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INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED SPEAKER COMING TO THE DISTRICT

Council in conjunction with the Melrose Community Development Association was successful in obtaining funding from the Drought Support Program to hold workshops by Peter Kenyon.

Peter Kenyon is a social capitalist and community enthusiast. Over the last decade he has worked with over 1000 communities throughout Australia and overseas seeking to facilitate fresh and creative ways to stimulate community and economic renewal.

He is motivated by the desire to create healthy, caring, inclusive, sustainable and enterprising communities.

Founder of the Bank of I.D.E.A.S. (www.bankofideas.com.au), Peter travels extensively in Australia and overseas assisting communities to develop successful strategies from the inside out, a process that encourages residents to invest in themselves, their ideas, assets and resources.

Two **free** workshops will be available. On Tuesday the 6th of April from 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm at the Murray Town Hall, Peter will present a workshop open to all, on the subject of **Building Healthy, Caring and Inclusive Communities** in our District.

Community and economic development is a sustainable and united effort by a community to utilise their social, human and physical resources to enhance their local economic and employment opportunities as well as their quality of life.

It is about local people taking responsibility for their future. It is about changing perspectives and choices regarding development options, community resources, markets rules and decision making capacity and based on a simple premise that each community has within itself or within its grasp considerable capacity and opportunities to influence its social, economic and employment future.

On Wednesday the 7th of April, (10.00 am to 12.00 pm), a workshop will be held at the



Melrose Bowling Club, specifically for Business Operators.

Getting the Tills Ringing delivers the stories of ordinary people who dared to be different and have become out-of-the-ordinary entrepreneurs running businesses located outside large cities.

Rather than being endowed with unique and mysterious qualities, these people have discovered and developed attitudes, behaviours and skills that set them apart from most business operators.

Both workshops are primarily aimed at the residents of the Council area. Registration is essential, places are limited so please book early. Phone Council on 8666 2014 or email Muriel Scholz, Manager Community and Economic Development cedo@mtr.sa.gov.au

PHONE SURVEY

Roy Morgan Research will be undertaking the Local Government Association of South Australia Community Survey in this District commencing in early March.

If you receive a phone call from Roy Morgan Research advising that they are conducting a survey on behalf of Council or the Local Government Association of South Australia, it is legitimate.

Please contact the Council office or Roy Morgan Research if you have any questions regarding the Community Survey.



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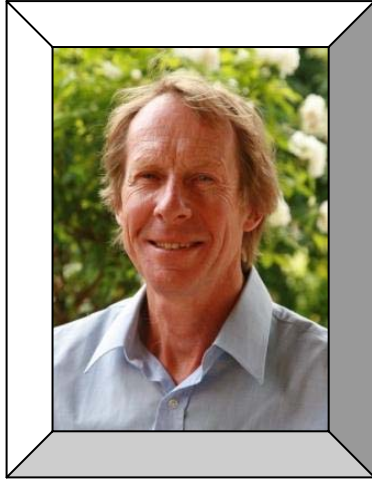
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COUNCILLOR PROFILE

COUNCILLOR PAUL KRETSCHMER (FOREST WARD)

In late 2004, I attended a Meeting in Laura, called to discuss the possibilities of utilising the railway corridor which passes through our region as a cycling trail. There was a good attendance at the Meeting and much enthusiasm, though how to proceed from that point kept our enthusiasm muted.



However, for me, it was a starting point, and I shared the vision with many others at that Meeting of one day seeing the rail corridor become a cycling trail through our region, which will offer relatively easy grades, and be an enjoyable way of travelling and appreciating our Southern Flinders landscape.

The railway line from Laura to Booleroo Centre via Wirrabara was opened in late 1910, and was continued on to Melrose and Wilmington in 1912-13. Its purpose was to provide a freight and passenger service and to connect the then young communities. However, changing circumstances and changing economics led to the railway's closure in the early 1980's and the line was removed for salvage in the early 1990's.

It is interesting to consider that what was originally built to connect communities may once again be used as a means of connecting communities, though this time by way of a cycling trail passing along the same route.

A study of the economic benefits of Rail Trails in Victoria show that the benefit to the regional towns linked by the Rail Trails is significant in terms of accommodation, food,

beverages and other services for the visiting cyclists, and I think that similar benefits to our towns will occur here. One other benefit is that the cycling trails are not only for tourists but are also available for us locals to use and enjoy.

Funding for cycle trails in our region has been made available by means of the Southern Flinders Ranges Tourism Authority (SFRTA), of which the District Council of Mount Remarkable (DCMR) is a member, under the Southern Flinders Cycle Tourism Master Plan.

Funding from this programme has already led to the establishment of single track cycle trails in the Melrose area, which have proved to be successful in Melrose becoming a recognised cycling destination.

In the latest round of grants, funding has been allocated by the SFRTA and DCMR to construct a cycle trail along the rail corridor from Wilmington to Melrose and from Wirrabara to the Hollitt's Road intersection.

I have been involved with the planning of the Wirrabara 'Rocky River Rail Trail' project, which promises to be a scenic ride, heading south from the town, and preparation work on the project will be starting soon. This is to be Stage 1, and Stage 2 is to continue the rail trail to the Tandowie Waterhole when further funding is secured.

The overall aim is for the rail trail to extend from Yacka to Wilmington, which will be a major project, though I take encouragement in making a start on this vision.

I think that the Rail Trail along the railway corridor will be a valuable asset for our region in adding to our range of tourism experiences and attractions that are available, and will also provide economic and employment benefit for our towns. I look forward to riding the Rail Trail!



DIGITAL TELEVISION SWITCH OVER

At its January Meeting, Council considered correspondence from the Hon Stephen Conroy, Commonwealth Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, regarding the upcoming switchover to digital television.

The correspondence outlined that approximately 100 self help sites across the country (out of approx 600) will be converted by the Government and Broadcasters. These 100 sites have still not been identified. For those sites not converted, the Government is proposing to offer a subsidy of approximately \$300 per household (50 per cent) to install satellite receiving equipment.

Council expressed initial concern at both the visual impact that this would have in our townships, together with the likely total cost which would be substantial when compared to converting transmission sites.

Concern was also raised that the current advertising on getting ready for the switchover may be misleading, particularly if households end up with a satellite service, in which case they would not likely need a set top box but rather would require a satellite decoder.

At this point in time, there are still a considerable number of uncertainties regarding the switchover and it is anticipated that further information, particularly in relation to the impact that the switchover will have on self help sites, such as that servicing the townships of Wilmington and Melrose, will be available in the near future.

Council, together with a number of other Central Local Government Region Councils, will continue to keep a watching brief on this matter over the coming months in an endeavour to ensure that our Communities receive the best possible outcome.

STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT PLAN 2008 - 2020

OUR 2020 VISION

OUR ORGANISATION

A financially sustainable, proactive and responsive customer focussed organisation which meets and exceeds the diverse needs and expectations of our stakeholders in an efficient and effective manner. Through team work, co-operation and continuous improvement, and by fostering creativity and developing our valued employees, we will grasp the challenges and capture the opportunities for the benefit of all, to ensure our respected position at the leading edge of our industry is maintained.

OUR COUNCIL

A dynamic, skilled and representative elected body, respected and recognised at the local, regional, state and national levels for its advocacy and positive leadership of all sectors of its Communities, with a strategic focus on policy and effective decision making.

OUR COMMUNITIES

With enviable facilities and services, growing populations and thriving and sustainable economies, our vibrant and diverse Communities are safe, secure, friendly and welcoming to all. Community spirit, co-operation and a sense of belonging are fostered by our determined, hard working people with positive vision and initiative, to make our Communities exceptional places to live, visit, work and do business.

