COUNCIL SNIPPETS

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ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY 17 JANUARY 2017 COUNCILLORS RESOLVED:

Lease Payments Wirrabara
Community groups and organisations in Wirrabara will have the opportunity to apply for a ‘Community Grant Scheme’. Councillors resolved the annual NBN Co lease payments would be held in a separate account for community projects. Council to develop a set of guidelines for the grant.

Wirrabara Community Tourism and Development Group Inc. (WCTDG)
$1000 will be provided to the WCTDG to assist with a new community event ‘Wirrabara Musicfest’ and Council will waive Bin Hire Fees for the event to be held on 18 February 2017.

Wilmington Community Wastewater management Scheme (CWMS)
The Wilmington Community Wastewater Management Scheme’s (CWMS’s) water reuse section of the plant has recently failed. As such, the quality of the water is currently unsuitable for reuse projects. Wallbridge & Gilbert were engaged to provide a feasibility study to explore options for the Wilmington CWMS and review the high annual maintenance costs. It was resolved to look at a long term repair and authorised the CEO to proceed with the tender process to undertake works for consideration during budget deliberations.

‘Free Camping’ Areas in Council District
Councillors considered a report to designate areas in the District as ‘free camping’. Hancock’s Lookout, Wilmington is Crown Land and not under Council control. Horrocks Pass Monument, Wilmington, Moulton’s Corner, Melrose and a Parking Bay (north of Stone Hut) are designated Parking Bays and under the management of DPTI. Tandowie Reserve Wirrabara, while recognised as picturesque is considered not suitable for camping, but will be considered for future development as a picnic area. Doughboy Reserve, Murray Town will become a designated camping area.

Northern Passenger Transport Network
Councillors considered the financial imposition continuously subsidising the NPTN service was having on Councils funds and authorised the CEO to sign the Community Passenger Transport Service Agreement. Neither the Federal or State Government Ministers has been able to confirm Councils concerns regarding target outputs and inputs.

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Mayor Colin Nottle presented the District Council of Mount Remarkable Citizen of the Year 2017 award to Yvonne and Don Bishop at the Melrose Australia Day celebrations held in Paradise Square Melrose.

Is your organisation a not for profit group? Are you Incorporated? Do you have a small project that will benefit your organisation?

The Community Assistance Grant maybe what you need. Applications are now open for the 2017 District Council Mount Remarkable Community Assistance Grant. Application forms and guidelines are available from the Council Office or download an application form from mtr.sa.gov.au.

Applications close Monday 13 March 2017.

If you wish to discuss your project or need assistance completing the application form please contact Hayley on 8666 2014 or email hayley@mtr.sa.gov.au.
The Agenda for each ordinary meeting of Council provides a “Community Question Time” being a 15 minute segment.

Individuals are permitted a 5-minute period to ask questions of the Mayor, relating to Council business. In the event that the Mayor is unable to answer the question at the time of being asked, they will be taken on notice and a written response provided.

The Mayor may rule that a question not be answered if he considers that the question;
♦ relates to a matter outside the duties, functions and powers of Council;
♦ include content which, if it were included in a Council report, would be likely to be considered in Closed Council;
♦ contain potentially defamatory material;
♦ relate to trivial matters or make unsubstantiated allegations;
♦ include content which a reasonable person may find to be indecent, abusive, offensive, irrelevant or objectionable;
♦ deal with a subject matter already answered at a previous Community Question Time;
♦ appear to be aimed at embarrassing a Councillor or a Council Officer, and/ or
♦ comprise in a large part a statement or quote.

The Mayor may require that the question be provided in writing at the meeting to ensure an accurate interpretation is made.

Questions from the Gallery and any answer given will not be recorded in the minutes of the relevant meeting unless the members present at the meeting resolve that an entry should be made.

The “Community Question Time” Policy is available for inspection at the Council office and any person may obtain a copy of this Policy upon payment of the fee fixed by Council in accordance with Council’s Fees and Charges adopted each financial year. It is also available for perusal on Council’s website, mtr.sa.gov.au.

Any grievance in relation to this policy or its application should be forwarded in writing to the Chief Executive Officer.

Pictured above are Jake Scutcheon (left) and Ricky Dale (right) Councils new Civil Construction Trainees. In October 2016 Minister Geoff Brock announced a further $2 million would be provided for Round 2 of the Local Government Regional Youth Traineeship. As a major employer in the district, Council applied for two Civil Construction Trainees to be employed full time for a period of a two year traineeship. Jake and Ricky have been employed under this scheme. This program provides young people in our region the opportunity to enter the workforce, work in their areas of interest and come out job-ready with a whole new range of skills. Council is pleased to have been able to offer this opportunity two of our young local members and looks forward to their contribution to Council.

**CAPITAL WORKS**

Resheeting of Collins Road from Girdham to Whim Road was completed in January and works has commenced on Coonatto Road, Melrose.

