



District Council of Mount Remarkable



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Welcome to the first of the new format for quarterly newsletters.

Thank you to all of the community groups who have made me welcome at recent events and meetings in which I have attended. One of the great joys of the Mayoral role is meeting a wide ranging number of community members across our vast district. Thank you, and please feel free to invite me to any upcoming events and meetings that you would like me to attend.

In keeping with the theme of financial sustainability and governance enhancement within our Council, Council is currently developing a Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) which will put out for public consultation in the near future. The LTFP will plainly detail the financial strategy of Council to ensure long term financial sustainability, while ensuring that overall Council is delivering effective service delivery that is affordable, and consecutive annual operating surpluses. This will ensure a strong focus on asset management, mainly asset renewal and maintenance.

Some of you have hopefully by now noted that advertising for the upcoming 2022 Local Government elections. I would encourage all those who are interested in thinking about nominating to be a Councillor look at the excellent material available as publicised by the Local Government Association, and most of all, attend one or more Council meetings that are scheduled between now and the November election. Whilst participation in local government can absorb time, it can be very rewarding.

Mayor Phillip Heaslip

REMARKABLE RAIL TRAIL

Works are continuing on the Remarkable Rail Trail. The section between Booleroo Centre and Wirrabara is 90% completed and the section between Wirrabara and Stone Hut is awaiting the final surfacing with Crusherdust.

This work will finalise the links between Wilmington and Stone Hut a total of approximately 66km of scenic flat trails that is suitable for all levels of walkers and riders.

Bridge works will commence soon and signage will be placed soon. It is expected that the trail will be completed by mid-September.



COUNCIL NEWS

Upcoming Meeting Dates

(all meetings listed below will be held in the Council Chambers at Melrose)

Monday 8 August 2022 10.00am
Audit & Risk Committee

Wednesday 10 August 2022 5.00pm - 6.00pm
Special Meeting of Council to adopt the 2022/23 Annual Business Plan & Budget and the Long Term Financial Plan

Tuesday 16 August 2022 4.00pm - 4.30pm
Community Question Time

Tuesday 16 August 2022 4.30pm
Ordinary Meeting of Council

To access copies of current and past Council and Committee meeting agendas and minutes click here:

[Council Agenda and Minutes | District Council of Mount Remarkable \(mtr.sa.gov.au\)](https://www.mtr.sa.gov.au)

[Committees | District Council of Mount Remarkable \(mtr.sa.gov.au\)](https://www.mtr.sa.gov.au)

Media Releases

Media releases issued since the previous newsletter are available here:
[Latest News | District Council of Mount Remarkable \(mtr.sa.gov.au\)](https://www.mtr.sa.gov.au)

Newsletters

Previous issues of newsletters are available here: [Council | District Council of Mount Remarkable \(mtr.sa.gov.au\)](https://www.mtr.sa.gov.au)





Consider for a moment how everyday life is improved by the many services that councils provide.

What do councils do? | LGA South Australia

Imagine the District without street lighting, road maintenance, rubbish collection, footpaths, playgrounds, sporting facilities, community halls – and the list goes on.

Decisions about these services, programs and infrastructure are made by an elected group of councillors.

There are two main forms of elections held to elect council members - Periodic elections and Supplementary elections. Every four years there is a Periodic election – where all positions on council are vacated and an election is held to fill all the positions. Existing council members can stand for election again if they wish. The next Periodic election is due to be held in November 2022.

Noting that the voters roll closed at 5pm Friday 29 July, the key dates for the upcoming Periodic election are:

Nominations Open
Tuesday 23 August 2022

Nominations Close
12noon Tuesday 6 September 2022

Dispatch of ballot material to electors
Friday 14 October and
Thursday 20 October 2022

Close of Voting
5pm Thursday 10 November 2022

Scrutiny and Count
9am Saturday 12 November 2022

All voting in council elections is done by post.

Enrolled voters receive a voting package through the mail and return their votes in a reply paid envelope.

Click on this link to find out more about enrolling to vote [Vote | LGA South Australia](#).

Check your enrolment details through the Australian Electoral Commission [Check my enrolment \(aec.gov.au\)](#)

Unlike State and Federal elections, it is not compulsory to vote in South Australian council elections. However, council elections are the biggest single voluntary civic participation activity in the state with nearly 400,000 people voting in the last Periodic council elections.

NOMINATE

If you are eligible to vote in local council elections, you may also be eligible to stand for a position on council.

Becoming a council member presents the opportunity to influence local directions and create long term, positive outcomes within your community and for fellow residents of the District.

The role of council member is both rewarding and challenging. It requires commitment, responsibility and accountability.

With very few exceptions (such as being an undischarged bankrupt or being disqualified from holding office by a court order), you can nominate for a position on council regardless of qualifications, religion, race, gender, experience or profession.

