COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Applications are now open for Council’s Community Assistance Grants, Minor Grants Program and all Clubs, Associations and Groups are encouraged to consider applying for funding.

An amount of $2,000 will be available for each of the following townships:
- Booleroo Centre
- Melrose
- Port Flinders
- Port Germein
- Wilmington
- Wirrabara

A further $3,000 will be available for the remainder of the Council area.

Guidelines and application forms are available from the Council Office or from Council’s website:
www.mtr.sa.gov.au

Closing date for applications is Friday 29th January 2010.

STORMWATER DIVERSION – MELROSE CWMS

All residents of Melrose are encouraged to check their storm water run-off from downpipes and rainwater tank overflow points.

During recent heavy rains the Community Wastewater Management Scheme (CWMS) at Melrose experienced numerous flood / overflow events throughout the town as the system was unable to keep up with the heavy flow of water. This excess flow may be associated with storm water being diverted into the CWMS.

Council staff are required to respond to these events (which more often than not occur during the hours of darkness) and could be exposed to serious OHS&W issues.

It is illegal to divert storm water into the CWMS. If you think your property could be contributing to the problem please make any adjustments required to stop the water from entering into the system.

CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

The Ordinary Meeting of Council scheduled for Tuesday 12th January will now be held at 9.30 am Tuesday 19th January 2010 in the Council Chambers, Stuart Street, Melrose.
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- Cr Colin Nottle (Plains Ward)
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**Employment Opportunity**

**ADMINISTRATION TRAINEE**

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**12 month Traineeship**

People of all age groups interested in undertaking a 12 month Office Administration Traineeship are encouraged to apply. The traineeship can commence immediately although a flexible starting date will be considered.

A copy of the position description and other applicable information can be obtained by contacting:
- Lyn Forster
  - Manager Passenger Transport
  - Phone: 8666 2255.

Applications including contact details for two current referees should be forwarded to:
- Chief Executive Officer,
- District Council of Mount Remarkable
- PO Box 94
- Melrose SA 5483.

Applications close 5.00 pm Friday 8th January 2010.
COUNCILLOR GORDON LEUE  
(COASTAL WARD)

Born in 1932 at Port Pirie, Gordon has lived his entire life on a farming property at Mambray Creek. Along with his two sons, they operate the mixed farming and grazing property in partnership.

As an elected representative for the Coastal Ward, Local Government has benefited from his participation in community affairs. First elected in 1985, he has served continuously since that time. Positions held within the Council have included Deputy Chairperson, Chairman - Baroota Water Resources Advisory Committee, Member - Works Committee, Member - DCMR Fire Prevention Committee and Council delegate to the Lower Flinders Animal & Plant Control Board.

During his 24 years as an Elected Member representing the ‘west side’, Gordon has attempted to achieve a fair deal for all Council electors. He firmly believes that the district road system and township infrastructure should be the priorities of the Council and is disappointed that Council budgets are stretched too thinly over too many other activities to achieve permanent works and improvements to township streets, footpaths and drainage.

Heavily involved with the Port Germein Bowling Club since its formation in 1973, Gordon has held an executive position since its inception and was the instigator of the laying of the first synthetic bowling green in South Australia at the Port Germein Club. He is currently Secretary / Treasurer of the Port Germein Bowling Club and has served in this capacity for the past 25 years.

His love for the game is apparent through his involvement with the North Western Bowling Association, having served in the capacity of President on two separate occasions. For the past 15 years, Gordon has been Chairman of the Region 3 Divisional Association and has represented Region 3 as its delegate to Bowls SA and its predecessor Royal SA Bowling Association. He has been recognised as the longest serving member on the Bowls governing organisation.

The prestigious Australian Sports Medal, established in 2000 as a commemorative Award within the Australian Honours system, was awarded in that year to Gordon for his service to Bowls.

He was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1987 and was selected as the District Council of Mount Remarkable Citizen of the Year in 1999.

Gordon has been actively involved in all aspects of community life and has participated in most community organisations past and present that have operated within the Port Germein district - to name a few - Port Germein CFS Brigade from its inception in 1972 to 2004; for many years he was a Deputy Group Officer within the Mount Remarkable CFS Group; Mambray Creek and Port Germein Schools; Port Germein and Nelshaby Ag. Bureau, member for a period of 48 years.

Elected Members and Employees

of the

District Council of Mount Remarkable

Wish

all Ratepayers and Residents

a Safe and Happy Christmas.
The Following is an extract from Council’s Strategic Management Plan and covers Public Health, Order and Safety.

**Improving Wellbeing**
Members of our District highly value the fact that their communities have low crime rates; they have a good range of essential and emergency services; lifestyles are healthy with high participation rates in sport and ready access to attractive natural environments; they have numerous opportunities for socialising; and they can rely on neighbours and friends in times of need. It is important that these lifestyle advantages are maintained by continuing to provide a safe and healthy local environment.

**STRATEGIES**

7.1 Ensure rural communities are equitably treated and represented

7.1.1 Lobby responsible levels of government and agencies to ensure adequate infrastructure provision and services

7.1.2 Work in partnership with district and regional health services to ensure the provision of adequate doctor and other health services to our communities

7.2 Facilitate the provision of adequate emergency services

7.2.1 Support the provision of emergency services to the District

7.2.2 Ensure that our communities retain essential local emergency services

7.2.3 Work in partnership with district and regional authorities to ensure the provision and funding of adequate emergency services to our residents

7.3 Maintain public health, order and safety

7.3.1 Develop and implement a regular mosquito control education campaign

7.3.2 Undertake regular inspections of food preparation businesses, encouraging participation in food handling training programs to ensure that all food premises within the District are rated good or excellent

7.3.3 Provide health promotion material and activities to encourage Council employees and residents to take responsibility for their own health

7.3.4 Ensure that communities have access to adequate medical facilities and visiting General Practitioners

7.3.5 Promote and provide an immunisation awareness program to encourage all residents to be immunised

7.3.6 Promote and provide an immunisation program for all school children

7.3.7 Provide sharps containers within key public toilets in townships

7.3.8 To provide support to Rural Watch and road safety groups within the District that work towards achieving the objective of maintaining safe and secure communities

7.3.9 Undertake regular liaison with the police to identify problems that may be arising to enable them to be addressed from a community perspective

7.3.10 Provide Development Control and inspection services that meet the needs and requirements of all stakeholders

7.3.11 Review Council’s Development Plan on an annual basis

7.3.12 Participate in the development and operation of a regional development assessment panel

7.3.13 Respond to other public/community health, order and safety issues as required, e.g. Little Corella control

7.4 Provide quality Dog and Cat Management services that meet the needs and requirements of the Community

7.4.1 Provide regular information about their responsibilities to the owners of domestic animals

7.4.2 Reduce the number of complaints from residents regarding domestic animals through promoting dog obedience information

7.4.3 Actively pursue 100% dog registrations within the Council area by promoting the benefits and through penalties for unregistered dogs

7.4.4 Regularly review and report to stakeholders on the implementation of Council’s Dog and Cat Management Plan
Meeting updates are written following each Council meeting and may not reflect follow-up decisions etc.

**OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING**
**HELD TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2009**

**Hard Waste Collection Limits to be Reconsidered**

As part of the Annual Business Plan and Budget process for the 2010 / 2011 financial year, Council will give consideration to the removal of the household limit or guideline relating to the amount of hard waste that can be put out for collection.

Currently, Council uses a level 6 x 4 trailer as a guide for residents and ratepayers in this respect however it has been suggested that Council consider removing the limit and allowing residents to put out as much as they would like.

Council has made a number of practical improvements to the collection this year resulting from earlier feedback and encourages residents and ratepayers to forward any other suggestions for improvement.

**Central Local Government Region Deputation**

Council received a deputation from Ms Anita Crisp, Executive Officer of the Central Local Government Region, providing an update on activities at a regional level that are relevant to this Council.

Council also used the opportunity to discuss its views regarding a number of topical issues that the Regional Association may be able to provide assistance.

**Audited Statements Adopted**

The Chief Executive Officer presented Council with the audited financial statements for the 2008 / 2009 financial year following the recent audit by Council’s Auditor Cobiac and Chapman.

The Statements, including notes and financial indicators, are available for viewing or purchase at the Council Office and are available for viewing and download from the Council website. They will also form part of Council’s Annual Report later in the year.

**Baroota Creek Bridge Internal Review Request**

Council received and considered a request from a number of Port Germein residents for an internal review of Council’s decision in respect of Development Application 830/0088/09 lodged for the demolition of the former Baroota Creek road bridge.

The request received due consideration by Council primarily in terms of interpretation, given that Council itself does not make the decision regarding the development application and secondly, that no decision on the application had yet been made.

It was agreed that the Development Application needed to complete the processes it was presently going through however Council requested that for its own subsequent consideration, that an Engineer’s Report and costings be sought for a number of options that may or may not be available for the structure.

**Former Shell Company Land Offer Considered**

Council considered an offer made on behalf of the Shell Company of Australia to purchase a small parcel of land opposite the Booleroo Centre Oval, it being surplus to the requirements of the Company.

Whilst no initial need or use for the land was identified, it was felt that it could be used as a compound for Council plant and equipment being used or stored in the area. Council considered the offer and provided Council Officers with an indication of the amount it would be prepared to pay for the land, to allow further negotiations to be undertaken.

**Development Fees No Longer Waived for Farm Sheds**

Council reconsidered a report prepared last year on the practice of waiving development fees for sheds on farms. The report highlighted that Council had for many years classified farm sheds as Class 7 and waived associated fees. Since 2005, fees in the vicinity of $17,000 had been waived.

In view of its earlier decision to defer the matter for twelve months due to the poor economic and seasonal conditions, which have also significantly improved, Council determined that it would no longer waive the fees.

**Regional DAP One Step Closer**

Council received and considered correspondence from the Hon Paul Holloway MLC, Minister for Urban Development and Planning, regarding the establishment of the Regional Development Assessment Panel.

The Minister advised Council that the Regulations to facilitate the establishment of the Panel had been finalised and again sought the concurrence of the four Councils involved.

Council duly provided its concurrence with a view to continuing with the establishment of the Panel as soon as possible. The Minister had indicated that he expected the Regulation to pass prior to the end of the calendar year with a view to having the Panel formally established early in the New Year.
OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING (CONT.)
Elector Representation Report Released for Final Consultation Process

Council received and considered the draft Elector Representation Review Report following various consultation and other processes over the past months. Council subsequently endorsed the Report for release for the final round of public consultation.

The Report indicated the preferred position of Council with respect to the Review, namely:-
- Retaining the current number of Elected Members (7);
- Retaining a Chairperson as the Principal Member chosen by Elected Members from within;
- Retention of four Wards with three 2 Member Wards and one 1 Member Ward; and
- An adjustment to Ward Boundaries to utilise the range line as a boundary between Wards.

The Report is available for viewing or purchase from the Council Office or for viewing and download from the Council website.

NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING
HELD TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2009

Shared Services Presentation

Council received a presentation from Mr John Devine, the consultant undertaking Shared Services investigations on behalf of the four Northern Councils, on the Corporate Services proposal.

A significant amount of work has gone into the review of Corporate Services and into the development of the model outlined during the presentation. At a high level, the proposal would see the establishment of a joint corporate services unit between the four Councils that would undertake finance, payroll, human resources, property and rating and numerous other current activities to realise economies of scale and efficiencies in service delivery.

The four member Councils are to further consider the model at a joint forum in the New Year where a decision is likely to be made on whether to proceed with implementation of the model.

Port Flinders Power Options

Residents and Ratepayers in the Port Flinders township will soon be consulted on options for making provision for the undergrounding of power. Information conveyed to Council from residents has indicated preliminary interest in trenching and providing underground power conduits whilst the Port Flinders Water Supply is constructed in the New Year.

The consultation will provide residents with an indication of the likely cost to them to provide an underground conduit for future use. Preliminary estimates have suggested a per property cost of $10,000 to $15,000. Council has however indicated that it does not wish to see this process delay the construction of the water supply any further.

Council Joins Mayors for Peace

Council has formally resolved to become a member of the Mayors for Peace program, which comprises cities from around the world that have formally expressed their support toward the total abolition of nuclear weapons. The program has 3,047 members in 134 countries.

Cr Pearce raised the concept of becoming a member of the program following the National Local Government General Assembly held earlier in the year.

The formal mission of Mayors for Peace is:-
“To build solidarity and facilitate coordination among the cities that support the Program to promote the solidarity of Cities toward the total abolition of nuclear weapons. Its primary goal is to work internationally to raise consciousness regarding nuclear weapons abolition. It is also formally committed to pursuing lasting world peace by working to address starvation, poverty, refugee welfare, human rights abuses, environmental destruction, and other problems that threaten peaceful coexistence”.

Regional Waste Management Moving Forward

Council received an update on matters relating to Regional Waste Management arrangements that have been undertaken over the past six to twelve months with neighbouring Councils.

