

District Council of Mount Remarkable



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

October was an event filled month, filled with such great spring weather (although more rain would be good!).

During October Council considered issues including potential road renaming across the district, update to Council's Code of Practise - Procedures at Meetings now making members stand to speak during formal debate, the beginning of the process to undertake a review of all Council bylaws, a summary of the first tranche of the Local Government Act reforms, appointment of members to the Flinders Regional Assessment Panel, adoption of service agreements for building & planning services, and the renewal of the agreement for the Wilmington Pool.

In addition to the standard business of Council, I have been out an about clocking up just over 800km's attending an array of community and industry events. These have included;

- » Mayor's leadership forum
- » Meeting about proposed opportunity for North of Port Germein
- » Wirrabara markets
- » LEGATUS member meetings
- » Landscapes SA Board meeting
- » Community question time and Council meeting

- » Southern Flinders Precinct community information session
- » Opening of the Bowling Green at the Booleroo Centre Bowling Club
- » Meetings with government about rating equity for power generation assets
- » LGA conference and AGM

ADOPTION OF STATE ELECTION STRATEGY

With the forthcoming State Election in 2022, Council has developed an election strategy that can be provided to all candidates seeking election to the seat of Stuart.

The strategy is was designed with feedback from community groups, and links to Councils overall Community Plan 2021-2031.

This key points within the strategy include;

Regional Connectivity

- » Internet coverage
- » Pine Creek Bridge

Regional Leadership & Skills

- » Increased opportunities for regional
- » people to be at the decision making table

Regional Service

- » Active decentralisation of government services
- » Port Germein Jetty
- » Booleroo Centre Swimming Pool upgrade
- » Booleroo Airstrip Upgrades

Regional Investment

- » Recreation renewal grant
- » Capital works acceleration program
- » Booleroo Centre to Quorn water supply
- » Sealing of Booleroo Road; supporting key regional businesses and growth

Further details will follow, and a copy of the strategy will be placed on Council's website and be formally presented to each candidate seeking their feedback. Closer to the election Council will advise of each candidates positions on each point within the election strategy.

BOOLEROO CENTRE BOWLING CLUB

I had the pleasure of attending the official opening of the Booleroo centre Bowling Club's new bowling green. A true credit to this community run club who has worked immensely hard for a long time in securing the upgrade to their turf.

The club has been doing some tremendous work in seeking to grow and remain a vital part of Booleroo and the broader region. The club is proving to be a pivotal location, providing not just a great facility for bowls, but a great facility for the community to come together in a social capacity.

I truly commend the Booleroo Centre Bowling Club for their efforts, and thank their many volunteers for being such a vital part of our community.

Mayor Phillip Heaslip



November Council Meeting held at Booleroo Centre Bowling Club



COUNCIL NEWS

The November meeting of Council was convened at the Booleroo Centre Bowling Club.

At community question time held immediately prior to the commencement of the council meeting, seven members of the community were in attendance and asked questions about various matters.

Council agenda items included:

- » 2022 Meeting dates
- » 2020/21 Annual Report
- » WHS and risk management services
- » Revocation of Informal Gatherings Policy and amendments to Code of Practice for Access to Council Meetings and Documents Policy
- » Variation to opening hours (festive season)
- » Booleroo Centre District School Bus Route
- » LGA Ordinary General Meeting 2022 Call for Motions
- » Southern Flinders Tourism Support
- » 2021 Christmas Tour of District Community Event
- » LGA Jim Hullick Award nomination
- » Booleroo Centre Memorial Swimming Pool Management Committee Operational Grant

Council also noted the Mayor's and Elected Members October reports and several items of correspondence.

