

August and September 2014

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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TAKING UP A ROLE AS A COUNCIL MEMBER?

Council members play a vital role in local community leadership. If elected, you will be contributing your thoughts and ideas within a decision-making body that:

- ★ decides on strategic and financial plans for the local area;
- ★ ensures Council resources are used fairly for the benefit of the community;
- ★ talks to local people about their views and ideas for the area; and
- ★ lets others know on the community, regionally and in State and Commonwealth Government agencies, about key local issues.

Generally, anyone who is over 18 years old, an Australian citizen and on the voters roll can stand as a candidate in Local Government elections.

Once elected, your role as a Councillor will involve:

- ★ attending and participating in Council meetings, using formal meeting rules;
- ★ understanding reports, including financial, environmental and social issues reports;
- ★ presenting your arguments and debating with other Councillors; and
- ★ keeping in touch with people in your area and speaking at community events.

You will need lots of energy and courage to try new things, and be prepared to keep in touch with the local community - you will be a "community voice". At the same time you will need to think about balancing other commitments, such as work and looking after your family. But, despite the extra work and time commitment, there are many rewards.

Are you ready to take on the role of a Council Member?

The checklist below is a guide to assist you in making the decision about whether standing as a candidate is for you. If you tick most of the boxes, you probably have what it takes to be a Council Member.

Past experiences have shown that people from diverse cultural backgrounds and age groups often bring a fresh outlook and new ideas to Councils, which helps to inform a more responsive approach to decision making.

Training and support is provided to newly-elected Council Members to help them find their way around the business of Local Government and new skills will be developed over time. There are many people, including more experienced Council Members, who will assist you in becoming familiar with your new role as a Council Member.

Allowances and fees

Council Members are entitled to receive an annual allowance, the amount varying from Council to Council, depending on the size and location of the area, the population and the revenue base. Council Member Allowances are now set for all Councils by the independent Remuneration Tribunal.

Some expenses may also be reimbursed, for example, telephone and travelling costs, fees for child care or care of other relatives, so that a Council Member can attend Council meetings. You can check with Council to find out more information about allowances and fees.

CANDIDATE BRIEFING SESSION

If you are considering standing for nomination to Council and would like to learn more, a Candidate Briefing Session will be held:

Monday 25 August 2014
7.00 pm
Council Chambers

the Closer
you are
the more
we care

2014 Council Elections
nominate now

COUNCIL MEMBER ROLE (CONT.) ~ 2 ~

✓ I am prepared to	✓ I understand
Promote a positive image and profile of Council	The demographic profile of the Council area and relevant issues
Inform myself about community needs and concerns and advocate at Council	The social, environmental and economic issues facing my community in the short and long term
Present a broad view of electors not just a sectional/ward view	There are statutory responsibilities I will have to observe
Network with clubs, community, business and service groups to seek feedback when needed	Council Members have no individual authority to act or make decisions
Participate effectively in strategic planning and policy development	Decisions cannot be made at informal gatherings, only a formal Council meetings
✓ I have the skills to	There are conflict of interest provisions and codes of conduct to observe
Engage with all members of the community in a non-discriminatory way	It is expected that Council Members will conduct themselves with integrity, honesty and fairness and treat people with respect at all times
Read and understand agendas and reports so I can prepare for meetings	How to read and interpret budgets and other financial statements or am prepared to seek additional information or training if required
Use computers to download, print, save and edit documents, use email and access internet sites	Rates are a key income source for Council and I understand the Council rating system
Communicate effectively, negotiate, explain and discuss issues	The role of Local Government and its relationship with State and Commonwealth Government
Research and evaluate community issues and concerns	

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

To enable Council to fully assess development applications, comprehensive information must be included with the application. To ensure that the approval process is both accurate and timely, the following **Development Information Guide** has been compiled.

Your assistance in providing the correct documents and information, in the correct format will assist the process.

What information is required when lodging a Development Application?

- ✓ Make sure the application form has been completed, signed and dated, and nominate which consents you are seeking, ie Development Plan Consent, Building Rules Consent or Development Approval.
- ✓ Include an up-to-date copy of the Certificate of Title for your land to provide evidence of ownership and confirm such details as dimension of the allotment/s and easements.
- ✓ Make sure a daytime phone number is included on the application form.
- ✓ Specify owner builder or provide builder details.
- ✓ Completed power line declaration form.
- ✓ Three (3) copies of all plans and documents are required. These must be clear and accurate. Unclear or incomplete documents will cause delay in the assessment process and may be returned for revision.

