**Council Snippets**

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**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2015**

**2014 Flood Funding**
Council applied for funding to repair damage to roads from the 2014 February Floods. Local Government Disaster Recovery Assistance Committee has assessed the application and forwarded to the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) to review costings.

**Port Germein Oval Lease**
Council resolved having considered the information provided by the interest parties to lease the Port Germein Oval to the Port Germein Sharks Cricket Club.

**Wilmington Country Fire Service (CFS)**
Council approved the affixing of the Council seal by the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer to the “Certificate of Consent for the Deposit of a Plan of Division” for the amalgamation of Allotments 142 & 143 Wilmington to allow a new lease to be signed.

**Rural Road Signage**
Council agreed to fully cost and test the market to install the over 500 remaining rural road signage to all roads including intersections for consideration by Council for 2015-16 budget deliberations.

**Booleroo Swimming Pool**
Council approved an amount of up to $8,000 for the purchase and installation of a chemical control unit and flowmeter for the Booleroo Centre Memorial Swimming Pool.

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**Booleroo Centre Memorial Swimming Pool**

Operations of the Booleroo Centre Swimming Pool has been revised based on advice received from Council’s Insurers the Local Government Association Mutual Liability Scheme (LGAMLS).

LGAMLS advised:

- The Royal Life Saving Australia *Pool Safety Guidelines* for safe pool operation are a standard that have been established as best practice for managing (public) pools across Australia.

- All Councils/public pool operators (including the Committee) have a duty of care to users and must ensure that operation and supervision requirements are followed. The LGAMLS has always endorsed a prudent risk management approach for this type of service.

- LGAMLS provides (civil) liability coverage to all (Local Government) Members in SA. The LGAMLS is a self managed fund and operates pursuant to the LGAMLS Rules. Pursuant to the Rules, a member Council must provide is functions and services within a risk management framework – considering the operational, servicing and asset requirements. To not comply with legislation and/or best practice standards will put the Council at risk from a liability perspective and limit the defence strategies that could be employed by the LGAMLS. Any public safety issue must be managed in line with current standards.

The Booleroo Centre Swimming Pool is an important asset to Booleroo Centre and the wider communities. It is not Council’s intention to close the pool or make management so difficult it cannot be managed effectively, at the same time Council and the Committee has a responsibility to provide a safe environment for all users of the pool and an obligation to abide by the guidelines set by Royal Life Saving Australia.

Given the above requirements and in accordance with the Royal Life Saving Australia *Pool Safety Guidelines* Council has temporarily approved an additional two hours paid supervised pool attendants to accommodate after hours swimming and lap swimmers for the remainder of the swimming season. Discussion between Council and the Committee have occurred and as requested the pool will be supervised from 7 – 8am and 7 – 8pm, seven days per week on the proviso suitably qualified personnel are available for these nominated time frames.

Council will continue to work with the Committee to resolve operational issues prior to the 2015-16 swimming season.
Community Engagement Officer
Council has appointed Hayley Trott to the position of Community Engagement Officer. Hayley has recently completed a Bachelor of Tourism and Event Management at UniSA and minored in Marketing. While at UniSA Hayley completed a global experience program including a short term study tour of Yogyakarta Indonesia.

Whilst studying Hayley worked at Brand South Australia as the Marketing and Communications Intern and managed their Social Media sites. She was also Volunteer Leader for the Cora Barclay Centres Sunday Mail City-Bay team. This role included recruitment and account management of all team members, set up and monitored a web page for the event on Cora Barclay Centre’s website, designed communication materials, social media management, coordinated ambassadors for the event – Paralympic Athlete Nathan Arkley and Jay Weatherill, Premier of South Australia. Most recently Hayley worked at the Adelaide Oval with the operations and scheduling teams.

Originally from Wirrabara Hayley has a good understanding of local issues and a knowledge of the Council region. Hayley's focus as Community Engagement Officer will be liaising and collaborating with communities to develop key priorities for all communities in the Council region. In addition Hayley is developing a database of community groups/organisations so Council can inform the community of grants and important issues as they arise.

If you wish to register your group contacts please contact Hayley at the Council Office on 8666 2014 or email: hayley@mtr.sa.gov.au.

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Expression of Interest
Northern Passenger Transport Network Casual Position
Expressions of Interest are sort from persons who are interested in working with the District Council of Mount Remarkable in the Northern Passenger Transport Network business unit on a casual basis.

Applicants should possess excellent communication and organisational skills and a demonstrated ability to prioritise tasks and show attention to detail are also essential. Applicants will have practical experience with computer software including word-processing, email and internet packages together with database entry and data management skills.

To register for interest or further information please contact Jessie White, Deputy Chief Executive Officer on 08 8666 2014 or email dceo@mtr.sa.gov.au.

Expressions of Interest to be received by COB Monday, 23 March 2015.

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Melrose Medical Facility
District Council of Mount Remarkable has a purpose build Medical facility for hire. The facility is suitable for Medical Practitioners, Allied Health Professionals, Chiropractors & Physiotherapists.

