



A Remarkable Experience

District Council of
Mount Remarkable

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Newsletter 250

DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING SNIPPETS

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CEO Review Panel

Council adopted the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for 2020/2021 and Professional Development Plan for Sam Johnson. Council was also presented with a draft Terms of Reference for a proposed CEO Review Committee, of which Council is presently advertising for an independent member to form part of the CEO Review Committee. The Mayor and two Elected Members as appointed by Council will also form part of the CEO Review Committee.

Council Code of Practice

Council has adopted a Code of Practice - Procedures at Council Meetings. A copy of the Code is available on Council's website. As part of the adopted Code of Practice includes an new informal community questions time, allowing any member of the community to ask questions of the Elected Members 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the Council Meeting.

Meetings held in different locations on a quarterly basis

Council has decided to convene Council meetings in different locations in the District to enable the broader community to observe Council meetings. *Subject to suitable venues being available, it is proposed that meetings will be held in Wilmington, Wirrabara, Booleroo Centre and Port Germein.*

Speed limits—Request for Review

Council has written to the Department of Infrastructure & Transport (DIT) requesting a review of existing speed limits and signage along Horrocks Highway on the northern boundaries from Wilmington to Quorn; Tuckwell Street towards Amyton Road; and Horrocks Highway on the northern entrance to Melrose. The request was made following discussion and a resolution regarding this matter at the December Council Meeting.

Informal Gatherings

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| 27 January | 10.30am | Budget Review #2; Election Strategy |
| 16 February | 2.00pm | Budget 21/22; CMR Policies Review |

Note: Updates to scheduled workshops are advised via www.mtr.sa.gov.au

Council and Santa Collaboration bringing back the Christmas Spirit

On Wednesday 16 December 2020, Council arranged for a special trip with Santa to visit the region to give back some Christmas spirit and cheer for the community. The turnout was well received by all communities; beginning at Weeroona Island, Port Germein, Wilmington, Melrose, Booleroo Centre, Murray Town and Wirrabara. Santa was generously escorted by the Booleroo Centre SA Police, along with volunteers and Council representatives; Gina Komoll, Lyall Arthur, Jim Bishop, CEO Sam Johnson, Mayor Phillip Heaslip and Manager of Corporate Services Craig Mudge.



Citizen of the Year 2021

Mr. Barry Graham

Formerly from Appila, but a resident of Booleroo Centre for the past 50 years, Barry has been recognized for his ongoing support to the Booleroo Centre community, by being awarded the Citizen of the Year Award 2021.

He has been majorly involved with 'Mt. View' Homes from the start being on the steering committee in 1974 and serving various positions on the board, including Chief Executive Office until his retirement in 2013, and can still be found around the grounds as a regular volunteer.

He is currently a familiar face through volunteering or serving as a committee member on several community groups such as the Booleroo & Districts Men's Shed; Booleroo Steam & Traction Preservation Society; Booleroo & Districts Lions Club; Booleroo Inter-Church Council and the Uniting Church of Australia (Booleroo Centre congregation and Flinders Parish). You will also see him at the Booleroo Centre Civic Centre and Booleroo Centre Community, Development and Tourism meetings.

In previous years, Barry served the local CFS being the secretary and volunteer firefighter; was on the Booleroo Centre & Districts Memorial Education Trust Committee and other associations outside his home town.

Barry is a great ambassador for Booleroo Centre and district and is a deserving recipient of the DCMR Citizen of the Year Award for 2021. Well done!



Community Event of the Year 2021

Northern Passenger Transport Network

20th Anniversary

The Northern Passenger Transport Network (NPTN) 20 Year Anniversary was held in October 2020 in Melrose, with over 130 people attending, adhering to the COVID-19 requirements at that time.

NPTN has made an enormous contribution to the Council area and wider region over its 20 years. With a vehicle based in the Council area at Melrose, as well as neighbouring towns of Orroroo, Peterborough, Jamestown, Gladstone and Quorn, NPTN covers five and a half regional Council areas.



Lyn Forster, Manager of NPTN with staff members Cynthia Arthur and Heather Graham

Volunteer drivers are based in each town, giving up their time to transport clients around the region and to Adelaide. The NPTN Bus/Van is also available to accommodate larger bookings. NPTN wouldn't exist without its volunteers who provide this key service. The office is also a booking agency for the Upper North Bus Service which travels from Peterborough to Port Pirie twice a week, Peterborough to Port Augusta once a week and Adelaide for medical appointments.

In 20 years of service, NPTN volunteers have travelled more than 3 million kilometres and contributed over 65,000 volunteer hours.

NPTN, and similar organisations, are very important for rural communities, especially those who are transport disadvantaged.

Council commends Lyn and her team on their service to the Council area and beyond.

