



District Council of Mount Remarkable



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

I trust that everyone had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends, and I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

2022 is already providing challenges through the recent outbreak of Covid-19 Omicron variant. Covid has certainly taught us something – change! We know through this most recent experience of Covid -19 that change can happen very quickly, and can happen sometimes through means outside of our own control. Change reminds us that we need to be agile to best respond to it, and to be capable of identifying and pursuing the opportunities that arise with change.

This year Council has planned to get a number of projects underway and completed.

These include the completion of the Booleroo Centre to Stone Hut Rail Trail, Councils capital works program including road re-sheeting, implementation of the new Asset Management Plan, purchase of a new grader, opening of the new Wirrabara Forrest day facilities, opening of the newly completed trails at Willowie, the numerous community projects across a number of our communities, and the beginning of the \$10m State and Federal Government Remarkable Southern Flinders Project.

This month Council will give consideration to a comprehensive draft Asset Management Plan which provides a systematic approach to delivering services to an agreed standard. The purpose of the plan is to enable Council to best manage its infrastructure and community wastewater management systems (CWMS) for the next 10 years. These assets combined have an estimated replacement value of well over \$100m, and it is important that Council adequately plans for maintenance and renewal. The plan also ensures Council is openly demonstrating good governance and accountability.

I am pleased that Council has made the investment in developing this draft plan. Community consultation will begin later this month on the draft plan, and Council looks forward to working with the community to deliver on these very important strategic and operational aspects of service delivery.

Wishing our community a successful 2022.
Mayor Phillip Heaslip

STATE ELECTION STRATEGY

Mayor Phillip Heaslip has met with the current member for Frome, the Hon Geoff Brock MP to present the District Council of Mount Remarkable 2022 State Election strategy.

Council has developed a concise 2022 Election Strategy highlighting some key areas of support being sought from the successful candidate in the seat of Stuart. The strategy has key themes including:

- » Regional Voice
- » Regional Connectivity
- » Regional Leadership & Skills
- » Regional Services
- » Regional Investment

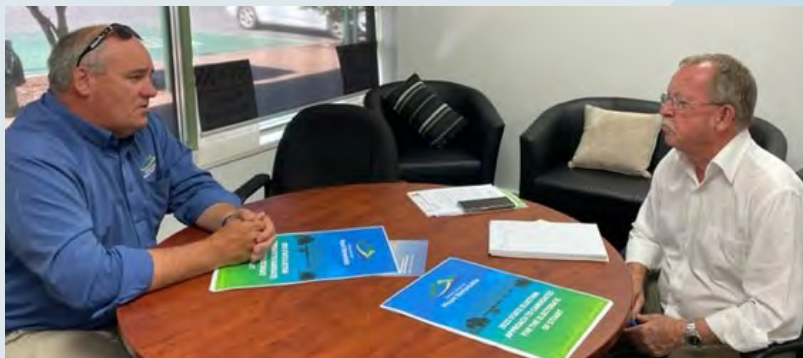
Mayor Heaslip has in addition invited the Member for Frome to undertake a tour of the Council district, which will enable Mayor Heaslip to highlight the key strategies raised within the election plan, as well as showcasing the broader Council area.

Mayor Heaslip will be meeting with the Australian Labor candidate, Mr Andrew Wright in the near future, and Council looks forward to working with all candidates for the seat of Stuart leading in to the 2022 State Election.

A copy of the Strategy can be viewed via Council's website: <https://www.mtr.sa.gov.au/documents/public-register/2022-state-election-approach-to-candidates>



Senator Rex Patrick visits Port Pirie on 15 December. Pictured here with Anita Crisp Uni Hub Spencer Gulf, Brenton Vanstone Uni Hub Spencer Gulf & Mayor Phillip Heaslip



Mayor Heaslip presents 2022 State Election Strategy to the Member for Frome the Hon Geoff Brock MP.



COUNCIL



COUNCIL NEWS

The 18 January 2022 Ordinary Meeting of Council agenda includes:

- » Mayor's Report
- » Elected Members' reports
- » Quarterly reports from Leadership Team
- » Quarterly report from Manager – Melrose Caravan & Tourist Park
- » Quarterly report from Manager – Northern Passenger Transport Network
- » Review of Council By-Laws
- » Draft Asset Management Plan
- » Joy Baluch Award Nominations
- » Disability Access & Inclusion Plan Update
- » DCMR Elected Member COVID-19 Vaccination Policy
- » Waste & Resource Recovery Strategy & Action Plan
- » Local Government Reform
- » Mandatory Rebate – Anglican Diocese of Willochra
- » Booleroo Centre Memorial Swimming Pool Management Committee – request for additional funding
- » Booleroo Centre Memorial Swimming Pool – proposed redevelopment
- » Motions on Notice and Without Notice
- » Correspondence
- » Confidential items – Melrose Caravan & Tourist Park – Future Operations

Due to the COVID-19 virus situation at present, Community Question Time and the Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held electronically. The public will be able to attend Question time and to observe the Council meeting via Zoom. Further information will be made available via Facebook and Council's website. Please contact the Council office on 8666 2014 should you have any queries.

