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First Aid Training

9.00 am - 5.30 pm - Sunday
15 June 2014 at the Melrose Football Clubroom.

\$30/person for STARCLUB members

\$99/person - non sporting club members or members of unregistered clubs
Candidates must be 14 years or older.

To register contact:
MT Smith
Mid North STARCLUB
Field Officer on 8633 8725;
0488 101 783; email:
starclub@pirie.sa.gov.au

Registration closes 30 May



LOCAL GOVERNMENT STIMULUS PROGRAM BENEFITS COUNCIL

The State Government is partnering with the Local Government to fast track the delivery of over 100 local council projects. Council was successful in obtaining funding for the three projects it presented to the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure.

The program is matching Council monies dollar for dollar and the towns of Wilmington, Booleroo Centre and Port Germein will each benefit from a \$100,000 injection. Under the terms of the grant, projects must be of a community infrastructure nature and "shovel ready".

Wilmington

The Wilmington Main Street Master Plan that was adopted by Council as its strategic document for the Wilmington Main Street but needs to be funded. The injection of money from the State Government will enable Council to start on ground works. In consultation with the community, Council is organising the refurbishment of the main street public toilets, the construction of two stone entrance walls that will feature a large art work by local artist Joel Plevin and the landscaping of the traffic islands at the intersection of Horrocks Hwy and Tuckwell Street.



Design for the Wilmington Entrance Walls

Booleroo Centre

Booleroo Centre Memorial Swimming Pool will receive a much needed makeover, a new fence and Shade over the toddlers pool. Next to the pool a new playground will be built, incorporating shade, play equipment, nature play and areas for parents to sit and relax.



New Beginnings, Port Germein Foreshore

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Port Germein

Port Germein foreshore project will receive a welcomed injection of funds to assist with outdoor furniture and landscaping, public art, as well as completing the renovation of the Goods Shed, according to heritage specifications.

The Goods Shed is listed on the State Heritage register and an important part of the State railway history.

The Harbourmaster Mast will be displayed in the Goods Shed. The mast was originally used as a look out and for signalling to ships with different flags. It is quite rare and in excellent condition, the only other example of a Harbourmaster Mast is in Goolwa where a 3 metres relic is in the Maritime Museum.

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Booleroo Centre Playground  
Park Concept

## COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

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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.*

### APRIL ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY 8 APRIL 2014

#### ***Murray Town Oval Water Supply Proposal***

The Murray Town Progress Association sought Council's response to a proposal to upgrade the capacity, quality and usefulness of the existing water supply available at the Murray Town Oval. It was agreed to provide in-principle support for the proposal and any financial contribution to the proposal would be considered following receipt of a more detailed proposal and full costings.

#### ***Licence Application DIR127- Commercial Release of Canola Genetically Modified for Herbicide Tolerance***

Council affirms its support for the current South Australian Government moratorium regarding the release of genetically modified canola in South Australia.

#### ***Southern Flinders Rough Riders - Bike Skills Station***

Council will offer to lease an area within the Melrose Caravan Park Bush Camp for the proposed Bike Skills Station to the Southern Flinders Rough Riders Association on a peppercorn lease arrangement on the condition that the Southern Flinders Rough Riders Association accept all risk and legal responsibilities for the Bike Skills Station including public liability insurance.

#### ***Road Closure Request - Over the Edge Sport, Melrose***

Council endorsed the request for the temporary road closure of Stuart Street from the top of Stuart Street (Nott Street intersection) and Joes Road, for the period from 6.00 am Saturday 7 June to 8.00 pm Sunday 8 June 2014 for the Annual Fat Tyre Festival.

#### ***Orienteering Course - Melrose***

Council will provide its support for the Tintookies Orienteering Club's grant application to the Department of Recreation and Sport to establish orienteering courses in Melrose.

#### ***Temporary Road Closure and Clearances on Various Roads following the Bangor Bushfire***

In the interest of public safety, Council will periodically close some roads surrounding the Wirrabara Forest to allow Forestry SA to safely remove timber in a timely manner utilising 3-4 B-Double trucks per day under strict conditions imposed by Council and DPTI. Forestry SA is to liaise with all landowners prior to the road closures coming into effect and agrees that all maintenance and reinstatement of these roads will be undertaken by Forestry SA.

