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Germein Gorge Road

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) have inspected and assessed the Germein Gorge Road following the recent flood damage.

At this stage DPTI are unable to provide a timeframe for the re-opening of the road and it will remain closed until further notice.

BANGOR BUSHFIRE RECOVERY

(Information Extracted from the Bangor Bushfire Recovery Newsletter # 2)

The Bangor Bushfire Recovery Committee

The Bangor Bushfire Recovery Committee has been formed to work with the community over the coming months to help coordinate recovery from the bushfire.

The Committee has met three times at Melrose and continues to work on the many things that need to be done to help everyone get back on their feet. The Committee includes representatives from Councils, State Government agencies and the Community. To date, this has mainly been about information, access and clean up, but is now more forward looking as people begin to look to the future. By connecting the work of Councils, government agencies and communities we hope to support local efforts across all of the fire affected areas.

It is important that this Committee continues to hear from those affected by the bushfire about what needs to be done for the recovery; so please contact Jessie White, Deputy Chief Executive Officer by phoning 8666 2014, emailing: deputyceo@mtr.sa.gov.au or writing to PO Box 94, MELROSE, SA 5483.



How you can help

There are many ways you can help the recovery. You can:

Donate money

UnitingCare Wesley Country SA - Bangor Bushfire Appeal, Ph: 8633 8600, visit any Bank SA agent or www.ucwcsa.org.au

State Emergency Relief Fund

Ph: 1800 302 787, or

www.sa.gov.au/safiresrecovery

(Set up for those affected by any of the January 2014 bushfires, it is not possible to specify that your donation is for a particular fire or area.)

Trees for Life Bushfire Appeal

Ph: 8406 0500

Donate fencing materials

BlazeAid, Ph: 0447 252 931,

www.blazeaid.com.au/donations

Donate fodder or agistment

Primary Producers SA, Ph: 8297 0899

Volunteer

Re-build fences: BlazeAid, Ph: 0447 252 931

Tree planting: Trees for Life, Ph: 8406 0500



The Bangor Bushfire Recovery Newsletters are available on Council's website:

www.mtr.sa.gov.au



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COUNCIL MEETING SNIPPETS

Meeting snippets are written following each Council meeting and may not reflect follow-up decisions etc. Please refer to the Council Minutes & Agenda Reports available on the Council website for full details.

FEBRUARY ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2014

Bangor Bushfire

The Bushfire Relief Function hosted by Wirrabara Sporting Reserve Committee (1 March 2014) will receive a donation of \$2,000 from Council to assist with the promotion and setting up of the event.

Council will be providing support to the Bushfire Recovery Committee.

For the latest Bangor Bushfire Recovery Newsletters and Bushfire Recovery information go to Council's website:

www.mtr.sa.gov.au

Council fully committed all of its staff, equipment and resources to the fire effort under the direction from the Zone Emergency Committee (ZEC) and CFS and will continue to assist into the recovery phase.

Following an assessment of roadside vegetation throughout the disaster area and in particular the safety of the burnt trees along Council roadsides, Council has employed a professional Arborist to carry out inspection of trees along about 90 kms of affected roadsides.

A final report and recommendation will be forwarded as part of Council's Disaster Relief Funding Application.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - BLOCK 9 ROAD

Due to public safety concerns as a result of the recent Bangor Bushfire, Council closed Block 9 Road from the intersection of White Park Road to Woodland Road until 18 April 2014 in accordance with Section 359 of the Local Government Act 1934.

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure and Forestry SA have been exempt from this provision.



Port Germein Goods Shed

Work will commence as soon as heritage approved materials are delivered. Options are being investigated into the possible placement of the Harbour Masters Mast as a feature inside the Goods Shed.

Rural Property Addressing Signage

Council was advised the procurement processes have been finalised and that a Contractor has been engaged to supply and install the rural property addressing signs. It is anticipated that the installation of the signs will be completed by the end of March 2014.

Over the Edge Proposals

Following a request to Council from Over The Edge, Stuart Street, Melrose, Council gave in-principle support (subject to approval from Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure) for:

- Bike artwork on the pavement adjacent to the business;
- Four straw bale seats adjacent to the business;
- Hold a 'How to build a straw bale seat workshop'; and
- Hold mosaic workshop to be held at Over the Edge and tables near playground

It was also agreed that Council has no objection to their proposal to apply for a Liquor Licence at 6 Stuart Street, Melrose.