The facility has a large reception area, two consulting rooms, kitchen and toilet facilities. Located on Stuart Street, Melrose in close proximity to the school and local businesses and offers ample off the street parking.

For further information contact Jessie White, Deputy Chief Executive Officer on 08 8666 2014 or email dceo@mtr.sa.gov.au.

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Booleroo Centre CWA Rooms
Booleroo Centre Civic Centre Committee have advised Council it is not viable to continue to fund the CWA Rooms at Booleroo Centre. Council is seeking expressions of interest from businesses, community groups interested in utilising the CWA Rooms at Booleroo Centre. Council is seeking community input/ideas how to best utilise the building and retain this part of the history of Booleroo Centre into the future.

Please forward expressions of interest/ideas/suggestions to Jessie White, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 94, Melrose SA 5483 or email: postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au.

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E—newsletter. Full coloured copies of the monthly newsletter are available electronically (via email). Please contact Council on 8666 2014 or email postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au to register for electronic copies of Council’s newsletter. Council newsletters, agendas, and minutes are also available on the website www.mtr.sa.gov.au
Melrose Caravan Park - Council has completed refurbishments at the Melrose Caravan Park. The interior of four cabins was painted including kitchen, bathrooms and bedrooms, timber kick rails to access ramps was installed on cabins C & D and timber under fill was installed to the underneath surrounds of a fifth cabin. The refurbishment has significantly improved the general appearance of the Cabins giving them a fresh, modern look.

Wirrabara - Council is completing 500 meters of kerbing on High Street Wirrabara between Radiata and Casuarina Streets. The works will include rescaling the roadside, drainage and footpath restoration. The works will greatly improve the appearance of High Street.

Wilmington - Main Street upgrades and Welcome Entrance walls into Wilmington have been completed along with refurbishment of the public toilets. $50,000 from the State Government Stimulus package was matched by $50,000 from Council for the project, a partnership between Council and the Wilmington Progress Society.

Rubble Pits
Council is seeking rubble suitable for road construction and repair. Landholders with rubble pits on their property and willing for Council to access the pits are compensated. Please contact Jessie White, Deputy Chief Executive Officer on 8666 2014 or email: dceo@mtr.sa.gov.au.

Willowie Landfill Cell 2A
Willowie MSP Contractors have been awarded the contract to construct Cell 2A at the Willowie Landfill. Golders Associates have been contracted to oversee the construction of the cell. Collection of paddock stone has commenced and digging of the new cell will commence during March.

Road Works
◆ 2.5 km’s of Stoney Creek Road, Wilmington has been re-sheeted.
◆ Preparation for reseal and construction of Joes Road up to Melrose Monument has commenced.
◆ Council will commence re-sheeting 5 km’s of Poles Road, Port Germein mid March.
◆ Reseal of a number of streets in Port Germein, Wirrabara, Melrose and Wilmington will commence in March.

Works
◆ The radio tower at Melrose has been extended by 5 meters to enhance radio communications for Council operations.
◆ Council’s tidy towns staff have been working in Port Germein and Weeroona Island and will move to Wirrabara during March.
◆ For the month of February Council received 52 new Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI’s) requests.
Have your say
The State Government has announced a state-wide consultation process on the merits of changing the State’s time zone. If you would like to be involved in the public discussion visit www.yoursay.sa.gov.au or contributions can also be sent by email to dsd.timezone@sa.gov.au; by mail to Time-Zone, Department of State Development, GPO Box 320, Adelaide SA 5001.

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Movers & Groovers (Strength & Balance classes for over 65yrs)

Commencing Tuesday March 17th
Booreroo Centre & Wirrabara.
Classes are also run in Wilmington on
Wednesdays and Port Germein on Mondays.
Please call Regional Allied Health Assistants -
Milena or Sue at the Port Pirie Regional Health
Service on 8638 1100 to register your interest.

Our Neighbourhood Community Grants
Apply now
For further information and details contact
grants@ourneighbourhood.com.au, or
telephone 1300 765 772.
Apply online at ourneighbourhood.com.au or fill
in a paper-based application form. Application
kits are available at your local Post Office.

Applications Close Thursday, 2 April 2015

Movers & Groovers

Port Germein Classes
Would you like to participate in a gentle physical activity program in a friendly environment? Then come along to Heartmoves classes, at 9am or 10am on Fridays at the Port Germein Bowling Club.
Contact Sue Doyle on 0409 280 291.
Cost: $3 per person

Davis Septic Tank Cleaners have
commenced desludging of septic tanks in the
Wilmington Township. Booreroo Centre and Melrose will be completed during the next few months.

Desludging of septic tanks is conducted every
two (2) years for small tanks and four (4) years
for large tanks and is compulsory.

Fees for 2014/15 desludging were sent as a separate invoice after the tender was awarded to ensure exact billing to ratepayers, at cost.