



### COUNCIL SNIPPETS

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#### ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY 17 APRIL 2018 COUNCILLORS RESOLVED:

##### Waive Development Application Fees

Booloroo and Districts Mens Shed have been approved a waiver of the Council component of fees associated with development planning application for the addition of a verandah at the facility.

##### Community Lease

The Port Germein Sharks Cricket Club requested and have been granted an extension of their lease for the land known as the Port Germein Oval for a further five years.

##### Burning Permits

Council motion 058-2018 resolved at the 20 March 2018 Ordinary Meeting was amended to remove Appila, Bruce, Hammond and Willowie from the burning permit in relation to the EPA (Air Quality) Policy 2016 on further advise from DPTI.

##### Draft Long Term Financial Plan

Councillors endorsed the Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2017/2018 – 2027/2028 (the ‘Plan’) to go to Public Consultation in accordance with Council’s Public Consultation Policy. A copy of the document is available for viewing at the Council Office, 3 Stuart Street Melrose and on Council’s website [www.mtr.sa.gov.au](http://www.mtr.sa.gov.au). Submissions are to be received by **5.00pm on Thursday 10 May 2018**.

*Next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday 15 May 2018 in the Council Chambers Melrose commencing at 9.30am, a copy of the agenda will be available on the Council website [www.mtr.sa.gov.au](http://www.mtr.sa.gov.au) prior to the meeting.*



A **FREE** event in recognition of the hard work and important role volunteers play in their communities is being held from 11 am to 1 pm on Monday 11 June at the Adelaide Festival Theatre. Register online at [www.ofv.sa.gov.au](http://www.ofv.sa.gov.au). The event will include performances from the Adelaide Cabaret Festival and presentation of the 2018 State Volunteer Awards.

Volunteers selflessly give their time and talents to not for profit organisations, schools, emergency services and their community. Council takes this opportunity to recognise and applaud the valuable work our community members do in and around the Council district. Our communities are fortunate to have many passionate and talented people who contribute significant amounts of time and dedication to their local communities.



**THANK YOU** to all the volunteers in the District Council of Mount Remarkable for helping to make our district and our communities simply **REMARKABLE**.

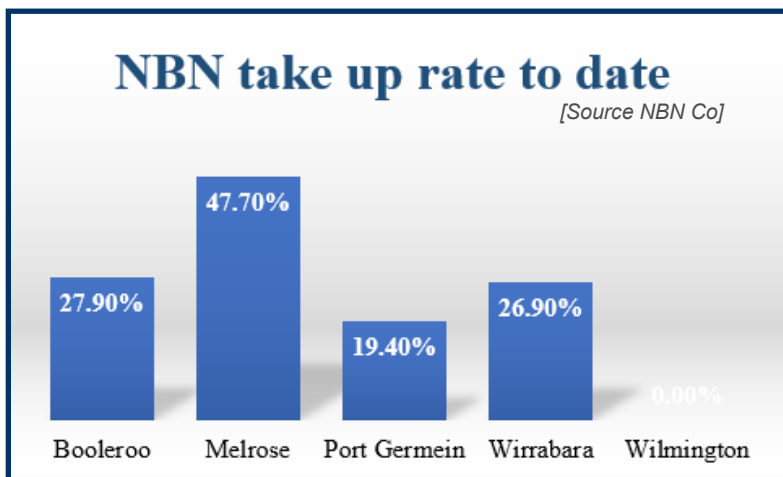


Cr Jan Woolford laid the wreath on behalf of Council at the Wilmington Anzac Day service. Council is proud to support the communities of Appila, Booloroo Centre, Melrose, Port Germein, Wirrabara and Wilmington on this important national day.

Being a medium to large employer in the District Council of Mount Remarkable region, Council understands the importance of businesses, residents, ratepayers and members of public having access to reliable and fast internet. In today's society businesses are able to work from home, attend meetings without leaving the office via video conferencing and access emails outside the working environment, and as residents and members of public do more online shopping, education, webinars and the increase in social media and general research, the nbn™ network will give us all the opportunity to do more.

The Council area will have five fixed tower wireless networks at Booleroo Centre, Wirrabara, Melrose, Port Germein and Wilmington. Four have been rolled out and are ready for service with some residents already utilising the service. Council has approved the development for the Wilmington site however it is a matter between NBN Co and a private landowner and not a Council concern. Notwithstanding this Council has been advised the Wilmington service is expected to be rolled out by 1 December 2018. Residents are able to stay informed and can check the NBN service available to them on the NBN website [www.nbnco.com.au](http://www.nbnco.com.au) and using the [Check Your Address facility](#) located on the homepage.