WIRRABARA CEMETERY

The Wirrabara Cemetery and records are now under the care, control and management of Council.

The Wirrabara Cemetery Committee has provided a valuable and important service to the community over many years and is to be commended for their efforts.

In particular, Council would like to thank Laura Stevens. Her knowledge and involvement with the Wirrabara Cemetery has been a valuable asset and Laura has agreed to assist Council as needed.

For enquiries regarding the Wirrabara Cemetery, please contact the Council Office.

COUNCIL'S WASTE MANAGEMENT SITES

Willowie Landfill Site

Thursdays	1.00 pm - 4.00 pm
Sundays	10.00 am - 1.00 pm

Port Germein Transfer Station

Sundays	9.30 am - 11.30 am
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Wirrabara Transfer Station

Thursdays	9.30 am - 11.30 am
Sundays	2.30 pm - 4.30 pm

Please note that the Transfer Stations and the Landfill site will NOT open on Fire Ban Days.

RURAL AND URBAN PROPERTY ADDRESSING UPDATES

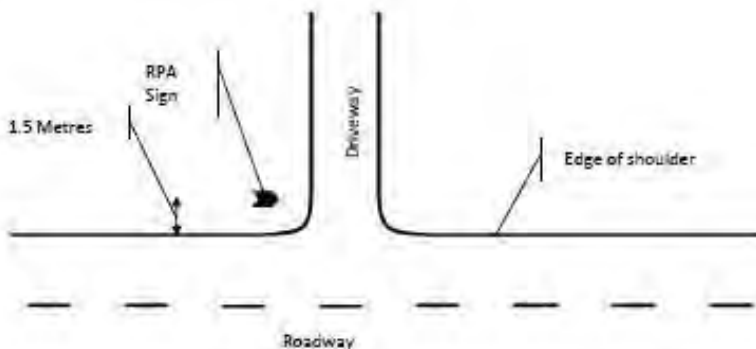
RURAL PROPERTY ADDRESSING



The following standards have been set by the Transport Services Division, Traffic and Access Standards Section.

- Sign to be double sided installed to face road traffic
- Bolts to suit .8 mm hole with spring washers
- Mounted at top of standard black star dropper steel post
- To be installed adjacent to property access to a height of 1.0 m to top of post.
- To be installed no closer than 1.5 m to edge of shoulder, guide post alignment or grader wind row which ever is further from the road.

These standards are State wide and have been set by the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure and as such they must not be relocated to another position. Should you feel that the sign is in a position that creates a safety issue, please contact the Council Office.



Each sign will be 350 cm x 160 cm, with black writing on a white background. The sign will show your property number and the road/highway that your property is located on.

Costings

The individual signs, including star dropper, bolts, washers and installation costs of \$42.00 will be charged back to the property owners by way of an invoice during the current financial year. These signs will be the property of the ratepayer.



Erection of Signs

The signs have been ordered and a contractor will be undertaking the installation of the rural property signage in line with the above standards. The contractor does not have the authority to change the placement of your sign, please do not attempt to negotiate any matters with the contractor. Please contact the Council Office if you wish to discuss the placement of your sign.

Timeframes

It is anticipated that installation of the Rural Property Addressing signs will be completed by the end of March 2014.

Replacement Signs

The responsibility for the replacement of signs and droppers as a result of a faded, missing, stolen, vandalised or damage is the responsibility of the landowner.