**OPERATIONS, REPAIRS & GRADING**

Several roads have been repaired and graded during January including:
- Perroomba Road Booleroo
- Morchard Road from bitumen to Bridgewater Corner
- Catninga Road Wilmington
- Middle Track Telowie
- Nectar Brook Wilmington
- Block 9 Road Wirrabara
- Hollitts Road Wirrabara

**FLOOD DAMAGE**

Council carried out flood damage repairs from the December and January rain events:
- Drainage works to Marner property Wattle Street Wirrabara completed.
- Drainage and clean up works to Johnson property North Terrace Wirrabara
- Repairs to drain at Scotts Road Wilmington
- Repairs to creek crossing at Bastian Road Booleroo.
**Port Germein Jetty**
The repairs to the jetty have commenced and it is anticipated to be completed and opened by 30 May 2017.

**2016 Flood Damage Claim**
Council has been approved to continue with the claim and is required to now complete a Cost Benefit Analysis, if then approved, go to tender for the repairs.

**Casuarina Drive Weeroona Island**
Mini Pave have been awarded the contract to construct and seal.

**Grant Funding**
Council has submitted applications through the Open Spaces and Places for People grants to match budget funds for the Booleroo Main Street Development and the Wirrabara Nature Park.

Council has commenced installing *Urban Property Numbers* as part of its 2016-2017 Annual Business Plan and Budget and anticipates to have the project completed in March 2017.

In accordance with the *Urban Street Numbering Policy* the numbering system will be consistent in all towns assisting motorists, emergency services, mail providers and visitors to locate properties easily within the District Council of Mount Remarkable.

Numbers will be supplied and installed on each property boundary, which is predominantly a residence, within an urban zone, positioned practically on the left hand side front of the property, by Council at no expense to the property owner.

Council will be responsible for the replacement of the signs if damaged or removed, but reserves the right to charge the property owner, or offender, if signage is deliberately tampered with.

Please contact Council on 8666 2014 if you have any concerns with your house number.

Have your say in the Annual Business Plan consultation process.
Cr Jan Woolford presented the President of the Wilmington Rodeo Club with the District Council of Mount Remarkable 2017 Community Event of the Year, pictured below with the President of the Wilmington Progress Society Mr Roger Fuller.

Employment Opportunities

2 x Multi-skilled Municipal Employee (Primarily Grader Operations)

This position will include a wide range of tasks including plant and equipment operation, patrol grading, road construction and maintenance and other mixed functions. This is a full time position with an immediate start, will be classified under Council’s AWU EBA- $59k per annum. Holding a Heavy Combination class driver’s license and grader operator accreditation are considered essential for this position.

Multi-skilled Municipal Employee

This position will include a wide range of tasks including small and large plant and equipment operations, carting, slashing and mowing, footpath and kerbing, basic horticultural works, manual handling and other mixed functions. A Heavy Combination class driver’s license is preferable for this position.

This is a full time position with an immediate start and will be classified under Council’s AWU EBA subject to qualifications, skills, experience and performance. This will provide for a base wage in the range of $55k pa incremental.

A copy of the position descriptions is available on Council’s website: www.mtr.sa.gov.au.

Applications including contact details for two current referees should be forwarded to: Deputy Chief Executive Officer, District Council of Mount Remarkable, PO Box 94 Melrose SA 5483 or email to postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au.

Applications close 5.00 pm Monday 13 March 2017.

Wirrabara Community Wastewater Management Scheme (CWMS)

Council received significant funding through the Local Government Community Wastewater Management Scheme to implement the Wirrabara CWMS at a total cost of $4.6 million. The Wirrabara CWMS has been completed and is now operational.

Ratepayers in Wirrabara are reminded connection to the Community Wastewater Management Scheme (CWMS) is compulsory. An application fee of $102 applies (set under the South Australian Public Health Act 2011 (Wastewater) and (Wastewater) (Fees) Variation Regulations 2013), but there is no other up-front connection fee for any existing occupied property, when application is made within the grace period. The inspection fee of $112 will be waived in the grace period on existing occupied properties.

The ‘Onsite Wastewater Application’ is available from the Wirrabara IGA, the Council office or at mtr.sa.gov.au. Please note an Onsite Wastewater Application must be completed before any works can commence.

Recycled water from the CWMS will be utilised to water the oval at the Wirrabara Sporting Reserve.

Council have expressed an interest if further funding becomes available for Port Germein and Weeroona Island schemes.

Preliminary Notice - DrumMuster Collection

Drum Muster Collection at the Willowie Landfill has been scheduled for the week commencing 3 - 6 April 2017. Further notification will be given closer to the date.

Sunday 6 March 2017

Clean Up Day

Council is willing to provide bins, promotion, safety vests to borrow (if required) and arrange for pickup of bins and hard waste, if you are willing to organise an event in your town.

If you are interested please contact Hayley before Monday 20 February 2017 on 866 2014.

For further information about clean up Australia day follow this link, http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/.

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