Council Snippets

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
TUESDAY 21 APRIL 2015

Mid North Rural Speed Limit Review
The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer attended a Mid North Rural Speed Limit Review presentation by Minister Piccolo, Minister for Road Safety on 31 March 2015. Council resolved to write to the Minister opposing a blanket reduction in speed limits from 110km/h to 100km/h, but supporting a merit based reduction on some roads on a case by case basis. Council also seeks government to better maintain the roads network, supports the reduction of trees to create a roadside buffer zone and increased driver awareness education campaigns focussing on the impact crashes have on families.

Fat Tyre Festival — Temporary Road Closure
Stuart Street Melrose, between the top of Stuart Street (Melrose Institute) and Joes Road, will be temporarily closed from 5.00 am Saturday 6 June to midnight Sunday 7 June 2015 for the annual Fat Tyre Festival. Note: There will still be full access to all of Nott Street.

Baroota Reservoir
Council is working with an across agency taskforce to investigate the possible opening up of the Baroota Reservoir to the public for recreational fishing. Council supports the proposal in principal and believes it could present enormous tourism opportunities for fishing and other recreational pursuits in this beautiful location, for both visitors and locals.

Digital Television Service
Council agreed to further investigate and obtain costing for converting Billy Foulis Hill tower to a Digital Video Broadcast (DVB) Terrestrial tower and reinstating local television programming to residents of Melrose and Wilmington.

National Volunteers Week
11– 17 May 2015

Our communities are made up of many talented people who contribute significant amounts of time and dedication to their local communities. Council takes this opportunity to recognise and applaud the valuable work our community members do in and around the Council district.

As you drive through the region the work of our volunteers is visible, whether it’s a major project, sporting event, parks and gardens, playgrounds, markets, festivals, ceremonies, community services or our emergency services attending to incidents - all of these and more would not be achievable without the input of the local community and the volunteers who willingly give their time for the benefit of all and provide our communities with the excellent facilities and environment that we can be proud of.

Council recognises both the individuals and the many sporting groups, progress associations, emergency services and not for profit organisations that make up our communities, large and small and the many volunteers that go about their tasks quietly and professionally.

So a very big THANK YOU to all the volunteers in the District Council of Mount Remarkable for helping to make our district and our communities simply REMARKABLE.

COMMUNITY RUBBISH BINS
It is unfortunate that once again a few are making life unpleasant for many. It is reported that some local residents at Port Germein have been observed depositing their household rubbish into community bins on the foreshore in front of the Goods shed, the playground and the BBQ shelters, as well as illegal dumping of garden refuse onto Council areas.

Community bins are there for minor items for visitors after having enjoyed our facilities for a morning cuppa or the like. It is not pleasant for residents to be greeted by smelling household rubbish and crab shells or for bins to be filled with newspapers that should be placed in recycle bins.

Future rubbish dumpers will be reported and fines may apply.
Public Meeting
Wirrabara Residents
Have your say
Monday, 18 May 2015 at 7.00 pm
in the Wirrabara Institute

The District Council of Mount Remarkable is holding a public meeting for residents of Wirrabara to gauge the current feelings/sentiments of the community as to the future of the Wirrabara Forest and the opportunities that may exist.

For further information contact
District Council of Mount Remarkable
on 8666 2014
Wayne Hart
Chief Executive Officer

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DP Energy - proposed Port Augusta Renewable Energy Park. The proposal is to construct a wind farm of approximately 150MW and a solar farm of approximately 150MW on land situated on the coastal plain south-east of Port Augusta. The project will consist of up to 59 turbines with rotor diameters of nominally 122 metres.

Council will continue to liaise with DP Energy regarding benefits to the district as well as its concerns about the visual impact of the location. Further information is available at:

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Road Safety in the District Council of Mount Remarkable 2010 - 2014

Mayor Sandra Wauchope and Chief Executive Officer attended the Mid North Rural Speed Limit Review at Port Pirie on the 31 March 2015. Further to this meeting the Department for Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) provided Council with a Fact Sheet, Road Safety in the District Council of Mount Remarkable (DCMR) 2010-2014.

