



District Council of Mount Remarkable

## COUNCIL SNIPPETS

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**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY 16  
AUGUST 2016.**



### Wirrabara Caravan Park

Council authorised the Chief Executive Officer to advance investigations into establishing a caravan and cabin park at Wirrabara as a priority. A consultant will be engaged to undertake cost benefit business analysis for consideration by Council and to inform a public consultation process.

### Student Incentive and Achievement Award

A book voucher for the value of \$50 will be presented to the Melrose, Wilmington and Booleroo Centre Primary Schools for end of school year presentations as a Student Incentive and Achievement Award from Council.

### Bike Skills Station, Melrose

Council approved a request from Southern Flinders Rough Riders (SFRR) to build a 'cubbyhouse' bike skills station on the land leased by them. All costs associated with the bike skills stations will be met by SFRR.

### Environmental Protection Authority—Air Quality (2016) Policy

A notice was published in the Flinders News and on Councils website, [mtr.sa.gov.au](http://mtr.sa.gov.au) allowing the burning of 'dry firewood' for the purposes of heating an outdoor area in a brazier, chiminea, firepit or defined campfire with a safe, cleared surrounding area, in accordance with section 6(1) (c) and (3) (a)(iii) of the policy.

### Essential Services Commission of South Australia

Council will apply to the Essential Services Commission of South Australia to investigate the upgrade the water supply to Melrose.

### Emergency Events

In the event of an emergency where Council plant, equipment and employees are supplied to other agencies the rates charged will be at the 'private works' rate as per the Fees and Charges schedule 2016-2017.

## Urban Street Signage commences

The Rural Road signage project is nearing completion. Council embarked on the massive task of erecting sign posts on all roads and crossroads across the 3424km<sup>2</sup> of the Council District, incorporating some 1500 signs in total during 2015/16. Many areas previously did not have road signs or crossroad signs.

Council will now commence its initiative to implement *Urban House Numbering*. All properties will have a reflective house number installed at the front. This is to assist emergency service vehicles to identify properties and save confusion during an emergency.

There are approximately 1,000 residential/business properties within Applia, Booleroo Centre, Melrose, Port Germein, Weeroona Island, Wilmington, Wirrabara, seeing an estimated cost of \$28,000 to \$30,000 for the entire project, fully funded by Council. House numbers have been ordered for Melrose and Appila and will be installed in the coming months with the project to be completed in the 2016/17 financial year.



Fire danger season is between November and April.

## FIRE PREVENTION

The wet winter has been welcomed and the district looks fantastic. However the good conditions have meant an abundance of vegetation growth in the district and excess fuel in the upcoming fire season. As we prepare for the fire danger season Council reminds residents of their obligations to maintain blocks of fire hazard material.

Council commenced property inspections on 8 September 2016 in readiness for the fire season. It was observed a number of properties do not comply and these residents will be receiving a notice.

### Maintaining your Property

Under Section 105F of the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005, property owners are required to maintain their land to prevent / inhibit the outbreak or spread of fire on their property.

To comply you are required to:

- Reduce all grass, pest plants and undergrowth to a maximum height of 100mm on township blocks.
- Remove and properly dispose of any heaped flammable vegetation, grass, tree and shrub cuttings from the property.

