



District Council of Mount Remarkable



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

I start my column this month with paying my deepest regards and thanks to former Councillor Barry Richards. Barry has resigned from Council, and Barry's contributions I feel must and need to be acknowledged. Barry served as the Deputy Mayor, was a member of the Audit & Risk Committee, the CEO Performance Review Committee and was Council's representative to the Flinders Mobile Library Committee.

Barry will stay within the community continuing his other volunteer based roles, and I thank Barry for the support to both Council and the community during the past few years.

I take this opportunity to commend the many community groups who recently made submissions to Council's annual community assistance grants. It is always pleasing to be overwhelmed with choices, and demonstrates just how active our community is. Whilst Council has made a decision on this year's funding allocation, we are also going to be proposing an improved process and guidelines for the 2022/2023 financial year. Thank you to all who made a submission, and thank you to our many community groups and volunteers who put in the time to make these projects happen.

Council is now well underway in developing the 2022/2023 annual budget. We thank those who have made submissions for consideration as part of the additional community consultation process as we begin the development phase of the budget. Council is hoping to progress and refine the budget whilst ensuring what is drafted is an accurate reflection of Council's 2021-2031 Community Plan, and other key strategic plans such as the asset management plans.

Mayor Phillip Heaslip



COUNCIL NEWS

In addition to the Ordinary Meeting held on 15 March, Council convened an Elected Member briefing and a Special Meeting of Council on Thursday 24 March.

The briefing was held to discuss the submissions received for the Community Assistance Grants Program and the 2022/23 Budget submissions.

The next Ordinary meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday 19 April 2022 at 4.30pm in the Council Chambers, Melrose. Community Question time will be held immediately prior at 4.00pm – 4.30pm.

Any changes to these arrangements will be advertised via [Facebook](#) and Council's [website](#).

Council and Committee meeting agenda and minutes are available at: <https://www.mtr.sa.gov.au/documents/agenda-and-minutes/council-agenda-and-minutes>

BOOLEROO CENTRE TO STONE HUT RAIL TRAIL UPDATE

Works are continuing on the Booleroo Centre to Stone Hut Rail Trail. The trail has been cleared for the entire distance and we are soon to move into the construction phase which will involve the compaction of the existing sub-grade material, application of quarry rubble to form a compacted base and the application of a thin covering of crusher dust.

Investigations into design for four bridges has started with construction to start in May and placement in June of 2022. Surveys of the bridges over the Rocky River will be occurring soon.

We are in discussion with the progress groups in Wirrabara about how the trail will integrate into Wongabirrie Park and incorporate the natural river environments, sculptures and tree plantings within the park.



Rocky River Bridge Rail Trail



PORT GERMEIN PLAYGROUND CONCEPT PLAN AND CONSULTATION

Elements that were most liked within the concept were:

- the jetty boardwalk idea
- big crab
- crows nest and slide
- keeping the existing trees

The adjacent diagram capture key changes based on discussions with the community.

Incorporate screen planting along property boundary to reduce potential noise issues and increase privacy for adjacent residents

extend junior play zone and incorporate basket swing - great for all-abilities as well as inclusive/social play

retain existing planting beds along Esplanade frontage



incorporate additional elements such as:

- bbg
- seats with backrest
- sensory walls
- rope climb to existing trees
- shade is a must and could be located adjacent toilet block
- consider play for all access and abilities
- drink fountain

opportunity to draw on local artists and makers to develop multiple works within the concept, such as:

- mural to CFS shed
- update mural to toilet block
- crab elements
- sculpture throughout the playspace

Concept plan for Port Germein playground

Clover Green Space recently convened a consultation session for the Port Germein Playground and from this session a concept plan has been developed. Common themes which emerged from the onsite consultation were as follows:

- » 1. All-abilities play
- » 2. Recognition of the Nukunu
- » 3. Diverse play equipment

Clover Green Space will be running a second workshop on Thursday 31 March with local stakeholders to go through final plans and will discuss:

- » 1. Use of Recycled Jetty timbers
- » 2. Detailed staging
- » 3. Supply of rocks and materials
- » 4. Art projects such as mosaics, murals and sculptures

Many other comments and ideas have been taken from the onsite discussions with the Port Germein community. Whilst Council will not have the ability to construct all within its 2021/22 budget, the concept plan will incorporate for future growth of the area.



Booloroo Road

BOOLOROO ROAD FUNDING APPLICATION

Council has applied for funding through the Remote Roads Program for the construction and sealing of Booloroo Road between Booloroo Centre and Willowie.

