COUNCIL SNIPPETS

Please refer to the Council Minutes & Agenda Reports available on the Council website mtr.sa.gov.au for full details.

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY 15 AUGUST 2017 COUNCILLORS RESOLVED:

Community Lease
Council continues to work with community groups to ensure lease agreements are current. Council signed and affixed the common seal to the lease agreement between Council and the Appila Improvements Association Inc.

Heavy Vehicles Routes
A number of roads have been assessed in the Council district for ‘pre-approval’ as B-double routes during summer months. A full listing of the roads with conditions is available in the council minutes www.mtr.sa.gov.au.

Melrose Districts History Society Inc
Council will conduct an assessment at the Archives Building Melrose of the costs of works to upgrade walking path into the building and for the installation of a toilet facility.

Booleroo Centre Community Development & Tourism Association
Councillors granted permission for the BCCDTA to investigate renovating the Booleroo Centre CWA Hall at no cost to Council.

Australia Day
Councillors considered a resolution of the National General Assembly AGM and resolved to write to the Prime Minister, the President of the Australian Local Government Association and the President of the Local Government Association of SA advising that Council’s position is that the date for Australia Day Celebrations remains the 26th January.

Wirrabara War Memorial
Councillors considered correspondence and agreed in principle to the proposed improvements for the Wirrabara War Memorial area.

Closure Road Reserve
Council has become aware a road reserve known as White Park Road Bangor, has improvements on it, namely old tennis courts and a building structure. To enable Council to lease or sell the land it is required to have its own certificate of title. Councillors supported the closure of this section of road and authorised the CEO to commence a Road Process Order pursuant to the Roads (Opening and Closing Act 1991) not to be included in community land.

2017/2018 Fees and Charges
Council amended its fees and charges schedule for Special Events Permits, pursuant to Section 188 of the Local Government Act 1999;
- Permit Administration Fee - $10
- Insurance (where covered under Council’s Policy) - $20
- Power Connection - $20 per day

Councillors considered successful ‘major’ grant funding applications and resolved to:
- proceed with Developing the Bluff Lookout project, through accepting the State & Local Government Infrastructure Fund (SLGIF) grant of $112,000 and Council borrowing $444,800 through the Local Government Finance Authority over a ten year period;
- not proceed with the Sealing Booleroo Centre Airstrip project and does not take up the SLGIF grant of $180,000; and
- continue to apply for grants for the following projects:
  a. Stage1 Wirrabara Caravan Park Development
  b. Port Germein Levee System Upgrades
Dates for the 2017-18 Fire Danger Season will be declared and gazetted in October 2017. The start date for Flinders may be early given the dry winter and available fuel.

Pursuant to the *Fire & Emergency Services Act 2005*, the owner of private land in the country must take reasonable steps to protect property on the land from fire and to prevent or inhibit the outbreak of fire on the land, or the spread of fire through the land and minimise the threat to human life from a fire on the land.

Ratepayers are reminded *Under the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005 (Act)* the onus is on the landowner to take reasonable steps to manage fuel reduction prior to the commencement of the Fire Danger Season.

Updates on the fire danger season start dates, information on being prepared and how to prepare your property are available at [www.cfs.sa.gov.au](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au).

**Council Inspections**

As per the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005* Council’s Fire Prevention Office is required to inspect all properties within our towns and issue notices/expiations to owners of non-compliant properties.

- 1st Inspections will take place in early September, to ensure that properties meet the requirements of the Act prior to the commencement of the Fire Danger Season.
- A Bushfire Hazard Reduction Compliance Notice will be sent to the owners of any properties that do not comply at the time of the 1st Inspection. Property Owners will be given 6-7 weeks to comply (MUST comply before the start of the Bushfire season).
- 2nd Inspections will take place in early November after the commencement of the Fire Danger Season. Any non-compliant properties will be issued with an Expiation Notice of $315.00 and be given a minimum of 14 days to clean up their properties.
- 3rd Inspections will take place at the end of November. Any properties that remain non-compliant will be cleaned up to the required standard by Council, and Property Owners will be charged for the work as per Council’s Fees and Charges.

**Hardwaste collection**

Council will conduct its annual Hardwaste Collection in early October. This is an additional service provided by Council for your convenience.

**Collection Dates**

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All waste must be on the footpath by 5:00pm the day prior to the collection date.

For further information about what can be included as hardwaste visit Council’s website [www.mtr.sa.gov.au](http://www.mtr.sa.gov.au) or contact the Council Office on 8666 2014.

