COUNCIL SNIPPETS

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 19 DECEMBER 2017 COUNCILLORS RESOLVED:

Flinders Mobile Library
Council in partnership with the Northern Areas Council and Port Pirie Regional Council provide a library service to residents of the communities within the Councils Districts. The Flinders Mobile Library Agreement is due to expire. Councillor considered the benefits and granted a 12 month extension of the previous five year agreement to incorporate the 2017-2018 financial year. A proposal and review of the agreement will be considered during the 2018/2019 budget deliberations.

SA Land Rover Show 2018
Councillors approved a request from the Land Rover Register of SA and authorised the temporary road closure of Stuart Street Melrose between 7.30am and 9.00am on Saturday 31 March 2018, to facilitate the SA Land Rover car display.

Flinders Regional Assessment Panel
Council endorsed the appointment of the following persons as the members of the Flinders Regional Assessment Panel until 30 June 2018:
• Ms Shanti Ditter (qualified planner) as Chair;
• Cr Vicki Morley (Councillor, District Council of Mount Remarkable); and
• Mr John Brak (qualified planner); and
That Mr Wayne Hart (CEO District Council of Mount Remarkable) be appointed as the Assessment Manager until 30 June 2018.

Booleroo Centre Athletic Club
Council received a request from the Booleroo Centre Athletic Club to apply a discretionary rebate to the Booleroo Centre Athletics Club for PT 46 DP28938 [NBN Tower] Booleroo Centre. Councillors considered the request and the criteria for discretionary rebates and declined the request being that the Land Use is Commercial Other.

Student Incentive & Achievement Awards
Cr Woolford requested Council consider providing Perpetual Shields to Wilmington Primary School, Melrose Primary School and Booleroo Centre District School, to record recipients of the annual Council Student Incentive & Achievement Award. Councillors resolved a Perpetual shield will be provided to the three schools.

2017 Community Grants Extension for Acquittals
Councillors considered a request for an extension of time for completion of outstanding 2017 Community Assistance Grants and approved an extension for acquittals until 30 March 2018. Organisations that have not acquitted the 2017 Community Assistance Grant are not eligible to apply in the 2018 round.

Michael Wigg – Citizen of the Year Award 2018
Michael is recognised for his valuable and hardworking commitment to the Wilmington Progress Society, Wilmington CFS, Booleroo Centre Ambulance Service, church groups and environmental groups. Michael has been an integral part of the Wilmington Progress Society, holding office bearer positions, promoting and developing the community as well as volunteering at various functions. He maintains the Wilmington defibrillator and as an ambulance officer he is the first responder in and around Wilmington. Under the auspice of the Wilmington Progress Society he is volunteer supervisor of the Wilmington Community Development/Work for the Dole program which aims to build the skill levels of unemployed people for future employment. In addition to the benefits this work provides to the participants it has been positively reflected in the wider community with many beautification projects including painting, repairs, mowing, and signage being completed. His passion for the environment is reflected in his commitment to the annual Wilmington Clean up Australia Day, growing trees and shrubs for the roadsides and the control of weeds around the township. Michael has held the position of chairperson and treasurer of the Wilmington Uniting Church for several years.
Council encourages all ratepayers to use the online Request for Service form to report issues within the district, such as leaking taps, potholes that need filling, or roads that need grading.

However it is important to understand the process of Requests For Service once they are submitted and that these requests cannot always be completed immediately.

Once requests are received via website/phone/mail/counter they are immediately entered into Council’s internal Customer Request system by Administration staff.

Time sensitive requests such as water leaks or fallen trees are immediately forwarded to the Works Department for action.

All other requests are included in a report that is generated weekly for the Director of Works to schedule into the works program and assessed on a priority basis.

- Requests for maintenance within townships are included in the jobs list for the Tidy Towns crew. These are on rotation basis between all the major townships.
- Requests for road grading are scheduled into the existing Road Maintenance Program. Factors taken into consideration when scheduling any requests for grading are Council’s ‘Unsealed Roads and Patrol Grading Methodology’ and the current location and works schedule of the graders.
- Requests that require purchase of new infrastructure, such as replacement of signage or playground equipment, will need to be sourced and quoted, as well as allowing for production and freight times.

Requests involving major works such as realignment of drainage, improvements to infrastructure or Council owned parks, open spaces or cemeteries are referred to the following financial year budget deliberations for Councillor consideration. This process usually occurs late March early April annually.

Council engaged PD Excavations to construct and seal West Terrace and Redgum Streets at Wirrabara and Killoran Street, Port Germein. A two metre wide strip on Tuckwell Street, Wilmington (from School to Pinda Road) was also sealed to alleviate the continuous erosion of driveways after rain events. These works were completed in accordance with the Annual Budget 2017-2018.

