COUNCIL SNIPPETS

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ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY
15 NOVEMBER 2016 COUNCILLORS RESOLVED:

Weeroona Island

Councillors further considered the speed limits on Weeroona Island after receiving a request from a resident to have York Road declared a ‘Shared Zone’ with a 10km/h limit. In consultation with the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) Councillors supported Weeroona Island being declared a 30km/h speed limit AREA with York Road being declared an exemption and having a linear speed limit of 10km/h. Council will work with DPTI to have signage installed.

Reproclaim Township

Weeroona Island township boundaries will be defined and a notice to be published in the Government Gazette to proclaim Weeroona Island as a township.

2016—2017 Budget Review #1

The Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 requires that at least twice, between 30 October and 31 May in the relevant financial year a report showing a revised forecast of Councils operating and capital investment activities for the relevant financial year compared with the estimates for those activities set out in the annual budget. Councillors received and adopted the Budget Review #1 as presented.

Annual Report

Council produces an annual report every year to outline the Council's activities and achievements for the preceding 12 months. The Annual Report contains the required statutory information as detailed in Section 131 of the Local Government Act, 1999 and other legislation, including Council's full financial statements and a comprehensive look at Council's operations. Councillors adopted the Annual Report for the Financial Year Ending 30 June 2016.

Copies of Council's Annual Report are available for viewing at mtr.sa.gov.au or at the Council Office 3 Stuart Street, Melrose.

There are many fantastic community minded members in our district that go about helping all our communities, mainly on the quiet and deserve your and councils recognition. One way you can do that is to nominate them for the upcoming citizen of the year awards. Council has four categories; Citizen of the year, Young Citizen, and a new category this year Junior Citizen of the year (up to 17 years) and the Community Event of the Year.

These awards are a great way of enhancing your Australia Day Awards to attract more people to see these awards presented. As Mayor I urge all ratepayers to consider nominating a deserving community person. Applications close on 12 December, 2016. This is one small thing everyone can do to make all our communities even better.

It was with mixed emotions that I heard Council confirm at the last Council meeting, the pine trees in Booleroo Centre would be taken down in January as part of the next stage of the main street development. The planned improvements are scheduled to be completed in April 2017. I never like to see any trees cut down, but the community is generally in favour of the ongoing main street plans, and I represent them in whatever they want.

Council continues to work with the BCCDTA to see these changes to fruition and make the main street a great asset for the town, as stage one is completed.

On 29 November Councillors got a chance to do a tour of Weeroona Island and Port Germein, followed by a come and chat meeting at Pt Germein. Updates on various issues where given and there was some general discussion about their future.

Wirrabara will be the next town to tour on the 20 December 2016.

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Major Project Update

PORT GERMEIN JETTY
A Storm Damage Assessment of the Jetty has been finalised and forwarded to the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure for assessment. Council has engaged a Project Manager to prepare and facilitate the tender to complete the repairs.

WEEROONA ISLAND BOAT LAUNCHING FACILITY
Council is working with the Environmental Protection Authority to determine appropriate disposal of the dredging material, once approval has been finalised Council will be working with the Contractor to have the project completed early in 2017.

SPEAR CREEK BRIDGES RENEWAL PROGRAM
The bridges program is 50% complete, with the bridges repaired and only the entrances, guardrails and bituminising to be completed.

WIRRABARA PLAYGROUND
Consultation of the playground with local residents resulted in some minor changes to the draft plan. The upgrade project will commence in February 2017.

Capital Works Program

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Council opened tenders for the construct and seal of:
- Dignan Street Wilmington (Pinda to Edwards St)
- Yandiah Road (Horrocks Highway to Creek Crossing) and
- Rangeview Road Weeroona Island, alignment and drainage - to York Road.
- Wilmington Drainage Stage 2 (Statue to Angus Street)

Council has completed 12.6 km’s of resheeting on Gunyah and Wilmington Roads with Pinda and a section of Survey Road expected to be completed prior to Christmas.

