



## COUNCIL SNIPPETS

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**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY 16 JANUARY 2018 COUNCILLORS RESOLVED:**

### Wilmington Progress Association

Councillors considered a request from the Wilmington Progress Association and resolved to grant a once off financial support of \$1,000 to the new community event, the Wilmington Family Fun Day, and supply in-kind support of additional rubbish bins and 'tidy towns' clean-up.

### Booleroo Centre Industrial Land

Council investigated options for the sale of industrial land in Booleroo Centre and resolved to call for 'Expressions of Interest' for the purchase of Lot 222 Booleroo Centre ('zoned Industrial'), for business development purposes. Expression of Interest notice will be advertised on Council's website, facebook page and in the Flinders News in the near future.

### Port Germein Jetty Timbers

The Port Germein Progress Association and Port Germein Heritage Arts & Tourism Inc have been granted an extension of time until 31 December 2018 to complete their respective 'Port Germein Jetty Timbers' projects.

Council provides many parks and open spaces for its communities.

Over the years Council has assisted community groups and organisations to provide BBQs and make the parks and gardens attractive for visitors and tourism ventures.

Recently Council has been receiving requests to resume responsibility for these amenities to clean BBQs, mow or weed garden beds, water gardens and other within its townships. Councillors considered the imposition being placed on Council staff to perform these tasks and costs associated with the tasks. A report will be prepared for Councillors consideration for the 20 February 2018 Council meeting.

Each year council has to make important decisions about how to allocate rate payer's funds to the vast range of programs and services it provides.

The CEO and Councillors have commenced preparing for the 2018-2019 Annual Budget with each Councillor doing a drive around their respective wards to discuss issues and concerns and review items for submission and consideration during budget deliberations. In accordance with the Local Government Act 1999 and the budget process, ratepayers will be provided with the opportunity to make submissions and make comments on the Annual Budget in due course.



*Periodically Councillors receive presentations from various Government and non government organisations in regards to topics of interest or issues affecting the Council District. At the Ordinary Meeting held 16 January Simon Millcock, CEO of Legatus, gave a brief presentation on the Strategic Plan for Legatus. The Legatus Group is the trading name for the Central Local Government Region of South Australia and is formed under the Local Government Act and consists of 15 rural Councils.*

*At the conclusion of the Ordinary Meeting Trevor Naismith (Regional Director) and Eric Somerville (Chair), Natural Resources Northern and Yorke gave a presentation on the future directions of DEWNR. Councillors and staff asked questions in relation to weed control, declared weeds, future projects, water and the NRM Levy.*

*Next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday 20 February 2018 in the Council Chambers*



*New Managers Melrose Caravan Park, Stuart Shearer & Suzana Spac commenced on 1 February 2018. Stuart & Suzana have previously worked at Rawnsley Park, Innamincka, Northern Territory and most recently at the Bentley in Port Pirie. They have experience in caravan park management, customer service, accounting, office administration, high standard of cleaning, maintenance and security. Stuart & Suzana are local to the Council district currently residing in Port Germein. They will move to Melrose and live onsite in due course. Council welcomes Stuart & Suzana and we look forward to their contribution and input to continuing to grow and develop the Melrose Caravan Park.*

*Council was successful in a Building Better Regions Fund to engage a consultant to analyse and provide a report for future directions of the Melrose Caravan Park. Tourism provides a major economic benefit to the Council District and it is important that Council is able to expand and grow with the expectations of visitors the tourist experience.*

At its September 2016 Melrose Caravan Park Management Committee Meeting the committee endorsed returning all profits into improvements and maintenance of the caravan park.

After years of use and minimal maintenance the cabins were tired and not meeting the standards of guests to the park. In December the self contained cabins at the Park received a much needed refurbishment with new cabinetry in the kitchens & new electrical equipment installed, updated flooring and cupboard space provided in the bedrooms. These improvements have enhanced previous works and the cabins now provide a welcoming environment for guests.

Joes Road creek crossing that leads from the Caravan Park to the monument will be re-concreted with the old concrete base being removed. Council has awarded the tender for this work and the contractor will commence work during February.



*Mayor Nottle and the Manager of Northern Passenger Transport Network, Lyn Forster, attended the launch of Moving People Port Pirie on 23 January 2018 in Port Pirie. They are pictured above with the Member for Frome, Geoff Brock, and Michelle Pole, Project Co-ordinator .*

## Community Waste Management Systems

Council operates Community Wastewater Management Systems (CWMS) within the townships of Wilmington, Melrose, Booleroo Centre and Wirrabara. A CWMS is a system designed to collect, treat, re-use and/or dispose of primary treated effluent of septic tanks from individual properties.

The collection system is a network of pipes and pumping stations which transport the effluent from either the house or septic tanks to the treatment site and in some towns being recycled for use on community parks or recreational areas.

The Wilmington CWMS system is an older version and the treated water was used to irrigate the town oval. Mid way through 2017 the pumping system malfunctioned and quotes obtained to replace equipment where not cost effective. Council investigated options and have applied for funding for a new more efficient CWMS design that will reduce the overall costs. Council should receive notification in the near future if its application has been successful.

Council has also lodged an application to install a CWMS system for Port Germein. Wirrabara has the latest design, in future the plan is to reuse the recycled water at the Wirrabara Sporting Reserve (Oval) however at this stage there is insufficient connections to provide enough water for the system to operate. At Booleroo Centre the water is recycled and used to water the golf course. Council are investigating a reuse option for Melrose.

