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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
DAWN STEVENS

Dawn has not just been a member of many community organisations in Wirrabara, but has been an extremely active member of most of them and fulfils managerial roles in many, usually as Secretary or Treasurer.

The organisations she is involved with include but are not limited to, Wirrabara Institute, Wirrabara Senior Citizens, Wirrabara Craft House & Tourism Information Centre, Wirrabara Progress Association, Laura-Wirrabara Rural Watch and the former Wirrabara Festival Association. In most of these committees she not only fulfils her role of Secretary or Treasurer but is usually at the forefront of any catering jobs, cleaning of several community buildings and organising working bees and promotional materials including the Wirrabara Community Calendar.

Where Dawn has really excelled is in her enthusiastic efforts in obtaining tens of thousands of dollars in different grants for all these committees and has assisted several other sporting groups and the Wirrabara Producers' Market with their grant applications. It is estimated that Dawn's successful applications over the last 12 years amount to more than $120,000.

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YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
JOEL PLEVIN

Joel, who lives in Wilmington, is described as an outstanding young community member and his passion for painting is apparent after viewing his works.

Joel's artistic inspirations come from the surrounding landscapes and his works capture the colours of our region.

At the age of 14, his achievement in securing his own exhibition is testament to his incredible talent.

EVENT OF THE YEAR
BOOLEROO CENTRE DISTRICT HOSPITAL CENTENARY - 11TH-13TH MARCH 2011

The celebrations recalled 100 Years of Caring by the Hospital. The celebrations commenced on Friday evening (11th March) with a barbeque on the school oval and an Open Air Concert by the SA Police Band.

The official opening was conducted in front of the Hospital with the unveiling of the Centenary Plaque, the laying of a Time Capsule and the launching of the Centenary Book and DVD. A Centenary Cake was also cut by Mrs Eileen Rayner who was born in the Hospital over 95 years ago. During the afternoon there were displays and tours conducted around the Health Service.

Celebrations continued Saturday evening with a Cabaret featuring The Clown Doctors and Danny Hooper. To conclude the weekend, a Combined Church Services was held in the Institute on Sunday morning.

The weekend celebrations were attended by many locals, visitors from all over South Australia, interstate and even overseas. Former doctors and nurses returned, along with others who held special memories of Booleroo and the Hospital.

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COUNCIL DOCUMENTS - AGENDAS - COUNCIL

The Council Agenda site provides 3 separate options for viewing the Agenda document:

- *Agenda*
  Provides a very brief outline of the items within the Agenda - normally 2 - 3 pages.
- *Agenda & Reports*
  Includes background / reports / recommendations on items within the Agenda. This option can be up to 50 - 60 pages.
- *Agenda, Reports & Attachments*
  This provides the most comprehensive information and includes the background / reports / recommendations and any documents (correspondence, external reports, background information etc) that relate to matters raised within each item.

This formatting commenced in September 2008 with Agendas on the website prior to that date being the brief 2 - 3 page outline.

Any Agenda item that is recommended to be discussed 'in-committee' would be noted on the Agenda with no information or reports regarding the matter included. In these instances, the Council Meeting would likely be closed to the public whilst the confidential item is being considered.

2020 Vision – Seeing the Light

The Following is an extract from Council's Strategic Management Plan which covers Built and Natural Environment.

Attaining Sustainability

There is strong evidence, now accepted by the broader community, that mankind's population growth, industrial expansion and resources use is contributing to climate change and will ultimately make the planet an unfriendly environment for us. We have a duty as custodians for future generations to ensure our environments are healthy and our ways of life are sustainable. We must alter our activities to stop further damage to the environment, and adjust our behaviours and lifestyles accordingly.

STRATEGIES

5.1 Address environmentally responsible waste management opportunities

5.1.1 Provide a waste disposal facility and service for the convenience of all residents
5.1.2 Ensure that operation of the facility is in accordance with licensing requirements
5.1.3 Investigate, develop and implement a full kerbside recycling service
5.1.4 Develop policies and procedures which will progressively reduce non recyclable waste
5.1.5 Adopt a philosophy within Council that is consistent with the Zero Waste SA Waste Management Hierarchy
5.1.6 Undertake a Community Education Program on environmental factors to help in waste reduction and avoidance
5.1.7 Investigate and undertake initiatives which can be undertaken by Council for the purpose of waste reduction and avoidance
5.1.8 Actively participate in and promote the DrumMuster chemical container recycling program
5.1.9 Actively participate in the development and implementation of the Regional Waste Management Strategy
5.1.10 Develop Willowie as a regional landfill site and materials recovery facility
5.1.11 Continue to promote and operate waste oil collection and transfer facilities
5.1.12 Continue the transition of Port Germein and Wirrabara sites from landfill to waste transfer stations
5.1.13 Complete the formal closure of previous landfill sites
5.1.14 Lobby for the continuance of the Chem-Collect hazardous household waste collection program

