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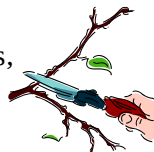


HARD WASTE COLLECTION

To coincide with the beginning of the Fire Danger Season, Council will be holding a free Hard Waste pick-up during October / November.

You are encouraged to reduce the amount of fuel on your property by:

- Removing dead branches, leaves and undergrowth;
- Pruning tree limbs less than 2 metres above ground;
- Pruning branches overhanging the home;
- Cutting long grass within 20 metres of the home;
- Removing bark, heavy mulch, wood piles and other flammable materials close to the home and sheds;
- Cleaning out gutters.



Hard Waste can include:

- Paper / cardboard (must be bundled & tied)
- White goods (Fridges & freezers with seals removed, washing machines, heaters, dryers etc.)
- Household furniture & goods
- Household fixtures (kitchen cupboards, window frames)
- Miscellaneous items (push bikes, lawn mowers, garden equipment, empty garden pots etc)
- Wood off-cuts
- Carpet (maximum of floor coverings for 2 rooms)
- Empty paint tins



The following **will not** be collected:

- Vehicle bodies
- Car body parts (including engines, exhausts, gearboxes)
- Tyres
- Hazardous chemicals, oils (both motor and vegetable), paint, insecticides, pesticides
- Asbestos waste
- Garden soil
- Building rubble
- Vehicle batteries
- Ammunition or explosives of any kind
- Gas bottles



Collection Guidelines:

- All loose and smaller items should be placed in a strong box or bag and securely tied.
- The maximum quantity of materials which will be collected from any property is two cubic metres (approximately the size of a 6 x 4 trailer with a level load).
- Each item should be able to be lifted by two persons.
- Please remove mirrors or glass from cabinets and furniture and place separately on footpath.
- Do not place other items inside fridges, wardrobes etc.
- Do not obstruct the footpath with items.
- Do not obstruct or cover SA Water fire plugs or valves.
- Please keep the area tidy.
- No items will be collected from inside property boundaries - they must be on the footpath area (If you have a disability that prevents you from doing this, please contact the Council office as it may be possible to make other arrangements).

Collection Dates and Times:

All waste must be on the footpath by 5.00 pm the evening prior to the pick-up date.

Monday 26th October

Port Germein & Port Flinders

Wednesday 28th October

Wilmington, Bruce & Hammond

Monday 2nd November

Wirrabara & Murray Town

Wednesday 4th November

Booleroo Centre & Appila

Friday 6th November

Melrose & Willowie

Ratepayers residing outside of townships can apply for a free Dump Pass which will allow them to take the equivalent of one 6 x 4 trailer load of hardwaste to the Willowie Landfill free of charge. Contact the Council Office for further information.

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2010 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

The District Council of Mount Remarkable invites nominations for the following Awards in recognition of personal achievement and acknowledgement of the contribution that Australians are making to our local communities.

Citizen of the Year

An Australian Citizen who resides in the District Council of Mount Remarkable area.

Young Citizen of the Year

A Young Citizen under 30 years of age on 26th January 2010 who resides in the District Council of Mount Remarkable area.

Community Event of the Year

Presented to the person/group who has staged the most outstanding community event during the year.

Nomination forms can be obtained by contacting the Council Office on 8666 2014 or downloaded from Council's website:
www.mtr.sa.gov.au.

Completed forms must be returned by 5.00 pm Friday 27th November 2009 to the Council Office.

The Award is sponsored by the Australia Day Council of South Australia Incorporated and the National Australia Day Council.



COUNCILLOR PROFILE

COUNCILLOR MIKE PEARCE (RANGES WARD)

In the last Newsletter, Mayor Roocke talked about the exciting opportunities available to all of us if we work together as a team.

I would like to pick up on this theme and expand on it by looking at our Council in the bigger picture.

As a small Council with limited revenue (rates only represent one third of total Council income) we are constantly trying to deliver to the needs of a diverse community by stretching every dollar to the max whilst appreciating that not everyone will see their needs met at any given point in time.

Our long term Strategic Plan (2020 Vision) is therefore a critical document in helping to guide us through growth, sustainability and ultimate prosperity.

The now famous Global Financial Crisis, whilst not fully conquered, appears under control.

From that will come hope, followed by optimism, which opens the doors of investment and trade once again.



It is within this context that we need to look outside of the district and consider our place in the region and the State.

As a Council we are already involved in many joint ventures with neighbouring Councils (shared services, tourism and cycling etc). Our Council is a member of



the Central Local Government



Region where 13 Councils meet regularly to discuss the big issues (i.e. broadband) that as individual Councils would carry little weight.

We are, together with the State Government and two other Councils, a shareholder in the Southern Flinders Regional Development Board which will soon become Regional Development Australia where we will join with 10 other Councils (stretching from Orroroo to the Yorke Peninsula) plus the State and Federal Governments to do the job the current Board presently does but on a larger scale.

The big picture gives us an understanding of how a small Council gets a seat at many tables and why working together within our communities and with our neighbours and all levels of government we do have a chance, through hard work and a well performing Council, to deliver the exciting opportunities Mayor Roocke referred to in the last Newsletter.

NEW STAFF

MANAGER WORKS & TECHNICAL SERVICES MR BRENTON PEARCE

With over 30 years of experience in mechanics, earthmoving, mining, geotech / geology, training and surveying, Brenton Pearce joined the Council workforce early in July as Manager - Works and Technical Services.



Born in Quorn, Brenton completed Year 10 at the Quorn School. Years 11 and 12 were not available at the School, so rather than travel to Port Augusta to continue his schooling, he decided to undertake a motor mechanic apprenticeship at the local Farley Ford Garage. This provided Brenton with extensive mechanical experience on everything from lawnmowers to tractors.

Brenton's experience and skills in earthmoving began whilst employed by Pearce Earthmoving in Port Augusta. From there he ventured further into the earthmoving and mining sector and worked in the areas of geotech, geology

and surveying before taking up the challenge of becoming a training provider.

His skills have taken him across large parts of South Australia including time at the Powerhouse in Port Augusta and mining in Leigh Creek.

Prior to returning to Quorn to be closer to his elderly mother, Brenton spent three years driving an Agiebowl Cement truck in Gawler.



During a short period of employment with The Flinders Ranges Council, he was 'head hunted' by TAFE SA, Port Augusta and took up the position of Lecturer in Mining. He has also been a Lecturer / Trainer for the Truck Simulator through the Drought Relief Program and Lecturer in Certificate II in Mining.

Brenton is very proud of his two daughters - Katie-Lee and Keryn. His two grandsons Kodi James (5 years old) and Toby Keith who is just 11 months, have their Grand Dad wrapped around their little fingers and Brenton wouldn't want it any other way.

Brenton is looking forward to learning more about life in Local Government and in particular the Council district.

STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT PLAN 2008 - 2020

2020 Vision — A View to Sustainability

The Following is an extract from Council's Strategic Management Plan which covers Infrastructure and Assets

Developing the Foundation of our Future

A range of reliable infrastructure is required to cater for the current and future transportation, communication, water, electricity and quality of life needs of our residents, businesses and communities. We acknowledge that Council has a leadership role in encouraging the adoption of alternative technologies and sharing of facilities and resources, to deliver infrastructure and services in a sustainable and environmentally sensitive manner.

