COUNCIL SNIPPETS

Please refer to the Council Minutes & Agenda Reports available on the Council website mtr.sa.gov.au for full details.

Ordinary Meeting of Council held Tuesday 27 November 2018 Councillors Resolved:

The majority of the Ordinary Meeting consisted of processes following the election of the new Councillors. In accordance with Section 60 of the Local Government Act 1999 each Council Member made their respective undertaking, elected the Mayor and Deputy Chair and nominated Council representatives for the various Committees of Council, and other outside bodies.

The Councillors resolved that the Ordinary Meetings of Council will be held on the third Tuesday of month commencing at 9.30am in the Council Chambers, Melrose. The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday 18 December 2018.

Swimming Pools

Councillors authorised the Mayor and CEO to sign and affix the Common Seal to the lease agreement between Council and the Booleroo Centre Memorial Swimming Pool Committee; and

Set the fees for the Wilmington Swimming Pool for the 2018/2019 swimming season (same as 2017/2018).

Questions Without Notice

Three questions without notice were asked. Cr Danny Keller has requested a review of the ‘Farmers Reference Group B-Double Policy’ terms of reference and a review of the Agenda template to reinstate Community Question Time. Cr Colin Nottle requested Council write to the ANZ Bank and Australia Post requesting banking services are maintained in the Council District.

Drought Communities Program - Extension

The Commonwealth Government Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities (DIRDC) recently announced the eligibility of South Australian councils for the ‘Drought Communities Programme’. Council are able to submit applications for project funding up to $1 million. Council has been working with community organisations to determine eligible projects. The funding is competitive and Council understands each project is important to their respective communities. Councillors will consider submissions and projects at its December meeting and community organisations will be advised shortly after.

As the newly elected Mayor I wish all in the Council District a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy Holiday period.

I welcome the new councillors and look forward to working as a team, unifying and empowering council. There are some exciting prospects on the horizon with huge potential for our Council District and, hopefully, we can help facilitate new business growth and create new employment and opportunities in our area, to help sustain communities and actual growth of the District.

Whilst we have had a couple of setbacks in tourism attractions in the area, we are working hard to overcome these setbacks and are facilitating “shovel ready” project funding for the District.

I welcome the opportunity to represent the Council district as a whole and look forward to working with the various community groups/organisations and ratepayers in 2019 to achieve our common goal.

Merry Christmas

Phillip Heaslip
Mayor
Cr Phillip Heaslip, Mayor
Telowie Ward
Lives at Wirrabara and is a farmer. Has strong community ties, and communication skills which enable effective working with fellow councillors. Is passionate in the vision and future of DCMR. Strives to ensure council makes sound decisions that reflect community needs.

Cr Barry Richards
Telowie Ward
Recently retired from Regulatory Services at a Mid North Council after almost 8 years, during that time served on a number of Council Committees. Married for 40 years with adult children, lives in Murray Town with wife Debbie and is looking forward to serving the community.

Cr Danny Keller
Willochra Ward
Married to Leanne and has 3 sons with partners and 2 grandsons. Lives on Arwakurra road and farm in the Appila and Wirrabara districts having been a pioneer in ‘No till’ farming and promoted its development through associated machinery sales, field days and conferences throughout South Australia and Victoria. Has been involved in many community organisations over the years enjoys farming, family, football, fishing and flying.

Cr Don Norton
Willochra Ward
Has two adult children with wife of 29 years and together have owned and managed two successful businesses. Purchased a property in Melrose in 2013 and has built accommodation and grown their passion for cycling and tourism into a thriving business. Is currently the President of Bike Melrose, an active member of the Melrose CFS and a member of the Melrose Business Group Inc. Hopes to continue our region with a strong emphasis on sporting, community health, fitness and tourism creating employment to keep youth in the region and encouraging new and existing small businesses.

Cr Colin Nottle
Willochra Ward
A farmer at Booleroo Centre and married to Heather. Has been involved in council for 12 years and served 2 years as Mayor of the Council. Has a good relationship with all stakeholders and offers experience and stability being the longest serving councillor. Priority for this term is to keep and attract essential services, seal a freight route from Willowie to Gladstone creating the southern flinders as a stand alone tourist region.