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### OUR VALUES

As a results oriented organisation, Council is committed to its core values of:

- pro-active and effective communication
- honesty and transparency
- accepting and pursuing challenges
- creative, positive and energetic workforce and leadership

## OUR MISSION

Council will accept the challenges of, and excel in the provision of, Local Government services to our district, enhancing and preserving the unique character of our communities, maintaining a safe and secure environment for our residents, whilst retaining and promoting the quality lifestyle and amenity of country living. Council will continually promote open communication, accountability, and efficient and effective leadership, governance and service delivery by:

- acting as a representative, informed and responsible decision maker;
- providing and coordinating services, facilities and programs that are adequate, appropriate and equitably accessed;
- developing the Community, its resources and its infrastructure in a socially just and sustainable manner;
- ensuring that Council resources are used fairly, effectively and efficiently;
- encouraging and developing initiatives within the Community for improving the quality of life and amenity of the Community;
- managing, developing and protecting the environment in an ecologically sustainable manner;
- planning at the local and regional level for the development and future requirements of the Community;
- promoting the area and providing an attractive climate and location for the development of business, commerce, industry and tourism;
- ensuring a proper balance between economic, social, environmental and cultural considerations within the Community;
- developing its capacity and professionalism to undertake a growing range of leadership, advocacy and service delivery challenges; and
- exercising, performing and discharging the power, functions and duties of the Local Government and other Acts

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COUNCIL MEETING UPDATES

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

JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 19TH JANUARY

Coastal Ward Construction Program Endorsed

Council considered and endorsed the Coastal Ward Road Construction program for the 2009 / 2010 financial year. Excluding carried forward works, the new program will see just over \$230,000 spent in the ward, with the following projects receiving funding allocations:-

* Eighth Street, Port Germein	\$ 47,370
* Ninth Street, Port Germein	\$ 51,050
* Mount Ferguson Drive, Port Flinders	\$132,820

An amount of \$23,500 remains unallocated and will be carried forward for inclusion into the 2010 / 2011 financial year program.

Community Assistance Major Fund

As part of the Annual Business Plan and Budget process for the 2005 / 2006 financial year, Council established an annual allocation of \$35,000 to establish its Community Assistance Major Fund.

With allocations on the basis of \$5,000 for each of the five major townships and \$10,000 for the remaining parts of the District, the Fund had the objective of providing Council funding to assist the District's Community Development and Progress Associations with projects, where they often face difficulty in raising the matching funding required with many of the current grants programs.

To date, the Fund has been used to differing degrees in different parts of the Council District and the following tables illustrate the allocations available and the allocations made for each. They also indicate the currently available levels of funding within each allocation.

Booleroo Centre

Annual Contributions made by Council	\$25,000
Less Allocations Made	
* BCCD&TA – Implementation of Master Plan	\$ 5,000
* BCCD&TA – Activity Hall	\$ 5,000
* Mid North Rural Health Team – Community Gym	\$ 6,000
* Mid North Rural Health Team – Men's Shed	\$ 4,750
* Interchurch Council – Cracker Carols	<u>\$ 750</u>
	\$21,500
Balance Available	\$ 3,500

Melrose

Annual Contributions made by Council	\$25,000
Less Allocations Made	
* Allocation towards RLCIP Projects	<u>\$10,000</u>
	\$10,000
Balance Available	\$15,000

Port Germein

Annual Contributions made by Council	\$25,000
Less Allocations Made	
* PGPA – Foreshore Management Plan	\$ 5,000
* PGPA – Oral History of Residents	\$ 5,000
* PG Tennis Club – Upgraded Facility	<u>\$ 3,000</u>
	\$13,000
Balance Available	\$12,000

Wilmington

Annual Contributions made by Council	\$25,000
Less Allocations Made	
* WPA – Gazebo & Redevelopment	\$ 5,000
* Allocation towards RLCIP Project	<u>\$ 6,525</u>
	\$11,525
Balance Available	\$13,475

Wirrabara

Annual Contributions made by Council	\$25,000
Less Allocations Made	
* Sporting Reserve Committee – Wastewater System	<u>\$ 2,500</u>
	\$ 2,500
Balance Available	\$22,500

Other Areas

Annual Contributions made by Council	\$50,000
Less Allocations Made	
* Willowie Cemetery Niche Wall	\$ 4,275
* Appila Tennis Club – Toilet Block Upgrade	<u>\$14,800</u>
	\$19,075
Balance Available	\$30,925

Development Plan Zoning Review

Following the Council meeting, Council held a workshop with its Planning Consultant, Access Planning, as the initial phase of reviewing the zoning provisions in the Council Development Plan.

The overall purpose of the Review is to ensure that the Development Plan reflects the current planning and development aspirations of both Council and the Community and that the zones within the Plan provide for or allow that direction to be achieved.

Strategic Management Plan Annual Review

Council also held a workshop to undertake its Annual Review of the Strategic Management Plan. This review is undertaken in the lead up to Budget Preliminaries for the 2010 / 2011 financial year.

Several minor amendments were identified as part of the update, with employees to now undertake a similar review prior to Council reconsidering an updated Strategic Management Plan as part of the Annual Business Plan and Budget processes.

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COUNCIL MEETING UPDATES

JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING (CONT.)

Wilmington CWMS Reuse Project

Following public consultation with the Wilmington Community last year, the Wilmington Community Wastewater Management Scheme Reuse Project continues to move forward. Council has now endorsed a preferred approach for the project, which will see the construction of a Wastewater Treatment Plant as part of the scheme. Council has also authorised the preparation and lodgment of a Development Application for the project.

Council will shortly hold a Community Information Session in the Wilmington township to provide residents with a further opportunity to see the plans and designs, together with indicative costings, for the project.

Cycle Trail Funding Agreements Signed Off

Council has authorised the formal execution of two funding agreements for the construction of cycle trails within the Council area.

The two projects, funded in part through the Southern Flinders Ranges Development Board, will see cycle trails designed, planned and built from Wilmington to Melrose and from Wirrabara to Main North Road on the former rail corridors.

Regional Development Australia Transition Process Continues

Further to reports in earlier newsletters, the transition of the former Regional Development Boards to the new Regional Development Australia framework has continued with a final draft Funding Agreement distributed and presented to Council at the Meeting.

Following consideration of the draft, Council authorised the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to formally execute a final version of the document, on behalf of Council, once a number of the identified problems and concerns had been suitably addressed.

NRM Funding Reforms Considered

Council is to prepare and lodge a submission on the Local Government Association's current proposal dealing with NRM Funding Reform.

Council continues to hold the view that the State Government should be both imposing and collecting this levy directly, and that Council's role in this process, which is too often misunderstood by ratepayers, should be removed.

LGA Election Campaign

As part of the LGA's media campaign, on behalf of all member Councils, in the lead up to the State Election, Council formally received and considered the second Local Government Blueprint document "Growing Opportunities".

The document covers a range of commitments that are being sought from the next State Government, including:-

- The establishment of 'Infrastructure SA';
- The development of regional gateways;
- The development of SA as a renewable energy hub; and
- The development of Sports and Recreational Plans for every Council area in SA.

Annual Report Adoption

Council received and formally adopted its Annual Report for the 2008 / 2009 financial year. The report, which outlines many of the achievements of Council during the year, and incorporates the audited financial statements and financial Sustainability Indicators, is available for viewing at the Council office or can be viewed or downloaded from the Council website.