5.2 Be regional leaders in addressing climate change and environmental sustainability issues

5.2.1 Maintain ongoing liaison and a close working relationship with the Northern and Yorke Natural Resource Management Board to ensure our communities' views and concerns are taken into account/addressed
5.2.2 Take an active advocacy role within the Central Region Local Government Association in promoting and addressing climate change and environmental sustainability issues
5.2.3 Place climate change and environmental sustainability as key issues in all relevant Council planning and operations
5.2.4 Advocate for climate change and environmental sustainability to be key issues in relevant regional plans
5.2.5 Actively promote and communicate climate change and environmental sustainability issues to community members
5.2.6 Undertake activities in a manner consistent with the directions of the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives – Local Governments for Sustainability
5.2.7 Maximise the purchase and use of "green power", rather than power generated from fossil fuels
5.2.8 Identify and implement actions required for Council to become a "carbon neutral" organisation

5.3 Support revegetation and town beautification initiatives

5.3.1 Review, update and implement the Roadside Vegetation Management Plan for the District
5.3.2 Develop and implement a revegetation program for all township main entrances
5.3.3 Increase the tree and shrub amenity of our main towns
5.3.4 Develop and promote native vegetation reserves through revegetation programs and noxious weed control
5.3.5 Provide an information service on recommended street trees and shrub plantings
5.3.6 Encourage the maintenance by residents of the footpaths in front of their properties
5.3.7 Work with energy distributors to minimise the visual impact of the three yearly tree trimming program
5.3.8 Carry out horticultural practices which encourage trees and shrubs of good health and natural shape
5.3.9 Provide appropriate training to employees in the trimming and maintenance of trees
5.3.10 Monitor properties and, as necessary, take action under relevant legislation, to maintain health and appearance levels to a reasonable community standard
5.3.11 Investigate options to place power cables underground work for an agreed period of time

COUNCILLOR PROFILE

CR PETER JACOBS
RANGES WARD

In 1850 along with Governor Hindmarsh, my ancestors arrived in Australia from the Isle of Whyte on the HMAS Buffalo and settled on the banks of the River Torrens.

My forbearers started a settlement at Ash, a region 32 kms west of Whyalla where they set themselves up as farmers.

After farming, my parents moved into Whyalla where I attended school. At the age of 15 I commenced my working career as an Apprentice Carpenter with BHP, remaining in the Carpenter's Shop for 17 years. When the construction and commissioning of the SANTOS Fractionation Plant began at Pt Bonython, I was employed on the construction gang and later as an Operator for SANTOS. I remained there until 2005 when I accepted a Voluntary Separation Package and began a new era in my life of being 'semi-retired'.

My wife Colleen and I purchased a block of land in 1991 in the Hundred of Gregory and gradually worked around the property building fences, dams etc until 2000 when we built our house and moved to the area.

In my younger years I played cricket but standing in the outfield on a hot summer day soon took it's toll. At the age of 32 I decided that baseball was much more my type of sport and I was actively involved as a player or coach until our move to Melrose. Once in Melrose I was approached by the local bowls club who were looking for new players - I now participate in the gentlemanly game of lawn bowls.

My hobbies include building (mainly in metal but occasionally I will work with wood), propagating trees and plants from seeds that I collect on my travels and of course, being with our grandchildren.

There were many reasons why I decided to run for the position of Councillor, and I was fortunate enough to be elected - it has been a huge learning curve for me with new challenges always arising.

My likes are:
- Genuine people
- Achieving goals

My dislikes are:
- Liars
- Incompetency

Australian Government
Department of Health and Ageing
Rural and Regional Health Australia

The new '***Rural and Regional Health Australia***' will help people living in rural, regional and remote communities find information on health and aged care programs and services available in their local area.