URBAN PROPERTY ADDRESSING

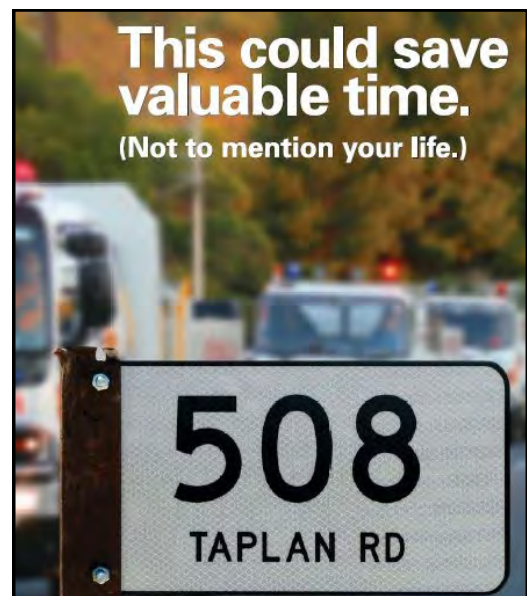
Council is working towards a standardised urban property addressing system for all properties within townships. Further details will be provided at a later date.

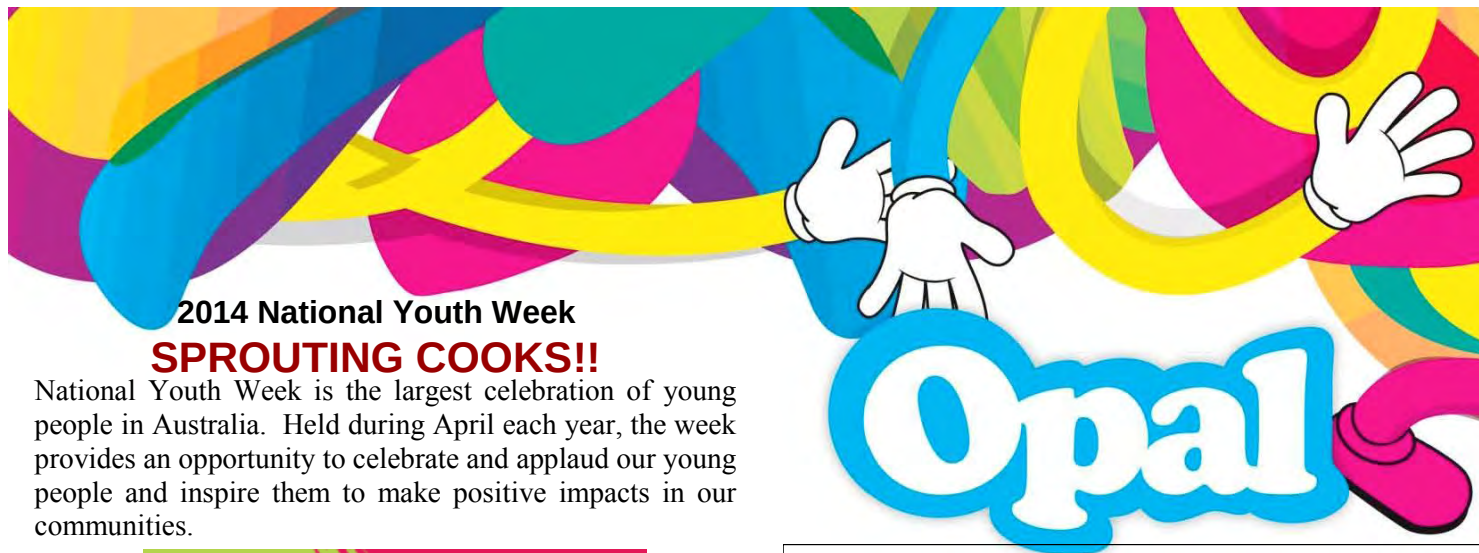
RURAL ROAD SIGNAGE

A portion of rural signs have been ordered for the rural areas, these include all roads leading off a Main Road. These signs are anticipated to be installed within two months of receiving the signs. In next financial year Council will order the remaining rural signs and will install them during that year.

URBAN ROAD/STREET SIGNAGE UPDATE

All the new urban signage for the renamed streets have been ordered. These will be installed soon after they are delivered to Council.





2014 National Youth Week

SPROUTING COOKS!!

National Youth Week is the largest celebration of young people in Australia. Held during April each year, the week provides an opportunity to celebrate and applaud our young people and inspire them to make positive impacts in our communities.



For 2014 Youth Week in the District Council of Mount Remarkable, we are very excited to announce:

2012 MasterChef All Stars winner

Callum Hann

will be hosting a series of cooking workshops with students from the Booleroo Centre District Schools.

