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Regional & Community Infrastructure Fund

Stimulus Package Highlights
Council endorsed various projects identified for funding from Council’s allocation of $100,000 under the Regional and Community Infrastructure Fund.

This injection of funds has allowed the communities to realise some long held wishes.

Wirrabara Institute Kitchen
Of particular note are projects such as the extension of the Wirrabara Institute kitchen. Made possible through the combination of Council and community funds, grants and the stimulus package, this project will give Wirrabara a fully functional community kitchen.

Willowie Niche Wall
Another interesting and highly original project is the niche wall at Willowie Cemetery. It has long been the wish of the community to have a permanent resting place for ashes and the design of the niche wall reflects the history and culture of the community.

Hammond Hall
The addition of a verandah at the front of the Hammond Hall has made a great difference to the look of the Hall as well as allowing protection from the weather.

Wilmington Playground
The Wilmington Playground will soon get a new look and will be much safer, more comfortable and fun thanks to the addition of shade sails to cover the whole of the playground and some new play equipment.

This was funded by a combination of community fundraising and grants obtained by the Wilmington Progress Society and Council’s allocation from the stimulus package and will be a welcome addition to a popular spot.

Murray Town Toilets
A working bee to renovate the Murray Town toilets is underway and monies from the stimulus package have allowed the Progress Association to purchase materials to give a new lease of life to these facilities.

Community Information Forums
Port Germein Hall
7.30 pm - Monday 20th July
Wilmington Institute
4.00 pm and 7.30 pm - Tuesday 21st July
Booleroo Centre Civic Centre
7.30 pm - Wednesday 22nd July
For more information, refer to page 3
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**ON-LINE TRANSACTION SERVICES**

Businesses and residents can access the following transactions via the Council website:
- General account payment including rates,
- Dog registration renewals,
- Wood collection permits,
- Home activity,
- Movable sign,
- Trading table,
- Low voltage and water pipes applications.

District Council of Mount Remarkable worked with the Local Government Association of SA in conjunction with software providers, LGS and Chimo to develop and implement the LG Business Assist project.

The development of the software provides another level of service to rural and regional communities and is part of the on-going commitment from Local Government to ensure the optimum level of service is achieved for all South Australians, no matter whether they live in metropolitan, rural or regional communities.

Development and implementation of the on-line transaction service was funded by the Australian Government's Regulation Reduction Incentive Fund (RRIF) which aims to reduce the red tape burden placed on small business.

With these on-line transactions, businesses and residents in the area can now transact with Council anytime of the day or night.

On-line transactions can be accessed at:
MAYOR TREVOR ROOCKE
(PLAINS WARD)

The future of our Council and the various communities that we service is full of exciting opportunities. As a Council right now we need to work cooperatively with all of our communities and provide the right environment to attract much needed development for our Council area. Each of our communities is somewhat different and the expectations of each community also varies considerably. Individually it is difficult to make a difference but together we can achieve much. I recently came across a quote that to me is worth repeating.

“Vision without Action is merely a dream-
Action without Vision is merely passing the time of day-
Vision with Action and you can change the world”

The Council’s 2020 Vision is the frame work for planning what action Council can undertake to make all our Communities more vibrant and economically sustainable. If we all sit back and wait for it to happen we can be assured of one thing – it will not happen. But if we act collectively then we can be assured that our goals will be achieved.

During the month of July Council will be holding a series of Community Forums across the District Council seeking your input into our Budget deliberations and other issues. This is your chance to have your views put before Council. It is your chance to make a difference.

Since entering Local Government in 1983 I have seen many changes to the structure of Council and have seen a vast change in the types of services provided by Council. Of recent times, the Federal Government has demonstrated an increasing desire to interact directly with Local Government and provide resources direct to Councils. This augurs well for our future and opens up exciting opportunities to improve and update our infrastructure throughout the whole Council area. Council has embarked on an ambitious program to complete the sealing and kerbing of all township streets throughout the Council area, hopefully, over the next three years. Negotiations are underway with our neighbouring Councils to provide a recycling pick up on a regular basis across all townships.

The need for the whole Council area to have a good season is only stating the obvious, but let us hope and pray that the favourable rains over the past month continue throughout this year with further good falls during the spring period.

Just as our season is full of promise, so too do I believe that the future of our Council is full of exciting possibilities and it is up to each of us collectively to harness that potential and gather in the harvest and ensure a vibrant and sustainable future.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION FORUMS

Port Germein Hall
7.30 pm, Monday 20th July 2009

Wilmington Institute
4.00 pm and again at 7.30 pm, Tuesday 21st July 2009

Booleroo Centre Civic Centre
7.30 pm, Wednesday 22nd July 2009

The forums will provide the Community with an opportunity to:-

- Consider and provide comment on Council’s Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget for the 2009 / 2010 financial year.
- Hear about valuation changes that have occurred in the past 12 months.
- Raise any other general issues for consideration by Council.

For further information regarding the Community Information Forums, please contact the District Council of Mount Remarkable Office on 8666 2014 or 1300 726 252 during business hours.
The Following is an extract from Council’s Strategic Management Plan which covers Built and Natural Environment.

Attaining Sustainability
There is strong evidence, now accepted by the broader community, that mankind’s population growth, industrial expansion and resources use is contributing to climate change and will ultimately make the planet an unfriendly environment for us. We have a duty as custodians for future generations to ensure our environments are healthy and our ways of life are sustainable. We must alter our activities to stop further damage to the environment, and adjust our behaviours and lifestyles accordingly.

STRATEGIES
5.1 Address environmentally responsible waste management opportunities
5.1.1 Provide a waste disposal facility and service for the convenience of all residents
5.1.2 Ensure that operation of the facility is in accordance with licensing requirements
5.1.3 Investigate, develop and implement a full kerbside recycling service
5.1.4 Develop policies and procedures which will progressively reduce non recyclable waste
5.1.5 Adopt a philosophy within Council that is consistent with the Zero Waste SA Waste Management Hierarchy
5.1.6 Undertake a Community Education Program on environmental factors to help in waste reduction and avoidance
5.1.7 Investigate and undertake initiatives which can be undertaken by Council for the purpose of waste reduction and avoidance
5.1.8 Actively participate in and promote the DrumMuster chemical container recycling program
5.1.9 Actively participate in the development and implementation of the Regional Waste Management Strategy
5.1.10 Develop Willowie as a regional landfill site and materials recovery facility
5.1.11 Continue to promote and operate waste oil collection and transfer facilities
5.1.12 Continue the transition of Port Germein and Wirrabara sites from landfill to waste transfer stations
5.1.13 Complete the formal closure of previous landfill sites
5.1.14 Lobby for the continuance of the Chem-Collect hazardous household waste collection program

5.2 Be regional leaders in addressing climate change and environmental sustainability issues
5.2.1 Maintain ongoing liaison and a close working relationship with the Northern and Yorke Natural Resource Management Board to ensure our communities’ views and concerns are taken into account/addressed
5.2.2 Take an active advocacy role within the Central Region Local Government Association in promoting and addressing climate change and environmental sustainability issues
5.2.3 Place climate change and environmental sustainability as key issues in all relevant Council planning and operations
5.2.4 Advocate for climate change and environmental sustainability to be key issues in relevant regional plans
5.2.5 Actively promote and communicate climate change and environmental sustainability issues to community members
5.2.6 Undertake activities in a manner consistent with the directions of the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives – Local Governments for Sustainability
5.2.7 Maximise the purchase and use of “green power”, rather than power generated from fossil fuels
5.2.8 Identify and implement actions required for Council to become a “carbon neutral” organisation