The below table shows the site name and the take-up rate in each town to date.



## Desludging of Septic Tanks

Council is seeking Tenders for the desludging of approximately 454 septic/sullage tanks within the townships of Booleroo Centre, Melrose and Wilmington.

Tender documents are available on Council's website [www.mtr.sa.gov.au](http://www.mtr.sa.gov.au). Tenders must be submitted on the Tender Form which is included in the Tender documentation.

Tenders must be received or delivered to the Tender Box at the Council prior to **5.00pm on the 28th May 2018**.

Desludging is compulsory for all septic tanks on either a four or two year rotation dependant on the size of the septic tank.

Desludging of tanks is necessary to ensure EPA compliance and reduce the risk of overflows from septic tanks and to enable the Community Wastewater Management System (CWMS) to operate efficiently.



## Construction & Grading

Council provides three levels of road maintenance; construction, patrol grading and operations. These are carried out in accordance with the Unsealed Roads and Patrol Grading methodology adopted by Council in 2016.

### Construction

Is the re-sheeting program that is determined during budget deliberations annually. Council aims to re-sheet a minimum of 30 kms of roads (category 1 & 2) each year. In the 2017-2018 financial budget Councillors committed to re-sheeting 15.1 kms of category 1 and 23.4 kms of category 2 unsealed roads, a total of 38.5 kms. During April Council completed resheeting on Charcoal Road and commenced works on Wirrabara/Appila Road Wirrabara.

### Patrol Grading

The periodic grading of roads is determined by Council data and requests for service (RFS) submitted by residents. Council has a grading program each year whereby Category 1 & 2 roads are graded twice depending on rainfall and 3 & 4 roads being red-dirt or fire tracks are graded as required. Due to the lack of rainfall Council has concentrated on grading its category 3 & 4 roads and during April Council completed grading on:

- Watts Gully Road, Fairway Drive (from Wilds Rd to Horrocks Highway), Geddes Road, Murray Road and Bentley Road (from Bitumen to Cockburn Rd) all around Wirrabara and after rain the category 1 road, Forest Road (from Horrocks Highway to Forestry HQ)
- Zanker Road, Burford Road, Wongyarra Road, Archie Road, Yellow Cutting Road (from Willow Dam Rd to White Park Rd) at Murray Town
- Well Road (from Bluebush Rd to Amyton Road), Bury Road (from Amyton Rd to Brindinna Rd) near Wilmington.

### Operations

Includes patching and grading and is also determined by Council data and RFS submitted by residents. \$180,000 was committed towards operations in the 2017-2018 Annual Budget and this has been fully expended. In April Council carried out the below operations:

- Case Road (north of Muttabee Rd), Hammond
- Dickson Road (from Arthur Rd to Collins Rd), Melrose
- Mahood Road, Wirrabara
- Carted crusher dust for footpath works to 6 major towns
- Drainage works to Forest Road Creek Crossing, Wirrabara.





# Corella Update

Residents in Melrose and Wilmington will have noticed the use of gas guns in and around the townships. Council has purchased two gas guns in efforts to scare the birds from the towns.

University SA Discovery Circle report "Little Corellas Social and Ecological Research for Management in South Australia" presented a report in April 2017 a result of two years of research. This report has recently been updated [www.discoverycircle.org.au](http://www.discoverycircle.org.au) and Council encourages residents and ratepayers to read the full report.

The report confirms there is no quick fix to the Corella issue and in general Corellas are here to stay. The report includes long, medium and short term management of the corella and has established that we have created the perfect habitats for the bird with abundant water and food sources, large open spaces and treescapes.



Above - electrical wires damaged by the corellas to lighting at community recreational facilities.

Corellas are a whole of community issue that requires input from everyone if there is to be any chance of a solution. Residents that experience nuisance issues at their property on private land, need to undertake their own management controls to protect and relieve nuisance on their property. As per the report a combination of scaring techniques will work best, as the birds are very intelligent and become accustomed to individual techniques quickly. However this needs to be a uniform approach by residents and neighbours, as scaring the birds only shifts the problems to others.