The periodic road closures during the period 18 April 2014 and 31 March 2015 will occur Monday to Friday (weather pending) and only in the area that logging activity is taking place (i.e. if there is no logging in an area then the roads will not be closed). It is expected that the closures will have a minimum impact on the day to day operations of local landowners but allows for the landowners to inform those who are visiting them of the possible danger of logging activities on those roads.

The roads affected from time to time include White Park Road from Horrocks Highway, portion of Yellow Cutting Road, portion of Charcoal Road and Block 9 Road. The Department of Planning Infrastructure and Transport (DPTI), Forestry SA and vehicles authorised by the Chief Executive Officer will be excluded from the closures.

#### ***Mural Request - Booleroo Centre***

Council approved a request from the Booleroo Centre Community Development and Tourism Association to paint a rural scene on the exterior wall of the Community Centre, Stephens Street Booleroo Centre.

#### ***Advice of Upcoming Bridge Maintenance***

Correspondence was received from Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure advising of work that will be undertaken on the bridge north of Murray Town to address the dips between the road surface and the bridge. The works will be completed by the end of June 2014.

## COUNCIL'S NEW PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT OFFICER



Paul Ainsworth has recently been appointed to the position of Planning and Development Officer and is working on a part time basis. Paul will be available Tuesday and Wednesday of one week and Thursday and Friday of the following week.

Paul, a carpenter by trade and a qualified Building Surveyor and Planner, has many years experience working with Local Government including York Peninsular District Council, Marion, Salisbury and Light Councils.

Appointment can be made by contacting: Council Office 8666 2014  
Paul 0458 513 623.

## BANGOR BUSHFIRE UPDATES

### FIRE AND RAIN PHOTO DISPLAY

The Rotary Club of Port Pirie will host an exhibition, Fire and Rain, at the Port Pirie Regional Tourism and Arts Centre. The display will be opened on Thursday, May 29, at 7.30pm.



### BANGOR BUSHFIRE COMMUNITY DIARY

Council would like to invite anyone who was involved with the Bangor Bushfire to document their experiences and forward them to us to be part of the Bangor Bushfire Community Diary 2014.

Stories are welcome from people who were involved in the recent fires or have been involved in the recovery effort - residents, volunteers, emergency services personnel or anyone who would like to share their story about the fires.

For more information contact Jessie White, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, District Council of Mount Remarkable on 8666 2014.



### BUSHLAND RECOVERY

The Australian landscape has been recovering from fire for millions of years. Every bushfire has an influence on fauna and flora, resulting in frequent localised changes to habitat.

The changes that follow a fire are dramatic. Green vegetation turns to white ash, brown timber turns to black charcoal, and the shade of gray that remains opens new doors of opportunity. The ash bed is full of nutrients which greatly enhances a proliferation of seedling germination. Tree trunks and roots shoot with buds capturing newly available light. The rejuvenating growth attracts wildlife that feed on the fresh shoots. Foragers explore with the easy access, digging for fungi, eating seeds and flowers. Turned soil and fresh foliage stimulates insect activity. Birds navigate through the re-emerging forest and feed freely on the cleared forest floor, while carnivorous predators take full advantage of the open area.

The plants, animals, insects, and fungi that are there before a fire may not be the same species that recolonise afterwards. Certain species respond well to fire due to life-form and reproductive opportunities. These species are becoming more dominant in areas that are frequently affected by fire.

Many plants in Australia have developed to a point where scientists can classify them as 'adapted to fire'. Like Yakka, or grass trees, (*Xanthorrhoea* spp.) are particularly fire adapted as they rapidly re-grow from protected buds. Fire also stimulates their flowering. Eucalyptus, Banksia and Hakea have their seed protected from bushfires in woody capsules. These seeds are released to germinate in nutrient-rich ash, left by the bushfire.



### RESEARCHERS DOOR KNOCKING

The CFS wants to understand your decision-making leading up to and during the Bangor fire and learn about your experiences. With your help this research will benefit your community, the CFS and other fire agencies throughout Australia.

If you missed the researchers who were door knocking the Bangor Fire affected area recently but would like to take part in an online survey, visit:

[http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/prepare\\_for\\_bushfire/2014\\_bushfires\\_community\\_research.jsp](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/prepare_for_bushfire/2014_bushfires_community_research.jsp)

For more information contact the research team on 0419 550 409.

