



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 15 October 2019 Councillors Resolved:**

LGA Conference and AGM

Councillors endorsed Cr Ian Keller and Cr Barry Richards attending the 2019 LGA Conference and AGM along with the Mayor on the 30 & 31 October 2019.

Weeroona Island Progress Association

Councillors endorsed a request for an unused fishing boat to be installed at the entrance to Weeroona Island as a feature in the existing landscape.

SA Coastal Council Alliance

Council formally endorse the establishment of the SA Coastal Councils Alliance and seek the support of the Local Government Association SA (LGA) to escalate coastal issues as part of their future advocacy priorities.

Community Land Lease

Council continues to work with the community to ensure ratepayers and community groups have current lease agreements. The Mayor and CEO signed three lease agreements and affixed the common seal. At its September 2019 Ordinary Meeting Councillors resolved all lease agreements will be for a standard five (5) years with a right of renewal for a further five (5) years.



The Mayor Phillip Heaslip and CEO Wayne Hart signed three lease agreements and affixed the common seal at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 15 October 2019.

SANFL Community Football

A request from the SANFL Community Football to support the appointment of a full-time Football Operations Coordinator based in the North and Mid-North region was endorsed with Council committing to pay \$500 per year for the next three (3) years for BMW Football Club, and also to a further \$167 per year (being one third) for 3 years for Wirrabara Football Club if requested.

Wilmington Primary School

Wilmington Primary School Governing Council requested to extend the closing time for the Wilmington Swimming Pool during School Holidays to 6.30 pm for the 2019/2020 season. Councillors considered the request and agreed.

Christmas Closure

Councillors determined that:

1. The Council office will close from 12.00 noon on Tuesday 24 December 2019 and re-open at 9.00 am on Thursday 2 January 2020, for the annual Christmas office closure;
2. The three non-public holiday days are considered grace days for administration staff; and
3. The Melrose Post Office will operate on reduced hours from 9.00 am to 11.00 am on Tuesday 24, Friday 27 and Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 December 2019 if agreed by Australia Post.



The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday 19 November 2019 at 9.30am in the Council Chambers Melrose.

Supplementary Election - Willochra Ward

An information and briefing session for those intending to nominate as a candidate was held on Monday 28 October 2019 with two members of the public attending.

At the close of nominations at 12 noon on Thursday 7 November 2019 the following people were accepted as candidates and are listed in the order in which they will appear on the ballot paper.

MORGAN, Ed

PRESTRIDGE, Greg

The voting process will be conducted by the Electoral Commission of SA by ballot. Voting material will be posted to all eligible ratepayers in the Willochra Ward, from Tuesday 19 November to Monday 25 November 2019 and close of voting is by **12 noon Monday 9 December 2019.**

For more information visit www.ecsasa.gov.au or phone 1300 655 232.



Swimming Season

Starts Monday
11 November 2019

The Booleroo Centre Swimming Pool and the Wilmington Swimming Pool will be open from Monday 11 November for the swimming season.

During the off season works at the Booleroo Centre Swimming Pool were completed. The ladies will enjoy the benefits of the upgrades to the female change rooms.

Booleroo Centre Swimming Pool Committee held its AGM on Wednesday 30 October 2019 with the pool opening hours and fees discussed. Please contact the pool committee if you have any questions regarding the times and fees.

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, 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 23 February 2020 for their Open Carnival.

All the information regarding opening hours and fees for the respective pool can found on Councils website www.mtr.sa.gov.au.

Council Ready

The *Council Ready* program was initiated to support councils with emergency management planning, and activities that strengthen disaster resilience in communities. Stage 1 of the program was held in September 2018 and the final Stage 2 was completed on 23 October 2019.

Councils play an important role in the prevention of and preparedness for emergency events. This reduces the level of risk that communities are exposed to, and improves disaster response and recovery.

Much of what councils contribute to emergency management happens outside of emergency events, through everyday business in areas such as asset management, environmental health, land use planning, community development and risk management.

The program is funded under the Natural Disaster Resilience Program by the South Australian State Government and the Commonwealth Department of Home Affairs and councils proponent co-contribution covered by the LGA Mutual Liability Scheme.



Darryl Glover, Project Facilitator Emergency Management, held a meeting with senior management staff to establish the 'Council Ready' Strategic Plan to ensure Council is ready when and if an emergency situation arises.

Reforming Local Government

Council operates within the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Elections) Act 1999. This legislation is currently being reviewed to ensure all councils are productive and operating well.

Following the consultation in March 2019, a discussion paper was developed to help decide what should be included in the legislation for Local Government.

The discussion paper included four main areas, Council membership and conduct, Financial accountability, Voting and election procedures and Statutory requirements.

Councillors considered the discussion paper and have made a submission for consideration to be included within the framework of the legislation.



A Councillor workshop was held on 22 October 2019 to review the LGA Discussion Paper in regards to the Local Government Reform. With Councillors supported 'in principle' the majority of the proposals.

FIRE SEASON

The Fire Danger Season commenced on Monday 21 October 2019.

Council conducted its first inspections of properties in early September, to ensure that properties meet the requirements of the act prior to the commencement of the Fire Danger Season.

Bushfire Hazard Reduction Compliance Notices were sent to owners of properties that did not comply at this time.