There were no nominations for the Young Citizen of the Year or Junior Citizen of the Year Award categories

What's been happening in Council?

Meetings with Members of Parliament

At the invitation of Council, the Member for Frome, Hon Geoff Brock MP has accepted to visit the Council area in January. Mr Brock will be taken on a tour with the Elected Members and visit key areas of interest.

In December, the Mayor and CEO met with the Member for Stuart Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP (pictured) to discuss matters of interest for the District. Some topics that were discussed but not limited to were local projects, The Bluff development and local road networks.



CEO Sam Johnson and Mayor Phillip Heaslip met with Member for Stuart Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP



DCMR CEO Sam Johnson, Barunga West Mayor Leonie Kerley, DCMR Mayor Phillip Heaslip, Barunga West CEO Maree Wauchope

Visit to Barunga West Council

Mayor Heaslip and CEO Sam Johnson visited Barunga West Council to meet with Mayor Leonie Kerley and CEO Maree Wauchope.

DCMR have engaged with Barunga West Council due to the similarities in demographic make up of coastal management and rural roads network and operating functions in relation to budget capacities and employee structure.

Barunga West Council's Asset Management Plan was a point of interest and something that DCMR are looking at implementing.

As well as spending time in the office, Sam and Phillip were provided a tour of the Council district. It is anticipated that DCMR will return the favour and host Leonie and Maree.

2021 Ordinary Council Meeting dates and Community Question Time

In 2021, the Council will meet on the third Tuesday of every month (excepting December) at 4.30pm in the Council Chambers, 3 Stuart Street, Melrose (or at another location as advised).

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| 19 January | 20 April | 20 July | 19 October |
| 16 February | 18 May | 17 August | 16 November |
| 16 March | 15 June | 21 September | 14 December |

Council has recently decided to meet at different locations within the District (i.e. Wirrabara, Wilmington, Port Germein and Booleroo Centre) on a quarterly basis. It is anticipated that the February meeting will be held at a suitable venue at Wilmington.

Members of the public are able to observe Council Meetings from the gallery at the meeting. COVID-19 restrictions on gatherings are observed and enforced as necessary.

Also of note is a recent decision of Council to convene Community Question Time prior to Council meetings. Commencing in January, Community Question Time will be held at 4:00pm-4:30pm. This proactive change has been introduced to ensure meetings are more accessible to our community. The Council agenda and minute documents are available on www.mtr.sa.gov.au on the Friday prior to the scheduled meeting. Further information about attending Council meetings and Community Question Time is available by contacting Jacqui Kelleher on 8666 2014.



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LITTLE CORELLAS

Council has once again utilised gas guns to disturb the Little Corellas in line with Council's Little Corella Management Plan 2020. The Plan has information on the background and behaviour of Little Corellas within DCMR, what strategies have been used so far and what Council aim to do moving forward in reducing Little Corella impact to our area. For further information and details on those strategies, you can refer to the plan via our website www.mtr.sa.gov.au/services/animal-management/corella.



To assist Council in being as proactive as possible, we are requesting the public to report to Council on regular locations where the Little Corellas are nesting to assist with the use of gas guns. These locations will also be recorded to keep a tracking document to identify their nesting patterns.

If you would like to be involved in dispersing the Little Corellas in your town, Council are offering members of the public to volunteer to operate the gas guns. If you are would like further information or register your interest, please contact Brenton Daw on 8666 2014 to begin the induction process.