**General Waste & Recycling Vouchers**

An initiative of Council for the 2017/18 year is the inclusion of the General Waste & Recycling Vouchers which entitle the property owner to two free deliveries of waste/recyclables to the Willowie Landfill or Port Germein/Wirrabara transfer stations. The vouchers were included with the first rate notices and are valid to 30 June 2018. Vouchers are non-transferable and will not be reissued if misplaced.

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

A presentation from Steve Saffell, CEO of Country Arts SA to Councillors on 15 August 2017 about Country Arts upcoming events and planned celebrations for their 25th birthday in 2018. If you have a great idea or wish to find out more contact Country Arts SA on 8444 0412.
Coast Protection Board Grant funds
Port Germein Levee Works

Council has received $58,000 from the Coast Protection Board for Port Germein Levee Works, this is 80% funding of the total project with Council’s contribution being $14,500. The work is to provide rock armouring on the levee, this will strengthen the levee and provide valuable protection for the town against storm events and high tidal movement in the future.

Project Updates
2017-2018 Capital Work Program

=> Council have commenced the cleanup and rehabilitation of the closed Wilmington Dump in accordance with the EPA requirements.
=> Continued works at the Booleroo Centre Main Street
=> Completed re-sheeting of Baroota and Piggots Road and commenced re-sheeting on McCallums Road.
=> Continued with works at the Wilmington Cemetery

Rain received in mid August has enabled Council to carry out patrol grading to the following roads;
- Spring Creek Road Wilmington (from Carey to Coonatto)
- Willochra Road Wilmington (from McCallum to Girdham)
- McCallum Road Wilmington (from Carey to Coonatto)
- Cattle Track (from Baroota to Hillam)
- Arwakurra Road Booleroo (from George to Nichols)
- Pech Road Wirrabara (from Wegner to Pine Creek)
- Catford Road Appila (from Francis to Appila /Laura)
- Willow Dam Road Murray Town (from Hwy to Rosslyn Rd)
- Dustbowl Road Murray Town (from Gorge to Sanders)
- Yellow Cutting Road Murray Town
- Catfords Road (from Francis to Yarrowie)
- Booleroo Road (from Waters to Greig)

Did you know?
Council pays for the electricity used for street lights. The annual cost to council is in the thousands.

Council provides many services to the community, some of which are legislated and others which are provided by choice. These services are at risk if the proposed SA Liberal Party ‘Rate Capping Policy’ comes into effect. For more information on other discretionary services that Council provides to meet the requirements and expectations of our communities visit lga.sa.gov.au.

What is rate capping?
- Rate capping refers to a percentage limit being placed on the amount that councils can increase their total revenue from council rates each year.
- Rate capping limits councils’ ability to provide local services and puts discretionary services at risk.
- It’s an empty promise – rate capping will cost you more than it saves.

Did you know?
Immunisation is a service Council chooses to provide. Annually Council receives funding from the State Government and in collaboration with the Booleroo Centre Medical Centre delivers the immunisation program to students from year 8 - 12. Some neighbouring councils do not provide this service.
DON’T FORGET!
1st Quarter Rates are due Friday 29th September

Rates can be paid via the following options:

- At the Council Office in Melrose (cash, cheque, or EFTPOS)
- BPAY
- Direct Deposit
- Cheque or Money Order via post
- Credit Card over the phone

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Pool Plant Operator/s
Booleroo Centre Memorial Swimming Pool

Council seeks expressions of interest for casual positions of ‘Pool Plant Operator’ at the Booleroo Centre Swimming Pool for the period late October 2017 until March 2018. Multiple employees will be considered.

The Booleroo Centre swimming pool is open seven days per week weather permitting.

Applicants must have minimum qualification of:

- Pool Plant Operator’s Certificate or willing to obtain
- Applied First Aid Certification

For further enquiries contact the Council Office or visit our website [www.mtr.sa.gov.au](http://www.mtr.sa.gov.au) for the position description. 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 or emailed to postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au

Wildlife Rescue Whyalla and Surrounding Areas Inc
is a volunteer organisation that operates in our Council area. They are on call 24/7 to support the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of wildlife and to provide information to the community.

For more information:
Visit their website [wrwsa.wixsite.com/website](http://wrwsa.wixsite.com/website)
Email to [wrwsa.inc@gmail.com](mailto:wrwsa.inc@gmail.com) or find them on Facebook

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