# District Council of Mount Remarkable



#### MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

As 2021 comes to a close, I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas, and a happy New Year.

2021 has been a big year, and we have seen many great community projects come to life with the opening of the Bluff Lookout, the Melrose to Booleroo Centre Rail Trail, and starting the Booleroo Centre to Stone Hut Rail Trail, the advancement of Remarkable Southern Flinders project and a number of community projects.

2022 is shaping up to be a good year as Council completes projects, develop plans on some local infrastructure projects such as the Port Germein playground, and the new footpath upgrades for Booleroo Centre. Over the past few weeks I have met with a number of key stakeholders:

- » New Deputy Premier and local member for Stuart the Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP
- » CEO of South Australian Tourism Commission
- » SA Water
- » Environmental Protection Agency
- » Member for Frome, the Hon Geoff Brock MP
- » Meetings with Central Local Government Region
- » Regional Development Australia Yorke & Mid North
- » Landscape SA
- » Local Government Risk Services
- » Numerous community events

It was a pleasure to escort Santa around our district earlier this month. Feedback received from Santa was very positive! Thank you to the community groups who helped make Santa feel welcome.

Council's last meeting of 2021 was held on 14 December in the Council Chambers, and I encourage the community to attend meetings in 2022 to observe the meetings and to also participate in community question time which is held prior to the meeting.

I am looking forward to a prosperous and rewarding 2022 and I thank everyone who helped make 2021 the remarkable year that it has been.

#### Mayor Phillip Heaslip

TOP: Santa visits Port Germein

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BOTTOM LEFT: New Deputy Premier Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP and Mayor Phillip Heaslip

BOTTOM RIGHT: Santa travels to Murray Town







# **COUNCIL NEWS**

The December meeting of Council was convened in the Council Chambers, Melrose with community question time held immediately prior to the meeting.

#### Council agenda items included:

- » Mayor's and Elected Members monthly reports
- » Correspondence
- » Audit & Risk Committee Chairperson Appointment
- » Audit & Risk Committee Independent Member Appointment
- » Monthly Finance Update
- » Financial Results Year Ending 30 June 2021
- » Mandatory Rebates
- » Wilmington Oval Lease
- » Hills Track Update
- » Confidential Orders Annual Review
- » Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award Nominations

Council and Committee meeting agenda and minutes are available at: https://www. mtr.sa.gov.au/documents/agenda-andminutes/council-agenda-and-minutes

#### 2022 Ordinary Meetings of Council Meeting dates and locations

Members of the community are encouraged to observe Council meetings, and to attend community question time which is held immediate prior to the Council meetings.

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Community question time is held at 4.00pm until 4.30pm. Council meetings commence at 4.30 pm.

Tuesday 18 January 2022 Council Chambers, 3 Stuart Street, Melrose

Tuesday 15 February 2022 Council Chambers, 3 Stuart Street, Melrose

**Tuesday 15 March 2022** Wirrabara Hall

Tuesday 19 April 2022 Council Chambers, 3 Stuart Street, Melrose

Tuesday 17 May 2022 Council Chambers, 3 Stuart Street, Melrose

**Tuesday 21 June 2022** Wilmington Bowling Club

Tuesday 19 July 2022 Council Chambers, 3 Stuart Street, Melrose

Tuesday 16 August 2022 Council Chambers, 3 Stuart Street, Melrose

**Tuesday 20 September 2022** Booleroo Centre Bowling Club

Tuesday 18 October 2022 Council Chambers, 3 Stuart Street, Melrose

Tuesday 15 November 2022 Council Chambers, 3 Stuart Street, Melrose

**Tuesday 13 December 2022** Port Germein Community Hub



## NEW STAFF JOIN THE REMARKABLE TEAM

Following recent recruitment processes due to a resignation and an organisation restructure, we welcome two new staff to Team Remarkable.

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#### **Operations Manager – Nigel Crisp**

Nigel Crisp joined the Remarkable team on 6 December and previously worked as a key leader in the parks and gardens team at the Flinders Ranges Council. Nigel brings local government and private enterprise experience including skills in project management and managing teams.



#### Customer Service Officer – Amanda Bell

Amanda Bell joined the Remarkable team on 29 November and brings extensive customer service and Australia Post experience. Amanda is a former local of the District who has returned recently.

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# COUNCIL ADOPTS ANNUAL REPORT

At its Ordinary Meeting in November, Council adopted the Annual Report for the financial year ending 30 June 2021. The Annual Report includes a wide array of information as required under the Local Government Act 1999, and is ultimately a report of events on the year that was. The Annual Report is available on Council's website *– click here.* 

# NORTHERN PASSENGER TRANSPORT NETWORK

NTPN Volunteers Sue Prosser and Lyall Arthur from Melrose were presented with their 15 year service awards for volunteer driving. The awards were presented by Northern Areas Council Mayor Ben Brown at the annual NPTN Volunteers Christmas Luncheon which was held in Jamestown.

Over the festive season, the NPTN office closes on 21 December and reopens on 4 January.