- ✓ Engineers design and specification for the footing plan and details of other structural components.
- ✓ Floor, wall and roof framing including wind bracing, tie down details and the manufacturers roof truss design and specifications if used.
- ✓ Roof and stormwater disposal details.
- ✓ CITB Levy (proof of payment or CITB form completed) where development value is greater than \$15,000.
- ✓ Nominated Builders Indemnity insurance policy details for all building works over \$12,000.
- ✓ Council/CFS may require bushfire safety requirements for the proposal depending on the bushfire zoning of the development.

With a new Dwelling you will also need to:

- ✓ Make sure a Septic Application form is completed and signed by owner & plumber.
- ✓ Soil Report.
- ✓ Location and detail of where the effluent disposal area and septic tank are going to be placed.
- ✓ Engineers report.

For further information about lodging a development application or the process, contact Paul Ainsworth, Building and Development Officer or Tammy Bastian, Administration Officer at the Council Office.

COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

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Melrose SA 5483
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Melrose

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.

JULY ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY 8 JULY 2014

Fees and Charge

Council adopted the Draft Fees and Charges for the 2014/2015 Financial Year (Refer to page 3).



Annual Business Plan and Annual Budget and Review of Council Basis of Rating

Following consideration of the submissions received during the call for written submissions period, and feedback from the two (2) public meetings, the final Draft Annual Business Plan and Annual Budget and Review of Council Basis of Rating will be reviewed by the District Council of Mount Remarkable Audit Committee for comment.

6/18 Hours of Melrose Event

Council endorsed the road closure for the 6/18 Hours of Melrose event and authorised the Chief Executive Officer to approve future requests for road closures for both the Fat Tyre Festival and 6/18 Hours of Melrose event on an ongoing basis, provided that the requests have similar conditions to the events held in 2014.



Council Policies

The Draft Risk Management Policy as printed was endorsed and will now go for public consultation in accordance with Council's Public Consultation Policy.

The Draft Building Inspection Policy and Draft Enforcement Policy were adopted by Council.

Weeroona Island (Boat Ramp) Launching Facility

The Tenders for the Launching Facility have closed and a panel formed whom has finalise an initial assessment of the Tenders. During this process it was identified aspects of the intended works that are of potential high risk in escalating costs. The Panel are conducting further analysis of the project to determine the actual increase costs if any. Once this is complete the Panel will continue with the assessment of the Tender.

Railway Crossing, Causeway Road (Weeroona Island)
Council will approach Australian Rail Track Corporation, requesting consideration of flashing lights be installed at the Weeroona Island railway crossing for safety reasons.



AUGUST ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY 12 AUGUST 2014

Annual Business Plan and Annual Budget and Review of Council Basis of Rating

Council adopted the Annual Business Plan, Annual Budget and Review of Council Basis of Rating. Declaration of rates for the financial year ending 30 June 2015.

Amendments to the Fees and Charges

Council approved two amendments to the Fees and Charges for the financial year ending 30 June 2015:

- Northern Passenger Transport Network - to change the distance rates to reflect the return trip fee; and
- Waste Management to include the charge (albeit free) for Clean Green Waste.

Spear Creek Road

Council will proceed with an application for the Commonwealth Government "Bridges Renewal" grant funding for an amount of \$476,000 to meet the recommendations of the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure Report for Spear Creek Road, and if successful, Council reassess the grant offer before proceeding.

Wirrabara and Bundaleer Forest Plantations

Council agreed to continue to express its support for its local communities and businesses, by the continued call for the replanting of the Wirrabara and Bundaleer Forest Plantations by Forestry SA.

HARDWASTE COLLECTION (ADVANCED NOTICE)

The next hardwaste collection has been scheduled to commence the week commencing 13 October 2014. More information will be included in the September Newsletter, posters in townships and the local newspaper.

Ratepayers residing outside of townships will be able to apply for a free Dump Pass which will allow them to take the equivalent of one 6 x 4 trailer load of hardwaste to the Willowie Landfill; Wirrabara or Port Germein Transfer Stations free of charge.

Hard Waste can include:

- Paper/cardboard (must be bundled & tied)
- White goods (Fridges & freezers with seals removed, washing machines, heater, dryers etc.)
- Household furniture & goods
- Household fixtures (kitchen cupboards, window frames - **no glass**)
- Mattresses
- Miscellaneous items (push bikes, lawn mowers, garden equipment, empty garden pots etc)
- Timber off-cuts
- Carpet (maximum of floor coverings for 2 rooms)
- Empty paint tins



The following **WILL NOT** be collected:

- e-waste, TV's, Computers etc.
- Vehicle bodies
- Car body parts (incl engines, exhausts, gearboxes)
- Tyres
- Hazardous chemicals, oils (both motor & vegetable), paint, insecticides, pesticides
- **Asbestos waste**
- Green waste, ie tree branches; prunings etc
- Garden soil
- Fencing wire
- Building rubble
- Vehicle batteries
- Ammunition or explosives of any kind
- Gas bottles



Life looks brighter outside

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In 2014 OPAL will be promoting all the great parks and playgrounds in your area during our new theme:

Life looks brighter outside

This focus will provide lots of opportunities for your family to enjoy some outdoor time together, begin active and connecting with our gorgeous country and its surrounds.