Rural and regional Australians will benefit from a single entry point to information on health programs and services by contacting the Rural and Regional Health Australia information service on:

1800 899 538 (free call)
(Monday to Friday, 8.30 am to 5.00 pm AEST)
or emailing:
infoRRHA@ruralhealthaustralia.gov.au

The Rural and Regional Health Australia website:
www.ruralhealthaustralia.gov.au
will also enable people to enter their location into a search function and receive information on health and aged care programs available locally.

District Council of Mount Remarkable

RENTAL ACCOMMODATION

Rental accommodation within the Council area is regularly required for Council employees.

If you have or are aware of any houses that are or may be coming available for rental, please contact Colleen at the Council Office with details.

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COUNCIL MEETING SNIPPETS

Meeting snippets are written following each Council meeting and may not reflect follow-up decisions etc. Please refer to the Council Minutes & Agenda Reports available on the Council website for full details.

DECEMBER ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2011

PORT GERMEIN JETTY – VANDALISM TO SOLAR LIGHTS

Council has expressed its deep concern regarding ongoing Vandalism to the Solar Lights installed on Port Germein Jetty, costing Council and Ratepayers unnecessary money to repair them. In the latest attack, severe damage was caused when security plates were smashed open by vandals and internal computer cards required to operate the solar lighting were stolen.

The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer expressed extreme disappointment that vandals do this sort of wanton vandalism to public infrastructure to the detriment of the community. They urge anyone having information on this matter to report it immediately to either Council or the Police.

PARADISE SQUARE VANDALISM

In another incident, damage was caused to sprinkler heads and solenoids in this much admired community facility, causing costly repairs. Sprinkler heads were kicked off in this act of stupidity and total disregard for our community. Again, citizens having information are urged to contact either Council or the Police.

MASTER GAMES PROPOSAL - Financial Support

Council resolved to make available an amount of up to $2,000 from Council's Cycle Tourism Development Fund to the Southern Flinders Cycle Tourism Project to support a Mountain Bike Master Games event proposed to be held in April 2012. Council nominated the Wirrabara area as the venue for the event in an effort to extend the districts Cycle Tourism profile

PROJECTS UPDATES:

Booleroo Centre Parklands Project Stage 1- Community Centre: Demolition work has been completed and materials ordered and delivered. Kerbing will commence early in the New Year.

Wirrabara Mosaics: The Northern Mosaic is completed. The location for the Southern mosaic has been finalised and preparatory earthworks have been planned.

Solar Panels: A tender was issued for the "Energising The Flinders" project and negotiations have started with the successful tenderer.

Modular Evaporative Covers: Deployment is completed in Melrose and has started in Booleroo Centre.

Melrose Memorial Gardens: Plans have been drawn and materials estimated and sourced. An irrigation system has been designed and quote is pending.

Melrose Pump Track: This BMX track next to the camp kitchen has been completed and is proving very popular.

Port Germein Multicourt: The construction of this complex is continuing with excellent input from the community.

PORT FLINDERS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION INC. - WELCOME WALL PROPOSAL

Correspondence was received by Council from the Secretary of the Port Flinders Development Association Inc. outlining the Association's proposed project to create entrance walls on Rangeview Reserve at the entrance to the township. The Association has requested verification from Council of the name Port Flinders and Council's initial approval and specifications for construction of the wall.

Council resolved to correspond with the Port Flinders Development Association Inc. requesting that they approach other interested organisations to get bi-partisan agreement to the siting of the wall and the proposed wording thereon.

E-WASTE COLLECTION

Council is investigating the possibility of having an E-Waste collection for our District similar to those already held in Adelaide.

Council has been working on the issue with the other Central Local Government Region Councils with the Regional Waste Co-ordinator investigating options of how to pick up, store and transport the e-waste. One possibility is that e-waste could be collected at strategic locations, placed in Sea-Containers and transported to approved metropolitan receival depots.

Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water, Senator the Hon. Don Farrell has announced that new legislation passed in August and November 2011 will mean that from the 8th November 2011, television and computer importers and Australian manufacturers will need to fund and organise the collection and recycling of televisions, computers, printers and computer products to meet annual recycling targets. Targets start at 30% by June 2013 and rise each year thereafter. The first collections by the industry under the *National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme* will start in 2012, expanding across metropolitan, regional and remote areas of Australia by the end of 2013. Households and small businesses will be able to drop off their unwanted televisions or computers at a designated service point, free of charge.