5.3 Support revegetation and town beautification initiatives
5.3.1 Review, update and implement the Roadside Vegetation Management Plan for the District
5.3.2 Develop and implement a revegetation program for all township main entrances
5.3.3 Increase the tree and shrub amenity of our main towns
5.3.4 Develop and promote native vegetation reserves through revegetation programs and noxious weed control
5.3.5 Provide an information service on recommended street trees and shrub plantings
5.3.6 Encourage the maintenance by residents of the footpaths in front of their properties
5.3.7 Work with energy distributors to minimise the visual impact of the three yearly tree trimming program
5.3.8 Carry out horticultural practices which encourage trees and shrubs of good health and natural shape
5.3.9 Provide appropriate training to employees in the trimming and maintenance of trees
5.3.10 Monitor properties and, as necessary, take action under relevant legislation, to maintain health and appearance levels to a reasonable community standard
5.3.11 Investigate options to place power cables underground work for an agreed period of time
Council Meeting Updates

Meeting updates are written following each Council meeting and may not reflect follow-up decisions etc.

May Council Meeting
Held Tuesday 12th May

Bangor Road Boundary Certainty

After a considerable period of time, a long-standing boundary confusion issue with Bangor Road in the Hundred of Wongyarra is poised for resolution.

Following consultation with the various affected landowners, Council has formally determined that it will contribute financially towards the cost of surveying the correct boundaries of the Bangor Road reserve and adjoining property boundaries.

Council’s financial contribution towards the survey has been capped at $1,870 and is conditional upon a significant financial contribution from the adjoining private landowners towards the survey costs. In making its financial commitment, Council also stipulated that it would make no commitment to upgrading or improving the road now or in the future.

Survey Road Dust Concerns

Correspondence highlighting concerns regarding the impact of dust coming off Survey Road and the effect it has purported to be having on a nearby resident was tabled and formally considered by Council.

The matter of dust coming from unsealed roads, particularly towards the end of our long dry summers, has been raised by several residents and ratepayers in recent years.

Whilst Council acknowledges that there will always be dust emanating from unsealed roads, Council has indicated that it will, as part of its Budget processes for the 2009 / 2010 financial year, consider establishing a budget allocation to utilise a variety of dust suppressant methods in an endeavour to minimise the impact that dust may have on the most severe situations.

Community Group Support

A concept for providing additional support and assistance to the various Community Progress and Development Groups throughout the Council area will be considered during consultations on the upcoming draft Business Plans and Budget for the 2009 / 2010 financial year.

The concept, whilst only in its infancy, would see additional resources employed or contracted, to provide dedicated and specific support to assist Community Development and Progress Groups in their endeavours to improve their local communities.

Feedback on this concept will be sought from the wider community during the consultation processes in July.

Council Supports Appila Community with its Stacey Park Improvements

Council has endorsed a further donation of approximately $600 to the Appila Improvement Committee towards its improvements and upgrades at Stacey Park in Appila.

The contribution covered costs associated with raising, loading and carting of 126 m3 of rubble material for placement on the access road in the Park. The works were undertaken by Council contractors in conjunction with road works in the town to minimise cost.

This small contribution from Council complements the extensive upgrades and other works being undertaken by the Appila community and reinforces Council’s long standing policy of assisting, where it can, those Communities that are prepared to help themselves.

Transfer of Booleroo Centre Airstrip to Council

Council has formally considered a request from the Booleroo Centre and District Ambulance Service proposing to transfer the legal ownership of the Booleroo Centre Airstrip to Council on behalf of the Community.

The Ambulance Board have stipulated a wide range of conditions that would accompany the transfer, primarily to ensure that the asset remains in the local community and that its ongoing use as an airstrip is maintained.

Council has historically been actively involved with the Community facility and considered the proposed transfer and the conditions attached to be reasonable and formally indicated its preparedness to receive the gifting of the asset.

It is anticipated that the formal transfer of ownership will take place on 1st July 2009.

Melrose Memorial Park Upgrade Concepts

Council considered a set of concepts prepared by the Melrose Community Development Association for the development and upgrade of the Memorial Park and playground area in Melrose, adjacent to the RSL building and Bowling Club.

Council has endorsed the concepts and has commended the local group for its initiative and work in preparing the concepts.

Whilst funding of the proposed works will be somewhat dependent on grant funding applications, the group together with assistance from Council has some funds available that will see aspects of the works commenced in the near future.
Council Meeting Updates

MAY COUNCIL MEETING (CONT.)

Regional Development Australia Proposal

Over recent months, Council has been actively involved with the Southern Finders Regional Development Board and the Central Local Government Region in considering the State and Commonwealth Governments proposal to establish the new Regional Development Australia framework in South Australia.

The framework would see the State’s numerous Regional Development Boards consolidated into new Regional Development Australia Boards with boundaries proposed to be aligned to the State Government’s strategic planning boundaries. For this area, it would mean a Development Board area approximately consistent with the area of the Northern and Yorke NRM Board.

Council has been active for a variety of reasons, primarily to ensure that under any new structure, that local service delivery levels will be maintained or improved and enhanced and that the governance structure must ensure that an autonomous local board is in place that has the authority to direct the organisation to achieve tangible outcomes for the region in which it operates. Council sees these matters as being absolutely necessary under any new structure and will continue to be actively involved in the process to ensure the outcomes are achieved.

NRM Levy Proposals for 2009 / 2010

Council received and considered advice from the Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation regarding the proposed Council contributions towards the Northern and Yorke NRM Board for the 2009 / 2010 financial year.

Under the proposal, Council will be required to contribute an amount of $73,423 to the Board out of a total Local Government contribution of $2,495,000.

For comparative purposes, Council’s contribution in recent years has been $72,482 of a total $2,567,000 in 2008 / 2009 and $71,496 of a total $2,532,000 in 2007 / 2008. These amounts are raised by Councils on behalf of the State Government through the NRM Levy that appears on the Council rates notices.

JUNE COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 9TH JUNE 2009

Port Pirie Regional Council Set To Rejoin Authority

Council was pleased with the advice received from its Committee, the Southern Finders Regional Tourism Authority, that the Port Pirie Regional Council wished to rejoin as a member of the Tourism Authority from 1st July 2009.

Council has formally endorsed or accepted the re-inclusion of the Port Pirie Regional Council and looks forward to its positive contribution into the future.

Council Concerned Over Proposed Service Reduction

Council’s Northern Passenger Transport Network Management Committee has highlighted concerns regarding a proposed reduction in bus services during School Holiday periods.

The Committee had received advice from the Passenger Transport Department that due to Budget restraints, it was proposed to significantly reduce the current bus service during school holidays. The Committee was concerned due to the patronage the service receives, particularly during these periods, and called for each of the Network’s member Councils to actively lobby for the reduction to be reversed.

Council shared the concerns raised by the Committee and will forward correspondence to the Minister highlighting the concerns and requesting that the services be maintained at their existing levels.

ICLEI Water Campaign Milestone 2 Achieved

Council has established a range of water conservation and quality improvement goals as part of reaching Milestone 2 of the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) Water Campaign.