2022 MEETINGS

2022 Ordinary Meetings of Council Meeting dates and locations

Tuesday 18 January 2022 Council Chambers, 3 Stuart Street, Melrose

Tuesday 15 February 2022 Council Chambers, 3 Stuart Street, Melrose

Tuesday 15 March 2022 Wirrabara (venue tbc)

Tuesday 19 April 2022 Council Chambers, 3 Stuart Street, Melrose

Tuesday 17 May 2022 Council Chambers, 3 Stuart Street, Melrose

Tuesday 21 June 2022 Wilmington (venue tbc)

Tuesday 19 July 2022 Council Chambers, 3 Stuart Street, Melrose

Tuesday 16 August 2022 Council Chambers, 3 Stuart Street, Melrose

Tuesday 20 September 2022 Booleroo Centre (venue tbc)

Tuesday 18 October 2022 Council Chambers, 3 Stuart Street, Melrose

Tuesday 15 November 2022 Council Chambers, 3 Stuart Street, Melrose

Tuesday 13 December 2022 Port Germein (venue tbc)

Council and Committee meeting agenda and minutes are available at: https://www. mtr.sa.gov.au/documents/agenda-andminutes/council-agenda-and-minutes





AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

Independent Member Vacancy

Applications are sought from a suitably qualified and/or experienced person to join the Audit & Risk Committee of the District Council of Mount Remarkable as an Independent Member.

To be considered for this position, you will have appropriate business or financial management skills, reporting knowledge and experience, and be conversant with financial and other reporting requirements.

Whilst not essential, experience within Local Government, in particular finance, risk and governance, will be highly regarded.

The appointment will be made by Council in accordance with the Audit & Risk Committee's Terms of Reference.

Information regarding the District Council of Mount Remarkable can be found on its website: *www.mtr.sa.gov.au.*

Any enquiries can be directed to Craig Mudge, Manager Corporate Services, on 0408 465 379.

Written applications for the Independent Member Vacancy are invited by interested persons and should be directed to:

» Manager Corporate Services,
District Council of Mount Remarkable,
PO Box 94, Melrose SA 5483, or

» email to *postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au*.

Applications are to be received by 12.00 noon on Friday 3 December 2021.

Sam Johnson Chief Executive Officer





Melrose gate of honour

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Council was represented at Remembrance Day services by Mayor Phillip Heaslip (at Port Germein) and Deputy Mayor Cr Don Norton (at Melrose). Mayor Heaslip and Deputy Mayor Cr Don North addressed the services, laid wreaths and paid respects on behalf of Council.

Due to the inclement weather the Melrose Service was held in the Hall instead of at the Memorial and the Port Germein service was held under marguees at the Memorial Garden.



Jeff Greenough; Rod Treloar; Anthony McDonald; Deacon Gary Stokes; Bob Boundy; Mayor Phillip Heaslip; Simon Perovic.

AG TOWN OF THE YEAR FINALIST BOOLEROO CENTRE

More than 3200 public votes were cast to choose five finalist towns from 59 nominations across South Australia (Booleroo Centre, Kapunda, Mypolonga, Kimba and Orroroo).

Booleroo Centre's nomination highlighted the farming and social communities demonstrating a cohesive, intergenerational network with growing opportunities and development and as the local hub supported by a strong agricultural presence, including international manufacturing business Kelly Engineering.

The Award's promotional video created for Booleroo Centre is available via https://solsticemedia.com.au/south-australianagricultural-town-of-the-year-award/



Ag Town of the Year Awards 19 November 2021 at Hahndorf Convention Centre – Mayor Phillip Heaslip, Jess Koch, Emma Waters and the Minister for Hon David Basham MP

CEO SAM JOHNSON OAM

Council's CEO Sam Johnson OAM attended the official investiture ceremony at Government House on 3 November and received a Medal of the Order of Australia. Congratulations Sam.