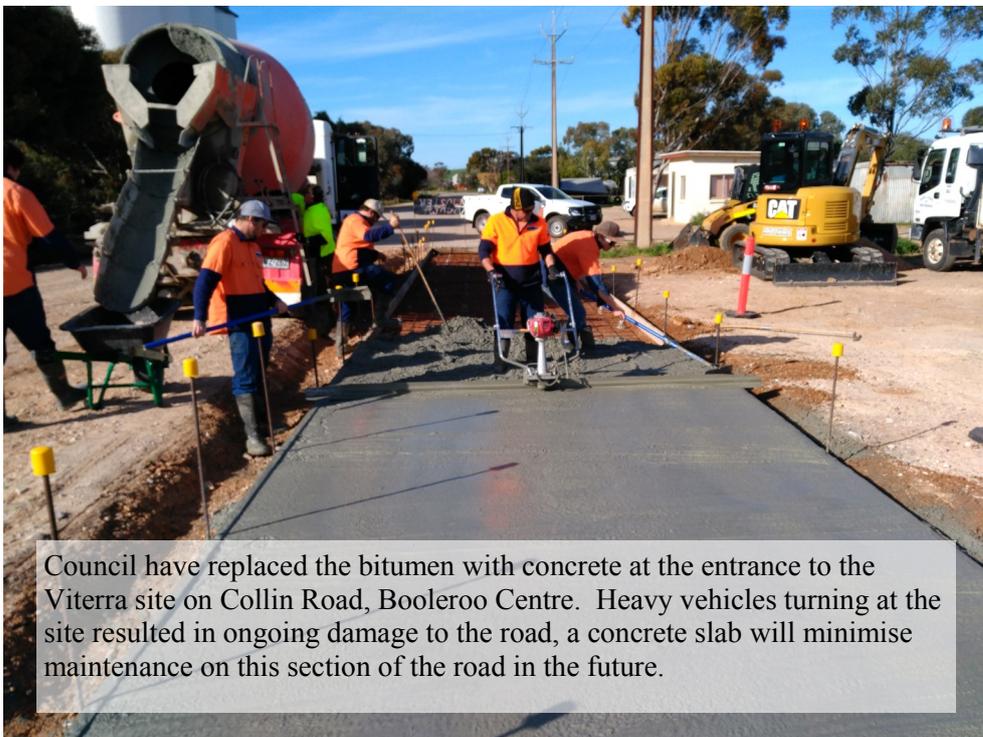
Council will conduct a second inspection of properties on the week of **2 November 2016**. A \$315 fine will be imposed on properties that do not comply at this time.

For more information on Fire Prevention please contact Council's Fire Prevention Officer by phoning **8666 2014** or email [postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au](mailto:postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au).

The 2016/17 Fire Danger Season is expected to start on 1 November however it may start earlier depending on weather conditions. This will be determined by the CFS. For further information please visit [cfs.sa.gov.au](http://cfs.sa.gov.au).



The Melrose Memorial Gates at Melrose have received a much needed facelift. The black algae was removed and the gates have been removed to be repainted. A great entrance that frames a view of Mount Remarkable.



Council have replaced the bitumen with concrete at the entrance to the Viterra site on Collin Road, Booleroo Centre. Heavy vehicles turning at the site resulted in ongoing damage to the road, a concrete slab will minimise maintenance on this section of the road in the future.



## WANT TO MOVE AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY AT NIGHT?

At its Ordinary Meeting held 19 July 2016 Council supported the Primary Producers SA (PPSA) introduction of permits for farmers and operators of agricultural machinery for the 'movement of oversized agricultural machinery at night' from 1 September, 2016. The permit is for three years and is issued by DPTI under delegation from the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator. It enables travel at night between farm blocks or parcels of land being worked by a farmer or operator – but not over longer distances at night between agricultural regions. Further information is available at [sa.gov.au/ezyreg](http://sa.gov.au/ezyreg) or contact the Vehicle Permits Unit on 1300 882 248. Conditions apply.

# Hardwaste collection

Council will conduct its annual Hardwaste Collection from the 10 October to 26 October 2016. This is an additional service provided by Council for your convenience. An initiative of Council for 2016/17 year is the inclusion of 2 vouchers which entitle the property owner to two free deliveries of waste/recyclables to the Willowie Landfill or Port Germein or Wirrabara transfer stations. The vouchers were included with the first rate notice. Vouchers are non transferable and will not be reissued if misplaced and are only valid for the year of issue.