Arkaroola Mining Submission

Following recommendation from the Southern Flinders Ranges Tourism Authority, Council is to prepare and lodge a submission on the State Government's Seeking a Balance document, pertaining to the matter of mining in the Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary.

Council has identified the potential impact on the natural landscape, and the subsequent impact on destination Tourism in the Flinders Ranges, as its primary concern.

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FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

Petition Received

Council formally received a petition expressing to Council full support for the sealing of the Booleroo Centre to Pekina Road.

A total of 232 signatures appeared on the petition, of which 2 were indeterminable, 162 were from within the Council area and 68 were from outside of the Council area. 11 of the signatures were duplicated and 1 elected member signed the petition.

Following consideration, Council formally received the petition, which is consistent with its current position on the matter, namely to provide in principle support for the proposed project under the Special Local Roads Program. At this time, Council has not financially committed to the project and awaits completion of an assessment of all regional level priorities within the Council area.

REMINDER DUE DATES FOR PAYMENT OF RATES

Final Installment 10th June 2010



COUNCIL MEETING UPDATES

FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING (CONT.)

Community Assistance Grants

Council considered the first round of Community Assistance Grant applications from various community groups following the recent call for submissions.

At the meeting, Council granted funding to the following groups & projects:-

Booleroo Centre Community Dev & Tourism Association	
Community Centre Gym	\$1,500
Booleroo Centre Tennis Club	
On your marks .. Get Net .. Go	\$ 500
Holy Trinity Anglican Church (Melrose)	
Painting Exterior of Church	\$ 750
Port Germein Progress Association	
"Port Germein Sharks" Cricket Club	\$2,000
Wilmington Anglican Church of Christ	
Church Repairs	\$1,500
Wirrabara Bowling Club	
Table Replacement	\$ 600
Wirrabara Progress Association	
Wirrabara Producers Market: Shade Sail Project	\$ 400
Wirrabara Sporting Reserve Committee	
Complex Extension Design Drawings	\$1,000
Murray Town Progress Association	
Creek Re-development	\$ 900
Appila Improvement Committee	
Stacey Park Amenities Block	\$ 900

Shared Waste Management Service Being Investigated

Following formal advice from the District Council of Peterborough that it wishes to enter into a shared service based approach for Waste Collection and Disposal activities for the coming financial year, Council received an update on recent activities to put this into effect.

Three of the four Shared Services Councils attended a workshop in late January to explore a number of internal modelling and contractor options to provide a weekly waste and fortnightly recycling collection for the Councils.

From the workshop, it was agreed to seek expressions of interest from external contractors to provide such a service, in order to obtain a more accurate indication of what pricing may be obtained through a shared approach via contractors. This will then enable further comparison with the cost modelling of providing the service internally.

The introduction of a recycling collection service within this Council area has been proposed for several years, and is greatly dependent on having ready access to a market for disposing of the collected materials. It is anticipated that a Materials Recovery Facility currently being built in Port Pirie will be opened early in 2011 and will meet this need. Council will undertake further consultation regarding the potential introduction of a kerbside recycling scheme as part of the upcoming Annual Business Plan and Budget processes.

RDAP Formally Established

Following gazettal of Regulations to provide for the establishment of the Flinders Regional Development Assessment Panel, Council has now formally undertaken a number of required processes to put the new Panel into effect.

This has included formal appointment of members, noting of the appointment by the Minister of the Presiding Member, winding up of the former Council based Panel and formally delegating a range of powers and responsibilities under the Development Act 1993.

The Regional Development Assessment Panel is one of the first in the State and involves Council, the District Councils of Peterborough and Orroroo / Carrieton and The Flinders Ranges Council.

Budget Preliminaries Commence

Council has commenced preliminary processes associated with the Annual Business Plan and Budget for the 2010 / 2011 financial year, with Elected Members and Council Managers presently preparing Budget proposals for consideration.

A preliminary Budget will subsequently be prepared for formal consideration by Council prior to the normal consultation processes being undertaken on the Annual Business Plan and Budget. This is expected to occur during mid to late May and early June.

As part of the process this year, Council has also proposed to undertake a tour of Communities in the Council area to view firsthand the projects and proposals that have been put forth.

Roads to Recovery 3 Program

Council commenced further consideration of potential projects under the Roads to Recovery 3 Program, which will see \$1,326,834 in grant funding provided to Council over the period 1st July 2009 through to 30th June 2014, with annual allocations of one fifth of this amount ie \$265k.

The matter was last formally considered in August and September of 2008 when Council determined that it would continue its priority of sealing all major townships, but also considering smaller townships and that Wirrabara would be considered the first priority when allocating funding.

Council is intending to identify specific projects within the Wirrabara township at its March Ordinary meeting to allow for the first financial year's claims to be made to the Commonwealth Government.

COUNCIL MEETING UPDATES

FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING (CONT.)

Solar Panel Project

Council has formally endorsed moving to the next phase of the Solar Panels project for the Community. This followed Council's initial call for Expressions of Interest from the Community, to which 54 responses were received.

The project is effectively a bulk purchasing arrangement which will allow residents to participate and obtain considerable savings on the purchase of solar panels for their properties.

Council is working closely with the District Council of Peterborough and the Flinders Ranges Council as the project is being undertaken on a Shared Services basis.

Further information regarding the program is provided in the Council newsletter.

Port Flinders Street Numbering

Council has considered an initial proposal for the allocation of street numbers for properties within the Port Flinders township. The proposal was considered acceptable and a public consultation process will be undertaken with each property owner in relation to their proposed allocated numbers.

This process will conclude in late March with responses and minor alterations to be subsequently considered by Council prior to the allocations being formally put into place.

Residents and ratepayers with any questions or queries in relation to the consultation process are asked to contact the Council Office.

Appila Hotel Intersection

Following the recently concluded Public Consultation process with the Appila Community, Council has considered responses and formally determined its preferred approach to address concerns with the Hotel intersection in Appila.

The overwhelming response to the process indicated support for option 2, which would see a much larger land acquisition undertaken and angle parking retained in front of the Appila Hotel. Council has considered this response and indicated this to be its preferred approach.

As this road is the responsibility of the Department of Transport, Energy and Infrastructure, Council will shortly convey its preference to allow the project to proceed to the implementation phase.

The indicative costings for the project indicate that Council will be required to contribute financially towards the works, and Council has referred this to the two Ward Councillors to determine how this might occur.

Passenger Assistance Transport Scheme

Following consideration of correspondence received from the Cancer Council of South Australia, Council will forward correspondence to the Minister and Shadow Minister for Health supporting the Cancer Council's call for a review of the Passenger Assistance Transport Scheme as part of its election campaign.

The correspondence will seek a commitment to ease some of the eligibility requirements, namely reducing the qualifying distance to 65 kilometres and increasing the rates of reimbursement to 75 cents per kilometre and \$85 per night for accommodation.

The PAT Scheme is an important issue for all rural South Australians to ensure equitable access to treatment and as such, Council was keen to support the Cancer Council's calls for a review.

Appila Financial Assistance

Council received and considered a request from the Appila Tennis Club for financial assistance through Council's Community Assistance Major Fund, towards the Community's project to upgrade the toilet complex at Stacey Park in Appila.

Following due consideration of the request, Council determined that it would allocate an amount of \$14,800 towards the project which will greatly improve the facilities at Stacey Park.



Are you Interested in Purchasing Used Plant & Equipment or Vehicles ?

During the course of each year, Council disposes of or trades in a large variety of plant, equipment and vehicles.