CEO Sam Johson OAM and Governor of SA Hon Frances Adamson AC



UNDER THE MOUNT TAKES OUT AWARD AT SA TOURISM INDUSTRY AWARDS

Family-owned Southern Flinders Ranges business, Under the Mount has been awarded as a silver medal recipient at the Tourism Industry Council South Australia (TiCSA) awards for 2021. Located in picturesque Melrose, the oldest town in the Southern Flinders Ranges, Under the Mount is a silver medallist in the 3-3 ½ star accommodation category.

Under the Mount owners, Donald and Kristen Norton are ecstatic to have taken out the award in the category, and proud that their hard work has paid off and been recognized by leaders in the tourism industry, saying "we're delighted to receive this award and hope that it will help to get more people excited about coming to visit us and the town."

The TICSA awards were held Thursday night, November 4th at the Adelaide Oval and were attended by representatives from across the South Australian tourism industry, both metropolitan and regional. Developed to accommodate the needs of people traveling to the area to participate in the ever-growing sport of mountain biking, Under the Mount stands out amongst local accommodation options thanks to the extra features that have been added. A bike lock up, cleaning area and specially designed pump track have had the mountain biking crowd returning time and time again.

Bookings have increased steadily over the past eighteen months as more South Australians have made the time to explore their own backyard and word of this incredible location has spread far and wide. The growth in mountain bike related tourism has also contributed to this growth.

This is an exciting achievement for both Under the Mount and the broader community. Recognition for this incredible part of South Australia is growing and it is sure to become the next 'must visit' destination for many people traveling from Adelaide and further afield.



Don & Kristen Norton from Under the Mount





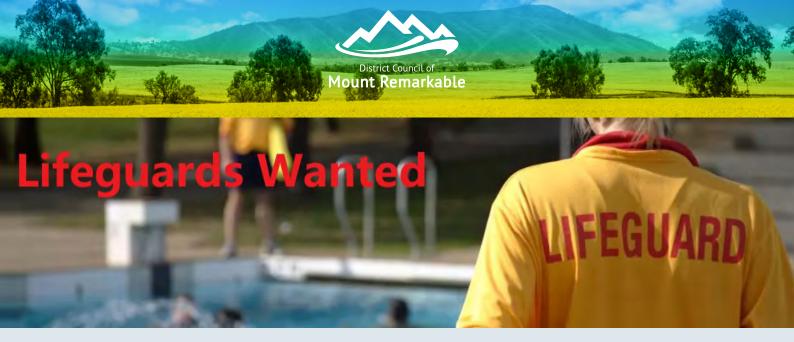
ROAD GRADING

Council grading staff have been busily grading away across the district.

With 98.6km covered in the past month, Council has been pleased with the feedback we are receiving. Our grader operators have received positive roadside feedback and we thank those who have called or emailed the Council providing positive feedback also.

We know there is plenty more to do though, and we are preparing for our graders wheels to keep on turning over the coming months.

If you see the graders out and about, give them a toot and a wave!



WE'RE HIRING FOR POOL ATTENDANTS/LIFE GUARDS (RELIEF ROSTER)

Pool Attendants/Life Guards- Booleroo Centre & Wilmington Swimming Pools

The swimming season is underway and we would like to hear from people interested in being on the relief roster for those occasions when our newly recruited lifeguards are unable to work.

We are seeking enthusiastic and highly motivated individuals to assist in providing lifeguard and customer service assistance at the Council's Booleroo Centre & Wilmington swimming centres for the 2021/2022 swimming pool season -November to March. Attendants will be employed on a casual basis and work on a roster basis seven days per week. If you are self-motivated, full of enthusiasm with a professional approach and can commit to weekend and public holiday work, we would like to hear from you. Previous lifeguard experience will be highly regarded.

As a Pool Attendant/Lifeguard you will be responsible for:

» providing surveillance, rescue, First Aid, customer service, water testing and cleaning duties as required across the Council's Swimming Centres; and

» ensuring the pool and its surrounding area are safe and presentable at all times for all patrons using the facilities.

