

A Remarkable Experience

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JULY COUNCIL MEETING SNIPPETS

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Strategic Plan

Council voted unanimously to develop a strategic plan for the Bridle Track mtr.sa.gov.au/noticeboard/latest-news/media-release-bridle-track-strategy

Roads

Council voted unanimously to explore potential funding opportunities to upgrade major access roads within the Council district for the benefit of commercial operators and primary producers and be provided with a report on the condition of the Hill's Track, in particular making reference to access to the south-eastern section "Link Lands" by CFS vehicles

Elector Representation Review – Report

Following a review of its composition and structure in accordance with Section 12 of the Local Government Act 1999 and having considered all matters required under the Local Government Act 1999. Council resolve that:

- a. the name of the Council (District Council of Mount Remarkable) be retained;
- b. the Council continue to be a district council;
- c. the Principal Member of the Council continue to be a Chairperson, chosen by the members of the council from amongst their own number;
- d. the Council area continue to be divided in two wards with no changes in boundaries;
- e. the Council retain the names of its current wards, Telowie and Willochra:
- f. the Council comprise seven ward Councillors (inclusive of the Chairperson), to be elected by the community at Council-wide elections

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be

Tuesday 17 August 2021— 4.30pm Wirrabara Institute 35 High Street, Wirrabara

Community Question Time 4.00pm—4.30pm

Agenda: mtr.sa.gov.au/documents/agenda-and-minutes/councilagenda-and-minutes

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Rate notices have been sent out and first quarter rates are due by 8 September 2021

Council continues to provide a wide variety of payment methods including

Ezybill — register at mtr.sa.gov.au/services/rates/ezybill (You can elect to receive rates notice via email when signing up to Ezybill)

BPAY Biller Code 2253

Reference—Your Rates Assessment Number NOTE: for Ratepayers who have multiple properties—As each assessment has its own individual BPAY reference number, each rate must be paid separately

EFT

Cheque & Money Order (payable to District Council of Mount Remarkable)

Direct Debit—BSB: 105 091 Account: 0208 09040 Account Name: DCMR District Fund Account (please note Direct Debit details will be changing for second quarter rates)

Credit Card Over phone

If you are experiencing problems paying your rates or you have not received your notice please contact Council on 8666 2014.

Dog Registrations are now due

It's easy with Dogs and Cats Online, you can do it yourself or call the Council's Office on 8666 2014

before 31 August 2021

If you haven't received your dog registration renewal notice please call the Council office 8666 2014.



DOGSANDCATSONLINE.COM.AU

Remember you can receive your copy of the newsletter direct to your email. Register with Council postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au.

Like us on Facebook and stay up to date with news and events facebook/mountremarkable.com.au



Have your address or contact details changed?

Change of address or contact details notifications must be submitted in writing

You can advise change of address or update your contact details online. It's easy.

Go to

mtr.sa.gov.au/forms/change-of-address-form-preview fill out the form and submit.

Mount Remarkable Management Plan Amendments

Department for Environment & Water want to hear from you. Have your say on proposed changes to the Mount Remarkable National Park Management Plan to allow for the development of greater visitor facilities and services.

Your feedback will help shape how the park is managed into the future.

Consultation closes 30 September 2021

Further info and survey at yoursay.sa.gov.au/mt-remarkable-amendments



Green waste bins are coming

According to the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment National Waste Report 2020, 14.3 million tonnes of core organics wastes (primarily food organics, garden organics, timber and biosolids) was generated in 2018-19 with 6.87 million tonnes deposited in landfill.

Food waste degrades in landfills and produces harmful greenhouse gases.

By collecting green waste and kitchen waste separately we can divert organic waste from landfill reducing harmful greenhouse gases and we can transform this organic waste into a valuable resource - COMPOST which can be used to improve agricultural soils assisting food production and in parks, gardens and sports fields, boosting our economy and creating jobs.

The rollout of Green Waste bins are anticipated to begin late August/early September. mtr.sa.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0026/903635/Waste-Changes-at-Mount-Remarkable-FAQ-JUNE-2021.pdf

What can be put into a Green Bin?

Green waste bins can accept garden and kitchen organic waste only. This includes kitchen organic scraps, prunings, weeds, grass clippings, leaves and flowers. Items should not be in plastic bags, and bin liners should not be used, as plastic contaminates green waste.

