Club Capitan, Mr Robin Skirrey, is proud of the club and what it has been able to achieve during its 10 years. Mr Skirrey says "the club is also a social club, allowing people to come together on the island and interact".

The Weeroona Island Fishing Club are a proactive club, always seeking to improve the island as well as providing social and sporting activities for the local and nearby residents.

Annual membership is available to join the fishing club and join in the regular events that take place. Contact the Weeroona Island Fishing Club for more details.

<https://www.facebook.com/weeroonaIslandFishingClub>

NORTHERN PASSENGER TRANSPORT NETWORK EFTPOS PAYMENTS NOW AVAILABLE

The Northern Passenger Transport Network extends over six Council regions, being the District Council of Mount Remarkable, the District Council of Orroroo/Carrieton, the District Council of Peterborough, Port Pirie Regional Council, Northern Areas Council and the Flinders Ranges Council.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic the service has reviewed many processes and procedures, including now promoting cashless transactions through the introduction of the availability of EFTPOS. Payments can be made at the time of making bookings for assistance with travel and receipts will be issued.

To contact the friendly staff at the NPTN office phone 8666 2014. Further information about the NPTN is available here: [Northern Passenger Transport Network | District Council of Mount Remarkable \(mtr.sa.gov.au\)](https://www.nptn.sa.gov.au)





PRESENTATION OF 2022 AUSTRALIA DAY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – GREG PECH

As reported in the January newsletter, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic it wasn't possible for Council and community organisations to hold the usual Australia Day celebration events. With the recent easing of restrictions, Mayor Phillip Heaslip officially presented the 2022 Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award to Greg Pech on Sunday 20 February at the Wirrabara Markets.

Congratulations Greg !



TOP: 2022 Citizen of the Year Greg Pech with Mayor Phillip Heaslip

BOTTOM: Mayor Phillip Heaslip, Cr Colin Nottle, 2022 Citizen of the Year recipient Greg Pech, Cr Barry Richards and Cr Danny Keller



PORT GERMEIN CELEBRATES AUSTRALIA DAY

Australia Day awards were in full swing this year at Port Germein. Port Germein Progress who organised the award ceremony, awarded local Port Germein resident Tony Saunders with an award for incredible support to the Port Germein community.

Tony, pictured here with Chris Pole representing Port Germein Progress, is described as an active and vital members of HATs, market volunteer, member of the Hall Committee, helped establish to the local op shop, helped establish and still continues volunteering in the local community garden, assists with local Remembrance Day and ANZAC Day services, a former local dump volunteer, assists locals with general yard maintenance, maintains trees and verges, and a member of the Village Committee. Tony is described as happy, and always willing to lend a hand in a practical and friendly way.

Congratulations Tony, and thank you for everything that you do.

TOP: Denise & Per Jacobsen, Marie Claire & Tony Saunders, Chris Pole, Jan & Eric Pana, Colin Wauchope, Ulrike Maria

BOTTOM: Chris Pole and Tony Saunders



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now hiring apply now

CLEANERS WANTED

Council is seeking reliable, motivated and versatile amenities cleaners for casual roles in various locations across the District.

We are seeking applications from candidates with a strong eye for detail who are able to clean to a high standard, keep storage areas stocked and organised, have excellent customer service skills and at times work with minimal supervision. Previous cleaning experience is an advantage.

Successful applicants must undergo a pre-employment medical and provide evidence of a current National Police Check *Screening Unit - National police checks* and Working with Children Check *Screening Unit - Working with children check*

Written applications of no more than one page plus your CV can be forwarded to postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au. For further information or to discuss your interest please contact Jacqui Kelleher, Manager Administrative & Community Services on 8666 2014.



Are you a farmer who has been affected by bushfires?

Helping fire-affected farmers prepare for future challenges

We are looking for farmers who have been affected by bushfires to participate in a confidential interview (in-person, telephone or via Zoom) to discuss the impact of those fires on the mental health of themselves and their families.

This research seeks to understand the psychological impacts of bushfires on farmers, with the view to learning from their experiences to inform the development of farmer-focused supports in the future.

Participants will be asked to participate in:

- one 60 minute informal interview and be given the opportunity to assist in a follow-up interview if they would like.

Are you eligible?

- ✓ Been affected by a bushfire within the last 20 years?
- ✓ 18 years or older?
- ✓ Currently own or play an active role in the operation of a farming or pastoral enterprise in Australia?
- ✓ Fluent in English?

If so, we need your help!

For further information or to express an interest, please call +61 4 178 52537 or email

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We look forward to hearing from and meeting you soon.

This project has been approved by the University of South Australia's Human Research Ethics Committee Ethics Protocol 2014/0. If you have any ethical concerns about the project or questions about your rights as a participant please contact the Executive Officer of this Committee, phone: (08) 8302 6330; email: humaneethics@unisa.edu.au, researchintegrity@unisa.edu.au

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