STRATEGIES

6.1 Ensure that Council's Land and Building Assets are appropriately managed and maintained

- 6.1.1 Develop and implement long-term asset management plans for Council's building assets
- 6.1.2 Pursue grant opportunities to upgrade Council's community facilities, e.g. to provide facilities for doctors and visiting specialists
- 6.1.3 Ensure that an adequate level of maintenance is undertaken on Council Buildings
- 6.1.4 Regularly review and implement Community Land Management Plans in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999
- 6.1.5 Regularly review Council's radio and telecommunication systems
- 6.1.6 Maintain Council's radio and telecommunication systems at appropriate standards
- 6.1.7 Regularly review Council's asset holdings

6.2 Enhance Council roads infrastructure and management

- 6.2.1 Develop and implement a District Road Strategy which is consistent with Mid Northern, State and Neighbouring Council's Road Strategies
- 6.2.2 Consider developing annual maintenance and construction programs on a District basis and consistent with the District Road Strategy
- 6.2.3 Investigate and pursue feasible options to secure appropriate road building material sites, i.e. gravel pits or quarries
- 6.2.4 Prioritise the sealing of our main townships unsealed roads to improve streetscapes and encourage residential growth
- 6.2.5 Actively participate in the Central Region Local Government Association Regional Roads and Transport Strategy, ensuring that local needs and priorities are adequately represented
- 6.2.6 Actively lobby for the continuation of the Roads to Recovery program
- 6.2.7 Provide appropriate and ongoing training to employees in maintenance and construction

- techniques to continually improve their skills base
- 6.2.8 Provide and maintain roadside naming signage on all roads
- 6.2.9 Ensure tourist and services road signage complies with the SATC-DTEI Road Sign Guidelines
- 6.2.10 Undertake road signage reduction/rationalisation and consolidation programs where possible

6.3 Support revegetation and town beautification initiatives

- 6.3.1 Develop a ten year Footpath and Trails Construction Plan for the District
- 6.3.2 Regularly review, update and continue to work towards the implementation of Council's footpath and trails plan
- 6.3.3 Ensure an annual budget allocation is made for Council footpath and trails programs

6.4 To provide an Aerodrome Facility that meets the Community's needs

- 6.4.1 Ensure that the aerodrome is owned, managed and operated in accordance with legal requirements
- 6.4.2 Provide and maintain a formed unsealed all weather runway surface

6.5 Develop and maintain Council controlled cemeteries at a level that meets expectations

- 6.5.1 Develop an overall Cemeteries Management and Improvement Plan
- 6.5.2 Provide shelter facilities with appropriate seating as a rest area for the elderly
- 6.5.3 Landscape areas along the main entrances and car parks
- 6.5.4 Consider options for providing a restoration and maintenance program for old graves whose occupants have no local family members remaining within the District
- 6.5.5 Provide assistance upon request, on a private works basis, to non-Council controlled cemeteries
- 6.5.6 Develop an on-line Cemetery Register for the information of former residents and others not living in the local area

6.6 Maintain Council plant, equipment and other assets to high standards

- 6.6.1 Develop and implement a replacement program for major plant items
- 6.6.2 Establish and maintain a reserve fund for major plant item replacement

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STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT PLAN / COUNCIL MEETING UPDATES

2020 Vision - A View to Sustainability (cont.)

6.7 Divest “unproductive” Council assets

- 6.7.1 Be conscious of and proactive in pursuing opportunities to divest unproductive Council assets
- 6.7.2 Include opportunities to divest unproductive Council assets in all relevant Council planning

6.8 Facilitate the development of sustainable water supplies and management practices

- 6.8.1 Undertake activities in a manner consistent with the directions of the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives – Local Governments for Sustainability
- 6.8.2 Prepare, implement and maintain a management plan for the harvesting and re-use of township stormwater water run off
- 6.8.3 Introduce CWMS (Community Wastewater Management Schemes) at Pt Germein, Wirrabara and Pt Flinders
- 6.8.4 Upgrade the Wilmington CWMS to re-use standard
- 6.8.5 Investigate methods of management and re-use of “grey water” for town parks and recreational areas
- 6.8.6 Pursue funding from State and Federal Governments for water conservation and re-use initiatives
- 6.8.7 Investigate options for the harvesting and use of rainwater from Council buildings
- 6.8.8 Investigate, implement and participate in appropriate water conservation activities to reduce water usage within communities
- 6.8.9 Actively encourage all domestic premises to utilise rainwater tanks
- 6.8.10 Investigate and implement water conservation methods and activities within Council's operations
- 6.8.11 Undertake activities in a manner consistent with the directions of the Central Local Government Region's Water Strategy
- 6.8.12 Investigate options to develop and implement sustainable water supplies to meet community and economic growth demands
- 6.8.13 Work with government and agencies to ensure the sustainability of existing water supplies

6.9 Support the introduction of alternative and sustainable technologies to reduce our Communities reliance on external providers

- 6.9.1 Phase in the use of solar hot water systems, solar electricity panels and other “green energy” initiatives in Council buildings and operations
- 6.9.2 Investigate the improved use of “clean” and energy efficient vehicles by Council, e.g. LPG, hybrid, smaller vehicles, diesel cars
- 6.9.3 Advocate for and facilitate the introduction of “self sufficient” homes, as alternatives to new homes being connected to traditional power, water and electricity infrastructure

- 6.9.4 Investigate opportunities and advocate for communities (and households) to become “energy independent”
- 6.9.5 Facilitate the investigation of opportunities to develop alternative energy infrastructure, by the private sector, within the District
- 6.9.6 Lobby relevant organisations and agencies to ensure the District is provided with adequate telecommunication (television, phone, internet) infrastructure and services to meet community needs and to enhance the District's appeal as a residential location

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### COUNCIL MEETING UPDATES

*Meeting updates are written following each Council meeting and may not reflect follow-up decisions etc.*

#### JULY COUNCIL MEETING

**HELD TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

#### NRM Contributions Gazetted

Council has received advice from the Hon Jay Weatherill MP, Minister for Environment and Conservation, that the State Government has Gazetted the Council contributions towards the Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board for the 2009 / 2010 financial year.

The Council contributions will collectively see \$2,495,600 raised and collected by Councils on behalf of the State Government and the Northern and Yorke NRM Board (\$2,567,000 last year). The total amount is lower than last year following several boundary adjustments that have been made.

Council's individual contribution for 2009 / 2010 will be \$73,423 (\$72,482 last year).

#### Revised Terms of Reference Adopted

Council has considered and adopted a revised Terms of Reference for the Southern Flinders Regional Tourism Authority.

The Terms of Reference needed to be reviewed and re-adopted to facilitate the re-inclusion of the Port Pirie Regional Council as a member of the Authority after several years absence.

Council looks forward to the future involvement of the Port Pirie Regional Council as part of the Authority which plays a vitally important role in the development of a sustainable tourism industry for the region.



## COUNCIL MEETING UPDATES

### JULY COUNCIL MEETING (CONT.)

#### 2009 / 2010 District Valuations

Council received and gave initial consideration to the valuations for the district provided by the Valuer-General for the 2009 / 2010 financial year.

The total District Valuation (site) for 2009 / 2010 is \$297,243,670 (compared to \$279,278,680 in 2008 / 2009 and \$257,162,480 in 2007 / 2008). This represents an overall increase of \$17,964,990 or 6.43 per cent (\$21,269,500 or 8 per cent last year).

#### Townships –

**Melrose** - Ave increase of 72 % compared to 11 % last year

**Wirrabara** - Ave increase of 15 % compared to 1 % LY

**Booleroo Centre** - Ave inc. of 46 % compared to 54 % LY

**Port Germein** - Ave increase of 27 % compared to 48 % LY

**Port Flinders** - Ave increase of 15 % compared to 36 % LY

**Wilmington** – Ave increase of 65 % compared to 51 % LY

Over the last seven (7) years, Port Germein has continued to experience the greatest valuation increase (1,070.13%) with Melrose (797.80%), Port Flinders (414.34%) and Booleroo Centre (469.97%) also significant. These increases continue to reflect the trend of property sales within these townships.

