Keeping the community informed
Appila, Bangor, Baroota, Booleroo Centre, Booleroo Whim, Bruce, Charlton, Hammond, Mambray Creek, Melrose, Moockra, Murray Town, Nectar Brook, Weeroona Island, Port Germein, Telowie, Terka, Willowie, Wilmington, Winninowie, Wirrabara, Wongyarra and Yandiah

Council Snippets

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY 21 JULY 2015

Wilmington - Melrose television service
Council has received initial information received from Southern Cross Broadcasters and the Department of Communications. A full report will be prepared and presented to Council at the October 2015 meeting.

Wirrabara Forest
Council has prepared and submitted an Expression of Interest for parts of the Wirrabara Forest, including a proposal to develop and establish a Caravan Park at Wirrabara Sporting Reserve.

Renewable Energy
A motion “That Council supports, in principle, any renewable energy developments or proposals within the District Council of Mount Remarkable” was carried.

Council endorsed for public consultation in accordance with Council’s Public Consultation Policy the:
- Draft Asset Management Plan - CWMS, Water Supply and buildings
- Infrastructure Asset Management Plan - Transport Assets
- Long Term Financial Plan

A copy of the documents are available for viewing at the Council Office, 3 Stuart Street Melrose and on Council’s website www.mtr.sa.gov.au.

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 on the web form available at Council’s website www.mtr.sa.gov.au.

Submissions are to be received by 5.00pm on Thursday 17 September 2015.

Council commences a review of its Cemetery Program
Council has thirteen cemeteries under its care and responsibility. At present Council is conducting a review of all its cemeteries with the view to working with local Councillors and interested community members to ensure these important community grounds are well maintained and a program is developed for future maintenance and upkeep. Council has commenced the program at the Melrose Cemetery which included clearing of tree litter, weed clearing, parking bay tidy up and the installation of more than 80 grave identification plaques. Council “Cemeteries and ‘Natural Burial Grounds’ Policy can be viewed at www.mtr.sa.gov.au.

Supplementary Election – Telowie Ward
The poll for the supplementary election for the Telowie Ward closed at 12 noon on Monday 7 September 2015. At the close of the poll, 501 Ballot papers had been received, three informal ballot papers resulting in 498 formal ballot papers. This represented 51% of eligible voters in the Telowie Ward.

The Electoral Commission of South Australia conducted the count and declared Vicki Morley elected.

Vicki Morley will undertake the Oath at the Ordinary Meeting to be held 15 September 2015 at the Council Chambers, Melrose.
**FIRE PREVENTION**
Council will commence its property inspections on 21 September 2015. Do you comply?

**Maintaining your Property**
Under Section 105F of the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005, property owners are required to maintain their land to prevent / inhibit the outbreak or spread of fire on their property.

To comply you are required to:
- Reduce all grass, pest plants and undergrowth to a maximum height of 100mm on township blocks.

For more information on Fire Prevention please contact Council’s Fire Prevention Officer by phoning 8666 2014 or email postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au.

**Property Clean-up**
Council has a list of businesses and persons available to clear vacant blocks in readiness for the fire season. Please contact the Council Office on 8666 2014 if you require assistance with block preparedness.

If you wish to register a business or community group/organisation that has the capacity and equipment to clear vacant blocks/land either by mowing, whipper snipping or slashing and interested in providing this service to ratepayers contact Council on 8666 2014.

**Roadworks - Horrocks Highway:**
Council has received notification from the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) that shoulder sealing works will commence on Horrocks Highway, south of the Wirrabara township on 8 September 2015. Some traffic delays can be expected while the works is being completed. The shoulder works is scheduled to be completed by the end of October 2015. Additionally safety barriers will be installed at selective locations with works expected to be completed by the end of December 2015.

**Hardwaste collection** - Council will conduct its Hardwaste collection program within Council townships from 19 to 30 October 2015. Ratepayers residing outside of the township are able to obtain a Hardwaste Voucher from the Council Office. **Vouchers must be used from 18 October to 1 November 2015.** Unused vouchers will not be accepted outside of this period.

**Collection Dates:**

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**Hard Waste** can include:
- Paper/cardboard (bundled & tied)
- White goods (Fridges & freezers with seals removed, washing machines, heater, dryers etc.)
- Household furniture & goods
- Household fixtures (kitchen cupboards, window frames - no glass)
- Mattresses
- Miscellaneous items (push bikes, lawn mowers, garden equipment, empty garden pots etc)
- Timber off-cuts (building material)
- Carpet (maximum of floor coverings for 2 rooms)
- Empty paint tins

The following **WILL NOT** be collected:
- e-waste, TV’s, Computers etc.
- Vehicle bodies, car body parts (incl engines, exhausts, gearboxes)
- Tyres
- Hazardous chemicals, oils (both motor & vegetable), paint, insecticides, pesticides
- Asbestos waste
- Green waste, ie tree branches; pruning's etc
- Garden soil
- Fencing wire
- Building rubble
- Vehicle batteries
- Ammunition or explosives of any kind
- Gas bottles

*Note Clean Green Waste and E-Waste can be delivered to Councils landfill and transfer stations **FREE all year round by ratepayers.**

For further information, contact the Council Office on 8666 2014 or 1300 726 252

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**Remarkable Places**  **Remarkable People**  **Remarkable Lifestyles**  **Simply Remarkable**
What's Happening around Council?