The District Council of Mount Remarkable encourages nominations from people from diverse backgrounds to ensure that a wide range of views are being represented.

If you consider yourself to be invested in the future of the District, are willing to learn and participate, and prepared to contribute strategically to decision making processes that benefit the broader community, then you should explore what it takes to be a council member.

A guide has been prepared by the Local Government Association of South Australia to help you appreciate the role and responsibilities of a council member, understand the election process, and assist you in deciding whether to nominate. A 2022 version of this booklet will be available soon to download via Council's website.

Council and the Electoral Commission of SA will run information sessions for prospective council members after nominations close on 6 September 2022.

FREE CANDIDATE BRIEFING SESSIONS BY DISTRICT COUNCIL OF MOUNT REMARKABLE

Monday 15 August 5:30pm - 7:00pm at Council Chambers, 3 Stuart Street Melrose

The District Council of Mount Remarkable will be hosting two candidate briefing sessions in the Council Chambers, 3 Stuart Street Melrose.

CEO Sam Johnson will be available after the above sessions to answer any questions you may have regarding nominating for Council.

Please register at the below website and also email postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au with your interest.

Further information is here: [Nominating as an Elected Member | District Council of Mount Remarkable \(mtr.sa.gov.au\)](#)





The Bluff traffic counter in action.

THE BLUFF TRAFFIC COUNTERS

Council has been recording traffic data on The Bluff road for the past 5 months (Jan-May 2022).

Traffic numbers are extremely positive with a total number of vehicles during this time totaled 5639 vehicles. This equates to an estimated 17,000 visitors with a weekday average of 28 vehicles per day (vpd) and a weekend average of 78 vpd. These numbers are significantly making an impact to local communities and business as most of the visitor numbers are coming from outside of the district.

More good news with the counter recording traffic speeds and the majority of vehicles are adhering to the 25kph speed limits.

Traffic numbers have seen growth from the when The Bluff lookout opened with small growth on the weekday traffic but a 15% increase on weekend traffic from the 2021 counts. Easter Sunday had the highest traffic numbers in 2022 with 212 vpd.

ASSET MANAGEMENT - BRIDGES

Late in 2021, Council engaged consultants Fyfe Engineering to undertake an inspection of the 19 bridges scattered around the District. The report highlighted that three bridges require further assessment due to their current conditions.

Further assessment was undertaken on these three bridges and a report was tabled at the 19 July Ordinary meeting of Council. The bridges are the Port Germein Bridge on Port Germein Road, the Forest Road Bridge near Wirrabara and the Appila Bridge on the Appila-Tarcowie Road.

The report can be accessed at page 259 of the agenda: [PUB-website-notice-of-meeting-and-agenda-Ordinary-Meeting-of-Council-19-July-2022.pdf \(mtr.sa.gov.au\)](#)

Council is currently holding meetings with Fyfe Engineering to undertake works around, project management, design, specifications, tender and timing of works.

Significant funds have been proposed for Council's Capital 2022/2023 budget for repairs to these bridges and further details will be provided in future quarterly newsletters.



CENTENARY PARK WILMINGTON UPGRADES

The last twelve months have seen some significant upgrades to Wilmington's Centenary Park. Through grants the community constructed the new shelter and Council as part of the project has upgraded paths to disability standards including access to the toilet block, constructed a basketball area with concrete pad and constructed a new grassed area.

The upgrades are not only benefiting the local community but also the broader regional area as this location is visited by many tourist.

LEFT: The Centenary Park upgrade.




CHANGES TO THE 2022/2023 RATE NOTICE

Council has changed how your address appears on your rates notice. Council has updated our addressing records to include each property's Locality. Localities are a measure of geographic divisions in Australia and are primarily used for addressing purposes. The term "Locality" is used for rural areas, while the term "Suburb" is used for urban areas.

Previously, for properties outside of townships, the area measurement of "Hundred" was recorded on Council rates notices. This form of area measurement will still be displayed on your rates notice. Your locality will appear under the "Property Location" heading of your notice, whilst the township or hundred will appear next to the "Details" section

Rates and charges for the period of 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023. Notice is hereby given that the District Council of Mount Remarkable in pursuance with the Local Government Act 1999 has declared the following rates and charges on the property included in the Assessment.



J SMITH
PO BOX 1000
WIRRAWARA SA 5481

Full Payment	
SXYZ	
OR	
Quarterly Payment	
SXYZ	

Council rates are exempt from GST

Property Location	Land Use
12 LOIS LANE, WIRRAWARA C/Title Ref: CT 5000/600	Cereal & sheep

Details: 1 DP1234, APPILA

Locality Hundred

Many assessments, both the locality and the hundred or township will be the same. Differences may occur where rural properties are close to the locality boundaries.

Contact the Council office on 08 8666 2014 if you have any queries in relation to your property and/or rate notice.