For the majority of the rural area, there is very little increase in valuations from last year which is a reflection on the current drought conditions being experienced Council wide.

#### Funding Alteration Agreed To

Council has considered and agreed to a proposed change to funding arrangements for the Southern Flinders Ranges Development Board for the 2009 / 2010 in light of the proposed transition to the new Regional Development Australia structure.

Under the revised arrangements, Council will contribute only one half of its agreed contribution to the Regional Development Board in the 2009 / 2010 financial year. The remaining half of the funding commitment is envisaged to be made to the new Board structure that is anticipated to be in place by 1st January 2010.

#### Development Activity Sets Record for Council Area

Council highlighted and noted statistics reported as part of the monthly Development Report relating to Development Approvals for the 2008 / 2009 financial year.

The figures indicated that approvals for the financial year topped \$6.07 million, up some 50 per cent on the 2007 / 2008 financial year.

By way of comparison, the value of development applications was

- \$4.0 m in 2007 / 2008;
- \$3.5 m in 2006 / 2007; and
- \$3.3 m in 2005 / 2006.

### Development Panel Reports to Council

Council received and considered the Annual Report for the 2009 / 2010 financial year from the Development Assessment Panel and its operations.

During the course of the year, the Panel formally met on twelve occasions (compared to eleven during 2007 / 2008 and ten during 2006/2007).

On these twelve occasions, the Panel gave formal consideration to thirty-one applications:

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| Land Division Applications | 18 approved and nil refused |
| Category 3 Applications    | 9 Approved                  |
| Other Applications         | 4 approved                  |

During the 2008 / 2009 financial year, a total of one hundred and sixty four applications were processed by Council, implying that 18.9 per cent of the total applications were referred to the Panel.

Of the one hundred and thirty Development Applications assessed under delegated authority (79 per cent of all applications), 100 per cent were approved and none were refused.

### Council Acknowledges Efforts

Council formally acknowledged the contribution and effort contributed by Mr Greg Cowin during his tenure as Acting Works Manager.

### FOOD ACT 2001 FOOD SAFETY NOTIFICATIONS

Since 1<sup>st</sup> December 2003, all food businesses have been required to register their food business with Council, and therefore meet one of their obligations under the Food Act 2001.

A food business under the Food Act is a food business, enterprise or activity that involves:

- (a) The handling of food intended for sale; or
- (b) The sale of food regardless of whether the business, enterprise or activity is of a commercial, charitable or community nature or whether it involves the handling or sale of food on only one occasion.

This registration also applies to new owners of the business or when notification information changes. Business owners only need to notify once.

Notification can be through one of two methods:

1. By lodging a completed notification form with Council (forms available from Council or by completing a notification form on-line at [www.fbn.sa.gov.au](http://www.fbn.sa.gov.au))

Failure to notify Council can result in an expiation fee of \$300 for an individual person or \$1,500 for a body corporate.

## COUNCIL MEETING UPDATES

### AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2009

#### Future of the Baroota Creek Bridge

Following an initial public consultation process undertaken in conjunction with the Annual Business Plan and Budget Community Information Forums, Council reconsidered the future of the Baroota Creek Bridge.

The bridge poses a liability risk for Council and there had been recent calls from the Community for Council to determine its long term position regarding the structure. In considering the various options that were available, Council determined that it would lodge a development application for the bridge's demolition. This decision was made on the basis of the application being treated as a category three application, to ensure that further community consultation and State Government agency referral was provided for.

Following the Development Application undergoing its due processes and the Development Assessment Panel making a decision thereon, Council will reconsider the matter with a view to making a final decision.

#### Annual Business Plan and Budget

Following the recent Public Consultation processes, Council gave formal consideration to the draft Annual Business Plan and Budget for the 2009/2010 financial year.

Both the Annual Business Plan and Budget were formally adopted, which subsequently allowed Council to consider and then formally set its rates and service charges for the new financial year.

Council notes the positive input received from the Community during the consultation phase and encourages all residents and ratepayers to be actively involved in the consultation processes that Council undertakes during the year.

#### Walking Trail Plan Endorsed By Council

Following an extensive consultation process with residents and ratepayers of Port Flinders, Council's consultants, EBS Development, presented Council with the final version of the Port Flinders Walking Trail Planning and Design Proposal.

Council received and endorsed the Final Report and identified the first three sections to be considered as a priority for construction as the first stage of the project. Council thanks Community members for their input during the processes and looks forward to working with the Community over the coming year in building the first stages of the project.

#### Council Endorses Changes to Development Board

Many residents and ratepayers will be aware of changes that are being made across the State to the Regional Development Boards associated with the implementation of the new Regional Development Australia framework.

In order to facilitate this transfer, the Southern Flinders Ranges Development Board has been required to formally wind itself up and make a subsequent distribution of surplus assets.

Council has authorised, as one of the Board's owners, the Board to commence winding up procedures on its behalf and has agreed for any surplus assets following winding up to be transferred to the new Regional Development Australia Board for the Yorke and Mid North area.

Council has also signed off on a variation to the existing Resource Agreement between the Minister for Regional Development and the Member Councils of the Southern Flinders Ranges Development Board to assist in this transition process.

#### Annual Report under the Food Act 2001 Endorsed

Council has considered and endorsed the Annual Report produced by Council pursuant to the Food Act 2001 for the 2008 / 2009 financial year.

This is an annual process undertaken to allow the Department of Health to submit to the Minister a report on the Administration of the Act. Councils being an enforcement agency have an essential role in the administration of the Act.

The Assessment Report was prepared to meet two of the objectives within the strategy, namely improving coastal access signage and implementing beach speed limits.

#### Public and Environmental Health Act Annual Report

Council has considered and adopted its Annual Report for the 2008 / 2009 financial year pursuant to the Public and Environmental Health Act 1987.

The Report details Council's activities in respect of the Act and the standard of Public and Environmental Health in the Council area for the preceding 12 months. The report must also outline the measures that Council has taken in the protection of public health.

Interested members of the Community are encouraged to contact Council for a copy of the Annual Report.

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## COUNCIL MEETING UPDATES

### AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING (CONT.)

#### Ongoing Funding Committed

Council considered a request from the Southern Flinders Regional Tourism Authority for an ongoing financial commitment towards the shared Tourism Development Officer position.

Council has benefited significantly from the position over the last decade and confirmed its financial support towards the position through until the conclusion of the 2010 / 2011 financial year. It is anticipated that this commitment will assist the Authority in its advertising and recruitment processes for a new Tourism Development Officer over coming months.

#### Rail Trail Proposal Supported

Council has given its in principle support towards project proposals to develop sections of cycling and walking trails on the former rail trail.

One proposal at Wilmington and one at Wirrabara have been submitted to the Southern Flinders Ranges Cycle Tourism Implementation Program for funding under Council's banner.

In making its in principle support for the two proposals, Council has also indicated that it would be prepared to contribute financially with \$5,000 from the Tourism Projects budget line earmarked for each proposal should the external funding be forthcoming.

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### SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009

#### Arwakurra Road Deputation

Council received a deputation from Elected Members and Employees of the District Council of Orroroo Carrieton regarding the Booleroo Centre to Pekina Road.

The deputation gave a presentation to Council on the possibility of making a joint funding submission to the Special Local Roads Program to have the road upgraded and sealed. Council has previously provided in principle support towards the project proposal and will now consider the matter further in light of the priorities for the District, traffic volumes etc.

#### Coastal Assessment Report Adopted

Following an extensive consultation process, Council has formally adopted a Coastal Assessment Report under the Coastal Motor Vehicle Access Management Strategy which was put in place by Council in November 2008.

The Assessment Report was prepared to meet two of the objectives within the strategy, namely improving coastal access signage and implementing beach speed limits.

