



# District Council of Mount Remarkable



## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

*The seasons are changing, and end of financial year is quickly approaching. With this in mind, Council has been working through its 2022/2023 Annual Budget & Business Plan.*

Council has been cognisant to ensure that proposed financial plan, including the long term financial plan are reflective of key strategic Council documents. This includes linkages with Council's Community Plan and draft Asset Management Plan.

It was very pleasing to hear of the Federal Governments increased investment in our region with the proposed upgrades to the Pine Creek Bridge, and the Wild Dog Creek. This is very welcoming news and I thank everyone who assisted in the campaign to get this wonderful result. Council has already reached out to our local state member, the Hon Geoff Brock MP, who is also the Minister for Regional Roads in relation to the upgrade of Geddes Bridge as part of the Horrocks Highway upgrade.

With both State and Federal Government elections now behind us, Local Government elections will be held later this year. For those interested in nominating for Council I would encourage them to become involved in Council through the attendance at Council meetings and reviewing Council documents such as agendas. Participation in Local Government is a great way to become involved in shaping the decisions that impact us all, and the future of our communities.

The next meeting of Council will be Tuesday 21 June at Wilmington, and I encourage people to attend or utilise the public Zoom link which Council now has available for those who cannot attend physically.

*Mayor Phillip Heaslip*

## CR COLIN NOTTLE – 15 YEARS OF SERVICE

South Australia's District Council of Mount Remarkable has paid tribute to one of its longest serving councillors this week.

Councillor Colin Nottle was presented with an LGA 15 Year Service Certificate at Council's Ordinary meeting on Tuesday.

The service awards are made available through the Local Government Association of South Australia (LGA SA).

Councillor Nottle is a Booleroo Centre resident and has served Council as a Telowie Ward Councillor since November 2006, and previously served as Mayor 2016-2018.

"Cr Nottle has been a great advocate for Booleroo Centre and the wider District and is a valued representative of Council," said Mayor, Phillip Heaslip.

Councillor Nottle said it had been a great honour to serve the community of Mount Remarkable over the past 15 years.

"It is my way of contributing to the community through participating in decision making for the betterment of the whole Council community of which I serve," he said.

*"I acknowledge previous and current administrations and my fellow Councillors who have been part of my journey in public life, and of course my wife, Heather, for her constant support throughout."*



*Mayor Phillip Heaslip with Cr Colin Nottle*



## COUNCIL NEWS

The next Ordinary meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday 21 June 2022 at 4.30pm at the Wilmington Bowling Club.

Community Question time will be held immediately prior at 4.00pm – 4.30pm.

Any changes to these arrangements will be advertised via [Facebook](#) and Council's [website](#).

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



## 2022/23 ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET

**Council Members attended two briefing sessions in May in the formulation stages of the draft 2022/23 Budget and Long Term Financial Plan.**

The 2022/23 Annual Business Plan & Budget will be presented to a special meeting of Council's Audit & Risk Committee to be held in June prior to it being considered by Council at a special meeting to be held shortly afterwards in order to seek endorsement for public consultation. Once endorsed for public consultation, the consultation process will begin.

The consultation will be publicised via Council's website, Facebook and email to all progress and community groups to invite the community to provide feedback about the documents:

- » By attending the public consultation session to be held on (date to be advised)
- » By email [postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au](mailto:postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au) or
- » In writing addressed to District Council of Mount Remarkable, PO Box 94, Melrose SA 5483

Hard copies will be available at the Administration Centre, 3 Stuart Street, Melrose.

All written submissions received will be presented at a Special Meeting of Council to and members of the community will be able to attend the meeting in person or via Zoom.

The final 2022/23 Annual Business Plan and Budget will be considered by Council for adoption in June/July.

# reminder

## COUNCIL RATES DUE

**4th quarter due date are due 8 June 2022.**

If you have (or are likely to have) difficulty meeting these payments, please contact the Council's Rates Administrator on (08) 8666 2014 or email [rates@mtr.sa.gov.au](mailto:rates@mtr.sa.gov.au) before the rates fall into arrears to discuss options that may be able to assist you.