The overall aim of these investigations is to provide better waste management services to the various communities in the most cost effective manner.

Investigations are also considering options to introduce kerbside recycling and joint collection arrangements, with the proposed construction of a materials recovery facility in Port Pirie being an integral component. Council expects to consult as part of the 2010 / 2011 Annual Business Plan and Budget on options for the introduction and financing of a recycling service, it having been clearly identified by the Community during the development of Council’s Strategic Management Plan as a desired service.

Elector Representation Review Nearing Completion

Following the final round of Public consultation, Council finalised its Elector Representation Review Report into the future structure and composition of the Council.

Council has resolved to submit the Final Report to the State Electoral Commissioner for assessment and certification. If forthcoming, the new arrangements proposed in the Report will take effect for the Local Government elections being held in November 2010.
NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING (CONT.)

Financial Support to Booleroo Community

Council has ratified financial allocations to the Mid North Rural Health Team towards two important Community projects in the Booleroo Centre township.

The allocations, from the Booleroo Centre Community Assistance Fund, will see $6,000 contributed towards the Community Gym facility in the former CFS / SES building and a further $4,750 towards the Men’s Shed project.

More Community Infrastructure Funding

With the announcement of a second round of Community Infrastructure Funding for Councils by the Commonwealth Government, Council considered various options and projects that may be suitable and identified its priority projects to enable applications to be submitted.

There are two components to the funding, one of which is guaranteed and one which is competitive. Under the $30,000 guaranteed funding, Council will be applying for a project that will see the second handrail installed on the Port Germein Jetty. Under the competitive program, Council has indicated a desire to submit a joint application with the Northern Areas Council for construction of the Wilmington to Yacka Rail Trail and for a separate individual application for a Melrose Civic Square Development project.

Regional Development Australia Implementation

Over recent months, Council has given substantial consideration to matters associated with the transition from the current Regional Development Board structure to the new Regional Development Australia framework. Due to the transition matters and arrangements being delayed, Council has agreed to an extension of its current funding of the Southern Flinders Ranges Development Board until 30th June 2010 or such earlier time that the transition processes may be completed.

Council also considered the matter of amalgamation of the three Regional Development Boards in the Yorke and Mid North Region and indicated that it had no objection to the proposal.

Financial Support for Wilmington Community

Council considered a request from the Wilmington Progress Society for financial support towards its proposed Christmas Eve Community event.

Council has agreed to contribute $500 from its New Festivals and Events Budget allocation towards the Community project.

Heavy Vehicle By-Pass for Booleroo Centre

Cr Nottle, on behalf of the Booleroo Centre Community, has sought Council’s agreement to prepare a proposal to by-pass all heavy vehicle traffic around the Booleroo Centre township.

Options are presently being developed and will be the subject of community consultation in the New Year.

DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

HELD TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2009

Council to Make Submission on Draft National Wind Farm Guidelines

Council considered a draft set of National Guidelines for Wind Farms developed by the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Heritage Council and determined that it would make a submission as part of the current process.

The Guidelines include technical components covering shadow flicker, noise, impacts on landscapes, birds and bats and electromagnetic interference. Council’s submission will highlight the need to protect areas of high scenic importance and on the need for the Guidelines to be Nationally recognised and adhered to.

Appila Intersection Options Being Considered

Over the past year, Council and the Department of Transport Energy and Infrastructure have been considering various options for the Hotel intersection in Appila and community concerns regarding parking.

With a large amount of funding now secured, DTEI have developed two options for addressing the concerns and realigning the intersection. Details of the two options will shortly be provided to the Appila community for consideration and seeking formal comment and feedback for subsequent consideration by Council.

Financial Support to Booleroo Community

Council has ratified a financial allocation to the Booleroo Centre Inter Church Council towards an upcoming Community event in the Booleroo Centre township.

The allocation, from the Booleroo Centre Community Assistance Fund, will see $750 contributed towards the Cracker Carols event prior to Christmas.

Are you Interested in Purchasing Used Plant & Equipment or Vehicles?

During the course of each year, Council disposes of or trades in a large variety of plant, equipment and vehicles. Opportunities exist in some circumstances for such assets to be sold directly to private individuals. If you or your business is interested in purchasing any such assets, please formally advise the Council in writing and further information will be forwarded to you during the process to allow you to make an offer on the item(s) as they become available.
DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING (CONT.)

Power Line Environment Committee Options Considered

Last year, Council requested that the undergrounding of power lines in the various townships within the Council area be nominated for consideration for funding by the Power Line Environment Committee (PLEC). This was undertaken and the Committee subsequently visited the area looking at four of the proposals put forward.

Following assessment, PLEC identified only two of the projects as suitable for funding and subsequently provided preliminary cost estimates for Council. These estimates were $1.2 m for parts of Nott and Stuart Streets in Melrose and $225,000 for the Esplanade at Port Germein. Under the program, Council would be required to contribute one third of the total cost of the project.

Having considered the options, Council determined that it would defer further consideration to future Business Plans and to keep the options in mind for possible inclusion in any future grant applications.

Australia Day Award Recipients

Council formally considered and assessed nominations received for the 2010 Australia Day Awards. Three Awards are provided, namely Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Event of the Year.

The 2010 Award Recipients are:
- Citizen of the Year - Mr Geoffrey Hitch of Wilmington
- Young Citizen of the Year - Mr Justin Clarke of Booleroo Centre
- Community Event of the Year - Appila Football Club Reunion and Backyard Football Day

Further articles regarding the Award Recipients will appear in the next Council newsletter.

Council Adopts Two New Policies

Council has considered and formally adopted two new policies dealing with Whistleblowers Protection and Fraud and Corruption Prevention.

The policies aim to further enhance Council’s transparency and accountability. Copies are available for viewing or purchase at the Council Office or for viewing or download from Council’s website.

Elector Representation Review

Council received and considered formal notification from the State Electoral Commissioner in relation to the Elector Representation Review.

The Electoral Commissioner has advised Council that the Representation Review Final Report has been assessed and certification provided that the Review has been conducted appropriately and in compliance with Section 21 of the Local Government Act 1999. Following Gazettal prior to Christmas, the new composition and structure arrangements will come into effect for the next General Elections being held in November 2010.

Melrose Kindergarten & Play Centre

Council is to forward correspondence to the Hon Jane Lomax-Smith, Minister for Education, seeking her support for the re-introduction of Kindergarten services at the Melrose Early Learning Centre by mid 2010 and to encourage discussions on extensions to the existing building to facilitate the excess capacity being forecast over the next 4 years to enable the Play Centre, Rural Care and Kindergarten to be catered for in the same premises.

