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LITTLE CORELLAS

Over the last few years, Council has received numerous complaints and concerns from members of the community in the Melrose and Wilmington areas that the flocks of Little Corellas have reached such over-abundant numbers that control and culling is necessary to limit further damage to trees and infrastructure (such as service wires, television antennas, aerials etc) and the possible contamination of tank drinking water.

The Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources advise that little corellas are unprotected native fauna and as such, they may be shot by landowners and their employees without a permit. Whilst landowners are in a position to undertake control and culling on their own property, Council is looking at several ways to address the issue and has put in place preparatory steps in the last six months to tackle the Little Corella problem. In particular, Council has established a partnership with the Sporting Shooters Association of South Australia (SSASA) to conduct controlled culling in selected locations and has identified suitable locations and obtained permission from landowners.

Culling activities will be conducted by members of the SSASA as a voluntary activity to assist the community. Culling will be strictly regulated and carried out in accordance with the "Code of Practice for the Humane Destruction of Birds by Shooting in South Australia" (Dept of Environment and Heritage, 2007) and with the "Bird Control and Culling Policy" (District Council of Mount Remarkable 2005). Consultation with SAPOL and DEWNR has been ongoing and the relevant policies developed.

A Public Notice was published in the "Flinders News" in May 2013, letting residents know that culling will occur when necessary, for anyone who wished to comment or object to this control operation. No objections were received.



A "trial culling" was conducted by the Sporting Shooters Association on the 9 June to ascertain best methods, flock movements, habits and familiarisation with terrain.

The control will commence in the near future and is anticipated to be ongoing, dependent on the influx of birds throughout the year.

Whilst the exact dates of shooting will depend on the availability of SSASA shooters and where the flocks are situated, all efforts will be made to inform residents of the approximate dates of the operation.

This activity is just part of an integrated strategy for the reduction of the Little Corella population. Council is working in conjunction with DENWR to address the problem through several preventative and control tools.

Whilst Council is conscious of the need to address this problem at a Local Government level, it is also essential to form a partnership with the Community for an effective solution to be reached. Preventive action is needed as well as control. Council welcomes the input of community members and interested members can contact Muriel Scholz, Manager Community and Economic Development at the Council Office, should they wish to make suggestions or offer assistance.



COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

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Melrose SA 5483
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COUNCIL MEETING SNIPPETS

Meeting snippets are written following each Council meeting and may not reflect follow-up decisions etc. Please refer to the Council Minutes & Agenda Reports available on the Council website for full details.

DECEMBER ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER 2013

Successful Grant Applications

The Northern Passenger Transport Network has been successful in obtaining a grant of \$11,260. These funds will be used to hire a community bus every Thursday to provide a minimal fee transport service to and from the Booleroo Centre Men's Shed for Wirrabara, Murray Town and Appila residents.

Board of Community Benefit SA in cooperation with the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion has approved a grant of \$30,150 for the Northern Passenger Transport Network for the purchase of a minibus with disability access. This bus will enable rural isolated people to participate in activities and access medical and other services



Booleroo Centre Town Redevelopment

Council has approved the building of a rotunda that will be designed and built by Kelly Engineering and the installation of a barbeque in the Booleroo Parklands.

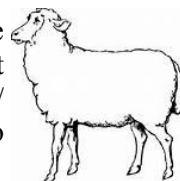
Designs and costings will also be sought for a veranda at the front of the Community Gym building to stop water from damaging the carpet.

District Council of Mount Remarkable Citizen, Young Citizen and Community Event of the Year

Council resolved to award Mario Valente of Port Germein the 2014 District Council of Mount Remarkable Citizen of the Year Award; Bethany Rankin of Wilmington the 2014 District Council of Mount Remarkable Young Citizen of the Year Award; and the Murray Town Auction the 2014 Community Event of the Year.

Livestock Theme - Booleroo Centre Parklands

Council has agreed to the request from the Booleroo Centre Community Development & Tourism Association to install 5 livestock/dog models in two groups in the Booleroo Centre Parklands.



CITIZENSHIP CEREMONIES

Citizenship Ceremonies

Pictured below is Mayor Wauchope presenting sisters, Bijou (Mary) Bahigwa and Ladrine Mashauri their Citizenship Certificates during the December Council Meeting.



Mayor Sandra Wauchope with Bijou (Mary) Bahigwa



Mayor Sandra Wauchope with Ladrine Mashauri

HOLIDAY SERVICES INFORMATION



The following arrangements have been put in place for the Christmas and New Year period.

COUNCIL OFFICE:

Closes: 5.00 pm Tuesday 24 December 2013
Reopens: 9.00 am Thursday 2 January 2014

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### COUNCIL DEPOT:

**Closes:** 4.30 pm Thursday 19 December 2013  
**Reopens:** 7.30 am Monday 6 January 2014

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EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS:

Wayne Hart Chief Executive Officer	0488 090 216
Jessie White Deputy Chief Executive Officer	0439 773 185
Brenton Pearce Manager Works & Technical Services	0427 605 802
Peter Lock Deputy Manager Works & Technical Services	0448 655 975

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### DOMESTIC (HOUSEHOLD) WASTE & RECYCLING COLLECTIONS:

The domestic waste and recycling collections during the week of Christmas will take place on Thursday 26 and Friday 27 December (instead of 25 and 26).