Council will keep residents informed through the Council Newsletter as more information is forthcoming.

NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of the District Council of Mount Remarkable will be held:

9.30 am - Tuesday 10th January 2012
Council Chambers, Stuart Street Melrose

COUNCIL BITS AND PIECES

INTRODUCING NEW OPAL MANAGER

Emma Young is the newly appointed OPAL Manager for the District Council of Mount Remarkable, the Northern Areas Council and the District Council of Peterborough.

OPAL (Obesity Prevention and Lifestyle) is a joint Federal, State (SA Health) and Local Government healthy weight initiative aimed at 0 – 18 year olds. OPAL has commenced in 15 South Australian communities and this will grow to 20 communities by 2012.

OPAL is a very exciting five year initiative, fully supported and actively pursued by your local Council to work within communities with individuals and with a range of community groups – including schools, health services, Council and private business to find out what your community needs and to help children and adults to become more active and make healthy eating choices. Sometimes that may mean making better use of existing programs. Sometimes, it will mean getting everyone's heads together to develop new programs.

In addition to ongoing work identifying opportunities within the community, every twelve months we will be distributing posters, leaflets and other material promoting a key message around eating well and being active. Our first theme will be launched in the New Year.

Emma will be working across all three Council sites, based within Council offices and during the first phase of the initiative she will not only be introducing OPAL to the community, but also conducting a Community Audit to find out about current healthy eating and physical activity programs, identifying and promoting existing opportunities and partnering with a range of stakeholders to develop new opportunities or fill identified gaps by generating new initiatives.

Please feel free to contact Emma at any point to discuss the program, share information and ideas or find out ways in which you might be able to help. Emma looks forward to keeping you up to date on OPAL's activities and working with you all to improve the eating and activity patterns of children through working with families and the community as a whole.

Emma's contact details are:

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DISASTER RESILIENCE UPDATE

Following a meeting and short information session with the Chief Executive Officers of Peterborough, The Flinders Ranges and Mount Remarkable Councils, the Business Continuity Plans for the Flinders Shared Services Councils have come together into a second draft. The survey of the individual Chief Executive Officers and their senior staff has begun, and the Continuity plans for each individual Council will be expected to be finished by late January.

Work has already started on the Flinders Shared Services Councils Emergency Management Plans. The methodology of the plans is as important as the plans themselves, and therefore preliminary planning work has been undertaken to start a Community Emergency Risk Management Reference Group, which represents best practice, compliance with Australian Standards, and the Emergency Management Australia National Emergency Risk Management Guidelines (NERAG).

NERAG was identified as the key to Emergency Management planning within the state of South Australia at a Zone Emergency Management Symposium in Adelaide recently.

As we enter the Christmas and New Year period, please remain aware of hazards such as bushfire and have your personal plans ready.

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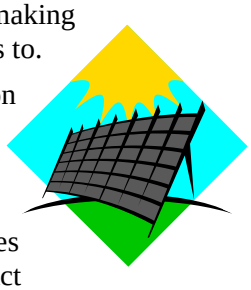
SOLAR PANELS - LOOK B4 U LEAP

Following a recent spate of 'questionable' solar companies canvassing in the surrounding areas, Council would like to issue the following advice.

Ideally, get 3 different quotations and always try to check out each company's reputation before making a decision on who to give your business to.



If your solar panels are to be installed on up-right frames, you will need to obtain Development Approval from Council.

Should you have any concerns or queries regarding solar panel installation, contact Council's Development Officer - Ron Ashenden on 0458 513 623.

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NEW RECYCLING INFORMATION

Council has recently been advised that although some Styrofoam may have 'recyclable' printed on it, the Recycling Depot that handles Council's recycling will not accept it.

It is asked that in future all Styrofoam products be placed into the general waste bin (red top bin).

Wilmington's New CFS Building Opening

Present & Past Captains: Geoff Hitch, Greg Slee, John Modystach, Lyn Brandon and Paul Brown

Following a large fire in the Wilmington area in 1933, the community banded together to form a fire fighting organisation that later became known as the Wilmington Emergency Fire Service. The organisation was severely restricted due to a lack of equipment until 1946 when the Civil Defence Department made a trailer pump unit, lengths of hose and fittings and a small siren available.

