The District Council of Mount Remarkable Citizen of the Year for 2017 was awarded to Yvonne and Don Bishop of Melrose. Yvonne and Don have been recognised for their commitment over many years to the beautification of the parks and gardens around Melrose, specifically Paradise Square. The many volunteer hours they have tirelessly given has been recognised by the community and is appreciated by visitors to the district.

Community Event of the Year 2017 was awarded to the Wilmington Night Rodeo - 50 Year Celebrations. Refer page 3 for more details.

No nominations for Junior Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year were received.
At its June 2016 Ordinary Meeting Councillors resolved to install urban house numbering to all residential houses in Appila, Booleroo Centre, Melrose, Port Germein, Wilmington, Wirrabara and Weeroona Island at no cost to the owner during the 2016-2017 financial year. Additionally urban street signage will be installed at all intersections within Council townships.

Council reiterates that the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) have been notified of all property numbers and Council has received confirmation that their records have been updated, this flows through to the South Australian Integrated Land Information System (SAILIS) and the departments that use this data.

The responsibility remains with property owners to ensure the correct residential address is provided to utility services such as Telstra and Electricity companies. Other agencies that require the correct residential address and residents should confirm their respective residential address with include, the Australian Electoral Commission, Centrelink, Australian Securities & Investments Commission (ASIC) and the Registrar of Licensing for driver’s licence and vehicle registrations.

Council is aware some departments/services have not updated their respective databases. When engaging contractors please refer them to the property location browser at maps.sa.gov.au which has a current up to date mapping system. Council has no jurisdiction over other agencies databases and is unable to enforce the changes on their respective systems.

If you believe your house number is incorrect please contact Council on 8666 2014 for clarification.

Employment Opportunity

Council will be advertising for an Operations Manager to oversee and manage the Township Maintenance and Projects team of the Council on a full time basis.

The position would suit a self-motivated individual with strong leadership skills and a commitment and desire to contribute and participate to the local community.

The position will open late January and will be advertised in the local papers and on Councils website mtr.sa.gov.au.

Property House Numbers


Works staff were kept busy during the Christmas period with the continuation of storm damage occurring in the district. Appila had a number of trees destroyed by strong winds and flooding occurred in Wilmington damaging several driveways.
The Community Event of the Year 2017 was awarded to the Wilmington Night Rodeo - 50 Year Celebrations. The Rodeo is nationally recognised and the Wilmington Rodeo Committee and the many community volunteers are commended for its success. The Wilmington Rodeo Club donates to local community organisations and services in the Council District and provides substantial benefits to the economic and social standings of the community. Founded in 1966 the club has donated a staggering $217,903 to various committees, clubs, services, churches, schools, hospitals, foundations, charities and more.

At its Ordinary Meeting held in August 2016 Councillors resolved to proceed with providing the local Primary Schools with a District Council of Mount Remarkable ‘Student Incentive and Achievement Award’, to be presented at the schools end of year presentation evening. Booleroo Centre, Melrose and Wilmington Primary Schools accepted this initiative. Cr Jan Woolford is pictured above presenting the ‘Student Incentive and Achievement Award’ to Leah Phillips of Wilmington Primary School. Cr Phillip Heaslip presented the Booleroo Centre Primary School Award to Britt Thomas and Cr Lyall Arthur presented the Melrose Primary School Award.

Council is pleased to be working with the local schools and congratulates award recipients for being recognised for their contribution to the school community and their studies during the year.

Council Policies for Public Consultation

Council endorsed three (3) policies for public consultation:

- Draft Community Question Time Policy
- Draft Disposal of Land and Assets Policy
- Draft Complaints Process Under Member’s Code of Conduct Policy

A copy of the documents are available for viewing at the Council Office, 3 Stuart Street Melrose and on Council’s website 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 no later than 5.00pm, Thursday 12 January 2017.

Opening Soon
Community Assistance Grants

The Community Assistance Grant is opening shortly. Start writing your application now! Application forms and guidelines will be available from the Council Office or visit mtr.sa.gov.au from late January 2017.

Applications close Monday 13 March 2017.

Projects or events must demonstrate how they will positively impact on residents of the District Council of Mount Remarkable.
At this time of the year Council often receives requests from residents to remove snakes. Whilst we appreciate snakes can cause some anxiety Council does not have a snake catcher.

**If you find a snake:**
If you do come across a snake, keep children and pets well clear and do not try to touch it. Almost all snake bites occur when people try to handle, kill or harm a snake. More information is available at [http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/managing-natural-resources/plants-and-animals/Living_with_wildlife/Snakes](http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/managing-natural-resources/plants-and-animals/Living_with_wildlife/Snakes)

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**Australia Day Celebrations**

**Thursday 26 January 2017**

Will be held at:

**Booleroo Centre**
To be confirmed.

**Melrose**
7.30am at Paradise Square Melrose, hosted by the Melrose Hospital Auxiliary.

*Presentation of Australia Day Award to the District Council of Mount Remarkable 2017 Citizen of the Year – Yvonne and Don Bishop.*

**Port Germein**
8.00am at the Port Germein Goods Shed, hosted by the Port Germein Progress Association.

**Wilmington**
8.00am at Wilmington Oval Complex, hosted by the Wilmington Progress Society.

*Presentation of Australia Day Award to the District Council of Mount Remarkable 2017 Community Event of the Year – Wilmington Night Rodeo, 50 Year Celebration.*

**Wirrabara**
8.00am at Wongabirrie Park Wirrabara, hosted by the Wirrabara Progress Association.

Councillors Management and Staff congratulate the 2017 Citizen of the Year Award Winners and commends the many volunteers within our communities for their commitment and dedication towards helping make our Council District Remarkable.

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NBN is coming to Port Germein. It is expected the NBN will be live late January 2017. To assist residents the Port Pirie Telstra store will be hosting a visit to Port Germein with its NBN Experience Vehicle on Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 February from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The NBN vehicle will be at the Port Germein Esplanade for residents to call in and discuss their options to connect to NBN. Further information is available at [nbn.com.au](http://nbn.com.au).