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 12 June 2018 Councillors Resolved:

Hammond Hall
Councillors authorised the Chief Executive Officer to submit a request to the Minister for Planning for approval to revoke the subject land from its community land classification, to enable the land to be sold on the open market. A final report will be presented to Council once the Minister’s decision has been received to enable finalisation of the revocation and disposal process.

Lease
Several Community Leases were authorised for the CEO and Mayor to sign and affix the common seal. Refer to the agenda and full minutes to view details of leases to Community groups.

Council Boundary Signs
Councillors approved of the revised Council District Boundary sign design with the new logo and authorised Council to purchase the replacement signs up to a budgeted amount of $5,000.

Paradise Square—Melrose
Council is investigating installing an automated irrigation system in Paradise Square. Quotes will be obtained in accordance with Council’s Procurement Policy, for the consideration of Councillors at the next Ordinary Meeting.

Waste Management Review
Council is reviewing its waste management given the recent development with regards to the exporting of recycling.

Wirrabara Community Grant Round 2
Council received 3 applications for Round 2 of the Wirrabara Community Grant Scheme. Councillors allocated funds to:
- Wirrabara Sporting Reserve - $5000
- Rocky River Garden Club - $912

Council Policies
Three policies were reviewed and adopted at the meeting. Policies are available for viewing at mtr.sa.gov.au.

Finance Reports

Mayor Nottle with the Prime Minister Hon Malcom Turnbull while attending the 2018 NGA.

On the 17 - 20 June 2018 Mayor Nottle and the CEO travelled to Canberra for the National General Assembly (NGA) of Local Government. This year the event attracted a record 800 delegates from around Australia.

The NGA is an opportunity for delegates to listen to experts and specialists, leaders of our country, participate in discussions and become informed so that they can view our communities broadly and make decisions that make our communities sustainable for future generations. The event enables Local Government delegates to engage with the Federal Government, develop national policy and influence the future direction of our councils and our communities.

It is a great event for Council to gain information and work with other like minded councils and hear about development, issues and what's new for Councils interstate as well as South Australia.

Some of the topics covered at the NGA included Housing Affordability; Financial Sustainability - Oppose Cost Shifting; Innovation & Digital Transformation; Environment; Regional Development and many more.

To view the NGA papers visit alga.asn.au.

Next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday 17 July 2018 in the Council Chambers Melrose at 9.30am.
Above: $100,000 was committed to the resheeting of 5km of Yandiah Road from the Creek to Snake Gully Road in the 2017/2018 Annual Budget. Council construction crew completed 38.5 km’s of construction works, with patching to an equivalent further 7kms of roads during the 2017/2018 financial year.

**2018/2019 Annual Budget**

Council will again resheet 32.7kms of category 1, 2 & 3 unsealed roads during the 2018/2019 year and have committed $354,000 to construct and seal Booleroo Road (Harris Hill) a further $82,000 has been invested into Calvary Drive as part of the drainage plan for Weeroona Island and $160,000 has been committed to the continuation of the patching program.

Resurfacing of footpaths in the six major towns will continue, with an allocation of $10,000 to each town. Council will again liaise with community progress associations/societies to ascertain priority footpaths in respective townships.

$10,000 was committed towards the replacement of plastic drum markers with aviation standard cones and gables at the Booleroo Centre Airstrip as per the Annual Safety Inspection Report.

Councillors recognised the benefits of providing the community with open spaces, parks and gardens to promote a healthy and active lifestyle in the Council district. Wirrabara playground will have a shade shelter installed and the resurfacing of the Wilmington to Melrose rail trail will continue. A number of towns streets will be sealed and some drainage issues addressed.


**Payment of Rates**

Council continues to provide a wide variety of payment methods, including:

- **Direct Debit:** Account Name: The District Council of Mount Remarkable
  Account BSB: 105-091 Number: 020809040
- **BPay:** Biller Code 2253
- **Post:** PO Box 94, Melrose SA 5483
- **In person at the office of the Council on 3 Stuart Street Melrose between the hours of 9.00 am to 5:00 pm Monday to Friday. Council also has EFTPOS facilities available.**
- **Centrepay - (555012845S).**

In accordance with the Act rates are payable in four quarterly instalments. The quarterly instalments must be approximately equal in value and a rate notice in relation to each instalment must be sent at least 30 days and no more than 60 days before payment is due. The due dates for instalments for 2018/2019 are proposed to be:

- 28 September 2018;
- 13 December 2018;
- 28 March 2019;
- 13 June 2019.

Ratepayers can elect to receive their Council rates notices electronically for the second, third and fourth quarters only. First quarter rate notices will continued to be mailed ensuring ratepayers receive the additional information/brochures/vouchers supplied in the mail out.
Early preparation key for the Fire Danger Season

Winter rains bring abundant growth of natural revegetation and this excessive growth can be hard to manage when the fire season starts. Preparation throughout the winter months by slashing blocks within townships can save time and ensure your property is prepared for the fire danger season.

