



District Council of Mount Remarkable



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

June has been a big month as we bring the financial year to a close. The draft 2022/23 Annual Business Plan & Budget is now out for public consultation and I encourage people to obtain a copy of the draft plan from the Council website, or hard copies can be obtained from the Council office. The layout of the budget and plan has been redesigned and in a manner which reflects further detail and professional presentation.

Council still has some work to do in the area of financial management. A more comprehensive Long Term Financial Plan which will link to the proposed Asset

Management Plan will be a key priority of Council over the coming months. This will complete the core foundation of documents and plans for Council which we believe will ensure the long term sustainability of Council.

Council in conjunction with surrounding stakeholder Councils has made a decision to subcontract the Northern Passenger Transport Network (NPTN) service. This will be for a period of the current State Government funding. This will allow service enhancements, while a long term solution can be explored by all impacted communities. We are excited to be working with Community Care & Transport who will be operating the NPTN service in the coming months. Users of the service will experience minimal change, as the service will be run by Lyn Forster, and still out of the Mount Remarkable Council office. I thank the volunteers who have come on this journey of change with us, and remind everyone that without the volunteer support we would not be able to continue delivery of this critical community service.

The next meeting of Council will be Tuesday 19 July at Melrose, and I encourage people to attend or utilise the public Zoom link which Council now has available for those who cannot attend in person.

Mayor Phillip Heaslip

RESIGNATION – GREG PRESTRIDGE

On 27 June, advice was formally received from Greg Prestridge that he had made the decision based on personal reasons to resign from the elected position of Councillor, effective immediately.

Greg was elected to Council at a Bi-election in 2019 for the Willochra ward. During Greg's tenure he has represented the community of Wilmington quite passionately, and served on a number of Council committees including the CEO Performance Review Committee and the Audit & Risk Committee.

We acknowledge Greg's contribution to Council and the community, and we wish him well. Noting that a general election will be held in the coming months, Council will carry the vacancy created until the election of a new Council in November.



COUNCIL NEWS

Council Meetings

Special Meetings of Council to enable as part of the public consultation process for community members to make verbal submissions on the Draft 2022/23 Annual Business Plan & Budget are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday 28 June 2022 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Tuesday 5 July 2022 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Both of the special meetings will be held in the Council Chambers at Melrose and members of the community will also be able to attend via Zoom. Further information is available here:

[Public Consultation - Draft 2022/23 Annual Business Plan & Budget | District Council of Mount Remarkable \(mtr.sa.gov.au\)](#)

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

To access copies of current and past Council meeting agendas and minutes click here: [Council Agenda and Minutes | District Council of Mount Remarkable \(mtr.sa.gov.au\)](#)

Media Releases

Media releases issued since the previous newsletter are available here: [Latest News | District Council of Mount Remarkable \(mtr.sa.gov.au\)](#)

Newsletters

Previous issues of newsletters are available here: [Council | District Council of Mount Remarkable \(mtr.sa.gov.au\)](#)





COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Have your Say!

Draft 2022/23 Annual Business Plan & Budget for public consultation

Public consultation is being undertaken on Council's draft 2022/23 Annual Business Plan & Budget. Consultation commenced 9am on Thursday 23 June and concludes 9am Thursday 14 July 2022.

Copies of the document is available on Council's website or can be picked up free of charge at Council's Administration Centre at Melrose.

Feedback is invited and can be provided in writing (addressed to the Chief Executive Officer) or via verbal submissions at special meetings of Council (scheduled 28 June and 5 July). Promotion of the two special meetings of Council has been made via direct email to Community/Progress Groups, Facebook and Council's website to enable as

many community members as possible to participate in the consultation process.

Details of the special meetings and agenda papers are available here: <https://www.mtr.sa.gov.au/documents/agenda-and-minutes/council-agenda-and-minutes>

Further information and a copy of the Draft 2022/23 Annual Business Plan & Budget for public consultation is available here:

[Public Consultation - Draft 2022/23 Annual Business Plan & Budget | District Council of Mount Remarkable \(mtr.sa.gov.au\)](https://www.mtr.sa.gov.au/documents/agenda-and-minutes/council-agenda-and-minutes)



AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

Members of Council recently witnessed the citizenship ceremony conducted by Council for Mr Ross Dalton formerly of New Zealand and who now resides at Weeroona Island.

The Ceremony was held prior to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Tuesday 21 June 2022 at the Wilmington Bowling Club.

Left: Mr Ross Dalton receiving his Certificate of Australian Citizenship from Mayor Phillip Heaslip

MY LOCAL SERVICES APP

Council has recently signed up to the Local Government Association's product "My Local Services app". The smartphone application is designed to deliver localised council information to residents of South Australia.

