COUNCIL SNIPPETS
Please refer to the Council Minutes & Agenda Reports available on the Council website mtr.sa.gov.au for full details.

Ordinary Meeting of Council held Tuesday 16 October 2018 Councillors Resolved:

Melrose Caravan Park
The Mayor and CEO signed and affixed the Common Seal to the Melrose Caravan Park Management Contract. Council looks forward to working with new managers Kevin Mahney & Jennifer Padgett.

Councillors considered a new marketing campaign for the Caravan Park and, as such, approved to change the name from ‘Melrose Caravan Park’ to Melrose Caravan & Tourist Park’. Some short term improvements as listed in the Melrose Caravan Park Expansion Study will be carried out in the coming months. Further a new logo for the caravan park was approved. The improvements combined with the positive marketing campaign is expected to increase tourism and the visitor experience at the park.

Wirrabara Bluff Lookout Project
Councillors considered correspondence received from the Regional Director Natural Resources Northern and Yorke advising the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) seek to defer the construction of the Bluff Lookout project for a period of two years. Councillors are concerned that delaying the project for a period of two years will jeopardise Council’s ability to meet the criteria and conditions of the SLGIF grant to complete the project by December 2020. Council have written to Minister David Spiers MP requesting a deputation regarding the delays to the development of the Bluff Lookout project.

Booleroo Centre Steam & Traction
A request to waive the Council component of the Development Planning fees associated with the Booleroo Centre Steam & Traction shed development was approved by Councillors.

Finance Reports

An updated Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2018/2019 – 2028/2029 (the ‘LTFP’) incorporating the approved 2019 Annual Budget figures, was endorsed to go to public consultation. The LTFP was considered and endorsed by the Audit Committee on 10 October 2018. In accordance with the requirements of Section 122(1a) of the Local Government Act 1999 Council must adopt a long-term financial plan for a period of at least 10 years.
Advanced Notice - Christmas Closure
The Council Office (including Northern Passenger Transport Network) will be closed from 5.00pm on Friday 21 December 2018 and reopen at 9.00am on Wednesday 2 January 2019; and The Melrose Post Office will be open 9 am to 11 am on Monday 24 and Thursday 27 December and CLOSED on Tuesday 25, Wednesday 26 and Friday 28 December 2018.

Emergency Management Health Check
Council staff participated in the first stage of the Council Ready program under the guidance of a project officer. The health check outcomes will be used to guide the work of project officers who will provide tailored support to councils across the state over a 3 year period.

The program is funded under the Natural Disaster Resilience Program by the South Australian State Government and the Commonwealth Department of Home Affairs. There are no financial costs for council to participate as the proponent co-contribution is being covered by the LGA Mutual Liability Scheme.

Works: roads, contracts & tidy towns
During the month of October the Works team have carried out a number of operations including but not limited to:

Re Sheeting Program:
- Carting commenced on Rosslyn Road Murray Town
- Carting completed on Yandiah Road Murray Town
- Re Sheeting commenced on Yandiah Road Murray Town
- Re Sheeting completed on Coonatto Road Wilmington

Patrol Grading:
Around 26 roads received patrol grading after some rain was received. A full listing of the roads will be included in the November Council agenda.

Contractors:
Contractors were engaged during October for:
- Reprogramming Booleroo CWMS (golf club)
- Flood Damage repairs
- Installation of a new pipeline at Booleroo Pool
- Testing & Tagging Fire Extinguishers
- Testing Chains & Slings

Tidy Towns:
A diverse range of works is carried out by the Tidy Towns crew this included:
- Civil Works to Wilmington Drainage
- Installing access driveways to Casuarina Drive Weeroona Island.
- Reading of Weeroona Island Water Meters
- Hard Waste Collection in all towns
- Mowing and slashing for fire prevention
- Booleroo Golf Club irrigation repairs
- Slashing and mowing at Booleroo Airstrip
- Remove tyres from Telowie roadside
- Tidy Towns visited Wirrabara, Murray Town, Appila, Booleroo and Wilmington.
- Booleroo Airstrip inspection
- CWMS Monthly inspections
- Supply bins for Melrose Show
- Cat & Dog Management

Council commenced preparations for a replacement BBQ shelter at the Melrose Caravan Park. The old shelter has been dismantled and the ground levelled for a concrete slab to be laid. The replacement shelter will be erected in coming months by a local contractor.

Council carries out weed control on a rotational program each month. The Wirrabara Cemetery was sprayed during the month of October. The program includes, but is not limited too, the rail trail, parks, playgrounds, streets and cemeteries.
The Booleroo Centre Swimming Pool has received some minor improvements during the off season with painting of the pool and solar panels installed. A contractor has been engaged to upgrade the female change rooms in the near future. Council and the Booleroo Centre Memorial Swimming Pool will finalise a new lease agreement at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 27 November 2018.