Council has consulted with the community on road enhancements and as part of its 2022/23 annual business planning and budgetary processes. Residents are fully supportive of productivity and safety enhancements for freight routes in the district as they will be able to access goods and services more quickly and efficiently - particularly access to health services and hospitals in Booloroo Centre, Wilmington and Orreroo. This sentiment was also supported by the local ambulance services. Along with SES workers, ambulance staff support this project as it will increase access to properties along Booloroo Road and reduce time to emergency events. Families along Booloroo Road were also supportive as the upgrades will enable quicker and safety passage of their children via the school bus to the local school.

The project links to Council's *Strategic Management/Community Plan* through the following key strategies:

- » 1. foster a sense of pride, community participation and civic contribution
- » 2. advocate for essential services
- » 3. foster economic development
- » 4. support local business and industry
- » 5. develop tourism infrastructure
- » 6. maintain and enhance roads
- » 7. conduct sound asset management
- » 8. seek community feedback
- » 9. provide financial sustainability.

If the funding application is successful, the project would be staged over several years.



Cr Colin Nottle with signage in Booleroo Centre

TOURISM SIGNS FOR BOOLEROO CENTRE

After years of Council lobbying the Department of Infrastructure (DIT), the installation of new tourism attraction signs leading at the arrival of Booleroo Centre have been finally installed.

Cr Nottle (pictured) who has long been an advocate for these signs, and was more than impressed to at long last see them installed.

Tourism is a key strategic objective of Council and one which Council has been investing in for a number of years. In achieving such strategic objectives, Council is mindful that all tourism development and investment needs to support the district as a whole.

Council thanks DIT for their support and investment, and for partnering in a positive working relationship with Council which enables projects like new and additional signage to be installed throughout the Council area.

BUSHFIRE SEASON 1 NOVEMBER-15 APRIL - CAMPING

With the school holidays and Easter approaching, it is a great opportunity to go camping.

Bushfire season closes midnight Friday 15 April 2022 and if you are thinking about camping for the Easter weekend in our Council area you will require a permit for burning.

Council Fire Prevention Officers will allow permits for Thursday 14 April and Friday 15 April only. You can obtain a permit by contacting the District Council of Mount Remarkable on 8666 2014 or email postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au



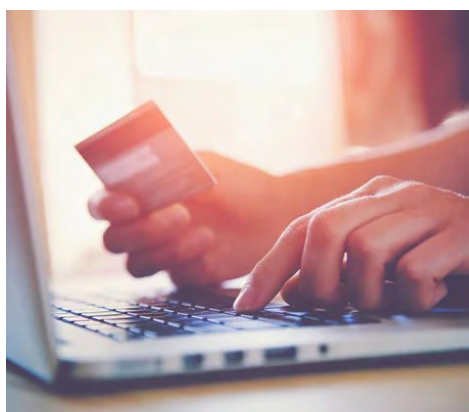
HAVE YOU RECENTLY MADE AN ELECTRONIC PAYMENT TO COUNCIL?

A number of electronic payments have been received recently, with either limited or no details supplied to identify what the payment is in relation to.

Unfortunately without the correct information being provided at the time of payment, it is not possible to correlate such payment on assumption to an invoice or rates assessment. Direct debit payments must include certain information so if you have made an electronic payment please check that you provided the following information:

- » Rates Assessment Number
- » Owner Code
- » Invoice Number

If you discover that you did not provide the correct information at the time of making an electronic payment, **please contact us as soon as possible so that we can rectify the situation** and avoid unnecessary



administrative processes in relation to late payment fines etc.

BPay requires the unique reference number displayed on the rates notice/invoice.

Contact us on 8862014 and provide the details of your payment (date, amount, receipt number and any other details) to verify your payment with Council's receipts.

MANDATORY & DISCRETIONARY RATE REBATES – APPLICATIONS ARE DUE 30 APRIL 2022

Pursuant to Division 5 of the Local Government Act 1999 ("the Act") a person or body may apply to Council to receive a rebate of the rates imposed in a manner } and form determined by Council, and by supplying such information the Council may reasonably require. There is specific criteria within the Act as to the types of rebates which are applicable.

Click on the following links for further information:

[Rate Rebate Policy](#) and [rate rebate application form](#).

Alternatively, if you wish to make enquiries, please contact Council's Rates Officer on 86662014.



JOIN OUR TEAM

REMARKABLE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICER

- » Permanent full time position (general officer level 2)
- » High performing and supportive values based team culture
- » Front counter, telephone and administrative/project tasks

We have a great opportunity for a self-motivated, reliable and enthusiastic team player to join the high performing and supportive Remarkable team. Duties are varied and require sound experience in all aspects of working in an administrative environment.

Applications will be accepted from suitably qualified applicants which address the criteria outlined in the job description.