### Council Supports Further Trail Development

Council has accepted a recommendation from the Melrose Caravan Park Management Committee in respect of a proposal to develop a cycle trail and a cycle fun park within the Melrose Caravan Park with links to the existing Mawson Loop single track trails.

The Committee had recommended to Council that the proposal be supported to continue to build on the infrastructure being put in place to support the growing cycle tourism industry in the region. If financial assistance is necessary for the project, Council has determined that it would come from the revenues and reserves of the Caravan Park.

#### Draft Public Health Bill

Council received and considered information from the Local Government Association in relation to the Draft South Australia Public Health Bill 2009 which has recently been released for Public and Council consultation.

The Bill has resulted from a review of the Public and Environmental Health Act 1987 and earlier consultations undertaken by the State Government in 2000.

The Bill envisages that Councils will play a much more significant role in managing public health in South Australia. At the very least the Bill will require Councils to become more actively involved in public health planning, and the range of matters that can be regarded as public health matters has been expanded by the Bill. The Bill also specifically requires Councils to provide immunisation programs, or ensure such programs are provided.

The precise extent to which Councils will be involved in managing public health is unknown and will depend on the assessment of public health risks within the Council's boundaries; community expectations about the role of Councils in managing public health within the region and the timing, nature and extent of any public health incidents or emergencies.

A joint Council response / submission is being considered given the Public and Environmental Health is one of the Shared Services functions undertaken with neighbouring Councils.

What snack will you pack?



Apple 120g

250 kJ

Walk 13 minutes Jog 5 minutes  
\$3.99 per kg



Chocolate Bar 60g

1150 kJ

Walk 60 minutes Jog 21 minutes  
\$27.30 per kg

Which one will you choose today?

Exercise times given, are an indication of the time it would take for a 57kg person to burn the kilojoules shown.

## COUNCIL MEETING UPDATES

### SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING (CONT.)

#### Community Bus Subsidised Hire to Continue

At the commencement of the 2009 / 2010 financial year, Council took ownership and assumed responsibility for the Mount Remarkable Community Bus. Historically, several organisations have benefited from subsidised hire of the bus in recognition of their capital contributions towards the initial purchase of the bus and its subsequent replacement.

Council has determined that it will continue to provide a 100 per cent subsidy to Mount View Homes for its use of the bus for the current financial year.

Council will continue to provide a subsidy of 50 per cent to the Hospital for its day care use of the bus in recognition of the coordination, maintenance and administration assistance provided by the hospital for the bus.

Both subsidies will be reviewed at the conclusion of the current financial year once sufficient operational and financial information is available from a full year's ownership and operation of the bus.

#### Draft NRM Engagement Plan

Council considered a proposed Natural Resource Management Board Local Government Engagement Plan for the Region.

The Local Government Engagement Plan was first developed by the Central Local Government Region in 2007 as a mechanism to articulate the various technical and practical support that Councils were seeking from the NRM Board. The NRM Board is currently reviewing this document and sought comment and feedback from Councils, which will be provided on a Regional level.

#### Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants

Council received advice from the Hon Gail Gago MLC, State Government Minister for State/ Local Government Relations and the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Commonwealth Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, regarding Council's allocation of Financial Assistance Grants for the 2009 / 2010 financial year.

Council will receive a total grant of \$1,750,838 for the financial year, being approximately \$55,000 more than the 2008 / 2009 financial year and some \$17,000 better than anticipated in the Budget projections.

#### Fees Waived for Port Germein Progress

Council, in continuing with its practice of assisting those communities that are prepared to help themselves, has waived fees associated with a development application from the Port Germein Progress Association.

The application was for the purchase and installation of four Jayco cabins at the Park. Council sees its contribution of the fees of \$674 as a small contribution to assist the Community group achieve both its and Councils objectives.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Swine Influenza (H1N1) has recently been contracted by some residents in our Council area.

South Australia has moved to the PROTECT phase of response. In light of this the following is recommended:

If a child or any person is confirmed as having flu they should stay at home and follow advice from their GP.

They should not attend school or their workplace until they are fully recovered.

Adults and children who have been in contact with a confirmed swine flu case will no longer be asked to stay in home isolation unless they themselves develop flu-like symptoms.

It is of paramount Importance that all Children and Adults who display Flu Like symptoms stay at home. Measures should be taken to ensure good hygiene practices are adopted to reduce the risk of transmission of all viruses including the human swine influenza.

Further information can be obtained from National Swine Influenza hotline on 180 2007. Further Information is also available at [www.flu.sa.gov.au](http://www.flu.sa.gov.au) where you will find specific information relating to:

- Good Hygiene Tips
- Effective Home Isolation
- Respiratory Protection
- Pregnancy and 'Swine Flu'



## COUNCIL BITS AND PIECES

### DRUMMUSTER

Despite the somewhat inclement weather, Council held another successful **drumMuster** on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September with two Council Inspectors accepting 56 deliveries over the 1 ½ days.

A breakdown of the drums collected are as follows:

|              |                     |                    |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Steel        | Less than 20 litres | 119 drums          |
|              | 20 litres           | 1,105 drums        |
| Plastic      | Less than 20 litres | 837 drums          |
|              | 20 litre            | 4,080 drums        |
| <b>Total</b> |                     | <b>6,141 drums</b> |

183 drums were rejected by the inspectors for residue still being present on the drums or being covered in oil.

**Drums collected during the drumMUSTER**



### An Overview Of How **drumMUSTER** Works

Farm chemical users pay a 4 cent per litre or kilogram levy on eligible products to fund the program.

The chemical drums are delivered empty and cleaned to designated collection points run by participating local Councils. Each participating Council has trained Inspectors who inspect and accept only correctly cleaned and eligible chemical containers.

It is then up to the Councils to contract an approved processor to remove collected containers for reuse, recycling or disposal by other environmentally approved methods.

The **drumMUSTER** levy is used to reimburse the participating Councils for all agreed costs incurred during a **drumMUSTER** collection.



### STREET / PARK RUBBISH BINS

Council is becoming increasingly concerned at the amount of household and commercial waste (including hard waste) that residents appear to be depositing into the street and park rubbish bins within townships in the Council district.

Residents are reminded that these bins are for community and tourist use only and during peak tourist times or when community / social events are held, the problem with bins overflowing increases. This in turn creates litter and health issues.



If residents find that they require an additional bin or to have a waste pick-up service in order to dispose of rubbish / waste generated at their property each week, please contact the Council Office to ask what options are available.

Alternatively, rubbish and / or waste can be delivered to the Willowie Landfill or to one of the Transfer Stations at Wirrabara or Port Germein.

Opening times for these facilities are:

#### *Willowie Landfill*

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm  | Thursday |
| 10.00 am - 1.00 pm | Sunday   |

#### *Port Germein Transfer Station*

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 9.30 am - 11.30 am | Thursday & Sunday |
|--------------------|-------------------|

#### *Wirrabara Transfer Station*

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| 9.30 am - 11.30 am | Thursday |
| 2.30 pm - 4.30 pm  | Sunday   |



Residents are once again reminded that street and park rubbish bins are for tourist / community use and **NOT** for personal use.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### **Hardwaste Collection Dates**

|                                    |                              |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October    | Port Germein & Port Flinders |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> October | Wilmington, Bruce & Hammond  |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November    | Wirrabara & Murray Town      |
| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November | Booleroo Centre & Appila     |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November    | Melrose & Willowie           |

#### **Australia Day Awards**

Applications must be lodged at the Council Office prior to 5.00 pm Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November

#### **Quarterly payment of rates:**

|                |                                |
|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Second Quarter | 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2009 |
| Third Quarter  | 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2010    |
| Final Quarter  | 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2010     |

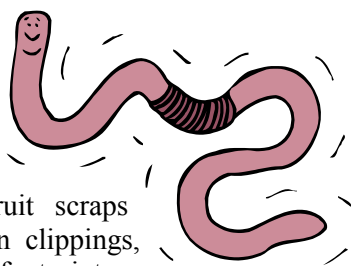
#### **Council Meetings**

Held on the second Tuesday of each Month.