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

- » SISCAQU002 Perform Basic Water Rescue Certificate
- » Senior First Aid
- » Cardiac Pulmonary Resus (CPR) Certificate
- » Working with Children Clearance
- » National Criminal History (Police) Clearance Check
- » COVID Marshal prescribed training certificate

Applications must include:

- » Resume including at least two (2) referees
- » Cover Letter
- » Copy of current SISCAQU002 Basic Water Rescue Certificate, CPR Certificate (or evidence of application or commitment to obtain)
- » Copy of current Police clearance (or evidence of application)
- » Copy of Working with Children Clearance (or evidence of application)

Applications should be marked 'Confidential' and addressed to:

Jacqui Kelleher at the District Council of Mount Remarkable, PO Box 94, Melrose SA 5483 or emailed to *postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au*.

Enquiries can be made to Jacqui Kelleher at the Council on 08 8666 2014

CLEANERS WANTED

Council is seeking reliable, motivated and versatile amenities cleaners for casual roles in various locations across the District.

We are seeking applications from candidates with a strong eye for detail who are able to clean to a high standard, keep storage areas stocked and organised, have excellent customer service skills and at times work with minimal supervision. Previous cleaning experience is an advantage.



Successful applicants must undergo a pre-employment medical and provide evidence of a current National Police Check *Screening Unit - National police checks* and Working with Children Check *Screening Unit - Working with children check*

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Written applications of no more than one page plus your CV can be forwarded to *postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au*. For further information or to discuss your interest please contact Craig Mudge - Manager Corporate Services on 8666 2014.



ELECTED MEMBER BUS TOUR

Council members have been out and about! Councillors in November have been on a district tour taking a look at several things around the district. This included checking out the completed Willowie floodway project, progress on the changes at the Willowie landfill site, some community projects in Wilmington, and taking a detailed look at some key roads and infrastructure such as bridges and culverts in preparation for the asset management plan.

Council is keen to make sure that the key decision makers are kept well informed and across many issues. This is why on a regular basis Councillors like to hit the road in the bus to see firsthand. This is in addition to the newly trialled Council meetings which have been rotating around the district every three months.

Councillors enjoyed the day out, meeting with locals and building on their knowledge.

If you have any suggestions of where you think the Councillors should go next, please let us know by emailing *postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au*.



Cr Greg Prestridge, Mayor Phillip Heaslip, Cr Barry Richards, Cr Danny Keller and Cr Colin Nottle

The Bus at Port Germein



HARVEST ACCESS ROUTES

With the harvest season upon us, Council acknowledges the number of requests that have been received for certain roads.

One of the most problematic transport routes that has been identified is south of Wirrabara. With the Department of Infrastructure (DIT) declaring no road train access along Horrock's Highway across the bridge commonly known as 'Geddes Bridge', has meant operators are looking at other options.

Whilst one option was to utilise the Council roads surrounding, starting on Forrest Road, a small bridge along this road was rated to B-Double only some 20 years ago. Council also continues to work with DIT to have this bridge along the upgraded Horrock's Highway elevated on their priority list, which will allow for full road train access along all of Horrock's Highway within our Council area.

In addition, the Appila Bridge located along Appila – Tarcowie Road



has been identified as potentially requiring some significant works. Council is now having individual bridge inspections completed to determine full engineering capacity, and what will be required to get certain bridges up to standard.

Council continues to work closely with Northern Areas Council in relation to the Pine Creek Bridge, and we are mindful that the Federal Government has just released another round of 'Bridges to Renewal'. This is a great opportunity to seek up to 80% of Federal Government funding to finally have the Pine Creek Bridge repaired. Council has been for some months in conjunction with Tonkin Engineering, been developing a new infrastructure asset management plan. This plan is expected to be presented to Council in the very near future, and is timely given some of the aging infrastructure issues that are being brought to light. The plan is designed to provide a ten (10) year management strategy, which will detail annual costings and infrastructure priorities. This is likely to form a major part of Council's resourcing and capital for the foreseeable future.