Recent Vandalism

Over recent months, road signage around the Council area has been the target of vandals. Apart from the cost to replace these signs, the main concern to Council is that a potential accident may occur due to a missing Give Way or Stop sign.

It is ultimately the ratepayers who fund the replacement of these signs, but it is the unsuspecting driver(s) who could end up paying for someone else’s stupidity with their health or even their life.

If you see any signs being vandalised, knocked over or stolen, please report it to the Police or Council immediately - you may remain anonymous if you choose, but please don’t ignore it, the signs are there for everyone’s safety.
New Ward Boundaries

Following completion and certification of the Elector Representation Review, new Ward Boundaries will come into effect for the next Council Elections being held next year.

The following maps indicate the new Ward Boundaries that will apply.

In essence, the changes are:
- That part of the Hundred of Wongyarra presently within the Coastal Ward will now be a part of the Ranges Ward;
- That part of the Forest Ward North of Murratana Road and East of Salt Water Dam Road including the Murray Town township will now be a part of the Plains Ward;
- A movement in the Eastern boundary of the Coastal Ward in the Hundreds of Woolundunga and Winninowie in a Westerly direction to align as near as practicable with the ridgeline of the mountain range.

[Maps showing new Ward Boundaries]
Changes to Voter Eligibility

With the passing of the Local Government (Elections) (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill 2009 through Parliament in early November, a number of significant changes to voting entitlement for Local Government Elections will take effect.

These changes include:-

- As at 1 January 2010 and thereafter as at 1 January in the year of each periodic election, the Voters Roll will be purged of all landlords, business lessees and resident non-citizens in readiness for the periodic election. That is, all components of the Voters Roll with the exception of persons who are enrolled through a House of Assembly entitlement in respect of a place of residence in the area or ward, will be removed from the Voters Roll on 1 January. The effect of this is that persons who are not on the House of Assembly Roll but who have an entitlement to vote will only be enrolled on the Council’s Voters Roll if they make application in the prescribed form before the close of the Roll. The public policy intent of these changes is to ensure that the Voters Roll is as accurate as possible and otherwise only includes persons who are entitled to vote and are actually interested in doing so by making application to the Chief Executive Officer.

- The necessary application must be in a prescribed form and is not yet in existence. Once the forms are available, any natural person who is not enrolled through a House of Assembly entitlement list or who is the sole owner/ratepayer or sole occupier (non-resident)/ratepayer, a body corporate which is a sole owner/ratepayer or sole occupier/ratepayer and groups of persons, will then be able to apply for enrolment.

- A person who is provisionally enrolled on the House of Assembly Roll may be provisionally enrolled on the Voters Roll. However, unless that provisional enrolment becomes a full enrolment by the close of the Voters Roll, those persons will not be entitled to vote.

- A ‘designated person’ in respect of a body corporate or group means a natural person of or above 18 years of age who, in the case of a body corporate, is an officer of the body corporate authorised by it to act on its behalf for the purpose of voting, or in the case of a group, is a natural person member of the group or an officer of a body corporate member of the group who is authorised to act on behalf of the group for the purposes of voting.

- Previously under the 1999 Act, a group of persons could apply to nominate or to change the name of the group. These provisions have been repealed. Instead, Section 14(6) of the 1999 Act now provides that the Chief Executive Officer may determine the name of the group for the purposes of the Voters Roll. The entry of the group in the Voters Roll must always include the word “group” at the end.

- The details to be included in the Voters Roll have been slightly amended to require the full name and residential address of a natural person and in the case of a body corporate or group, the full name of the body or group plus the full name and residential address and date of birth of the designated person. All other information remains the same.

- Under section 16, a natural person can vote if they are on the Voters Roll, cannot vote if they are provisionally enrolled, cannot vote if they are not 18 on polling day, can vote on behalf of a body corporate or a group only if they are a "designated person" and can only vote in one capacity in any election.

If you have any specific questions or queries in relation to these changes, please feel free to contact the Council Office.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Quarterly payment of rates:
- Third Quarter: 11th March 2010
- Final Quarter: 10th June 2010

Council Meetings
- Held on the second Tuesday of each Month.
ROADSIDE CRASH MARKERS

Following consultation with the Mount Remarkable Community Road Safety Group, the Department of Transport, Energy and Infrastructure (DTEI) Community Road Safety Officer and the Wilmington Progress Society, Council has resolved to install roadside crash marker posts throughout the Council district.

The marker posts are painted either black or red and are used to mark the locations where fatal or serious injury crashes have occurred.

They may also be used to indicate the number of fatalities and / or injuries at each location.

ILLEGAL DUMPING OF GREEN WASTE

Council has recently noticed that green waste / garden off-cuts is being illegally dumped outside the fenced area of the old landfill site at Melrose.

Whilst it cannot be ascertained that a resident of this Council district is responsible for the dumping, residents are reminded that it is illegal to dump rubbish and / or waste onto public or private land. A sign next to the dumped green waste warns of illegal dumping.

This type of waste can be delivered to the Willowie landfill site. Please contact the Council office for landfill opening times.

Council must now expend considerable time and resources to dispose of this waste in the correct manner.

FARMERS AS CLIMATE CHAMPIONS

Are you a farmer who believes that managing climate risk is an important part of managing your farm business?

Are you interested in getting early previews of research in this field, offering feedback to researchers and being supported to share information about the research with other farmers in your region?

Managing Climate Variability, the country’s leading research and development program tasked with helping farmers and natural resource managers manage climate variability risks, is seeking to better communicate its research and to involve farmers in every step of the research process.

Up to 15 grains, sugar, grape, cotton, dairy, beef and sheep farmers from across Australia will be selected to be 'Climate Champions' and supported through training and resource kits. As a Climate Champion, you will benefit from having access to the latest weather forecasting tools. You will also be able to share experiences with other progressive farmers who are adapting to our increasingly variable climate.

Farmers interested in nominating to become a Climate Champion should complete a short form at:

www.climatechampions.net.au

or call Econnect Communication on (07) 3846 7111 for a hard copy form. The form should only take about 10 minutes to complete.

The closing date for nominations is 14th January 2010.
The following arrangements have been put in place for the Christmas and New Year period.