With My Local Services, you can find out upcoming local events, locate a council facility (libraries, playgrounds, dog parks), stay updated with council issues, get notifications of local services (i.e. waste collection) and even report an issue and provide photos (broken bins or pavement failures).

Whilst some specific to Mount Remarkable Council information is still being worked on, you can still download it now in readiness for the full features that it will provide.

It's free to download and easy to use on any Apple or Android smartphone devices. To download the app and read more about it click here: [My Local Services | LGA South Australia](https://www.mtr.sa.gov.au)





Melrose residents Bev Taylor and Gweneth McCallum and the Federation Quilt

FEDERATION QUILT

The Federation Quilt is on display in the front of house at Council's Administration Centre at Melrose. The quilt spent a couple of years on display in another location but has been returned to be on display in a more prominent location for all visitors to the Administration Centre to enjoy.

The history of the quilt goes back to August 2000 when Council was successful in receiving a grant from the SA Federation Grants Program for the design and creation of a Federation Quilt for the Centenary of Federation 1901 - 2001. A group of local women created a Quilting Planning Committee and invited people from all over the Council district to participate. The quilt took approximately 1 year to make and involved many hours of hard patch working and was unveiled in September 2001.

The quilt is bordered by two gum trees which form an arch and encircle the many themes used to depict the District. Themes include a map showing the eleven towns (Booloroo Centre, Melrose, Wirrabara, Wilmington, Port Germein, Appila, Murray Town, Hammond, Willowie, Bruce and Mambrey Creek and one settlement, the geography of the area, industries and technology changes, important buildings and monuments, multiculturalism and the flora and fauna unique to the District.

WILMINGTON 14 COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE – NEW APPLIANCE DELIVERED

Wilmington CFS recently had a new appliance delivered - Wilmington 14.

The new appliance replaces the old Wilmington 14 which is now 22 years old and came to us from Iron Knob in 2011 and has served Wilmington CFS well for many years.

The new appliance comes with a host of new safety features and design improvements that will help make the job of firefighters both safer and easier.

The crew has commenced familiarisation of the new appliance and is looking forward seeing how it performs on the fireground.



The new Wilmington CFS appliance

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2023 AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS - NOMINATE NOW

Nominations for the 2023 Australian of the Year Awards are open and close on 31 July 2022.

The Australian of the Year Awards honour incredible Australians who have gone the extra mile to create a better country for us all. We all know someone who goes above and beyond in contributing to a

greater community - the quiet achievers, the community heroes, the leaders and the doers. Now is your time to recognise them.

Further information is available here:
<https://www.australianoftheyear.org.au/>



FUTURE OF NORTHERN PASSENGER TRANSPORT NETWORK

The State Government's 20 May announcement by new Minister for Human Services the Hon Nat Cook MP that the State Government is reviewing its arrangements and funding for all community passenger networks has triggered considerations of Mount Remarkable's role as the host Council delivering services across the region. Mount Remarkable has considered its ability to continue in the role as host Council in light of additional factors that have become evident through recent independent and internal reviews.

Northern Passenger Transport Network (NPTN) member Councils District Council of Peterborough, District Council of Orroroo Carrieton, Northern Areas Council, Port Pirie Regional Council and The Flinders Ranges Council have recently been consulted regarding the future of NPTN and have provided feedback. Member Councils have considered various options moving forward, noting the priority is ensuring key stakeholders continue to have access to at least the same level of service.

The preferred option, to ensure the immediate continuation of the service is via a short-term engagement of an experienced external provider to operate the service on behalf of the Member Councils. To date, all member Councils have indicated their support for the future of NPTN, as well as ensuring a suitable external provider of the service maintains the current level of service and acts upon the recently known governance improvements required to ensure continuation of funding.

Mount Remarkable and Member Councils will continue to explore opportunities for the long term continuation of the NPTN whilst the Government makes its own determinations. This consideration will explore future and more permanent governance and management arrangements to the satisfaction of all NPTN Member Councils.

The District Council of Mount Remarkable in its role as host Council considered a report at its June Council meeting

which determined an immediate future arrangement of the NPTN, and the proposed use of an experienced and suitable subcontractor to continue service delivery with minimal disruption to the service users, volunteers and communities.

The approved subcontractor to provide the NPTN service for the foreseeable future is Community Care & Transport Inc. Community Care & Transport Inc is a well-established operator who is primarily based within the Yorke Peninsula.

Community Care & Transport Inc has advised it will be welcoming to their team long term NPTN employee, Lyn Forster, and will continue delivering the service out of the Melrose office through the support of Mount Remarkable Council.

The transition process kicks off with a strong focus being provided on clients and volunteers ensuring minimal disruption and improvements to the service.

BOOLEROO CENTRE FOOTPATHS

Council is currently investigating non-compliance issues relating to works recently undertaken by an external contractor engaged through an open tender process for the construction of the Booleroo Centre footpaths.