In addition to the Capital Works program Council continues to maintain is expanse of unsealed roads with grading carried out on:
- Carey Road Wilmington
- Morphett Road Wilmington
- Miller Road Booleroo Centre
- Nottle Road Booleroo Centre
- Arthurs Road Melrose
- Willochra Road Willowie
- Reichstein Road Melrose

A numbers of roads sustained damage during the storm events and Council graders have been busy catching up on flood damage repairs to:
- Yandiah Road Murraytown
- Pine Creek Road Booleroo Centre/Appila
- Mahood Road Booleroo Centre/Appila
- Pech Road Wirrabara
- Wegner Road Wirrabara
- Wirrabara/Appila Road
- Whim Road Booleroo Centre
- Piggott Road Booleroo Centre
- Black Swamp Road Wirrabara
- Lynch Road Wirrabara

Contractors have commenced the construct and seal of Callistemon Street Wirrabara. This project will be aesthetically appealing and address drainage issues. Council are working with a local contractor to finalise the construct and seal of Casuarina Drive Weeroona Island. Wet weather and storm events impacted on the ability to complete both projects in the 2016 financial year.
Council is receiving a large number of requests for road maintenance. With harvest well underway and the agricultural industry experiencing an above average year the roads are being shared by heavy vehicles, school buses and private vehicles. In accordance with Council’s ‘Road Methodology’ there will be no dry grading carried out on our main roads. Council reminds all road users to drive with care and drive to the conditions. The dust on the unsealed roads from heavy vehicles can impact on visibility, all road users should slow down when passing oncoming traffic and do not overtake unless safe. Council continues to work through its works program to resheet 37 kms of unsealed road in the 2016/2017 financial year.

Little Corella

Each year Council receives a number of calls, emails and letters from residents regarding an increase in Corella activity and requests for action to control their activities. November is typically when the young fledge and the birds join growing flocks gathering to feed in crop stubbles, slashed paddocks and where there is a concentrated food source. These summer aggregations of birds roost communally at traditional sites and tend also to feed in large groups at favourable food sources.

We understand they have a destructive nature and impact on the trees, infrastructure and community parks. To assist with reducing their numbers a consistent approach is required. Land owners are encouraged to manage watering points and clean up grain/seed around silo’s to reduce food sources. Council reminds private landowners that they are able to cull the birds on private land. In townships community members are urged to use non lethal methods such as noise to unsettle the birds from roosting sites. If this is done vigilantly and the birds are unable to settle, evidence shows the birds will move on. Further information is available at www.environment.sa.gov.au.

Council have upgraded its stone crusher. The new equipment is more efficient and effective. Used in conjunction with the screener Council is able to maximise use of its road material. The crusher has been put into operation immediately being utilised for the resheeting of the Wilmington and Pinda roads. This equipment is a great asset and will greatly enhance Council’s commitment to improve our road networks.

Acknowledgement

Council extends its sincere sympathy to the family of Mr Keith Noll who passed away on November 24, 2016 aged 92. Keith was a valued Council member of the District Council of Mount Remarkable from 1982 to 1986.
Electronic Rates Notice

Council rates notices can be received electronically commencing third quarter of this financial year. If you would find this type of notification more convenient and choose to register for this service, your first rates notice will be emailed to you on 7 February for payment by 31 March 2017.

Register to receive your rates notice electronically at mtr.sa.gov.au and complete the Change of Address Form or visit the Council office to complete a written form.

Christmas Temporary Road Closure

Council advises the following roads in Booleroo Centre will be closed to vehicle traffic, except emergency service vehicles, in accordance with Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act 1961.

Colin Street
Booleroo Centre Inter-Church Council, Community Cracker Carols.
Monday 19 December 2016, 8.00pm to 11.00pm

Stephens Street, between Arthur Street and Station Road
Booleroo Centre Christmas Street Party
Friday 23 December 2016, 5.30pm to 10.00pm

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