Did you know in our Council Area:
- There were a total of 77 casualties for the year period 2010-2014
- Casualty numbers were highest in males 40-49 years
- 47% of driver and rider causalities that occur in the DCMR area are residents of the area
- Crashes can occur at any time, the most common time for a casualty to occur in the DCMR area is midday to 6pm on a Saturday
- The majority of the casualty crashes are the result of rolling over or hitting a fixed object
- The majority of the crashes occur on roads with 100km/h + speed limit
- 15% of all casualty crashes occur at intersections, while the remaining 85% occur at ‘midblock’ sections where there is no intersecting roads
- DCMR represents 11% of all fatal crashes and 7% of all serious injury crashes that occurred in the Yorke and Mid North region.

Road accidents, no matter how minor, impact on immediate family and our communities at large, emotionally, financially and physically.
Copies of the Fact Sheet are available at www.sa.gov.au

PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY—you owe it to yourself, your family and others.
Council have commenced the construction of Cell 2A at the Willowie Landfill. The removal of soil is 40% complete and once completed Golders will commence the laying of the clay liner which will be overlain by a 0.25mm thick plastic layer and a 400mm thick leachate drainage layer overlain by a separation geotextile.

Road Grading Operations
Council has implemented a new methodology for patrol grading aligning with the categorisation of all roads in the district and Councils roads data and Asset Management Plan. This will realise a more planned approach to routine road maintenance and improved outcomes on our unsealed roads and allow for those periods of emergency flooding repairs.

Council Grader Operators have completed a two day training course with road forming and run off development being a large component of the training.

Recent rains have been welcomed by Council to get moisture into the road surface material and enabled the completion of a number of roads.

Kerbing and Sealing

The aesthetics and water control on High Street Wirrabara have been greatly improved with the completion of street kerbing.

Expressions of Interest are being called for

Casual Position
Cleaner - Public Toilets Melrose

Duties include the cleaning of two public toilets in Melrose (5-6 hours per week)
- Paradise Square
- behind the Institute (Nott Street)

(All cleaning products are provided.)

Expressions of Interested should forward to: The Deputy Chief Executive Officer District Council of Mount Remarkable, PO Box 94, MELROSE SA 5483 and received by 12 noon Monday, 25 May 2015

For further information, contact Jessie at the Council Office 8666 2014
Local residents braved the inclement weather on Anzac Day to remember and pay tribute to the brave men and women who have served Australia in war. Council is pleased to be involved in supporting the five towns that hold a commemoration service. Reports back to Council indicate the Anzac Day services were well supported by members of the community.

Following community and Council feedback, NBN Co attended the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 21 April 2015 and presented a briefing to Council regarding the proposed location of the network towers for Wirrabara and Melrose. The presentation included an overview of NBN Co and a background to the service NBN Co will provide to residents in Wirrabara, Melrose, Booleroo Centre and Port Germein.

NBN Co took on board the communities and Councils concerns about the tower locations in Melrose and Wirrabara and alternative location options are to be investigated.

Additionally, Council was informed that no decision has yet been made regarding the type of system (wireless or satellite) that Wilmington and other areas of DCMR will receive. Council will continue to liaise and advocate with NBN Co regarding the future implementation of this service to others towns in the district.

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**Remarkable Communities**

Council is seeking the assistance of community organisations, groups and sporting clubs to update our Community Database with your contact details.

Council has developed a fantastic **Remarkable Communities** newsletter that will inform groups/organisations of current grants, local events and will be a source advertising for your group—and its FREE.

The **Remarkable Communities** newsletter is only available electronically. Please register your group/organisation with Hayley Trott on 8666 2014 or email: hayley@mtr.sa.gov.au

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**A helping hand for farmers in fight against pest animals.**

Primary Producers SA and the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (SSAA) have developed a program that will provide individual landholders access to a database of qualified SSAA members with program-accredited shooting skills to assist with on-property pest animal control. The program is an online tool that provides farmers with a free, simple and fast service for dealing with problem wildlife.