It has been identified that the works completed to date do not meet the specifications as outlined within the tender and contract.

Given this, Council is pursuing corrective actions to ensure the works being undertaken by the contractor are done to the agreed

standard as set by Council and also ensure the long term sustainability of the assets.

Council considers that the use of public funds to achieve the optimum results for the community is paramount.

As more information about this matter becomes publicly available, including information about proposed works completion dates, it will be provided.





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Laws for Burning in the Open



EPA BURNING

As the weather begins to cool and we move into winter residents are reminded of the Environment Protection (Air Quality) Policy.

The policy prohibits burning in the open within townships.

As per the EPA Policy, the following exemptions apply and are allowable within townships:

- » Lighting or maintaining a fire using charcoal, dry wood or other dry plant material for the purpose of preparing food or beverages;
- » Burning charcoal or dry wood in a brazier, chiminea or fire pit for domestic heating;
- » The burning of dry fire wood .

Maps defining Township boundaries are available on [Council's website](#).

SHARPS CONTAINERS & DISPOSAL

The Council provides a syringe disposal service for residents throughout the Region.

The District Council of Mount Remarkable, together with the Booleroo Centre & District Hospital and the Booleroo Medical Centre are able to provide residents free access to Sharps containers for the safe storage and disposal of needles and syringes and sharps.

Council have 7.8ltr and 3ltr sharp containers available for those that need to dispose of medical sharps. These are available at the Council Office at no cost.

New containers can be collected from:

- » Council Office in Melrose
- » Out-clinics of the Booleroo Medical Centre at Melrose, Wilmington and Wirrabara
- » Booleroo Medical Centre

Full containers can be returned to any of the above sites during normal business times. This is a free and confidential service.



DOG & CAT REGISTRATION RENEWALS ARE DUE

Dog registration renewal notices will arriving in your letterboxes or email boxes over the next couple of week, and are due for payment by 31 August, 2022.

Go to: www.dogsandcatsonline.com.au to complete your renewal, register a new pet, and update your details or for more information.

Remember that Cats are required to be microchipped/de-sexed and entered into the DACO (Dogs and Cats Online) system too.

Registered pets are happy pets so give your pets and yourself peace of mind – register and microchip them today.



SAVE THE DATE..... DrumMUSTER COLLECTION

Council will be conducting DrumMUSTER chemical drum collection at the Willowie Landfill:

Tuesday 11 & Wednesday 12 October 2022

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.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL - Phone 86662014





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COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2022

ENROL NOMINATE VOTE

COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2022

Consider for a moment how everyday life is improved by the many services that councils provide.

What do councils do? | LGA South Australia

Imagine the District without street lighting, road maintenance, rubbish collection, footpaths, playgrounds, sporting facilities, community halls – and the list goes on.

Decisions about these services, programs and infrastructure are made by an elected group of councillors.

There are two main forms of elections held to elect council members - Periodic elections and Supplementary elections.

Every four years there is a Periodic election – where all positions on council are vacated and an election is held to fill all the positions. Existing council members can stand for election again if they wish. The next Periodic election is due to be held in November 2022.

Supplementary elections are only held when a position becomes vacant during the four yearly council cycle. An example of when this might happen is when a council member resigns or becomes a member of state or federal parliament.

The key dates for the next Periodic election are noted below:

Roll Close
5pm Friday 29 July 2022

Nominations Open
Tuesday 23 August 2022

Nominations Close
12noon Tuesday 6 September 2022

Dispatch of ballot material to electors
Friday 14 October and
Thursday 20 October 2022

Close of Voting
5pm Thursday 10 November 2022

Scrutiny and Count
9am Saturday 12 November 2022

All voting in council elections is done by post.

Enrolled voters receive a voting package through the mail and return their votes in a reply paid envelope.

Click on this link to find out more about enrolling to vote [Vote | LGA South Australia](#).

Check your enrolment details through the Australian Electoral Commission [Check my enrolment \[aec.gov.au\]](#)

Unlike State and Federal elections, it is not compulsory to vote in South Australian council elections.

However, council elections are the biggest single voluntary civic participation activity in the state with nearly 400,000 people voting in the last Periodic council elections.

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ENROL TO VOTE

The voters' roll for council elections has two components:

1. The State (House of Assembly) electoral roll, and
2. District Council of Mount Remarkable supplementary roll.

STATE ELECTORAL ROLL

If you are on the State electoral roll you will automatically receive a voting pack for the November 2022 election.

To check if your residential and postal details are up to date on the State electoral roll [click here](#).

If you have moved house or changed your name, you need to complete a new enrolment form, available at:

1. your local Post Office, or
2. at the Electoral Commission of South Australia office (located at Level 6/60 Light Square, Adelaide), or
3. by calling Electoral Commission of South Australia on 1300 655 232 to request a form be sent to you.