COUNCIL NOW WITH OPTUS! YES!

Following a review of its telecommunications requirements, Council staff met with representatives from Optus and Voiteck to discuss how modern technology can best assist Council moving forward.

Optus, an Australian telecommunications company, and Voiteck, a telephony solutions provider focused on providing organisations with business telephone solutions, work with many other Councils in South Australia, in particular many in regional and rural locations.

At its Ordinary Meeting in June, Council agreed to engage Optus and Voiteck for its telecommunications and telephony provider, and have been working with both companies since to stage its provider changeover.

Many who attended the Big Toys of the Mount event at Booleroo Centre in July enjoyed exploring the Optus trailer at the event and finding their own telecommunications solutions.

In coming weeks the Council Administration Centre will change to a new telephony system, which will streamline the customer service experience for those contacting Council.

TOP: Optus and Voiteck Representatives pictured with Sam Johnson OAM, Chief Executive Officer, and Craig Mudge, Manager Corporate Services, outside the Council Administration BOTTOM: The Optus interactive trailer at Council's Big Toys of the Mount event in July Centre

NAB PROVIDES BANKING SERVICES TO COUNCIL

Following an extensive review of its banking requirements, Council selected NAB as its new banking provider earlier in 2021.

There were many factors considered as part of this changeover, however the significant benefit of the NAB software integrating with Council's software, which has substantial benefit to the corporate services staff, was a major factor in the decision.

The streamlining of internal processes will have long-term benefit for the Council, and will also benefit requirements for internal financial controls which is a legislative requirement.

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FLINDERS ALLIANCE - SHARED SERVICES MOU

Council in September adopted to enter the Flinders Alliance Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

This now formalises the relationship between the District Council of Mount Remarkable, Flinders Ranges Council, Orroroo Carrieton Council, Peterborough Council, Northern Areas Council and the Port Pirie Regional Council. Some twelve (12) months ago the group of six (6) councils began meeting monthly to discuss matters of interest, and ways in which the collective group can support each other. This has resulted in some very positive outcomes, particularly in cost efficiency and service delivery.

Aims of the Flinders Alliance are as follows:

- » To enhance the local economy of the member councils,
- Improve individual internal processes for compliance, probity and deliver efficiencies,
- » To promote opportunities for skills development and collaboration of staff,
- » Standardise documents utilised by the group for the benefit of local suppliers,
- » Provide cost savings and efficiencies with operational expenditure, and
- » Provide cost savings, efficiencies and improved delivery of capital expenditure
- » Protect the employment in the towns and districts of the participating councils.

Some key areas the alliance will be focussing on include;

- » Regional procurement
- » Regional planning
- » Resource sharing
- » Regional lobbying

This is a great proactive illustration of regional Councils coming together to support and enhance our respective communities, while ensuring community delivery and long term sustainability is at the forefront.

COMMUNITY WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (CWMS)

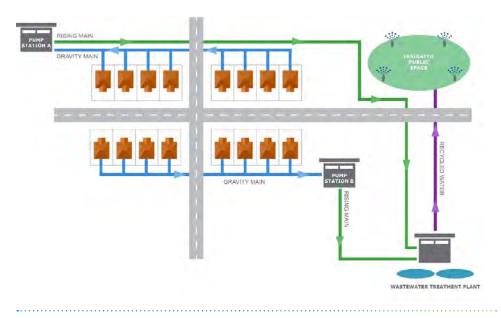
Council has four (4) CWMS located at Wilmington, Booleroo Centre, Melrose and Wirrabara. They all range is design, and age.

CWMS are very complex, and require a significant amount of resourcing to ensure they are managed properly.

