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DISTRICT COUNCIL OF MOUNT REMARKABLE AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Citizen of the Year - Mario Valente

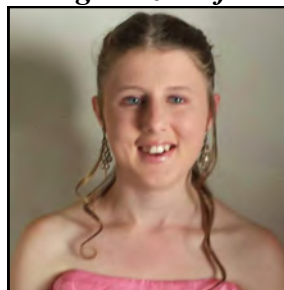
Mario immigrated from Italy in 1952 and since moving to the Port Germein area, he has shown a strong desire to be active and contributing member of the local community.

Mario has been a significant mentor and advisor in the horticulture and market garden field both to local growers and community, assisting with developing the school garden. When the Port Pirie branch of the SA Fruit Growers and Market Gardeners Association wound up, Mario was instrumental in obtaining substantial funds for the Port Germein and Napperby CFS from residual branch funds.

In 2003, Mario was awarded the Port Germein Citizen of the Year.



Young Citizen of the Year - Bethany Rankin



Nominated by the Wilmington Progress Society, Bethany has been described as being mature beyond her 15 years. She is a keen participant in community events and is actively involved with the Wilmington CFS, Wilmington Progress Society, Wilmington Show Society (including judging), fund raising events and working bees.

On an individual basis, Bethany is often found babysitting or doing small jobs for the people around town. She has also won many prizes for her contributions to the Royal Adelaide Show.

Community Event of the Year - Murray Town Annual Auction

The Murray Town Auction has been organised by the Murray Town Progress Society and has been held for 37 years. It has provided fund raising opportunities for the Wongyarra Pistol Club, Murray Town Tennis Club and the Southern Flinders Dressage Club for numerous years.

Over \$33,000 has been donated to the Royal Flying Doctor Service since 1991.

Monies raised have contributed towards:

- Updated toilet and shower facilities at the Murray Town Oval;
- Playground equipment for the Tennis Club at Murray Town;
- New shed at the Murray Town Oval;
- Upkeep and maintenance of the Murray Town Oval, and
- The purchase of a tractor, slasher and mower for the maintenance of the grounds.



Congratulations to Mario, Bethany and the Murray Town Annual Auction.

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.

JANUARY ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY 14 JANUARY 2014

Council Managed Cemeteries

Council will develop a Works Program for the upgrade, ongoing maintenance and care of the Cemeteries. This will ensure that Cemeteries are brought up to and kept at a respectable standard.

Mid-Year Budget Review

Council considered and adopted the mid-year Budget Review as presented in the Council Agenda.

Wilmington Speed Limit Zones

In response to Council's request for changes to the speed zones at the southern entrance of Wilmington, the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) have advised that the speed zones will remain unchanged. Council will write to local Members of Parliament expressing Council's disappointment with the DPTI decision.

Port Germein Goods Shed

Following the receipt of a comprehensive Heritage Specifications and Scope of Works Report, a Development Application lodged with the State Heritage Branch has been approved. Work will commence soon.



Melrose Caravan Park Retaining Wall

Work has commenced in the demolition and replacement of a retaining wall within the Caravan Park. This work is expected to be completed by the end of January.

Booleroo Centre Livestock Project

Sheep and dog models have been ordered and the placement and other conditions are being discussed. This project is being undertaken by the Booleroo Centre Development & Tourism Association with input from Council.

Corellas

A planned cull in late December was postponed due to climatic conditions. The Sporting Shooters Association will be undertaking a cull in the near future, incorporating Wilmington and Melrose.



Two "Action Groups" will also be formed with community members' involvement.

Wilmington Rodeo

Council considered a request from the Wilmington Rodeo Club for reimbursement of fencing costs associated with the replacement of fencing around the Parklands which they lease from Council.



As the labour was provided by the Rodeo Club, it was agreed to reimburse the costs of the material.

Policies and Procedures

Council adopted the following Policies and Procedures:

- WHS Emergency Management Policy
- WHS Emergency Management Procedure
- First Aid Procedure
- Remote or Isolated Work Procedure
- UVR and Inclement Weather Procedure
- Footpath Policy
- Financial Internal Control Policy

Works Updates

- Work on the Port Germein Foreshore upgrade is well underway.
- The Road Construction crew have completed 15 kms of re-sheeting.
- Tenders have been let for:
 - ⇒ sealing of Nott Street, Melrose, and
 - ⇒ sealing of Telowie Road.
- The Tender for the construction and sealing of Booleroo Centre to Pekina Road has been posted on the SA Tenders website.
- The design for works on Cruz Road, Wirrabara has been approved, along with the design for Brewery Street Melrose construction and sealing.



