



COUNCIL SNIPPETS

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ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2018

COUNCILLORS RESOLVED:

Hammond Hall Honour Boards

Following the disbanding of the Hammond Hall Committee Council received concerns for the two Honour Boards contained in the hall which are of historical and emotional significance. Councillors considered the relocation of the Boards and resolved :

- a) The 'Amyton School Roll of Honor' to be relocated to the Willowie Hall; and
- b) The 'District of Hammond Roll of Honor' to be relocated to the Wilmington Soldiers Memorial Hall.



Council acknowledges the two Honour Boards are of significant importance to the families on the memorials and is confident the displaying of the Honour Boards at the Willowie and Wilmington Halls respectively will retain this historic memorabilia for future generations.

Bluff Lookout Development

Council is progressing with the Bluff Lookout development, the Mayor and CEO signed and affixed the Common Seal to the lease agreement with BAI Communications Pty Ltd (the owner) for Section 4, Part of Easement A, Hundred Darling from Forest Road to Go Kart Track, for a period of twenty (20) years with an option to extend for a further twenty (20) years thereafter.

Wirrabara Land Sale

Council received a request for the purchase or lease of Section 424 at Wirrabara. As such Councillors authorised the Chief Executive Officer to proceed with offering Section 424, Wirrabara to the market for sale in accordance with Council's Disposal of Land and Asset Policy. A notice of sale will be published on Council's media resources, the Flinders News and the Advertiser in due course.

Community Facilities

Council currently provides monetary amounts to various clubs annually to enable them to regularly maintain facilities on Council owned Land. Councillors considered a report regarding costs associated with maintaining various community facilities and agreed Council will contact Progress and Development Associations in each town to gauge their interest in maintaining community facilities for a small remuneration. A report will be prepared for the information and consideration of Councillors at a later meeting.

Office for Recreation and Sport Program

Councillors authorised the CEO to apply for an Office of Recreation and Sport grant to upgrade the Booleroo Centre Swimming Pool (to update the change rooms and paint both the toddler pool and the pool). The Booleroo Centre Memorial Swimming Pool Committee supports Council's application for funding and have confirmed a financial contribution towards the project. Councillors resolved to provide up to \$24,000 as Council's matched funding component if successful.

Financial Forecast for Year end 2018

Councillors received and endorsed the 2018 Forecast Financial Reports, the report is available in the February Agenda on Council's website www.mtr.sa.gov.au.

Council Policies

Several policies were reviewed and amended as required to ensure they are consistent with the LGA (SA) Model Policy and re-adopted. The Draft Northern Passenger Transport Network - Fee for Service Policy is open for public consultation and **closes Thursday 15 March 2018**. A copy of all Council policies are available for viewing on Council's website www.mtr.sa.gov.au.

Melrose Community Development Association

Council are investigating formalising a lease agreement with the Melrose Community Development Association for the Melrose RSL Building.

**Next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on
Tuesday 20 March 2018 in the Council Chambers
Melrose commencing at 9.30am.**

Managing Little Corella

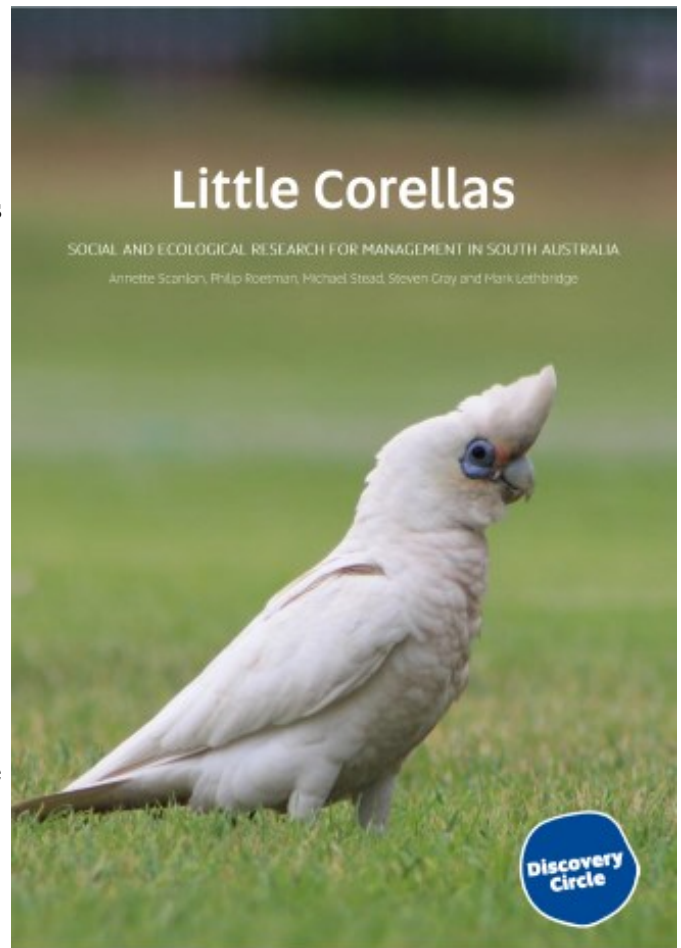
Each year Council receives a number of calls, emails and letters from residents regarding an increase in Corella activity and requests for action to control their activities. Little Coreellas in the Council area cause considerable problems including damaging trees, reserves, ovals and disturbing residents with loud squawking and displacing other wildlife. A range of lethal and non-lethal management strategies have been trialled in the past with little success.