From a Council operational perspective, Council has endorsed the following goals:-

- 30 per cent reduction in average water consumption per account based on 2002 / 2003 levels by 2020
- Implement 50 points worth of actions from the Water Campaign by 2020

From a Community perspective, Council has endorsed the following goals:-

- 25 per cent reduction in water consumption per capita based on 2002 / 2003 levels by 2020
- Implement 50 points worth of actions from the Water Campaign by 2020

Council joins one of only a handful of Councils in South Australia to have achieved Milestone 2 and will eagerly embark on achieving Milestone 3 over the coming year.

Council’s involvement in the Water Campaign and other environmental initiatives is consistent with and feature strongly within Council’s Strategic Management Plan, Our 2020 Vision for the future of the District.

Development Activity Up Significantly

Council noted statistics reported as part of the Development Report relating to Development Approvals for the 2008 / 2009 financial year to the end of May.

The figures indicate that approvals have been given to just under $6m worth of development in the current financial year, up some 60 per cent on the 2007 / 2008 financial year.

Whilst full year data will not be available until early July, it is anticipated that approvals for the year will top the $6m mark which compares favourably to the $4m in 2007 / 2008 and $3.5m in 2006 / 2007.

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COUNCIL MEETING UPDATES

JUNE COUNCIL MEETING (CONT.)

Review of Elector Representation

Council considered the outcomes of the recent public consultation process on the Options Paper prepared as part of Council’s Periodic Review of Elector Representation.

In total, 10 submissions were received during the process and each of these was considered by Council in its deliberations on the matter.

As part of its deliberations, Council was required to consider a variety of matters to determine a preferred position or outcome. These included:

- The rationale for current structure and current/future relevance
- All representation options (ie. Single, multi member wards or a combination, no wards, and ward / at large combinations)
- The capacity for current Council Members to represent the community effectively
- The appropriate number of Council Members for the Council area to represent the community compared with other Councils of a similar size
- Whether the number of members should be reduced or increased
- What structures will promote community cohesion
- Whether the presiding member should be elected at large or from within.

Council has determined a preferred option entailing:-

- A presiding member elected from within
- Retention of the current number of Elected Members
- Maintenance of a four Ward structure with changes to Ward Boundaries to equalise representation and communities of interest

This position will be outlined in a Representation Review Report which will shortly be produced for further public consultation and formal consideration by Council.

Draft Coastal Assessment Report Undergoing Consultation


The Assessment Report was prepared to meet two of the objectives within the strategy, namely improving coastal access signage and implementing beach speed limits.

Council has endorsed the draft documents for release for public consultation and residents and ratepayers are encouraged to have input into the process. Documentation is available from Council’s website or by contacting the Council Office.

Submissions will be received up until 31st July 2009 following which they will be considered by Council.

Food Premises Re-inspection Charges To Apply

Council considered a report from the shared Environmental Health and Compliance Officer regarding the provision under the Food Act 2001 that allows Councils to charge an inspection fee for food premises.

In considering the matter, Council noted its general service obligation to businesses and determined that the $80 fee will only apply to food businesses that have to be re-inspected as a result of a non-compliance identified during an initial inspection.

Council considered that this was appropriate as the general ratepayer and food businesses should not have to subsidise those food businesses that do not do the right thing.

Port Flinders Water Supply Getting Closer

Council received advice from its consulting engineers that an encouraging total of 7 tenders had been submitted for the construction of the remaining parts of the Port Flinders Water Supply.

The tender assessment process is presently being undertaken and it is expected that a recommendation on the tenders will be provided to the Council for consideration early in the new financial year.

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FOOD ACT 2001

FOOD SAFETY NOTIFICATIONS

Since 1st December 2003, all food businesses have been required to register their food business with Council, and therefore meet one of their obligations under the Food Act 2001.

A food business under the Food Act is a food business, enterprise or activity that involves:

(a) The handling of food intended for sale; or
(b) The sale of food regardless of whether the business, enterprise or activity is of a commercial, charitable or community nature or whether it involves the handling or sale of food on only one occasion.

This registration also applies to new owners of the business or when notification information changes. Business owners only need to notify once.

Notification can be through one of two methods:

1. By lodging a completed notification form with Council (forms available from Council or by completing a notification form on-line at www.fbn.sa.gov.au

Failure to notify Council can result in an expiation fee of $300 for an individual person or $1,500 for a body corporate.
**Swimming Pools & Spas**

Pool and spa owners in South Australia are required by law to comply with Government standards and regulations.

Under the Swimming Pool (Safety) Act 1972 any swimming pool which is or has the capacity to be filled to a depth deeper than 30 cm, requires a fence surrounding the pool which complies with the Act, this includes inflatable pools sold from retail stores.

This means that the fence must be 1.2 metres or higher and is designed so that it does not provide access for young children to crawl under or to climb over by using foot / hand holds. Also, the fence must have a gate with a self-latching device located at least 1.5 m above floor level.

Pool owners who do not comply, face a maximum fine of $15,000 prescribed under the Development Act 1993 for failure to adhere to building regulations.

Council can issue on-the-spot fines of $200 for breaches of the regulations.

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**Clearance of Vegetation for Fence Lines**

Internal Fencelines:
Landholders can clear a strip of up to five (5) metres wide of native vegetation along their fence-lines to provide access for construction and maintenance of fences. The Regulations are limited to particular circumstances so contact your local Council for details before proceeding to clear any native vegetation.

Road Fencelines:
Fence-line clearance of vegetation along roadsides requires Council approval in accordance with their Roadside Vegetation Management Plan, or in accordance with guidelines prepared and approved by the Native Vegetation Council. The guidelines for clearance are:

- Where the roadside vegetation consists mainly of trees, only branches protruding through or overhanging the fence, or trees growing on the actual alignment should be removed.
- Where shrubs or bushes are growing through the fence line, those growing within one (1) metre can be removed.

More detailed information can be found at:


**Draft Coastal Assessment Report**

The report was prepared to meet the requirements of the Coastal Motor Vehicle Access Management Strategy (2008) for Coastal Councils within the Northern and Yorke Natural Resource Management region.

Two objectives of the Strategy are to:

- Reduce the impact of motor vehicles in the coastal environment through Coastal Access Planning; and
- Promote and protect the values of coastal habitats by applying a tier-based management structure.

Copies of the Report are available for viewing at the following locations:

- Council Office - Stuart Street, Melrose
- Port Germein Post Office

Interested persons are invited to make comment on the report. Comments must be received no later than 31st July 2009 and should be forwarded to:

Mr Geoff Price, District Council of Mount Remarkable
PO Box 94, MELROSE SA 5483

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**Melrose Caravan Park Camp Kitchen**

A new facility is near completion in Melrose. This facility will further enhance the amenities provided in the area for the benefit of visitors and tourists and in particular the ever growing cycle tourism market, which is providing significant cash injection in the region’s economy.

The camp kitchen, built in the bush camping area of the Caravan Park, has been jointly funded by Council and the South Australian Tourism Commission. The building has been designed to blend in with the surroundings and is practical and aesthetically pleasing with an emphasis on environmental design as solar panels and rainwater tanks are integrated. A bike lockup and a bike wash area are being provided to complement the facilities.

Jane Lomax Smith, Minister for Tourism officially launched the camp kitchen to coincide with the Fat Tyre Festivities held in Melrose over the June long weekend.

The building is available for use by residents and tourists alike and will accommodate up to forty people. Warmed by a pot belly in winter, under the shade of the verandah in summer, the camp kitchen is sure to become a proud addition to the range of facilities offered by Council for the benefit of residents and tourists.