Council and Committee meeting agenda and minutes are available at: <https://www.mtr.sa.gov.au/documents/agenda-and-minutes/council-agenda-and-minutes>

BRIDLE TRACK STRATEGIC PLAN 2021-2024

Situated in the Southern Flinders Ranges, in the District Council of Mount Remarkable, the Bridle Track and adjacent land, is of cultural significance to the Nukunu people and has a rich history in agriculture, primarily grazing.

As a result of a motion on notice from Deputy Mayor Cr Don Norton, at the July 2021 Ordinary Meeting of Council, Council approved the development of a Strategic Plan for the Bridle Track.

Improved directional and information signage, engagement with landowners adjacent to the Track and potential mechanisms for financial support from relevant stakeholders were considered key issues prompting the call for the development of a strategy.

Council considered that by installing instructional/educational signage informing users of the Track as to where the restricted access areas exist, it would improve the overall visitation experience. It is proposed that the plan will include engagement with stakeholders to ensure

proactive and constructive feedback is gathered as to how Council can best facilitate an approach to management of the Bridle Track.

On Tuesday November 30 2021, a high-level Round Table discussion was convened by Council, held at the Council Chambers in Melrose, and facilitated by Dianah Walter of Regions Matter. This group of representatives were current stakeholders with land adjacent the Bridle Track. All stakeholders were invited to speak and to provide input into possible works, suggestions and ideas on how to improve the experience and issues surrounding landholders.

At the conclusion of the stakeholder input, Dianah Walter summarised the conversation and called for volunteers to work with her (small working group) to progress the discussion.

Michele Smith, Robin Pole and Bev Dennis agreed to be part of a working Group to also include CEO Sam Johnson (driving the initiative) and Brenton Daw, Manager Infrastructure & Regulatory Services.



The amazing views heading up the Bridle Track.





AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Due to COVID-19 this year's celebrations will not proceed in the usual fashion.

Council will instead arrange for private presentations to the recipients of the following awards:



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Wirrabara local Greg "Pechy" Pech on being announced as the 2022 Citizen of the Year award.

Greg's involvement in the community through sporting groups in his younger days and a CFS volunteer including captain for 20 years, Apex and the Wirrabara Progress Association, a driving force behind the monthly Wirrabara Producer's Market having been a committee member since its inception. Greg established the picturesque Arboretum in the parklands and continues to maintain this area.

Greg is the owner of Wirrabara Farm Service and he and his business has contributed to many projects to the benefit of locals and tourists.

Greg is a fabulous ambassador for the District and the Wirrabara community and is a deserving recipient of Council's Citizen of the Year Award. Well done!



COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to the Melrose Tennis Club Easter Tournament announced as recipient of the 2022 Community Event of the Year. The Club proudly has organized the Tournament for 76 years which attracts many visitors to the District and raises funds to ensure the court facilities are sustainable.

The Tournament is widely known in the tennis fraternity as one of the best run events in the State and tourism and hospitality businesses flourish during Easter and beyond.

Council commends the Melrose Tennis Club and thanks the volunteers who work tirelessly to bring about the Tournament, and for the significant contribution the Club makes to the community.

RAIL TRAIL – BOOLEROO CENTRE TO STONE HUT

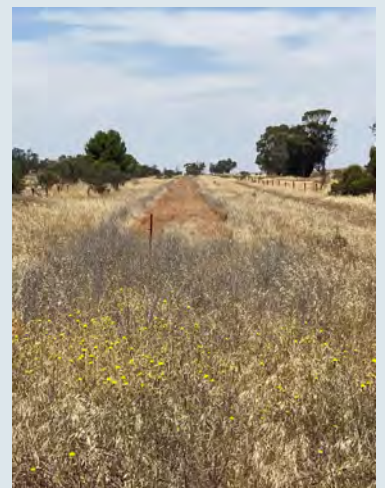
Clearing of the trail has commenced, starting at Booleroo Centre end. Some scoping works are still to be finalised which included bridge and creek crossing designs and storm water culverts.