## COUNCIL BITS AND PIECES

### COMPOSTING BINS

Compost: the stuff that worms and your garden plants love!



By the composting of your household vegetable and fruit scraps along with paper and garden clippings, you can reduce your carbon footprint on the Earth. This will reduce the amount of refuse that is deposited in Council landfill sites, resulting in less space being taken up and the need to dig new trenches. This does eventually have a flow-on effect to ratepayers in the Council area by the reduction of Council rates for waste management, which can be channeled into other projects.

Council has recently been trialing a composting bin in a home situation. The results of the bin have been fantastic and now Council wishes to offer the bins to the public at a bulk rate. It is estimated that bins will be approximately \$40 + GST each.

Council will be taking orders for the bins. A maximum purchase of 2 bins per household will be allowed. Please contact the Council Office on 8666 2014 to place your order. Cut off date for orders will be Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

If Council do not receive sufficient orders from the community to warrant a favourable discounted price from the manufacturers / suppliers then the orders will not be processed. All persons expressing an interest in purchasing a compost bin will be advised after 30<sup>th</sup> October of whether or not the composting bins will be available (subject to demand).

#### Specifications:

*Manufacturer:* RELN Plastics

*Size/Capacity:* 225 litres

*Special Feature:* Includes an EPA Home Composting booklet.

*Use:* Aerobic composting of household waste.

*Country of Manufacture:* Australia

*Materials:* 100% recycled plastic (black)

*Warranty/Guarantee:* 1 year

*Assembly:* Parts joined together with plastic ties, takes approximately 5 minutes.

*Composting Instructions:* Yes

*Composting Time:* 6 - 8 weeks



### THE PRESTIGIOUS WOMBAT AWARD FOR THE NORTHERN PASSENGER TRANSPORT NETWORK

The Premier of South Australia, The Honourable Mike Rann MP and the Minister for Volunteers, Tom Koutsantonis MP honoured the great contribution made by the Northern Passenger Transport Network Volunteers by presenting the Wombat Award to Lyn Forster, Co-Ordinator of the Northern Passenger Transport Network during the Community Cabinet visit in Port Augusta, on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

Northern Passenger Transport Network is based in Melrose and auspiced by the District Council of Mount Remarkable on behalf of the supporting councils of Orroroo / Carrieton, Flinders Ranges, Northern Areas, Peterborough and the regional areas of Port Pirie and the joint funding bodies of HACC and DETI. It contributes to the community by providing accessible and affordable transport for the frail, aged, disabled, isolated and low income people.

This Volunteer Service addresses the lack of public transport in the Mid North, and with the aid of vetted and trained volunteers and community vehicles, affordable transport for people is provided to access much needed appointments at hospitals, doctors, specialists, dentists, Centrelink and legal aid.

The Service, which celebrated its 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary during August, started with one car and one volunteer and has now grown to 55 volunteers and 6 cars.

Although its operation relies heavily on Councils' involvement, it could not function without the dedicated volunteers who donate time, energy and care to the project.

The project is now an automatic contender for the *Andamooka*. This community project award recognises volunteers who have undertaken a community project that has resulted in significant community benefit.



## COUNCIL BITS AND PIECES

### ILLEGAL DUMPING OF RUBBISH

A recent incident of illegal dumping of rubbish on private property has been brought to the attention of Council.

Several truck loads of garden off-cuts and other items such as fridges, tyres and concrete etc have been dumped into an un-used rubble pit on private property within the Council district. Whilst it cannot be ascertained that a resident of this Council district is responsible for the dumping, residents are reminded that it is illegal to dump rubbish and / or waste onto private or public land.

If residents wish to have a waste pickup service or to have an additional bin, please contact the Council Office to ask what options are available. Alternatively, rubbish and / or waste can be delivered to the Willowie landfill or to one of the Transfer Stations at Wirrabara or Port Germein. (Refer to page 10 of this Newsletter for opening times.)

The photograph below shows a portion of the dumped rubbish and gives an indication of the time and effort that the landowner must now put in to cleaning up and disposing of the mess.



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SWAP & SAVE SHOWERHEAD EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Council has available to residents and businesses in the Council district, a free water saving showerhead in exchange for old and inefficient ones. Bring your old showerhead(s) into the Council Office in Melrose and receive one free 'WELLS 3 star rated' water efficient showerhead for each showerhead you exchange.

Residents should first ensure that the water saver showerhead is compatible with their existing hot water service as the old showerhead will not be available for return once exchanged.

For further information please contact the Council Office during business hours.

The Swap & Save Showerhead Exchange program will operate until Friday 30th October 2009.



ASBESTOS AWARENESS

Recently the Asbestos Disease Society of South Australia (ADSSA) has partnered with Carter Corporation Pty Ltd, Asbestos & You Pty Ltd and Asbestos Info to provide Asbestos Awareness services. As part of the partnership, funding was sourced through SafeWork SA to enable the provision of asbestos awareness services to the public.

One of the main objectives of the ADSSA is to educate the public, to eradicate both paranoia and complacency by giving people plain, concise and factual information.

Council has been offered the opportunity to host a **free** Asbestos Awareness Presentation in the Council area. To gauge the public's interest in the presentation, could you please indicate your interest by phoning the Council Office on 8666 2014. Council will then liaise with ADSSA to arrange a suitable time and location. Stay tuned for future updates.

Further information can also be sourced from the Asbestos and You website: <http://asbestosandyou.com.au>

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### CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATION STAFF

#### *Rates Administration Officer*

Mrs Meridee Groves commenced maternity leave in mid September and has since been blessed with a beautiful daughter - Jemma Kate.



During Meridee's absence, Mrs Jennifer Frick has been appointed to the position and will be available each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to answer your rates enquiries.



Jennifer's family moved to Stirling North from a sheep station near Marree when she was 3 years old. She remained in Stirling North until she met and married Fricky (Darren to his family) and moved to Wilmington. Jennifer and Darren have 2 children - Rachel 4½ and Ryan who is nearly 3, 2 dogs, some birds and a cat!!

#### *Postal & Administration Officer*

Ms Helen Bartlett resigned from the position early in September to return to the Fleurieu Peninsula. Helen said that she will miss the local community spirit and the Mountain but was looking forward to being closer to the beaches and the sea.



Ms Monique Endemann has accepted the position of Postal & Administration Officer and will commence with Council after the long weekend. Her role will be within the Melrose Post Office and the Northern Passenger Transport Network. Monique comes from Port Lincoln and is looking forward to being closer to her family who live near Wirrabara.

Council wishes Meridee and Brendan well with the new addition to their family and Helen all the best on her return to the Fleurieu Peninsula.

## COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S UPDATES

### BASIC MAINTENANCE COURSE

Council obtained funding from the Southern Flinders Ranges Development Board under the "South Australia Works in the Regions" initiative to deliver an introductory course aimed at giving young people a taste of working in the construction and maintenance industry in partnership with AILS Labour Hire based in Melrose.

Eleven participants completed a safety course to obtain "White Card" accreditation, nine of whom also attended a short TAFE training course held in Melrose, using Council's depot for practical hands on experience.

Participants thoroughly enjoyed the course and found it gave them a sound basis for furthering their employment and training prospects.



