



District Council of Mount Remarkable



*Councillor Stephen McCarthy
Mayor*

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Council continues to move forward with confidence, supported by a full operational team and a settled Chief Executive Officer based within our region. This local presence is strengthening our day-to-day service delivery and helping ensure Council remains responsive to the needs and priorities of our communities.

The recent weather pattern and welcome rainfall have provided much-needed relief across the district. It has been encouraging to see renewed optimism and a noticeable uplift in community spirit and wellbeing.

As many residents will recall, significant early rainfall caused flowing water damage across parts of the road network, particularly in the north-east of the Council area. Since then, conditions have enabled our road and outdoor teams to make the most of moisture in the road base and undertake remedial works across a number of key routes. The recent progress has been a genuine benefit for our communities. Cement floodways have also been completed on Hammond Road at Amyton Creek, Avonmore Road and Cockburn Roads. Importantly, the insurance process for flood repairs is well advanced, with further

works being planned for the immediate future.

Council elections have been deferred by the State Government from 2026 to April 2027. While this change creates some challenges, Council is well organised and will continue to provide effective governance and business continuity through to the revised election date. We had intended to hold a series of community information sessions for residents who may be interested in serving as councillors and contributing to the future development of our communities and region. These sessions will now be rescheduled and promoted in due course. In the meantime, residents are welcome to contact the Chief Executive Officer, myself or any Elected Member through the Council office in Melrose. We are always willing to discuss the role, responsibilities, skills and processes involved in being an effective councillor.

As I have noted in previous messages, this Council has remained focused on ensuring the organisation is better positioned and prepared for a sustainable future. Having strengthened management, governance and financial foundations, Council is now well placed to plan and deliver more strategic initiatives. Current priorities include:

- 1.Capitalising on the unique character of our towns, history and landscape. Council recently facilitated an inaugural workshop for tourism operators within our district, supported by industry stakeholders including SA Mid North and Yorke Tourism and Regional Development Australia. The workshop was well attended and generated strong participation. Council is now working through the information gathered and will continue collaborating with operators and stakeholders to support opportunities for increased visitation, local income and employment.
- 2.Reviewing Asset Management Plans for roads, land and building assets to ensure Council's long-term planning reflects community needs, asset condition and available resources.
- 3.Undertaking a rate review process to ensure the most appropriate and equitable

methodology is being applied.

4.Consolidating Council's strategic plans to ensure they are fit for purpose, funded and deliverable. Many initiatives require co-funding, and some opportunities rely on one-off grant programs. By reviewing and aligning these plans, Council will be better positioned to pursue important external funding opportunities.

Recent Council updates also highlight several matters of interest to the community, including the release of the Draft 2026–2027 Budget, ongoing access to Council meetings through public attendance and online recordings, and positive recognition for Melrose through the Tiny Town Awards. These items reflect Council's continuing focus on transparency, community participation and celebrating the strengths of our district.

Council remains concerned about recent crime across the region. Together with the Chief Executive Officer, I have met with senior South Australia Police representatives and crime prevention personnel to strengthen our working relationship and ensure local concerns are heard. Police have responded with a greater presence across the region, and our local Brevet Sergeants and frontline officers continue to do an outstanding job. Council and police urge residents and businesses to remain vigilant, as many recent incidents have been opportunistic, involving unlocked vehicles or unsecured premises. Please report suspicious activity to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000, call Triple Zero (000) in an emergency, or 131 444 for non-urgent police assistance. By working together, we can help keep our Council area a safe place to live, work and visit.

I also encourage residents to stay informed through Council's website, newsletters, meeting agendas and minutes, and to continue engaging with Council on the issues and opportunities that matter most to our communities. Our district has much to be proud of, and with continued collaboration we can build on this momentum for the benefit of current and future generations.

CEO UPDATE

As I write my second newsletter message as Chief Executive Officer, I continue to be impressed by the strength of our communities and the passion people have for the future of the District Council of Mount Remarkable.