Callum and his business partner Themis Chryssidis from SPROUT, will visit the school on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th April and will work with the students to create fun, delicious and nourishing meals that everyone will enjoy.

This is a fantastic opportunity for our local youth, which I'm sure will be enjoyed by all!!



HECK!!

This term OPAL are running a series of Healthy Eating Curriculum Kit (HECK) workshops with local teachers and school support staff.

Designed for use in Primary Schools, this teacher resource kit is intended to promote positive attitudes towards healthy eating and fruit and vegetables.

With a fantastic response from all schools within the OPAL region, teachers will be confident they are providing the most up to date information and students will enjoy learning with the teacher support materials that the HECK offers.



New Outdoor Fitness Equipment being enjoyed at Wirrabara

For any enquiries about the OPAL program:

Emma Young - P: 0488 090 303

E: emma.young@nacouncil.sa.gov.au

MT VIEW HOMES

Upcoming Social Afternoons:

2.00 pm, Tuesday 11 March 2014

2.00 pm Tuesday 7 April 2014

AFL Footing Tipping has started again. Footy season starts mid March, so get your books now from the Homes.

Annual Trading Table for Easter

Thursday 17 April - Commencing at 9.30 am

Come along and get yourself some wonderful baked goodies.



If you are able to donate items for the table, please contact the Homes for more information.

Cabaret with Danny Hooper

Saturday 29 March

8.00 pm to 1.00 am

Tickets \$25 each (Supper included)

Bar Facilities Available

Booleroo Centre Civic Centre

An auction will be held throughout the evening. Mt View Homes will be proudly supporting Designated Drivers on the night.

Proceeds raised will go towards new fencing for Mt View Homes.

For more information or to secure your tickets, come into the Homes or phone 8667 2207.





It's not too late to take action on Silverleaf Nightshade

Land managers are reminded that it is not too late to guard against Silverleaf Nightshade, (*solanum elaeagnifolium*) the virulent South Australian summer weed.

First identified in the northern agricultural districts in the 1940s, Silverleaf Nightshade has spread far and wide, infesting thousands of hectares across the rich agricultural area of the Northern and Yorke region.

Recent dry conditions are assisting farmers control a suite of traditional summer weeds which do not appear to be present in some areas, however, Natural Resources Northern and Yorke Landscape Team Leader, Grant Roberts said that it is important for landholders to remain vigilant and take action on any infestation sightings.

“Silverleaf Nightshade is a deep-rooted perennial plant and can greatly affect winter crop yield through water and nutrient uptake,” Mr Roberts said.

“Once it becomes established, a land manager’s control strategy may quickly move from an effort of eradication to the less effective approach of managing established plants and trying to minimise their impact.”

The movement of Silverleaf Nightshade from one property to another occurs mainly through seed movement by stock, soil and fodder. Within a property, cultivation of root fragments and their subsequent growth is the main method of spread.

“In this on-going battle against Silverleaf Nightshade, prevention needs to focus on stopping weeds entering and becoming established on agricultural properties,” Mr Roberts said.

“High priority must be given to even the smallest infestation of Silverleaf Nightshade, which can be spot-sprayed and treated as part of an ongoing control and monitoring plan.” Where colonies of Silverleaf Nightshade merge to become major infestations, treatment should be done with a view to reduce seed set and therefore the risk of seed movement posed by grazing stock.

The Natural Resources Northern and Yorke roadside control program has commenced and landholders who wish to do their own control work on half road widths that adjoin their property, may do so but are advised to contact an authorised officer prior to commencing such activities.

The Lower North NRM Group is planning two mid-March Silverleaf Nightshade workshops for members of the public which includes information from Dr. John Heap of NRM BioSecurity. Dates will be advertised in the near future

For further advice with plant identification and management, contact:

Natural Resources Northern and Yorke on 8658 1086.

Property owner alert to Caltrop after recent rains

Agricultural property owners in the Northern and Yorke region are encouraged to take proactive measures to control Caltrop (*Tribulus terrestris*) after recent rains.

The plant is a declared weed in South Australia and is most abundant on light sandy soils but will grow on almost any soil type in the Northern and Yorke region.