Depending on your circumstances, there are short term (i.e. payment plans) and longer terms (ie postponement of rates) options that may be available to you. These enquiries are treated confidentially.

Further information about Rates is available on Council's website here: [Rates | District Council of Mount Remarkable \(mtr.sa.gov.au\)](#)

## ANNUAL STAFF CULTURE SURVEY

**Culture and behaviours are a high priority for any organisation. All staff recently participated in the annual staff survey with Remarkable results indicating a healthy and happy culture.**

Some areas for improvement of course will always be identified and they will be addressed through workshops with staff, along with celebrations such as:

- » 95% of employees feel satisfied in their job
- » 95% of employees feel motivated to perform in their job
- » 100% of employees feel committed to Council
- » 90% of employees choose to advocate for Council as a positive place to work
- » 100% believe that their behaviours have a direct impact on others in the team
- » 100% are personally committed to the values and success of Council
- » 100% believe they are able to balance their work and home life demands

- » 100% believe the work they do has a positive impact on the community
- » 100% care about Council and its future
- » 100% are willing to do what they can to make Council Remarkable
- » 100% believe safety is everyone's responsibility
- » 100% own their mistakes and seek a resolution
- » 100% of people believe they uphold the values of Council and display this in a daily basis
- » 100% feel they are adaptable to change
- » 95% value community feedback and input
- » 90% believe the organisation has a heightened awareness to a healthy culture and behaviours in the workplace

These results place Mount Remarkable with a great reputation as a preferred employer of choice.

*See the following page for further details and feedback from our staff.*



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## 2021 / 2022 ANNUAL STAFF SURVEY

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of employees feel satisfied in their job.

90% of employees believe the organisation has a heightened awareness to a **Healthy Culture** and behaviours in the workplace.



100% of employees feel committed to Council.

90% of employees choose to advocate for Council as a positive place to work.

“ I've been at the Council a long time, and I feel for the first time what I say is listened to **genuinely**. ”

100%

of employees care about the Council and its future.

100% of employees believe their behaviour has a direct impact on others within the team.

100% of employees own their mistakes and seek a resolution.

100% of employees are personally committed to the **values** and **success** of Council.

“ Good people and challenging diverse work, **stability** of position and a variety of work. ”

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of employees feel motivated in their job.

100% of employees are willing to do what they can to make Council **Remarkable**.



100% of employees believe safety is everyone's responsibility.

100% of employees believe they uphold the values of council and display this everyday.

“ We now have a formal set of values and behaviours which were adopted by the staff, and are taken serious by all. ”

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of employees value community feedback and input.



100% of employees believe they are able to balance their work and home life.

“ I enjoy my work and the people I work with. I get a real sense of **personal achievement**. ”

# CULTURE & BEHAVIOUR

The wonderful feedback from Staff in our 2021/22 Annual Staff Survey.





*New facilities at Willowie Forest*

## REMARKABLE SOUTHERN FLINDERS PROJECT – UPDATE

**Work is well underway across the Southern Flinders to create new visitor infrastructure as part of the Remarkable Southern Flinders project.**

The project is funded by the South Australian and Australian Governments and supported by a partnership of organisations including the District Council of Mount Remarkable, Northern Areas Council, District Council of Mount Remarkable, Port Pirie Regional Council, Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid-North, Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife and the Nukunu Wapma Thura Aboriginal Corporation.

The new infrastructure is set to be a tourism drawcard for our region and the first stage of works are now complete and open to the public. This includes 20km of new mountain biking trails and day visitor facilities in Willowie Forest in the Mount Remarkable National Park and upgraded visitor facilities the Wirrabara Forest picnic area.

Work on the Epic Mountain Bike Trail is also well progressed, with South Australian company Trailscapes announced as the successful tenderers to construct the new trail. The route will enable riders to climb the summit of Mount Remarkable at heights of 950m above sea level then

returning to Melrose. It will showcase the unique topography and ecology of the Mount Remarkable Range, offering up fantastic views over the Willochra Plain before climbing to the summit. Trailscapes have been carrying out survey works over the last eight weeks, ahead of construction commencing in June.