A stakeholder engagement session has been held and Council is working with those stakeholders that may in some way be affected by the installation of the trail.

Approximately 70% of the total cost of the project is funded by State and Federal Government grants. Over 25km's of trails will be constructed with the new trail when completed stretching from Wilmington to Stone Hut. Ultimately this will see it linking in with the Riesling Trail in Clare.



The Grader working along the Rail Trail - Booleroo.



The Start of the Rail Trail - Booleroo.



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UPGRADE OF COUNCIL'S TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

Council's phone system has been upgraded following a recent review of its information and communications technology. The new phone system streamlines the customer contact process enabling faster response times and allowing for data collection to assist with resource planning.

When calling Council there are several options in order to direct calls to the most appropriate areas:

- » Press 1 Payments
- » Press 2 General Enquiries
- » Press 3 Northern Passenger Transport Network
- » Press 4 Rates Enquiries

The new system allows for calls to be directed to individual teams and staff members with voice messages accessible in multiple formats to ensure accessibility of messages is not delayed if staff are off site at meetings or working remotely due to COVID restrictions.

We are also reviewing the after hours service arrangements and service provision standards. An update on these two important areas will be available soon.

We welcome feedback at all times on Council's service provision standards. Feedback provides valuable information as to how provision of service can be continuously improved. Feedback can be provided via phone or sent to postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au.

Requests for Service can be lodged by phone or on line <https://www.mtr.sa.gov.au/forms/request-for-service2>

Contact Council's Administration Centre on 8666 2014.

After Hours / urgent matters 0477 131 312 .



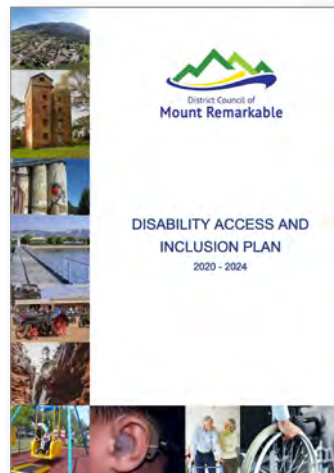
CHANGE OF COUNCIL'S BANK DETAILS

Council has recently changed bank providers to NAB. To ensure all future payments are received, please contact a member of Council's Corporate Services team to obtain the new bank account details.

Council's Bank SA account will be closed on 31 January 2022. Therefore, Council strongly encourages ratepayers and account holders to update their records as soon as possible to avoid payments being rejected. Those with recurring payments (such as direct debit arrangements) will also need to update details accordingly.

Council's BPay details have not changed.

Please direct any queries in relation to the change of bank details to the Council office on 08 8666 2014.



DISABILITY ACCESS AND INCLUSION – GUIDELINE FOR EVENTS

Council has developed a guideline to assist raise awareness of disability access and inclusion considerations for events.

When organising an event, whether it's a small indoor meeting or a bigger outdoor community event, there are things to consider that will make the event enjoyable for everyone. The guideline outlines considerations that can help to accommodate people with disability.

The Guideline will be provided to all community groups and will be available on Council's [website](#).



AUSTRALIAN SPORTS FOUNDATION - ACTIVE KIDS SPORTS GRANTS

The ASF is inviting grant applications for grassroots community clubs with membership of kids under 20 years of age/working with disadvantaged or setting up in a rural community to assist with the purchase of equipment and uniforms.

Applications close 24 January 2022. Further information is here: <https://fundraise.sportsfoundation.org.au/grants>





WASTE MANAGEMENT

The green bins have successfully been rolled out and initial reports are that they are being well used.

With the recent closure of the Waste Transfer Stations at Port Germein and Wirrabara, Council is moving towards 100% of its waste being removed from landfill at Willowie, by partnering with Clare Valley Waste, with the existing landfill site transitioning to a Waste Transfer Station over the next 6-9 months.

This process will significantly increase recycling and waste going to landfill.

Once the Waste Transfer Station has been finalised, Council will start the process with the EPA to close the landfill component of the facility which will hopefully be completed by the end 2022.

Council recently undertook a review of its waste activities as part of a recent Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2021-2026, undertaken by LEGATUS in partnership with Green Industries SA and the EPA.

This review was undertaken after the State Government released the South Australia's Waste Strategy 2020-25, showing Regional Waste Management Plans are to be in place for all SA Regional Local Government areas.

The waste hierarchy

Council's waste and recycling services will align with the waste management hierarchy and we will target actions that are higher up the hierarchy (Figure 1).

