**COUNCIL SNIPPTS**

Please refer to the Council Minutes & Agenda Reports available on the Council website mtr.sa.gov.au for full details.

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY 15 MAY 2018 COUNCILLORS RESOLVED:**

**Hammond Cemetery**
A student from the Orroroo Area School approached Council to mark unmarked graves at the Hammond Cemetery as part of the School Community Project. Councillors approved the Community Project and granted funding of up to $336 to assist with associated costs.

**Wirrabara Community Tourism and Development Group**
Councillors agreed to the request from the Wirrabara Community Tourism and Development Group to print copies of the proposed Wirrabara newsletter.

**Wilmington Progress Society**
Wilmington Progress Society Inc (WPS) requested in-kind assistance to install a double sided promotional sign for Alligator Gorge on Horrocks Highway, at the Alligator Gorge Road/Horrocks Highway intersection. Councillors agreed to provide in-kind assistance.

**Community Land**
Councillors considered two separate pieces of Community Land and agreed for both to go out for public consultation. More information on the public consultation and details is available on page 5 of the newsletter.

**Draft Long Term Financial Plan**

**Limited Liquor Licence**
Council received several requests for liquor licence support for the upcoming Fat Tyre Festival to be held in Melrose on 8-10 June 2018. Councillors supported the three applications received. Details of applicants and event are available in the full agenda and minutes available at www.mtr.sa.gov.au.

**Have your say...**

**Draft Annual Business Plan and Annual Budget 2018-2019**
Council is currently holding public consultation of the Draft Annual Budget and Business Plan 2018-2019, which sets out Council’s program for the coming financial year.

This is your opportunity as a resident of the Council district to put forward your ideas and requests to be considered for inclusion.

A copy of the document is available for viewing at the Council Office, 3 Stuart Street Melrose, and on Council’s website www.mtr.sa.gov.au.

Written submissions are invited by interested persons and should be directed to Wayne Hart, Chief Executive Officer, District Council of Mount Remarkable, via

- Post to PO Box 94, Melrose SA 5483
- Email to postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au

**Submissions are to be received by 5.00pm on Thursday 7 June 2018.**

In Accordance with the Act, Council will provide a period of one (1) hour from 9.30am to 10.30am prior to the Meeting of Council at which the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget is to be considered, for members of the public to ask questions or make submissions in relation to the matter, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999. The date of the meeting will be advertised in the Agenda and in Councils media sources.

Mayor Nottle conducted an Australian Citizenship Ceremony for Ms Suchada Sancumyop of Port Germein. Council is pleased Suchada has chosen to live in the Council District.

Next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday 12 June 2018 in the Council Chambers Melrose at 9.30am.
Understand South Australia’s new dog registration laws

Dog registration is mandatory in South Australia. Although Councils are responsible for enforcement, the legislative requirements for registration are set by the Dog and Cat Management Board in the *Dog and Cat Management Act, 1995.*

Dog and Cat Management Board have introduced major pet reforms that come into effect on 1 July 2018; these include new desexing laws, mandatory microchipping, new rules for breeders and sellers, as well as the new Dogs and Cats Online registration system.

**How to register your dog**

From 1 July, dog registrations and renewals can be made online via the new statewide database, Dogs and Cats Online. Dogs and Cats Online will replace South Australia’s 68 council pet registers with a single central online database. Registration renewal notices will be mailed out to dog owners in July and are due by 31 August.

**Permanent Tag Numbers**

From 1 July this year, dog registration numbers will be permanent. This means instead of receiving a different-coloured tag every year, you’ll be mailed a one-off grey disc this year for your dog’s lifetime.

Because the registration number is permanent, if you wish you can engrave your dog’s permanent registration number on a metal disc instead of the grey disc, provided your dog’s registration number is clearly legible.


**Seaweed** is commonly found along our coastline and is a natural phenomenon that occurs all around the world. This year in particular has seen the accumulation of the seaweed at record depths causing recreational boaters, walkers and the community concerns. Council has liaised with the Coastal Protection Board and has received permission to relocate a limited amount of seaweed to designated areas further along the beachline at Port Germein and Weeroona Island for a period of time. Seaweed or beach-cast wrack is considered essential to the coastal ecosystem, as it contributes to the ecological and physical services in the provision of nutrients, shelter for microbes and other small animals, protection and feeding habitat for bird species and the stabilisation of beaches and dunes. As such, the Board generally recommends that beach-cast wrack is not removed. However, in some circumstances the relocation of wrack is necessary and Council will work with the board to relocate the seaweed to alternative sites whilst maintaining the ecosystem.

