



## COUNCIL SNIPPETS

Please refer to the Council Minutes & Agenda Reports available on the Council website [mtr.sa.gov.au](http://mtr.sa.gov.au) for full details.

### Ordinary Meeting of Council Held Tuesday 17 July 2018 Councillors Resolved:

#### Community Lease Agreements

Council continues to work with Community Groups to ensure they have a current and up to date lease agreement with Council. The common seal was affixed and the Mayor and CEO signed lease agreements for the Wilmington Golf Club and the Melrose Tennis Club at the meeting.

#### Booleroo Centre Town Entrance

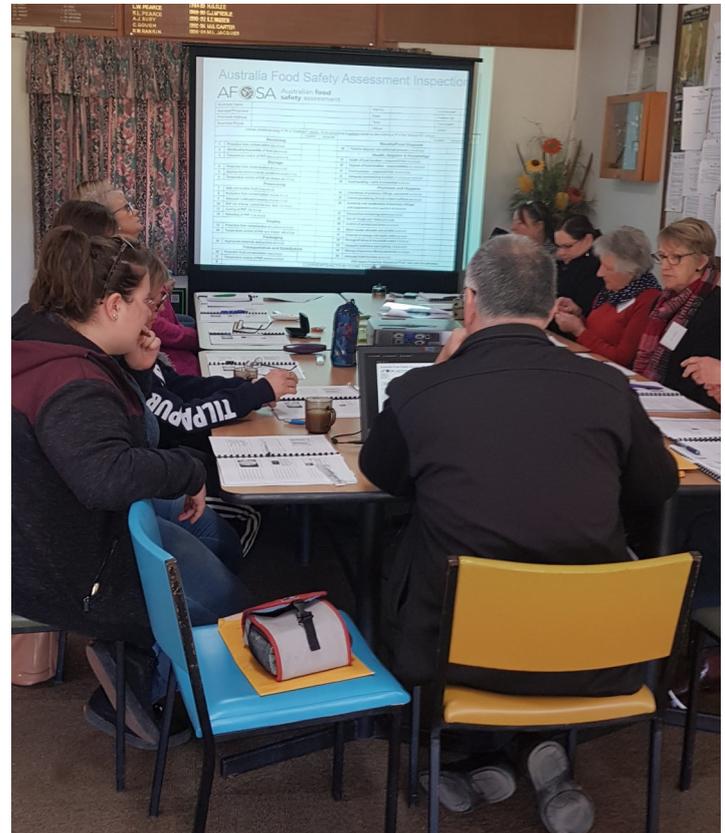
Council received a request from the Booleroo Centre Development and Tourism Association to display an old renovated tractor at the Southern Entrance to Booleroo Centre, completing the entrance sign. Councillors had no objection to the display.

#### Booleroo and Districts Men's Shed

Council waived the Council component of the Development Planning fees associated with the Booleroo and Districts Men's Shed development application.

#### Surplus Land Sale

The CEO was authorised to negotiate with two successful tenders for the sale and transfer of land surplus to Council.



Council's Environmental Health Officer, Mark Smith, conducted Food Safety & Hygiene Information Days at Wilmington on 9 and 10 July, 24 people attended over the two days.



Mayor, Colin Nottle and CEO, Wayne Hart, congratulate Tammy Bastian who received a certificate of recognition for ten years service to Local Government. Tammy is an Administration Officer providing administration support to the Environmental Health Officer and Development Officer. Tammy also provides Bush Fire Prevention and general administration support across the Council Office.

## DON'T THROW IT OUT

Ratepayers would have received their first quarter rates notices by now. Included with the rates notice are several important fact sheets including the Annual Business Plan Summary (how your rates are being spent), Fire Prevention, NRM levy, Waste Management Calendar and **two General Waste & Recycling Vouchers**. The waste vouchers will not be replaced, please ensure you put them in a safe place for using at your leisure.

Council continues to provide a wide variety of payment methods including Bpay, EFT, over counter and Centrepay. Ratepayers can elect to receive their Council rates notice via email for the second, third and fourth quarters only. Contact Council on 8666 2014 to discuss any of these options.