Council has again entered into a lease agreement with the Wilmington Primary School for use of the Wilmington Swimming Pool during the swimming season for the community’s benefit.

For the public’s safety, Council has employed, on a casual basis, 7 pool attendants to be on duty when the pools are open to the public. Patrons are reminded to adhere to the rules and listen to the directions of Pool Attendants. Pool attendants are responsible for the safety of all users of the pool.

The pool’s will **OPEN** if the temperature is 27 degrees or higher (as per www.bom.gov.au weather forecast for Port Augusta).

Please note both pools will be closed Christmas Day and the Booleroo Centre pool will be closed on Sunday 24 February 2018 for their Open Carnival.

For information regarding the respective pool opening hours and fees can found on Councils website [https://www.mtr.sa.gov.au/swimming](https://www.mtr.sa.gov.au/swimming).

The Booleroo Centre Airstrip

In accordance with the Trust Deed, 23 June 2009 between the Booleroo Centre and District Ambulance Services Incorporated and the District Council of Mount Remarkable, a Section 41 Committee of Council is formed to manage the operations and facilities of the Airstrip.

Members on the Airstrip Committee consist of one Councillor and four nominated members of the Booleroo Centre and District Memorial Educational Trust Incorporated.

The role of a Committee member is to:
- Assist Council with strategic planning in relation to the Booleroo Centre & District Community Airstrip; and
- Provide comment on aerodrome matters presented in committee meetings.

The term of appointment of members of the Airstrip Committee is for the term until the next general election of Council after his/her appointment as a member. As such the current committee members term will expire on 10 November and a new committee will be formed in due course.

Whilst the Airstrip is used mainly for recreational flying there are occasions the Royal Flying Doctor uses the airstrip to transfer patients from the hospital to Adelaide. Some residents have raised questions regarding the emergency helicopter and why it does not use the Airstrip to land.

The Airstrip does not have a helipad for a helicopter to land. In cases of emergency the helicopter lands on the town oval as it is the safest area with only grass cuttings getting blown around whereas if it was to land at the airstrip the wind from the blades blowing rocks/dirt around is unsafe.

The paved apron area at the airstrip is only for planes that arrive to rest while waiting for the ambulance to deliver the patient, and for private recreational aircraft to rest.

An Annual Safety Inspection of the Airstrip on behalf of Councils insurer is conducted. The report compares the existing field conditions to the recommendations contained in Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Civil Aviation Advisory Publication CAAP 92-1(1).

It is from the recommendations of this inspection report that Council and the Committee determine works or improvements to the Airstrip to ensure it meets with safety standards. Council has committed $10,000 towards the purchase of new cones and gables in the 2018/2019 budget.
The 16 October 2018 ordinary Meeting of Council was the last for the current Councillors. The 2018 Council Elections have been finalised and three new Councillors have been provisionally elected. Council thanks Cr Sandra Wauchope, who retired from Council after 13 years of service and Cr’s Peter Blieschke and Lyall Arthur, not re-elected, for their contributions over the past four years. Left - Right: John Hadley, Director Works, Cr Peter Blieschke, Cr Sandra Wauchope, DCEO Jessie White, Mayor Colin Nottle, Cr Vicki Morley, Cr Lyall Arthur, Cr Jan Woolford, Cr Phillip Heaslip, CEO Wayne Hart.

The first Ordinary Meeting of the new Council will be held on Tuesday 27 November 2018 at 9.30am in the Council Chambers Melrose. The newly formed Council will elect the Principal Member (Mayor) and nominate Council representatives for the various Section 41 Committees of Council.

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Nominations Close Soon

Council is currently seeking nominations for the 2019 Citizen of the Year Awards. Do you know someone who makes a real difference in your community who deserves to be rewarded and recognised for their contributions and outstanding service?

The District Council Mount of Remarkable is rich with volunteers who give their time freely to ensure our parks, recreational facilities and towns are presented and maintained to a standard expected by the community.

Categories include Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year and Junior Citizen of the Year.

Nominations close on Monday, 10 December 2018 so don’t delay. Nomination forms can also be downloaded from Council’s website, www.mtr.sa.gov.au or pick up a nomination form at the Council Office.

In 2018, The Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Michael Wigg of Wilmington. Michael was recognised for his many years service to the Booleroo Centre Ambulance Service, Wilmington CFS and Wilmington Progress Society and other community activities.

Council looks forward to acknowledging more worthy community members in 2019.

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Flinders Mobile Library

Flinders Mobile Library will be closing for the Christmas/New Year holiday break at 4pm on Friday 14th December 2018 and will re-open for business as usual on Monday 7th January 2019.

Please check the timetable on the website for more information www.flindersmobile.sa.gov.au. Don’t forget, if you run out of reading material you can always borrow eBooks, eAudio and eMagazine items via the Flinders Mobile Library website www.flindersmobile.sa.gov.au. All you need is your library card number and PIN.