Can go in:



- Fruit and vegetables
- Egg shells
- Seafood, meat and bones
- Shredded paper towels / paper tissues
- · Dairy Products cheese / yoghurt
- Bread, cake, pasta and rice
- Teabags/tea leaves, coffee grinds
- Hair / Fur
- Flowers, herbs, plants & leaves
- Prunings (less than 100mm in diameter and 800mm in length)
- Grass clippings
- Weeds
- Fallen leaves / flowers
- Old torn / shredded newspapers
- Sawdust (only from untreated timber)

Can't go in:



- · Diseased plants
- Cans/Jars metals and glass
- Ceramic products
- Plastic bags & any plastic products
- Large branches
- Magazines
- Plastic pots, garden tool / hoses
- Sharps
- Nappies
- · Cigarette butts or ash
- Kitty litter
- Household garbage
- Textile material e.g. clothing
- Vacuum dust
- Personal hygiene products
- Baking paper
- Bricks
- Animal fats or oils

Community Transport

Did you know Council manages and operates the Northern Passenger Transport Network (NPTN), extending over six Council regions and supported by the District Council of Mount Remarkable, District Council of Orroroo/Carrieton, District Council of Peterborough, Port Pirie Regional Council, Northern Areas Council and Flinders Ranges Council, NPTN assists those who don't drive, can't drive long distances, are frail, can't access public transport or who have no-one who can assist them with transport and need to get to an appointment. The NPTN also compliments and works with other existing transport operators. Fees apply.

To find out more or to enquire about the eligibility criteria contact NPTN on 8666 2255.



To maintain our level of service in your community, NPTN are seeking volunteer drivers. To join our valuable team in Mount Remarkable—call NPTN on 8666 2255 for details





FUNDRAISING FUN

After holding recent fundraising events, Council staff are pleased to be able to donate \$92.30 to Jeans for Genes Day, \$150 to Australia's Biggest Morning Tea and an additional \$100 from funds raised via the monthly Casual Wear Friday going to support the Melrose District Historical Society with a sponsorship of a tile for the Court House/Police Station re-roofing program.

Any community member who might be interested in supporting the tile fundraiser can contact MDHSOC at mdhsoc@gmail.com

To date Casual Wear Friday has raised \$576 and Council staff are looking for other opportunities to distribute remaining funds.





KESAB is pleased to invite submissions for the 2021 Sustainable Community Awards.

The awards are a great way to recognise and celebrate regional community initiatives whilst promoting your area and strengthening networks.

Eight broad categories allow for a diversity of initiatives to be recognised.

Categories consist of:

- Appearance, amenities & facilities
- Community action & partnerships
- Environmental sustainability & education
- Health & wellbeing
- Heritage & culture
- Leadership & youth activities
- Natural environmental management
- Resource recovery, waste management, litter prevention and enforcement

Any initiative planned, started or maintained from June 2019-June 2021 can be entered and all submissions will be considered.

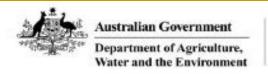
Submissions close - Friday September 10th.

More information can be found on the KESAB Sustainable Communities webpage

Drought Communities Program

The Drought Communities Program has seen 23 successful projects across Appila, Booleroo Centre, Melrose, Murray Town, Port Germein, Rocky River, Wilmington and Wirrabara.

The program enabled an extensive list of projects to come to fruition including painting & repairs, paving, landscaping and earthworks, fencing, roofing, plumbing, new shelters, cricket nets, purchase of new tools and furniture, installation of air conditioning, solar systems and new and upgraded kitchens.







Drought Resilience Leaders Program

BUILDING LEADERSHIP RESILIENCE FOR THE FUTURE



BACKGROUND

The Drought Resilience Leaders Development Program is designed to build leadership resilience for the future in Australian rural, regional, and remote communities. There are three elements to the program:

- Drought Resilience Leaders Development Program
- Drought Resilience Leaders Mentoring Program
- Community Extension Grants

The Future Drought Fund is a long-term Australian government investment providing a sustainable source of funding to help Australian farmers and other community members s become more prepared for, and resilient to, the impacts of drought.

DROUGHT RESILIENCE LEADERS MENTORING PROGRAM

WHAT IS DROUGHT RESILIENCE LEADERS MENTORING (DRLM)

The Drought Resilience Leaders Mentoring (DRLM)
Program will see a national network of participants
take part in a two-way learning process based on the
sharing of information, experience and knowledge.

The DRLM Program aims to create a supportive space for mentors and mentees to work together to achieve personal and professional goals. Mentees will be paired with a mentor to explore topics relating to self-development and agricultural operations including sustainable farming practices, environment and ecosystem management, diversification DRM participants will have access to a range of resources and activities throughout the program and will become alumni of the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation (ARLF) post program.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

The Drought Resilience Leaders Mentoring Program is open to eligible applicants across Australia. There are no geographical requirements to participate in DRLM and the program will be conducted primarily online so wherever you are in Australia, take this opportunity to invest in yourself, your business and region. The DRLM program welcomes those who identify as farmers to participate as mentees. Farmers can also apply to be mentors in this program as can anyone with expertise and/or experience in agriculture and related areas including climate and drought resilience.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Please call ARLF on 02 6281 0680, email droughtresilience@rural-leaders.org.au, follow our social media channels @ARLFNews or visit the ARLF website https://rural-leaders.org.au/our-programs/drought-resilience-leaders/