## Collection Dates:

**Wilmington, Bruce & Hammond:** Monday 10 October  
**Booroo Centre & Appila:** Wednesday 12 October  
**Melrose & Willowie:** Thursday 13 October  
**Port Germein & Weeroona Island :** Monday 24 October  
**Wirrabara & Murray Town:** Wednesday 26 October

## HardWaste can include:

- Paper/cardboard (bundled & tied)
- White goods (Fridges & freezers with seals removed, washing machines, heater, dryers etc.)
- Household furniture & goods
- Household fixtures (kitchen cupboards, window frames - no glass)
- Mattresses
- Miscellaneous items (push bikes, lawn mowers, garden equipment, empty garden pots etc)
- Timber off-cuts (building material)
- Carpet (maximum of floor coverings for 2 rooms)
- Empty paint tins

## The following will not be collected:

- e-waste, TV's, Computers etc.
- Vehicle bodies, car body parts (incl engines, exhausts, gearboxes)
- Tyres
- Hazardous chemicals, oils (both motor & vegetable), paint, insecticides, pesticides
- Asbestos waste
- Green waste, ie tree branches; pruning's etc
- Garden soil
- Fencing wire
- Building rubble
- Vehicle batteries
- Ammunition or explosives of any kind
- Gas bottles

**\*Note Clean Green Waste and E-Waste can be delivered to Councils landfill and transfer stations FREE all year round by ratepayers.**

For further information, contact the Council Office on 8666 2014.

# Development and Planning

Council is responsible for the local implementation of the State's Planning Strategy in line with the legislation contained in the Development Act 1993. Development plans guide the type of development that can occur in different zones within a council's boundaries. The Planning and Development Officer uses policies contained within Councils development plan to assess development applications. Depending on the type of development being proposed, the assessment process can vary. Council also assess building applications against the Building Rules including the Building Code of Australia and any relevant Minister's specifications.

It has become apparent there are a number of shipping containers appearing either as storage containers or for use as an additional building.

In accordance with the Act:

- ⇒ Shipping containers do require Development Approval
- ⇒ Shipping containers are considered to be a building under the Development Act
- ⇒ The location of a shipping container must also be appropriate for the zone as it can affect the amenity of the location
- ⇒ Shipping containers can be used for storage, but this use has to be in conjunction with residential dwellings.
- ⇒ Shipping Containers can only be used for overnight accommodation if they are able to be approved as a habitable dwelling and meet all the requirements of the Building Code.
- ⇒ Some shipping containers may not require Development approval, but this will need to be determined by the Council Planning Officer
- ⇒ Council can issue retrospective approval for shipping containers already in place but may require that some containers be removed from site or converted to meet specific legislative requirements.

Application forms and Councils Better Development Plan are available at the Council Office or on [mtr.sa.gov.au](http://mtr.sa.gov.au).



Councils Planning and Development Officer is available on Tuesday or Wednesday to answer your building questions. Contact us on 8666 2014.



The Australian Government's Work for the Dole program is operating in the Council district. Council recognises the work this program has contributed to several of our local communities. Some projects have included work at Port Germein - cemetery {photo above}, golf club, institute and foreshore, Wirrabara - market area, main street and seat painting, Weeroona Island - community garden, Wilmington - oval grandstand painting, main street tidy. This program works with not for profit organisations within our townships. A work for the dole coordinator is assigned to regions, to find your local coordinator visit [employment.gov.au](http://employment.gov.au). Council is pleased to work with our local coordinators and commends the work this program is contributing to our local communities.



## Justice of the Peace Services

A Justice of the Peace is authorised to act as an independent and objective witness to documents people use for official or legal purposes. There are a number of Justice of the Peace within the Council district. To find a justice of the peace in your area visit [agd.sa.gov.au](http://agd.sa.gov.au). A justice of the peace service is available at the Council office during business hours.

- A full listing of Justice of the Peace and contact details is available on Councils website at [mtr.sa.gov.au](http://mtr.sa.gov.au) for your convenience.



As part of the *Unsealed Roads and Patrol Grading Methodology* Council formed a Farmers Reference Group, this group consists of 13 local farmers representing the Council district that will work with Council on future maintenance of our road network. In the lead up to harvest the Chief Executive Officer and the Manager for Works & Technical Services met with the group to discuss the condition of roads after a wet winter and identify main arterial roads that are used significantly during harvest for patrol grading prior to harvest.

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