Opportunities exist in some circumstances for such assets to be sold directly to private individuals. If you or your business is interested in purchasing any such assets, please formally advise the Council in writing and further information will be forwarded to you during the process to allow you to make an offer on the item(s) as they become available.

COUNCIL NEWS

WATERWISE COMMUNITIES

Council is taking part in a new WaterWise Communities Initiative and is encouraging all households, businesses and community groups to join. The new WaterWise Communities Initiative follows on from the very successful Swap and Save Showerhead Exchange Program.



A free WaterWise Communities kit that will assist everyone to use water wisely is available. To receive your free kit, register on-line at www.waterforgood.sa.gov.au/using-and-saving-water/waterwise-communities and bring your completed Registration Form into the Council office in Melrose. Alternatively, if you are unable to register on-line, call into the Council office and a Council employee will print a form for you.



Residents who may have difficulty in attending the Council office in Melrose will be able to complete a Registration Form and pick up their kit from one of several other locations. A completed Registration Form will still need to be sent into Council prior to the kit being available for pick-up. Other locations where forms / kits may be picked up during business hours are:

Port Germein General Store;
Wirrabara IGA;
ANZ Bank Booleroo Centre; and
Wilmington Post Office.

The kit for households includes a checklist of tips on how to use water wisely in the home and garden, a four minute shower timer, a personal water saving plan, a fridge magnet with water saving ideas, a bookmark, a gardening calendar, a letterbox sticker and a H₂OME rebate booklet detailing water saving rebates available through SA Water.



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### INTERPRETIVE SIGN - FULLERVILLE

Council is currently undertaking a project which will see the installation of an interpretive sign at Fullerville. A draft version of the interpretive sign has been placed on the noticeboard at Booleroo Centre.

Members of the community are invited to provide comments, information and / or feedback on the proposed signage.

Please forward your comments to the address below, prior to 15<sup>th</sup> March 2010:

Jennifer Frick, Rates Administration Officer  
District Council of Mount Remarkable  
PO Box 94  
MELROSE SA 5483

Or email: [rao@mtr.sa.gov.au](mailto:rao@mtr.sa.gov.au)

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Contact your electrician or call 1300 737 637.  
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### KEEPING SAFE

Are you a cyclist or motor bike rider? If so, ensure that you use your headlights particularly around dusk and during darkness to make sure other road users can see you.

Wearing light coloured or reflective clothing will also make your ride a lot safer.



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### DO YOU HAVE ANY PHOTOS

The Booleroo Centre RSL Sub-branch are seeking photos pertaining to any war service of local people.

If anyone can help, please contact the Secretary, Jill Arthur on 8666 2050.



## GRANTS PAGE



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### District Council of Mount Remarkable C-PREP (COMMUNITY PURCHASE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY PRODUCTS)

#### Council introduction

The District Council of Mount Remarkable proudly announce the Mount Remarkable C-PREP Program in association with ZEN Home Energy Systems. This program will provide an opportunity for residents to participate in a community bulk purchase of renewable energy solutions, particularly Solar Home Energy and Solar Hot Water Systems.

Council is supporting ZEN Home Energy Systems to supply quality renewable energy systems at a Community price following on from the Award winning Towong Community Renewable Energy Program.

ZEN is a proudly South Australian company, which has quietly become one of Australia's largest installers of Solar Home Energy Systems. This has made ZEN Home Energy Systems Australia's leading Home Energy Brand. The ZEN system is a simple, efficient and elegant solution, complete with Bluetooth™ in-home monitoring as standard.

The introduction of renewable energy in the Mount Remarkable region has the potential to create jobs within the region and ultimately lead to lower power bills. In addition to reducing your power bills, the Mount Remarkable C-PREP project will also cut greenhouse gas emissions in the region.

#### C-PREP Program Outline

In addition, you can also take advantage of the **ETSA 'feed in tariff' providing \$0.44 buy back** of each unit of excess electricity which you generate.

ZEN Home Energy Systems will be running a Community Benefits Program including the establishment of a **Renewable Energy Business/Distribution Centre** in the region, training of our local Electricians and Plumbers and setting up a **ZEN Scholarship Program** in our secondary schools with the aim of retaining youth in our area.

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The District Council of Mount Remarkable has arranged for ZEN to run a 'Mini Exhibition' in the region on the dates and locations listed below. A ZEN representative will be available to discuss the benefits and the different size systems available to suit your home and to advise of the available rebates.

#### Program registration and information days

Please bring along your latest Power Bill to establish your energy usage and relevant retailer information, this will help ZEN recommend an appropriate system size.

**See the ZEN Home Energy Systems Team between 2pm and 8pm at the following location:**  
**Thursday, March 18:** Melrose Council Chambers

#### Rebates & installation

All ZEN Home Energy Systems qualify for the new Solar Credits Multiplier Scheme. The new program rewards customers by offering bigger Solar Credits Discounts for bigger sized systems. In addition to this, ZEN are also offering their own Solar Credits Booster on each system to increase the amount of discount. This is the replacement of the former \$8000 Solar Homes and Communities program. Naturally if you already have a rebate approved from the outgoing \$8000 rebate program, ZEN also have great prices still available for you too.

Once you have registered, your local ZEN Representative will arrange a suitable time to visit you at your home to assess your home for installation suitability, and to provide a further opportunity to discuss the best system for your home. ZEN will then provide you with a written order form to complete.

Both ZEN and the Customer will be notified of the rebate approval by mail. It is a requirement of the solar homes and communities plan that no installations are to commence until written approval has been granted.



System Pricing - Home Offset Systems

|                                     | System 1 | System 2 | System 3 | System 4 | System 5 |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Daily Ave Power                     | 4.2kWh   | 7.0kWh   | 11.4kWh  | 14.3kWh  | 17.2kWh  |
| System Peak Power DC                | 1.05kW   | 1.75kW   | 2.80kW   | 3.5kW    | 4.2kW    |
| System Price Incl GST               | \$10,835 | \$16,435 | \$24,270 | \$29,830 | \$35,430 |
| Less Solar Credits                  | 108      | 160      | 182      | 196      | 211      |
| Value @ \$32 Incl. GST              | \$3,456  | \$5,120  | \$5,824  | \$6,272  | \$6,752  |
| ZEN C-PREP Booster                  | \$2,100  | \$3,200  | \$5,000  | \$6,700  | \$9,500  |
| System Price Payable                | \$5,279  | \$8,115  | \$13,446 | \$16,853 | \$19,178 |
| Addition for Optional Angular Frame | \$900    | \$1,550  | \$2,470  | \$2,950  | \$3,650  |

System Pricing - Whole Home Systems

|                          | Whole Home System 1 | Whole Home System 2 | Whole Home System 3 |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Daily Ave Power          | 21.6kWh             | 26.1kWh             | 29.0kWh             |
| System Peak Power DC     | 5.25kW              | 6.30kW              | 7.00kW              |
| System Price Incl GST    | \$38,155            | \$44,890            | \$49,415            |
| Less Solar Credits       | 233                 | 254                 | 269                 |
| Value @ \$32 Incl. GST*  | \$7,456             | \$8,128             | \$8,608             |
| ZEN C-PREP Booster Grant | \$6,500             | \$6,500             | \$6,500             |
| System Price Payable     | \$24,199            | \$30,262            | \$34,307            |
| ZEN ECG Module option    | \$5,500             | \$5,500             | \$5,500             |

\* Note: Value of RECS (Renewable Energy Certificates) subject to market price at the time of the quotation. Quotations are valid for 30 days.



