



# Remarkable Experience

District Council of  
**Mount Remarkable**

**July 2020**  
**Newsletter 245**

## **COUNCIL SNIPPETS**

*Please refer to the Council Minutes & Agenda Reports available on the Council website [mtr.sa.gov.au](http://mtr.sa.gov.au) for full details.*

**At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held Tuesday 16 June 2020 Councillor's resolved:**

### Acting Chief Executive Officer's Report

Council agreed to undertake a request for quote process in line with council's current procurement policy to update council's Infrastructure Asset Management Plan Transport Assets 2014/15 – 2023/24', and Building Asset Register.

### Booleroo Road – Willowie Bridge

Council invited Corey Loizeau to provide an update on the Willowie Bridge. Council noted the update in relation to Booleroo Road – Willowie Bridge and discussed the works required.

### Melrose Caravan & Tourist Park

Council agreed to investigate the safety signage on Joes Road and obtain the appropriate number of quotes for the supply & installation of an industrial washing machine for the Melrose Caravan & Tourist Park.

## **COUNCIL'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - SAM JOHNSON**

The District Council of Mount Remarkable is pleased to announce its new Chief Executive Officer as Sam Johnson.

"After a thorough selection process, of which we were impressed to see such an array of applicants, we are pleased to appoint Sam Johnson to the position of Chief Executive Officer" said Mayor Phillip Heaslip.

Sam brings an array of experience to the council, having spent a majority of his career in the corporate world of finance, and also 12 years of local government experience as an elected member.

Sam holds qualifications in finance, property, local government, and is currently completing his Bachelor of Public Administration majoring in management & public policy, of which is nearing completion.

"Sam brings a great deal of renewed enthusiasm and diverse experience, which we feel will be valuable to the community and the council at this opportune time" said Mayor Heaslip.

Sam's experience has seen him in varying roles that have covered large geographical areas of both South Australia and the Northern Territory, as well as having been involved in numerous committees and boards providing him with a broad experience.



"I am truly delighted to be accepting the position as CEO for the District Council of Mount Remarkable, and even more excited at the opportunities before both the council and the community. Already the community has been welcoming, and I am really looking forward to working with many over time to get some great results" said Sam Johnson.

"We are thankful also to all of the staff and their solid commitment during the past few months, and it just illustrates how great the team is in the council" said Mayor Heaslip.

Sam has already been very proactive within the Council and community attending many meet and greets throughout July including:

- The Weeroona Island Fishing Club
- Booleroo & Districts Men's Shed
- Mount View Homes (Brief introduction)
- Booleroo Centre Community Development & Tourism Association
- Owner of Jacka Brothers Brewery
- Port Germein Progress Association
- Port Germein Memorial Garden Volunteer Group
- Booleroo Centre & District Lions Club

# CEO SAM - OUT AND ABOUT



## SUPPLEMENTARY ELECTION RESULTS

On Thursday 16 July 2020, the Electoral Commission of South Australia collated the votes for the Supplementary Election of the Telowie Ward.

Stephen McCarthy has been provisionally elected as the new Councillor for the Telowie Ward of the District Council of Mount Remarkable

The Council would like to congratulate Stephen for winning the Councillor position and cordially welcomes him to the community.

Below are the first preference votes received by the candidates in the order they appeared on the ballot paper. Percentages are shown.

<b>Diane STANTON</b>	<b>153 votes</b>	<b>36.43%</b>
<b>Stephen McCARTHY</b>	<b>267 votes</b>	<b>63.57%</b>

For more information on the votes, visit <https://bit.ly/32wMEDv/>



## About Stephen McCarthy

"I am semi retired and live and operate my livestock farm at Mambray Creek which I purchased in 2001. My working life consists of working and managing pastoral cattle and sheep operations, my farm, consulting and the last 15 plus years as a National Operations Manager for a Federal Statutory Authority. My experiences and expertise are diverse including; governance, managing and leading executive multi-discipline teams, multi-million \$ budgets, capacity building, strategic management, policy development and implementation, high level negotiation, strategic innovation and securing funding with Federal, State and Territory governments. Designing and implementing innovative capacity building and employment and training programs with sustainable career pathways particularly for Indigenous youth has been a life long passion. I am a good communicator, collegiate, committed to tasks and always have a solution based approach. "

# \$ 2020/2021 BUDGET \$

As of July 7 2020 at the Special Meeting of Council. the Annual Business Plan & Budget for the Financial Year– ending 30 June 2021 has been adopted. Some highlights of the budget are included below.

- \$1M for Drought Communities Programs
- Desludging smaller septic tanks in Council district (those done every two years)
- Policy and Procedures review
- Strategic Management Plan
- Resheet 7.15 kms of Cat 1 roads, 24.30 kms of Cat 2 roads, 9.80 kms Cat 3 & 4 roads
- Patching of various roads
- Continue works to develop the Bluff lookout
- Continue working with DEW and other parties to progress 'Around the Mount' bike trail concept
- Continue installation of Heavy Vehicle Regulatory Signage

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

### Justin Faggotter

Justin Faggotter has been working for Council as part of the Works Team for approximately 12 months. Justin has previously worked in the area as a trades assistant and his interests lie in modified cars, gardening and music. Justin is committed to his job in a number of ways and always has a positive outlook on his daily tasks.



### Tammy Bastian

Tammy has worked for Council for 9 years, currently as Admin Assistant for the Regulatory Services department. Tammy lives on a farm in Booleroo Centre with her husband and two sons and enjoys being involved in the community. Council recognises Tammy as a valued member of staff who is devoted to her role and always shows compassion and kindness to others.



## WARM WELCOME TO PREMIER AND MINISTERS



Mount Remarkable area welcomed the Premier, Minister Spiers, Minister Whetstone, Minister van Holst Pellekaan and Minister Birmingham.

This week was the official launch of the \$10m investment in to unlocking the Southern Flinders Ranges, turning it into a world-class adventure tourism destination that will include:

- international mountain bike track at Mt Remarkable
- upgraded trails for hiking and cycling
- new multi-day hike
- improved visitor facilities

We're giving our tourism sector a much-needed boost!

Big thank you to all involved including key stakeholders such as Regional Development Australia Yorke & Mid North, and our neighbouring councils.



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# Drought Communities Program Update



The Drought Communities Program Round 2 is well underway in the council community over the past month. Council's Manager for Tourism and Community Development has been busy completing Project Inspections to stay up-to-date with all projects to ensure they are working on budget and timeframes.

Council anticipates the benefits of these improvements to the community will provide many more opportunities to the wider public and assist in making our region operate and service to a higher standard and potential for the future.



Project Groups are expected to complete a Progress Report by 31 August to report on the status of their projects and are all expected to be complete by 31 December.

Stay up-to-date on Council's social media platforms for more project updates.

## WORKS UPDATE - GRADING

Council staff recently have been out grading away at Weeroona Island.

A large part of Council's budget is the unsealed road network, and for this current financial year the elected councillors have increased the budget allocation for pothole repairs and maintenance. This means we can do more!



## It's time to register your dogs and cats

You do it yourself, it's easy>

Dog Registrations are now due!

Renewal notices have now been distributed through your preferred method of email, post or SMS.

Alternatively, you can visit the Council office, Booleroo Centre Pharmacy, Port Germein Post Office, Wilmington Post Office or Wirrabara Post Office as our agencies for dog registrations.

Log onto [www.dogsandcatsonline.com.au](http://www.dogsandcatsonline.com.au) to complete your renewal before the due date of 31 August to avoid fines.

If you are still unsure, don't hesitate to contact our Council office on 8666 2014.



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