RAINWATER QUALITY & BUSHFIRES

Bushfires generate large amounts of ash and debris which have the potential to contaminate rainwater supplies. Although the presence of ash and debris in rainwater does not represent a health risk, it could affect colour, turbidity and taste.

There are some simple steps that can be taken to ensure that your rainwater supply is suitable for drinking after a bushfire.

Reducing the possibility of contamination:

- Where possible, remove any ash and debris deposited on the roof or gutters.
- Check the roof and gutters for dead animals the remove if present.
- Do not collect the first flush of rainwater after the bushfire. Use a first flush diverter between the roof and the tank to prevent ash and other debris from entering the tank and contaminating the water. First flush diverters are commercially available from most hardware stores and rainwater suppliers.
- In the absence of a first flush diverter, disconnect the inlet from the roof to the tank until ash and debris has been removed.

Detecting contamination:

- If ash and debris has been washed into the tank in sufficient quantities by rain occurring before an opportunity to divert the first flush or roof-hosing as part of a fire plan, the quality of the water may be affected.
- If the rainwater smells, tastes or looks unusual, assume it has been contaminated.

Fire retardants:

Fire retardants and foams may also be deposited on roofs. This material can be washed into tanks when water is hosed onto the roof as part of fire protecting activities, or when it rains after a bushfire.

The recommended concentrations of the commonly used retardants and foams should not present a risk to health, but they may affect the taste of the water if washed into the tank. Fire retardants also contain detergents that may cause the water in the tank to froth.



Removing contamination:

- Drain and clean the tank and allow it to refill with clean rainwater or fill with water provided by water carter.
- Alternatively the water can be used for purposes other than drinking such as garden watering.
- If a dead animal is found, empty and clean the tank. If this process has been delayed, remove the remains and disinfect with chlorine.

Further information:

- SA Health Drought webpage to access a range of rainwater related resources: www.health.sa.gov.au/pehs/topics/drought-package.htm
- Refer to 'Guidance on the use of rainwater tanks' by enHealth Council for more information on first flush diverters, tank cleaning and chlorination at: http://enhealth.nphp.gov.au/council/pubs/pdf/rainwater_tanks.pdf
- Your local Council Environmental Health Officer
- Contact Environmental Health, SA
Telephone: 8226 7100
Email: public.health@health.sa.gov.au
Website: www.health.sa.gov.au/pehs/envirom-health-index.htm



COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANTS MINOR GRANTS PROGRAM

Applications are now open for Council's Community Assistance Grants, Minor Grants Program and all Clubs, Associations and Groups are encouraged to consider applying for funding.

An amount of \$2,000 will be available for each of the following townships:

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| ⇒ Booleroo Centre | ⇒ Port Germein |
| ⇒ Melrose | ⇒ Wilmington |
| ⇒ Weeroona Island | ⇒ Wirrabara |

A further \$3,000 will be available for the remainder of the Council area.

Guidelines and Application Forms are available from the Council Office or Council's website www.mtr.sa.gov.au.

Closing date for applications is Friday 28 February 2014.

LITTLE CORELLA CONTROL ACTION GROUPS - NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

Council is seeking interested people to join Action Groups for Melrose and Wilmington to implement a series of strategies to manage the Little Corella flocks, in particular within the townships.

It is envisaged that the Action Groups will develop a management strategy appropriate to the particular locations and conditions, select suitable control measures and assist in their implementation.



For further information and to express interest please contact:

Muriel Scholz
Manager Community and Economic Development
Phone: 8666 2014
Email: cedo@mtr.sa.gov.au



February Fruit & Veg Month

BEANS are BONZA



Welcome to 2014, we hope it's a fabulous year for you all and thank you for all of your efforts to increase healthy eating and physical activity opportunities for our children in 2013.

February is Fruit and Veg month in South Australia, making it a great time to focus on some great healthy options for increasing your fruit and veg intake.

Over the four weeks of February, OPAL will be partnering with local schools and supermarkets to celebrate Feb Fruit & Veg month with a "BEANS ARE BONZE" newsletter and store promotion campaign.

Focussing on the following yummy veggie options:

- Chickpeas
- Kidney Beans
- Baked Beans, and
- String Beans.



Fact: 95.3% of children 5 - 11 years reported to usually meeting their recommended fruit daily intake of 1 serve of fruit but only 43.5% meet their recommended daily intake of vegetables (2-3 serves).

