

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

With Local Government Election nominations now closed, Council can confirm that we have received 6 nominations for the 7 positions available. As such, the Returning Officer has declared all 6 nominations declared elected. We congratulate the successful candidates on their appointments and wish them well over their term in representing the community of Mount Remarkable.

Council is ready to hit the ground running post elections, and is excited about continuing to deliver and explore the opportunities before us. We encourage the community to reach out to their Elected Members, as we begin the review process of our Strategic Plan in early 2023.

Council has recently considered the draft Strategic Tourism Plan, and the draft Bridle Track Strategic Plan. Thank you to those who provided feedback through the public consultation process. The newly formed Council will consider these drafts and feedback, prior to formally adopting. This assists Council in moving us forward as a strategic and chosen tourism destination. The engagement and collaboration between

Council and the State Government around our tourism potential is increasing, and we are excited about the opportunities that will flow through the District.

Whilst Council remains in caretaker period during this time, until the new Council is officially sworn in on Monday the 14th of November 2022, Council continues with its operational programs. We are excited to be starting our new road construction program using crushed material, and our increased investment in road maintenance (mainly patrol grading) which has already seen a number of compliments flowing through to our staff. Thank you.

I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge our staff, and their achievements over the past few months. We have achieved an increase in completion rates in managing our customer service requests, which has been assisted by the introduction of the My Local Services App, increased our road maintenance and made significant system improvements to our community waste water management systems. Our people often do not get the praise they deserve, and more often than not go out of their way to serve our community. Thank you team Remarkable!

Chief Executive Officer, Sam Johnson





COUNCIL NEWS

Upcoming Meeting Dates

(all meetings open to public & will be held in the Council Chambers at Melrose)

Tuesday 18 October 2022 4.00pm - 4.30pm Community Question Time

Tuesday 18 October 2022 4.30pm Ordinary Meeting of Council

Tuesday 29 November 2022 4.00pm - 4.30pm Ordinary Meeting of Council *note date changed from 15 November due to Council election period

Monday 12 December 2022 11.00am Audit & Risk Committee

Tuesday 13 December 2022 4.00pm - 4.30pm Community Question Time

Tuesday 13 December 2022 4.30pm Ordinary Meeting of Council

To access copies of current and past Council and Committee meeting agendas and minutes click here:

Council Agenda and Minutes | District Council of Mount Remarkable (mtr.sa.gov.au)

Committees | District Council of Mount Remarkable (mtr.sa.gov.au)

Media Releases

Media releases issued since the previous newsletter are available here: Latest News | District Council of Mount Remarkable (mtr.sa.gov.au)

Newsletters

Previous issues of newsletters are available here: Council | District Council of Mount Remarkable (mtr.sa.gov.au)





2022 PERIODICAL COUNCIL **ELECTION RESULTS**

At the close of nominations on Tuesday 6 September, the Electoral Commission of SA announced the names of the nominated candidates for the 2022 Council Elections.

As the number of candidates nominated to contest the election did not exceed the number of persons required to be elected in both the Telowie and Willochra Wards, all nominees were declared as elected unopposed (i.e. no election required) as follows:

Telowie Ward (3 required)

- » Phillip Heaslip
- » Stephen McCarthy
- » Sheriden Tate

Willochra Ward (4 required)

- » Lesley Till
- » Colin Nottle
- » Ian (Danny) Keller

The election result sees the return of four currently serving Council Members (Phillip Heaslip, Stephen McCarthy, Colin Nottle and Ian (Danny) Keller and two new members (Lesley Till and Sheriden Tate) joining Council.

The Electoral Commission of SA has confirmed that a supplementary election will be required in the near future to fill one vacancy in the Willochra Ward.

The Australian Local Government Womens' Association SA Branch promoted widely across the District to garner the interest of women to nominate and this appears to have had some influence in the outcome of the nominations and subsequent declaration of election unopposed.

Induction of the new Council will occur at its first Ordinary meeting on 29 November at 4.30pm.

A full list of candidates for each election available via the Electoral Commission of SA website -

https://ecsa.sa.gov.au/council-information

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF MOUNT REMARKABLE

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Email: Website: Mount Remarkable www.mtr.sa.gov.au RATE NOTICE 2022/2023 - 2nd QUARTER

Rates and charges for the period of 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023. Notice is hereby given that the District Council of Mount Remarkable in pursuance with the Local Government Act 1999 has declared the following rates and charges on the property included in the Assessment.