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Simply Remarkable
The Community Builders program has started in earnest with a very successful weekend retreat in Burra where dynamic community leaders from the District have started to map out exciting projects for the region. Community building is about people from the community, government and business, taking the steps to find solutions to issues within their communities. Community building is based on collective participation of people, individually and as a community, who act together to create change.

If you want to get involved, meet new people, find new challenges and have a lot of fun, it is not too late, contact Lisa Pearson the facilitator on 0408 395 203 for more information.

If you would like to receive our monthly grant newsletter, please contact Muriel or Victoria at the Council Office to be included in our email / mailing list.

This month’s grant to watch is Round 28 of Community Benefit closing on Monday 24th August 2009. This grant is open to community organisations and aims at developing and strengthening communities across the metropolitan, rural and remote regions of South Australia. For more information check their website: http://www.dfc.sa.gov.au and follow the links to “Financial Support and Grants” or google “Community Benefit SA”.

This service may be of benefit to you: Granted is a not-for-profit organisation that provides advice to community sector organisations that are developing funding applications. Their main focus is on assisting organisations that aim to make a positive social or environmental impact but which have limited resources to seek funding.

Their expertise comes from experience working with community sector organisations and funding bodies, particularly government departments. All their reviewers are volunteers who are interested in helping community sector organisations communicate better with potential funders. It is a free service, independent and confidential. The organisation is not affiliated with any other community sector organisation, funding body or government agency. To reduce costs and provide flexibility to reviewers, all their reviews are offered through email.

Think you could do with the help? Then visit: http://www.granted.org.au/

Council, in conjunction with AILS Labour Service, was successful in obtaining funding to run a short introductory accredited course comprising of two units from the TAFE curriculum (“Operate Basic Machinery and Equipment” and “Undertake Operational Maintenance of Machinery”) and the opportunity to obtain a White Card, which is required to work in most construction projects. This course is specifically designed to assist young people from the District in gaining skills to enhance their employability and places are limited to 12.

To register your interest, please contact: Wendy Speck, Regional Consultant AILS Labour Service on 0439 328 484.

The Southern Flinders Ranges Development Board has secured funding to employ a Career Development Officer whose role will be to individually assist people with resumes, job applications and all matters pertaining to obtaining or changing employment. This service will be available to everyone and the Officer will travel throughout the District to deliver the services. More information will be disseminated in the near future.

Dawn Stevens, assisted by Council has won a Woolworths Grant to complete the purchase of new seating for the Wirrabara Bowling Club. Well done once again Dawn, for your continuous efforts for the community.

Thanks to a Community Benefit Grant, the Northern Passenger Transport Network will be able to purchase a new vehicle, meaning that additional transport services will be provided for eligible people to attend medical, government and agency appointments as well as access essential services. For more information about the service or to consider becoming a volunteer driver, please call the Northern Passenger Transport Network on 8666 2255.

A Places 4 People Grant sourced by Council from the Planning & Development Fund will fully fund a $15,000 detailed design to revitalise the Port Germein Foreshore and facilitate future capital works projects.
In the late 1990's when a Federation Grant was announced, Mr Peter Moore the then District Clerk and Cr Roocke, Council’s Chairperson asked the Community of Port Flinders for interest and support in creating a lasting, usable feature to proclaim our Century of Advancement for Port Flinders.

The idea was given to The Weeroona Island Progress Association (WIPA) where it was voted on and set aside to discuss further at their next AGM. As the AGM was not scheduled until after the deadline for the Federation Grant, a small group of approximately 10 interested people, met to consider the idea of a lasting feature for our town.

The group put the idea of "a shelter" to Council and during a visit to Port Flinders by Peter Moore and Trevor Roocke, an area on Range View Reserve was suggested for the project. A Working Party was formed to organise plans, materials etc. The men worked well together and the group could see that there were more possibilities for development on the Island, thus the foundation of the Port Flinders Development Association Inc.(PFDA) ensued.

Our first meeting was held in March 2001 where all present accepted that the PFDA would be a working party for the development and improvements in Port Flinders.

Since that time, the PFDA Members and Friends, with the assistance of other organisations have been busy undertaking various projects, including:

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<th>Project</th>
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<th>PFDA Donation &amp; In-kind support</th>
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<td>Centenary Shelter</td>
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<td>150th Birthday (Day of settlement) of Melrose, Bangor and Port Flinders all expenses covered</td>
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<td>Association and Friends combined to hold a Fun Day to raise funds to assist one of our residents to return to Croatia to meet her new grandchildren as she has leukemia - amount raised was $3,000.</td>
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On going Projects on the Island include: Boat Ramp, Walk Way, Dangerous Black Spot T junction on the Highway One / Port Flinders Road and upgrading the play area.

Annual Events held on the Island include: ANZAC flag raising and Australia Day breakfast.
The Weeroona Island Progress Association (W.I.P.A.) was formed at an inaugural meeting on the 10th September, 1988. Some of the first tasks were to lobby the Council to raise the height of the Causeway, installing road-side reflectors and the provision of large bins for rubbish disposal.

Next the Association worked hard to clear the area which is now known as Range View Recreational Reserve. At the request of the Association, Council provided tables and seats for the Reserve. The naming of the roads were undertaken by some of the Members.

A successful Bicentennial Celebration Grant provided much needed funding to build a shelter. In the mid nineties the group planted a large number of trees on the Island and a tank was donated by Tankworld to assist with the weekly watering. It was during this time that people around Australia were putting in a great effort to plant 1 million trees, so the Association undertook to plant more trees on Anzac Reserve, and with the help of Council and a favourable price, another tank was purchased from Tankworld.

More trees were planted in the area of the cricket pitches, after it had been cleaned up. About this time, Council donated a ride on mower to the group to help raise some funds. There were many snakes to be found on the Island, so once again the group set to and successfully relocated most of them.

The next task was to lobby E.T.S.A. to improve the power supply, this was successful to a degree.

As always, the residents assisted people in trouble - SES, Boy Scouts, and complete strangers, with warm dry shelter and food.

In November 2000 there was unfortunately a split in the Association, caused by the arrival of SAMAG to the area. Quite a few Members left the Association, taking with them the Bicentennial Celebration Grant that had been given to the W.I.P.A. to erect a shelter.

The Association, with the guidance of the new Committee soon found time to assist some of the less abled residents with difficult tasks. It is amazing how many people can come knocking on doors for assistance, boats overturned, cars and trailers bogged, there are many stories to be told by our Members. Immediately the doors to our social events were opened wide and a warm welcome was shown to everyone.

Suddenly our bank balance started to increase, due mainly to a larger amount of bottles and cans being returned and raffles being run. The donation of a beautiful painting of the area really helped us to get enthusiastic. Our main fund raiser is our annual “Family Kite Day” which started out as a once only, but was so successful it is now an annual event, looked forward to by the local and wider communities. We are supported greatly by Port Pirie Businesses. Part proceeds now go to assist a chosen children’s charity.

The first grant we received was to build a Sun Safe Shelter at the boat launching area. This took quite awhile, what with the coastal area changing hands etc. However, it is now completed and suitably furnished and has been named the “Brian Lane Shelter” in memory of one of our earlier Chairpersons, who was instrumental in getting the power on the Island upgraded to 3 phase.

Following this, we replaced the notice board, situated at the approach to the Island, and have also placed a Weeroona Island information map in this area. All of these projects have been achieved with the assistance of grants from the Council.

Lenny Capurso carted water to all of the residents for many years. After he passed away, the water tank was condemned and the stand-pipe closed. After much effort and negotiating, the W.I.P.A. managed to get this reopened and water was readily available again.