First quarter rate notices are due **28 September 2018**. If you are experiencing problems paying your rates please contact Council to make arrangements for a payment plan as unpaid rates incur interest charges.



*Council engaged a contractor to repair major damage caused by the 2016 floods to the Weeroona Island causeway. The repairs included widening and armouring of the causeway.*



*Above is an impression of how the boundary signs will look.*



*A first in 2017/2018 budget, Council introduced the allocation of \$50,000 towards the maintenance of existing footpaths in its major towns and worked with Progress Associations/Societies to deliver priority footpaths for works. As a result Council believes this was a successful initiative and has again committed a further \$60,000 for maintenance of existing footpaths within the major towns. Council will approach the Progress Associations/Societies for their input to identify footpaths that require works. Working with the community progress associations ensures Council is addressing the areas that are most important within each town.*

Back at its September 2016 Council meeting Councillors reviewed and endorsed a new Council logo. This included a marketing campaign across the Council district utilising the new logo. Ratepayers would have noticed a gradual change of the logo with electronic resources changed immediately, new logo included on stationary as stocks were depleted and new signage placed on Council equipment.

The 2018/2019 Annual Business Plan included the continuation of the rebranding of the Council and the promotion of "Remarkable Experience".

Under development is an electronic brochure that is specifically designed for use on smart phones and tablets, marketing the Council district and encouraging tourism and investment.

At its June 2018 Council meeting Councillors authorised new boundary signs. The signs have been ordered and ratepayers, tourists and visitors will see the signs go up on the Council boundaries in the near future.

The implementation of the new logo and marketing campaign has been a gradual process to keep the costs of changing the logo to a minimum.

In today's environment of social media and the increasing challenges for small rural communities it was important for Council to undergo a review of its branding that linked to *Our 2020 Vision*, District Council of Mount Remarkable Strategic Management Plan 2008 - 2020.

Council is more than rates, roads and rubbish; for the future sustainability and viability of the communities within the Council District, its Elected Members need to be proactive and innovative to encourage investment and to grow the economy of the area with initiatives such as tapping into a growing tourism market, opening more roads for B-double use for farming/commodity and enhancing its parks and open spaces.

# Prepare for Fire Danger Season

Dates for the 2018-19 Fire Danger Season will be declared and gazetted in **October 2018**.

The start date for Flinders may be early given the dry winter and available fuel.

Pursuant to the *Fire & Emergency Services Act 2005*, the owner of private land in the country must take reasonable steps to protect property on the land from fire and to prevent or inhibit the outbreak of fire on the land, or the spread of fire through the land and minimise the threat to human life from a fire on the land.

Preparation throughout the winter months by slashing or grazing vacant blocks within townships can save time and ensure your property is prepared for the fire danger season.

Council will be inspecting properties within townships from early September to assess compliance with CFS requirements.

Ratepayers are reminded that under the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005 (Act)* the onus is on the landowner to take reasonable steps to manage fuel reduction **prior** to the commencement of the Fire Danger Season.

## Register your business or community group

Every year Council receives numerous enquiries about businesses or organisations in the area that provide slashing and garden maintenance services to prepare properties for the fire season.

Council is updating our register of businesses and community groups that have the capacity and equipment to tidy blocks either by mowing, whipper snipping or slashing, and are interested in providing this service to ratepayers.

To register your business or community group please contact Council on 8666 2014.

Updates on the fire danger season start dates, information on being prepared and how to prepare your property are available at [www.cfs.sa.gov.au](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au).



South Australia  
Country Fire Service

Dog owners around the area will have recently received their Dog Registration Renewal Notices from the new State Government registration system, **Dogs and Cats Online**. Council is aware that in the data migration from individual Council systems to the new Dogs and Cats Online system some information may have been lost, including some desexing, microchipping and working dog statuses and concessions.

There has been **no increase** in Council's dog registration fees from last year. If the notice shows a higher cost than previous years, owners will need to update their dog's registration details either online at [dogsandcatsonline.com.au](http://dogsandcatsonline.com.au) or at their local agencies.

Registrations are due **31 August 2018**. A late fee of **\$10** will apply for any registrations renewals paid after this date.