Northern Areas Mayor Ben Brown presenting 15 year service awards to Sue Prosser and Lyall Arthur.

# **CLEANERS WANTED**

Council is seeking reliable, motivated and versatile amenities cleaners for casual roles in various locations across the District.

We are seeking applications from candidates with a strong eye for detail who are able to clean to a high standard, keep storage areas stocked and organised, have excellent customer service skills and at times work with minimal supervision. Previous cleaning experience is an advantage.



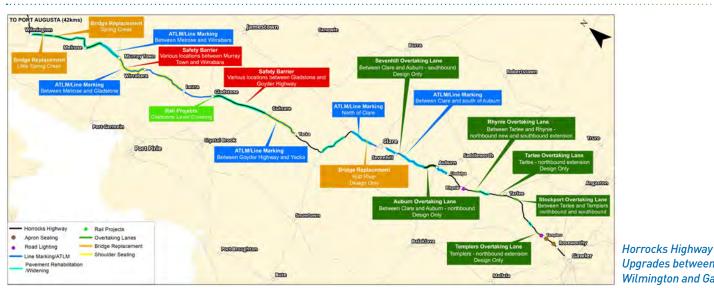
Successful applicants must undergo a pre-employment medical and provide evidence of a current National Police Check *Screening Unit - National police checks* and Working with Children Check *Screening Unit - Working with children check* 

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Written applications of no more than one page plus your CV can be forwarded to *postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au*. For further information or to discuss your interest please contact Craig Mudge - Manager Corporate Services on 8666 2014.





Upgrades between Wilmington and Gawler

#### HORROCKS HIGHWAY UPDATE

Shoulder widening works will continue back in early January 2022.

Pavement widening, overlay and shoulder sealing extension works will be paused during the Christmas break between Wilmington to Murray Town along Horrocks Highway and will be to continue from mid January 2022.

#### **COUNCIL PARTICIPATES** IN RURAL MANAGEMENT **CHALLENGE**

In November, four District Council of Mount Remarkable employees took a leap out of their comfort zone and participated in the Local Government Rural Management Challenge.

The Challenge, facilitated by LG Professionals SA, is a sophisticated professional development exercise for Local Government employees that builds leadership capacity, team work and problem solving skills.

Four staff from Council were selected for the Challenge - Kathryn Crisp, Senior Administration Officer, Tammy Bastian, Regulatory Administration Officer, Jennifer Frick, Corporate Services Officer, and Holly Murray, Rates Officer. The team was supported by Craig Mudge, Manager Corporate Services, who was the group mentor.

Preparation for the Challenge included a pre-challenge task which focussed on how technology will assist Council in meeting the community demands of tomorrow.

The Wilmington to Murray Town project section is nearing completion, final surfacing commenced in late November and will be completed, along-with new line-marking in early 2022, weather permitting.

Speed restrictions will apply over the Christmas break, and road users are asked to use extra caution when maintenance workers

The program culminated with a Challenge Day in Adelaide, where we were joined by teams from City of Port Lincoln, Mid Murray Council, Rural City of Murray Bridge, Port Augusta City Council and, the winners, District Council of Loxton Waikerie.

The day itself included simulated tasks and situations which relate to various management themes specific to the Local Government sector, and helped participants to develop strategic thinking, leadership, analytical and communication skills.

LG Professionals SA is an independent not-for-profit membership association, with the mission to develop Local Government people. Further information regarding LG Professionals SA can be found by *clicking here*.



are on site, follow the directions of traffic controllers and observe traffic signage and speed restrictions when travelling through the area.

Please visit the Horrocks Highway Website for further information: https://dit.sa.gov. au/infrastructure/road\_projects/horrocks\_ highway upgrades





TOP: Holly Murray, Jennifer Frick, Tammy Bastian and Kathryn Crisp introducing the District Council of Mount Remarkable at the 2021 Local Government Rural Management Challenge

BOTTOM: Jennifer Frick, Tammy Bastian, Holly Murray and Kathryn Crisp presenting their ideas at the Challenge

LEFT: Craig Mudge (mentor), Holly Murray, Tammy Bastian, Jennifer Frick and Kathryn Crisp at the Challenge

All photos provided courtesy of LG Professionals SA.



#### **MOUNT VIEW HOMES WINS AGAIN!**

The Remarkable district is celebrating a further brilliant outcome for Mount View Homes not only winning the state award in October and now having won the national award for the Aged Care Services Australia (ACSA) - Regional, Rural, Remote (RRR) Provider of the Year.

The Awards celebrate the outstanding achievements and contributions made by ACSA member organisations, teams and individuals in the aged care industry. Mount View Homes CEO Jenny Deer and the team attended the 7 December on-line awards ceremony where Mount View Homes was announced as the national winner of the Regional, Rural, Remote Provider of the Year.

It is a tremendous achievement and proud moment for the Board, the very dedicated and passionate CEO Jenny and the entire team of workers and volunteers at Mount View Homes at Booleroo Centre.