Over recent months I have continued to meet with many people and orientate myself throughout the district, meeting with community organisations, sporting clubs, businesses, volunteers and government stakeholders. These conversations have provided valuable insights into the opportunities and challenges facing our towns and have reinforced the importance of strong partnerships in achieving positive outcomes for our region.

I firmly believe that effective community leadership here is built on collaboration, and it isn't about directing a community's future; it's about helping a community realise its own potential. From this, strong communities are built by people who care about where they live, support one another and work together towards a shared future.

This approach continues to guide our work as an organisation and Council's role is to listen, enable and help turn that community spirit into lasting outcomes.

Over the past several months, one of Council's key priorities has been the development of a balanced and sustainable budget that delivers essential services while maintaining a strong focus on our long-term financial position. Alongside this work, we continue to strengthen our risk management practices to ensure Council is well positioned to respond to future challenges while protecting community assets and services.

We have also continued to work closely with community groups regarding the use and management of Council facilities. These organisations play a critical role in the social fabric of our district and Council remains committed to supporting volunteers and community-led initiatives wherever possible. Strong communities are built from the ground up, and the contribution of our volunteers should never be underestimated.

At the ground level, it's resulted in things such as, funding for a range of projects in Port Germein, to Melrose winning the South Australian Tiny Tourism Town and People Choice Awards and also a community 'Pop-up Piano' from the ABC.

At a regional and state level, Council has been

actively engaging with a range of government agencies and stakeholders on matters important to our district. These relationships are critical in securing funding, advocating for local priorities and ensuring our communities have a strong voice in broader discussions affecting regional South Australia.

Tourism remains an important economic driver for our district and I recently had the opportunity to participate in a regional tourism workshop. The enthusiasm, ideas and commitment shown by participants highlighted the enormous potential that exists to continue growing visitation and showcasing everything our region has to offer.

Like many residents, I have been delighted to see the widespread rainfall across the district. While the rain has been very welcome, it has certainly kept our works crews busy. In fact, they've been busier than the weeds coming up in the paddocks – out there repairing roads, clearing drainage, responding to washouts and maintaining access across the district following successive rain events. I would like to thank our outdoor team for their dedication and responsiveness during what has been a demanding period.

Outside of the office, other than all the corellas, I've enjoyed attending events across the district including the Fat Tyre Festival, local football matches and sampling a number of the famous schnitzel nights that seem to be a feature of nearly every town in the district. These events are a great reminder of what makes regional communities so special and why people are proud to call this area home.

The Port Germein Jetty remains a major focus for Council. We know how important this iconic asset is to residents, visitors and businesses, and we continue to work through the necessary assessment, planning and advocacy processes to support its future. More information about this and all our projects and roadworks can be found on our website.

Council is also progressing a number of significant infrastructure initiatives, including packaging roadworks projects across Port Germein, Weeroona Island, Wilmington and White Cliffs Road to achieve greater efficiencies and improved value for money. In addition, we have commenced a waste management review to ensure our services remain effective, sustainable and aligned with future community needs.

Finally, work is continuing on a range of strategic planning initiatives that will help shape the future direction of the district and

support informed decision-making for years to come.

There is a great deal happening across the district and I remain excited about the opportunities ahead. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to introduce themselves, share their ideas and contribute to the many community organisations that make our district such a remarkable place to live.



Marc Gardner
Chief Executive Officer



COUNCIL NEWS

Upcoming Ordinary Council meeting dates:
Community Question Time 5.30pm - 6.00pm
Ordinary Meeting of Council 6.00pm

» 18 August - Council Chambers, Melrose
<https://www.mtr.sa.gov.au/documents/agenda-and-minutes/council-agenda-and-minutes>

Audit & Risk Committee:

» 1 September - Council Chambers, Melrose
<https://www.mtr.sa.gov.au/our-council/committees>

Media Releases:

Media releases issued since the previous newsletter are available here:

<https://www.mtr.sa.gov.au/noticeboard/latest-news>

Newsletters:

Previous issues of newsletters are available here:

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EXPERIENCE THE FLINDERS TO FLEURIEU RALLY IN THE MOUNT REMARKABLE REGION

The Operation Flinders to Fleurieu Rally is coming to the Mount Remarkable Council area, bringing with it some of the most iconic classic rally cars from Australia and around the world.