LAST DAY FOR PAYMENT If payment received after this date a fine & interest will be added. Full Payment

2022/23 COUNCIL RATES – DUE DATES & METHODS FOR PAYMENT

Council rates payment due dates for the remainder of the financial year are:

2nd Quarter - 7 December 2022

3rd quarter - 9 March 2023

4th quarter - 7 June 2023

Please note that following a review of internal controls, and in liaison with the Chair of Council's Audit & Risk Committee, a decision has been made to eliminate a risk pertaining to a current practice of allowing for payment of Council rates over the phone. We are currently investigating alternative cost effective options to enable on line payments and more information on this will follow in due course. The following existing options for payment of Council rates remain as follows:

- 1. In person at the Administration Centre, 3 Stuart Street, Melrose during normal office hours.
- 2. By cheque or money order.
- 3. Direct deposit / EFT (refer to bank account details on the rates notice and ensure you include the property Assessment number to identify what the payment is for).
- 4. BPAY.

We appreciate this change which comes into effect immediately may cause inconvenience for some people, however, on balance, the risk associated with the previous practice has been identified and assessed and the appropriate action taken is warranted and is in line with best practice.

COMMUNITY CARE & TRANSPORT - CARE IN MOTION (FORMERLY NORTHERN PASSENGER TRANSPORT NETWORK)

The Northern Passenger Transport Network (NPTN) has successfully transitioned to the subcontracted management of Care in Motion with no disruption to volunteers or people who use the service.

As part of this transition, please note the phone number for Care in Motion for all bookings and enquiries is 1300 132 932 (selecting option 2 for NPTN).

The NPTN vehicles have also be rebranded and are much more noticeable on our roads.

Care in Motion is looking for more volunteers in this region, if you are interested, please contact them on the above number for more information.





2023 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS – NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

Who makes your community a better place? Someone who gives outstanding services and goes above and beyond. The Citizen of the Year Awards are a great way you can recognise them and celebrate the wonderful work they do. Nominate them today in one of the following categories:

» Citizen of the Year Award

This is presented to someone making an extraordinary contribution to the community and may recognise outstanding service over a number of years. To be eligible, the person must be an Australian Citizen

» Young Citizen of the Year Award

This is presented to a young person who is making a real difference in their community potentially over multiple years. To be eligible, the person must be an Australian Citizen aged over 16 years and under 30 years of age on 26 January 2022.

» Junior Citizen of the Year Award

This is presented to a young person who is making a real difference in their community potentially over multiple years. To be eligible, the person must be an Australian Citizen aged under 16 years of age on 26 January 2022. This category is specific to Council i.e. it is not part of the Australia Day Council Citizen of the Year on line nomination process so the nomination form is separate and provided on Council's website here: Australia Day Awards | District Council of Mount Remarkable (mtr. sa.gov.au)

» Community Event of the Year

This is presented to the person/group who has staged the most outstanding community event during the past year. To be eligible, the person or group must be an Australian Citizen

» Active Citizenship

This is presented to a person or Group delivering outstanding work on an event or project for the community during the past calendar year. The person or group need not be an Australian Citizen.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Reflect, Respect, Celebrate.

These Australia Day Awards reward and recognise individuals and organisations that have made a noteworthy contribution during the current year and/or given outstanding service over a number of years, to a local community over and above the normal employment duties. Outstanding contribution and community service can be across areas such as education, health, fundraising, charitable and voluntary services, business, sports, arts, the environment, or any other area that contributes to the advancement and well-being of a community.

Nominations for the above categories can be submitted on-line all year round via Nominate | The Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards, however for the 2023 Awards ceremony, nominations close Friday 18 November 2022.

Council will consider nominations received for all categories at its 13 December Ordinary meeting and award presentations will take place at Council's 2023 Australia Day Award Ceremony.

BACK TO APPILA -150[™] YEAR CELEBRATION

Over 200 people attended the recent event to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Appila.

Community members present witnessed the unveiling of a commemorative plaque to mark the occasion and enjoyed viewing the memorabilia and audio visual displays at Stacey Park. Appila Centenary, other past functions and Jack Babbage Photographs of past people and events featured in these displays.

Mrs Jenny Heaslip cut an Anniversary cake to mark the occasion.

Locals and visitors alike enjoyed the opportunity to meet and catch up with each other.

> Appila Improvement Association Chairman Paul Wurst and Secretary Don Bottrall.





COUNCIL INITIATES COMMUNITY GROUP INSURANCE PROGRAM

At its August Ordinary Meeting, Council approved for the facilitation through its insurer (Local Government Community Insurance Services - JLT Risk Solutions Pty Ltd) for annual insurance coverage for nominated community and sporting groups based within the Council area (general public and products liability; personal accident-voluntary workers; Association Liability).