Wilmington Playground has received an upgrade with several pieces of equipment being removed and replaced with some new modern pieces. The playground caters for all ages. Council has received positive reports back from the community. Council allocated $25,000 in its annual budget to upgrade its playgrounds.

Council is working with the Wirrabara Progress Association to upgrade its playground and ensure it is compliant to Council policy.

Melrose Community Development Association are investigating options to add an extra piece of equipment at Melrose with Councils approval.

Council will commence compliance works at the Prests Alley Playground, Booleroo Centre in consultation with the Lions Club and the Booleroo Centre Community Development Tourism Association.

An opening for the newly developed playground at Booleroo Centre will be held on Saturday 26 September 2015.

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) conducted a Structure Inspection and Load Rating Assessment of the Spear Creek Road, Wilmington. As a result of the inspection several structural issues where identified for repairs. Council completed the repair of two culverts in the 2014/2015 financial year and have committed funds to complete the repairs to the remaining culverts as per the DPTI report and requirements. Council has commenced works on the bridge repairs on Spear Creek Road, Wilmington.

Road Works during August:

- Repairs and grading to Willowie/Booleroo Road (Harris Hill), Booleroo Centre
- Repairs and grading to Mount View Road, Booleroo Centre
- Commenced carting rubble and construction of Pine Creek Road, Appila
- Completed construction of Borgas Road Booleroo
- Continued grader maintenance of roads

Image: Survey Road creek crossing
It’s your place. Tell us what matters to you.
A new Natural Resource Management Plan for Northern & Yorke is being developed and it’s time for you to ‘voice it’, to bring to the table what is precious, what is a concern, what needs action.

Our livelihoods, lifestyles and landscapes are all closely linked to the soil, water, sea, native plants and animals around us. The Northern & Yorke Natural Resources Management Board wants to know what matters to you so together we can plan for the management of the region’s natural resources.

What is important?
• What do you want your kids to inherit?
• What tells you that you’ve come home?
What needs some attention?
• What is at risk?
• Where are the hot spots?

For information or to organise a Natural Resources Northern & Yorke Officer to talk to you ring the Kate Pearce, Team Leader, Community on 8658 1086

We want to email this newsletter to you! Please let us know your email address so we can stay in touch.
A hardcopy of the Council Newsletter is available for collection from post offices and general stores in all major towns in the district and on Councils website www.mtr.sa.gov.au. Council is reviewing its operations and will not be mailing the monthly Council Newsletter to ratepayers as of September. Please contact the Council Office on 8666 2014 to register your email address.

Swimming Pools
Council is currently negotiating the Swimming Pool leases for the Booleroo Centre and Wilmington pools.
In accordance with the Royal Life Saving Australia Pool Safety Guidelines it is a requirement to have a qualified pool attendant or supervisor in attendance at all times when the pool is being used during the swimming season. A current Bronze Medallion is a requirement of being a Pool Attendant or supervisor during swimming times at all of Councils swimming pools.
Royal Life Saving of South Australia will be offering the Bronze Medallion and Bronze Medallion Update courses at the Booleroo Centre Memorial Swimming Pool on 14 & 15 November 2015.
Any person/s wishing to be a pool attendant for the coming swimming season are encouraged to contact Council to register their interest on 8666 2014.

Pool Plant Operator Booleroo Centre
The role of the Pool Plant Operator is crucial. The Booleroo Centre Pool is open seven days per week weather permitting.
Applications must have minimum qualification of or be willing to obtain:
• Pool Plant Operator’s Certificate
• Senior First Aid Certificate
To apply for the above position, provide a covering letter and a resume including contact details for two current referees.
Applications should be marked ‘Confidential’ and be forwarded to The Deputy Chief Executive Officer, District Council of Mount Remarkable, PO Box 94, Melrose SA 5483 by 5.00pm Monday 28 September 2015.
For further information please contact the Council Office on 8666 2014.

Farmers wanted for Silver leaf Nightshade trials... Natural Resources Northern & Yorke are wanting to hear from farmers interested in participating in a 12-18 month trial for the control of Silver leaf nightshade. For more information contact the Natural Resources Centre on 8841 3400 or Karen Herbert on 0438 297 319.

Register your Business
Council is formulating an up to date Business Register. Council will use this information to update our new home owner packs, allow us to easily contact you if any relevant grant, training or development opportunities arise and for reference when contacted by members of the community Council can promote our businesses. Council will in the future develop a categorised list of local businesses for inclusion on its website www.mtr.sa.gov.au. To register contact Hayley Trott, Community Development Officer on 8666 2014 or email hayley@mtr.sa.gov.au

Development Association Inc
A.G.M
Tuesday 15 September 2015
Melrose RSL Building - 7:30pm
New and intending members most welcome

On the rise….Council has received a number of calls from local residents concerned at the rise in rabbit populations. Natural Resources Northern & Yorke have advised Council the increase in population is largely seasonal and numbers should naturally decline over the coming months.