In 1947 at a District Council of Mount Remarkable meeting, it was decided that each member of the crew would be supplied with a complete uniform and that the siren be erected. During that year, an application was made to construct a fire station, with the contract being let to Duhring Brothers of Wilmington.

Over the years, the equipment improved with the purchase of a secondhand Ford V8 truck that was fitted out with a Civil Defence pump.

Late in the 1950's the Ford V8 was replaced with a four wheel drive Chevrolet Blitz which was also fitted with a UHF radio. The Blitz continued to give good service with a new pump, tank and body work being done in 1962.

In 1969 after inspecting fire units and trucks in other communities, it was decided to purchase an International C1600 four wheel drive truck which was fitted out in Adelaide and was one of the most up-to-date appliances in service in the northern region at that time.

The old Civil Defence siren was replaced in 1970 with a new siren and tower which had a range of approximately 4 miles.

The service continued to improve and in 1982 the brigade purchased a Toyota Landcruiser which was fitted out as a Quick Attack Vehicle.

The first real test for this vehicle was in 1984 with a fire in Alligator Gorge that burnt for 6 days, covering 1,600 hectares, then 4 years later was the Mount Remarkable fire which covered 52,000 hectares and burnt for 7 days.

During one of the periods when the fire truck was attending fires out of town, the then Captain John Modystach placed his own four wheel drive ute and the CFS pump trailer in the shed should an emergency arise. The next day, the vehicle was missing - it had been stolen and was later found in Port Augusta.

1989 brought a new four wheel drive Hino appliance with a water capacity of 3,000 litres, this vehicle was purchased with funds from the CFS and the District Council of Mount Remarkable. The truck was very well set up and received no upgrades during 20 years of service.

Vehicles weren't the only upgrades - the Communications Room had a complete upgrade with new radios in 1991, with new cupboards, coat of paint and new carpet 10 years later.

A new Quick Attack vehicle, a Landrover Discovery was received and it was soon travelling all around the state, fighting fires.

The 2005 New Year's Eve celebrations were put on hold when a fire broke out in Horrocks Pass. The Wilmington CFS crews attended to the fire for 16 days and it burnt out 1,500 hectares.

The Brigade received a new Isuzu 34 with an automatic transmission in December 2009. Not suited to our terrain, it was exchanged for a truck with a manual transmission. This truck is one of the first South Australian fire trucks to fight fires in the Northern Territory and is now in the history books.

At last, in March 2010 the old Fire Station was demolished to make way for a new, modern facility.

The new Wilmington CFS Building was officially opened by Greg Nettleton, Chief Executive Officer of the South Australian Fire Service on Sunday 4th December 2011

Wilmington is a very active brigade that has helped out with many deployments to other regions and states including Sydney, Victoria, Kangaroo Island, Alice Springs, Moomba and Mount Crawford, just to name a few.

Pictured is Bonney Swan and Max Slee, the Brigade's youngest and oldest members who together unveiled the plaque.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

MOSAIC DESIGN FOR BARBEQUE

Max Newberry, a local mosaicer and artist who designed the mosaic surround for the newly installed barbeque at Port Flinders, worked with local volunteers Dale Lane and Garry Newberry from the Weeroona Island Progress Association to complete the project.

The design depicts flora and fauna of the Island. The Community are extremely proud of the finished project and would like to share it with other local communities. After your barbeque or picnic by the sea, take time to do a spot of fishing, sit and observe the many varieties of sea birds, or take a walk along the walkway around half of the Island and take in the wonderful views

The mosaic and barbecue are located in the Brian Lane Shelter in the old quarry and boat launching area.

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CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

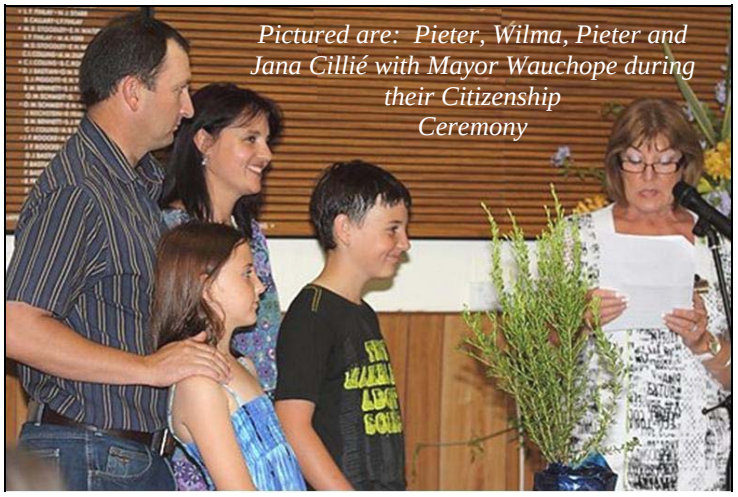
The Cillié family from Booleroo Centre were officially welcomed as Australian citizens after Mayor Sandra Wauchope officiated at their Citizenship Ceremony on 18th November 2011.