It germinates after rainfall in late spring and summer as soil temperatures increase.

There is a succession of germinations throughout summer following each rainfall event, and heavy rain across the region in recent days is anticipated to spark rapid germination.

Caltrop is a flat annual herb with stems spreading out for up to two metres from a woody taproot.

Its fruit consists of a woody burr with sharp, rigid spines, which splits into segments when ripe. Each segment has four hard spines; two spines are long and two shorter.

More than 1,000 seeds can be produced by a single plant and seed can remain viable for many years.

It will readily attach to the feet of animals, vehicle tyres, rubber-soled shoes and almost any object that is placed on it.

It is toxic to stock and can cause nitrate poisoning, photosensitisation and staggers.

It is of nuisance to urban residents as they impact upon people and pet movements and is well known for its damage to bicycle tyres.

Preventing the spread of Caltrop is the best control measure. Clean machinery and vehicles before moving out of areas of Caltrop infestation. If you have paddocks infested with Caltrop, minimise stock movements from these areas and treat with a registered chemical for broad-acre control.

For further information Contact Landscape Rangers in the Upper North, Lower North and Yorke Districts.



Australia Day at Port Germein

Australia Day was celebrated in Port Germein on the beach front with an Australia Day Breakfast and the Big Market in the Goods Shed.

The District Council of Mount Remarkable Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Mario Valente of Port Germein, by Mayor Sandra Wauchope (pictured right).

A local group of young Musicians, *Sandstorm*, provided music and the National Anthem.

The Port Germein Tennis Club provided the BBQ and raised money for the Bangor Fire Relief.

Thanks go to all who participated in this great day.



The Rural Health Team invites you to a My Eye Health Community Presentation

This presentation will be conducted by Staff from the Royal Society for the Blind.

Come along and hear about your eye health, common eye conditions and the services/equipment available to assist you. This presentation may benefit yourself, a relative, or someone you care for.

Zero Waste SA's School and Community Grants 2014-15 are now open.

Community-based organisations and schools play an important part in the collection of materials for recycling or re-use. The School and Community Grants Program aims to assist these organisations in diverting materials from landfill and to encourage sustainable waste management and recycling behaviour and practices, with benefits extending to the wider community.

Eligible applicants include charities, community groups, service clubs and not for profit organisations involved in the recovery or recycling of re-usable resources. Schools that have attended workshops for Zero Waste SA/KESAB's Wipe Out Waste (WOW) program between September 2006 and April 2014 are also eligible to apply. For more information about WOW contact Jo Hendrikx at KESAB at jo@kesab.asn.au or 8234 7255.

Eligible projects will need to demonstrate the diversion of materials and goods that would normally be disposed to landfill. Groups must also demonstrate that profits get put back into initiatives which benefit the South Australian community.

Schools and community groups that have previously applied and received funding under any previous round of the Zero

Thursday 27 March 2014

10.00 am – 11.00 am

**At the Booleroo Centre Hospital
Community Activities Room**

(If unsure where this is situated, please present to the Administration Office of the Hospital for directions.)

RSVP: Before Friday 21 March 2014

Phone: Rural Health Team Office: 86672458

Email: rebecca.simpson@health.sa.gov.au

Booleroo Civic Centre Committee

At the State Election on 15 March 2014 the Booleroo Civic Centre Committee will again be holding a Trading Table and Raffle to assist in the upkeep of the Hall.

Any donations to the Trading Table would be appreciated.

Please remember to bring your money so that you can purchase a bargain or have some tickets in the Raffle.

ZERO WASTE SA

Waste SA School and Community Grants or the Zero Waste SA Social Enterprise Grants are not eligible to reapply.

Zero Waste SA has allocated \$110,000 for 2014-15. Grants will be allocated in the range of \$800 - \$8,000.

Further information

The eligibility guidelines and application form can be downloaded from the [Zero Waste SA website](http://zerowaste.sa.gov.au).

Contact

Simone Cunningham, Program Manager: Education and Engagement.

Telephone: 08 8204 1553

Email: simone.cunningham@zerowaste.sa.gov.au

Deadline for Applications

All sections of the application form must be completed and received by Zero Waste SA by 5pm Monday 7 April 2014.