The annual insurance coverage has been secured for the nominated community groups and is valued at approximately \$1,200 for each of the groups which responded to Council's call for registrations of interest to partner with Council to secure a better deal for their communities through associated cost savings.

Council is pleased to partner with community groups and offer this cost effective insurance option at no direct cost to the nominated groups with the associated expenses being absorbed within Council's existing budget allocation for Council related insurances. It is hoped that groups value the generosity and contribution of Council.

Council agenda report August 2022 (go to page 54) https://www.mtr. sa.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0022/1194511/Agenda-Ordinary-Meeting-of-Council-16-August-2022.pdf

WILLOWIE TRANSFER STATION PROJECT -**SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATION**

The Hon Susan Close MP, Minister for Climate, Environment & Water has confirmed that Council was successful in its application for grant funding totalling \$183,154 for the Willowie Transfer Station project.

Willowie is the current site for Council's only waste facility, servicing nine townships and a population of 3000 people over an area of 3400 sq kms. It is a landfill site without capacity for separating waste and removing recyclable items such as plastics, glass, timber, cardboards and paper. The Mount Remarkable Waste Management Project will construct a Waste Transfer Station at Willowie that will meet current EPA guidelines and enable 98% of all material being deposited at the site to be recycled including 100% of general waste, recyclables, and green waste.

The funding received enables for the construction of a Waste Transfer Station at Willowie with a 12m x 30m building comprising steel columns, concrete walls and solid roof to meet current EPA guidelines. Once completed and operational it will enable 98% of all material being deposited at the site to be recycled including 100% of general waste, recyclables, and green waste.

Council is committed to reducing waste to landfill, increasing resource recovery, and improving community knowledge of responsible waste management practices. To achieve this, improvements to recycling



practices and minimising landfill is required. This project is needed as there is no material recycling facility at the District's only waste facility at Willowie.

Willowie is designated as a landfill site and to minimise sending waste to landfill, Council has sought and received development approval to convert the landfill site to a waste transfer station. Council's responsible waste management and resource recovery objectives are built on the principles of ecologically sustainable development and the waste management hierarchy outlined by GISA".

The new facility will be opening for use sometime in October 2022.

NEW ADMINISTRATION STAFF MEMBER

Local resident in the District Penny Archer has been appointed to the role of Administration Support Officer. Following a recent recruitment process, Penny Archer has been appointed to the Administration Support Officer role and brings a wealth of previous experience in the education sector and State government. Welcome to the Remarkable Team Penny!







DOG AND CAT REGISTRATION RENEWAL PERIOD

The Council undertook a massive challenge of improving its rankings as one off the leaders in Dog Registrations in South Australia.

Barunga West Council topped the list with 95.44% of dog registrations completed. Closely followed by their best competition Kimba who placed 2nd for the third year in a row and a round of applause for DC Mount Remarkable who decided to go like the clappers and came in 3rd place getting over 90% renewed for the first time.

Overall in the state Dog Registrations are at 72.09% (74.17% same time last year and the Dog & Cat Board were at 78.79% in 2020/21) renewed at the **ANIMAL** level with 45 councils above the average and the remaining 24 below the average. The Dog & Cat Board remind Councils that every year we finish the FINANCIAL year with roughly 8% that do not renew. Typically, the Dog & Cat Board finish at this 70-80% renewed and then get another 10% renewed by the time all councils have applied late fees and the final 10% pay after mid-October.

The District Council Mount Remarkable saw the highest renewal increase out of all the 68 Councils throughout South Australia with a 19.9% increase in renews as of 30 August 2022.

Rank	Council	2022/23 % Renewed (6:30am 1 Sept 2022)	2021/22 % Renewed (6:30am 1 Sept 2021)	2020/21 % Renewed (1 Sept 2020)
1	Barunga West Council	95.44%	98.29%	97.40%
2	The DC Of Kimba	94.89%	97.42%	91.41%
3	The DC Of Mount Remarkable	90.94%	71.05%	85.23%
4	The Flinders Ranges Council	89.84%	70.80%	76.96%
5	The DC Of Streaky Bay	86.88%	76.77%	87.72%
6	City Of Mitcham	86.29%	84.61%	84.21%
7	The DC Of Orroroo Carrieton	85.82%	83.00%	76.55%
8	The DC Of Loxton Waikerie	85.19%	84.01%	87.61%
9	Wattle Range Council	83.59%	81.81%	88.64%
10	Adelaide Hills Council	83.42%	82.61%	75.53%

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Prepared and Ready to Respond

With the growing interest in the emergency animal disease (EAD) threat to Australia, primarily due to foot and mouth disease (FMD) and lumpy skin disease (LSD). There are a number of courses that have been created by Animal Health Australia and looks at EAD preparedness, response arrangements and biosecurity in general.