Clean Up Australia Day is always on our list of jobs. Recently we have planted quite a few trees around the stand-pipe area. The next project is to install an electric BBQ at the Brian Lane Shelter, when the water and power are connected in the area.

We now have a strong and united Committee:

Chairman:  Den Kennedy
Treasurer:  Joan Mcleod
Assistant Treasurer:  Mick Aitchison
Secretary:  Dale Lane
Assistant Secretary:  Brian Eckert
Committee:  Delia Guy, Rae Eckert, Marlene Marshall, Di Wait-Kennedy and Heather Aitchison

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35 Years Service Award

At the May Council Meeting a special presentation was made to Mr Robert (Robbie) Robinson in recognition of his 35 years service with the District Council of Mount Remarkable.

On presenting a gift to Robbie, Mayor Rooke thanked him for his loyalty and dedication during that time.

Robbie was asked to put a few words to paper following his milestone:

At a recent Council Meeting I was invited to attend as a gesture by Council for 35 years service - I thank them.

I have always considered myself to be very lucky. I was accepted by Council as a Loader Driver, I wonder if anyone knew where it would lead!

The Old Port Germein Council was like a big family - rough and tumble and the money was always tight, both at work and at home. We worked in Wirrabara, Melrose, Booleroo Centre and also had trips to the seaside - what bliss! The Port Germein residents welcomed us with open arms. The little private jobs we undertook was fantastic PR for the Council. In those days, Port Flinders had only a couple of shacks. It was like being part of the fabric of the townships. Even Appila and Willowie would get a dust off occasionally.

With the amalgamation in 1980, the District Council of Mount Remarkable came into being and with the amalgamation, came bigger expectations, more roads and I was given a new job - Grader Operator for the Wilmington, Hammond, Bruce, Woolundunga and Nectar Brook areas. I couldn’t wait to get to work!

Apart from the odd time, my work tenure at the Council could be described as “magnificent” - the happiest of times. In February 1997 I was given the opportunity of stepping into the role of Works Ganger. A whole new responsibility seemed to fall on me - I had to justify Council expenditure and bring works under budget to a top standard.

With the retirement of IM Opperman, GM Hitch, M Bolt and WG Cowin, I feel like a bit of a dinosaur. To all Councillors who have assisted me and also resisted me - thanks.

In closing, I would like to give a roll call of a few characters I have had the pleasure of being associated with - Roy and Bill Albinus, Joe Clucas, Laurie Willington, Ernie Masters, George Puddy, Graham Hitch, Sandy Jones, Spike Jones, Mr Foot!!, Tony Reichelt, Oppie, Peter Moore (‘Lovely Man’), the Stringer Family, Merv and Wayne Janz and Phyllis Robinson - all who have left. Some Councillors I will never forget - Brian Arthur, Ian Heaslip, Sam Borgas, Allan Pitchers, Viv Cornelius, The Hillam Family’s long service, Elliot Smart, Des Meaney, Reg Zwar and Dean Koch. One Councillor I really admired was Viv Lewis. I recall him getting a complaint about a pot hole and his response was “Haven’t you got a wheelbarrow?” Often something said in jest is a close solution.

To all the Outside and Inside Gangs - one day, if I can get a grant I will write a book about this “Remarkable Place” that I have been very fortunate to have been employed in.

And if you haven’t been mentioned, you are probably still working here at the Council.

EAT WELL n BE ACTIVE

We all know it’s important to make healthy choices……

Compare these snacks for cost and their energy content. Exercise times shown below demonstrate how long it would take for a 57kg person to burn the kilojoules shown.

Always encourage your children to choose healthy snacks and pack a healthy lunchbox! Some healthy snacks you could pack in a lunchbox would be:

- Fruit (fresh or tinned in natural juice)
- Low fat yoghurt or custard
- Wholegrain low fat crackers with vegemite / tomato / low fat cheese
- Rice cakes with vegemite/tomato/cheese
- Homemade popcorn
- Wholemeal crumpets or multigrain muffins with 100% fruit jam
- Plain pretzels
- 97% fat free rice crackers
- Vegetable sticks with tomato salsa dip

For further information or advice contact Lisa Atwell, Port Pirie Regional Health Service on 8638 4693.
GERMEIN ART FOCUS ACTIVITIES
Germein Art Focus is having a busy time over the next few months with workshops, open studios and exhibitions.

SALA Open Studio
The group’s South Australian Living Artists activity for 2009 is an Open Studio at Port Germein at which some of the artists will be working between 10 am and 4 pm during the two weeks of the festival. Go and say hello and get an insight into how they work ‘under the spotlight’. There will also be a program of workshops.

Exhibitions
Germein Art Focus is exhibiting at New Land Gallery, Port Adelaide from 15th June to 24th July, and also at the Yarta Purtli Cultural Centre Gallery, Port Augusta from 11th June to 11th July.

Workshops
Saturday 8th August
Drawing for Landscape by Neil Hann, $50

Saturday 15th August
Printmaking by Harm Folkers and Neil Hann, $50

Sunday 16th August
Glass Painting by Anna Herburt, $50
Landscape painting in oils by Marek Herburt, $50

For more information
Neil Hann 8634 5286 Jan Pana 8632 2695

“Southside Lichen - Sliding Rock” by Neil Hann

“Christopher’s Lunch in the Vineyard” by Anna Herburt

NATIVE VEGETATION AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION
Erica Rees is the Natural Resources and Sustainability Officer for the District Council of Mount Remarkable, and she would like to get in touch with people and community groups in the district who are interested in native vegetation and biodiversity conservation.

This district is rich in flora and fauna, and since Erica is a newcomer to the region, she is keen to contact local people with local knowledge and / or interest who might like to talk about what they know.

There are already some conservation and re-vegetation projects happening in some areas, so it would be good for Erica to get to know who is doing what and where. It may be that you have some ideas for other projects you’d like to see started or perhaps would like assistance with work already begun. Often projects get started but come to a halt due to lack of resources or support.

Erica can be contacted at the Council Office each Wednesday (Phone: 8666 2014 or 1300 726 252) or can be contacted on her mobile 0437 988 900.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Swine Influenza (H1N1) has recently been contracted by some residents in our Council area.

South Australia has moved to the PROTECT phase of response. In light of this the following is recommended:

If a child or any person is confirmed as having flu they should stay at home and follow advice from their GP.

They should not attend school or their workplace until they are fully recovered.

Adults and children who have been in contact with a confirmed swine flu case will no longer be asked to stay in home isolation unless they themselves develop flu-like symptoms.

It is of paramount Importance that all Children and Adults who display Flu Like symptoms stay at home. Measures should be taken to ensure good hygiene practices are adopted to reduce the risk of transmission of all viruses including the human swine influenza.

Further information can be obtained from National Swine Influenza hotline on 1800 2007. Further Information is also available at www.flu.sa.gov.au where you will find specific information relating to:

- Good Hygiene Tips
- Effective Home Isolation
- Respiratory Protection
- Pregnancy and ‘Swine Flu’

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PORT GERMEIN CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS

A small group of concerned volunteers have been able to make some significant changes to the Port Germein Cemetery with assistance from the Gladstone Recovery Fund.

These have included a newly installed rain water tank for community use, a sheltered paved parking area to provide protection from the weather during funeral services and a place to sit in the newly built gazebo.

Future work will include paving of the gazebo and planting of an adjoining garden.