The Ceremony was held at the Booleroo Centre Bowling Club with approximately 200 people filling the clubrooms, all wishing to share in the celebrations.

Pieter, Wilma and their two children - Pieter and Jana, arrived in Australia from Kwa Zulu Natal, South Africa in 2007 and since that time have lived in Booleroo Centre.

Pieter travels to Roxby Downs for work and Wilma is a highly regarded nurse at the Booleroo Centre District Hospital. Pieter and Jana attend the Booleroo Centre District School and are active in school and community events.

During the ceremony and accompanying speeches, the family indicated that they thoroughly enjoy life in Australia and look forward to their future here.



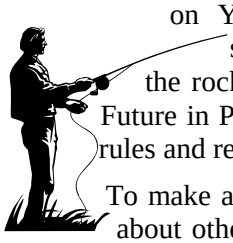
Pictured are: Pieter, Wilma, Pieter and Jana Cillié with Mayor Wauchope during their Citizenship Ceremony

FUN IN THE SUN THIS SUMMER

Join Coastcare Officer, Deb Allen, and have a bit of *free* family fun on one of our local beaches this coming January.

Deb aims to take you on a journey of exploration as you learn about our unique coastal environments at Port Flinders (Tuesday January 3rd) or have fun sculpting your favourite sea animal on Port Germein beach (Sunday January 15th).

Or if you're more adventurous join Deb at another location on Yorke Peninsula to explore the rocky shores and uncover the secrets hidden in the rock pools or participate in Fishing for the Future in Port Pirie and learn why we have fishing rules and regulations.



To make a booking (essential) or to find out more about other activities, call Deb on 0428 113 698. Look forward to seeing you.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

MOSQUITO CONTROL MEASURES

Mosquito bites can be more than just a nuisance. Mosquito bites can also transmit diseases. The most common disease passed on by mosquitoes in South Australia is Ross River virus. Other serious infections transmitted by mosquitoes include viral encephalitis, Barmah Forest virus infection, dengue fever (in Northern Queensland and in tropical countries around the world) and malaria (in tropical countries around the world).

People contract Ross River virus from mosquitoes during summer from many parts of South Australia. The most common areas are along the Murray River, Murray Lakes and coastal mangrove areas. However this should not stop people visiting these areas as simple protection is possible.

Following this simple advice will reduce the chance of mosquito bites and reduce the number of mosquitoes in the immediate environment.

Self protection from mosquito bites:

- Use insect repellent containing either - DEET (Diethyl toluamide) – Always read the manufacturers' instructions prior to application. Wash DEET off before going to bed in the evening. Do not use on infants or toddlers if the DEET concentration exceeds 20% or - Picaridin, to cover areas of exposed skin.

- Wear loose fitting, light coloured clothing covering as much of the body as possible. Mosquitoes can bite through tight fitting clothing (for example, jeans).
- Use 1mm insect screens on your house, boat, caravan or tent. If this is not possible, use a mosquito net when sleeping.

Elimination of mosquito breeding sites:

Mosquitoes breed in still water (fresh and salty). Clean up mosquito breeding sites around your house:

- Dispose of all containers which hold water or cover or put holes in them.
- Empty pot plant drip trays once per week or put sand around pot bases to absorb water.
- Empty bird baths and pets' drinking water at least every three days.
- Boats, canoes and dinghies should be overturned or have the drain plug removed so that they do not hold water after rain.
- Screen all openings to tanks, wells or other large water containers with wire gauze no coarser than 1mm mesh.
- Keep roof gutters in good repair and regularly remove leaves and debris so that pools of water do not form.

