COUNCILLORS APPOINT NEW MAYOR & DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

At its Ordinary Meeting held 20 September 2016 Councillors resolved to amend Part 1 of Council resolution (175-2014) of 25 November 2014 to specify that the first appointment to the position of Chairperson will be until the ordinary meeting of the Council of 20 September 2016 and the second appointment during the current term will be from 20 September 2016 until 19 September 2017. Cr Colin Nottle was appointed the position of Chairperson to be known as the Mayor for the period until 19 September 2017. Cr Phillip Heaslip was appointed to the position of Deputy Chairperson for the same period.

Cr Phillip Heaslip, New Deputy Chairperson congratulates Cr Colin Nottle on his appointment as the New Mayor of the District Council of Mount Remarkable.

COUNCIL SNIPPETS


ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2016 COUNCILLORS RESOLVED:

Melrose Caravan Park
Councillors adopted a five (5) year plan to reinvest all profits generated from the Melrose Caravan Park into improvements and maintenance of the park.

Booleroo Centre Western Entrance
A request to plant a row of trees at the Western Entrance to Booleroo Centre was approved and Councillors agreed to provide a load of gravel for the Railway Memorial Garden at Booleroo centre.

New Logo and Re-Branding for Council
Councillors endorsed the draft logo. The logo is easily identifiable, depicts the region and is visually appealing. It will be used with the ‘Remarkable Experience’ tag line.

Road Name Changes
Councillors reviewed submissions for road name changes and resolved the following changes:
1. O'Donohue Road, Hammond be amended to ODonoghue Road
2. Jaffreys Road, amend spelling to ‘Jaffrey Road’
3. Science Road, Murray Town - renamed to ‘Gecko Road’.
4. Pipeline Road, Baroota – Removed
5. Unnamed Road, Melrose named “Joppich Road”
6. Unnamed Road, Booleroo Centre named ‘Creek Road’
7. Unnamed Road, Wirrabara named ‘Hunts Road’
8. Unnamed Road, Hammond/Bruce named ‘Carn Road’
9. Unnamed Road, Bruce named ‘Abbott Road’
10. Unnamed Road, Wilmington named ‘Grazier Road’
11. ‘Jacobs Road, section from the intersection of Telowie Road be changed to Davis Road.'
A letter from the Mayor…

Dear Ratepayers,

“Following on from my interest in communication and transparency, I have decided to write to you, especially those who don’t know who your new Mayor is.

I would like to thank all those who have passed on their positive comments [so far 100%].

I have been on Council for 10 years, the last 2 as Deputy Chairperson, I live on a farm outside of Booleroo Centre, and my main interest’s are travelling/camping, and my latest passion, driving my 1929 vintage car, in which I have just completed my first Bay to Birdwood event.

In my ten years on Council I have been told you care, you listen, and you do your best, nothing will change. If you are concerned that I don’t have an affinity with all parts of the District Council, the following should help:

I belong to one of the seven pioneer families in Booleroo.

Most people in Appila know me, I am related to half of Wirrabara. I moved that Weeroona Island be classified a major town, I own land in Port Germein and went to school in the bowling clubhouse. My great grandfather set most of his 6 sons up on farms in the Murray Town area, Melrose has become my second home for ten years, not to mention 4 years playing bowls there, Wilmington has the least connection, that is why I have decided to coordinate with Councillor Woolford my first informal meet and greet on 26 October at 9.00am to 10.30am at the Post Office.

When Wayne Hart, our CEO, joined Council about 5 years ago, I could see that he was the most professional person, and a level above anyone I have dealt with in Local Government, he has my full support, and I take great comfort that while he is CEO we will continue to have one of the better Councils going around, we are lucky I believe that he has committed to me to be with us long term if required. I also thank all our staff for their commitment.

I would like to clarify my comments about communication and transparency, I believe Council is doing all it can, but I get frustrated when the message doesn’t seem to get out, we have public consultations a number of times a year about various issues, this is ratepayers chance to have a say, unfortunately in my ten years we have had very little response.