On Wednesday, 23 September, the rally field will gather at the Melrose Showgrounds from 8:00 am, before setting off for a full day of competition through the spectacular roads of the Mount Remarkable region and finishing the day in Clare.

Residents and visitors are warmly invited to come along, meet the competitors and experience these incredible machines up close before they head out onto the stages. It's a unique opportunity to chat with the drivers, take photographs and enjoy the atmosphere of one of Australia's newest major motorsport events.

Among the impressive field will be a stunning collection of classic rally cars, including 1968 Holden Monaro, Lancia Delta Integrale, Ford Escorts, Datsuns, Ford Mustang, Porsche classics, BMWs, Mazdas, and many more iconic vehicles from rallying's golden era.

The Operation Flinders to Fleurieu Rally showcases South Australia's stunning regional landscapes while bringing competitors, officials and spectators from across Australia and overseas into local communities. The event provides an important boost to regional tourism, with visitors staying in local accommodation, dining in cafés and hotels, purchasing fuel and supplies, and discovering the many attractions the Mount Remarkable region has to offer.

Whether you're a lifelong motorsport enthusiast or simply looking for a fantastic family outing, don't miss the opportunity to experience these remarkable cars before they tackle the roads of the Southern Flinders Ranges.

Event Details

- Date: Wednesday, 23 September 2026
- Location: Melrose Showgrounds
- Time: From 8:00 am
- Admission: Free

Come along, meet the crews, admire these magnificent classic rally cars and help give the competitors a true Mount Remarkable welcome before they continue their journey from the Flinders to the Fleurieu.



Melrose Celebrates Double Win at 2026 hello SA Top Tourism Awards

The District Council is proud to congratulate the township of Melrose on its outstanding success at the 2026 hello SA Top Tourism Awards, where the town was named South Australia's Tiny Tourism Town winner and also took out the People's Choice Award, a remarkable double achievement that reflects both industry recognition and strong community support.

Melrose, nestled at the foot of Mount Remarkable in the Southern Flinders Ranges, continues to capture the hearts of visitors with its unique blend of heritage, natural beauty and welcoming community spirit. The awards recognise towns that deliver outstanding visitor experiences and demonstrate a strong commitment to tourism, with Melrose praised for its scenic landscapes, rich history and vibrant local culture.

To view the full Media Release, go to: https://www.mtr.sa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0017/2000951/Media-Release-Melrose-Tiny-Town-Award.pdf





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SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE
SAFER COMMUNITIES

STATEMENT FROM SUPERINTENDENT PAUL ISHERWOOD
OFFICER IN CHARGE, SAPOL's YORKE MID-NORTH REGION

On 10 July 2026, Melrose was the subject of crime spree committed by a group of young offenders from Port Augusta. The group tested the doors to cars, houses and businesses to see what had been left unlocked. This was opportunistic crime, with the offenders taking advantage of goodwill and less security-minded victims. On several occasions, the offenders entered through these open doors and stole property. Some other premises were broken into and more thefts occurred. Wilmington has since been subject to similar crimes.

In the space of only a couple hours, 19 offences had been committed by the offenders.

Local police and Port Pirie CIB have investigated the offending, and this led to the arrest of three juveniles from Port Augusta on 11 July 2026. Property that was stolen from Melrose residents including a car, an expensive mountain bicycle, and two E-bikes were recovered and returned to the owners.

Police remind the residents of small towns and rural properties to keep their cars, sheds and homes locked and secured. CCTV is a valuable resource for police in conducting these investigation, and residents and business owners are encouraged to increase their own security. There are tips on the SAPOL website under the 'Keeping You Safe' tab, and 'Crime Prevention'. This will take you to Protect What Matters where there's a lot of information that can help reduce the incidence and impact of crime.

Residents seeing unknown people near their properties, or in unusual locations, should report that suspicious activity to SAPOL on 131 444.

