Keeping the community informed
Appila, Bangor, Baroota, Booleroo Centre, Booleroo Whim, Bruce, Charlton, Hammond, Mambray Creek, Melrose, Moockra, Murray Town, Nectar Brook, Weeroona Island, Port Germein, Telowie, Terka, Willowie, Wilmington, Winninowie, Wirrabara, Wongyarra and Yandiah

Council Snippets

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER 2015

By-laws 2015
In accordance with section 249(7) of the Local Government Act 1999 Council made by resolution the following By-laws:
1. Permits and Penalties By-law 2015;
2. Moveable Signs By-law 2015;
3. Roads By-law 2015;
4. Local Government Land By-law 2015;
5. Dogs By-law 2015; and
6. Cats By-law 2015
The By-laws will be laid before Parliament for approval and publication before they can take effect.

Australian Citizenship Ceremony
Council hosted an Australian Citizenship Ceremony for Ms Eva Noskovicova. At the conclusion of the ceremony guests were invited to join Councillors for morning tea. Mayor Wauchope presented Eva with her certificate of Citizenship.

Ordinary Meeting of Council
Next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday 19 January 2016 at 9.30 am in the Council Chambers, Melrose.

Northern Passenger Transport Network
Lyn Forster, Manager of the Northern Passenger Transport Network received a Certificate of Recognition for 15 years service to Local Government. Council congratulates Lyn on her dedication and commitment to this valuable service in the Council District and wider regions.

Citizen of the Year 2016 - Annually Council calls for nominations to recognise individuals and organisations that have made a noteworthy contribution to the community during the current year. Council received several nominations for Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Event of the Year.

Congratulations 2016 Winners
Citizen of the Year 2016
Lyell Woolford - an active member of the Murray Town Community Lyell has been involved for many years with various community groups/organisations dedicating many hours to fundraising and volunteering within the local community.

Young Citizen of the Year 2016
Carla Roocke - recognised for her sporting feats, academic success and the leadership qualities shown within the Booleroo Centre District School and BMW Netball Club. Carla serves as a great role model to the youth of our region.

Community Event of the Year 2016
Wirrabara Producers Market, 10th Anniversary - the overall benefits the markets make to the economic and social standings of the community, promotion of Wirrabara, the wider regions and importantly the producers who provide high quality fresh produce make this organisation a worthy
In July 2014 Council administration staff resolved to have a Casual Clothes day on the last Thursday of each month. Staff elected a Casual Clothes day donation would be collected and donated to the Booleroo Centre Hospital Auxiliary (BCHA). Members of the BCHA committee thanked staff by providing an excellent morning tea, appreciated by all. To date total funds donated is $952.65. Great effort by the staff and we are sure the BCHA appreciate the extra funds for purchasing items at the Booleroo Centre Hospital.

Council reminds all rate payers and residents the Bushfire Season is in place. Please observe all CFS warnings. For further information on fire ban warnings visit www.cfs.sa.gov.au.

Temporary Office Closure

Council Office:
- CLOSED from 5.00 pm on Thursday 24 December 2015

Melrose Post Office:
- CLOSED on Friday 25, Monday 28 December 2015
- OPEN from 9.00 am – 11.00 am on 29 and 30 December 2015
- CLOSED Thursday 31 December 2015 & Friday 1 January 2016
- OPEN Monday 4 January 2016 regular hours.

Northern Passenger Transport Network:
- CLOSED from 5.00pm on Wednesday 23 December 2015 to 9.00am Monday 4 January 2016.

The Council Office open on Monday 4 January 2016 from 9.00am, we look forward to the challenges and opportunities 2016 will bring. Wishing all ratepayers, residents, Councillors and staff a successful year ahead.

Whether we want them or not, the New Year will bring new challenges; whether we seize them or not, the New Year will bring new opportunities. ~Michael Josephson.

Waste and Recycling Bin Identification

Veolia Environmental Services commenced waste collection in the Council region on 2 November 2015. Council is appreciative of the communities patience as the change in contractor was implemented.

During the change of contractor Council informed all ratepayers of its intention to introduce bin identification in accordance with the National Standards being:
- General Waste - Red Bin Lid
- Recycling - Yellow Bin Lid

In November Council works staff undertook the process of putting a yellow sticker on recycling bins for easy identification. During this process it was observed there are a lot of recycling bins without lids. Veolia have notified Council bins without lids will not be collected.

All bins; general waste or recycling must have a lid. Not only does it make it easy for identification of the bin for the contractor on collection days but lids stop rubbish and waste being blown around the community, bins filling with water when raining and rubbish falling out of the bin when being collected.

Lids are available for purchase from the Council Office for $18 including the pins. Pins can be purchased separately, $2.75 each. Please contact the office on 8666 2014 if you wish to purchase a lid or pins.

We are all responsible for the waste we generate, let’s keep our Council district waste free and looking good.

Waste Facilities - Reminder opening hours for Councils Waste Management Facilities are:

Willowie Landfill Site:
Operating Hours:
1.00 pm - 4.00 pm Thursday
10.00 am - 12.00 pm Sunday

Port Germein Transfer Station:
Operating Hours:
9.30 am - 11.30 am Sunday

Wirrabara Transfer Station:
Operating Hours:
2.30 pm - 4.30 pm Sunday

Please note that in the interest of safety, both transfer stations and the Willowie Landfill are closed on CFS declared Catastrophic and Severe Fire Ban Days (for further information regarding fire bans, please visit the CFS website).

All Landfill and Transfer Stations are closed on Christmas Day and Public Holidays

For more information on waste service visit www.mtr.sa.gov.au.