- Dispose of all waste water in such a way that no ponding occurs. Keep all open drains and channels free from obstruction, especially weeds, grass and other debris.
- Keep fish ponds, ornamental ponds, dams and unused swimming pools stocked with fish which will eat mosquito larvae. Goldfish and Australian native fish are recommended.
- Keep swimming pools disinfected or salted.

For further advice or information relating to mosquito activities contact Mark Smith, Council's Environmental Health and Compliance Officer.

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DOGS WANDERING AT LARGE

Dogs that wander on the streets, without an owner present, are referred to as dogs "wandering at large." These dogs are a potential risk to the community and the Council is responsible for their management. Owners can be fined for allowing their dog to "wander at large".

The following is an extract from the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995:

7—Dog wandering at large

(1) For the purposes of this Act, a dog will be taken to be wandering at large while—

(a) the dog is in a public place (other than a park) or a private place without the consent of the occupier, and no person is exercising effective control of the dog by means of physical restraint; or

(b) the dog is in a park and no person is exercising effective control of the dog either—

(i) by means of physical restraint; or

(ii) by command, the dog being in close proximity to the person and the person being able to see the dog at all times.

8—Meaning of effective control of dog by means of physical restraint

For the purposes of this Act, a person is exercising ***effective control of a dog by means of physical restraint*** *if—*

(a) the person is exercising effective control of the dog by means of a chain, cord or leash that does not exceed 2 metres in length restraining the dog; or

(b) the person has effectively secured the dog—

(i) by placing it in a cage, vehicle or other object or structure; or

(ii) by tethering it to a fixed object by means of a chain, cord or leash that does not exceed 2 metres in length.

In most instances if the dog is registered, it will be returned to its owner. Dog Management Officers can refer to a database of registered dogs to determine where the dog lives. It is more efficient, cheaper and much better for the dog to be returned to its owner than taken to the pound. In most cases, the dog is distressed by being lost and the owner is distressed by losing their dog.

Dogs wandering "at large" cause a nuisance, and may attack or harass people or other animals. In some cases they cause road accidents resulting in injury to both vehicle occupants and the dog and cause property damage - do the right thing and ensure your dog is confined to your property or is on a leash when in a public area.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

BOOLEROO & DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICE ITEMS OF INTEREST

2011 has been another busy year for our Health Service commencing with a very successful Centennial Celebration held over the long weekend in March. Centenary books and DVDs sold extremely well and are still available at the Hospital Administration Department.

With much sadness Lesley Hanisch, Elizabeth Bishop and Beverley Groves were farewelled, following well over 90 years of accumulated loyal service to the Booleroo Health Service. Staff and Volunteers wish these most treasured colleagues all the very best in their well earnt retirement.

Pictured: Lesley Hanisch, Liz Bishop and Bev Groves.

Staff achievements this year included Enrolled Nurse Diploma registration for Vickie Thomas, Bryony Stewart and Sue Keller following 18 months of studies through TAFE SA. Belinda Reddaway is also congratulated on being registered as a Registered Nurse following three years of studies with the University of SA.

Our sincere thanks to organisations such as the Melrose Hospital Auxiliary, Booleroo Lions Club, Day Care Volunteers and Meals on Wheels, Booleroo staff fundraising for specific donations towards much needed equipment and upgrades.

Also sincere thanks to families of the community that have made donations through bequests. These funds have been placed into the Booleroo Health Advisory Council account and are available for specific refurbishments / upgrades / new equipment for this facility.

Our thanks and gratitude is extended to Mr Trevor Roocke and Mrs Noreen Arthur, the two Booleroo & Districts Health Advisory Council representatives for the Mid North Health Advisory Council.

Finally heartfelt thanks to our team of dedicated volunteers, church leaders and ambulance officers. Your time and presence in our facility are invaluable and sincerely appreciated.

Wishing all the District Council of Mount Remarkable Communities a safe and happy Christmas and may 2012 be filled with good health and prosperity.

From Management and Staff of the Booleroo Health Service

WATER SAFETY ON HOLIDAYS

Why is water safety on holidays important?

While holidaying, you may experience aquatic environments you are unfamiliar with or that have changed since your last visit. To enjoy these locations safely, it is important to know the safety aspects that apply to different aquatic environments.

What should I do if I'm holidaying in an unfamiliar aquatic location?

Conditions can change at any time, and a spot that was safe to swim at in the morning, may have developed a strong current by the afternoon. Before you enter any water body, spend time observing it, looking for any rips or currents. Ask a local about the waterway. Never dive in, always enter the water slowly, feet first.