### HIP HOP WORKSHOPS

The Rural Health Team with support from Council conducted a very successful Hip Hop workshop during the July school Holidays in Booleroo Centre giving young people variety, entertainment and new skills, but also providing them with an opportunity to participate in a much needed school holiday program.

The workshop was so enthusiastically received that Council partnered with the Port Germein Progress Association to offer a similar format in Port Germein for the October school holidays.

An application for funding from Country Arts has been successful and a workshop was offered in Port Germein during the School holidays.

### PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS

#### *Wilmington Playground*

The sails on the playground have caused quite a flutter... Many people have commented on how good the playground looks and how much more comfortable it will be in summer for children and their parents. Council is ordering new equipment to complement the makeover.

The Playground sign has been restored to its former glory and will soon be reinstated.

#### *Murray Town Toilets*

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the Murray Town Progress Association, the toilets have been transformed. Set in a pretty flower garden, the ablution block is an asset for the town.

#### *Wilmington RV Friendly Location:*

A joint venture between the Council and the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia has resulted in the installation of a Dump Point for caravans and campervans in Centenary Park and the inclusion of Wilmington as an RV (Recreational Vehicles) friendly location.



Friendly Location is a new category adopted by the Motorhome Club to recognise smaller townships and Wilmington was the first in Australia to be named. The growth of recreational vehicle travel means that enticing them to stopover is a valuable economic boost for the town.

Port Germein has also recently been classified as a friendly location and a dump point is being installed at the oval.

#### *Melrose Showground Pavilion*

A new colourbond roof has been installed at the pavilion, greatly improving the looks and comfort levels of the facility.

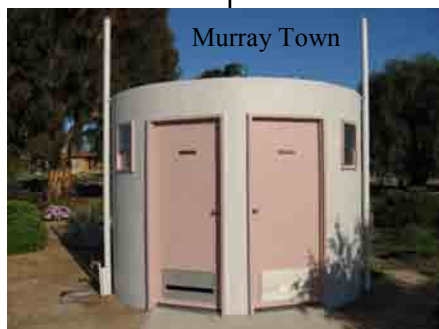
It is planned to complement the verandah by fitting café style blinds making the verandah an all weather recreation area.

#### *Wirrabara Institute Kitchen*

The kitchen extension is nearly complete and has already been used for several events, making the life of the volunteer caterers much easier. It is also a great alternative venue for market days when the weather is inclement.



Wilmington



Murray Town



Melrose

## COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S UPDATES (CONT)

Congratulations to the following groups for obtaining grant funding with assistance from Council:



|                                   |                       |                                                                      |                 |         |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Murray Town Progress              | Playground            | New playground to replace old one which was unsafe                   | Active Club     | \$3,300 |
| Port Germein Progress Association | Hip Hop Workshop      | Deliver workshop during October school holidays at Port Germein Hall | Country Arts SA | \$650   |
| Port Germein Progress Association | Multisport half court | Build a multisport facility in Port Germein next to play-ground      | Active club     | \$6,680 |

Council has submitted a number of grants and is awaiting decisions from the funding bodies:

| <i>Location</i>                                             | <i>Purpose</i>                                                                                                   | <i>Organisation</i>           | <i>Amount</i>    | <i>Due date</i>          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Wirrabara/<br>Wilmington/Melrose                            | Upgrade medical facilities for rural clinics                                                                     | NRRHIP (Cth)                  | \$204,485        | Pending<br>Due December  |
| District Council<br>Mount Remarkable                        | Install rainwater tanks on public buildings                                                                      | NYNRM<br>(State)              | \$40,800         | Pending<br>Due 31 Aug    |
| Flinders Shared<br>Services                                 | Develop baseline measure for Carbon Consumption and reduction strategy for each Council                          | NYNRM<br>(State)              | \$50,000         | Pending<br>Due 31 Aug    |
| District Council<br>Mount Remarkable<br>and Booleroo Centre | Rainwater tanks for district and stormwater harvesting for Booleroo Centre                                       | Water for the Future<br>(Cth) | \$425,000        | Pending<br>No date given |
| Wilmington                                                  | 22 kms Cycling trail                                                                                             | SFTA<br>(State)               | \$39,510         | Pending<br>Due October   |
| Wirrabara                                                   | 3 kms Cycling rail trail                                                                                         | SFTA<br>(State)               | \$13,000         | Pending<br>Due October   |
| District Council<br>Mount Remarkable                        | Design and implement a climate Change Mitigation Action Plan to allow for adaptation strategies to be developed. | NYNRM<br>(State)              | \$15,000         | Pending<br>Due 31 Aug    |
| Port Flinders                                               | Part funding to build a community facility in Port Flinders                                                      | Community Benefit<br>(State)  | \$17,000         | Pending<br>Due December  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                |                                                                                                                  |                               | <b>\$804,795</b> |                          |

### LAST CHANCE TO APPLY FOR RURAL WOMEN AWARD

Rural women are being told to hurry up if they intend to apply for the 2010 Rural Industry Research Development Corporation (RIRDC) Rural Women's Award, with applications closing soon.

The award recognises, celebrates and encourages the enormous contribution of women to rural Australia.

Open to all women involved in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, natural resources management and related service industries, it provides a \$10,000 bursary for a winner in each state and territory.



The winners and runners-up also have the chance to attend the Australian Institute of Company Directors' Course.

The 2010 South Australian winner will be announced at a ceremony in Adelaide early next year, and will go on to represent the state in the national awards in Canberra.

The award is an RIRDC initiative in partnership with the Department of Primary Industries. Major sponsors are the Australian Women's Weekly, ABC Radio and Rural Press.

Applications close on 15th October 2009.

For more information, contact:

Edwina Clowes

Phone: 0417 727 544

Or visit: [www.ruralwomensaward.gov.au](http://www.ruralwomensaward.gov.au).

## MID NORTH *BE ACTIVE* SPORT AND RECREATION UPDATE

### INTRODUCING THE NEW MID NORTH *BE ACTIVE* FIELD OFFICER

I am pleased to announce that I am the new *be active* Field Officer for the Mid North Region working with communities in the Port Pirie Regional Council, Northern Areas Council, District Council of Mount Remarkable, District Council of Orreroo Carrieton and District Council of Peterborough areas.



Over the first few months, I have been travelling around the region meeting local sporting and physical activity network contacts. By all means, I am yet to meet everyone, but with the contacts I've made I am definitely in a strong position to build on the success of the *be active* programs and initiatives created by previous Field Officer Brad Breeding.

Sport, like for many of us, has had a profound impact on my life. To now be given the opportunity to wake up every day and be involved in assisting individuals, clubs and organisations with their needs (whether it be funding, training & development needs etc), is simply a dream come true!!!

Growing up in Port Pirie, I was encouraged to give all sports a go. At 15, I began volunteering as a local basketball coach. From this experience, I furthered my interest of sports administration to take on the challenges of umpire and undertake the roles of President, Secretary, Competition Coordinator and Publicity Officer on a number of sporting association / club committees. Never did I think this could become my career!!!

In my previous employment with ANZ, I was very fortunate to travel across regional and rural SA (Port Pirie, Port Lincoln, Kimba and Clare). Naturally I got involved in local sport and I am sure the experiences gained will assist me in my duties.

I look forward to working with your club, school and organisation in the future and please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss any matters.

#### **Daniel Lawlor**

Mid North *be active* Field Officer  
PO Box 45, PORT PIRIE SA 5540

Phone: 08 8633 9777  
Mobile: 0488 101 783  
Email: [beactive@pirie.sa.gov.au](mailto:beactive@pirie.sa.gov.au)

**REMEMBER: Take Every Opportunity to**

**be active.**

### RECREATION & SPORT GRANTS UPDATE

#### **Active Clubs Grant**

Local sport and recreation clubs have until Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2009 to apply for funding with the Office for Recreation and Sports Active Club Grants Program. Active Club Funding aims to provide financial assistance to grassroots sport and recreation clubs throughout the state to develop and expand on the services they provide. The program offers funding in three areas.

