COUNCIL SNIPPETS
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ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY 21 MARCH 2017 COUNCILLORS RESOLVED:

Wirrabara Caravan Park
Councillors considered the feasibility study for the proposed development of the Wirrabara Caravan Park and agreed to hold off any decisions until further information can be sourced regarding the availability of Crown Land.

Local Government Association of South Australia (LGA)
A campaign by the LGA to reject ‘Rate Capping’ was supported by Councillors. DCMR will participate in the LGA’s public awareness campaign including placing material in quarterly rates notices to ensure rate capping is not imposed on South Australian communities.

Hancocks Lookout
Councillors designated Hancocks Lookout for overnight free camping and fires in accordance with By-Law No.4, Local Government Land, for a trial period of six (6) months commencing at the end of the declared 2016 – 2017 fire ban season.

Melrose Mountain Bike
The Fat Tyre Festival (June 2017) and 18 Hours of Melrose (September 2017) will receive Council support in the following manner:
• Waiver permit and application fees for Road closure.
• Utilise Councils road sweeper to sweep affected streets before and after each event.
• Provide additional rubbish bins at the Melrose Caravan Park
• Provide, erect and dismantle road closure signage in accordance with road closure approval.

Port Germein Foreshore Shelters
Council has taken over responsibility for payments of electricity of the Foreshore Shelters adjacent the Port Germein Caravan Park.

Policies
Councillors endorsed the Draft Deputation to Council Policy to go to public consultation. A copy of the document is available for viewing at the Council Office, 3 Stuart Street Melrose and on Council’s website www.mtr.sa.gov.au. Submissions are to be received no later than 5.00pm, Thursday 13 April 2017.

The Social Media Policy and NPTN Clients Non Response Policy was readopted. All of Councils policies are available at mtr.sa.gov.au.

Port Germein Water Park Proposal
At its Ordinary Meeting held 21 March 2017 Council considered a submission in the agenda from the Port Germein Progress Association regarding a proposal to develop a Water Park at Port Germein. The proposal requires the leasing or gifting of Council owned community land, Allotment 168, CT 5527/977 and portion of Allotment 169, CT 5527/975, Hundred of Telowie, Port Germein (alongside the playground) which would require public consultation under Section 202 of the Local Government Act 1999.

Council resolved to undertake a public consultation:
• To gauge community support for the proposal
• To gauge community support for gifting or leasing the Council owned land for the project.

This information will inform further discussion by Councillors on the proposal.

Written submissions are invited from any interested persons and should be directed to:
Wayne Hart, Chief Executive Officer, District Council of Mount Remarkable, PO Box 94, Melrose SA 5483, or email to postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au or on the web form available at Council’s website www.mtr.sa.gov.au.

Submissions are to be received no later than 5.00pm, Thursday 27 April 2017.

Details of local Anzac Day ceremonies is available on page 3.
Logs from the fire ravaged Wirrabara Forest will be used in the Wirrabara Nature Play Park.

Forestry SA donated a number of logs to the playground upgrade at Wirrabara and will be used in the construction of the sandpit area, tunnel slide formation and climbing tower.

Stage 1 of the Nature Play Park is starting to take shape with the tunnel slide being formed. Further information is available at Council’s website mtr.sa.gov.au.

Councillors adopted the ‘Unsealed Roads and Patrol Grading Methodology’ in February 2016 based on expert advice and national practice documents, including the ceasing of ‘dry grading’ as an ineffective practice, and only grading when a ‘substantial’ rain is received. Dry grading roads is a very short term fix without taking into account the long term negative effects on the road materials. Patrol grading is only effective if the operators can re-work the sheeted material to form a suitable top surface. Dry Grading brings the ‘fines’ (the fine particles that bind the rubble together to give an effective layer) to the surface, which are then quickly lost through wind and vehicle traffic. Future Grading is then less and less effective without the fines, leading to bony rock exposure, ravelling off of materials, and increased susceptibility to water penetration, corrugations and potholes.

Council assures residents that roads are a major priority for Council.

During periods of dry weather Council carries out repair and grading of category 3 and 4 roads and water cuts and during the month of March has carried out works on the following roads:

**Patrol Re-Sheeting:**
- Wells Road (between Amyton Rd & Wilmington Rd)
- Brindinna Road Wilmington (between Wells Rd & Hammond Rd)
- Hillview Road Wilmington (between Wells Rd & Foulis Rd)
- Wards Road Wilmington (between Wilmington Rd & Hammond Rd)
- Redgum Road Wilmington (between Hammond Rd & Case Rd)

**Patch grading:**
- Willow Dam Road Murray Town (between Seaman Rd & Gorge Rd)
- Pine Creek Road (between Wirrabara/Appila Rd & Quarry Rd)
- Wirrabara/Appila Road (between Highway & Almondale Rd)
- Wegner Road Wirrabara
- Telowie Road Telowie
- Middle Track Telowie
- Potts Road Wirrabara
- Marners Road Wirrabara
- Kingtree Road Wirrabara
- Watts Road Wirrabara
- Gebhardt’s Road Wirrabara

Until sufficient rainfall is received for Council to carry out its programmed grading, road users are encouraged to drive to the conditions and be aware of their surroundings as the nature of unsealed roads have changing conditions and can be unpredictable.
Anzac Day Services
25 April 2017

Tuesday 25 April 2017 marks the 102nd anniversary of the landing of Anzac troops at Gallipoli. On this day Council recognises the importance of Anzac Day in honoring the past and current brave men and women who have served our Country. Council supports its local communities with their respective commemorative ceremonies.