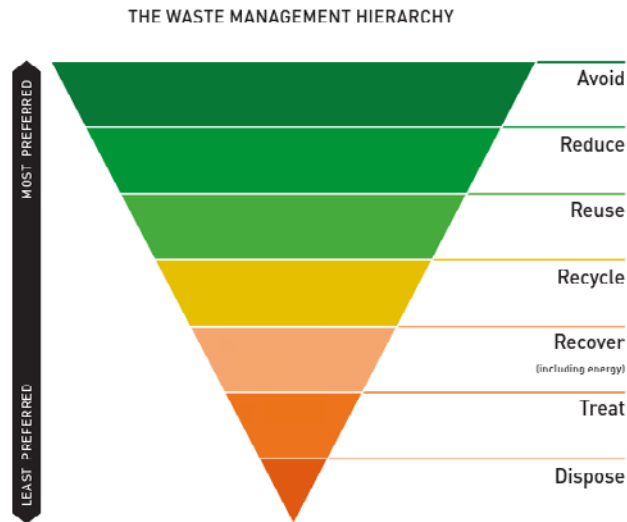


Figure 1: Waste management hierarchy (Image courtesy of Green Industries SA)

The circular economy

The circular economy aims to transition from a 'make, use and dispose' model to a system that keep materials and products at their highest value for as long as possible. Keeping materials circulating reduces reliance on virgin materials, helps limit greenhouse gas emissions and create local job and investment opportunities.

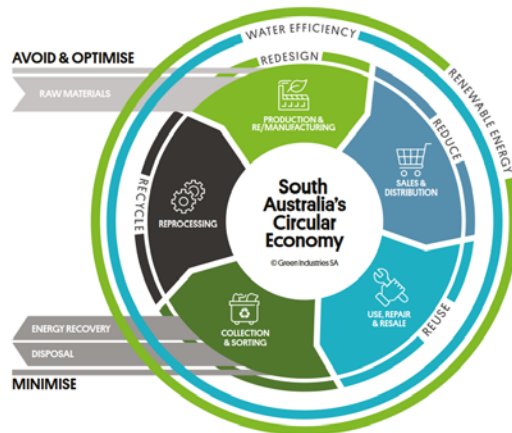


Figure 2: Summary of the circular economy (Image courtesy of Green Industries SA)

2022 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Are you part of a community group or non-profit organisation that has a project it would like financial assistance for?

The Community Assistance Grants will once again be on offer through Council in 2022. Eligible applications must demonstrate how they will positively impact the District Council of Mount Remarkable community.

Applications are open, start discussing viable projects or ideas for funding now to be ready to apply. Keep an eye out for more information on Council's [Facebook](#) and [web pages](#).



A flock of Little Corellas taking up residence in the District.

ABUNDANT SPECIES – LITTLE CORELLAS

Following Council’s resolution of April 2020, Council continues to respond to community concerns and calls for solutions to address the ongoing environmental devastation caused by increasing numbers of little corellas in the District.

The Sporting & Shooters Association will participated in a controlled cull for one day of the unprotected native bird species - Little Corellas on Sunday 16 January 3.00pm onwards.

The Sporting & Shooter Association volunteers will undertake active Corella shooting this week, focussing on Wirrabara, Melrose and Wilmington areas. The group of volunteers are professional shooters, and are often engaged by DEW to complete targeted shooting programs in the national park areas.

Council ensured community awareness of the commencement of the cull through use of social media, and liaison with Department of Environment & Water and SA Police.

WELCOME TO NEW DOCTOR AT BOOLEROO CENTRE

The district welcomed the arrival of Dr Oladapo (‘Dapo’) Olutayo and Mrs Janelle Joseph-Olutayo in December. Dr Olutayo and Mrs Joseph-Olutayo come to us from Lincoln in the United Kingdom.

Dr Olutayo is a General Practitioner and is a member of the Royal College of General Practitioners. He has experience in critical care, anaesthesia, general medicine and accident and emergency.

Mrs Joseph-Olutayo is an experienced Registered Nurse and has expertise in renal dialysis nursing, she has commenced work at the Laura and Booleroo Hospitals.

Dr Olutayo has commenced consulting at the Booleroo Medical Centre and Wilmington outreach clinic and is providing medical services to the Booleroo Centre District Hospital.

The couple enjoy road trips and the outdoors and look forward to experiencing what life in rural SA has to offer.