Trees that were kindly donated by Harms and Tinki Folkers have been planted on the southern boundary of the Cemetery.

As the work continues the group would personally like to thank the following people for their expertise, enthusiasm, hours of voluntary work and use of their equipment - Jake and Sandy, Randy and Christine, Peter and Michelle, Karen and Tony, Dale, Pete, Tony, Graham, Ruth, Sara, Dave, Sharon, Stuart, Dean, Beryl, Daniel and Robyn.

This has been, and continues to be a great example of how a small passionate group can work together to improve our community - Thank you.

Trevor and Jane Keeley

PORT GERMEIN’S FORESHORE GETS A FACE LIFT

The Port Germein Progress Association have been working with the Community and the District Council of Mount Remarkable to develop a Heritage Precinct at the Foreshore in Port Germein.

The Tide Clock and Stand are being restored. Repairs to the Light House will commence in June. The Goods Shed floor area is to be paved with flagstones and an art heritage area of the floor will see metal sculptures and artefacts, tools etc embedded in concrete as part of the design.

The Progress Association is keen to collect photos eg family groups having a picnic, or on holiday at Port Germein, or working at the Port, or on the Railway (we urgently need some pictures of the train at the Jetty), all photos will be promptly returned.

If you have any tools or flat metal implements such as cogs, blacksmiths gear or maritime memorabilia that could be used in the floor area, we’d love to look at them.

As part of the project we are collecting oral history - please share your memories so future generations and visitors to Port Germein and the Southern Flinders can get an insight into the early years of Port Germein’s development.

If you can assist in any way please call Margo, Secretary / Treasurer of the Port Germein Progress Association on 8634 5103 or 0427 183 894

WILMINGTON PROGRESS SOCIETY - SUCCESSFUL GRANTS

The Wilmington Progress Society was recently successful in obtaining funding from Round 7 of the Premiers Community Initiatives Fund. The grant will enable commencement of renovations to the kitchen area of the Billiard Rooms, enabling users to serve tea and coffee at meetings and social functions. It will also be of great benefit to the community volunteers.

The Society were also successful in obtaining funding from the Mid North Physical Activity Small Subsidy Program for the purchase of new equipment and table covers for the Billiard Rooms.

The tables are now available for use - anyone interested in playing billiards, please contact Bob Middleton on 8667 5401.
MY Murals Project was a project originally initiated in September 2008 and implemented in April 2009 by the Mount Remarkable Youth Advisory Committee, a group of creative, motivated and community minded young people from the District Council of Mount Remarkable, supported by Youth Development Officers from the Rural Health Team.

Youth Development Officer Emma McSporran sourced New Communities grant funding from Country Arts SA to implement the grant and worked collaboratively with support from key partner organisations: Mid North Health Rural Health Team, Office for Youth, Mount Remarkable Youth Advisory Committee, Murray Town Progress Association, and various local sponsors.

Some of the aims of the project were:
- To improve the artistic skills of youth by encouraging them to participate in skill development workshops.
- To invite local artists to become involved and share their skills and experience.
- To positively promote youth through active involvement and participation in the project
- To express youth ideas.
- To add flair and improve the visual façade of Murray Town.

The grant funding enabled the group to secure professional artist Jo Jo Spook for the second week of the April school holidays to facilitate the process of consultation, idea formation, development of designs and painting.

The project was claimed to be a resounding success by those youth and key partner agencies involved. Up to 15 youths participated in the project throughout the week, with even more in the initial planning phases. Those involved reported feeling proud of their achievements and felt that they had left their mark in history. The design ideas came from unique features of the local Murray Town community, it’s history and heritage, which created a learning experience for those involved, both in terms of learning more about the town, but also the skill and technical ability to produce paintings and designs of a high standard. The youth involved felt greater confidence as the week progressed and they reported that they would be able to transfer the skills learnt to other areas and easily participate in another community arts project in the future.

The project was launched on Friday 24th April by Councillor Marie Storey with the Murray Town Hall decorated with the preliminary pole designs. Speakers for the launch included Youth Advisory Committee Members, and Youth Development Officer Jane McCallum, Professional artist Jo Jo Spook and Country Arts SA Officer Kirstie Jamieson. A light afternoon tea was provided. Mount Remarkable Youth Advisory Committee members Ellen Wild and Zac Deer ‘walked’ everyone who attended the launch down the street past each painted pole and explained the rationale for each pole design. The project will be commemorated with a plaque to be placed at the site in the near future.

So please stop and take a look next time you are passing through Murray Town, and appreciate some of the artistic talent and community mindedness our youth have to offer. A poster outlining the project will be displayed in the Melrose Council Office if you are interested in finding out more about the project, otherwise please contact Youth Development Officer, Emma McSporran on 8667 2458.
RURAL WATCH - AREA 043

At a meeting held in Melrose on 17th April 2008, a decision was made by the Rural Watch Area 043 Committee that it be closed down until a future Police Officer sees the need to re-open the Rural Watch meetings for the area. The decision was made due to the lack of people willing to attend meetings and take up the positions on the Committee.

The Committee unanimously agreed to distribute the remaining funds between each of the three major towns equally with the town members giving direction:

- Wilmington’s funds be donated to the Rodeo Club for the purpose of the erection of a shelter shed at Rodeo Park Grounds;
- Melrose’s funds be donated to the Melrose Community Development Association for the purpose of play equipment in the Memorial Garden; and
- Booleroo Centre’s funds be donated to the Booleroo Centre Hospital for a specific project that can be recognised as being donated by the Booleroo Centre Rural Watch.

It was also resolved that a suitably endorsed plaque be installed on the donated equipment to recognise the existence of the Rural Watch Area 043 from 1993 to 2008.

BOOLEROO CENTRE & DISTRICT AMBULANCE SERVICE

After more than 40 years, the Booleroo Centre & District Ambulance Service will Amalgamate with SA Ambulance on the 1st July, 2009.

The Board and Ambulance Volunteers would like to thank the community for their support over this time, and to all the community members who have volunteered to make our service so special. The Booleroo Airstrip which so many locals helped to build, will be gifted under a Trust Deed arrangement to the District Council of Mount Remarkable for continued use by the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

SA Ambulance will continue to provide the same valuable service with the help of our volunteers. In the coming months you will notice work starting on the new Booleroo Centre Ambulance Station (opposite the School) which is being built in conjunction with SA Ambulance and Booleroo Centre & District Ambulance Service.

SA Ambulance will notify all subscribers 6 weeks prior to your renewal – all renewals in future will be processed in Adelaide. There will be no diminishing of current ambulance services to the community as a result of the change.

DISPOSAL OF OLD SMOKE ALARMS

In the May Newsletter, an article was included which provided advice from the MFS / CFS regarding the replacement of smoke alarms that are over 10 years old.

Part of the article has been reproduced below:

South Australia’s fire services are encouraging householders to check the age of their smoke alarms. No matter what type of smoke alarms are installed or how they are powered (battery or 240 volt mains powered) after 10 years they’re too old to rely on. They can take longer to respond to smoke, or might not even work at all. Don’t take a chance. Check the age of your smoke alarms and replace them if necessary.

The fire services recommend that when you replace old smoke alarms you upgrade from the basic minimum required by law.