Amazing Race Challenge

The Amazing Race is challenging families to visit selected parks and places in your local Council area with the option of going further into other neighboring OPAL Council regions.

Entry forms will be mailed out to every home by the end of September. Make sure to fill in the entry form and return it to your local Council office to be eligible for prizes.



Make Saturday and Sunday outdoor fundays!

When it comes to family outdoor playtime, weekdays can be a little tricky - but that's why we have weekends!

When we start to think about Saturday and Sunday as outdoor 'fundays' our planning for fun and outdoor activities gets a lot easier.

Need some outdoor inspiration?

Try these out with your kids today:

- ♦ roll down a really big hill at the park
- ♦ build a fort out of sticks and branches at your local park
- ♦ fly a kite at your local oval
- ♦ hunt for bugs
- ♦ take a bike ride along your local bike path
- ♦ play chasey or hide and seek in and out of trees in the park
- ♦ skim stones in a creek or at the beach
- ♦ soar on a swing or slide down a slippery dip at the local playground.

With so many natural spaces on offer...*life really is brighter on the outside!!*



COUNCIL'S FEES AND CHARGES

Administration

Printing & Photocopying

A4 Black - single sided	\$0.30
A4 Black - double sided	\$0.50
A4 Colour - single sided	\$1.00
A3 Black - single sided	\$0.50
A32 Black - double sided	\$0.75
Council Minutes	\$7.50
Council Agendas & Policies	***

(*** refer to charges above)

Facsimiles

Incoming - per page	\$0.30
Outgoing - per 10 pages	\$2.00

Laminating

A4 - per sheet	\$3.00
A3 - per sheet	\$4.50

Other Administration Fees

Dishonoured Payment Fee	\$30.00
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Property Searches

Rates Only - per Assessment	##
Standard Property Search - per Title	##
Urgent Property Search - per Search	##

Freedom of Information

FOI Access Application	##
Charge for application - review of application, etc	##
Other actual costs - copying, postage, etc	##

Building & Planning

Lodgement	##
Planning	##
Non-Complying	##
Building	##
Demolition	##

refer to relevant Act and/or Regulations for current charges

Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) Levy

Development over \$15,000	0.25% of value
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Levy is remitted to Construction Industry Training Board once received.

Cemeteries

Lease - Single Plot	\$100.00
Lease - Double Plot	\$185.00
Lease - Cremation Walls & Gardens	\$185.00
Standard Plaque (for Cremation Wall & Garden)	\$220.00
Grave Digging - Single Depth*	\$742.50
Grave Digging - Double Depth or Re-opening*	\$797.50

* additional charges if outside standard working hours

Mount Remarkable Community Bus

Bus Hire - normal hire rate - per km	\$1.10
Bus Hire - rebate for Booleroo Health Service	50%
Bus Hire - rebate for Mt View Homes Inc	100%

Wilmington CWA Rooms

Hire Fee - half day (four hours or less)	\$55.00
Hire Fee - full day	\$80.00

Dog Registrations

Ordinary Dog	\$40.00
Ordinary Dog - desexed	\$24.00
Ordinary Dog - microchipped or trained	\$36.00
Ordinary Dog - desexed & microchipped	\$20.00
Ordinary Dog - desexed & trained	\$20.00
Ordinary Dog - microchipped & trained	\$32.00
Ordinary Dog - desexed, microchipped & trained	\$16.00
Working Dog (used for droving stock)	\$10.00
Greyhound (must be registered with Greyhound Racing Association - proof required)	\$10.00
Guide/Hearing/Disability Dog	\$0.00
Transfer Fee (from another SA Council)	\$5.00
Replacement Disc	\$5.00
Rebate for Registration during year (January to June)	50%
Impounding Fee	\$30.00
Holding Fee - per day	\$10.00

Dog & Cat Management

Dog creating a noise by barking or otherwise	\$105.00
Dog wandering at large	\$80.00
Dog rushing at vehicles	\$105.00
Keeping unregistered dog (initial & then every 14 days)	\$80.00
Dog found in public place without collar & disc	\$80.00



Fire Prevention

Block Clearances

Clearing of flammable material (per standard town block)	\$300.00
Administration Fee	\$35.00
Expiation Fee	\$315.00

Health

Inspection of Premises - Initial	\$0.00
Inspection of Premises - Second & subsequent	\$90.20
Legionella Audit & associated processes	At cost
Food Safety Course	\$55.00

Applications to install or alter a waste control system; temporary waste control system or high risk manufactured water system - refer to relevant Act and/or Regulations for current charges

Northern Passenger Transport Network

(Average recommended fee per one way trip)

0 - 1 km	Donation
2 - 7 kms	\$5.00
8 - 25 kms	\$7.50
26 - 75 kms	\$12.50
76 - 125 kms	\$20.00
126 - 225 kms	\$30.00
226 - 300 kms	\$40.00
301 + kms	\$55.00

(Double cost for return trip)



COUNCIL'S FEES AND CHARGES (CONT.)