MOUNT REMARKABLE SUPPLEMENTARY ROLL

If you are not enrolled on the State electoral roll you may be eligible to register on the council supplementary roll if:

- » You have been resident at your current address for one month and are not on the State electoral roll
- » You are a sole owner/occupier of rateable property
- » You are **not** an Australian citizen but you have been a resident at your current address for one month
- » You are a landlord for rateable property
- » You are an organisation/business owner or occupier of rateable property
- » You are a group of owners or occupiers of rateable property.

For example: If you are not an Australian citizen, and not on the State electoral roll you can vote in a council election, as long as you are above 18 years of age and have lived in the council area for more than one month. You can also vote in a council election if you own a rateable property in the area, regardless of whether you live in it.

Another important difference is that businesses and bodies corporate can vote in council elections. In order to do so you must register on Council's supplementary roll. See further details below.

Note that all landlords, business lessees and resident non-Australian citizens were removed from the council supplementary roll on 1 January 2022 and need to reapply to be enrolled in order to receive a voting pack for the November 2022 Local Government elections.

ENROLLING ON COUNCIL'S SUPPLEMENTARY ROLL

If you wish to enrol on the council supplementary roll to vote in a supplementary election you should download the information and enrolment form relevant to your particular circumstance and submit it to District Council of Mount Remarkable.

You may email the form to postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au or submit the form by post to PO Box 94, Melrose SA 5483 or drop the form into the Administration Centre, 3 Stuart Street, Melrose during normal opening hours.

1. **Form 1 - Application for enrolment on the Voters Roll** - Natural person (Where owner or occupier is a natural person.)
2. **Form 2 - Application for enrolment on the Voters Roll** - Body corporate (A designated person is required to vote on behalf of the body corporate.)
3. **Form 3 - Application for enrolment on the Voters Roll - Group owners** (Property owned or occupied by more than one person and/or business/organisation. A designated person is required to vote on behalf of the Group.)

The Roll closes at 5pm on 29 July 2022, so you will need to submit your completed form to council by that date to be eligible to vote.

NOMINATE

If you are eligible to vote in local council elections, you may also be eligible to stand for a position on council

Becoming a council member presents the opportunity to influence local directions and create long term, positive outcomes within your community and for fellow residents of the District.

The role of council member is both rewarding and challenging. It requires commitment, responsibility and accountability.

With very few exceptions (such as being an undischarged bankrupt or being disqualified from holding office by a court order), you can nominate for a position on council regardless of qualifications, religion, race, gender, experience or profession.

The District Council of Mount Remarkable encourages nominations from people from diverse backgrounds to ensure that a wide range of views are being represented.

If you consider yourself to be invested in the future of the District, are willing to learn and participate, and prepared to contribute strategically to decision making processes that benefit the broader community, then you should explore what it takes to be a council member.

A guide has been prepared by the Local Government Association of South Australia to help you appreciate the role and responsibilities of a council member, understand the election process, and assist you in deciding whether to nominate. A 2022 version of this booklet will be available soon to download via Council's website.

Council and the Electoral Commission of SA will run information sessions for prospective council members on dates to be advised.



AEC

Australian Electoral Commission



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MELROSE RUNNING FESTIVAL

Adelaide Trail Runners has announced the 2022 Melrose Running Festival at the Mount Remarkable National Park on Saturday 30 July 2022. More information about this event which has been staged since 2017 is available here:

[Melrose Running Festival 2022](#)
[| AdelaideTrailRunners](#)

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Town	July	August	September
WILMINGTON 12.45pm – 2.15pm MELROSE 3.00pm – 5.00pm	Tuesday 26	Tuesday 9, 23	Tuesday 6, 20
WIRBARARA 10.15am – 11.45am MURRAY TOWN 12.45pm – 1.45pm APPILA 2.30pm – 3.30pm	Thursday 28	Thursday 11, 25	Thursday 8, 22
PORT GERMEIN 10.00am – 12.30pm BOOLEROO CENTRE 12.30pm – 4.00pm	Thursday 7 Friday 8	Thursday 4, 18 Friday 5, 19	Thursday 1, 15, 29 Friday 2, 16, 30

RETURN BOXES are located at Booleroo Centre IGA, Wilmington Post Office, Store Fifty Four Melrose, and Wirrbarara Lucky Seven.

The Truck will be **OFF THE ROAD** during the July School Holidays: 9th – 24th July 2022
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AUSTRALIA'S EXPLORERS WAY ADELAIDE TO DARWIN

The Explorers Way digital book is a fabulous resource for locals and visitors alike. It contains maps, facts and history and places of interest in the District and beyond.

Click here to take a look at Australia's Explorers Way – The Greatest Road Trail in Australia: <https://html5.catalog.com/?docid=d5707af7-dbb4-40a6-8458-abf7cd540876>

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