Since that article, Council has received several enquiries regarding the correct method to dispose of old smoke alarms and has included the following extract from the EPA website:

When a smoke alarm is disposed in domestic waste it is ultimately dispersed throughout a large volume of waste at the landfill or bale-fill waste disposal site. The small amount of radioactive material in smoke alarms is not a health hazard. It does not present a radiation risk to personnel involved in waste handling at resource recovery facilities or landfill and bale-fill operations, the public, or the environment. The health and environmental impacts of disposal of smoke alarms in domestic waste are negligible and less than the potential impacts from collection and keeping them in storage.

Having acknowledged the negligible risks to people and the environment, several international regulatory authorities have approved the disposal of smoke alarms containing radioactive material in domestic waste. These include the National Radiation Protection Board in the United Kingdom, the National Radiation Laboratory in New Zealand, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in the United States of America. All States and Territories of Australia now permit the public to dispose of smoke alarms in domestic waste.

In accordance with international best practice, disposal of small quantities of smoke alarms that contain radioactive material in domestic waste in South Australia was made legal in early 2009 under provisions of the Radiation Protection and Control Act 1982, administered by the EPA Radiation Protection Division. An exemption under the Act permits up to two smoke alarms to be disposed into domestic waste during any period of seven days.

For more information visit the EPA website: www.epa.sa.gov.au
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION SERVICE
Raising children is rarely easy, so it’s good to know that help is always available. The Child Abuse Prevention Service runs a national, confidential telephone line providing support, information, crisis intervention and referral for parents, carers and concerned members of the community. It’s free to call our telephone line from anywhere in Australia, and speak to one of our highly-trained, friendly support workers.

Call us on 1800 688 009:
- If you have concerns about the safety and welfare of a child you know.
- If you are finding it hard to cope with your kids.
- If you have been abused yourself.
- If you think you might harm a child.
- If you need clarification about what child abuse actually is.
- If you want to report abuse but don’t know how.
- If you have any questions or need any information about child abuse.
- Or if you just need someone to talk to!

Our support workers have time to listen to you and help you decide what to do next.

We will follow up with you if you want us to, so that you have the ongoing support you need, or we can connect you with additional services that are appropriate for your needs.

You can find out more information at: www.childabuseprevention.com.au or call 1800 688 009.

ARE YOU LIVING IN RURAL AUSTRALIA AND HAVE A LEGAL ISSUE?
Access to accurate legal information and advice is important in making decisions across many aspects of our personal and commercial activities. Being well informed on your rights and responsibilities under the law helps you to deal more effectively with issues before they become larger and potentially more costly.

For Australians living in rural areas, access to independent legal information can be difficult. A list of free and low cost legal and related advice, referral and support services is available by visiting the following website: www.rurallaw.org.au

A brochure entitled ‘A Guide to Legal Services for Rural Australia’ contains contact details for:
- Legal Aid
- Community Legal Centres
- Public Interest Law Clearing Houses
- Law Societies
- Ombudsmen
- Mediation / Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Finance / Debt / Consumer Issues

Also available on the website is a ‘Drought Law Forum’ where you can get your legal questions answered online free. Lawyers from around Australia with an expertise in a range of topics have volunteered their time to respond to your questions.

REMARKABLE WOMEN
Live   Laugh   Learn
Advance Notice SA Rural Women’s Gathering to be held in Melrose—October 15th to 17th 2010

The SA Rural Women’s Gathering is hosted in a different location within SA each year. The overall aims of the gathering are:
- To develop communication networks knowledge and skill through participation, experience and contact with other women.
- To link women from rural backgrounds with members of formal or informal networks across South Australia.
- To provide access to opportunities for self-development, self-expression and information.

Gatherings can take many forms and be flexible enough to meet the needs of many women living in rural areas. They offer many experiences with the overall theme of having fun together in a relaxed and social environment. They cater for the needs of women of all ages.

A committee has been developed to plan and host the 2010 SA Rural Women’s Gathering in Melrose as well as a series of sub-committees to manage different parts of the gathering. We are very keen to ensure that our gathering meets the needs of our local women, therefore please start forwarding us your ideas and requests. Also, if you would like to be involved in some way feel free to let us know, as we would love you to join us. Any ideas or suggestions can be forwarded to the publicity officers (Melissa Koch & Meridee Groves) in the first instance.

The SA Rural Women’s Gathering this year is being held in Mt Gambier (21st to 23rd August) which is a bit of a trek we know, but for anyone interested here is the website where you can find out more information: www.saruralwomensgathering.org.au

We look forward to hearing your ideas and thoughts for our gathering. Watch this space for more information as we continue our planning. This is an exciting opportunity to showcase the wonderful area in which we live!

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Phone: 0447 672 173

Meridee Groves:  bsmkgroves@bigpond.com
Phone: 0427 672 061
**WISEMOVE**

WiseMove is a low cost, safe and enjoyable program for women who would like to feel better both mentally and physically and who would like to take control of their own personal wellbeing. It is the coming together of like-minded women to discuss the issues that affect them and to offer mutual support as they start on the road to life-long physical activity and wellness.

WiseMove is a ten to twelve week program offering one two hour session per week. Each week is devoted to a specific topic such as personal motivation, body comfort, time management, healthy eating, active ageing, personal safety and stress management. The discussion of these topics comprises half of each session; the other half of the session is devoted to physical activity. The main form of physical activity is walking; however, participants are provided with additional opportunities to experience a variety of other physical activities in the community.

The WiseMove program is for you if you answer yes to one or more of the following questions:

- Do you want to feel better and learn how to gain and maintain a well-rounded healthy lifestyle?
- Do you want to do something for yourself, which in turn will have a positive affect on those around you?
- Do you want to be more physically active in a supportive environment suitable for those with little or no previous experience?
- Were you once physically active and wish to return to that lifestyle?
- Have you had previous negative experiences related to physical activity that have ‘put you off’ of being physically active?
- Have you tried to maintain a physical activity program in the past but were unsuccessful?

By participating in WiseMove, it is likely that you will:

- Have fun and enjoy being active;
- Experience an increased sense of wellbeing;
- Learn how to set goals and achieve them;
- Improve your confidence and self-esteem;
- Meet other women similar to yourself;
- Experience activities that you have never tried before;
- Find out more about other sources of information and support surrounding a variety of topics that you can access if needed.

The **FREE** WiseMove program will commence on Tuesday 30th June - 10:30 am to 12.00 noon, will be held in the Booleroo Centre Activity Room (Hospital) and will run for 10 weeks.

For more information or to reserve a place, contact Emma McSporran or Liz Bishop on 8667 2458.

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**TELSTRA HIGH-SPEED ADSL2+ BROADBAND UPGRADE**

Council has recently received advice from Telstra Country Wide that they have completed the upgrades for Melrose, Booleroo Centre, Wilmington and Wirrabara to the high-speed ADSL2+ broadband.

These ADSL2+ upgrades will provide download speeds of up to 20Mbps.

For further information contact Mr John Tonkin, Area General Manager, Telstra SA North & West:

Phone: 8621 4300  Mobile: 0428 562 150  Fax: 86214321

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**CLARE REVIVE**

Clare Revive offers two units available for short-term accommodation. The units are fully furnished with all bed linen and towels supplied, a fully equipped kitchenette and sufficient beds to accommodate four people in each unit.

*Who is eligible?*

- Carers who need a break from their caring role
- Carers and the person for whom they are caring, to share the break.
- People with special accommodation requirements.
- People who are accessing health / well being services in Clare and those who are visiting relatives who are hospitalised or in residential care in the region.
- Those who are travelling through the Clare Valley and need a respite break.