What steps can I take to keep my family safe when holidaying near the water?

Discuss with your children that they are not to enter the water without a parent present. Explain that even though they may be competent swimmers at home, the conditions can change dramatically in other environments and they need to be aware of this. Be aware of objects in the water, from rocks to watercraft. Obey any signs to stay in a designated area. Make sure you do the right thing as children will model their behaviour on you. Never swim alone and ensure children are actively supervised - Keep Watch and keep them within arms' reach.

What about if I'm visiting a water park?

In exactly the same way as at a public pool, lifeguards at water parks are on hand to ensure that all patrons can enjoy their time at the facility. This does not mean they are responsible for babysitting young children. Parents must continue to actively supervise children at arms' reach at these venues.

What dangers exist at inland waterways?

Many families enjoy holidays at locations near rivers, lakes and dams. It is important to remember that at these locations water conditions can change hourly. These locations can also present dangers with crumbling or slippery banks, shifting floors, submerged objects, watercraft and cold water. Many locations such as rivers, lakes and dams do not have lifeguards on duty.

Weeroona Island Progress Association - Book Exchange

Open Monday Afternoon - from 1.00 pm
8 - 12 North Flinders Esplanade
(entrance off Denman Road), Port Flinders

A great selection so come along and see if there is something of interest to you to while away your time.

To arrange book exchanges on alternative days, contact Dale Lane on 8634 4029 or Marg Abraham - 8634 4205.

January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **New Years Day** Pt Germein Community Church	2 **New Years Day Public Holiday**	3 **Council Office Re-opens** Pt Germein CFS Training Pt Germein Community Ladies Fellowship	4	5	6	7
8 Pt Germein Community Church 	9 **Council Depot Re-opens** Booleroo SES Training Wilmington CFS Meeting	10 **Council Meeting** Mobile Library - Wilmington / Melrose	11 Booleroo Steam & Traction Pres Society Murray Town Progress 	12 Mobile Library - Wirrabara / Murray Town / Appila 	13	14
15 Pt Germein Community Church Wirrabara Producers Market	16 Booleroo CFS Training Wilmington CFS Training ***Deadline - Council Newsletter articles***	17 Pt Germein CFS Training 	18 Wilmington Progress Society	19 Mobile Library - Port Germein Booleroo Centre Comm Dev & Tourism Meeting	20 Mobile Library - Booleroo Centre	21
22 Pt Germein Community Church	23 Booleroo SES Training	24 Mobile Library - Wilmington / Melrose	25 	26 **Australia Day** Breakfast at: Wongabirrie Park; Pt Germein Foreshore 	27	28
29 Pt Germein Community Church	30 **Back to School** 	31	= ***RECYCLING DAY*** Wilmington Progress Society's Art / Craft / Produce and Tourist Information Centre Saturday & Sundays from 10 am - 4 pm in the Billiard Clubrooms			

FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
= ***RECYCLING DAY***			1	2 Mobile Library - Port Germein	3 Mobile Library - Booleroo Centre 	4
5 Port Germein Community Church 	6 Wirrabara Institute Committee Mtg Booleroo CFS Vehicle Maint & Comm Mtg	7 Mobile Library - Wilmington / Melrose Port Germein Community Ladies Fellowship Port Germein CFS Training	8 Booleroo Steam & Traction Pres Soc Mtg Murray Town Progress Assoc Meeting 	9 Mobile Library - Wirrabara / Murray Town / Appila Wirrabara Progress Meeting 	10	11
12 Port Germein Community Church 	13 Wilmington CFS Meeting Booleroo CFS Training 	14 ***COUNCIL MEETING*** Wirrabara Men's Bowls Meeting Laura & District Probus 	15 Wirrabara Senior Citizens Wilmington Progress Assoc Meeting ***Deadline for Newsletter Articles***	16 Mobile Library - Port Germein B/C Community Dev & Tourism Assoc Mtg	17 Mobile Library - Booleroo Centre 	18
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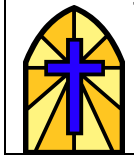
26 Pt Germein Community Church 	27 Port Germein CWA Booleroo SES Training	28	29	*Wilmington Progress Society's Art / Craft / Produce and Tourist Information Centre - Saturday & Sundays from 10 am - 4 pm in the Billiard Clubrooms*		