



COUNCIL SNIPPETS

Please refer to the Council Minutes & Agenda Reports available on the Council website mtr.sa.gov.au for full details.

Council held two Special Meetings on 6 and 27 March and the Ordinary Meeting of Council held Tuesday 20 March 2018.

Community Assistance Grants

Council approved the following Community Assistance Grants:

Booleroo Centre Tennis Club	Playground Upgrade - purchase equipment	\$2,000.00
Bike Melrose	Seating for Pump Track at Melrose Caravan Park	\$750.00
Melrose Districts History Society	Purchase Verandah Blinds	\$750.00
Melrose Tennis Club	Purchase leaf blower	\$500.00
Port Germein Heritage Arts & Tourism Inc	Restoration & Conservation of Bullock Cart	\$2,000.00
Wilmington Progress Association	Equipment for Visitor Information Centre and History Display	\$1500.00
Wilmington Golf Club	Replacement of Oven	\$500.00
Wirrabara Bowling Club	Purchase and installation of garden shed	\$500.00
Wirrabara Tennis Club	3 Tennis Nets	\$500.00
Wirrabara Progress Association	Defibrillator	\$500.00
Wirrabara Tourism & Development Group	Purchase Fridge/Freezer	\$500.00
Southern Flinders Dressage Club	Purchase Show Jumping Equipment	\$2,000.00



The Booleroo Centre Tennis Club was awarded \$2,000 to use towards the purchase of new playground equipment

The Southern Flinders Ranges Tourism & Events Strategy & Action Plan

A Memorandum of Understanding will be signed as part of the Southern Flinders Ranges Tourism & Events Strategy & Action Plan. The document is to act as a blueprint and guide for the tourism development activities of the Southern Flinders and key tourism industry stakeholders – both within and external to the Region. The Strategy will sit under the South Australian Tourism Commission's plans and in an umbrella with our Remarkable Experience branding. There is no cost to Council for this plan.

Burning Permits

The fire ban season will end on 15 April 2018 and the Environmental Protection Authority (Air Quality) Policy 2016 (the 'Policy') will commence in regards to burning within townships. Councillors resolved:

- Post copies of the township boundaries on Council's website.
- Issues a notice published on the Council's website and in a newspaper circulating within the council area allowing the burning of 'dry firewood' for the purposes of heating an outdoor area in a brazier, chiminea, firepit or defined campfire with a safe, cleared surrounding area, in accordance with section 6(1)(c) and (3)(a)(ii) of the Policy; and
- Does not issue burning permits for the burning of garden prunings and other vegetation in those townships.

Next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday 17 April 2018 in the Council Chambers Melrose commencing at 9.30am.



Works Program Update.....

Council is on track to complete its Capital works program by the end of this financial year with works undertaken:

- Partial resheeting to Paragums Road, Arthur Road and Joppich Road, Melrose completed
- Carting and grading to sections of Avonmore Road, Wirrabara completed
- Carting and grading to Butterick Road, Appila commenced
- Repairs to Willochra Road, Murray Town
- Repairs to access driveway on Glacier Road, Weeroona Island
- Widening to York Road, Weeroona Island commenced
- Resheeting to Sweets Road, Appila commenced
- Resheeting to Charcoal Road, Wirrabara commenced
- Resheeting to Amyton Road, Wilmington commenced

Council tendered for and engaged contractors to

- Reseal to Mount Street, Melrose
- Reseal to Edwin Street, Booleroo completed
- Reseal road verges on Appila/Laura Road

The below Capital Works and Tidy Towns works were also undertaken:

- Drainage works to Dignan Street, Tuckwell Street and Holthouse Street, Wilmington completed
- Civil Works to Booleroo Main Street continuing
- Install pipe and construct driveway on Cudmore Street, Wilmington
- Repairs to Weeroona Island Walking Trail commenced
- Construction of Niche Garden at Port Germein Cemetery commenced
- Replaced Septic Tank Riser at Memorial Park, Wilmington
- Picked up tyres dumped on Telowie Road (2 separate areas)
- Booleroo Airstrip repairs as per report
- Tidy Towns works in Port Germein, Weeroona Island, Appila and Murray Town
- Tidy up Port Germein Cemetery prior to funerals

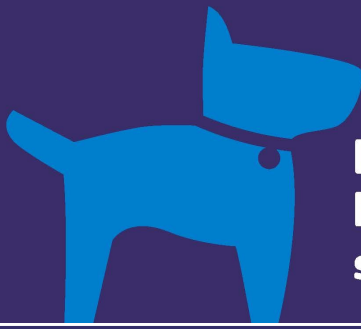
Booleroo Centre Main Street Development taking shape

Council has been able to undertake works to the Booleroo Centre Main Street due to matching funding received from the Minister for Planning issued through the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure.

Works are on track with the lawn and established trees planted in the last week of March. The Booleroo Centre Community Tourism and Development Association is now working towards small tree and shrub planting in the space. Council have until 31 December 2018 to complete works. The final stages will include furnishing and line marking.



Joies Road creek crossing in Melrose has been replaced. Council allocated funds towards this project in the 2017/2018 Annual Budget.



Dog registration has been simplified ...

Dogs and Cats Online

From 1 July 2018, Dogs and Cats Online will be the central database for microchipped and registered dogs and cats and registration payments. Dogs and Cats Online will also be the register of breeders.