AUSTRALIA'S TINY TOURISM
TOWN AWARDS

Following on from the South Australian Tiny Tourism Town Awards, Melrose is now a finalist in the Australia's Tiny Tourism Town Awards. The announcement of the national winner will be made at Parliament House in Canberra on Tuesday 15 September. What an exciting time for the region, with Melrose being considered in the national awards.



MELROSE, SA
FINALIST
Australia's Tiny
Tourism Town Awards

2026 FINALIST

WILMINGTON TOWN ENTRANCE SIGNS

The town entrance signs in Wilmington had deteriorated since installation mainly due to weather. Council has had both signs renewed with digital images of the original artwork with the permission of local artist, Joel Plevins. The renewed signs have been designed to withstand the weather and will continue to showcase Wilmington for many years to come.





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Community Assistance Grants

Community Assistance Grants

Council is pleased to announce the opening of the 2026/2027 Community Assistance Grants Program. If you're a local community group or organisation with a passion for making a positive impact, this is your opportunity to secure future funding for your innovative projects!

What is the Community Assistance Grants Program about?

At the heart of the program lies a commitment to enhance the wellbeing and connectedness of our district's residents. The grants are designed to support projects and activities that foster a sense of community, promote collaboration, and contribute to ongoing benefits within the district. We're looking for

initiatives that focus on:

- **Fostering Wellbeing:** Though a diverse range of activities and projects, we aim to create a sense of wellbeing among our residents.
- **Encouraging Collaboration:** We believe in the power of collaboration among key stakeholders and community groups to address challenges creatively and innovatively.
- **Exploring New Ideas:** Got a groundbreaking idea? We're all ears! We're excited to encourage residents to explore new initiatives that could bring lasting benefits to our district.
- **Promoting Development:** From arts and culture to sports, recreation and environmental projects, we're passionate about supporting projects that contribute to the growth of our community.

When Can You Apply?

Applications open on Monday 3rd August.

Applications can be submitted up until the closing date of Friday 11th September

2026. Eligible not-for-profit organisations and community groups based within or significantly contributing to the District Council of Mount Remarkable area are invited to apply.

Why Should You Apply?

Our grants offer an opportunity to turn your ideas into reality and make a positive impact in our community. Whether you're planning a new event, a cultural initiative, a sports program, or an environmental project, we want to hear from you!

How to Apply?

Visit our website at www.mtr.sa.gov.au to find detailed eligibility criteria, application forms, and comprehensive guidelines. We encourage you to read through the information carefully before completing the application form.

Let's work together to create a vibrant, inclusive, and connected community. We're excited to see your innovative ideas come to life and contribute to the wellbeing of our residents.

DEAN "MARTY" KELLER RETIRES AFTER 35 YEARS

Dean "Marty" Keller reached an incredible milestone as he retired from the District Council of Mount Remarkable after an incredible 35 years of dedicated service in our Works Department.

Marty's contribution to our community cannot be overstated. Over three and a half decades, most of his working career with our Council, his skill, commitment, and pride in his work have helped shape the roads we travel and the infrastructure our community relies on every day. Quite simply, Marty has left his mark across our entire Council area.

Councillors and Council staff farewelled Marty, recognising his 35 years of service, while also having the privilege of celebrating his birthday. A truly special and fitting day to honour such a remarkable career.

