Council Snippets


ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2015

Digital Video Broadcast
Council is progressing further with its investigations to provide the residents of Wilmington and Melrose with a localised television service. Ratepayers have been sent a letter for public feedback/comment to gauge the interest or otherwise in proceeding with the matter. Ratepayers should respond using the form provided and drop at the Council Office, 3 Stuart Street Melrose, post to PO Box 94, Melrose SA 5483, leave in the box provided at the Wilmington Post Office or by using the online form at www.mtr.sa.gov.au.

Council Policies for review and Adoption
Eight policies were considered and adopted by Council as printed in the agenda. Councils policies are available at www.mtr.sa.gov.au.

Wirrabara CWMS Underway
Residents of Wirrabara would have noticed recent activity commencing on the Community Waste Management Scheme (CWMS) with pipe laying on West Terrace.

Works will cease on 18 December 2015 and resume on 11 January 2016, with a noticeable increase in machinery, personnel and progress thereafter.

Michael Stephenson is the overseer of the project and will reside in Wirrabara until completion. The standard hours of operation are 7:00am to 5:30pm over an 11 day fortnight. During days of extreme weather forecasts contractors may vary the times. If residents have any queries please contact Michael on 0417 876 846.

Residents are advised prior to trenching starting in a street the Site Representative will place a timber stake at the boundary of each property to indicate the location of the connection point which will service your property. If you prefer an alternative connection point, please contact Michael on 0417 876 846. The Site Representative will contact those landowners with connections via easements to confirm proposed locations in advance of work beginning on those drains.

During the Christmas/New Year break if residents notice any issues around the worksite or the machinery compound, please contact Dan Haynes (the contractor) on 0411 224 944.

Weeroona Island Community Garden
Council resolved to waive the water usage charges for a period of three months to assist the group to establish the Weeroona Island Community Garden Project.

Booleroo Centre
Stephens Street, Booleroo Centre will be closed to all vehicle traffic from 5.30 pm to 10.00 pm on 24 December 2015 for the Annual Christmas Eve Street Party.

Opal
Council endorsed the construction of a Community Activity Trailer for use by the Council District to be funded by Opal. Council will develop a draft operational policy and produce guidelines for use of the trailer.

A Positive 2014/2015
Councils Annual Report 2014/2015 provides a comprehensive summary of Council’s operations for the year. It includes information relating to Council’s structure, governance, policies, responsibilities, operations and achievements for the year. The Annual Report also includes the complete Annual Financial Statements for 2014/2015.

The report is a reflection of Councils achievements and Council is proud that all set targets where met during the 2014/2015 financial year.

Council adopted its Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2015 at a Special Meeting of Council held 24 November 2015 and is available for viewing at the Council Office, 3 Stuart Street Melrose or www.mtr.sa.gov.au.
Council was proud to be given the opportunity to lay a wreath at the Remembrance Day Service held at the Melrose War Memorial on 11 November 2015. Cr Lyall Arthur officiated the proceedings and Cr Peter Blieschke laid the wreath on behalf of Council. Congratulations to the Melrose Community Development Association for organising and conducting the service. The service was well attended by community members, school students and visitors.

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**Splash into Summer**

Council has completed lease negotiations with the Booleroo Centre Memorial Swimming Pool Committee and the Department of Education and Children Services for the Wilmington Swimming Pool. Both pools are open to the public and as summer heats up it will be great to see these facilities used to their full potential.

**Booleroo Centre Memorial Swimming Pool:**
Open seven days a week from 3.30pm to 6.00pm

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**Wilmington Swimming Pool:**
Monday to Friday 4.00pm-6.00pm
School Holidays and Weekends: 2.30pm-5pm
14 - 18 December: The pool will be closed for Vac-Swim

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*Temperature forecast in Port Augusta must be 27° otherwise the pools do not open.
Smoke-free outdoor dining laws
From 1 July 2016, smoking will be banned in outdoor dining areas in South Australia under section 52 of the Tobacco Products Regulation Act 1997. This includes outdoor dining areas at venues such as pubs, cafes, restaurants, fast food outlets and temporary eateries at events.

The new law is designed to protect the community from exposure to potentially harmful tobacco smoke and increase the comfort and enjoyment of outdoor dining areas for all patrons.

There is a very high level of public support in South Australia for smoke-free outdoor dining.

Implementing the new laws
For venues with an outdoor dining area, detailed information, guidelines and resources to assist with complying with the new law will be provided from February 2016.

A media campaign to advise the public about the new law will commence in May 2016.

For more information, please visit www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/tobaccolaws or if you have further questions, telephone Health Protection Operations, SA Health on 08 8226 7100.
**Temporary Office Closure**

**Council Office:**
- CLOSED from 5.00 pm on Thursday 24 December 2015

**Melrose Post Office:**
- CLOSED on Friday 25, Monday 28 & Thursday 31 December 2015
- OPEN from 9.00 am – 11.00 am on 29 and 30 December 2015
- CLOSED on Friday 1 January 2016
- OPEN Monday 4 January 2016 regular hours.

**Northern Passenger Transport Network:**
- Northern Passenger Transport Office: CLOSED from 5.00pm on Thursday 24 December 2015 to 9.00am Monday 4 January 2016.

For bookings or enquiries call 08 8666 2255.

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**Have you say**

**Natural Resources Northern and Yorke** is working towards the development of Catchment Action Plans for four catchments in the region – Willochra, Broughton, Wakefield and Light.

Landholders and the community are invited to assist with prioritising future projects and activities in these catchment areas.

The Four Rivers Survey is available on [Have your Say](#).

Further information is available at [Natural Resources Northern and Yorke](#) website.

Make sure you get your comments and submissions in by the closing date on **30 June 2017**.

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**Councillors, Management and Staff of the District Council of Mount Remarkable** Wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to working with you in 2016.

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**Melrose & Booleroo Centre LIVE**

NBN Co have completed the installation of the NBN towers at Melrose and Booleroo Centre. It is anticipated residents in Melrose and Booleroo Centre will be able to connect to the fixed wireless broadband early in December 2015. Further information is available at [mynbn.info](#).

Council have received approval for the NBN tower to be located at the Wirrabara Sporting Reserve and the lease agreement will be finalised in the near future.

Investigation for the NBN tower at Port Germein are continuing.

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