Planning is also well underway for the Gorges Trails Network and upgrades to the Mambray Creek campground which will be completed in 2023.

More information is available at <https://parksa.engagementhub.com.au/southern-flinders-precinct>



## MELROSE FAT TYRE FESTIVAL

**10 - 13 JUNE 2022**

 *Melrose Community Fat Tyre Festival*

**FREE EVENT**

FOOD VANS  
KIDS ACTIVITIES  
SOCIAL RIDES  
MTB SKILLS SESSIONS\*  
LIVE MUSIC  
ROAD CLOSURE  
MOVIE AND TRIVIA NIGHT  
GHOST TOURS  
BMX DISPLAY  
\*costs involved

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## MOUNT VIEW HOMES RESIDENT TURNS 100

Mount View Homes resident Mrs Spice, formerly of Port Augusta, celebrated her 100th birthday on 24 May at a party with staff and residents.



*Mayor Phillip Heaslip with Mrs Spice at Mount View Homes*



*Trevor Roocke<sup>†</sup> AM JP*

## TREVOR ROOKE<sup>†</sup> AM JP

Former Mount Remarkable mayor and councillor Trevor Roocke<sup>†</sup> AM JP passed away suddenly on Tuesday 24 May 2022.

Trevor was elected to Council in 1983, and served on Council for over 30 years including as Chairman for 23 years 1985-2011.

Trevor served as Vice Chair of the Central Local Government Association and the Northern Local Government Association and as a member of the former LGA State Executive Committee. Through his involvement in the local government and agricultural sectors, he was appointed on numerous State Government committees, working parties and advisory boards.

In his hometown of Booleroo Centre, Trevor played a huge role being involved in various capacities through the Booleroo Centre and Districts Ambulance Service Board,

CFS, Mount View Homes, Civic Centre, Southern Flinders Lutheran Parish, St Paul's Lutheran Church, Primary School, Centenary Committee, 125 year Celebrations Committee, Wepowie Agricultural Bureau, Football Club, Bowling Club, Willowie Golf Club, Flinders Football League and North Western Bowling Association.

Trevor was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in 2011 for his services to local government, emergency services, agricultural advisory boards and the rural community. Trevor received a Local Government Association certificate recognising his 30 years of service to local government in 2013.

**An extraordinary man who gave so much in a voluntary capacity to his community. Condolences are extended to Trevor's wife Beryl and children Karren, Wayne, Sandra and their families.**



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**now hiring** apply now

## 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*

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



**Pop-up COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic**

Friday 3 June 2022  
9.00am - 4.30pm

Booloroo Civic Centre  
33 Stephens Street  
Booloroo Centre

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## CLINICAL SERVICES PLANNING - HAVE YOUR SAY!



**Yorke and Northern Local Health Network  
Clinical Service Planning**

**Have your say!**

The Yorke and Northern Local Health Network (YNLHN) are developing a Clinical Service Plan that will identify key priorities and areas for improvement in our hospitals and community health services over the next five years.

We seek your feedback to help us better understand what people in our region need from health services to achieve optimal health and wellbeing. Your answers will form part of the consultation of stakeholders, clinicians, workers and consumers of health services across the region.

We value your feedback and thank you for participating in the development of the YNLHN Clinician Service Plan (2022-2027).

If the future profile of clinical health services in the Yorke and Northern area is important to you, we value your perspective by completing a short confidential survey.

We invite you to share your views from 9 May 2022 until 30 June 2022.

You can scan the QR code with your camera, click on the drop box at the top of your screen, and you will be taken to a quick, five-minute online survey.

If you would like a hard copy of the survey, please ask the onsite Director of Nursing, or contact Tracey Stringer (contact information detailed below).

The survey closes Thursday, 30 June 2022.

**For more information**  
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