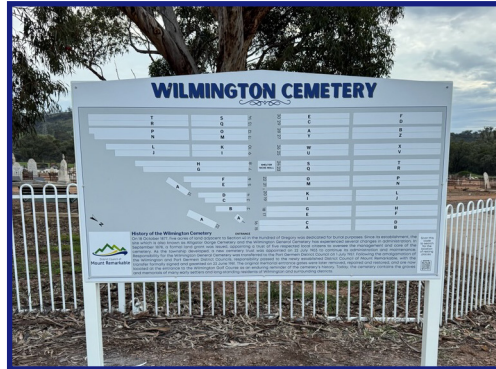
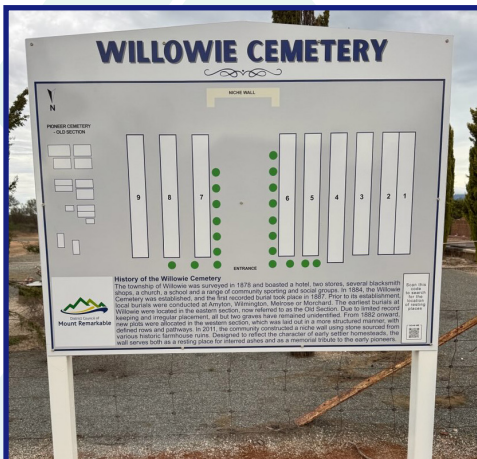
On behalf of the Council and community, we extend our sincere thanks to Marty for his hard work, loyalty, and the pride he has taken in everything he's delivered.



CEMETERY NOTICEBOARDS

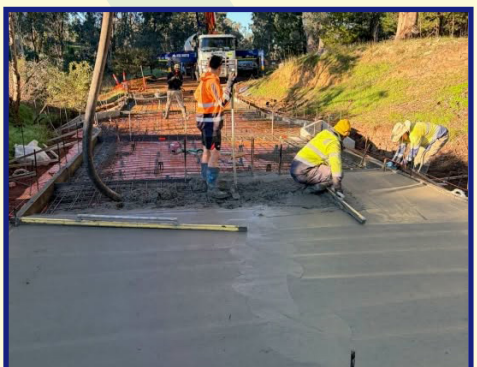
Council has been working with Waters Metalworks in Booleroo Centre to upgrade council owned cemeteries with new noticeboards. The noticeboards provide a map of the cemetery with a QR code that takes you to Council's website and an alphabetised listing for each cemetery. From here you can locate the name of the deceased person and identify what section, row and lot number they are buried in to be able to locate the grave within the cemetery. The QR codes ensure that this information is always up to date.

Council has worked with community members to provide some historical information regarding each cemetery on the noticeboards. This project is nearing completion, with Wirrabara Cemetery the last one on the list.



WORKS UPDATE

The replacement of the Cockburn Road floodway has been successfully completed by Council's contractors as shown in the photos. Next on the list is the floodway on the Wirrabara-Appila Road. Once the Wirrabara-Appila Road is finished this will see the completion of the Floodways Replacement Program which first began in 2024/2025 involving the replacement of six floodways being replaced over this period.





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CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

Council was honoured to host a Citizenship Ceremony for two conferees on Tuesday 21 July in the Council Chambers in Melrose. Stephanie Bakalik was one of the conferees, who after many years of living in Australia took the pledge of commitment to Australia. Mayor McCarthy, Councillors, CEO Marc Gardner and Council Administration were in attendance for the ceremony.



WASTE CHANGES FOR 2026/2027 FINANCIAL YEAR

In response to community feedback, the District Council of Mount Remarkable is introducing a new waste voucher system to make free waste disposal more accessible for residents.

Ratepayers will be issued vouchers with the first quarter rates notices as outlined below:

- One (1) Hard Waste Voucher
- Two (2) Green Waste Vouchers

The new voucher system replaces Council's annual complimentary waste day, providing residents with greater flexibility to dispose of eligible waste when it best suits them throughout the financial year.

Using your voucher is simple. When visiting the Willowie Transfer Station, present the appropriate voucher to the site operator before disposing of your waste. The operator will record the voucher number, and no charge will apply for the eligible waste covered by that voucher.

Please note:

- Vouchers are valid only for the financial year in which they are issued.
- The voucher presented must match the type of waste being disposed of (hard waste or green waste).
- Vouchers cannot be carried over into future financial years.

Council hopes this new approach will provide a more convenient and equitable service for all residents.



HARD WASTE VOUCHER

This voucher entitles the holder to one free entry to the District Council of Mount Remarkable's - Willowie Transfer Station for the disposal of hard waste items.