Council has over the past six (6) months engaged a CWMS expert to assist Council in training of staff, and developing adequate operating procedures for proactive management on all four (4) systems. In addition to this, Council is also working with industry experts and other regional Councils in regards to the ongoing future management of CWMS assets. CWMS are important and vital community assets and services. Council is committed to investing in these systems to ensure they are operating adequately, and performing to the specifications as per the designs.

CWMS will very soon have a newly completed asset management plan, which will assist Council in determining the adequate amount for annual investment in the four (4) systems, as well as the public being able to see costs associated with managing CWMS. Keep an eye out for this to hit our website and Council agenda!

TYPICAL COMMUNITY WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TOWN LAYOUT





WASTE MANAGEMENT - NEW CALENDAR AND GREEN BIN INFORMATION

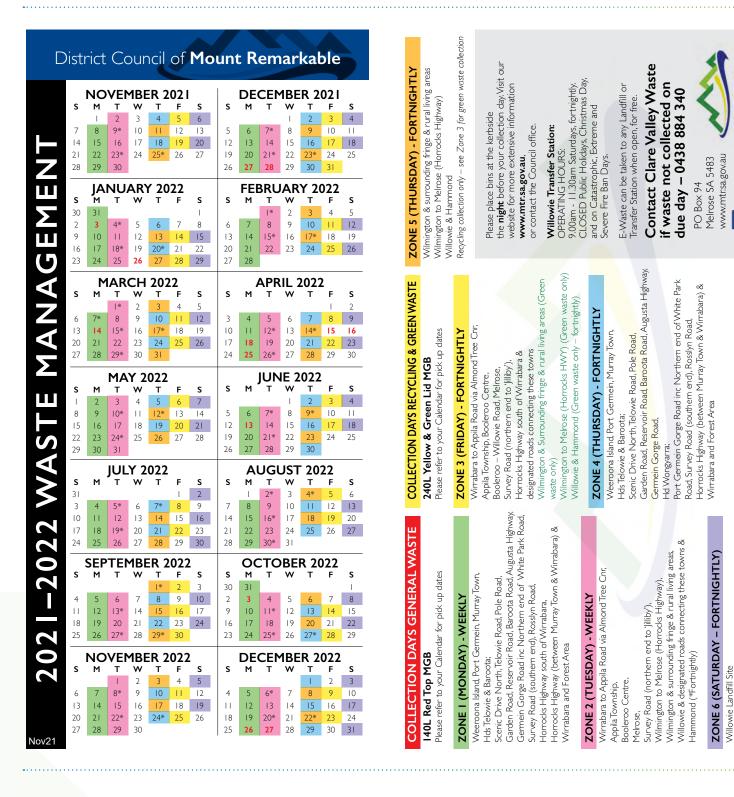
1 November 2021 saw the roll-out of Council's new green bin for garden waste.

New waste calendars have been mailed to all residents which provide bin collection details until December 2022.

The new green (light) bin can be used to dispose of all garden / yard green waste (ie flowers, herbs, plants and leaves, grass clippings and weeds and branches up to 900mm in length and 70mm in diameter). Please contact Council on 86662014 if you need further clarification on what can and cannot be placed in the green bin.

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Booleroo Holiday Swim

5 DAY PROGRAM 13 - 17 DECEMBER 2021

DETAILS INCLUDE:

Active Swim and Survive Level D1-7 lessons are 45 Minutes

Please keep in mind, there is a TBD entry fee for the 5 days, which is collected by the Booleroo Centre Swimming Pool. This can be paid directly upon entry to the pool.

Program Dates 13 - 17 December, 2021

Program

Location Booleroo

Swimming Pool Arthur St 5482

Centre, South Australia

Centre

Booleroo

HOW TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD ONLINE

- Select the number of children you wish to enrol in each Level. 'Quantity' means the number of children you wish to enrol.
- For information on the what level to Enrol your child/ren in, click

here: https://www.holidayswim.com.au/levelguides

 <u>Please note</u>: bookings must be paid for at the time of registration by credit card. If you do not have a credit card, contact us to obtain a copy of the postal enrolment form.

