COUNCIL SNIPPETS

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ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2017 COUNCILLORS RESOLVED:

Community Leases
Council continues to work with Community Organisations to ensure facility leases are current. Two community leases were signed and the common seal applied.

Melrose Community Development Association
An additional three metal collection bins in Melrose for recycling of bottles and cans were approved.

Paragums Road
Councillors considered correspondence and approved to upgrade Paragums Road Melrose to a Category 1 road within the financial year ending 30 June 2018, and any required amendment to the annual budget.

Melrose Districts History Society
Council will waive the Council component of the Development Planning fees associated with the Melrose Districts History Society development.

Wirrabara Primary School
Councillors authorised the Chief Executive Officer to maintain a watch on the Wirrabara Primary School site as possibly being surplus to government requirements following the closure of the school in December 2017.

Road Naming
Councillors reviewed submissions for road name changes and resolved the following changes:
1. Dairy Road Wirrabara to remain unchanged
2. Gloria Di Road to be amended (spelling) to Gloria Dei Road
3. Unnamed Road Port Germein - defer to October 2017 meeting for further investigation
4. Unnamed Road, 372 & 373 Hd Gregory Wilmington to be named Fairview Road
5. Gogler Road Wilmington to remain unchanged.

Council Policies
Councillors adopted several policies. The policies are available on Councils website www.mtr.sa.gov.au or at the Council Office, 3 Stuart Street, Melrose.

Election of Office Bearers
Councillors resolved to re-elect Cr CE Nottle as Council Chairperson, to be known as Mayor, until the next general election (November 2018). Cr Vicki Morley was elected Deputy Chairperson.

Mayor Colin Nottle congratulates Cr Vicki Morley on her election as Deputy Chairperson.

Port Germein Jetty Timbers
Council received fifteen (15) applications from community groups for the Port Germein Jetty Timbers. Councillors assessed each application on merit in accordance with the guidelines and resolved to:
1. Dedicate the ‘mixed size old timbers’ (timbers) from the Port Germein Jetty to Port Germein projects as outlined in the agenda attachments in the first instance, with the exception of the Port Germein Village Project Café and Maze projects;
2. Meet with the Port Germein project sponsors within the next four weeks at the storage area to set aside the timbers required; and
3. Thereafter, offer any remaining timbers to the non-Port Germein projects after further review by Council.

Council has written to all successful applicants for them to nominate an inspection time and date for distribution of the timbers.

Next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday 17 October 2017 in the Council Chambers
On the anniversary of my election to Mayor in 2016 I am honoured to have been returned to the position at the September 2017 Council meeting, with Cr Vicki Morley being elected to the position of Deputy Chairperson. The past 12 months have been rewarding and challenging and on reflection I highlight a few significant events:

Eight days into my term as Mayor we had those once in a hundred year storms that left a trail of devastation across a number of communities in the Council area including badly damaging the Port Germein Jetty and sea wall and Weeroona Island causeway, mangling power lines at Melrose and cutting the power to the whole State, significant flooding and damage to a number of roads, and damage to infrastructure. I, Councillors and Staff have been working hard ever since addressing these and other issues, this included meeting with Ministers and representatives from the State Government and submitting applications for disaster relief funding, and to our staff on the ground a big thank you to everyone involved.

We have our power back, our jetty is better than ever and our roads despite lack of workable rain are getting good feedback especially when our gangs have kept up with our normal yearly commitment.

The Councillors have toured local businesses and familiarised ourselves with the communities we represent. This I intend to continue for the remainder of the term (until November 2018). A key focus for Council is to support development, encourage entrepreneurs to the district, promote tourism in the region through the ‘Remarkable Experience’, and we have made a commitment to a new ‘marketing campaign’ to promote our Council district.

I held Mayor Information sessions in the major towns and whilst not well supported they were productive in understanding the communities wishes for the future. In my first year I made myself available on Thursdays at the Council Office for any ratepayer to drop in to discuss matters of interest or concern. This had minimal response and as such I will trial from now until the New Year, an appointment only arrangement whereby ratepayers are encouraged to contact the Council Office and arrange an appointment to meet with me.

I am pleased the Weeroona Island Boat Launching Facility has been completed and is open to the public. The Booleroo Centre main street development is progressing and will certainly bring a fresh new look to the town’s main street, which has not changed much in my lifetime. The Melrose Caravan Park has received upgrades bringing the park up to a standard expected by visitors. Council has committed $444,800 and received State Government funding of $112,000 for the development of the Bluff Lookout at Wirrabara. These projects and other exciting new developments in the district will help attract visitors to the district.