# APPLY NOW

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF MOUNT REMARKABLE  
COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT  
PROGRAM



The 2018 Community Assistance Grant Program is now open. Start writing your application now. Application forms and guidelines are available from the Council Office or on [Council's website](#).

## Applications will close Wednesday 14 March 2018.

Projects or events must demonstrate how they will positively impact on residents of the District Council of Mount Remarkable. You can apply for anything from new signage, equipment, events/workshop, town entrance signs to facility improvements.

If you need help putting your application together or would like to discuss a project idea please contact Council's Community Engagement Officer, Hayley Trott, at [hayley@mtr.sa.gov.au](mailto:hayley@mtr.sa.gov.au) or call 8666 2014.



Regional Development Australia York & Mid North established the 2018 Southern Flinders Regional Leadership Program. The program was open to individuals over 18 years in the Council regions of Port Pirie, Mount Remarkable, Peterborough, Orroroo/Carrieton and Northern Areas. Helene Blieschke and Amy Simons of the District Council of Mount Remarkable have been successful in their applications for the 2018 SFRLP. The program is designed to develop local people to become leaders of tomorrow and Council is pleased to support two of its emerging young leaders in their professional development.

**Did You Know?** Council provides many services to the community, some of which are legislated and others which are provided by choice.

### Food Act

Food safety is a shared responsibility between Councils and the State Government. Council has a shared arrangement with the Peterborough District Council for its Environmental Health Officer. Working under the jurisdiction of the Food Act and Regulations, Environmental Health Officers routinely inspect food premises, investigate reports of food poisoning, and respond to customer complaints relating to food safety and conduct food safety education programs in schools and food premises.

### Weeroona Island Boat Launching Facility

In 2013 Council received a grant of \$355,000 from the South Australian Boating Facility Advisory Committee for the development of a boat launching facility at Weeroona Island. After consultation changes to the initial design were required to meet legislative requirements. A fixed jetty was built and is now complete. Costing \$750,000 the boat launching facility is a great asset to Weeroona Island. A fish cleaning station and wash down facility are soon to be added. These facilities are open to all members of the public to use and is being well used by recreational fishers and boaters.



Mayor Nottle attended the Wilmington Australia Day Celebrations to present the District Council of Mount Remarkable 2018 Citizen of the Year Award to Michael Wigg. Cr Peter Blieschke presented Helene Blieschke of Melrose with the 2018 Young Citizen of the Year award and Cr Morley presented the 2018 Community Event Award to the Wirrabara Art & Craft Spectacular. Council acknowledges local communities are made up of many volunteers and their interests, dedication and commitment to their respective communities is appreciated.

# PAYMENT OPTIONS



Rates and invoices can be paid via the following options:

- At the Council Office in Melrose (cash, cheque, or EFTPOS)
- BPAY
- Direct Deposit
- Cheque or Money Order via post
- Credit Card over the phone

Many people now pay electronically via BPAY and Direct Deposit. These payments are received by Council with **only** the reference entered when making the payment, therefore it is extremely important to make sure that the correct reference is used.

**For BPAY payments**, every rates assessment has a unique BPAY reference number, therefore each notice must be paid separately. I.E. if you receive three separate rates notices, you must make three separate BPAY payments using the unique reference number from each notice. For other invoices such as Weeroona Island Water Supply or Road Rent, each Debtor Account has its own BPAY reference number..

**For Direct Deposit payments**, the best reference to use is the Assessment Number listed on your Rates Notice, or you can pay multiple notices together by using the Group Bill Code, provided that the same Group Bill Code is shown on all the notices. For other invoices, use either the Debtor Code or the Invoice Number. If you use any other reference number, please advise Council by email to [postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au](mailto:postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au).



## Fox bait distribution days

Southern Flinders and Upper North District NRM staff will be holding 1080 fox bait distribution days in the coming month.

Coordinate with your neighbours to come along to your nearest location to be entitled to a group discount rate (2 or more neighbouring properties required).

### Monday, 26th February

Wilmington – Memorial Hall 10.00 am – 11.00 am

### Tuesday, 27th February

Port Germein – Jetty Carpark 11.15 am – 12.15 pm

Booleeroo Centre – Front of Northern Ag 1.15 pm – 2.15 pm

### Wednesday, 28th February

Melrose – Carpark by North Star Hotel 10.00 am – 11.00 am

**Please bring your section numbers with you to complete the paper work**

**To register and pre-order your fox baits please contact Natural Resources Northern & Yorke on (08) 8658 1086 or 0448 314 491**

## Fox control - bait needling services :

The Living Flinders team will be providing bait needling services at Dawson, Quorn, Wilmington and Craddock over the coming months.

Landholders are invited to bring their own meat to the regional racks for free needling by Natural Resources Northern and Yorke staff.

**Wednesday, 21st March - Wilmington (Goey Gills property)**

**Please contact Natural Resources Northern and Yorke Ranger Kevin Smith (0427 799 912) or Andrea Tschirner (0437 287 130) for information or to register your interest.**



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**COUNCIL ELECTIONS**  
- 2018 -



**ENROL**  
by 10 August 2018



**NOMINATE**  
by 18 September 2018



**VOTE**  
must be received before 5pm  
Friday 9 November 2018



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