



District Council of  
**Mount Remarkable**

**24 January 2024**

**Community Information Sessions – Draft 2024-2025 Annual  
Business Plan & Budget**

In 2023 Council undertook its annual community engagement survey and subsequently an action plan was developed to address the ideas and concerns that were highlighted through the feedback received. The action plan includes a commitment to continue to ensure appropriate communications on matters of relevance to the community.

In addition, the feedback received from Council Members during the prior year's budget process was to ensure early initial engagement takes place prior to setting and endorsing its draft budget for public consultation.

Council Members will be providing briefings at community information sessions scheduled in February, organised with the assistance of progress groups in each township.

*“Council Members are looking forward to meeting with community members at the sessions. The face-to-face briefing sessions demonstrate Council’s commitment to continue to improve engagement and communication with its community. The engagement builds on the existing mechanisms in place such as Council’s quarterly newsletter, website and livestreaming Council and Committee meetings”* said Mayor Stephen McCarthy.

*“The six sessions scheduled enable the community to hear from their elected representatives about Council’s draft outline of its budget, as has been formulated at Council Member briefing sessions held on 12 and 19 January. Community members will be able to ask questions and offer suggestions, of which Council will take into account when formulating its draft budget for formal public consultation in May, prior to adoption of its final budget in July”* he said.

The schedule of progress group/community briefing sessions in place are as follows:

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| Port Germein                  | 5 February 2024 @ 5.30pm, @ the Hub Port Germein                                               |
| Weeroona Island               | 5 February 2024 @ 6.30pm, @ the Hub, Port Germein                                              |
| Wirrabara / Appila            | 12 February 2024 @ 7.00-7.45pm, Wirrabara Institute                                            |
| Booleroo Centre / Murray Town | 14 February 2024 @ 7.00-8.00pm Booleroo Centre Institute and Memorial Hall, 33 Stephens Street |
| Wilmington                    | 21 February 2024 @ 6.30pm at Wilmington Visitor Centre                                         |
| Melrose                       | 28 February 2024 @ 7.00-8.00pm, Melrose RSL, Stuart Street, Melrose                            |

All community members are invited to attend the briefing sessions.

Council will promote the sessions via Website and Facebook page.

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