Council and the community have been dealing with the little corella problem for decades. The corella issue is a State-wide issue and has been recognised by the Local Government Association of South Australia as an issue of concern for many councils. Council has met with the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR) and University SA and as per the Uni SA - Discovery Circle report "Little Coreellas Social and Ecological Research for Management in South Australia" there is no quick fix to the problem.

Residents that experience nuisance issues at their property on private land, need to undertake their own management controls to protect and relieve nuisance on their own property. A combination of scaring techniques will work best as the birds are very intelligent and become accustomed to individual techniques quickly, however this needs to be a uniformed approach by residents and neighbours, as scaring the birds only shifts the problems to others.

Council will continue to liaise with the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resource and provide input to the State Government's development of a State-wide management plan to manage the impacts of Little Coreellas across the state of South Australia.

This is a whole of community issue and not just a Council issue and requires input from everyone if there is to be any chance of a solution. Further information is available at www.environment.sa.gov.au.



Click on the cover image to download the Little Coreellas report



Wilmington Main Street

Council have been successful in obtaining funding from the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, that will see the realization of the 'Jewel of Beautiful Valley; A Framework for the Revitalisation of Wilmington'. Within the framework there were projects listed as Wilmington's Core Areas or Action Areas. The project will include kerbing and protuberances, landscaping, parking, defined walking spaces, access ramps, paving and irrigation and will continue with the theme of the existing upgraded protuberance. Council is confident the project when completed will create and provide a safer environment, allow people to move easily and safely across the wide road and improve the amenity of the Wilmington Main Street. The scope of works and project are available for viewing at the Council Office on the website www.mtr.sa.gov.au or at the Wilmington Post Office.



Guard Rails have been installed to the recently completed Spear Creek Bridges as part of the Bridges Renewal Programme.

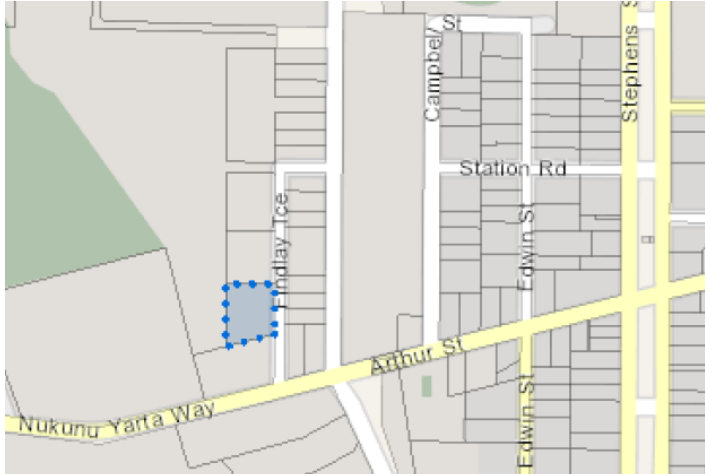


Council worked with the Port Germein Tennis Club to replace the equipment at the playground adjacent the Port Germein Tennis Club. This exciting new piece of equipment ensures the play area is compliant for Work Health & Safety standards.

Expression of Interest for Purchase or Lease of Council Land at Booleroo Centre

Council is calling for written Expressions of Interest (EOI) to gauge interest in the purchase or lease of Council land zoned industrial located on Findlay Terrace, Booleroo Centre (described as Allotment 222, Booleroo Centre, Hundred of Booleroo) for business development purposes.

EOI should outline the development proposal on the Council land. Should there be interest, the property will be formally advertised for sale or lease.



Expressions of interest should be marked 'Confidential' and forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer, District Council of Mount Remarkable, PO Box 94 Melrose SA 5483 or emailed to postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au no later than **5.00pm Monday 12 March 2018.**

Message from the Mayor,

I write regarding some concerns with 'rate capping'.