OPAL 2014 THEME

In 2014 OPAL will be introducing a new theme that aims to encourage children and families to spend their weekends being active in local parks and places. Keep an eye on your local newsletters to find out more and help us in launching this new focus for 2014.

New Outdoor Fitness Circuits

In November 2013, OPAL and the Healthy Communities Initiative funded and installed outdoor fitness circuits at Wilmington, Wirrabara and Port Germein.

For location details, please contact OPAL or Council and make the most of these fantastic free activity options.

Tip: Save money and make taco's healthier by cutting down on the amount of mince you use and add a can of beans.



For any enquiries about the OPAL program please call:

Emma Young

Phone: 0488 090 303 or

Email: emma.young@nacouncil.sa.gov.au





Out Door Gym Equipment

Wirrabara

Free Fitness Instructions

- Want to increase your energy levels, reduce anxiety and depression, improve self-esteem, and help you better manage stress?
- New Year's resolution to lose a few kilo's, become fitter, active or just healthier?
- Want a great way to have fun, make new friends, and spend quality time with family.

The time to start is now - come down to the Wongabirrie Park and try our outdoor fitness classes, facilitated by a qualified trainer from Southern Flinders LIFE.

Wednesday evenings – 7pm start
4 Weekly sessions
Or come along for 1 week (You Choose)

WANT TO GET FIT AND ACTIVE FOR FREE

Work out when it suits you
no opening or closing times

Work out at your own pace

Work out in the fresh air,
great for the body and soul

WANT TO LEARN HOW TO USE FITNESS EQUIPMENT

Southern Flinders LiFE qualified instructor
will be providing **FREE** sessions:

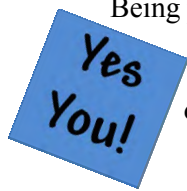
WHERE: Wirrabara Wongabirrie Park
Horrocks Highway, Wirrabara

WHEN: Wednesday's from 7pm -8pm,
commencing Wednesday 5th February.

For more information contact Kate on
Tel: 8666 2014 E: hcipo@mtr.sa.gov.au



COMMITTEE INDUCTION



Being part of a local committee does not have to be a daunting prospect!

Are you worried about attending a meeting for 5 hours when it should be over in 2 hours?

Are you frustrated with committee processes?

Have you been approached to be on a committee or are you new to a committee and unsure what that will involve?

What does a President do?



Expressions of Interest are being sought for Committee Induction training:

When: February 2014
Where: Wilmington
On: Sunday afternoon or mid-week evening
Length: Maximum 2 hours

Workshop will include:

- ★ Committee member roles and responsibilities
- ★ Committee processes
- ★ Effective ways to run a meeting

Registrations accepted at:

starclub@pirie.sa.gov.au

or call 8633 8725

or 0488 101 783



MELROSE SHOW SOCIETY

The Melrose Show Society are looking for people to help on Show Day which is held on the Saturday of the October Long Weekend.

If you have an interest in the following or have some time to spare on Show Day, contact the Secretary, Sue Prosser on 0418 664 216.

- Jumping - horses in action
- Sheep
- Poultry
- Pigeons
- Wool.



Inside workers are also needed and in fact any help either before, during or after the Show Day would be most welcome.

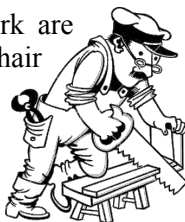
Show Society meetings are held on the first Monday of the month - March to November. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 3 March 2014 at the Complex commencing at 8.00 pm.

Come along, meet new people, enjoy the atmosphere and become a valued volunteer.

MEN'S SHED BUS

The Northern Passenger Transport Network are introducing a weekly door-to-door, wheelchair friendly bus service for men to attend the Booleroo Centre Men's Shed.

This service will commence on Thursday, 6 February 2014 and will service Murray Town, Wirrabara, Appila. The cost of a return trip will be \$5.00.



Morning pick-up at:

Murray Town	9.00 am
Wirrabara	9.10 am
Appila	9.30 am
arriving in Booleroo Centre at 9.50 am.	

Afternoon drop-off:

Leave Booleroo Centre at 12.50 pm	
Murray Town	1.00 pm
Wirrabara	1.10 am
Appila	1.30 am

The bus can also be used for:

Business, medical, call in on family members and friends, visit the Booleroo Centre District Hospital & Mount View Homes.

Bookings:

Contact the Northern Passenger Transport Network Office on 8666 2255.

Spaces are limited so please remember to book.