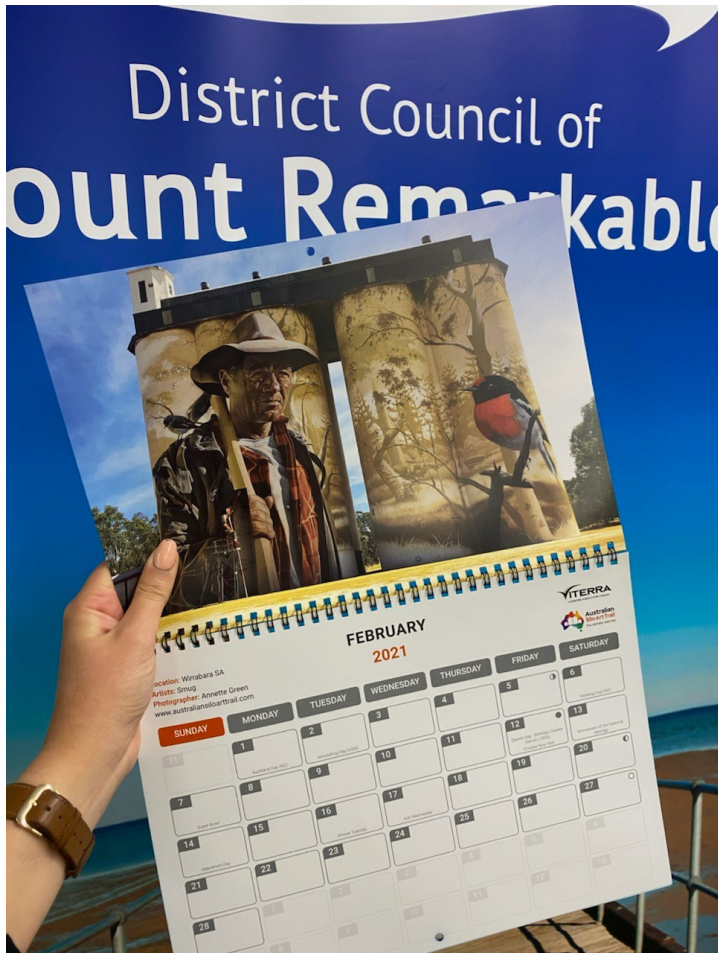


2021 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANTS



Are you part of a community group or non-profit organisation that has a project they would like financial assistance for? The Community Assistance Grants will once again be on offer through Council in 2021. Eligible applications must demonstrate how they will positively impact the District Council of Mount Remarkable area.

Applications are yet to open, but it is encouraged to start discussing viable projects or ideas for funding now to be ready to apply. Keep an eye out for guidelines and the application forms that will be expected to open in February!



WIRRABARA SILO ART CALENDAR FUNDS

The Australian Silo Art Trail produced the inaugural 2021 Silo Art Calendar to raise money for the silo art communities, and are proud to be donating over \$60,000 back to the 14 local communities featured in the silo art calendar.

The calendar features 14 out of the 44 silo artworks across the country, with the Wirrabara silos selected to feature on February 2021.

DCMR will receive just over \$4,000 to put back into the Wirrabara community and will look at ideas on how they can put this money into the continuous development and enhancement of the Wirrabara silo area. If you have any suggestions, you may forward them onto Ebony Rodda via postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au or by phone 8666 2014.

Remarkable Experience...



Crows Football legend Tony Modra and his family visit the District and tour The Bluff



Tony, Erica and their children Hayley and Luke were holidaying in Wirrabara during the school holidays.

Through a mutual friend they were introduced to Mayor Heaslip who offered to take them to The Bluff.

The Modra family was impressed with the region and the magnificent views of the Gulf at the Bluff vantage point.



ChemClear collection is coming to South Australia!

Dispose of your unwanted or obsolete agvet chemicals in one easy collection

Agsafe's **ChemClear** program is holding a collection in South Australia in April and May 2021. Agvet chemical users can now register their unwanted or obsolete agvet chemicals for collection by visiting the ChemClear website, www.chemclear.org.au or by calling 1800 008 182.

Group 1 chemicals collected free of charge: part of the **drumMUSTER** program

- with readable labels
- still in original containers
- not mixed with other products
- within 2 years of expiry or deregistration

Group 2 chemicals are those that have expired and are not part of the **drumMUSTER** program. Group 2 chemicals incur a fee.

Registrations close 28 February!



COMMUNITY ACTIVITY TRAILER



Did you know Council has a Community Activity Trailer?

This activity trailer is available for hire to individuals and groups within the Council area for free (excluding bond).

Activities inside are plentiful and cover things like full size tug-o-war rope, tunnels, kids t-ball set, kids cricket set, quoits, hoops, and even has equipment for the classics like 3-legged-race, sack race, and the very competitive egg and spoon race!

It's packed away in the convenience of a small trailer, and yours to hire for any type of event involving the young and the mature.

If you would like more information on hiring out the trailer, contact the Council office on 8666 2014.

*\$100 refundable bond applies to all bookings, plus \$50 fee for use outside of the Council area



Celebrate
what's
great!

Celebrate
Australia Day
Tuesday, 26 January 2021

Booleroo Centre - hosted by Booleroo Centre Bowling Club

at Booleroo Centre Bowling Club, Booleroo Centre | 8am | breakfast

Presentation of Citizen of the Year—Mr. Barry Graham

Melrose - hosted by Melrose Hospital Auxiliary

at Paradise Square, Melrose | 8am | breakfast

Presentation of Community Event of the Year—NPTN 20 Year Anniversary

Port Germein - hosted by Port Germein Progress Association

at Esplanade, Port Germein | 8am | breakfast

Wilmington - hosted by Wilmington Progress Society

at Wilmington Oval, Wilmington | 10:30am | lunch

Wirrabara - hosted by Wirrabara Progress Association

at Wongabirrie Park, Wirrabara | 8am | breakfast

A small charge may be applied at celebrations above to help cover costs