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

Register your business or community group

Every year Council receives a numerous enquiries about businesses or organisations in the area that provide slashing and garden maintenance services in readiness for the fire season.

Council is updating our register of businesses and community groups that have the capacity and equipment to tidy blocks either by mowing, whipper snipping or slashing, and are interested in providing this service to ratepayers.

To register your business or community group please contact Council on 8666 2014.

Microchipping of all dogs is mandatory as of the 1 July 2018. ChipBlitz will be in our district, to provide local dog owners with an affordable service to ensure their dogs comply with the new laws.

**Microchipping Day**

*Saturday 11 August 2018*

Melrose District Hall

$10 per animal

Bookings will open mid July and are essential. To book in and for more information visit [www.chipblitz.com](http://www.chipblitz.com).

Congratulations ~ Northern Passenger Transport Network

Lyn Forster, Manager of Northern Passenger Transport Network, received the ‘2018 Andamooka Community Project Award’ at the Volunteers Thank You event held on Monday 11 June at the Adelaide Festival Theatre. Lyn is pictured above with the Governor of SA his Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le.

The award recognises the group’s outstanding volunteer contribution, and for making a significant difference in people’s lives, across the Council areas of the District Council of Mount Remarkable, District Council Peterborough, Northern Areas Council, Orroroo Carrieton Council, the Flinders Ranges Council and Port Pirie Regional Council.

A collaboration of six Councils, the Northern Passenger Transport Network (NPTN) has been operating in the District for over 18 years. All the drivers of NPTN are volunteers. Funded by the Australian Government in 2000 and initially designed to provide an information service and transport as a last resort, to help those who have no family, can’t drive, or have no available transport to get to medical appointments. Over the years the role of the transport scheme has seen significant changes and now focuses on providing transport to both medical and social appointments. The service has grown to supplying 6 vehicles and a 12 seater disabled access vehicle.

The scheme relies entirely on qualified volunteer drivers and without these people it would not be operational. NPTN is always looking for more drivers, so if you have some spare time and hold a current drivers licence contact Lyn to discuss the requirements to become a NPTN driver.

There is a strict criteria for those who wish to utilise the transport service. Each client must be assessed to determine their level of need prior to transport. Fees apply to all users of NPTN and criteria and conditions apply. NPTN is a non profit organisation and all fees are used to enhance the service. For more information regarding the NPTN service visit [mtr.sa.gov.au](http://mtr.sa.gov.au) or ring 8666 2255.
Participating in your local council election is one of the most direct ways you can make a difference to everyday life in your community.”

You can vote in a council election even if you don’t live in the area/ward, you just need to own a rateable property in the area/ward.

If you have moved house or changed your name, you need to complete a new enrolment form. To check if your residential and postal details are up to date on the State (House of Assembly) electoral roll click here.

If you are not enrolled on the House of Assembly roll in your Council area/ward you may be eligible to register on the Council Supplementary Roll if:

- You have been resident at your current address for one month and are not on the State Electoral Roll.
- You are a sole owner/occupier of a rateable property
- You are NOT an Australian Citizen but you have been a resident at your current address for one month
- You are a landlord for a rateable business
- You are a body corporate or company of a rateable property
- You are a group of owners or occupiers of rateable property
- You are an organisation/business owner or occupier of a rateable property

If you meet one of the above categories and wish to vote at the next Council Election, please contact the Council to receive your correct application for enrolment form or visit www.mtr.sa.gov.au.

Even if you have previously enrolled under these terms you need to enrol again as it is a requirement that all councils’ supplementary rolls are purged on 1st January of every election year. Council will contact you with a new enrolment form.

Enrolments Close 5pm Friday 10 August 2018

Make a Difference - Nominate for Council

Are you thinking of nominating for Council but unsure of the process?
The Local Government Association of SA is offering FREE training and information sessions that will overview what it means to be a Council Member.

Sessions will include the following topics:
The role and functions of a council
Relationship between councils and other spheres of government
Role of an elected member
Allowances and expenses
Legal responsibilities
How elections are conducted
Eligibility and the process of nomination
Campaigning for election

Dates and Locations:
Adelaide - Sat 28 July 2018
Adelaide - Tue 31 July 2018
Port Pire – Tue 15 Aug 2018

For further information on other dates and locations and to enrol in this training program please click here or visit www.lga.sa.gov.au.

Council offered several pieces of surplus equipment for tender during June. All pieces of equipment were sold and successful tenderers have been notified.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN THE REGION

Interested stakeholders are invited to make comment on the Regional Telecommunications Review 2018 Issues Paper. This is an independent review of telecommunications services in regional, rural and remote Australia that takes place every three years.

Visit www.rtirc.gov.au for more information about the Committee, the review and the consultation process. Submissions will be accepted until 5 August 2018.