SWIMMING SEASON

The swimming season commenced 15 November with the pools at Booleroo Centre and Wilmington open for business.

Opening times of the pools are as follows:

BOOLEROO CENTRE

General Open Hours 3.30pm - 6.00pm

After Hours Monday, Wednesday & Friday 7.00am - 8.00am

Saturday 8.00am - 9.30am

Tuesday & Thursday 6.00pm - 7.00pm

WILMINGTON

Weekdays 4.00pm - 6.30pm

Weekends 2.30pm - 5.00pm

School holidays (everyday) 2.30pm - 6.30pm

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Council appreciates the assistance of the Booleroo Centre Swimming Pool Management Committee and the Wilmington Primary School to enable the running of these important community facilities.



Booleroo Pool

Wilmington Pool





ADMINISTRATION CENTRE AND WORKS DEPOT CLOSURES OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

The Council's Administration Centre and Works Depot will be closed from 12noon on Friday 24 December 2021 and 12noon on Friday 31 December 2021.

Councillors and Council staff wish everyone a safe and happy festive season.

CHRISTMAS ANNOUNCEMENT

Father Christmas has made contact with the Council and has told us that he wants to make a special visit to see everyone before Christmas. He said that he knows that all the residents and children of the Mount Remarkable district have gone through a lot in 2021 and would like to give back some extra smiles and happiness back in to the community.

The local SA Police force has also agreed to help escort Father Christmas around the district, so keep a look out for flashing lights!

Father Christmas will be arriving on Tuesday 7 December and will be doing a loop around each main street starting at 4pm Port Germein, then Wilmington, Melrose, Booleroo Centre, Murray Town and lastly Wirrabara. Make sure to look out for the flashing lights!

Please stay tuned for more details and location updates on our Facebook Page



LMINGTON PROGRESS SOCIETS ristmas Shm COME AND SEE FATHER CHRISTMAS! SUNDAY 19TH DECEMBER **DINNER & DRINKS AVAILABLE** WILMINGTON OVAL 5:30PM





Mistletoe bird

PORT GERMEIN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

Monday 6th Dec 7.30pm Port Germein Community Hub

- » Help us outline our achievements, challenges & works in progress
- » Have input into our/your community, township & district
- » Help us celebrate the Festive Season

New members welcome!

Enquiries & apologies to:

Port Germein Progress Association Secretary

Ph/Text: 0439 833 744

Email: greenulrike@hotmail.com

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS OF LOCAL COMMUNITY & PROGRESS GROUPS

HOST	NEXT MEETING	CONTACT
Port Germein Progress Association	Monday 6 Dec - 7.30pm Port Germein Community Hub General Meeting	Secretary - Ulrike Maria 0439833744 greenulrike@hotmail.com
Wilmington Progress Society	Wednesday 15 Dec - 7.00pm CFS station Sunday evening 19 Dec Wilmington Oval Complex Christmas Family night Dinner & Santa visit!	Michael Wigg mwigg5485@gmail.com
Melrose Community Development Association	Wednesday 19 Jan 2022 - 7.30pm Paradise Square Town Christmas Party Bbq meat supplied and families to supply their salads and sweets in their family groups due to COVID. Father Christmas will be making an appearance after dinner & carol singing!	BevTaylor bevt8@bigpond.com
Booleroo Centre Community Development & Tourism Association	Wednesday 8 Dec	Emma Waters watersmetalworks@outlook.coi
Murray Town Progress Group	Wednesday 8 Dec	Debbie Richards barryanddeb3@gmail.com
Wirrabara Progress Association	Monday 13 Dec - 7.30pm Wongabirrie Park 6pm Christmas Eve Town Party	Dianne Becker dibecker37@gmail.com
Appila Improvements Association	To be confirmed	graham.n.mccoll@gmail.com khama.gilchrist@gmail.com

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