**Employment opportunity**

**2 x Multi-skilled Municipal Employees**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified, experienced and motivated people for the following position with District Council of Mount Remarkable.

These positions will include a wide range of tasks including small and large plant and equipment operations, slashing and mowing, footpath and kerbing, basic horticultural works, manual handling and other mixed functions. A Heavy Combination class driver’s license and Skid Steer is preferable for these positions.

These positions are full time with an immediate start and will be classified under Council’s AWU EBA subject to qualifications, skills, experience and performance. This will provide for a base wage in the range of $56k pa incremental plus the prescribed super, income protection, 4 weeks annual leave and 2 weeks sick leave annually.

A copy of the position description and other applicable information can be obtained from Council’s website [www.mtr.sa.gov.au](http://www.mtr.sa.gov.au).

For further enquiries please contact Jessie White at the Council Office on 8666 2014. To apply for the above position, provide a covering letter and a resume including contact details for two current referees. Applications should be marked ‘Confidential’ and be forwarded to Deputy Chief Executive Officer, District Council of Mount Remarkable, PO Box 94, Melrose SA 5483 or emailed to postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au by 5.00 pm Monday 4 June 2018.
DID YOU KNOW?
Council provides many services to the community, some of which are legislated and others which are provided by choice.

Council operates the Willowie Landfill, and the Wirrabara and the Port Germein Transfer Stations. Residents can visit these sites to deposit refuse. Fees vary depending on the quantity and type of waste, for instance Green Waste and E-Waste can be deposited at any site free of charge. Other fees can be found in Council’s Fees and Charges list available at www.mtr.sa.gov.au. Costs associated with the management of landfills are increasing year on year, and there are numerous mandatory environmental protection regulations. Council works hard to ensure all waste sites are compliant, to continue the availability of this service to the community.

Opening times:
Willowie Landfill:
1.00 pm - 4.00 pm Thursday
10.00 am - 12.00 pm Sunday
Port Germein Transfer Station:
9.30 am - 11.30 am Sunday
Wirrabara Transfer Station:
2.30 pm - 4.30 pm Sunday

DEVELOPMENT ACT
Council fields enquiries in regards to the Development Register maintained on the Council website. Many of the concerns raised are with the details that are included.

In accordance with Section 98 of the Development Regulations 2008:
(1) A relevant authority (other than a private certifier exercising the powers of a relevant authority under the Act) must keep available for public inspection without fee during its normal office hours a register of applications for consent, approval, or the assignment of building classifications under the Act.

(2) The following matters must be recorded in a register under subregulation (1) in respect of each application:
(a) the name and address of the applicant (or of each applicant);
(b) the date of the application;
(c) the date on which the application was received by the relevant authority;
(d) a description of the land which is the subject of the application;
(e) a brief summary of the matters, acts or things in respect of which any consent or approval is sought;

Council is required under Legislation to provide the details as per the regulations. If you have any concerns please contact Council on 8666 2014 to discuss your concerns.
Drainage and pipe repairs have been completed on Forest Road Wirrabara during the month of May.

Patrol Grading
In the May edition of the Council newsletter an article regarding patrol grading was included. To clarify the statement in regards to Patrol Grading, Council has a grading program each year. Depending on rainfall Category 1 roads are graded twice and Category 2 roads are graded once and Category 3 & 4 roads, being red-dirt or fire tracks, are graded as required.

Temporary Road Closures
Council advises Stuart Street, Melrose, between Nott Street and Joes Road will be closed from 6.00am Saturday 9 June 2018 until 9.00pm Sunday 10 June 2018 for the annual Fat Tyre Festival. Please contact Council on 8666 2014 if you wish to discuss the road closure.

Want to Report a Problem?
Council provides many services to local communities and at times problems occur, taps leak, pipes get blocked, potholes need filling, signage needs replacing or roads need grading. Council appreciates the wider community reporting such issues when they are noticed.

Council developed the online Request for Service form and encourages all ratepayers to utilise this form for simple and easy reporting. The form can be found on Council’s website at www.mtr.sa.gov.au, just click on the Request for Service tool on the front page.

Council is committed to the provision of quality service to customers and aims to provide services fairly and efficiently. It also monitors requests to identify ways in which it can proactively improve its services.