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C-PREP Solar  
Home Energy  
Systems

# ZEN/Mount Remarkable C-PREP Program

The District Council of Mount Remarkable are proud to announce the Mount Remarkable C-PREP Program in association with ZEN Home Energy Systems. This program provides an opportunity for residents to participate in a community bulk purchase of renewable energy solutions, particularly Solar Home Energy and Solar Hot Water Systems.

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systems at a Community price following on from their award winning Solar Council programs launched around Australia.

ZEN is a proud South Australian company, which has become one of Australia’s largest installers of Solar Home Energy Systems. The ZEN system is a simple, efficient and elegant solution, complete with Bluetooth™ in-home monitoring as standard.

| ZEN Home Offset Systems           | System 1                                                                                | System 2                                                                                | System 3                                                                                | System 4                                                                                  | System 5                                                                                  |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Daily Energy Production (approx*) | 4.2kWh                                                                                  | 7.0kWh                                                                                  | 11.5kWh                                                                                 | 14.3kWh                                                                                   | 17.2kWh                                                                                   |
| Number of ZEN 175w Solar Panels   | 6                                                                                       | 10                                                                                      | 16                                                                                      | 20                                                                                        | 24                                                                                        |
| Roof Area Required (mtrs sq.)     | 7.8 sq/m                                                                                | 13 sq/m                                                                                 | 20.8 sq/m                                                                               | 26 sq/m                                                                                   | 31.2 sq/m                                                                                 |
| ZEN Solar Control Centre          | ZEN1200                                                                                 | ZEN1700                                                                                 | 3000TL                                                                                  | 3000TL                                                                                    | 4000TL                                                                                    |
| ZEN Bluetooth™ LCD System Monitor | Yes                                                                                     | Yes                                                                                     | Yes                                                                                     | Yes                                                                                       | Yes                                                                                       |
| Average Home Offset*              |  21% |  35% |  58% |  72% |  86% |

The average Australian home uses 20kWh of power a day. ZEN offers a choice of Home Offset Systems to your offset your usage or Whole Home Systems to feed significant amounts back into the Grid. Most systems will even produce up to 30% higher output on a clear day.

ZEN Home Energy Systems also allow installation of a larger Solar Control Centre to allow future expansion of your system. This allows you the flexibility to maintain your Solar Control Centre when you decide to install additional panels.

The introduction of renewable energy in the Mount Remarkable region has the potential to create jobs within the region and ultimately lead to lower power bills. In addition to reducing your power bills, the Flinders Ranges C-PREP project will also cut greenhouse gas emissions in the region.



The ZEN Home Energy System components, including the ZEN Solar Controller, Bluetooth™ LCD monitor and highly efficient ZEN 175w Solar panel.

| ZEN Whole Home Systems            | System 1                                                                                   | System 2                                                                                   | System 3                                                                                   |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Daily Energy Production (approx*) | 21.6kWh                                                                                    | 26.1kWh                                                                                    | 29.0kWh                                                                                    |
| Number of ZEN 175w Solar Panels   | 30                                                                                         | 36                                                                                         | 40                                                                                         |
| Roof Area Required (mtrs sq.)     | 39 sq/m                                                                                    | 47 sq/m                                                                                    | 52 sq/m                                                                                    |
| ZEN Solar Control Centre          | 5000TL                                                                                     | 2 x 3000TL                                                                                 | 2 x 3000TL                                                                                 |
| ZEN Bluetooth™ LCD System Monitor | Yes                                                                                        | Yes                                                                                        | Yes                                                                                        |
| Average Home Offset*              |  108% |  130% |  145% |

\*The Average Daily Energy production is based on the Australian average of 5 hours of peak sunlight per day and the Solar Panels facing North at a 30 percent incline. Variations to this will have an affect on the energy yield. On a clear day, energy production can be up to 30% higher than these specifications.

### Wireless monitoring at a glance

Every ZEN Home Energy System includes the ZEN Bluetooth™ LCD monitor, a classic combination of German engineering and European styling. Its large dual mode display shows a daily graph, the current power, the total energy yield, the current day’s energy yield and a monthly summary in the form of a bar graph.

To take your data reporting to the next level ask about the ZEN ECG™ data module, which streams all of the Environment, Consumption and Generation data from your system to your PC, Online, or Flat Screen TV.

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# MID NORTH be active.

## A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome to 2010 ! ! ! !

I trust you all enjoyed the Christmas and New Year celebrations and maximised the opportunities to be active with a few active holiday gifts left under the Christmas tree by Santa.

If you have any queries regarding any of the information in this update or wish to discuss project initiatives or physical activity opportunities, please do not hesitate to contact Daniel Lawlor on 0488 101 783.

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CLUB ONE / SPORT SA GRANT

Applications are open for the Club One / Sport SA Large Grants Program. Applications Close 30th June 2010.



On behalf of Club One, Sport SA offers large grants to not-for-profit community clubs and organisations that are endorsed by their state body which is a member of Sport SA.

This program supports projects or initiatives that benefit the entire sport or active recreation by increasing opportunities for participation.

To view the criteria and download application forms please visit www.sportsa.org.au.

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### NOTE THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY

Funding rounds for the other grants offered by the Office for Recreation & Sport are as follows:

**Active Clubs** Opens: 27<sup>th</sup> March 2010  
Closes: 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010

**Move It** To Be Advised  
Anticipated to open May 2010

Visit the Office for Recreation & Sport website [www.recsport.sa.gov.au](http://www.recsport.sa.gov.au) to obtain guidelines for past rounds to assist with your planning. (Guidelines for 2010 will be available closer to the opening dates).

### ORROROO HALF MARATHON - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Participate in the: 21 Km Run & Walk  
15 Km Run & Walk  
10 Km Run & Walk

5 Km Untimed Fun Run & Walk

### For More Information Contact:

Di Barrie 0429 094 614  
Fiona Dignan 8658 1187  
Website: [www.orraroo.sa.gov.au](http://www.orraroo.sa.gov.au)  
Email: [orraroocommunitygym@gmail.com](mailto:orraroocommunitygym@gmail.com)



### PURA LIGHT START - STATE MASTERS GAMES 9<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> April 2010 - Port Pirie

Online registrations and Masters Games booklets are now available.



Visit the Port Pirie Masters Games website  
[www.portpiriemastersgames.com.au](http://www.portpiriemastersgames.com.au)

to register or to download a copy of the registration booklet.

If you require a book to be sent to you please call Toll free 1800 000 424

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ACTIVE RECREATION AND SPORT FUNDING FOR PEOPLE MID NORTH BE ACTIVE SMALL SUPPORT SUBSIDY FUNDING

The Mid North be active Field Officer Program is pleased to announce that a limited amount of funding is available during the 2009 / 2010 financial year to provide a number of small financial support subsidies to assist local sport, recreation and physical activity based organisations with any regional physical activity programs or training and development initiatives they are currently or may wish to conduct within the serviced Mid North region.

A total of \$4,000 funding is available during 2009 / 2010 with a minimum of 10 subsidies up to a maximum \$400 to be awarded. The funding is designed to provide support for new sustainable programs which aim to increase physical activity opportunities or to cover training costs for current or new volunteers conducting physical activity related opportunities in the region (e.g. coaches, sports trainers, umpires etc).



Further details including guidelines and application forms can be downloaded from www.midnorthbeactive.com.au. If your organisation is interested in applying and have reviewed the guidelines, please contact Daniel Lawlor on 0488 101 783 to discuss the eligibility of your application.

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If you would like free publicity for your physical activity event, don't forget to register your event on the **Mid North be active** website ([www.midnorthbeactive.com.au](http://www.midnorthbeactive.com.au)).