*Illegal Dumping of rubbish on outskirts of Port Germein.*

Annually Council receives a number of reports to clean up illegally dumped rubbish. The impacts of illegal dumping are felt across our community, in addition to looking unsightly and unsafe, dumped rubbish can be dangerous and cause major health hazards. The money and time spent by Council, on behalf of its community, to respond to illegal dumping is money and time that could be better spent on beneficial improvements that directly benefit our community. Illegal dumping is a crime and it costs everyone. Council will be carrying out surveillance of known illegal dumping points and will prosecute offenders. Council urges residents to report all cases of littering to Council on 8666 2014 or on the Environment Protection Authority's [Dob in a Litterer website](#).

## Dog Registration Due Now

Complete your registration renewal by **31 August** on

[DOGSANDCATSONLINE.COM.AU](http://DOGSANDCATSONLINE.COM.AU)



## NDIS Information Session at Booleroo Centre

As NDIS Partners in the Community, Baptcare provide information about the National Disability Insurance Scheme and other supports available for people with disabilities.

If you are living with a disability, a carer, family member, medical or allied health professional, service provider, council or community representative please come along to this session to learn more.

**Tuesday 28 August**      **Booleroo Health Service**  
**11:00 am to 12:00 pm**      **Stephens St, Booleroo Centre**

**Bookings preferred - register via phone, email or web:**  
**P: 0448 290 303**      **E: [herrmann@baptcare.org.au](mailto:herrmann@baptcare.org.au)**

**W: [www.stickytickets.com.au/74652](http://www.stickytickets.com.au/74652)**

**ndis** **Baptcare** **ndis.gov.au**  
 Delivering the NDIS in your community

**DID YOU KNOW?** Materials like printer cartridges and mobiles phones are made up of a complex mix of metals, plastics and other valuable elements, which can be extracted and used to make new products.

There are numerous locations around the Council district where you can recycle these items.

Locations	Cartridges	Mobiles	Batteries
Melrose Council Office	✓	✓	
Port Germein Post Office		✓	✓
Booleroo Centre Post Office	✓	✓	
Wilmington Post Office	✓	✓	
Wirrabara Post Office	✓	✓	


 **ENROL**  
must be received by 12 noon  
Friday 10 August 2018
 **NOMINATE**  
must be received by 12 noon  
Tuesday 18 September 2018
 **VOTE**  
must be received before 5pm  
Friday 9 November 2018

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**COUNCIL ELECTIONS**  
 - 2018 -



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

## Fox Baiting this September

**Distribution days will take place across the Northern and Yorke region throughout September in preparation for the coordinated fox baiting program this spring.**

To maximise the positive agricultural and environmental outcomes of reduced fox numbers, 1080 fox bait will be supplied to landholders at a discounted rate as part of a coordinated approach across the region.

Landholders need to register and pre-order 1080 baits to participate in the program. Pre-ordered fox bait can be collected from distribution points located across the Northern and Yorke region for your convenience:

### Monday, 3 September

Melrose: Carpark North Star Hotel 10 am – 11 am  
 Wilmington: Memorial Hall 12 pm – 1 pm

### Tuesday, 4 September

Port Germein: Jetty Carpark 10 am – 11 am  
 Booleroo Centre: Northern Ag 2 pm – 3 pm

Please bring your section number along to complete the paperwork when collecting the baits, and a signed copy of the nomination of agent form if someone is picking up the baits on your behalf.

To register for the program or for more information please contact Natural Resources Northern and Yorke on 8841 3400, email [DEW.NRNY@sa.gov.au](mailto:DEW.NRNY@sa.gov.au) or visit [www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/northernandyorke](http://www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/northernandyorke)



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Natural Resources Northern and Yorke

## 2018 Council Elections Candidate Information Session

If you are interested in Local Government and considering standing as a member of your Council, then come along to this Candidate Information Session.

**Tuesday 28th August 2018**  
**5.30pm start**  
**Council Chambers**  
**3 Stuart Street Melrose**

More information about the Council Elections can be found on the below websites:

[www.mtr.sa.gov.au](http://www.mtr.sa.gov.au)  
[www.lga.sa.gov.au](http://www.lga.sa.gov.au)  
[www.ecsa.sa.gov.au](http://www.ecsa.sa.gov.au)