Valid to 30 June 2027

Voucher No:

Willowie Transfer Station is located at 425 Pinda Road, Willowie
Operating Hours: 9:00am - 11:30am Saturdays - fortnightly
CLOSED public holidays, Christmas Day, Catastrophic, Extreme and Severe Fire Ban Days
Maximum size accepted is up to a 6 x 5 Tandem trailer - waste over this size will incur fees



GREEN WASTE VOUCHER

This voucher entitles the holder to one free entry to the District Council of Mount Remarkable's - Willowie Transfer Station for the disposal of clean green waste.

Valid to 30 June 2027

Voucher No:

Willowie Transfer Station is located at 425 Pinda Road, Willowie
Operating Hours: 9:00am - 11:30am Saturdays - fortnightly
CLOSED public holidays, Christmas Day, Catastrophic, Extreme and Severe Fire Ban Days
Maximum size accepted is up to a 6 x 5 Tandem trailer - waste over this size will incur fees

COMMUNITY LISTENING POST

A very successful Community Listening Post (CLP) was held at the Wirrabara Markets on Sunday 17 May. This was the first CLP to be held on the weekend at a community event and it was well received by Councillors and the community. Following this success a CLP is now planned for the Wilmington Markets on Sunday 23 August commencing at 10am.



TOWNSHIP WINTER FIRE GUIDELINES

Fire danger season ended on 15th April. Burning within townships is prohibited except for some exemptions.

As per the EPA Policy, the following exemptions apply and are allowable within townships:

- Lighting or maintaining a fire using charcoal, dry wood or other dry plant material for the purpose of preparing food or beverages;
- Burning charcoal or dry wood in a brazier, chiminea or fire pit for domestic heating;
- Council has also approved the burning of dry fire wood

Please note that, as per the Policy, a fire will not be taken to be for the purpose of preparing food or beverages unless the fire is of a size, and has been built in a way, that reasonably corresponds to that purpose.

Check out the CFS website for more information on fire safety:

<https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/restrictions/what-can-i-do-what-cant-i-do/>

Check out our website for more about our rules:

<https://www.mtr.sa.gov.au/services/fire-prevention/backyardburning>

Photo credit: Andrew Walter, Fire and Sunsets





Its Registration Renewal Time

Dog registration renewal notices will arriving in your letterboxes or email boxes over the next couple of days, and are due for payment by 31 August, 2026

Go to: www.dogsandcatsonline.com.au to complete your renewal, register a new pet, update your details or for more information.

Remember that Cats are required to be microchipped/de-sexed and entered into the DACO (Dogs and Cats Online) system too.

Registered pets are happy pets so give your pets and yourself peace of mind – register and microchip them today.

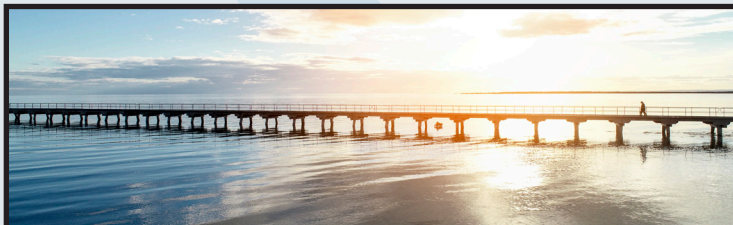


PORT GERMEIN JETTY REPAIRS NEW WEBPAGE

Keep up to date with the latest information regarding the Port Germein Jetty repairs on our website!

On this page, you can stay in the loop with the current status of the project, as well as gain information about budget, projected timelines and other key information relating to the current repairs and planning and advocacy for the future of the jetty.

To view the new page on our website scan the QR code:



Pool Attendant Vacancies Booleroo Centre Memorial Swimming Pool

The District Council of Mount Remarkable is seeking enthusiastic individuals to undertake the role of Pool Attendant at Council's Booleroo Centre Memorial Swimming Pool for the 2026/2027 swimming pool season from November to March. Attendants will be employed on a casual basis and work on a roster basis over seven days per week.

If you are self-motivated, full of enthusiasm with a professional approach and can commit to weekend and public holiday work, we would like to hear from you. Previous pool attendant and/or pool operator experience will be highly regarded.