The EAD Foundation course provides a good baseline for anyone that has an interest or has the potential to be asked to provide support to PIRSA. The FMD Awareness course provides information about the risk, how to help prevent it, and what would happen if an FMD outbreak occurs.

- » EAD Foundation Course
- » FMD Awareness Protecting your livelihood and community
- » Public Information in a Biosecurity Response

South Australian Drought Resilience Adoption & Innovation Hub

The SA Drought Hub is an exciting initiative which brings together a dynamic network of primary producers, industry groups, researchers, government agencies, universities, agribusinesses, traditional owners, and others to work towards a common vision to strengthen the drought resilience and preparedness of our farms and regional communities in South Australia.

The SA Drought Hub is one of eight established across the nation through the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund. Led by the University of Adelaide in partnership with the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA), the SA Drought Hub comprises the Hub headquarters at Roseworthy and five regional nodes at Minnipa on Eyre Peninsula, Port Augusta in the Far North, Orroroo in the Upper North, Loxton in the Riverland, and Struan in the South-East.

The location of the nodes ensures state-wide coverage of all pastoral, low, medium and high rainfall agricultural production zones. https://sadroughthub.com.au/

The steps to increased drought resilience

- » Collaboration With input from the relevant partners and other local community members, regional drought resilience priorities will be identified.
- » Regional action Activities will be co-designed at a regional level and driven from the ground-up.
- » Creating change Bespoke extension programs will be implemented to facilitate adoption of drought resilience practices and strategies in our farming systems and regional communities.







REMARKABLE RAIL TRAIL

The "Remarkable" Rail Trail from Booleroo Centre to Stone Hut is nearing completion. Sections of the trail were damaged in the recent rain events and those repairs will be occurring soon.

Placement of concrete culverts, signage and some remaining material placement will be occurring over the next few weeks. Bridge placement in four (4) locations is progressing slowly due to material and contractual arrangements, but hopefully these will be finalised by the end of November 2022.

This will open up the trail from Wilmington in the north to Stone Hut in the south, passing through townships of Melrose, Booleroo Centre and Wirrabara along the way. This equates to a total of trails through the Council area totalling over 66km.

Pictured on the far left is the artwork for the Rail Trail Signage that will appear along the new trail.

BOOLEROO AIRSTRIP FENCING UPGRADE – FUNDING

The Booleroo Centre Airstrip has received \$50,000 in funding to replace fencing at the site. The funding has been received as part of the "Support Regional Aviation Program Round 7" from the Department for Infrastructure & Transport (DIT). The grant covers 43% of the total cost (estimated at \$116,000 EX GST).

The Booleroo Centre aerodrome is a significant and vital Council and community asset and the only aerodrome in the District. This Safety Project will increase aviation safety and accessibility of the Airstrip by the Royal Flying Doctor Service, emergency services and comply with the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) regulatory requirements. The project will ensure the safety of the operators, aircraft owners and passengers is increased, and that aircraft infrastructure is not damaged through collisions between animals and aircraft. It will also increase the quality and range of services provided to the Mid North region and will ensure that residents of the region that they are not disadvantaged or excluded from vital emergency services because of inferior infrastructure.

Airstrips are essential infrastructure assets to regional Australia. They provide connectivity, social equity and contribute to their surrounding economy. The Booleroo Centre Airstrip is vital transport infrastructure for the Mid North Region and is used by the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) on a monthly basis as well used by emergency services for fire fighting/water bombing activities, aerial spraying, air freight, business visitors including agribusiness, tourists as well as recreational flying and general

aviation users. Importantly, the upgrades to the aerodrome will enable safe, 24 hour delivery of RFDS and other emergency services to the Booleroo Centre and broader Mid North community. Booleroo Centre Airstrip consists of a single runway layout of 18m in length and is constructed from a course natural gravel. it is recommended that the new fencing upgrade be carried out to ensure future compliance.

The Booleroo Centre Airstrip Safety Project will upgrade the boundary fencing to ensure kangaroos, wallabies, wombats and other large animals cannot access the runway area. The fencing upgrades outlined below will increase the aviation safety and accessibility of the Airstrip to current and new users. These upgrades will not only ensure that these vital emergency services continue, but the safety of the operators, aircraft owners and passengers is increased, and that aircraft infrastructure is not damaged through poor visibility.