*Dr Olutayo & Ryan Ackland
Executive Officer/Director of Nursing*



MELROSE MUSEUM

The Melrose Heritage Museum received grant funding to re-roof the Heritage museum, courthouse and police station. In January the Museum took delivery of slate tiles and the Honourable Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP Deputy Premier of South Australia visited to deliver a new State Flag and to inspect the progress of the re-roofing.

LEFT: Delivery of the new roof tiles for Melrose Heritage Museum.

RIGHT: Visit by Deputy Premier the Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP with Caretaker Shaun Moylan, Society Vice President Helen Waterman.

Images acknowledgement - Liz Bishop via Facebook





SIGNIFICANT AWARDS FOR BOOLEROO AMBULANCE VOLUNTEERS

In December 2021 the Booleroo Centre SA Ambulance Station held its annual Christmas break up and there were some special awards given out to recognise individuals community service.

Michael Wigg 40 years of service.

Michael has been an active volunteer with SA Ambulance for 40 years. Michael commenced as a volunteer Ambulance Officer with Port Augusta St John in 1975 after moving to the town as a Teacher. Michael then continued to volunteer as an Ambulance Officer in Quorn and Kangaroo Island. Michael joined Booleroo Centre in 2000 where he has actively participated in training and roster coverage.

Michael has participated in volunteer exchange programs in New Zealand and Tasmania. Michael states he gets great satisfaction from being a volunteer Ambulance Officer but cites his role as a Community Responder in Wilmington Community as one of his most satisfying and rewarding roles to date. Michael's dedication to the community knows no bounds – as can be seen in the photograph he no longer sports his beard – Michael is now clean shaven in order to properly fit the PPE masks provided that protect both him and his patients.

Liz Jaeschke 20 years of service.

Liz started with the Booleroo Centre and District Ambulance Board as the Branch Secretary and Treasurer in 2001 - a job that Liz describes as 'like managing a small business'. 'It took up two full working days a week and involved managing large amounts of money, subscriptions and invoices.'

In 2001 Liz became a Board member on the Booleroo Centre and District Ambulance Board and Liz remained as Branch Secretary and Treasurer and Board until around 2009 when a transition to SA Ambulance occurred. In 2009 Liz commenced as a Volunteer Ambulance Officer, Liz continues to volunteer on the weekly roster at Booleroo and has combined this commitment over the years with full time work, other community activities and family commitments – no mean feat.

Lili Sun 5 years of service.

Lili commenced as a volunteer Ambulance Officer at Booleroo in 2016 and worked tirelessly to obtain her Certificate IV in Emergency Care. Lili is a knowledgeable and valuable member of the team. Lili has managed time to volunteer amongst a busy work and home life.

Paul Liersch, current relieving Team Leader with SA Ambulance said he is extremely proud of Michael, Liz and Lili and their commitment to patient care, their communities and training.

"These few lines do little justice to the thousands of volunteer hours these three have provided to their local community with their combined 65 years of service" said Mr Liersch.



Lili Sun, Michael Wigg and Liz Jaeschke receiving their awards at the SA Ambulance Station break up event in December 2021.



HANCOCK'S LOOKOUT SIGN

Council, after reviewing signage within the district has made allowances within its budget to upgrade town and tourism signage.

After discussions with the Wilmington Progress Group, the first signs to be placed will be at the intersection of Horrocks Pass Road and Hancock's Lookout Road. Two signs will be placed allowing for traffic coming in both directions.

It is anticipated that the sign will be placed early in 2022 and will form the first step in a signage strategy across all areas of the Council area.



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STEP UP TO CLEAN UP

SUNDAY 6 MARCH

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Clean up Australia Day is scheduled for Sunday 6 March 2022.

Clean up Australia, founded by Ian Kiernan AO is one of the country's most recognised and trusted environmental organisations, inspiring and empowering communities to clean up and conserve our environment. The organisation's focus is as much on preventing rubbish entering our environment as it is removing what has already accumulated.

Council is partnering with the Wilmington community effort to participate in the 6 March event.

CLEANERS WANTED

Council is seeking reliable, motivated and versatile amenities cleaners for casual roles in various locations across the District.

We are seeking applications from candidates with a strong eye for detail who are able to clean to a high standard, keep storage areas stocked and organised, have excellent customer service skills and at times work with minimal supervision. Previous cleaning experience is an advantage.



Successful applicants must undergo a pre-employment medical and provide evidence of a current National Police Check [Screening Unit - National police checks](#) and Working with Children Check [Screening Unit - Working with children check](#)

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Written applications of no more than one page plus your CV can be forwarded to postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au. For further information or to discuss your interest please contact Council on 8666 2014.

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