Simply go to: **News & Events**  
Select: **Event Calendar** from the auto populated drop down list  
Click on **Submit an Event** to lodge your event details.

Flyers can also be emailed to [beactive@pirie.sa.gov.au](mailto:beactive@pirie.sa.gov.au)

## COMMUNITY GROUP



# Wirrabara Institute

The Wirrabara Institute was first established in what is now the Anglican Church. The present building was opened in 1912.

Originally owned by the Institute Association in Adelaide, the ownership was transferred to the District Council of Mount Remarkable in the 1980's with a management committee of local residents being formed to manage the Institute on behalf of Council.

Over the years, a lot of different functions have been held to raise funds for the running of the Institute.

The kitchen and supper room was down stairs under the stage, allowing for 30 people to have a meal at a time. Every market day, lunch was served for the men attending the sale.

In 1974 - 75, a new kitchen and Senior Citizens Hall was built onto the main hall, making the complex a very versatile building.

Over the years, the Institute has been fortunate in receiving quite a few grants which has enabled the Halls to be air-conditioned, the purchase of new stage curtains, extensions to the kitchen, kitchen floor tiled and much of the equipment upgraded.

Thanks to Josie Burgess and Vicky Stevens, there is a beautiful mosaic on the front of the Library and a stained glass window over the main entrance doors.



The many volunteers over the years have worked tirelessly and are to be commended for their hard work and assistance in providing such an excellent venue for not only the local community but the general public.

In 1913 the first Wattle Ball began and has been held every year since, come drought, flood, war or depression with all funds raised going to the Institute. It is hoped that the Wattle Ball will continue for at least another 100 years.

The Lobethal Harmony Choir who have been coming to Wirrabara for many years to entertain the community, hold their concert in the Institute every second year.

With the local RSL closing, the Institute has taken on the task of displaying and caring for their memorabilia. During 2009, the 25 Pounder Field Gun that takes pride of place outside the Institute, was refurbished.



ANZAC Day service is held at the front of the Institute (weather permitting) each year with scones and a cuppa served for a gold coin donation.

The Memorial Library has been part of the Institute and for many years books came up in boxes on the train for a period of time and then returned to Adelaide, again by train. The Library still operates using volunteers and is open the first and third Friday and Saturday of the month. The Library is the last of the private libraries in South Australia.

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

### AUSTRALIA DAY PORT GERMEIN STYLE!

Over 230 people gathered to enjoy a breakfast of eggs, lashings of bacon, lamb, tomatoes, onions and mushrooms!

It was Port Germein's Big Australia Day BBQ on the foreshore that saw over 230 locals and visitors celebrating in the historic town.

The Port Germein Progress Association again organised the event, with support from community members which took place at the newly refurbished Railway Shed and Foreshore precinct (this was made possible through an Australian Government, Regional and Local Community Infrastructure program 2008-09).

For the first time, a welcome to country was offered by Doug Turner, Nukunu People's Council and both Australian flags were displayed at the event. In outlining the significance of this place to himself and his people, Doug offered a warm welcome to everyone as they celebrated the day in ideal conditions.



Mr Craig Blieschke, Business Development Officer with the Southern Flinders Regional Development Board, presented the Australia Day Port Germein Citizen of the Year Award 2010 to Norma Baker for her contribution to the Port Germein community through the Village project, Ladies Fellowship and much more over many years. Her sister, Beverley recounted her sister's life with fond memories of the family growing up in the region during tough times.

The Port Germein Progress Association wishes to acknowledge the support of Smith's Electrical, TJ's Meats, Caputo's Seafood and LH Perry & Sons for their generous donations towards the Youth Forum Raffle held on the day which raised over \$700.00 for the group.

A grant from the Australian Government, Volunteer Grants 2009 Initiative-Community Investment Program provided new equipment which was used on the day, including tables & kitchen equipment which add to the resources available to the community for future use.

Jan Pana

Secretary, Port Germein Progress Association

### FOOD SAFETY DURING POWER FAILURES

If you experience a power failure, there are several steps you can take to limit the amount of spoilage to refrigerated and frozen food.



In the event of a power failure that lasts longer than several minutes:

- Take note of the time
- Move perishable food from the fridge to the freezer
- Keep your fridge / freezer doors closed as much as possible to keep the air temperature colder for longer. A closed fridge / freezer should keep your food cool for 4 - 6 hours
- Meat, poultry and fish should be stored in the coldest part of the fridge
- Food businesses using refrigerated display cabinets - move perishable food to fridges or freezers with doors for the duration of the power failure. Food that can't be moved can be covered with a clean insulation blanket to improve temperature stability.

After the power has been restored, you should check the temperature of the fridge. If it is above 5°C and the power has been off for less than 2 hours you can re-refrigerate the food or use it immediately. If the temperature is above 5°C for more than 4 hours or has defrosted in the freezer certain foods may be unsuitable to consume. They include:

- Raw or cooked meat
- Meat topped pizza
- Manufactured meats
- Casseroles, stews or soups
- Milk, cream, yogurt, soft cheeses (eg camembert / brie), most dips
- Mayonnaise, tartare sauce, or creamy dressing.
- Cooked pasta, potato, rice and salads prepared from these foods
- Cream filled pastries
- Custard



Certain foods can be safely stored at room temperature (above 5°C) for longer periods of time and still be safe to eat. These include:

- Butter and margarine
- Hard cheese
- Fresh fruit, vegetables, herbs and spices
- Dried fruit and nuts
- Open jars of salad dressing, peanut butter, relish sauce
- Mustard
- Bread, rolls, cakes and muffins.



**When in doubt, throw it out** - you should also discard any food that has an obvious strange colour or odour.

NOTE: Appearance or smell is not always a reliable indicator. Some foods may look and smell fine, but if they have been warm too long, they may contain enough bacteria to make people ill.

For more information please contact Council's Environmental Health & Compliance Officer, Mark Smith on 0427 486 130 or 8666 2014.

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

### ANZAC DAY

#### Wilmington

Wilmington Memorial Park  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2010 - 6.00 am.

The recently completed Memorial Park Project will be officially opened following the Dawn Memorial Service.

#### Booleroo Centre

Stephens Street  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2010 - 6.15 am

#### Wirrabara

In front of the Wirrabara Institute  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2010 - 9.30 am



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ART SNIPPETS

Clan Rodda Scholarship to Booleroo Centre Student

This year's Clan Rodda Scholarship of \$1,000 was awarded to Ben Nicholls who completed year 12 at Booleroo Centre District School in 2009.

Ben, who was taught by Hamish Peter, entered a graphic design 'package' for a range of t-shirts and skateboards, as well as designing a website. He is moving to Adelaide this year to study graphic design at TAFE and the scholarship will contribute to his studies.

The annual Clan Rodda Scholarship is awarded by the Port Pirie Regional Art Gallery to encourage and support students to continue their studies in the arts. The scholarship acknowledges the contribution to the arts by accomplished Port Pirie artist, Clan Rodda.