**Appila**
Dawn Service - 6:15am at the Appila Memorial Hall. Followed by a breakfast.

**Booleroo Centre**
Dawn Service - 6:15am at Booleroo Centre Monument. Light breakfast, tea & coffee available after service at the Lions Club Rooms, gold coin donation.

**Port Germein**
Dawn Service - 6:30am at Port Germein Memorial Gardens (High Street). Breakfast at the conclusion of the ceremony.

**Wilmington**
Dawn Service - 6:30am at the Wilmington Memorial Hall. Followed by a pooled morning tea.

**Wirrabara**
9:30am service in front of the Wirrabara Institute. Tea & coffee after the service for a gold coin donation.

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The Melrose Districts History Society benefits from the 2017 Community Assistance Grant.

$14,000 was awarded in Councils 2017 Community Assistance grants. Eighteen applications for funding were received for a variety of projects. Councillors considered each application on its merit and awarded the following organisations:

**Booleroo Centre**
Booleroo Steam and Traction Preservation Society $1000.00

**Mt View Homes Inc**
Front garden water feature $1000.00

**Melrose**
Melrose Community Development Association

**Melrose Community Room Garden Enhancement** $500.00

**Melrose Districts History Society Inc**
Purchase a vacuum cleaner $500.00

**Camp Willochra**
Dishwasher $1000.00

**Port Germein Village Project Association Inc**
Upgrade to kitchen and eating area $2000.00

**Weeroona Island Progress Association**
Enterance Information Board & Landscaping $2000.00

**Wilmington Oval Management Committee Inc**
Crockery Replacement $990.00

**Wilmington Progress Society**
Community Event Support Equipment $1010.00

**Wirrabara Community Development & Tourism Association**
Table Tennis Table $500.00

**Wirrabara Sporting Reserve**
Installation of AMII Stadium Seating $1500.00

**Other Townships**
Southern Flinders Dressage Club Inc $2000.00

Greystone Arena Rake

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Reminder Mayors Forum
Port Germein Monday 10 April 2017
Residents will have the opportunity to put forward their ideas for long term future direction, vision and priorities for the community and Council district.

Calendar of Local Events - Council has developed a local events calendar that will be assessable on Councils website mtr.sa.gov.au. If you wish to have your event included contact Hayley on 8666 2014 or email hayley@mtr.sa.gov.au.

April Events
8 Booleroo Centre Sheep Races, Booleroo Centre
14 Good Friday Public Holiday
14-17 Melrose Easter Tennis Tournament, Melrose
14-17 South Australian Land Rover Show, Melrose
17 Easter Monday Public Holiday
23 Southern Flinders Dressage Club Interclub Dressage Day, Murray Town
25 ANZAC Services Appila, Booleroo Centre, Wilmington, Wirrabara, Port Germein
29 Northern Areas Football Match (BMW V’s Broughton Mundoora) Wilmington

NBN Co. have confirmed that a fixed wireless tower will be located in Wilmington. Council has been proactive in advocating for the district to access fast reliable internet. Wilmington will be the fifth site to receive the NBN Service in the Council District with Melrose, Booleroo Centre, Wirrabara and Port Germein already live. Public information sessions are being planned and are expected to take place in about 2 months time – further advice from NBN Co. will be distributed once dates/times are confirmed.

Sponsorship
Council regularly receives numerous requests for financial, vouchers and other forms of sponsorship. Council as a general rule does not give financial or similar (ie. vouchers) support to events due to the large number of requests received and the limited resources available but does give considerable in-kind assistance such as, and not limited to, free bin hire, waiver of development fees, road closure permits, staff time and promotion in newsletter, website and other media. Council recognises community events are important to the promotion and economics of its communities and is pleased to be able to provide this support to community groups and events on a as needs basis as requested.

Stay connected and sign up for the Council Newsletter. Subscribe now!
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Regional SA Health Survey
The UniSA Department of Rural Health is asking people over 18 years of age from across Rural / Remote / Regional South Australia about their health care needs and experiences.

Your participation will help us to better understand the health needs of people living in your community.

The survey will take 20 minutes to complete. It is voluntary, confidential and anonymous.

Complete the survey online at http://www.conversations-project.info/

Have any questions? Freecall 1800 905 825

This project has been approved by the UniSA Human Research Ethics Committee.

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