Applicants must provide evidence of current (or be willing to undergo) national police and working with children checks. To find out more about the role and to obtain a copy of the job description in order to apply contact Jacqui Kelleher, Director Community & Corporate (08) 8666 2014.

CASUAL CLEANERS

Council is seeking reliable, motivated and versatile amenities cleaners for casual roles in various locations across the District.

We are seeking applications from candidates with a strong eye for detail who are able to clean to a high standard, keep storage areas stocked and organised, have excellent customer service skills and at times work with minimal supervision. Previous cleaning experience is an advantage.

Successful applicants must undergo a pre-employment medical and provide evidence of a current National Police Check [Screening Unit - National police checks](#) and Working with Children Check [Screening Unit - Working with children check](#)

Written applications of no more than one page plus your CV can be forwarded to postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au. For further information or to discuss your interest please contact Jacqui Kelleher, Director Community & Corporate on 8666 2014.

MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a confident and energetic Manager Corporate Services to join Council. Reporting to the Director Community & Corporate, the successful candidate will be responsible for ensuring the efficient and effective delivery of Council's finance and corporate services. Key responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- » Provide leadership and a positive team environment that fosters, develops and promotes engagement and a culture of high performance
- » Plan, develop and monitor financial management and accounting systems including payroll, creditors, debtors and rates
- » Prepare the Council's Annual Business Plan, Long-Term Financial Plan (including Forward Capital Works Plan), Annual Budgets and Financial Reports (in consultation with CEO and Leadership Team)
- » Prepare reports on the Council's financial performance
- » Implements and reinforces long term financial management strategies for the Council
- » Ensures Council's statutory and financial plans and statements are complete and in place
- » Effectively manage Council's procurement, insurance, contracts, lease and licences
- » Successfully manage Council's ICT strategy, systems, networks, and infrastructure
- » Facilitate and develop integrated business systems that will support effective operations and service provision across Council

We are seeking candidates with strong communication skills, commitment to quality service delivery, formal qualifications in financial management, accounting or similar discipline with proven experience within Local Government or a relevant industry sector.

To obtain a copy of the job description and to make confidential enquiries please contact McArthur Management Services (Rebecca Hunt) on 08 8100 7000 and quote job number 144614.



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Wilmington Progress Society

Wilmington Progress' 21st Clean Up Australia Day event was a great success, very well attended this year and the weather was favourable. 13 adults and 8 children participated. A total of 56 voluntary hours went into our clean-up effort. Areas cleaned up included Centenary Park, town streets, oval and playground, Hancocks Lookout Road, Alligator Gorge Road and cemetery, Amyton and Stony Creek Roads and the parking bays through Horrocks Pass.

Rubbish collected filled three wheelie bins and 2 bags of cans and bottles collected/ recycled. Weeding was also undertaken including Caltrop around the Oval and paddy melons from Horrocks Pass. The Progress reported that there was very little 'hard waste' this year and overall tidiness of the town continues to improve.

Volunteers enjoyed a bbq lunch at the Beautiful Valley Park.

Port Germein Progress Association Inc

Another great effort by the Port Germein volunteers who assisted with the clean-up of the levee bank, High Street and foreshore. The group collected eight bags of rubbish, mostly single use wrapping and fast food containers, and noted that disappointingly, cigarette butts are still a very big issue. In discussing solutions to the scourge of butts, Progress will trial small containers with sand and signage in strategic spots around the town.

Council thanks the Progress groups and the volunteers who assisted in their communities to make a positive contribution.



Volunteers enjoy a bbq lunch following the Wilmington effort



Port Germein volunteers



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ANZAC DAY 2022

Anzac Day is a time to reflect and honour those who have served our Country.

Council supports local communities with ceremonies, details of which are as follows:

WIRRABARA

9.30am at the monument in front of the Institute

WILMINGTON

6.30am at the Wilmington Soldiers' Memorial Hall

APPILA

6.15am at the Appila Memorial Hall

A cooked breakfast will be provided after the service at a small cost

PORT GERMEIN

6.30am at the Memorial Park High Street, Port Germein

BOULEROO CENTRE

TBC

Lest we forget

FREE DUMP DAY SUCCESS

Free Dump Day was held on Sunday 6 March 2022 coinciding with the Clean-up Australia day events.

The day was a great success with 87 residents and 2 community groups availing the opportunity to remove hard waste from properties and township areas. This equated to approximately 20 tonnes of waste. The free dump day was open to all property owners within the District and replaced the previous township-only hard waste collection.

Feedback received from residents and community groups was positive and included a suggestion that future free dump days be held on another date so as to not coincide with Clean-up Australia Day which is traditionally held on the first Sunday in March each year.



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