As a Pool Attendant you will be responsible for:

- providing surveillance, rescue, first aid, customer service, water testing and cleaning duties; and
- ensuring the pool and its surrounding area is safe and presentable at all times for all patrons using the facilities.

To be successful in this role, you will have a current (or be willing to obtain):

- Senior First Aid
- Working with Children Check
- National Police Check
- Be 16 years of age or older

Council will provide all Pool Attendants with the following training:

- SISCAQU020 Perform Water Rescues Certificate
- CPR Training

Applications must include:

- Resume including at least two (2) referees
- Cover Letter
- Copy of current National Police Check (or evidence of application)
- Copy of Working with Children Clearance (or evidence of application)

Applications should be marked 'Confidential' and addressed to:

"Pool Attendant Application"
District Council of Mount Remarkable
PO Box 94, Melrose SA 5483

or emailed to postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au by 5.00pm Friday 11 September 2026

Telephone enquiries can be directed to 8666 2014





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COUNCIL SERVICES COMING TO YOUR TOWN!



Details:

Council staff will be visiting towns within the district to assist members of the community with the payment of their rates, Dogs and Cats Online – including registration renewals, updating details and adding or removing dogs and cats from your profile. Our staff will also be available for enquiries relating to planning and development.

Port Germein:

Port Germein Village
Wednesday 12 August 2026
10am – 2pm

Wilmington:

CWA Building
Monday 17 August 2026
10am – 12pm

Booleroo Centre:

Lions Club
Friday 14 August 2026
10am – 12pm

Wirrabara:

Wirrabara Library
Tuesday 18 August 2026
10am – 12pm

The Lions Club will be
cooking donuts! (at cost)
Booleroo Only!

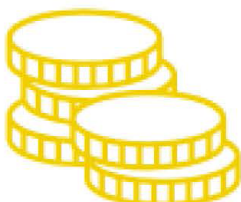
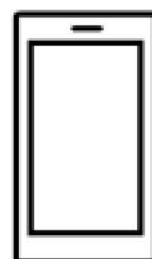
Wirrabara Library
will be operating!



DOGS AND CATS
ONLINE

1st quarter Rates payments
due 17 September 2026

Dog and Cat registration due
31 August 2026





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Proud of our Past • Celebrating our Present • Building our Future

150TH WILMINGTON *Celebration*

1876 – 2026

A WEEKEND OF COMMUNITY, HISTORY & CELEBRATION!

FRIDAY
16TH
OCTOBER



MEET & GREET

Supper Supplied

Join old friends and new as we welcome everyone to our 150th Celebration weekend.

DISPLAY OF
MEMORABILIA
AT TOWN
OVAL SHED

Open all weekend.
All welcome!

SATURDAY
17TH
OCTOBER



RAILWAY PLAQUE UNVEILING

Morning Tea Supplied

Join us as we unveil our new Railway Plaque and celebrate this important part of our heritage.

SATURDAY
17TH
OCTOBER



LUNCH AT THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tours & Opening of the Capsule

Enjoy lunch together, take a tour of the school and join us for the opening of the time capsule.

SATURDAY
17TH
OCTOBER



CABARET NIGHT

Featuring DJ & Live Band

The official opening of the weekend!

- Official cake cutting
- Judging of the Beard and Period Costume Competition
- Dress up, come along and enjoy a fantastic night of entertainment, music, and dancing!

BEARD &
PERIOD COSTUME
COMPETITION

SUNDAY
18TH
OCTOBER



FAMILY DAY

*Church Service followed by
Parade and Community Picnic*

Join us for a day of celebration for all with a church service, parade and community picnic.

JOHN GAMLEN EXHIBITION

A SPECIAL EXHIBITION OF THE WATER PAINTINGS OF JOHN GAMLEN
WILL BE ON DISPLAY OVER THE DURATION OF THE EVENT.