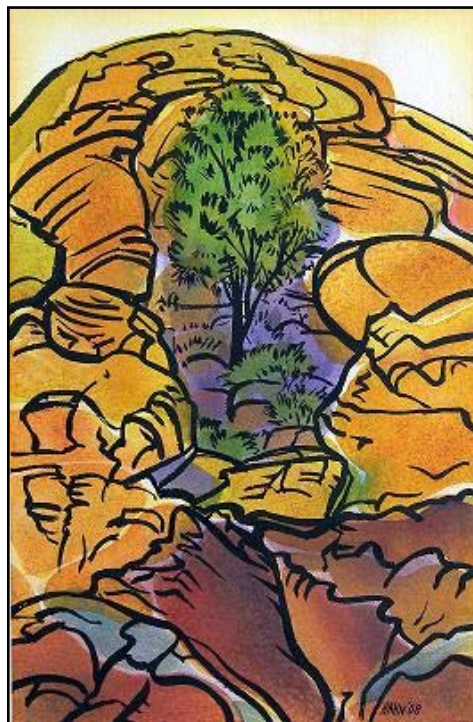


Port Germein Artists

Burra Regional Art Gallery recently hosted an exhibition of works by Germein Art Focus called *Focused on Variety*. It featured the work of local artists Harm Folkers, Marek Herbut, Anna Herbut, Neil Hann, Barbara Looby, Jan Pana & Clan Rodda.

13th to 28th February 2010

Germein Art Gallery, High Street, Port Germein
Up the Creek with Rocks in my Head – recent paintings by Neil Hann - Thursday to Sunday 10.00 am to 4.00 pm



Neil Hann, "Ridge Top Gap - Finke Springs"

Celebrating our Landscape

20th February to 14th March 2010

Port Pirie Regional Gallery
The Heysen Trail Exhibition

This exhibition will be on display at six locations along the Heysen Trail during South Australia's Festival of the Arts, from Goolwa in the south to Parachilna in the north.

Like the spine of the state the Heysen Trail runs from the coccyx at Cape Jervis to the crown at Parachilna. Award winning and highly regarded South Australian artists have accepted the challenge to interpret the Heysen Trail and the amazing landscapes it threads through. This landmark exhibition showcases the internationally important trail and the creative talents flourishing around it.

Features the work of Peter Coad, Coralie Armstrong, Tom O'Callaghan, Dieter Engler, Mary Wagstaff, Janet Bridgland, Nikolas De Masi, Trevor McNamara, Pamela Kouenhoven, and Marek Herbert.

COMMUNITY NEWS



TELECROSS

What is Telecross?

Red Cross Telecross service is a short daily reassurance call to vulnerable people in the community, enabling them to maintain their independence and improve quality of life. This service is available 365 days a year and all across South Australia.

Why use Telecross?

Telecross is a potentially life saving service that provides peace of mind to clients, their families and caregivers, because once a day their well-being and safety is checked. Thanks to the Telecross service, people living alone feel a sense of security and can remain living independently, knowing that someone will contact them daily.

How does Telecross Work?

Telecross volunteers make daily phone calls from locations within local communities such as hospitals and local councils. The volunteers call to check on people's wellbeing and offer reassurance. If a person does not answer their Telecross call, an emergency procedure is activated to check they are safe and well.

Who can use the Telecross service?

The Telecross service is for people who live alone, are carers, have a disability, are housebound, frail, aged, socially isolated or recovering from an illness or accident.



The service is also available to people with hearing and vision impairments through partnerships with the Guide Dogs Association of SA & NT Inc and Sensory Directions and Hearing Solutions.

Sometimes people use the Telecross service on a temporary basis, when family or carers go away for a few weeks or if they have just returned home after a hospital stay.

Is there any cost for the Telecross service?

There is a small contribution for Telecross of \$50.00 a year. However, this fee is not compulsory and will be determined on an individual basis.

How can you become involved in Telecross?

Register as a client. Registrations can be made over the phone by you, a carer, social worker, doctor, family member or friend. Once registered, you can begin Telecross the next day.

Volunteer! Contact Telecross and find out more about being a Telecross volunteer.

Telecross has been operating for more than 20 years. Last year, over 400 volunteers made over 220,000 calls to metropolitan and regional areas of South Australia.

To contact Telecross

1800 246 850 or (08) 8100 4697 (10 am - 5 pm)
SAClientServices@redcross.org.au

TELECROSS REDi

A free life-saving service during extreme weather events

What is Telecross REDi?

The Telecross REDi service supports people by regularly calling them during heatwaves and other extreme weather events. Telecross REDi will be activated by the South Australian Department for Families and Communities, when an extreme weather event is declared.

Why use Telecross REDi?

Telecross REDi assists vulnerable and isolated people to prepare for and cope with extreme weather events.

In January and February 2009, South Australia suffered a heatwave that claimed many lives and hospitalised many more.

Telecross REDi provides security for clients and their families and carers who are assured that their loved ones are contacted regularly during extreme weather events.

How does Telecross REDi work?

Red Cross volunteers call pre-registered clients up to three times a day to check on their wellbeing. The volunteers discuss how they are coping and remind them of important measures to assist them through the extreme weather event.

If a call goes unanswered, an emergency procedure is activated to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the client.

Who can use the Telecross REDi service?

Anyone in the community who is likely to need or want phone support during extreme weather events is encouraged to register for this service.

In particular people who live alone, have a disability, are housebound, frail, aged, recovering from an illness or accident or have an ongoing illness, such as diabetes or a heart condition. Carers of vulnerable people are also encouraged to register, as they may also be at risk during an extreme weather event.

Is there any cost for Telecross REDi?

Telecross REDi is free. Donations are welcome if you wish to make a contribution.

To Register

Registrations can be made by phone, by you, a carer, social worker, doctor, family member or friend. Some people who receive services from Domiciliary Care, Meals on Wheels and the Royal District Nursing Service can be assisted to register through their staff.

To Volunteer

Contact Red Cross to find out more about becoming a Telecross REDi volunteer.

To contact Telecross REDi

1800 188 071 or (08) 8100 4697 (10 am - 5 pm)
SAClientServices@redcross.org.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

ALL ABOUT COMPOST

Compost is partially decomposed organic matter. It is produced in the natural environment from decaying leaves and litter on the forest floor. In the home garden, we can achieve the same result by building a compost heap.



What is Compost?

Composting is the biological decay of organic matter to form a crumbly, sweet-smelling earth-like substance. The micro-organisms (bacteria, fungi etc) responsible for this process need oxygen from the air, nitrogen and trace elements from the organic material, the right amount of water and a little time to do the job.

Water is an important factor - too little and the heap dries out and the micro-organisms die off. Too much water however, and the air movement through the heap is stopped.

Lots of air = lots of organisms = lots of decay.

How to Compost

The essential requirements are nutrients, air, water, micro-organisms and time. Getting the right balance is the trick and turning the pile regularly will also assist the composting process.

Nutrients

A lot of garden waste is dry, brown and woody. This material tends to be high in carbon. Soft, green garden waste and kitchen scraps tend to be high in nitrogen. The ideal mix is about 20 parts carbon and one part nitrogen by volume.

High in Carbon:

- Dry leaves
- Twiggy prunings
- Straw and dry grass
- Wood ash
- Sawdust
- Paper

High in Nitrogen:

- Vegetable scraps
- Fruit peelings
- Fresh lawn clippings
- Farm manure
- Garden weeds

There are lots of other wastes that can be composted eg. Coffee grounds, tea leaves, egg shells, vacuum cleaner dust, stale bread and vase flowers. The general rule is if the material is of vegetable origin it can be composted.

Materials Not Suitable for Composting

Organic materials not suitable for composing include:

- Meat, fish, oils and fats - they attract vermin
- Pine needles, rose cuttings, diseased vegetables
- Dog, cat and human excrement
- Large woody prunings.

As the decaying process continues the compost heap will shrink to about one-third of its original size. Finally as the temperature of the heap cools, earth worms will enter. The compost is ready when there are no recognizable bits of the original material.