1. Programs and Equipment
2. Facility Maintenance; and
3. Youth at Risk based projects / programs

#### **Community Recreation and Sport Facilities Program – Close Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

The specific objective of the Community Recreation and Sport Facilities Program is to sustain and / or increase participation in sport, active recreation and physical activity.

The program aims to achieve this by providing funding support to community based organisations, Local Government, State sporting and active recreation associations and schools to develop or improve existing facilities so that they meet the demonstrated sport or active recreation needs of the community.

Applicants can apply for up to 50% of funding with funding requests to be no less than \$20,000.

For further information about the Active Clubs or Community Recreation and Sporting Facilities Program visit [www.recsport.sa.gov.au](http://www.recsport.sa.gov.au) or contact the Office for Recreation and Sports Grants Branch on 7424 7708.

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

If your club or organisation has a project idea and is unable to meet the above deadlines, start planning now for next year's grants offered by the South Australian Office for Recreation and Sport.

You can find example guidelines and application forms on the Office for Recreation & Sport website which will provide clubs with important details regarding the program and an overview of the application process likely to be required.

#### **LOCK THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY**

##### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2010 Orroroo Half Marathon**

Enquiries to:

Fiona Dignan: 08 8658 1187

Di Barrie: 08 8658 1023



**9<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

**Port Pirie Pura Light Start State Masters Games**

Express Your Interest: Phone  
1800 000 424 or Register on line:  
[www.portpiriemastersgames.com.au](http://www.portpiriemastersgames.com.au)

## COMMUNITY BUILDERS

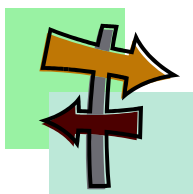
# District Council of Mount Remarkable Community Builders Program

Community Builders is a State-wide program aimed at strengthening the social and economic capacity of rural and regional communities. The Program develops grassroots leadership and encourages cooperation and collaboration between towns and communities.

The Mount Remarkable Community Builders Program is well underway with our third monthly 'Cluster Muster' coming up on 10<sup>th</sup> October at Port Germein.

Participants have identified a number of projects which they are working on throughout the six month program, including:

- Tourism Trails
- Youth Program – Port Germein
- Booleroo Centre – Community Outreach
- Improved Signage



We have had, and will continue to present, an informative, relevant and varied program of guest speakers. Previous guests have included:



- Dan van Holst Pellekaan, Southern Flinders Ranges Tourism Authority;
- Jean Smith, Event Director with the Pura Light Start Port Pirie State Masters Games;
- Mick Penglase, Port Augusta Youth Centre.

The Mount Remarkable Community Builders group is focused on action and achieving outcomes and we have celebrated a number of successes to date.

Congratulations to the Port Germein team with their successful grant application to hold a Hip Hop workshop during the September / October school holidays.



Credit also to the Booleroo Centre team on sourcing computers and assistance with wiring for the establishment of a community internet cafe.



Anyone interested in learning and sharing in a relaxed, fun and cooperative way is invited to join us for the final three monthly 'Cluster Musters':

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October** – Port Germein

Skills topic: Attracting and retaining volunteers

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November** – Venue to be confirmed

Skills topic: Marketing (internal and external)

The final 'Cluster Muster' will be held in Melrose with the date (mid-late November) and skill topic to be determined at our October meeting in Port Germein.

### Workshop

#### Recruiting and Retaining Volunteers ... attracting the next generation of volunteers

Where: Port Germein Village Project

When: Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October  
11am to 3pm

Cost: \$20 including lunch  
(free for Community Builders participants)

Cecilia Woolford will deliver this fast-paced and informative workshop.

This workshop is open to the public – you don't need to be part of the Community Builders program.

Reserve your place without delay.

Contact Lisa Pearson on 0408 395 203.

*For more information on Mount Remarkable Community Builders, please contact the Local Facilitator, Lisa Pearson on 0408 395 203 or email [cblf@mtr.sa.gov.au](mailto:cblf@mtr.sa.gov.au)*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### YOUTH FORUM *Port Germein Progress Association*

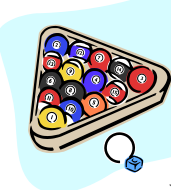
In September 2008 it was apparent that the Constitution of the Port Germein Progress Association needed to be reviewed and revised. A sub-committee was formed to analyse and undertake this task. Many changes were made to the Constitution, it was then ratified and implemented.

As a sideline to general discussion within this sub-committee it was identified that there was a need to investigate the possibility of a Youth Forum being introduced into the Constitution for the welfare and needs of the Youth of the Port Germein area.

It was decided that there was a genuine need for the Youth Forum and it has now been incorporated into the Port Germein Progress Association Constitution that took effect on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

The Port Germein Progress Association conducted the first Youth Forum meeting at the Port Germein Hotel on the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2009. The forum was an outstanding success with 25 children from Port Germein and the surrounding area attending. Many issues were raised by the group who were aged between 8 years and 18 years giving the Port Germein Progress Association their views, aims and problems that they face in and around Port Germein, after school hours and weekends.

With a positive attitude they raised their own committee, to be the voice for the youth of the area, reporting back to the Progress Association on their requests and problems on a monthly basis. The Youth Forum will meet quarterly, and during these Forums the children would like to hear from guest speakers, about some of the concerns the Youth of the area are dealing with.



Some of the main issues that were raised on the night were about getting a Youth Shed or building to go and play pool, table tennis, play their music and somewhere to hang out, so they are not walking the streets and getting into trouble.

A skate park, new goal posts and some upgrading of the local football oval and discos that they can go to, were other issues that they raised.

The issues that were brought to the attention of the Port Germein Progress Association Committee are now under consideration and further investigations will be undertaken and addressed. The Youth Committee will be advised on the outcomes and any changes will be implemented after consultation with the relevant personnel involved.

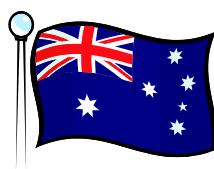
It was decided at the initial meeting of the Youth Forum to arrange and hold a disco for the children aged between 7 – 18 years. Within 72 hours of the initial meeting, the Progress Association arranged and conducted the first youth disco on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009.

A few minor problems were identified on the night which will be rectified for the following discos / events. The overall reports from participants were very favourable and all who attended certainly enjoyed the event.

Now that the first steps have been taken in relation to creating a better environment for the Youth of our area, we look forward to a better and brighter future with the young people of the District having an opportunity to be involved in major decisions that happen within the Town.

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THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FLAG PROTOCOL



Any person may fly the Australian National Flag. However, the flag should be treated with the respect and dignity it deserves as the nation's most important national symbol.

Flag protocol is based on longstanding international and national practice.

The flag should not be allowed to fall or lie on the ground.

The flag should not be used to cover a statue, monument or plaque for an unveiling ceremony; to cover a table or seat; or to mask boxes, barriers or the space between the floor and the ground level on a dais or platform.

The flag should never be flown when in damaged, faded or dilapidated condition. When the material of the flag deteriorates to a point where it is no longer suitable for use, it should be destroyed privately, in a dignified way (for example, it may be cut into small unrecognisable pieces then disposed of with the normal rubbish collection).

The flag should be raised briskly and lowered with dignity and should always be flown aloft and free as close as possible to the top of the flag mast, with the rope tightly secured.

The flag should be raised no earlier than first light and should be lowered no later than dusk. The flag may only be flown at night when illuminated. Two flags should not be flown from the same flagpole. The flag should not be flown upside down, even as a signal of distress.