Waste Management Disposal Fees - All Sites

Car boot/Wheelie bin	\$10.00
Single Wagon/Panel van	\$16.00
Single axle trailer	\$30.00
Single axle trailer with high sides	\$40.00
Tray top ute	\$35.00
Tandem axle trailer (small)	\$40.00
Tandem axle trailer (small) with high sides	\$52.00
Tandem Axle Trailer (large)	\$45.00
Tandem axle trailer (large) with high sides	\$60.00
Skip bins (up to 4 m3)	\$90.00

Tyres	Car/motorbike	\$8.00
	4WD/Small truck	\$18.00
	Truck (super single)	\$25.00
	Large truck	\$35.00
	Tractor	\$45.00

Mattresses	Single	\$18.00
	Double/Queen/King	\$25.00

Truck - Willowie Landfill Only

All trucks/semi trailers - residential (per tonne)	\$20.00
All trucks/semi trailers - non residential (per tonne)	\$100.00

Miscellaneous - Willowie Landfill Only

Car body - residential	\$60.00
Car body - non residential	\$100.00
Galvanised rainwater tank - residential	\$25.00
Galvanised rainwater tank - non residential	\$50.00

Permits

Laying Water Pipe on Road - per application	\$45.00
Moveable Signs - per year	\$45.00
Business Footpath Furniture - per year	\$45.00
Low Voltage Cable Instalment - per application	\$50.00
Trading Table - per application	\$30.00
Tree Planting on Road Reserve	\$30.00
Temporary Road Closure - per application	\$30.00
Temporary Road Closure - advertising	At cost

Portable Toilet Hire

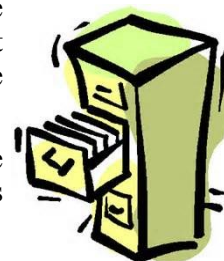
Hire Fee - per day	\$38.50
Toilet cleaned & waste not removed	\$33.00
Toilet not cleaned & waste not removed	\$55.00

FILING CABINETS FOR SALE

Over the upcoming months, Council will have some 4 drawer filing cabinets that are surplus to requirements.

If your Association/Club would like to purchase a filing cabinet, contact Jessie at the Council Office for more details.

The sale price will depend upon the quality of the cabinet and whether it is lockable and/or has keys.



MOUNT REMARKABLE NATIONAL PARK

Bookings ONLY online from 1 August

Planning a camping trip in Innes National Park or Mount Remarkable National Park? **From Friday, 1 August 2014** all campsites within **Innes and Mount Remarkable** must be booked online - camping fees can **no longer be paid at parks**. Please book and pay before you leave home.

To avoid disappointment, book early if you're planning to visit during peak periods such as long weekends and school holidays.

Bookings can be made up to 12 months in advance.

Book and pay: www.parks.sa.gov.au



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### FLINDERS RANGES & OUTBACK EVENTS BENEFIT FROM FUNDING

The Melrose Fat Tyre Festival was one of three events across the Flinders Ranges and Outback who received a boost through the 2014-15 round of the South Australian Tourism Commission's Regional Events and Festivals Program designed to drive more visitors to South Australia's regions.

The Melrose Fat Tyre Festival received funding of \$15,000.

### COME AND JOIN US FOR MOVERS & GROOVERS (STRENGTH & BALANCE CLASS)

An 8 week chair based exercise program for people over 65 aiming to reduce falls, improve physical activity and emotional wellbeing.

**Expressions of interest are now being taken for Wilmington! Classes run by qualified Easy Moves for Active Aging Leaders of the Port Pirie Regional Health Service.**

Come along for free exercise, fun and company!

Classes continue during school terms in Port Germein at the Bowling Club on Mondays at 10.00 am.

For more information or to register, please contact the Regional Allied Health Assistants on 8638 1100.

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STRAWBALE WORKSHOP

Ever wanted to know how to build a strawbale seat? Come along to Over The Edge Bike Shop on Sunday 24 August at 10.00 am and we can show you how!

We are building a seat out the front of our shop and would love for you to be involved - bring a trowel and have a go! (We have a few if you don't own one) See you then.