## MELROSE HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

Pictured from left are Gwen Jones, Gweneth McCallum, Denise Walter, Bev Taylor, Christine Fuller, Sue Girdham and Irene Lawrie, Committee Members of the Melrose Branch of the Booleroo Hospital Auxilliary enjoying afternoon tea in the recently upgraded lounge of the Booleroo Hospital.

The Melrose Hospital Auxiliary recently funded the curtains and chairs for the beautifully upgraded lounge room. The tireless work and funding provided to the Booleroo Hospital from the Melrose Hospital Auxiliary is commendable and appreciated by the residents, staff and volunteers of the Booleroo Health Service.



## MELROSE DISTRICT HALL

Upgrades to the Melrose District Hall has been undertaken recently from proceeds of Council's Separate Hall rates.

A new storeroom has been built on the northern side of the Hall which will be used to store extra chairs and folding tables. The storeroom has been elevated to the same height as the side of the Hall and will alleviate the problem of negotiating a set of stairs while carrying chairs or tables.

The kitchen has been upgraded with a much larger electric stove which will be of great benefit during times of catering for large functions. New mixer taps have also been installed at the kitchen sinks.

The Hall Committee are now looking into replacing the old, wooden folding tables with much lighter and modern tables.

The Hall Committee are looking for new members to come along to their quarterly meetings and to lighten the load for the current Committee. For more information regarding the Melrose District Hall Committee, contact Margaret Blieschke, Secretary on 8666 2022.

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FREE HOUSEHOLD AND FARM HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF - Saturday 24 May 2014

Take along your old or unwanted chemicals to the Port Pirie Regional Council's free collection day. Open to householders and farmers within and outside the Port Pirie Regional Council area, this collection ensures the safe disposal or recycling of chemicals, preventing them from contaminating land and entering our waterways.

Items that will be accepted:

- Acids and alkalis
- Brake fluid and coolants
- Cleaning products
- Chemicals - agricultural and household
- Liquid paints - oil and water-based up to 20 litres
- Fumigants, pesticides, herbicides, insecticides
- Photographic chemicals
- Poisons
- Pool Chemicals
- Solvents, varnishes and stains.



Government of South Australia
Zero Waste SA

For more information, phone 8633 9777 or visit www.zerowaste.sa.gov.au, or take your unwanted items to the Port Pirie Waste Transfer Station, Three Chain Road, Port Pirie. Open 10.00 am to 3.00 pm.

BOOLEROO CENTRE'S LIVESTOCK THEME

It was reported in last month's Newsletter that the funding for the livestock project in Stephens Street, Booleroo Centre was funded by the Booleroo Centre Community Development and Tourism Association.

The livestock were actually funded by the Booleroo Steam and Traction Preservation Society - Congratulations on an interesting and novel project.

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## ANNUAL HAMMOND HALL TRASH AND TREASURE

**Sunday 8 June - 10.00 am**

Yes, it's on again, and this year is bigger and better than last, with something for everyone.

Hammond is situated approximately 25 km's from Wilmington and according to various publications, is a ghost town but has 4 permanent residents and a number of people who have holiday homes in the town.

Once a year the Hammond Hall Committee hold a Trash and Treasure with 20 stalls selling a variety of goods. The stall holders come from far and wide and most have been attending the event for many years. The stalls offer antiques, collectables, hardware, jewellery, homemade cakes, biscuits, jams, pickles, chutneys, Riverland fresh fruit & vegetables, pure Forest honey, dried fruits, crafts, brick-a-brack, hair extensions, skin care products, garden art, native plants from the Port Augusta Arid Lands Garden, Masters Games merchandise from the Orreroo Masters Games and many more interesting items.

A demonstration of 5D diamond painting should be most interesting - come and see it done. There will be some completed items are for sale.

Devonshire Teas plus tea and coffee is available in the supper-room, with more seating space this year. Enjoy a steak sandwich or sausage in bread with a cool drinks.

It is a great day for meeting people, catching up with old friends and making new ones! Come and enjoy a good day out and I am sure that you will find that certain something that you did not know that you needed until you see it.

For more information contact Faye Case - 8659 0015.