COMPOSTING BINS

Following the successful response from ratepayers, a bulk purchase of compost bins was undertaken by Council. These bins were passed onto those who expressed at interest at a cost of \$35.00 per bin.

As the cost of the compost bins were greatly discounted, Council purchased additional bins and are now able to offer them to community members who missed the original call for expressions of interest.

If you would like to purchase a compost bin, please contact the Council Office on 8666 2014 prior to coming into the office to ensure that a bin is available.



Specifications:

Manufacturer: RELN Plastics

Size / Capacity: 225 litres

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 Time: 6 - 8 weeks

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### CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

The Legal Services Commission has recently produced a new Child Support brochure which contains general information about the Child Support Scheme, and incorporates the recent changes to the legislation. (These brochures are available from the Council Office.)

The Child Support Unit can provide:

- **Child Support HelpLine**  
A free child support telephone advice service is provided 5 days a week from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm. All clients are eligible to receive a free telephone advice call.
- **Free Appointment Service**  
If needed, a free follow-up appointment can be arranged.
- **Representation**  
Assistance can also be granted to eligible clients for more complex matters.



For more details, phone the Child Support HelpLine on:  
8463 3576

1300 366 424 (for country callers)

or visit their website:

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| <i>Sunday</i>                                                                        | <i>Monday</i>                                                                                                                 | <i>Tuesday</i>                                                                                                                       | <i>Wednesday</i>                                                                                                                               | <i>Thursday</i>                                                                                                    | <i>Friday</i>                                                                              | <i>Saturday</i>                                                                                  |
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|     | <b>1</b><br>Bool CFS Vehicle Maint<br>& Committee Meeting<br><br>Wirrabara Institute<br>Committee                             | <b>2</b>                                                                                                                             | <b>3</b><br>Port Germein<br>Community Ladies<br>Fellowship                                                                                     | <b>4</b><br>Mobile Library - Port<br>Germein<br><br>Melrose Senior Citizens                                        | <b>5</b><br>Mobile Library -<br>Booleroo Centre                                            | <b>6</b>                                                                                         |
| <b>7</b><br>Port Germein<br>Community Church<br><br>Port Germein Village<br>Roast    | <b>8 Adelaide Cup Day</b><br>Booleroo SES Training<br><br>Wilmington CFS<br>Meeting                                           | <b>9</b><br>Mobile Library -<br>Wilmington/Melrose<br><br>Laura & District<br>Probus Meeting<br><br>Wirrabarra Mens Bowls<br>Meeting | <b>10</b><br>Booleroo Steam &<br>Traction Pres Soc<br><br>Murray Town Progress<br>Assoc Meeting                                                | <b>11</b><br>Mobile Library -<br>Wirrabara/Murray Town                                                             | <b>12</b>                                                                                  | <b>13</b><br> |
| <b>14</b><br>Port Germein<br>Community Church                                        | <b>15</b><br>Booleroo, Melrose &<br>Wilmington CFS<br>Training<br><br>Wirrabarra Sporting<br>Reserve Meeting                  | <b>16</b><br>Melrose Community<br>Dev Assoc Meeting<br><br>Wilmington Progress<br>Meeting<br><br>Wirrabarra Senior<br>Citizens       | <b>17</b><br>Wilmington CWA<br><br>Wirrabarra Senior<br>Citizens<br><br>Official Opening Billiard<br>Clubrooms, Wilmington                     | <b>18</b><br>Mobile Library - Port<br>Germein<br><br>B/Centre Comm Dev &<br>Tourism Assoc                          | <b>19</b><br>Mobile Library -<br>Booleroo Centre<br><br>Diabetes Special<br>Interest Group | <b>20</b>                                                                                        |
| <b>21</b><br>Port Germein<br>Community Church<br><br>Wirrabara Producers<br>Market   | <b>22</b><br><br><br>Booleroo SES Training | <b>23</b><br>Mobile Library -<br>Wilmington/Melrose                                                                                  | <b>24</b><br>Wilmington Camera<br>Club "Stairs/Steps"<br> | <b>25</b><br>Mobile Library -<br>Wirrabara/Murray Town                                                             | <b>26</b>                                                                                  | <b>27</b>                                                                                        |
| <b>28</b><br>Port Germein<br>Community Church<br><br>Port Germein Catholic<br>Church | <b>29</b><br>Port Germein CWA<br><br>Port Germein Progress<br>Assoc Meeting                                                   | <b>30</b>                                                                                                                            | <b>31</b>                                                                                                                                      | Wilmington Progress Society – Art/Craft/Produce and Tourist Information –<br>Saturday & Sundays 10.00 am - 4.00 pm |                                                                                            |                                                                                                  |

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| Wilmington Progress Society – Art/Craft/Produce and Tourist Information<br>Saturday & Sundays 10.00 am – 4.00 pm<br> |                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                             | <b>1 SCHOOL TERM ENDS</b><br>Melrose Senior Citizens<br>Mobile Library - Port Germein | <b>2 Good Friday</b>                                                             |  |
| <b>4</b><br>Port Germein Community Church<br>Wirrabara Producers Market<br>Port Germein Village Roast<br><b>Remember - change clocks back one hour</b>                                                | <b>5 Easter Monday</b><br>Bool CFS Vehicle Maint & Comm Meeting<br>Wirrabara Institute Committee                  | <b>6</b><br>Mobile Library - Wilmington/Melrose                                                                 | <b>7</b><br>Port Germein Community Ladies Fellowship                                                                                        | <b>8</b><br>Mobile Library - Wirrabara/Murray Town<br>Wirrabara Progress              | <b>9</b>                                                                         | <b>10</b>                                                                           |
| <b>11</b><br>Port Germein Community Church                                                                                                                                                            | <b>12</b><br>Wilmington CFS Meeting<br>Booleroo SES Training                                                      | <b>13</b><br>Laura & District Probus Meeting<br>Wirrabara Men's Bowling Meeting                                 | <b>14</b> Murray Town Progress Assoc Meeting<br>Booleroo Steam & Traction Pres Soc                                                          | <b>15</b><br>B/Centre Comm Dev & Tourism Assoc<br>Mobile Library - Port Germein       | <b>16</b><br>Diabetes Special Interest Group<br>Mobile Library - Booleroo Centre | <b>17</b><br>Rock the Mount - Melrose                                               |
| <b>18</b><br>Port Germein Community Church<br>Wirrabara Producers Market                                                                                                                              | <b>19 SCHOOL TERM STARTS</b><br>Booleroo, Melrose & Wilmington CFS Training<br>Wirrabara Sporting Reserve Meeting | <b>20</b><br>Melrose Community Dev Assoc Meeting<br>Booleroo SES Meeting<br>Mobile Library - Wilmington/Melrose | <b>21</b><br>Wilmington Progress Meeting<br>Wirrabara Senior Citizens<br>Wilmington CWA                                                     | <b>22</b><br>Mobile Library - Wirrabara/Murray Town                                   | <b>23</b>                                                                        | <b>24</b>                                                                           |
| <b>25 ANZAC Day</b><br>Port Germein Community Church<br>Opening - Memorial Park, Wilmington<br>Port Germein Catholic Church                                                                           | <b>26 ANZAC Day Holiday</b><br>Port Germein Progress Assoc Meeting<br>Port Germein CWA<br>Bool SES Training       | <b>27</b><br>Melrose CFS Meeting                                                                                | <b>28</b><br>Wilmington Camera Club "Native Trees"<br> | <b>29</b><br>Mobile Library - Port Germein                                            | <b>30</b><br>Mobile Library - Booleroo Centre                                    |                                                                                     |