**COUNCIL OFFICE:**
Closes: 12.30 pm Thursday 24th December 2009  
Reopens: 8.30 am Monday 4th January 2010

**COUNCIL DEPOT:**
Closes: 4.30 pm Thursday 17th December 2009  
Reopens: 7.30 am Monday 11th January 2010

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**REFUSE DEPOTs:**
Thursday 24th December 2009  
Wirrabara Normal Hours  
Port Germein Normal Hours  
Willowie Normal Hours  
Sunday 27th December 2009  
Wirrabara Normal Hours  
Port Germein Normal Hours  
Willowie Normal Hours  
Thursday 31st December 2009  
Wirrabara Normal Hours  
Port Germein Normal Hours  
Willowie Normal Hours  
Sunday 3rd January 2009  
Wirrabara Normal Hours  
Port Germein Normal Hours  
Willowie Normal Hours

**DOMESTIC (HOUSEHOLD) WASTE COLLECTION:**
The domestic waste collection will take place on normal pick-up days.

**FLINDERS MOBILE LIBRARY:**
Closes: Tuesday 22nd December 2009  
Resumes: Tuesday 5th January 2010

**MELROSE LICENSED POST OFFICE:**
Monday 21st December 2009 Open as Normal  
Tuesday 22nd December 2009 Open as Normal  
Wednesday 23rd December 2009 Open as Normal  
Thursday 24th December 2009 9.00 am - 12 Noon CLOSED  
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Monday 4th January 2010 Open as Normal  
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**NORTHERN PASSENGER TRANSPORT:**
Monday 21st December 2009 Open as Normal  
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Transport will not be available between 18th December 2009 and 11th January 2010.

From the 24th December to 31st December, the office will be operating at reduced hours with one staff member in attendance. During this period, staff will only be available to take bookings and arrange trips that are needed after the 11th January.
**Postal & Administration Officer / Northern Passenger Transport**

Miss Monique Endemann joined the Council in October 2009 in the role of Postal and Administration Officer and brings with her 14 years experience in administration and customer service. Her role is within the Melrose Post Office and the Northern Passenger Transport Network.

In late September Monique moved from Port Lincoln to Gladstone with her dog, Ocean, to be closer to her parents. Monique is reasonably familiar with the area after attending Risdon Park High School in Port Pirie, where she completed matriculation, before moving to Adelaide to further her education and begin her career in customer service and administration roles.

In early 1999 Monique moved to Port Lincoln where she enjoyed a busy work schedule in various roles and industries, along with a strong community involvement through sporting activities and social events. Monique enjoyed the social aspect of Port Lincoln and often met with friends on the boardwalk at the Marina for a dish of local seafood and a glass of wine.

Monique looks forward to meeting the locals and sampling some of the local produce and wines throughout the local region.

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**Administration Trainee**

Council recently welcomed Barbara Zanker to the Administration Team. Barbara is undertaking a twelve month Administration Traineeship and along with studying for a Certificate in Administration, will receive extensive hands on experience.

Barbara lives with her parents on a farm near Murray Town, has three older sisters and has always lived in the area. She started her schooling at the Wirrabara Kindergarten, then transferring to the Booleroo Centre District School where she has completed the final studies of her SACE during November.

Barbara enjoys playing tennis for the Murray Town Tennis Club and is also involved in a Youth Group in Laura.

Barbara is looking forward to the challenges of working in Local Government and for the District Council of Mount Remarkable.

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**Citizenship Ceremony**

Friday 27th November was a special day for Mohsen Pyedarr as he made the Pledge of Commitment as a Citizen of the Commonwealth of Australia and became an Australian citizen.

Mohsen, formerly of Iran and now living in Port Germein was joined by friends who witnessed the ceremony which was performed by Mayor Trevor Rooke in the Council Chambers, Melrose.

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**Possible Solar Panels Program Considered by Council**

Governments globally are putting together polices on carbon trading and taxes that will affect us all. Alternative energy such as solar panels may prove beneficial to offset the inevitable price hike on conventional energy.

Council is presently investigating the possibility of offering residents easy access to solar panels for domestic dwellings by bulk purchasing panels, facilitating access to rebates and organising installation.

If your residential home is grid tied, i.e. connected to the electricity grid, it makes a lot of sense to hook your solar panels to the grid, because instead of losing the unused electricity or having to maintain a bank of deep cycle batteries, you simply feed it back to the grid.

You feed electricity back to the grid via your electricity meter which measures the electricity produced in Kilowatt hours. This has the effect of reversing your meter which in turn reduces your electricity bill and if you are generating a lot of electricity you could find the utility company paying you money!

To gauge if there is sufficient interest in the community, could you please indicate if you would be considering installing solar panels to be fed to the grid on your property. This does not in any way obligate you to purchase panels; it will just serve as an indication of interest to decide whether to pursue these options.

To indicate your interest, please contact:

Muriel Scholz  
Community & Economic Development Officer  
Email: cedo@mtr.sa.gov.au  
Phone: 8666 2014

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COMMUNITY BUILDERS SUCCESS

The six month Community Builders program has come to an end, with promising results for the communities of the District Council of Mount Remarkable.

The program, offered by the Department of Trade and Economic Development, was aimed at seeking potential leaders and drivers and empowering them to build their local communities.

Local Facilitator Lisa Pearson said the program helped clarify the direction of where towns were going, while building the skills and confidence of those involved. “We have looked at what value the towns already have, without bringing in new themes or changing the perspective of the area,” Ms Pearson said.

“The momentum has been building for some time now, it just needed a clear direction,” she said.

“We have discovered that there is great potential in the Mount Remarkable district, we just have to utilise it,” Ms Pearson said.

From the initial retreat held in June, a number of project teams were formed, who worked on a specific project for their area. Every team then presented its ideas to the others, through tours and meetings.

The Community Builders teams spent about half the program focussed on processes such as team building, problem solving and communication and the other half on specific knowledge areas such as how to apply for funding, valuing volunteers and engaging with youth.

“That’s the formal learning program. The really powerful part of Community Builders is that it’s done within an action-learning context. The participants work on a real project in their community,” said Ms Pearson.

“The teams had considerable success with grant application and writing, and a number of outcomes have already been realised including a hip hop workshop at Port Germein and a program to encourage visitors to stay longer in the district,” Ms Pearson said.

Booleroo Centre group member Peter McCallum thought it was a successful venture, bringing together like-minded people and breaking down the small barriers that existed.

“The program has given us the encouragement and confidence to help build up the community, despite the program coming to an end,” Mr McCallum said.

“It is also interesting to see other communities, and what they have achieved,” said Baroota group member Keryl Jamieson. “It’s all about working together and accepting everyone's differing qualities.”

“It is inspiring that we can make a difference within the community, and we intend to keep doing so.”

Ms Pearson described the vital ingredients as passion for your community and having a lot of fun in the process.