It was good to see some responses to this years budget, and part of the budget was changed because Council agreed with these submissions.

I plan to be at the Council Office every Thursday 1pm to 3pm, if possible to meet with ratepayers, please make a booking with Council, and if you have any ideas to make our Council even better or know of any business’s that would like to start here then let me know, I would love to hear from you.

Finally I would once again thank Councillor Wauchope for her last 6 years of commitment as Mayor of this Council.

I wish everyone all the best for the rest of 2016 and beyond”.

Mayor Colin Nottle

Remarkable Places    Remarkable People    Remarkable Lifestyles
Events such as the storm event that occurred last week impact on our communities and the people who reside in them. It is at times such as these that draw communities together to offer assistance and help those that have been impacted adversely. Council Management thanks its communities for providing assistance to those who needed it, the removal of trees from road ways and general clean up across the Council District.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS GIVEN TO THE COMMUNITY, MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY OR A COMMUNITY EVENT THAT HAS BENEFITED THE COMMUNITY.

Nominate them for a citizen or community event award, they deserve it!

♦ Citizen of the Year
♦ Young Citizen of the Year
♦ Junior Citizen of the Year (New in 2017)
♦ Community Event of the Year

Nominations open Monday 10 October and Close Monday 12 December 2016.

Awards will be presented at Australia Day celebrations across the Council District, 26 January 2017.

Severe weather warning issued as a once in 50 year event (www.news.com.au)

Last week’s storm that hit the majority of the Council District left the communities, landowners and residents with damage to trees, infrastructure, crops and roads. Unfortunately the Port Germein jetty again suffered severe structural damage. In conjunction with DPTI an engineer has been engaged to prepare a full report on the extent of the damage before any decisions can be made. The jetty remains CLOSED until further notice.

Council staff are carrying out remedial works to clean-up fallen trees from roads and repair infrastructure as soon as practicable and appreciates the communities patience as this work is being carried out.
**Booeroo Centre & Wilmington Swimming Pools**

Pool Attendants are being sought to work at Wilmington and/or Booeroo Centre pools during the 2016/17 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)

To apply 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 Monday 17 October 2016.

Bronze Medallion and Bronze Medallion Update courses will be conducted by Royal Life Saving of South Australia at the Booeroo Centre Memorial Swimming Pool on 12 & 13 November 2016. Enrol at [www.royallifesavingsa.com.au](http://www.royallifesavingsa.com.au).

For further enquiries contact the Council Office on 8666 2014.

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**Work Experience Program**

Council administration has been pleased to work with the Booeroo Centre District School and provide local students with hands on work experience. As a medium and diverse organisation, Council recognises its role as a leader in the community to positively support local students with a placement and a wide range of work experience options. We see this as a valuable contribution to helping our youth and future community leaders to seek a career path in Local Government or one they may not have previously considered.

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**Bike SA 2016 Annual Tour** “Discover Food & Wine on Two Wheels” event ended abruptly when the storm hit Melrose. The riders left Orroroo early Wednesday 28 September stopping off at Booeroo Centre Steam and Traction before arriving in Melrose just before lunch and ahead of the wild weather. While the weather hindered their attempts to tour neighbouring towns all enjoyed their time in Melrose, the hospitality and the local sights until mother nature intervened and eventually the event was cancelled. Council was pleased to support the event.

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“Throughout the week I really enjoyed doing work experience at the Council. I learnt a lot of new skills that will come in very handy as I grow older, and I loved performing new tasks that were out of my comfort zone. I also really enjoyed the company of the people I worked with whom were very supportive of me which helped make my week of work experience successful. Administration has never really been something that I have thought about looking into as a possible career, but it’s definitely going to be something I look a bit further into now. Thank you so much to the Council for having me this week, it was a very beneficial experience and you might see me here back one day!”

Ella Peacock

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