Employment Opportunities

Council is seeking suitably qualified and experienced persons for two positions with Council. The successful applicants will be self-motivated, willing to contribute to the positive image of Council, have good communication skills and have the ability to work effectively as part of a team.

Refer to Councils website mtr.sa.gov.au for a copy of the individual position descriptions.

**Multi-Skilled Municipal Employee**

This position will include a wide range of tasks including small plant and equipment operation, slashing and mowing, footpath and kerbing, basic horticultural works, manual handling and other mixed functions. A Heavy Combination class driver’s license is preferable for this position.

This is a full time position with an immediate start and will be classified under Council’s AWU EBA Level 5. This will provide for a base wage in the range of $56,800 pa incremental, plus the prescribed super and income protection, four (4) weeks annual leave and two (2) weeks sick leave annually.

**Administration Officer**

This is a 3 year full time contract position with an immediate start. An attractive package of $46,000 plus the prescribed super and income protection, four (4) weeks annual leave and two (2) weeks sick leave annually, subject to qualifications, skills, experience and performance.

Duties will include general administrative support to Council and its associated activities.

The successful applicant will be self-motivated with good communication and computer skills and will have the ability to work effectively as part of a team.

Applications need to include two current referees and should be marked ‘Confidential’ and forwarded to the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, District Council of Mount Remarkable, PO Box 94 Melrose SA 5483.

Applications close 5.00pm Thursday 1 February 2018.

Council have completed the installation of a culvert on Dust Bowl Road (Gorge Road end) to reduce the flooding and erosion of the road.
The Community Assistance Grant is opening soon!
In 2017 this fund enabled Mount View Homes to install a water feature, the Port Germein Village Project Association Inc to undertake kitchen upgrades, the purchase of Table Tennis Tables at Wirrabara, crockery replacement at the Wilmington Oval and much more.

Organisation and community groups are encouraged to start preparing applications early by identifying a project and sourcing quotes.

Application forms and guidelines will be available from the Council Office and on the Council Website from late January 2018. Applications will CLOSE Wednesday 14 March 2018.

Wirrabara Art & Craft Spectacular - Event of the Year 2018
A volunteer managed event providing an Art Exhibition whereby local artists can showcase and demonstrate their arts and crafts. The Wirrabara Arts & Crafts Spectacular was first held in 2014 and has been recognised for its promotion of local artists and the Wirrabara Community. The Wirrabara Arts & Crafts initiative assists the local economy and its valuable contribution to the community enhances community cohesion and sense of pride.

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

Medical Facilities
Council provides for the weekly hire of the Doctors Surgery in Wirrabara.
Council also owns, maintains and rents out the Melrose Medical Centre as consulting rooms for medical professionals.

Public Toilets
Public toilets are an essential feature of any town for tourists and locals alike. Council is responsible for public toilets in all our major townships. This includes asset management such as insurance, purchase of all necessary products, employment of cleaners, provision and servicing of sanitary bins, and maintenance and repair of infrastructure as needed.

Citizenship Ceremonies
Council hosts official Citizenship Ceremonies, where people take their final step in the journey to become an Australian citizen by making the Australian Citizenship Pledge. New citizens are then presented with their Certificate of Citizenship and gift by the Mayor, followed by a traditional Australian morning tea. These ceremonies are important events that fulfil requirements under Australian citizenship law.

Helane Blieschke - Young Citizen of the Year 2018
A vibrant and enthusiastic young member of the Melrose community Helane has been recognised for her passion and commitment to a number of community organisations in Melrose. Helane has taken on many roles and held office bearer positions with the committees she is a member of. Helane is energetic, committed, enjoys sport and is passionate about her community. She is a great role model and ambassador for the youth of the District Council of Mount Remarkable.
Troublesome weeds on the farm or in your garden?

SUMMER WEED WORKSHOP

A free workshop on weed identification and effective control
22nd February 2018 4:00pm to 7:00pm

At the Wilmington Oval Complex - before going out to identify plants near Wilmington (bring a hat and walking shoes)

Presenters: Anne Brown - Greening Australia, Chris Brodie - SA herbarium & staff from NRM Northern York.

Topics:
* Plant identification and how to preserve your good plants
* Weed control Strategies
* Where to go for help
* Q & A

Meal provided by Wilmington Progress Association

RSVP by 16th February
Peter Newman (Ranger),
Natural Resources Northern and Yorke
Ph: 8666 2014 Mob. 0438 642 990.
Email: peter.newman@sa.gov.au

Northern Passenger Transport Network

Council was delighted to receive confirmation that the State Government has recognised the valuable service the NPTN provides to the region and committed to funding the Community Passenger Network until 2020. This will ensure the service will continue while the National Disability Insurance Scheme and Commonwealth aged care reforms are rolled out. Council had lobbied the State and Federal Governments seeking a commitment for a long term funding agreement so that assurance of the continuation of the program could be realised.