Pictured L to R: Standing Lisa Pearson (Facilitator), Denise and Paul Kretschmer, Sylvia and Mal Holland, Lyn Forster, Marg Abraham, Keryl Jamieson, Peter McCallum
Seated: Ruth Spear, Debbie McCallum, Elaine Fowler, Kristina Mudge
FUNDING: CLUB ONE / SPORT SA GRANT

Applications are open for the Club One / Sport SA Large Grants Program. Applications Close 16 December 2009

On behalf of Club One, Sport SA offers large grants to not-for-profit State sport and active recreation organisations which are members of Sport SA and also community clubs and organisations that are endorsed by the state body which is a member of Sport SA.

This program supports projects or initiatives that benefit the entire sport or active recreation by increasing opportunities for participation.

To view the criteria and download application forms please visit www.sportsa.org.au.

be active SPORTS LIBRARIES

The Flinders Mobile Library has a great range of sporting and recreational equipment for hire to assist you in maximising every opportunity to be active and it’s just as simple as borrowing a book!!!!

With the Christmas/New Year holidays fast approaching, it’s a great opportunity to contact the Flinders Mobile Library (08 8662 2305) to see what is available and how you can borrow items from local be active Sports Library.

OPPORTUNITIES TO be active

be active PlayTime

Here are some fun “be active playtime” activities to assist in developing toddlers throwing, catching and kicking skills.

- Throw bean bags or rolled up socks into laundry baskets or buckets.
- Tie a weighted piece of ribbon to a balloon and then throw and catch the balloon.
- Kick or throw a large ball into a target box. Paint or cover a cardboard box in coloured contact. Cut out a section on one side that is large enough to throw balls, bean bags or socks in.
- Kick or roll a ball into Skittles
  Use empty juice bottles, water bottles or milk containers partially filled with water. For added fun, add food colouring to the water.

Toy Making

HOMEMADE DRUMS

- Cover a Milo or Coffee tin or large vegetable tin (800g tomato or beetroot tin) with a sheet of paper that has been decorated.
- Use a chopstick or wooden spoon to lightly beat on the drum.
- For an older child, you can attach string or ribbon to be hung around the neck.

HOMEMADE STILTS

- Drill two holes in two strong tins (such as Milo tins or large vegetable tin, provided there are no sharp edges).
- Loop some rope through the holes and tie. The rope is used for the handles so needs to be at least 2cm thick and long enough for a child to stand upright holding the rope (approximately 1.5m for each tin).
- Ensure there are no rough spots on the tins.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Wilmington Christmas Eve Street Party
Second Street, Wilmington
Thursday 24th December, 6.30 pm to 9.00 pm
Sausage Sizzle, Strawberries and Ice-cream and Drinks available.
Buskers, Children’s Entertainment.
Father Christmas will be in attendance.
Everyone Welcome.

Booleroo Centre Christmas Eve Celebrations
Thursday 24th December
BBQ tea, desserts, ice creams, cool drinks, tea & coffee will be available from 6.30pm in the Community Centre and adjacent park.
Entries for a Christmas themed colouring in competition for children will be on display with prizes given out during the evening.
A decorated bike competition for the young, and a decorated gopher comp for the older but still young at heart will also take place.
As usual, the raffle with a variety of prizes will be drawn before the arrival of Father Christmas at 8.30 pm, when he will give all children a small present.
Everyone Welcome.

Christmas in Paradise Square, Melrose
Sunday 20th December, 6.00 pm
Free BBQ
(Please bring a salad and dessert to share)
Father Christmas will be in attendance.
Music by DJ Bazz

Murray Town
Christmas Party at the Oval Complex
Saturday 19th December at 7.00 pm

The Port Flinders Development Association
wishes the residents of Port Flinders a Safe and Merry Christmas.

WILMINGTON PROGRESS SOCIETY
Successful Grants
The Wilmington Progress Society was recently successful in obtaining funding from the South Australian Government’s ANZAC Day Commemoration Fund Round 1.
The grant will enable the completion of the Memorial Park Project. Pavers will be laid in the walkway throughout the garden incorporating 4 informative plaques acknowledging local involvement in military service. Thanks to Scott Haynes for the many hours spent collating historical information and to Bob Middleton for his gardening expertise.
The project has been a long term goal of our organisation, forming part of the original constitution to establish a suitable memorial to those who served in the armed forces.
The Park is a beautiful addition to the area and will be a lasting memorial in honour of our service men and women.

BOOLEROO CENTRE CIVIC CENTRE
As from the 1st December 2009, all bookings for the Booleroo Centre Civic Centre are to be made at the Booleroo Centre Post Office.

FOOD ACT 2001
FOOD SAFETY NOTIFICATIONS
Since 1st December 2003, all food businesses have been required to register their food business with Council, and therefore meet one of their obligations under the Food Act 2001.
A food business under the Food Act is a food business, enterprise or activity that involves:
(a) The handling of food intended for sale; or
(b) The sale of food regardless of whether the business, enterprise or activity is of a commercial, charitable or community nature or whether it involves the handling or sale of food on only one occasion.
This registration also applies to new owners of the business or when notification information changes. Business owners only need to notify once.
Notification can be through one of two methods:
1. By lodging a completed notification form with Council (forms available from Council or by completing a notification form on-line at www.fbn.sa.gov.au
Failure to notify Council can result in an expiation fee of $300 for an individual person or $1,500 for a body corporate.

STREAMLINING DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION
The Council is in the process of setting up a database of all community groups, clubs and volunteer organisations within the Council district.
This database will provide a quick and effective way to distribute information to specific groups, which will include upcoming grant opportunities.
The most efficient and effective method to contact multiple groups is via email. If your group, club or organisation is able to provide an email address, please contact the Council Office on 8666 2014, or email direct to trainee@mtr.sa.gov.au
HEATWAVE INFORMATION

During the 20th Century, heatwaves caused more deaths in Australia than any other natural hazard.

With global warming resulting in rising temperatures and common extreme weather circumstances, summer heatwaves have become a part of life in Australia. It is important that we prepare for heatwaves to ensure that we stay safe and well during these times.

Heatwaves can have a detrimental impact on communities. They affect many parts of everyday life such as health and wellbeing, energy and infrastructure, public transport and agriculture. They can also contribute to an increased fire risk and heat stressed trees, which pose a significant threat to public safety.

There are three stages of heat stress. The most serious health effect of extreme heat events is heat stroke, which is the failure of the body’s temperature control system. Heat stroke can cause severe and permanent damage to vital organs. If not treated immediately, heat stroke can result in permanent disability and even death.

The good news is there are some simple things you can do to reduce the impact of extreme heat.