Cr Vicki Morley
Telowie Ward
Moved to Wirrabara 14 years ago from Adelaide and until recently was a business owner in Wirrabara. Has two adult children and four grandchildren who live in Adelaide. Elected onto Council in 2015 in a Supplementary Election and has enjoyed making a difference to the whole of the Mount Remarkable District Council. Believes Council's biggest asset is the community and if we work together and are passionate about our future we can achieve great things.

Cr Jan Woolford
Willochra Ward
A retired farmer, school teacher and kindergarten director has lived and worked in the Wilmington district for more than 40 years, is widowed and has 2 adult children. Has served on many local community groups over the years and has a general interest in Wilmington and the wider community.
Capital Works

- Council has commenced drainage works in Wilmington. The works includes the new swale from the bowling club under Horrocks Highway to Beautiful Valley bridge, Wilmington Tennis Courts and Wilmington Golf Club.

- The cement slab for the replacement shelter and barbeque at the Melrose Caravan & Tourist Park has been laid.

- Council repaired a culvert and completed re-sheeting of Rosslyn Road, Melrose and repaired a culvert on Survey Road. Commenced re-sheeting Tarcowie Road. Council works will move to Millers Road, the entry to Booleroo Centre after the Christmas break.

- Council tendered and has awarded the tender to construct and seal:
  - Booleroo Road via Booleroo Centre
  - Church Street, Melrose
  - Calvary Drive, Wirrabara Island
  - The Esplanade, Port Germein
  - Callistemon Street, Wirrabara

  Works have commenced and will be completed by 30 March 2019.

- The re-seals of
  - White Well Road, via Melrose
  - Searle Street, Melrose
  - Casuarina Street, Wirrabara
  - Dunn Street, Wilmington

  Works will commence mid January on these roads and streets.

- Demolition of the house at 9 Giles Street Melrose adjoining the Council depot has commenced. Council purchased the property in 2017 and the additional land will be utilised with the depot.

- Trimmed trees in the northern end of the median strip at Booleroo Centre identified by the community for trimming.

- Installed an access driveway to a property at Appila.
On 1 October 2018, the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) was amended aligning the laws more closely with workplace health and safety laws. In practical terms, this primary duty represents an obligation to eliminate or minimise potential harm or loss (risk) by doing all that is reasonably practicable to ensure safety. As a party in the supply chain, the best way to do this is to have safety management systems and controls in place, such as business practices, training, procedures and review processes that:

- identify, assess, evaluate, and control risk
- manage compliance with speed, fatigue, mass, dimension, loading and vehicle standards requirements through identified best practice
- involve regular reporting, including to executive officers, document or record actions taken to manage safety.


**Waste Collection**

Ratepayers are reminded to check the 2018/2019 Waste Management calendar for their rubbish collection during the Christmas and New Year period. Some collections will change due to the public holidays. For more information visit [www.mtr.sa.gov.au](http://www.mtr.sa.gov.au).

All landfill and transfer stations are CLOSED on public holidays and Christmas Day, catastrophic, extreme and severe fire ban days.

Clean green waste and E-waste can be taken to any landfill or transfer station when they are open for FREE.

**DROUGHT SUPPORT** - List of agencies and support below:

Drought Hotline & Animal Wellbeing – contact PIRSA on their 24-hour Agricultural Health & Welfare Hotline – 1800 255 556.

Information on livestock feeding options in dry conditions or alternative livestock feeds – contact Rural Solutions SA Livestock consultant Tiffany Bennett – 0488 524 609 or email: tiffany.bennett@sa.gov.au

Fodder register – Livestock SA is maintaining a fodder register to help connect farmers to fodder donations. To register or for further information call John Sharp, 8297 2299 or email: admin@livestocksa.org.au


SA’s Family and Business Support Program (FaB) supports the health and wellbeing of drought-affected communities in South Australia. Contact Kay Matthias, 0427 430 243 or the hotline, 1800 255 556 or email: PIRSA.Recovery@sa.gov.au

Rural Financial Counselling – you may be eligible for the Farm Household Allowance (FHA) – eligible farmers & their partners experiencing financial hardship, up to $12,000 for couples; $7,200 for singles. Contact Rural Business Support, 1800 836 211 (Freecall) or: [www.ruralbusinesssupport.org.au/rural-financial-counselling](http://www.ruralbusinesssupport.org.au/rural-financial-counselling...)