Council will continue to use the gas guns with the support of the local communities of Melrose and Wilmington. Ratepayers who wish to discuss this action or have concerns can contact Council on 8666 2014.



The Port Germein Cemetery Niche Garden design and preparations for the cement pour are in place. The niche garden is expected to be completed during May.

## Did you know....

Council is responsible for the care and control of 11 cemeteries within our Council area.

Council facilitates all burials within these cemeteries, including arranging preparation of the grave site, and working closely with funeral directors to ensure a smooth process for bereaved families. Other services include the interment of ashes and installation of plaques.

A large part of the operation of cemeteries is the upkeep of records to comply with legislation. Cemetery records are available on Council's website or further information upon request from members of the public, this is a valuable resource for anyone researching family history.

Council appreciates that cemeteries are an emotive and sensitive topic and strives to ensure all cemeteries are presented to a standard acceptable to the expectations of its communities.

When preparing its Annual Budget Council allocates funding towards its cemeteries for maintenance and upgrades.

Council has completed footpaths, culvert and paving at the Wilmington cemetery, commenced works on a new Niche Garden at the Port Germein Cemetery and engaged a contractor to replace the shelter at the Wirrabara Cemetery as part of the Capital Works Program of the 2017-2018 Annual Budget.



Annually Council allocates resources towards roads, kerbing, water table & footpaths. Drainage and kerbing has been completed on Whitby Street Melrose during April.



# 2018 Council Elections



Council elections occur every four years and the next general election will happen in November 2018. Over the next few months Council will keep the community updated on the process for nominating to be a councillor, voting, important dates and information sessions that are available.

If you are community minded, interested in Local Government and representing the people of your community on council, the Electoral Commission of SA [www.ecsa.sa.gov.au](http://www.ecsa.sa.gov.au), and the LGA(SA) [www.lga.sa.gov.au](http://www.lga.sa.gov.au) provide a range of resources to help you understand the role and responsibilities of being a councillor.

Council elections are conducted by the Electoral Commission of SA, and are done by post. The community elects who they want to represent them in Council however you must be enrolled to receive a voting package through the mail.

Roll Close	5pm Friday, 10 August 2018
Nominations Open	Tuesday, 4 September 2018
Nominations Close	Midday, Tuesday, 18 September 2018
Caretaker Period	18 September 2018 to close of the election
Mail Out of Voting Material	Monday, 22 October to Friday, 26 October 2018
Close of Voting	5pm Friday, 9 November 2018

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## Avoid paying extra for paper bills

If you receive bills in the mail, you may be charged a paper billing fee. If you can't receive bills electronically, fee exemptions may be available if you:

- ⇒ Are a senior
  - ⇒ Are registered for a concession
  - ⇒ Receive income support or
  - ⇒ Don't have internet access
1. Contact each company that sends you a bill.
  2. Ask about their exemption criteria and how to apply.

For more information visit [www.consumerlaw.gov.au/paperbilling](http://www.consumerlaw.gov.au/paperbilling) or contact your local Fair Trading or Consumer Affairs Agency.

## Community interest...

### Round 2—Wirrabara Community Grant Scheme Open

Established in 2017 the Wirrabara Community Grant is the investment of the NBN tower lease payment to support not for profit community groups and services operating in or servicing the township of Wirrabara.

Applicants can apply for an amount up to a maximum of \$5000. Guidelines and conditions apply, please refer to the Council website [www.mtr.sa.gov.au](http://www.mtr.sa.gov.au) for the application form or contact the Council Office on 8666 2014.

### **Round 2 closes Monday, 28 May 2018.**



The Wirrabara Community Development Tourism Group received \$4090 in Round 1 for a projector and screen for a pop-up cinema. The pop-up cinema has been well supported and is a positive initiative of the community.

### Wirrabara Silos

Results of Wirrabara Silo artwork survey have been assessed and 'Smug' has been engaged by Juddy Roller to paint the Wirrabara Silos. Estimated commencement for painting is September 2018. To checkout some of the work completed by Smug, including the recently completed mural in Tumbly Bay, visit his Instagram [@smugone](https://www.instagram.com/smugone) and facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/smuggraffiti>.

### Road Closure

Council advises Angas Terrace Wilmington will be closed for a community event, being the BMW Football and Netball matches on 12 May and 2 June. The road closure is between Horrocks Highway and Dunn Street, Wilmington. Please contact Council on 8666 2014 if you wish to discuss the road closure.