FIRE DANGER RATING

The Fire Danger Rating is an indicator of how dangerous a bushfire could be if it did occur. It is not a predictor of how likely a bushfire is to occur. It should be used as an early indicator to trigger your plans. You need to understand the Fire Danger Rating to help you assess your level of bushfire risk and to decide what actions to take. The Bureau of Meteorology forecasts the rating each day. The higher the Fire Danger Rating, the more dangerous the fire conditions.

The Fire Danger Rating will help you understand the predicted bushfire behaviour, potential impacts and recommended actions you should take for each category level. We recommend you take the time to review and understand the ratings. Remember:

- » Fires can threaten suddenly and without warning
- » Watch for signs of fire, especially smoke and flames



- » Know the Fire Danger Rating in your area for the day, be aware of local conditions and keep informed
- » Have your Bushfire Survival Plan and kit ready
- » Call 000 to report a fire
- » To find out more listen to local radio,
- » call the Information Hotline on 1800 362 361 (TTY 133 677).

LEVELS OF FIRE DANGER RISK

FIRE DANGER RATING	WHAT DOES IT MEAN?	WHAT SHOULD I DO?				
MODERATE	MOST FIRES CAN BE CONTROLLED » Controlled burning may occur in these conditions if it is safe – check to see if permits apply	PLAN AND PREPARE » Stay up to date » Be ready to act if there is a fire				
HIGH	FIRES CAN BE DANGEROUS » There's a heightened risk » If a fire starts, your life and property may be at risk	BE READY TO ACT » Be alert for fires in your area » Decide what you will do if a fire starts				
EXTREME TOTAL FIRE BAN	FIRES WILL SPREAD QUICKLY AND BE EXTREMELY DANGEROUS > These are dangerous fire conditions > You must be physically and mentally prepared to defend in these conditions	TAKE ACTION NOW TO PROTECT YOUR LIFE AND PROPERTY » Check your Bushfire Survival Plan and that your property is fire ready » If a fire starts, take immediate action. If you and your property are not prepared to the highest level, go to a safer location well before the fire impacts » Reconsider travel through bushfire risk areas				
CATASTROPHIC TOTAL FIRE BAN	IF A FIRE STARTS AND TAKES HOLD, LIVES ARE LIKELY TO BE LOST > These are the worst conditions for a bush or grass fire > Homes are not designed or constructed to withstand fires in these conditions > The safest place to be is away from high risk bushfire areas	FOR YOUR SURVIVAL, LEAVE BUSH FIRE RISK AREAS » Stay safe by leaving high risk bushfire areas the night before or early in the day – do not wait and see » Your life may depend on the decisions you make even before there is a fire: - When you will leave - Where you will go - How you will get there - When you will return				

The AFDRS introduces 'no rating' for days where no proactive action is required by a community. This does not mean that fires cannot happen, but that they are less likely to move or act in a way that threatens the safety of the community

- What you will do if you cannot leave



BOOLEROO CENTRE SWIMMING POOL

Family Fun Day

Sunday 13th November



2pm - 6pm

Bring your family along to a fun afternoon of Games & Activities



Lucky Door Prize

Pay your 2022/2023 Season Membership before or on the day and receive an extra ticket

For more information contact Trich Wilson - 0421 520 031





www.onecard.network/flindersmobile

Town	November	December	January 2023
WILMINGTON 12.45pm – 2.15pm MELROSE	Tuesday 1, 15, 29	Tuesday 13	Tuesday 10, 24
WIRRABARA 10.15am - 11.45am MURRAY TOWN 12.45pm - 1.45pm APPILA 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Thursday 3, 17	Thursday 1, 15	Thursday 12
PORT GERMEIN 10.00am - 12.30pm	Thursday 10, 24	Thursday 8	Thursday 5, 19
BOOLEROO CENTRE 12.30pm - 4.00pm	Friday 11, 25	Friday 9	Friday 6, 20

RETURN BOXES are located at the Booleroo Centre IGA, Wilmington Post Office, Store Fifty Four Melrose, and the Wirrabara Lucky Seven.

For more information

email: flindersmobile.library@gmail.com

Phone/Fax: 8662 2305

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All you need is to be a library member.

So how do I join?

Membership of the Library is free to all residents of South Australia. You can join by coming into the Library at any stop with proof of ID and address. Or you can join on-line via our website to access e-resources without ever coming into the Library.

The 2 apps used are





BorrowBox

There is a large range of material available, both children's and adults, fiction and non-fiction in both e-book and e-audio formats. There are also 100s of emagazines available across lots of topics.

Links to download the apps are available on our website.

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Library staff are always willing to help set up the apps so

that you can all take advantage

of these resources.

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