*What is provided in each unit?*

Alice Unit is equipped with support rails to the toilet facilities and both units have support rails for the shower - you are encouraged to discuss any special requirements with staff when making your booking.

Also provided are a TV and Video, reverse cycle air conditioning and fully equipped kitchenette with fabulous cafes and restaurants close by.

Rates are kept at an affordable level and are dependent on length of stay and there is no minimum stay requirement.

This program is managed by the Country Home Advocacy Project in Clare. For more information:

Telephone 8842 3151, Facsimile 8842 3225  Email: echriskirk@chap.org.au
**Booleroo Health Service News**

**MID NORTH HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
*Advocating for the health needs of the Booleroo, Jamestown, Orroroo and Peterborough Communities*

Dear Community Member,

This letter aims to update you with the latest information concerning the filling of vacant positions at Booleroo and Orroroo Medical Practices.

Country Health SA in conjunction with the Health Advisory Council and the Rural Doctors Workforce Agency (RDWA) are very happy that positive recruitment negotiations have continued to take place with Dr Jenny Wilson, and recently Dr Isaac Olaniyi to work with Dr Simon Stilgoe within the Booleroo & Orroroo Medical Practices and Health Services.

As many of you are already aware, Dr Jenny Wilson has agreed to work full-time for six months commencing early July 2009. Beyond this she will continue to work as a member of our team of doctors. Dr Wilson will continue living in Orroroo. We are grateful to RDWA and Jenny for her commitment during this period.

Dr Isaac Olaniyi originally comes from Nigeria, and has been working in Rockhampton (Queensland) for the past twelve months. We are optimistic that Dr Olaniyi will be able to commence practising in mid July 2009 on a full time basis and will reside in Booleroo.

Dr Simon Stilgoe will continue working full time, resident in Booleroo. As previously advised, the practices at Orroroo and Booleroo will work closely together, with the three doctors offering their services across both towns and their outlying areas.

We are hopeful that these new arrangements, when in place, will provide the communities surrounding Orroroo and Booleroo with an enhanced service, which will be viable into the future.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further please contact Mr Roger Kirchner, Director Pt Pirie, Southern Flinders, Port Broughton and Mid North Health by ringing 8638 4575.

Presiding Member: Ruth Robinson  
PO Box 24 Jamestown SA 5491  
Ph/fax 8665 7061 Mobile 0428 824 373

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**Mount Remarkable Community Bus**

As of the 1st of July 2009, ownership of the community bus service has been transferred from Country Health SA to the District Council of Mount Remarkable. The bus will continue to be housed at the Booleroo Hospital and bookings and other administration functions will continue to remain the responsibility of the Booleroo Health Service.

Mount Remarkable, Mt View Homes and the local Ambulance Board for the purchase of the previous bus and the new bus.

The MNHAC also recognised the expanded role of the Community Bus and believe it would be in the best interests of the Booleroo Centre and surrounding communities that the ownership of the bus be with the District Council of Mount Remarkable. The responsibility of maintaining the bus and funding its replacement in the future would therefore become their responsibility.

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**Recent Up-grades**

Thanks to generous donations from the Melrose Hospital Auxiliary, the Health Service have purchased new waiting room chairs in the Hospital foyer and laid pavers between the Hospital and the Community Health building.

We are also currently undergoing renovations, relocating the Administration Department to the front entrance of the Health Service.

The Medical Centre has had power swing automatic doors installed at the front entrance improving access, particularly for the frail, aged and disabled clients.

A new 20,000 litre rain water tank has been installed at the back of the Health Service and the original rain water tanks have had liners installed.

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**Farewell: Brenton Badenoch from Country Health SA**

It was with much sadness we farewelled Mr Brenton Badenoch from Mid North Health & Country Health SA in May 2009. Brenton commenced the position of Secretary / Manager at the Booleroo Centre District Hospital in 1982 and continued on as Chief Executive Officer at Booleroo for a period of 26 years, and more recently Mid North Health for approximately 5 years.

On the 1st May 2009, Brenton resigned from the position as Corporate Services Officer and with Country Health SA and has chosen to work privately.

Two farewells have been held for Brenton, one back in October 2008 at the Booleroo Bowls Club to farewell Brenton as Chief Executive Officer from Mid North Health, and once recently in May 2009 to farewell Brenton from his Corporate Services Officer position and from Country Health SA.

Over the past 26 years Brenton has advocated, overseen and implemented many changes and improvements within the Booleroo & Districts Health Service. The well equipped facilities and infrastructure that we are all so proud of can be attributed to Brenton’s commitment to improving health services for our community spanning many years.

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**Remarkable Places **  
**Remarkable People **  
**Remarkable Lifestyles **

........ Simply Remarkable
MID NORTH HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Mid North Health would like to thank all community members and service providers who participated in the needs assessment that was implemented last November and December. Your contribution through participating in interviews and focus groups and completing the survey is very much appreciated.

This information gathering part of this process has now been completed and a very comprehensive report developed. The information gathered will assist Mid North Health to plan health services for the future. Information will also be made available to other organisations and community groups to assist with their planning.

Just to recap, the purpose of this project was to investigate community opinion of the social, economic and other determinants of health & well-being in the towns of Booleroo Centre, Jamestown, Orroroo, Peterborough and surrounding areas.

A detailed report is available with findings however, here is a summary of what was discovered:

- There is a broad understanding of health across the Mid North Community. People are starting to understand that the social environment affects people’s health.
- This project demonstrated that people’s perceptions of what influences their health is remarkably similar across town clusters. There is however, a difference in the degree of concern regarding some issues. These differences are most often related to socio-economic disadvantage of the community for example, public transport is more of an issue in the Peterborough cluster compared with others.
- In general, people reported enjoying living in the region.
- People generally rated themselves as being in good health.
- There were a number of areas identified as having an impact on the health of individuals, families or the community including: access to public transport, mental health services, limited childcare and the availability of affordable fresh fruit and vegetables.

Mid North Health will now endeavour to develop a plan to start addressing those issues raised that are within our sphere of influence. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with community groups or other organisations to discuss what was found through this needs assessment.

To obtain a copy of the full report or book a time to hear a presentation of the results, please contact Melissa Koch, Rural Health Team Leader on 8667 2458.

How Green is your Shopping Trolley?

What you EAT today will impact on your health tomorrow – and in the future. To maintain good health we need to eat a variety of foods rich in fibre as well as control the amount of fat, sugar and sodium (salt) we eat.

Go 4 Green = Healthy Food Choices for the Mid North Region

Go 4 Green is a food labelling system which makes choosing healthy foods easy! We use a GREEN label with up to four ticks to show foods which are low in fat, sugar and salt (sodium), and high in fibre – the more ticks a food has, the better it is for you. There is also ‘Eat in Moderation’ label for foods that we can enjoy occasionally, but can be harmful if too much is included in the diet. Some of the foods receiving this label include nuts, margarine, cheese, and fruit juice.

The table below shows the different types of labels in the store, and what they indicate:

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Some foods in the supermarket are not individually labelled, but instead given a ‘group’ label. For example, fruits and vegetables are all great choices. Other healthy tips are given on group labels, such as choosing tinned fruit in natural juice, and including fish twice a week.

There are nine IGA or Foodland stores across the Mid North using the Go 4 Green system. These include Booleroo, Melrose and Wirrabara in this Council area.

Have a go at choosing more ‘green’ labelled foods to improve your health!

For more information about the Go 4 Green system please contact Kylie McKay, Dietitian at Port Pirie Regional Health Service on 8638 4693.
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