After the 2014 Bangor Bushfire Council successfully applied for a State Government National Disaster Resilience Program grant. The funds from the grant have enabled Council in conjunction with the Wirrabara community to compile a community diary for those affected, volunteers and community members to tell their stories with the intent of capturing and creating positive legacies.

On Friday 25 February 2016 the Bangor Fire - Community Diary came to fruition with a successful book launch held at Wirrabara. Approximately 80 people attended the launch. Books are available, free of charge, by contacting the District Council of Mount Remarkable on 8666 2014 or email postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au.

Council coordinated a revegetation program on the roadsides from the Bangor turnoff to Wirrabara to rehabilitate the landscape. Volunteers and year 9 students from Booleroo Centre and Gladstone High Schools have planted 800 trees.

Council is confident these projects and future Wirrabara Forest developments will positively contribute to the vitality and success of the community ensuring its sustainability well into the future.
Council Snippets

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2016.

Unsealed Roads—Program
Council reviewed its Unsealed Roads program and operations, including patrol grading practices and methodology and resheeting practices. Council endorsed the recommendations of the ‘Unsealed Roads and Patrol Grading Methodology’ report. The report includes tree trimming and road intersection clearing. More information on page 3.

Northern Passenger Transport Network
The Northern Passenger Transport Network (NPTN) is an important and essential service to the Council district and wider regions. Some of the services provided include:

- transporting clients to medical appointments including doctors, specialists, dentistry and other health care
- access to social inclusion
- Government agencies

On average the NPTN cars and bus are fully booked out each week and the service cannot keep up with the demand.

The Department of Community and Social Inclusion (DCSI) is reviewing the transport program in discussions with Commonwealth Home Support Program regarding future funding of transport services. As a result the continued existence of NPTN remains uncertain and future funding unsecured beyond 30 June 2016.

Council has received an agreement variation for the continuance of the Community Passenger Network - Northern for the period 1 November 2015 until 30 June 2016. Council agreed to affix the common seal and sign the variations agreement to ensure the service remains until the end of June 2016 at least. Council continues to lobby and advocate to Government Departments to ensure this important service remains in the district.

NBN Co Limited—Wirrabara
Council has negotiated a lease agreement with NBN Co for the location of a fixed wireless tower adjacent the Wirrabara Sporting Reserve. Council affixed the common seal and signed the memorandum of lease agreements for four (4) consecutive five (5) year periods, concluding December 2035. Initial site preparations and works have commenced.

Wilmington Post Office Internet Access
After reviewing the usage and ongoing costs of providing the free internet access service at the Wilmington Post Office, Council resolved to cease the service.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday 15 March 2016 at 9.30am in the Council Chambers Melrose.

Mobile Food Van
To support growth and encourage business development Council granted a permit for a mobile food van to operate on the foreshore at Port Germein for a period of 12 months.

Council will develop a policy for “Pop-up Shops and Mobile Food Vans” including conditions and fees, with applications for a permit assessed on a case by case basis by Council.

Council encourages and promotes existing businesses and new enthusiastic “entrepreneurs” to expand or start-up a new business in the region. If you have an idea or want to make a proposal to Council please contact us on 8666 2014.

Regional Capability Community Fund
$470,000 is on offer from the 2016-17 Regional Capability Community Fund.

Are you involved in emergency services, own a farm fire unit or other safety equipment? This Grant is for you!
More specific examples are included in the Grant Guidelines.

Guidelines and forms are now available on the SAFECOM website - www.safecom.sa.gov.au.
Applications will be received from 15 to 31 March 2016.

Thank You!!
In sweltering conditions the communities of Port Germein, Wilmington and Wirrabara participated in Clean up Australia Day on Sunday, March 6.

Council appreciates the many volunteers who donated their time to pick up rubbish, broken glass, scrap metal and other waste in a huge effort to keep their small local community looking great.

Your efforts are recognised by Council.

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**ROADS PROGRAM**

Council has reviewed the unsealed roads program and developed a report and recommendations for future practices. The ‘Unsealed Roads and Patrol Grading Methodology’ recommendations include:

- the past practice of ‘Dry Grading’ ceases immediately, as policy, for all sheeted roads
- Council extends the possible operational hours of Patrol Graders after rain periods to maximise quality grading outputs up to 10 hours per day and up to 6-7 days per week, subject to staff availability
- continue the practice of sample testing materials from rubble pits to be used on sheeted roads
- Council endorses the purchase of a boom/scissor lift to enable for council to undertake its own tree trimming program to a 5m high envelope over roads, for improved larger vehicle and machinery accessibility and road safety
- Adopts a good practice model of verge clearances at intersections and line of sight secondary clearances for Patrol Grading, and in accordance with any regulatory restrictions
- a Community Engagement Strategy (as outlined in the report) to inform the community, to gauge the support for Council’s changed Patrol Grading methodology and to work together to find the best way forward.

Over the coming months Council will be conducting Community information sessions regarding Councils future resheeting and patrol grading practices for roads and other council matters. Dates and times will be publicised on community notice boards and on Councils website [www.mtr.sa.gov.au](http://www.mtr.sa.gov.au).

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**$362,000 RESEAL PROGRAM COMMENCES**

Council has finalised the tender process for the 2015/2016 reseal program to commence at the end of March and will see the following township streets and roads ressealed or sealed:

- Arthur Street, Booleroo Centre
- Edwin Street, Booleroo Centre
- Cottage Street, Port Germein
- High Street, Port Germein
- White Well Road, Melrose
- Mount Street, Melrose
- Spear Creek Road, Wilmington
- Parts of Dignan, Oval & Tuckwell Streets, Wilmington

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**Drum Muster Collection**

Council will be conducting drumMUSTER chemical drum collection at the Willowie Landfill:

**Monday 4 to Thursday 7 April 2016**

All containers delivered to the collection site must be:
- Free of chemical residue
- Clean, dry and have lids removed
- drumMUSTER approved containers only, which carry the appropriate logo.

All containers must be correctly cleaned both inside and out (including threads) and allowed to drain to ensure they do not contain rinse water (refer to Avcare standards for effective rinsing - brochure available from local chemical supplier).

Unclean or partly filled containers cannot be accepted.

**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL**

Phone: 8666 2014
Enter the Youth Design Competition to brighten up the new activity trailer Council are having made for community use. **Closes 11 March 2016.**

**Spiny Daisy**

Have you seen the Spiny Daisy on your property? This critically endangered plant was first discovered by Burke and Wills during their expedition in 1861 and again in the Riverland in 1910. Since then it was thought to be extinct until it was discovered in the Mid-North, near Laura, in 1999. Since then a further five patches have been found, but it is still one of the rarest plants in Australia. There may be more Spiny Daisy patches that have not yet been found, so if you think you may have seen this plant, please give Erica Rees a call on 0408 812 677, or email ericar@treesforlife.org.au.

**“Mt View” Homes**

**Trading Table**

**THURSDAY 24 March 2016**

Starting at 9.30am

**On the Front Lawn of “Mt View” Homes**

**Booleroo Centre**

Goods for sale will include cakes, biscuits, fresh produce, jams, pickles, plants, bric-a-brac and more!

Any donations greatly appreciated

Easter raffle drawn later that day

**Contact ‘Mt View’ Homes**

**for further details on 8667 2207**

**2016 Census Online**

9 August 2016 is census night. New delivery and collection procedures will make it easier to complete the Census online. Households will receive a unique login and instructions on how to complete the Census online. To find out more about the 2016 Census, including the types of questions that will be asked and how the Census will be conducted, go to [Nature and Content](#).