**Stay hydrated** - You should drink two to three litres of water a day even if you don’t feel thirsty. Avoid ‘fizzy’, alcoholic and caffeinated drinks and do not take salt tablets (unless instructed by GP).

**Dress for summer** - Lightweight, light coloured clothing reflects heat and sunlight and helps your body maintain a normal temperature.

**Check on those at risk** - Visit at risk individuals such as the sick and elderly at least twice a day and keep an eye on children. Watch for signs of heat-related illness.

**Minimise sun exposure** - Keep out of the sun as much as possible. If you must be in the sun, wear a shirt, hat and sunglasses. Also make sure you wear sunscreen to prevent sunburn, which limits the body’s ability to cope with heat.

**Prepare your home** - Prepare your home early. Service or replace your air conditioner BEFORE you need it. Curtains, awnings and blinds can also help to keep the home cool.

**Make use of air conditioning** - If you don’t have air conditioning, make use of public facilities such as shopping centres, art galleries, cinemas or other air conditioned buildings. Portable fans are also useful in drawing in cool air, or exhausting warm air from a room.

**Remember your pets** - Pets can be particularly vulnerable to the heat. Make sure they have shade and plenty of cool water to last the day.

**Seek medical advice if necessary** - Telephone Healthdirect Australia on 1800 022 222 or for immediate medical assistance telephone 000

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**Disorder** | **Symptoms** | **What you should do**
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Unusual discomfort and heat cramps | • Heavy sweating  
• Thirst  
• Tiredness  
• Irritability  
• Loss of appetite  
• Prickly heat rash  
• Nausea  
• Muscle spasms, twitching  
• Moist, cool skin  
• Painful muscle cramps (limbs & abdomen) | • Drink more water  
• Have a cold shower or bath  
• Lie in a cool place with legs supported and slightly elevated  
• Massage muscles gently to ease spasms, or firmly if cramped  
• Apply ice packs  
• Drink glucose  
• Do not have salt

Heat exhaustion | • Profuse sweating  
• Cold clammy, pale skin  
• Fatigue, weakness and restlessness  
• Headache and vomiting  
• Weak but rapid pulse  
• Poor coordination  
• Normal temperature, but faintness | • Lay victim down in a cool place as above  
• Loosen clothing & apply wet cloths to head & body  
• Fan, or move victim to an air conditioned area  
• Give sips of cold water  
• If vomiting continues, seek medical assistance immediately

Heat stroke | • Confusion  
• Headache  
• Nausea, Dizziness  
• Skin flushed, hot & unusually dry  
• Dry swollen tongue  
• High body temperature  
• Rapid strong pulse at first, then weaker  
• Deep unconsciousness may develop rapidly | • Seek medical advice urgently  
• Lay victim in cool place as above & remove outer clothing  
• Check airway & breathing (if unconscious)  
• Cool victim quickly, applying cold water, or wrap in a wet sheet & fan them  
• When conscious, give sips of water  
• For immediate medical assistance telephone 000
EASY WAYS TO SAVE ENERGY

Tips to help you reduce your home’s energy use

An energy efficient home incorporates common sense principles, selection of the most appropriate fuel sources, energy efficient appliances and practices resulting in:

- A reduced need for expensive heating and cooling appliances and systems.
- Reduced appliance and system running costs.
- Reduced energy related greenhouse gas emissions.

Water Heating
- Reduce hot water use; eg take shorter showers and wash clothes in cold water.
- Fix dripping taps and hot water services as soon as possible.
- Install a 3 star rated water efficient shower head, if compatible with your hot water service.
- For electric and gas storage systems, set thermostat to 60°C.
- Use at least 10mm insulation around external hot water pipes to reduce heat loss.
- If building a new house, plan so the laundry, kitchen and bathrooms are as close as possible to the hot water system.
- Consider installing a solar hot water system.

Heating and Cooling
Ensure all possible passive design practices are attended to before considering heating and cooling appliances and systems. This covers:

- Appropriate “R value” insulation in ceilings and, if possible the walls.
- Zoning your home to heat and cool the smallest areas needed.
- Using external window shading, pergolas and deciduous trees to keep sunlight off windows.
- Considering how best to cross ventilate your home during summer when it is cooler outside.
- Draught proofing.

Heating
- Set heating thermostats as low as you feel comfortable with. Recommend 18°C to 21°C.
- Adjust louvres towards the floor - as hot air rises.
- Open blinds / curtains during the day to let sunlight in. Closing blinds / curtains at night will help to keep the heat in.
- Fit curtains with pelmets to stop circulating warm air being cooled by contact with cold glass.
- Block off unused open fireplaces to prevent heat loss.
- Maintain efficient performance of your heater by following the manufacturer’s instructions. Keep reflectors dust free and clean air filters regularly.

Cooling
- Use portable and ceiling fans. Fans generally cost relatively little to buy and are cheap
- to run - around 2 cents per hour.
- While they do not cool the air, quite often a gentle breeze is all you need to make you feel cooler.
- Set cooling thermostats as high as you feel comfortable with. Recommend 23°C to 26°C.
- Considering South Australia’s generally dry climate, evaporative cooling is a good choice to minimize energy use and greenhouse gas emissions.
- Evaporative coolers produce a cooling breeze and will cool the outside air by around 10°C to 13°C - more in drier conditions.

Note: The amount of water used by an evaporative cooler depends on the size of the system and how it is used. New technology monitors water salinity and dumps water only when needed.

- When a hot day is expected, turn on your air conditioner early - it operates more efficiently when the outside air temperature is cooler.
- Maintain efficient performance of your cooling system by following the manufacturer’s instructions.

Standby Power
- Switch off appliances and where practical switch off at the wall rather than leaving on standby.
- Use power boards with switches to make power points easier to switch off.
- Look for the Energy Star label on home office appliances as they have lower standby power consumption. See www.energyrating.gov.au

Energy Star Rating
- When purchasing a new appliance look for the energy star rating label - the more stars the more efficient.

OVER-DIMENSIONAL VEHICLE BY-PASS FOR BOOLEROO CENTRE?
The Booleroo Centre Community Development and Tourism Association has approached Council on the possibility of establishing an over-dimensional vehicle by-pass for Booleroo Centre.

Prior to Council making a decision to formally approach the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure, it was decided that community feedback be sought.

It has been suggested that the by-pass will remove all heavy vehicle and over dimensional traffic from the township by using Colin Street, Zilm Road, Millers Road and Dunstan Road.