Regional Access Program – Free Counselling Service – free professional telephone and online counselling 24/7 for people 15 years and older living or working in regional South Australia.

Need help to access the help you need? Livestock SA will register any farmers who need support on the appropriate registers – call 8297 2299.

Sunday, 11 November 2018 marked the 100th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18). Council proudly supported the two local community events at Melrose and Port Germein providing a wreath. Cr Vicki Morley is pictured above laying the wreath on behalf of Council at the Port Germein Service.

Melrose and Wilmington communities displayed handmade poppies in a place of significance being the Melrose Memorial Gates and the Wilmington Soldiers Memorial Hall respectively.

Local Liquid Waste Removal

Residents may have noticed Local Liquid Waste Removal vehicles in town.

Council tendered for the desludging of septic tanks within townships and awarded the contract to Local Liquid Waste Removal.

Local Liquid Waste Removal is a Port Lincoln (SA) owned and family run business and has been operating since 2014.

Andrew & Carmen started the business from scratch providing a service to Port Lincoln. Andrew has worked in the liquid waste business since 2009 and has been doing Community Waste Water Schemes for the last 4 years.

Local Liquid Waste Removal will be desludging septic tanks in Melrose, Wilmington & Booleroo Centre during January, February and March 2019.

For more information regarding the services provided by Local Liquid Waste Removal visit www.localliquid.com.au.

As per Council’s Annual Business Plan and Budget Council provides a desludging service to all ratepayers connected to CWMS except Wirrabara. The charge is a ‘user pays’ and determined by the tendered amount. The charge for the 2018/19 financial year is $145 for septic tanks up to 1,500 litres and $185 for septic tank in excess of 1,500 litres and this has been included in the 2018/2019 rates.

## FREE Bait Injection service

The Living Flinders team will be providing bait needling services at Peterborough, Cradock, Quorn, Wilmington during February 2019.

Landholders are invited to bring their own meat to the regional racks for free needling by Natural Resources Northern and Yorke staff.

**Wednesday, 20 February** - Wilmington (Goey Gills property), Orroroo Road.

Please contact Natural Resources Northern and Yorke Ranger Rack Coordinator Perri Hendricks 0447 455 384 or email perri.hendricks@sa.gov.au for information or to register your interest.

## We’re Looking For

Two community representatives for the Melrose Caravan & Tourist Park Committee.

Nominations are being sought from interested community persons who have an interest in the development of the Melrose Caravan & Tourist Park.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of March, June, September and November.

Councillors, Management and Staff of the District Council of Mount Remarkable wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to working with you in 2019.

Christmas Closure
The Council Office (including Northern Passenger Transport Network) will be closed from 5.00pm on Friday 21 December 2018 and reopen at 9.00am on Wednesday 2 January 2019; and

The Melrose Post Office will be open 9am to 11am on Monday 24th, Thursday 27th and Friday 28th December 2018 and will be CLOSED on Monday 31st December 2018.

Flinders Mobile Library
Flinders Mobile Library will be closing for the Christmas/ New Year holiday break at 4pm on Friday 14th December 2018 and will re-open for business as usual on Monday 7th January 2019.

Please check the timetable on the website for more information www.flindersmobile.sa.gov.au or on Councils website www.mtr.sa.gov.au.

Don’t forget, if you run out of reading material you can always borrow eBooks, eAudio and eMagazine items via our website. All you need is your library card number and PIN.

Northern Passenger Transport Christmas luncheon was held on Friday 7 December at the Orroroo Golf Club to recognise and thank the many volunteers who contribute to the operations of this valuable service. Mrs Cathy Bowman, Chairperson Orroroo District Council presented certificates of recognition for 10 years service to Mr Noel Battersby & Mrs June Burt and five years service to Mrs Janet Williams & Mrs Dianne Cummins.