Flying the Australian National Flag at Half-Mast

Flags are flown in the half-mast position as a sign of mourning.

To bring the flag to the half-mast position, the flag must first be raised to the top of the mast, then immediately lowered slowly to the half-mast position (This position is estimated by imagining another flag flying above the half-mast flag - in European mythology, the flag flying above is the flag of death). The flag must be lowered to a position recognisably half-mast so that it does not simply appear to have slipped down from the top of the flagpole. An acceptable position would be when the top of the flag is a third of the distance down from the top of the flagpole.

When lowering the flag from a half-mast position, it should first be raised briefly to the peak, then lowered ceremoniously.

Under no circumstances should a flag be flown at half-mast at night, whether or not the flag is illuminated.

HEALTH NEWS

BOOLEROO CENTRE HOSPITAL - ADMINISTRATION OFFICE RELOCATION

The Administration Office has been relocated to the front entrance of the Health Service and is on your immediate left as you enter the front entrance.



Administration Officers,
Bronwyn Ritchie and Pam Field

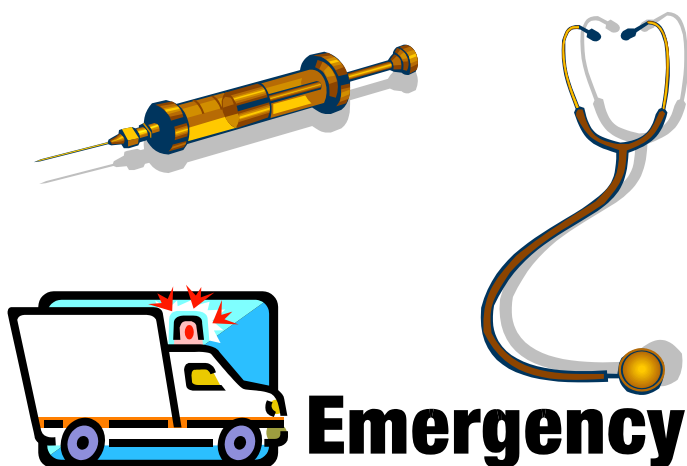
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### BOOLEROO HOSPITAL CLINIC CAR

Most community members will be aware by now that the Booleroo Centre & District Ambulance Service Inc. dissolved on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009, and the local operations have been continued on by the SA Ambulance Service (SAAS). As part of this change, all ambulance subscriptions are managed by SAAS.

When the subscription scheme was run at the local level, the ambulance subscription covered members for clinic car transport if there was a necessity to use the clinic car on medical grounds.

Now that the subscription scheme is managed by SAAS, clinic car transport will no longer be covered by your SAAS ambulance subscription. Therefore should anyone request the clinic car to transport them to a medically authorised appointment in the future, the user of that service will be required to pay, and will be charged by the Booleroo Health Service for the use of their vehicle.



### MID NORTH HEALTH – 10 YEAR HEALTH SERVICE PLANNING

Since the “Strategy for Planning Country Health in SA” was released by Minister for Health John Hill late last year, the Mid North Health Advisory Council has been working towards the development of a 10-year health service plan for the area.

Last year communities clearly identified that they wanted to be involved in the planning work and the advisory councils have identified the community and stakeholder groups they will consult in 2009.

Presiding Member of the Mid North Health Advisory Council Ruth Robinson said health advisory councils have a major role in seeking out community views about health needs and making sure these needs are included in the local plan.

‘Over the next three months we will be engaging with our communities to look at the total health needs of the population, and then working out the best way these services can be provided into the future’, she said.

‘We’re reviewing recent plans and consultations and service profile data, and then we’ll be asking you what makes your community healthy, what services you couldn’t do without, and what your major health concerns and service gaps are.’

Mid North Health Advisory Council members said they had already started talking to community groups and individuals about health needs and services.

‘One of the messages we’re getting is that community members don’t know what services are available. Our role as a health advisory council is to change that,’ she said.

During October forums will be held across the Mid North Health service area which will provide the community with information from our recent Community perceptions survey and we will also be seeking community involvement in determining what health services we require as a minimum and what other services we need and why we need these. Date, time and venues for local public forums will be posted in your communities.

To make your plan accurately reflect your community needs, everyone is encouraged to participate, either by attending a focus group discussion and / or have your say by submitting the online survey at:

<http://www.countryhealthsa.sa.gov.au/HealthAdvisoryCouncils/MidNorthHealthAdvisoryCouncil.aspx>

or by contacting a Health Advisory Council member.





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| <p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>Daylight Savings Starts</b></p> <p>Pt Germein Village Roast</p> <p>Pt Germein Community</p>                                                                   | <p><b>5 Public Holiday</b></p> <p>Bool CFS Vehicle Maint &amp; Comm Mtg</p> <p>Wirrabara Institute Comm</p>                                                 | <p><b>6</b></p> <p>Wilmington &amp; Melrose Mobile Library</p>                                            | <p><b>7</b></p> <p>Pt Germein Community Ladies Fellowship</p>                                                                                                                                                | <p><b>8</b></p> <p>Wirrabara &amp; Murray Town Mobile Library</p> <p>Wirrabara Progress</p>                                             | <p><b>9</b></p>                                      | <p><b>10</b></p>                                                                                      |
| <p><b>11</b></p> <p>Pt Germein Community Church</p>                                                                                                                                 | <p><b>12</b></p> <p>School Starts— Term 4</p> <p>Wilmington CFS Meeting</p> <p>Booleroo SES Training</p>                                                    | <p><b>13 Council Meeting</b></p> <p>Laura &amp; Districts Probus</p> <p>Wirrabara Men's Bowls Meeting</p> | <p><b>14</b></p> <p>Booleroo Steam &amp; Traction Preservation</p> <p>Murray Town Progress</p>                                                                                                               | <p><b>15</b></p> <p>B.C.C.D &amp; T.A</p> <p>Pt Germein Mobile Library</p>                                                              | <p><b>16</b></p> <p>Diabetes Special Interest Group</p> <p>Booleroo Centre Mobile Library</p>                                           | <p><b>17</b></p>  |
| <p><b>18</b></p> <p>Pt Germein Community Church</p> <p>Wirrabara Producers Market</p>                                                                                               | <p><b>19</b></p> <p>Booleroo CFS Training</p> <p>Wilmington CFS Training</p> <p>Wirrabara Sporting Reserve Meeting</p>                                      | <p><b>20</b></p> <p>Melrose Comm. Dev Assoc</p> <p>Wilmington &amp; Melrose Mobile Library</p>            | <p><b>21</b></p> <p>Wirrabara Senior Citizens</p> <p>Wilmington CWA</p> <p>Wilmington Progress</p>                                                                                                           | <p><b>22</b></p> <p>Wirrabara &amp; Murray Town Mobile Library</p>                                                                      | <p><b>23</b></p>                                   | <p><b>24</b></p>                                                                                      |
| <p><b>25</b></p> <p>Pt Germein Community Church</p> <p>Pt Germein Catholic Church</p>                                                                                               | <p><b>26</b></p> <p>Hardwaste Collection - Pt Germein &amp; Pt Flinders</p> <p>Booleroo SES Training</p> <p>Pt Germein CWA</p> <p>Port Germein Progress</p> | <p><b>27</b></p> <p>Melrose CFS Meeting</p>                                                               | <p><b>28</b></p> <p>Hardwaste Collection - Wilmington, Bruce &amp; Hammond</p> <p>Wilmington Camera Club "Shadows"</p>  | <p><b>29</b></p> <p>Pt Germein Mobile Library</p>  | <p><b>30</b></p> <p>Booleroo Centre Mobile Library</p>                                                                                  | <p><b>31</b></p>                                                                                      |



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