Interesting Facts - Booleroo Road
The Booleroo Road is a road of significant importance to Council and Council has worked diligently to have the Booleroo Road identified as a ‘Minor Regional Significant Road for Freight, Tourism and Social’. Being identified as a significant road will provide strong evidence for future grant applications and funding requests Council may apply for.

As a part of analysing the road and its use Council has been recording road data, for a period of 2 years from January 2015 to April 2018 and some interesting facts have come out of the data collected.
- Averages 88 vehicles per day, min 48 max 150, varying depending on time of year with November most numbers
- 12% of motor cars exceed the speed limit > 100kph
- 30% of heavy vehicles exceed the speed limit > 100kph
- 44% B Doubles exceed the speed limit > 60kph
- In recent times, new to the district are road trains. 92% Road Trains exceed the speed limit > 60kph

Traffic numbers, in particular heavy vehicles, have increased and this is a reflection of the above average seasons in the district. Whilst Council appreciates we are all busy and we often have small time frames for getting to our destinations, of concern is the number of vehicles excessively speeding, includes cars and heavy vehicles, between 120 -160 kph.

Council will continue to monitor and collect data on the Booleroo Road however it is evident that not all road uses abide the road rules and laws. Whilst Council comes under scrutiny for the condition of the road, the way a road is used contributes to the deterioration of the road.

Roads in the Council District are shared by motor vehicles, buses, heavy vehicles and agricultural machinery. At this time of the year particularly there are more agricultural vehicles accessing the roads, Council encourages all road users to drive to the conditions, know the road laws and rules and be aware of their surroundings as the nature of unsealed roads have changing conditions.
NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to Section 194 of the Local Government Act 1999 that the District Council of Mount Remarkable resolved to commence public consultation for the revocation of the following parcel of land from the classification of Community Land:

Hammond Hall, 24 Main Street Hammond, identified as Allotment 74 & 95, comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 5820 Folio 207.

A full report is available for viewing at the Council Office or on Council’s website www.mtr.sa.gov.au.

Written submissions for the above two Public Consultations should be directed to Wayne Hart, Chief Executive Officer, District Council of Mount Remarkable, PO Box 94, Melrose SA 5483, or emailed to postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au or on the web form available at Council’s website www.mtr.sa.gov.au.

Submissions are to be received no later than 5.00pm Thursday 7 June 2018. All submissions received will be provided to Council for consideration.

Food Safety

Council’s Environmental Health Officer Mark Smith will be running two ‘Food Safety Information’ sessions on the 9th and 10th July 2018 at Wilmington Bowling Club. The course is appropriate for anyone involved in food handling, preparation and food service. The sessions cover:

⇒ Legal Requirements relating to the Food Standards, Acts and Regulations
⇒ How to prevent food spoilage
⇒ Developing your Food Safety Program
⇒ Pest and waste control
⇒ Cause and effect and control of food poisoning
⇒ Safe food handling practices
⇒ Best practice - storage of food
⇒ Personal hygiene

A small fee applies which includes lunch. Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting Council on 8666 2014.
Cactus Information Session

Do you have Prickly Pear or Wheel Cacti on your property?

Come along to this free information session on the control of Prickly Pear and other Wheel Cacti

Opuntia Cacti are a highly invasive species, forming dense infestations, displacing desirable vegetation and limiting access for stock, vehicles and humans. Their spines can injure livestock, detaching from the plant when rubbed or eaten and imbedding into their flesh or eyes.

Large patches also harbour pest animals, such as rabbits who gain safe refuge under the spiny plant. There are around ten different species of Opuntia Cacti in the Southern Flinders and Upper North Region.

The workshop will cover:
- Cacti identification
- Biology
- Impact (risk and damage)
- Control methods
- Further information about other pest plants and animals, including goat control
- Information about revegetation

Anne Brown from Greening Australia will be attending to advise on creating healthy, productive landscapes for people and nature.

This information session has been developed for landholders around Port Germein, Napperby, Nelshaby, Weeroona Island and Telowie.

Thursday 14 June, 4.30 pm to 7.30 pm
Port Germein Hall Cottage Road, Port Germein

For more information and to register, contact Cameron Watson from Natural Resources Northern and Yorke Email Cameron.Watson@sa.gov.au or call (08) 8658 1086 or 0429 362 004

This workshop is being delivered as part of the Living Flinders Program through funding from the Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board.