WILLOWIE LANDFILL WASTE TRANSFER STATION

Works have begun on the new Willowie Waste Transfer Station. This will see 100% of waste and recycling items removed from the site and taken to Brinkworth for sorting. Works are due for completion early October.

The Waste Transfer Station is an important link to our community's total waste management system that understands the challenges, opportunities and unique issues of managing waste. The facility will manage all waste streams (from kerbside collections, commercial waste, contractors and community members).

Kerbside collections will see no change to current activities, Saturday morning (every two weeks) will be available to the public for waste drop-off as per normal.

Further information about waste management is available on Council's website here:

[Waste Management | District Council of Mount Remarkable \(mtr.sa.gov.au\)](http://www.mtr.sa.gov.au)



IT'S DOG & CAT REGISTRATION RENEWAL TIME!

Dog and Cat registration renewal notices are arriving in your letterboxes or email boxes and are due for payment by 31 August, 2022.

Go to: www.dogsandcatsonline.com.au to complete your renewal, register a new pet, and update your details or for more information.

A fee now exists for cat registrations, they are required to be microchipped and entered into the DACO (Dogs and Cats Online) system in the same way a dog is registered.

Registered pets are happy pets so give your pets and yourself peace of mind – register and microchip them today.



DEPARTMENT INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORT (DIT) UPDATES

Horrocks Highway Upgrade

Works have finally been completed on the upgrades to the Horrocks Highway within our Council area. Although we saw some lengthy speed restrictions, the new widening, signage and linemarking has increased safety on this section of road.

Bridges

Discussions between Council and DIT regarding the construction of Little Spring Creek and Spring Creek bridges are continuing with start dates and construction timeframes to be released to the public soon. These bridge upgrades are well overdue and will significantly improve safety on the Horrocks Highway.

Announcements on the bridge south of Wirrabara to allow Road Train access will hopefully be announced soon.

Dorrington Street Melrose

DIT have sealed a section of Dorrington Street, Melrose based on a request from Council to upgrade due to increase stormwater runoff due to the Horrocks Highway upgrades. The works were completed recently and this will reduce the road and shoulder washouts around the intersection with Horrocks Highway

Stuart Street/Horrocks Highway

Council have had discussions with DIT concerning the stormwater runoff damage at the point Stuart Street and Horrocks Highway meet in Melrose. Significant stormwater flow has meant that washouts have been occurring and maintenance works are required to repair sections of the shoulder area. Council will be working with DIT over the coming weeks to find a suitable solution to the issue.

Port Germein Jetty

Council and DIT have been meeting regularly to finalise the business case to be presented to government to see the repairs and possible upgrades to the Jetty being finalised.

Please contact DIT regarding any State road related issues in the District on 8343 2222 or email DIT.North@sa.gov.au.



DrumMUSTER COLLECTION

Once again South Australia leads the way in waste management.

South Australia farmers have delivered over 1.9 million containers representing 1960 tonnes of material. Previously much of this waste went to landfill or was burnt. Local farmers who support the drumMUSTER program are to be commended.

Council will be holding a drumMUSTER collection at the Willowie Landfill Site from Tuesday 11th October - Wednesday 12th October 2022

Containers must be:

- » triple or pressure rinsed
- » clean – no chemical residue
- » inspected by a drumMUSTER inspector
- » lids must be left off
- » metal containers must be punctured

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL and drums can be delivered between 8:30am & 3:30pm

To book a time to deliver your farm chemical containers Phone 8666 2014





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MY LOCAL SERVICES APP

Council has recently signed up to the Local Government Association's product "My Local Services app". The smartphone application is designed to deliver localised council information to residents of South Australia.

With My Local Services, you can find out upcoming local events, locate a council facility (libraries, playgrounds, dog parks), stay updated with council issues, get notifications of local services (i.e. waste collection) and even report an issue and provide photos (broken bins or pavement failures).

Whilst some specific to Mount Remarkable Council information is still being worked on, you can still download it now in readiness for the full features that it will provide.

It's free to download and easy to use on any Apple or Android smartphone devices. To download the app and read more about it click here: [My Local Services / LGA South Australia](#)



NEW DEFIBRILLATOR AVAILABLE 24/7 AT BOOLEROO HOSPITAL

Recently, the Booleroo Health Service received kind donations from community member, Mr Gerard David of Melrose, and from the family of the late Mr John Battersby of Wilmington.

After careful consideration it was decided to use the donations to purchase an automatic defibrillator that is now located inside the front door of the hospital. It is available for emergency use by community and is accessible 24/7.

Please advise nursing staff on return of the equipment.

The Booleroo Health Service staff and volunteers are very grateful for any donations that are received, and always strive to use these funds to improve the health service.

LEFT: The new AED (defibrillator) for Booleroo Health Service



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