COUNCIL SNIPETS


ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY 14 JUNE 2016.

Community Leases
Council continues to work with Community Organisations to ensure all groups have current lease agreements with Council.

Baroota Reservoir
A presentation from the Manager, Strategic Development (PIRSA), Business Development Manager and Senior Project Officer (SA Water) regarding a collaborative feasibility study to the possibility of utilising water from Baroota Reservoir for irrigation purposes to diversify agriculture in the region was received.

Urban House Numbering and Street Signage
Council will install urban house numbering to all residential houses in Appila, Booleroo Centre, Melrose, Port Germein, Wilmington, Wirrabara and Weeroona Island at no cost to the owner in the 2016-2017 financial year. Additionally urban street signage will be installed at all intersections within Council towns.

Long Term Financial Plan 2016 - 2026
Pursuant to Section 122(1a) of the Local Government Act 1999, Council adopted the Long Term Financial Plans 2016 - 2026. The plan is available at the Council office or on the website www.mtr.sa.gov.au.

2016/2017 Fees and Charges
The Draft Fees and Charges for the 2016/2017 Financial Year were adopted by Council and are available on www.mtr.sa.gov.au.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday 19 July 2016 in the Council Chambers, Melrose.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION
Council is currently consulting on the Wirrabara Playground Concept Plan and Lease Over Community Land. Copies of the documents can be found at www.mtr.sa.gov.au or alternatively hard copies are available at the Council Office, 3 Stuart Street, Melrose.

Written submissions are invited by interested persons and should be directed to:
- Wayne Hart, Chief Executive Officer, District Council of Mount Remarkable, PO Box 94, Melrose SA 5483, or
- email to postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au or

Submissions for the Wirrabara Playground Concept Plan close 5.00 pm on 29 July 2016 and the Lease Over Community Land closes 5.00 pm on 3 August 2016.

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Council have commenced works on the transfer station at the Willowie Landfill to include a new waste area with netting. The waste area will allow trucks and private vehicles to dump rubbish for moving into the landfill at a later time, this will alleviate holdups with waiting vehicles.

Council received funding from the Federal Government to do up the bridges on Spear Creek Road, Wilmington. The upgrades include cementing over the tops of the upgraded bridges allowing for heavy trucks to utilise the road.

**Rail Trail**

A number of people are using the Rail Trail for riding horses along. The trail is specifically designed for walking or bike riding and is clearly signed posted. **No Horses** are to be ridden on the trail. The hooves damage the trail and Council has expended a significant amount of money doing the trail up and it is disappointing to have the works damaged because of a few people. This wonderful infrastructure provides locals and visitors with a unique experience linking Wilmington and Melrose. Please respect the work of Council and your communities as it is the ratepayer who pays in the end.

**No Burning in the Open within Townships** - As of the 23 July 2016 it is an offence to burn matter by fire in the open within the Council area. Under the Environment Protection (Air Quality) Policy 2016 (Air Quality Policy) there are a number of exemptions which include receiving a permit from the Authority or Council, preparation of food or beverages, use of a brazier, chiminea or fire pit for purpose of heating an outdoor area (using charcoal). The below diagram sets out the regulatory approach to burning in townships in the Council area. This is another piece of legislation the State Government has handballed to Local Government to regulate.

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Does not apply to burning undertaken in accordance with *Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005*
**Remarkable Places    Remarkable People    Remarkable Lifestyles**

**Hard Waste Collection**

Yearly Hard Waste Collection will again be offered by Council. Collection dates are:

- **Wilmington, Bruce & Hammond**  Monday 10 October
- **Booleroo Centre & Appila**  Wednesday 12 October
- **Melrose & Willowie**  Thursday 13 October
- **Port Germein & Weeroona Island**  Monday 24 October
- **Wirrabara & Murray Town**  Wednesday 26 October

More information will be provided in the August newsletter so that residents can prepare early for hard waste collection.

**DrumMUSTER Chemical Drum Collection**

Council will be conducting drumMUSTER chemical drum collection at Willowie Landfill.

**Monday 5 to Thursday 8 September 2016**

**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL**

All containers delivered to the collection site must be:
- Free of chemical residue
- Clean, dry and have lids removed
- drumMUSTER approved containers only, which carry the appropriate logo.

All containers must be correctly cleaned both inside and out (including threads) and allowed to drain to ensure they do not contain rinse water (refer to Avcare standards for effective rinsing - brochure available from local chemical supplier).

Unclean or partly filled containers cannot be accepted. Contact Council on 8666 2014 to make a booking.

It time to renew your dog registration. Council will send out renewals for dog registration during July and dogs must be registered before 31 August 2016.

All dogs three months and over must be registered each year. To register your dog you will need to complete an Application for Registration of a Dog form and bring the form into the Council office along with a driver’s licence or proof of age card to prove your identity and age as part of the registration process.

Registration fees are available at www.mtr.sa.gov.au. Council offers a rebate for working dogs and dogs that are desexed, microchipped and trained, owners are required to provide evidence to receive the rebate.

Throughout the year if your dog is found wandering at large and is found without registration your dog will not be returned to you until your dog has been registered and there will be an impound fee payable on release of your dog.

It is common for dogs to be found wandering and while all attempts are made to find the owner Council does at times have dogs that are not claimed. Notices for found dogs are put on the notice board on Councils website www.mtr.sa.gov.au and also on Councils facebook page www.facebook.com/ mountremarkable.

Please be a responsible dog owner and register your dog before 31 August 2016.

**TROUBLE PAYING YOUR RATES**

Take the worry out of paying your rates on time. Council rates are due annually and can paid in full once or quarterly in September, December, March and June. Council also offer weekly, fortnightly and monthly instalment options. To avoid incurring fees and charges just ensure your payment option pays the minimum quarterly payment before the due date.

Rates can paid via electronic transfer, BPay, over the counter or at a BankSA branch.

If you are experiencing financial issues and finding it hard to pay your rates on time or have received an arrears notice and are concerned with making payment with the 2016/2017 rates year - now is a good time to contact the Council office to discuss a payment arrangement.

A payment arrangement is a formal agreement with Council to pay your rates. Contact Council on 8666 2014 to discuss your payment options.
**Feral pigs an emerging problem**

There have been reports of the sightings of feral pigs and dingoes in the region. Natural Resources Northern & Yorke are seeking information from anyone who has seen a feral pig (alive or dead) on their property or evidence of feral pig damage or a dingo. Please report any sightings or concerns to: Luke Gabell, Community Ranger

Natural Resources Northern & Yorke
17 Second Street, Orroroo
Tel: 8658 1086
Mob: 0488 314 491
Email: luke.gabell@sa.gov.au

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**Prepare Early**

Winter rains bring abundant growth of natural revegetation and whilst the lovely green pastures look great excessive growth can be hard to manage when the fire season starts. Preparation throughout the winter months by slashing or grazing vacant blocks within townships can save time and ensure your property is prepared for the fire danger season.

Ratepayers are reminded Under the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005 (Act) the onus is on the landowner to take reasonable steps to manage fuel reduction prior to the commencement of the Fire Danger Season.