BELOW: ACSA Executive Director Government & Public Affairs Derek Dittrich with Mount View Homes staff Lisa Guttridge, Ellen Kakoschke, Heather Richens and CEO Jenny Deer



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# JOINT AGREEMENT BETWEEN MURRAY TOWN PROGRESS AND COUNCIL

The District Council Mount Remarkable recognises the efforts of local progress groups who enhance our way of life, help knit our community together and general make our Council districts a better place to live, visit and work.

Council recently met with representatives of the MurrayTown Progress Association to discuss town maintenance standards which primarily included weed spraying and slashing.

An agreement has been reached about the standards to be achieved and where the limits of each activity will occur. A document will be developed and agreed to by both parties. Council is looking to have this type of agreement, with all town progress groups within the district soon (meetings will be arranged early in 2022) so these agreements can be finalised.

These agreements will set achievable and agreeable standards that Council and community groups will both agree to. Setting these standards and agreed work practices will eliminate any confusion about what community groups and Council will undertake.

For further information contact Manager Infrastructure & Regulatory Services Brenton Daw on 86662104.

#### ANNUAL STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Certificates of Achievement were awarded to students at Wilmington, Melrose and Booleroo Primary schools. Each student received a certificate and a \$50 book voucher from Council. Congratulations to students Lawrence, Grace and Zaiden for their commitment and achievements in 2021 at their respective schools.



Wilmington - Lawrence Noll with Deputy Chairperson Cr Don Norton



Melrose - Grace McCallum with Deputy Chairperson Cr Don Norton



Booleroo - Zaiden van der Werf with Mayor Phillip Heaslip



# WASTE CALENDAR - UPDATED

In last month's November newsletter, Council provided details of the new waste calendar and pick up schedule for 2022. Unfortunately an error was found so new calendars will be printed and issued prior to the end of 2021. Please dispose of your existing waste calendar as soon as you receive your new calendar. The current calendar is correct until the end of January 2022.

Please remember the sequence that you are currently using for the placement of your general waste (red), recycling (yellow) and garden waste (green) will continue and not be changed. It is only the printed calendar that is incorrect. We apologise for any confusion, and we thank the community member who brought this to our attention.

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You can also download a digital copy here.







# WHAT CAN GO IN MY **GREEN WASTE BIN?**

#### Acceptable green lid bin items:

- » Garden prunings
- » Grass clippings (do not bag if using a green waste bin)
- » Shrubs
- » Weeds and flowers
- » Leaves and loose bark
- » Sawdust
- » Small branches or soft wood (no larger than 900mm in length or 70mm in diameter)



# WHAT CAN'T GO IN MY **GREEN WASTE BIN?**

Everything else not listed above under green waste items - this includes the following unacceptable items:

- » Plastic bags
- » General waste and recyclables
- » Nappies
- » Kitchen and food waste, including fruit and vegetable scraps
- » Animal droppings
- » Large logs, branches and stumps
- » Garden hoses
- » Rocks and builders material
- » Treated, composite or painted timber

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- » Soil
- » Plant pots
- » Hazardous waste



# **COVID-19 VACCINATION**

With the SA borders now open, council is encouraging all community members to play their part and get vaccinated against COVID-19. The District Council of Mount Remarkable is currently sitting at approximately 76% vaccinated.

For full information on the vaccinations available and to book an appointment go to: https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/ vaccination



# **BUSHFIRE SEASON**

Councils Fire Prevention Officers would like to thank all communities for the efforts they have put in to making sure their properties are bushfire safe for this bushfire season.

We would like to remind you that with the early summer rains recently had that you may need to maintain your yards again and several times during the bushfire season.

**Bushfire Season is from** 1 November 2021 to 15 April 2022.

# **DOLEROO CENTRE** MEMORIAL VIMMING

**OPEN NOVEMBER TO MARCH** MONDAY - SUNDAY 3.30PM - 6.00PM

CHILDREN 10 YEARS AND UNDER MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT

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# 2021/2022 SWIMMING SEASON

#### **BOOLEROO CENTRE**

**General Open Hours** 3.30pm - 6.00pm

After Hours - Monday, Wednesday & Friday 7.00am - 8.00am

After Hours - Saturday 8.00am - 9.30am

After Hours - Tuesday & Thursday 6.00pm - 7.00pm

#### WILMINGTON

Weekdays 4.00pm - 6.30pm

Weekends 2.30pm - 5.00pm

School holidays (everyday) 2.30pm - 6.30pm





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## ADMINISTRATION CENTRE AND WORKS DEPOT CLOSURES OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

WILMINGTON PROGRESS SOCIE

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COME AND SEE FATHER CHRISTMAS! SUNDAY 19TH DECEMBER

**DINNER & DRINKS AVAILABLE** 

WILMINGTON OVAL

5:30PM

The Council's Administration Centre and Works Depot will be closed from 12noon on Friday 24 December 2021 and from 12noon on Friday 31 December 2021.

Councillors and Council staff wish everyone a safe and happy festive season.

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