If you have any views or comments that you would like to make regarding the by-pass proposal, please forward them in writing to the Council.
MOSQUITOES READY TO PUT BITE ON UNSUSPECTING, BUT YOU CAN COUNTER ATTACK!

They are downright annoying, they can ruin a pleasant night outdoors, and they can carry disease. They are mosquitoes!

Yes mosquitoes, an irritating nuisance whose breeding, activity and biting peaks during the summer months. However, there are some simple protection measures residents can take to reduce the interruption to your daily life that mossies often cause.

Protecting Yourself:

- Cover up – wear loose fitting, light coloured clothing covering as much of the body as possible. Mosquitoes can bite through tight fitting clothing.
- Use an insect repellant containing DEET (diethyl toluamide) to cover areas of exposed skin. Always apply as directed on the product instruction label.
- Use fine (1mm) insect screens on your house, if this is not possible use mosquito nets.
- Mosquito coils are effective in protecting from mosquitoes.
- Try not to go outside when mosquitoes are at their busiest (usually 2 to 3 hours around sunrise and sunset).
- Control mosquito numbers around the home by cleaning up breeding sites.
- Empty out pot plant bases and fill with sand.
- Clean up rubbish which may hold water (eg. tyres, bottles, cans).
- Drill holes in tyres used for swings and garden surrounds.
- Ensure proper maintenance of rainwater tanks, swimming and wading pools and waste control systems.

Ross River Virus

Ross River is the most common mosquito-borne disease in South Australia although many infections do not cause disease. Symptoms can include:

- Rash (commonly on body and limbs)
- Joint and muscle pain, swelling or stiffness
- Flu-like symptoms (fever, chills, headache)
- Tiredness or weakness
- Depression and a feeling of being generally unwell

There is currently no cure, vaccination or other specific treatment for the virus. Most people will recover completely in a few weeks, but sometimes symptoms such as joint pain and tiredness may persist for several months – very rarely for over a year.

If you require any further information then please contact Council’s Environmental Health & Compliance Officer, Mark Smith.

BOOLEROO CENTRE MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL

Daily Opening Times 3.30 pm – 6.00 pm
(During November – April each year.)

Fees
- Family Ticket (inc children at tertiary) $200.00
- Single Adult $100.00
- Student (full time) $80.00
- Daily entry family $15.00
- Daily entry single $5.00
- Non-swimmers Free
- After Hours (non season ticket holders) $5.00

After Hours Keys available from:
Ian Opperman Ph: 8667 2179
1 Station Road, Booleroo Centre

After Hours conditions: 2 adults must be present.

After Hours Booking Fee
Private bookings $100.00
(Pool closed for private use, includes all entry), conditions apply. Contact Secretary for details.

Contact details:
- President
  Steven Roocke Ph: 8667 2005
- Secretary
  Toni Bastian Mobile: 0429 672312
  Home: 8667 2312

Children 10 years and under must be supervised by an adult.

Great canteen facilities available, seating, shade and well maintained lawns.

Everyone welcome.
BOOLEROO MEDICAL CENTRE

All members of the community over the age of 10 are strongly encouraged to be vaccinated against Swine Flu (H1N1), this is particularly important for the elderly and anyone with a chronic disease.

Vaccinations are provided free of charge and are available at the Booleroo Medical Centre and both Wilmington and Wirrabara clinics by appointment.

Weekly clinics at Wirrabara and Wilmington are currently being serviced by Dr Stilgoe and Dr Olaniyi on an alternating basis. Please request the doctor of your choice when making your appointment.

The Wilmington Clinic (in the CWA rooms) has undergone some recent renovations, including an interior wall to increase privacy and access to bathroom facilities, and a split system air conditioner. These renovations have been provided generously by the District Council of Mount Remarkable.

The General Practitioners and staff of the Booleroo Medical Centre sincerely thank the Council for its continued support. The rooms now offer more privacy and comfort and are a great improvement for the facility.

Community Foodies

Would you like to be a ‘Foodie’ or do you know someone who would make a great ‘Foodie’?

What is a Foodie?
- A community person who receives FREE training in basic food and nutrition

What do Foodies do?
- They share their nutrition knowledge, skills and experience with other community members

How do they do this?
- Hands on cooking classes or demonstrations
- Presentations to community groups
- Being involved in community gardens
- Almost in any way that they wish

Where do Foodies run programs?
- Community centres
- Schools, kindergarten or childcare centres
- Health centres

Why become a Foodie?
- Interested in food and nutrition
- Opportunity to help other community members
- Way of getting involved in your local community

How do I find out more information about Foodies?
- Contact Liz Bishop at the Rural Health Team at Booleroo Centre on 8667 2458.
- Training will be conducted at Booleroo Centre in March / April 2010.

EAT WELL n BE ACTIVE

TAP WATER THE BEST DRINK FOR EVERYONE!

Your body is about 60% water and our body water levels need topping up throughout the day. Plain tap water is the best to quench your thirst and is the cheapest option.

Tips to help your family drink water everyday
- Keep a jug of tap water in the fridge and have jugs on hand so that children can help themselves.
- Provide water for family and friends with meals and snacks.
- Provide a water bottle for your child while at school or kindergarten.
- Let children see you enjoying tap water.
- Make drinking tap water fun by adding different shaped ice cubes.
- Remember cordial and soft drinks are to be consumed occasionally, not every day.

The amount of salt in sports drinks is too much for children and the acidic nature can erode teeth. Sports drinks also contain a lot of sugar and caffeine, and although these are promoted as improving sports performance - this is only in elite athletes.

So remember to make sure your children are well hydrated with water before they go out to train or play sports. This will allow them to remain healthy and perform at their best.

For healthy bodies and teeth children need to drink water and limit sweet drinks.

For more information contact the Dietitians at Port Pirie Regional Health Service on 8638 4693

THINK ABOUT TOMORROW - DRINK AND DRIVE RESPONSIBLY

There is a reason you should go easy when you drink. And it is not just the risk of a hangover or being breath tested by the police.

Alcohol is absorbed quickly into the bloodstream, however it takes much longer for our body to process it meaning blood alcohol levels fall slowly over time. It generally takes the body about an hour after drinking to clear 1 standard drink.

Here are some hints to help you drink responsibly:
- Be aware of how much and what you are drinking.
- Be aware of top-ups. This can make it difficult to keep track of how many drinks you've had.
- Eating and drinking non-alcoholic beverages whilst you're drinking alcohol can assist in slowing down the effects of alcohol on the body.
- Be aware of how much you are being served and who is serving your drinks.
- Be aware of how you are getting home. Don't get in a car with someone who has been drinking all night and don't drive yourself if you have been drinking.
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