The authorised officer will conduct second inspections first week of November. Any non-compliant properties will be issued with an Expiation Notice of \$315 and given a minimum of 14 days to clean up their properties.

A final inspection will take place at the end of November. Any properties that remain non-compliant will be cleaned up to the required standard by Council, and Property Owners will be charged for the work as per Council's Fees and Charges.

The CFS website www.cfs.sa.gov.au has all the information you need for the fire season.

Business and Volunteers Supporting Emergency Services

Helen Smith (Senior Project Officer, Emergency Services Business Network) met with Council representatives to gain an understanding of the current volunteer activity in the Council district, the level of support provided by Council as well as exploring what the challenges will be in regard to the future of volunteering across the Emergency Services sector.

The discussion was positive and Council is proud that a number of its employees commit their time and effort to volunteering for emergency services such as the SA Country Fire Service, Booleroo Centre Ambulance Service and the State Emergency Service.

Council is very aware of the role of volunteers in emergency situations and the reliance of our communities on volunteers to fill these roles. Council supports its employees that volunteer for any of the emergency services, providing time to attend emergencies when the occasion arises.



DCEO Jessie White, Helen Smith Senior Project Officer, Emergency Services Business Network, David Prosser (CFS), Helane Blieschke (CFS), Holly Woolford (Ambulance) & Cr Don Norton (CFS) contributed to the discussions.

Lest We Forget
NOVEMBER 11th 2019

Remembrance Day Service

EVERYBODY WELCOME

Council is proud to support services being held at:

Melrose War Memorial
Joes Road, Melrose
10.30am to 11.30am

Port Germein War Memorial
High Street, Port Germein
10.30am to 11.30am



75 Loads of hard waste were collected during the two week period from 14 October to 24 October 2019.

This is an additional service provided by Council and the positive reaction indicates the service is well received by ratepayers and community members.

Early indications are we are in for a hot summer, residents are reminded that the transfer stations and landfill are closed on CFS declared Catastrophic and Severe Fire Ban Days, for further information regarding fire bans, please visit the [CFS Website](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au).

For further information regarding waste management including roadside collection, green waste, and e-waste recycling refer to Councils website www.mtr.sa.gov.au.



Nominate a community person for the 2020 Citizen of the Year Awards.

2020 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS NOW OPEN.....

Do you know someone who makes a difference in your community or an event that has benefited the community?

Nominations for the 2020 Citizen of the Year and Community Event awards are now open. Submit your nomination for the person or event that you believe has made an outstanding contribution to the Council District and tell us why you think they are deserving of an Australia Day Award.

Categories for nomination are:

- ◆ Citizen of the Year
- ◆ Young Citizen of the Year
- ◆ Junior Citizen of the Year
- ◆ Community Event of the Year

Application forms are available on Councils website www.mtr.sa.gov.au or from the Council Office, 3 Stuart Street, Melrose.

Nominations Close Tuesday 10 December 2019

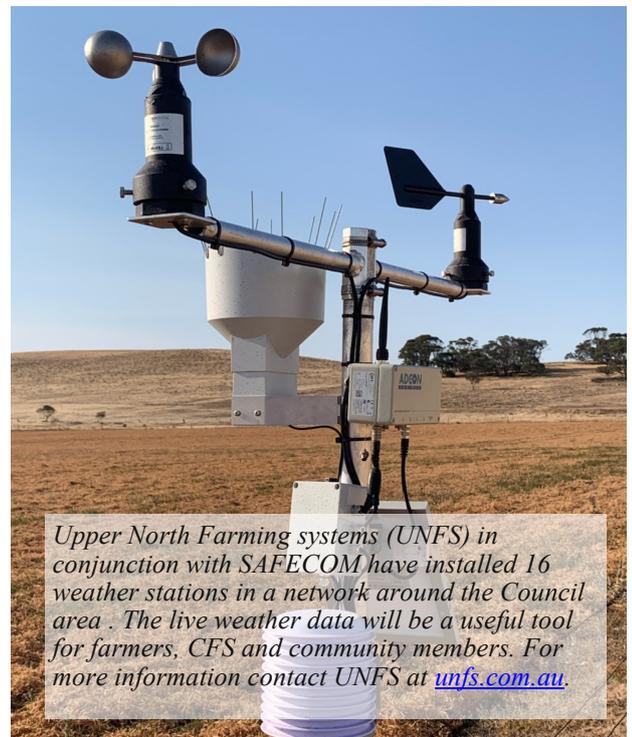
Drought Support



CEO Wayne Hart & DCEO Jessie White met with Rural Business Support, Rural Financial Counsellors Paul Erkelenz & Darren Longbottom to discuss Council's perspective in relation to the community and drought issues. For all the details on the various types of assistance available visit the PIRSA website www.pir.sa.gov.au/grants_and_assistance/drought_support.

Council is working with neighbouring Councils to ensure that we are supporting our communities with the resources available and to be prepared should more government funding be made available.

Weather Stations go live



Upper North Farming systems (UNFS) in conjunction with SAFECOM have installed 16 weather stations in a network around the Council area. The live weather data will be a useful tool for farmers, CFS and community members. For more information contact UNFS at unfs.com.au.