Existing dog owners should receive a renewal notice in the mail during July 2018 with their dog's new lifetime registration disc (replacing the annual disc) and instructions on how to complete their annual dog registration on Dog and Cats Online. If you do not receive a renewal notice for your dog, please contact your council.

For more information, visit www.dogandcatboard.com.au

Changes to dog and cat laws from 1 July 2018.

New laws for cat and dog owners will come into effect on 1 July 2018

Microchipping

From 1 July, owners must microchip their dogs and cats by 12 weeks of age or at the point of sale. Visit chipblitz.com for information about discounted microchipping days.

Desexing

Dogs and cats born after 1 July must be desexed by 6 months of age or 28 days after purchase by the owner. Working livestock dogs as well as dogs and cats owned by registered breeders will be exempt from the requirement to desex, however will still need to be microchipped.

Breeders

People who breed dogs and cats for sale after 1 July 2018 must register with the Dog and Cat Management Board as a breeder. All breeders are required to follow the new industry standards and guidelines.

Backyard burning

The *Environment Protection (Air Quality) Policy 2016* came into effect on 23 July 2016, and **prohibits burning in the open within townships.**

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 - refer to Council Snippets on page 1.



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.

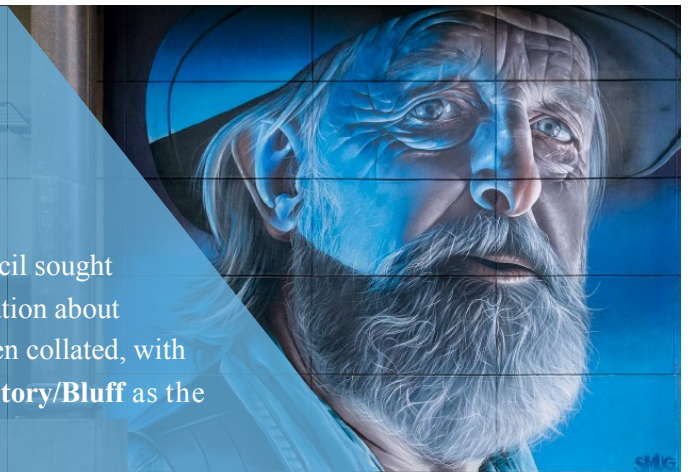
Maps defining Township boundaries are available on [Council's website](#).

The Policy does not affect burning practices outside of townships, provided that the person carrying out the burning activity:

- complies with any mandatory measures of a prescribed burning code of practice that apply in relation to the burning activity; and
- has regard to any recommended measures of a prescribed burning code of practice that apply in relation to the burning activity.

SMUG voted as most preferred artist by the Community

Following the successful Fund My Neighbourhood application for Wirrabara Silo Art, the District Council of Mount Remarkable have engaged Juddy Roller to manage the project. As a starting point Council sought community input to select an artist and provide the artist with information about Wirrabara, its history and the community. The survey results have been collated, with **SMUG** voted as the most preferred artist and **Forestry/Forest History/Bluff** as the most preferred theme. See [Council's website](#) for more information.



Development - water tanks for fire fighting purposes

As with any type of development, when building farm sheds there are certain planning and development laws that apply.

Sheds in regional areas require water tanks with water for firefighting when there is no mains water available for connection to a fire hydrant, which is the case with the vast majority of sheds associated with the agricultural sector.

Sheds over 500m² require water for firefighting purposes. The size of tank required is dependent on the size of the shed and what is stored in the shed.

There are numerous factors that affect whether a water tank is required and the specifications of said tank. Please contact Council's Building and Development Officer on 8666 2014 for further clarification.

Council's website www.mtr.sa.gov.au contains application forms and information sheets on development and planning.

The new country of origin labelling

The new country of origin labelling requirements came into effect on 1 July 2016. Businesses selling food in Australian retail stores have begun applying the labels. There is a two-year transition period, giving businesses time to manage the change while still selling their existing stock. This means that over time, you will see more and more labels appearing on products.

Any products that have old labels at the end of the transition period can still be sold until the end of their shelf-life. Food labelled from 1 July 2018 must follow the new rules. Further information can be obtained from www.foodlabels.industry.gov.au/



See what you're getting



Anzac Day Services

25 April 2018

Lest We Forget

Wednesday 25 April 2018 marks the anniversary of the landing of Anzac troops at Gallipoli.

On this day Council recognises the importance of Anzac Day in honouring the past and current brave men and women who have served our Country. Council supports its local communities with their respective commemorative ceremonies.

Booleroo Centre

Dawn service - 6.15am at the Booleroo Centre Monument. Light breakfast, tea & coffee will be available after the service at the Lions Club Rooms for a gold coin donation.

Port Germein

Dawn Service - 6.30am at Town Memorial Gardens (High St). Breakfast at the Port Germein Hotel for a gold coin donation.

Wilmington

Dawn Service - 6.30am at the Wilmington Soldiers Memorial Hall. Followed by a pooled morning tea.

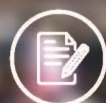
Wirrabara

9.30am in front of the Institute. Tea & coffee after the ceremony for a gold coin donation.



There are lots of exciting projects happening around the area, make sure to like our facebook page and subscribe to the newsletter to stay up to date with all the latest Council news.

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- 2018 -



ENROL
by 10 August 2018



NOMINATE
by 18 September 2018



VOTE
must be received before 5pm
Friday 9 November 2018



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