Our council like many of the states 68 councils, does the best it can with limited funds. Funds which are constantly being affected by state government cost shifting and increasing regulatory requirements.

As a Council we don't take putting up rates lightly and it needs to be noted that rates only partly cover providing services and viable infrastructure.

There is a lot of information regarding the negative affects rate capping in NSW and more recently Victoria has had. Councils in those states are worse off being forced to cut services and spending on infrastructure, forced amalgamations and their rates and combined fees and charges are way higher than South Australia. If rate capping is introduced our council like others may have no choice but to reduce or cease many of our services or infrastructure replacement such as roads, just as they have interstate.

For example there is no legal requirement for councils to fund libraries, provide recreation and sporting facilities, maintain jetties, or look after parks and gardens. They don't have to collect hard waste, undertake street cleaning, plant or maintain street trees, facilitate community events and festivals, or protect the public through food inspections. Your rates pay for the services you want in your community. Rate capping threatens those services.

Colin Nottle, Mayor



Did you know?.....

Council provides services to assist our sporting and community groups

• Community Engagement Officer

The role of the community engagement officer is diverse and broad however engagement with the community, organisations and ratepayers is essential. Council employee Hayley Trott, is Councils Community Engagement Officer. In addition to identifying and applying for grants that Council can access, Hayley assists communities, not for profit organisations and other groups to network with government and non government agencies, access grants and improve the relationship between the community and Council.

Hayley is able to assist organisations with ensuring the regulatory requirements of the committee are met in addition to the correct procedures and protocols for working with Council on community projects, lease of facilities and local event planning.

Council has been working with the six towns to develop their 'Top Ten Priorities', facilitated by Hayley. This initiative has been well received and provides Council with valuable information when preparing annual business, budget and long term plans. Got a question or need assistance contact Hayley on 8666 2014 or email hayley@mtr.sa.gov.au to discuss your organisations requirements.

• StarClub Program

A shared services arrangement with the District Council of Mount Remarkable, Port Pirie Regional Council, Northern Areas Council, District Council of Orroroo Carrieton and the District Council of Peterborough in conjunction with funding from the Office of Recreation and Sport provides sporting groups and active recreation clubs with access to the Mid North StarClub Field Officer.

Council contributes approximately \$13,500 towards this program annually. The STARCLUB - Club Development Program has been designed for use by sport and active recreation clubs of all sizes and offers assistance with club management and training requirements. The program is free and open to all sport and recreation organisations to participate in.

Rhys Millington is the Mid North StarClub Field Officer servicing our region. Contact Rhys on 0488 101 783 or email starclub@pirie.sa.gov.au to discuss your club's management or training requirements.



Remarkable Experience

Community



DrumMuster Collection

Council will be conducting drumMUSTER chemical drum collection at the Willowie Landfill:



Tuesday 3 & Wednesday 4 April 2018

All containers delivered to the collection site must be:

- Free of chemical residue
- Clean, dry and have lids removed
- drumMUSTER approved containers only, which carry the appropriate logo.

All containers must be correctly cleaned both inside and out (including threads) and allowed to drain to ensure they do not contain rinse water (refer to Avcare standards for effective rinsing- brochures available from local chemical suppliers). Unclean or partly filled containers cannot be accepted.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL - Phone 86662014

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FIRE DANGER SEASON CONTINUES

The CFS Fire Danger Season runs until 15 April 2018 (dates subject to change). Although Council's inspections have been completed, it is essential that property owners maintain their properties in accordance with the *Fire & Emergency Services Act 2005* throughout the entire Fire Danger Season. This is not only important for fire safety, it also helps to ensure that our townships look tidy and welcoming. For further information on bans and ratings, preparing for a bushfire and general information visit www.cfs.sa.gov.au.



2018 Premier's Certificate of Recognition

Nominations for the 2018 Premier's Certificate of Recognition for outstanding volunteer service close 5pm, Friday 6 April 2018.

Nominations can be made via the Office for Volunteers website at www.ofv.sa.gov.au.

APPLY NOW!!

Complete Application

*Time is fast running out to apply for the 2018 Community Assistance Grant. This grant is suitable for small community projects. Contact Council if you require assistance. **Close Thursday 15 March 2018.** Applications will be assessed at the Ordinary meeting of Council on 20 March 2018.*

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COUNCIL ELECTIONS
- 2018 -



ENROL
by 10 August 2018



NOMINATE
by 18 September 2018



VOTE
must be received before 5pm
Friday 9 November 2018



Authorised by Wayne Hart Chief Executive Officer, District Council of Mount Remarkable Email: postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au • Phone: (08) 8666 2014

- District Council of Mount Remarkable - **PART** - of your - **EVERY DAY.**

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