One Town. Many Stories. Our Future. ♥



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ABC Pop-Up Piano 2026 Community Launch Concert in Melrose

With the return of the beloved series The Piano, the ABC asked Australians to nominate towns across the country that should receive a piano. From a wide range of submissions, we heard the good news that Melrose will be gifted a preloved piano.

To celebrate, the Council and the Melrose Community Development Association be hosting a community launch concert showcasing local talent in our community and welcoming the arrival of the piano.

Come join us at Melrose RSL/RSL Memorial Park on Sunday 23rd August at 2:00pm.

To register to play in the Community Launch Concert, please email bek@mtr.sa.gov.au. All ages and piano playing abilities are welcome to register for the concert.

Please Note: *you need to be a resident within the District Council of Mount Remarkable to be eligible to play in the concert.*

If you have any questions, please reach out to Bek Davis, District Council of Mount Remarkable at bek@mtr.sa.gov.au for more details.

Stream [The Piano](#) now on iview.



FAQ'S: SHIPPING CONTAINERS



DO SHIPPING CONTAINERS NEED APPROVAL?

Yes, they do! Shipping containers have required approval since the Planning Act 1982 came into effect, which was superseded by the Development Act 1993, which was then superseded by the current Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016.

Under all 3 Acts, building is defined as: ***“building means a building or structure or a portion of a building or structure, whether temporary or permanent, moveable or immovable.”***

Why has this only come about now?

Although shipping containers have always required approval, Council is cracking down on illegal development. This is to ensure all development meets at least the minimum required standards for safety and durability.

My shipping container has been there for over 20 years and we haven't got approval for it, do I still need to get approval?

Yes, you do. This has been a requirement since 1982. You will need to submit an application for your shipping container through PlanSA.

What if I want to remove it either now or later?

It is best that you contact Council to discuss and arrange this. Depending on the timeframe in which you wish to place and then move the shipping container, you may require a temporary approval.

What if I want to move it within my property?

This is the same as moving any structure on your property. You will still need approval. The location of your shipping container is a major contributor to the Policies set by the State Government.

I'm not building or developing anything though? Why is it considered development?

Under the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 and the previous Acts, “Development” means any “building” or “building work”. See the definition above under “Do Shipping Containers Need Approval?”

What form of development would it constitute as?

Depending on the use of the shipping container, it could be a store or outbuilding.

Store: Means a building or enclosed land used for the storage of goods and within or upon which no trade (whether wholesale or retail) or industry is carried out on.

Outbuilding: a) an outbuilding in which human activity is secondary, and which –

- (ii) has a total floor area not exceeding 15m²
- (iii) has no roof span (being the horizontal distance between supporting walls, posts or columns of the outbuilding) exceeding 3m and no part of the building being higher than 2.5m; and
- (iv) is not being constructed, added to or altered so that any portion of the building is situated – (A) in front of any part of the building line of the building to which it is ancillary that faces the primary street.

All shipping containers are higher than 2.50m (2.59) therefore requiring approval. Additionally, 40ft containers are greater than 15m² therefore requiring approval.

For further information, please contact our office:

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Email: postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au

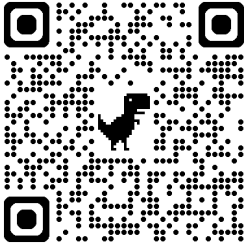


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DROUGHT SUPPORT INFORMATION

For people in the community who need assistance with regards to the drought, the QR code below will take you to the Drought Support Information page on Council's website.



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USEFUL CONTACTS

SA Power Networks

13 12 66

SA Water (everywhere except Weeroona Island)

1300 729 283 - For Weeroona Island, call Council on 8666 2014

Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT)

1800 018 313

National Parks

(08) 8207 7700

Concessions Hotline

1800 307 758

Land Services SA

1300 653 346

Clare Valley Waste

0438 884 340

Landscape South Australia Northern and Yorke

(08) 8841 3444

Care In Motion

1300 132 932

CFS Information Hotline

1800 362 361

Rural and Remote Mental Health Service of South Australia

13 14 65

SA State Emergency Service

132 500

Police Non Emergency

131 444

Emergency (Police, Fire, Ambulance)

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