Council continues to be proactive and is working on many future projects. We have a good staff and a good team of Councillors working hard together for the benefit of all our communities and I as the recently re-elected Mayor for the last year of our 4 year term, can assure you that we will continue to pursue the best outcomes for all ratepayers.

Finally I would like to thank Cr Phillip Heaslip for his work as Deputy Chairperson for the last year and congratulate Cr Vicki Morley for being elected Deputy Chairperson for the remaining 12 months and look forward to working closely with her.

Colin Nottle
Mayor
To keep up to date with official event and warning information as it happens download the AlertSA app visit alert.sa.gov.au. Receive current alerts and information on your phone and easily share with family and friends. The Alert SA Mobile App is free.

Melrose Caravan Park Manager is seeking expressions of interest for a part time Duty Manager. For more information contact Danny on 8666 2060 or visit www.mtr.sa.gov.au.

Are you Ready for Fire Danger Season?

Dates for the Flinders Region Fire Danger Season will soon be declared and Council has conducted its first inspections of properties in early September, to ensure that properties meet the requirements of the act prior to the commencement of the Fire Danger Season.

Bushfire Hazard Reduction Compliance Notices have been sent to owners of properties that did not comply at this time.

The authorised officer will conduct second inspections in early November after the commencement of the Fire Danger Season. Any non-compliant properties will be issued with an Expiation Notice of $315 and given a minimum of 14 days to clean up their properties.

A final inspection will take place at the end of November. Any properties that remain non-compliant will be cleaned up to the required standard by Council, and Property Owners will be charged for the work as per Council’s Fees and Charges.

Council completed its Hardwaste Collection for 2017 early October. This is an additional service provided by Council for ratepayers.

Northern Passenger Transport Network - Finalist

The South Australian Community Achievement Awards are designed to encourage, acknowledge and reward the valuable contributions individuals, communities and businesses are making throughout South Australia. The Northern Passenger Transport Network has been announced as one of three Finalists of the Rural Doctors Workforce Agency Rural Community Health and Wellbeing award. The winner will be announced at the awards presentation on 17 November 2017. Good Luck to Lyn and the Northern Passenger Transport Network Team!
Local Business Recognised

Catering Manager Phillip Hanisch, of the North Star Hotel Melrose, was recently presented with a ‘Certificate of Acknowledgement’ for his outstanding contribution toward continued development of the businesses Food Safety Programs. The Certificate was presented to Phillip by Council’s Environmental Health Officer, Mark Smith.

Awards of this nature are not common and Council has to be satisfied that at the time of presentation the person(s) being acknowledged by Council has demonstrated good understanding of their responsibilities under current food safety regulations and standards.

Pool Attendants – Booleroo Centre & Wilmington Swimming Pools

The District Council of Mount Remarkable is seeking reliable pool attendants to work on a casual basis. Pool Attendants can nominate to work at Wilmington and/or Booleroo Centre pools during the 2017/18 swimming season (November to March). Attendants will work on a roster basis seven days per week.

Applicants must have minimum qualification of:
- Current Bronze Medallion or be willing to obtain
- Senior First Aid Certification
- Child Safe Environment training (online).

For further enquiries contact the Council Office on 8666 2014. To apply for the above position, provide a covering letter and a resume including contact details for two current referees. Applications should be marked ‘Confidential’ and be forwarded to the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, District Council of Mount Remarkable, PO Box 94, Melrose SA 5483 or emailed to postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au by 5.00pm Friday 27 October 2017.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY OR AN EVENT THAT HAS BENEFITED THE COMMUNITY?

Nominations for the 2018 Citizen of the Year and Community Event awards are now open. Submit your nomination for the person or event that you believe has made an outstanding contribution to the Council District and tell us why you think they are deserving of an Australia Day Award.

Categories for nomination are:
- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Junior Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year

Application forms are available on Council’s website www.mtr.sa.gov.au or from the Council Office, 3 Stuart Street, Melrose.

Nominations open Monday 9 October & Close Monday 11 December 2017.

Awards will be presented at Australia Day celebrations across the Council District, 26 January 2018.

Yvonne & Don Bishop 2017 Citizen of Year