### REFUSE DEPOTS (AS NORMAL):

#### Thursday 26 December 2013

|           |                    |
|-----------|--------------------|
| Wirrabara | 9.30 am - 11.30 am |
| Willowie  | 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm  |

#### Sunday 29 December 2013

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| Port Germein | 9.30 am - 11.30 am |
| Willowie     | 10.00 am - 1.00 pm |
| Wirrabara    | 2.30 pm - 4.30 pm  |

#### Thursday 2 January 2014

|           |                    |
|-----------|--------------------|
| Wirrabara | 9.30 am - 11.30 am |
| Willowie  | 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm  |

**All Closed on TOTAL FIRE BAN days.**

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FLINDERS MOBILE LIBRARY:

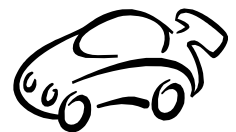
Closes: Friday 20 December 2013
Resumes: Monday 6 January 2014



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### NORTHERN PASSENGER TRANSPORT:

The Northern Passenger Transport Office will be closed from 5.00 pm Friday 20 December 2013 until Thursday 2 January 2014.



Although the Office will be closed, the Northern Passenger Transport telephone will be available to take **bus bookings only** on Monday 23, Tuesday 24, Friday 27, Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 December, during normal business hours. Buses will continue to run as normal.

#### Please Note:

The volunteer vehicles **will not** be available between 16 December 2013 and 13 January 2014.

## PAYMENTS TO COUNCIL

Ratepayers are advised that any payment made to Council via BPAY will be receipted to the assessment/valuation number entered upon making the payment.

Council has previously accepted payments for general invoices, development applications and other payments using the BPAY system. Due to recent procedural changes, only the payment of rates can be made through the BPAY system.

| Payment Methods                                                                                                             |                                                                                                         |                                                                                               |                 |                      |
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| <b>Internet</b><br><a href="http://www.mtr.sa.gov.au">www.mtr.sa.gov.au</a><br>• online services<br>• pay your rates online | <b>Info-Pay</b> ☎<br>• Dial 1300 303 201<br>• No 4327<br>• eCouncil No. = Assessment No. on this notice | <b>Bpay</b><br><br>Customer Reference No. = Assessment No. on this notice<br>Biller Code 2253 | <b>Mail</b><br> | <b>In Person</b><br> |

Ratepayers are also advised that if you have more than one assessment, it is important to pay each assessment individually and it is your responsibility to ensure that the assessment/valuation number entered for payment is correct.

Council offers a variety of other payment methods for all accounts including:

- Cash (in person);
- Cheque;
- Money order;
- EFTPOS, and
- Direct deposit.

Should you require any further information, please contact the Council Office.



# Telecross REDi

**A free life-saving service during extreme weather events**

## What is Telecross REDi?

The Telecross REDi service supports people by regularly calling them during heatwaves and other extreme weather events. Telecross REDi will be activated by the South Australian Department for Families and Communities, when an extreme weather event is declared.

## Why use Telecross REDi?

Telecross REDi assists vulnerable and isolated people to prepare for and cope with extreme weather events.

In January and February 2009, South Australia suffered a heatwave that claimed many lives and hospitalised many more.

Telecross REDi provides security for clients and their families and carers, who are assured that their loved ones are contacted regularly during extreme weather events.

## How does Telecross REDi work?

Red Cross volunteers call pre-registered clients up to three times a day to check on their wellbeing. The volunteers discuss how they are coping and remind them of important measures to assist them through the extreme weather event.

If a call goes unanswered, an emergency procedure is activated to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the client.

## Who can use the Telecross REDi service?

Anyone in the community who is likely to need or want phone support during extreme weather events is encouraged to register for this service.

In particular people who live alone, have a disability, are housebound, frail, aged, recovering from an illness or accident, or have an ongoing illness, such as diabetes or a heart condition. Carers of vulnerable people are also encouraged to register, as they may also be at risk during an extreme weather event.

## Is there any cost for Telecross REDi?

Telecross REDi is free. Donations are welcome if you wish to make a contribution.

## How can you become involved?

### To register

Registrations can be made by phone, by you, a carer, social worker, doctor, family member or friend. Some people who receive services from Domiciliary Care, Meals on Wheels and the Royal District Nursing Service can be assisted to register through their staff.

**Red Cross is accepting registrations from 14 October 2009.**

### To volunteer

Contact Red Cross to find out more about becoming a Telecross REDi volunteer.

## To contact Telecross REDi

**1800 188 071**

**or (08) 8100 4697 (10 am – 5 pm)**

**or [SAClientServices@redcross.org.au](mailto:SAClientServices@redcross.org.au)**

'I was really worried about how long the weather was going to last. I waited for my call each morning and on the advice of Red Cross, changed some of my appointments so I wasn't out in the heat each day.' **Evelyn, 78 years**

'I had just come home from hospital and my husband had been unwell. It was great to have the support of Red Cross checking on us each morning and night. It made us feel secure.' **Joyce, 84 years**

## HEALTH NEWS



Council's Environmental Health Officer, Mark Smith, recently joined forces with OPAL Officer, Emma Young.

The theme for this years' National Food Safety Week was the safe transportation of food under temperature control.

SA Health kindly provided Council with promotional material for distribution to communities throughout South Australia. These included - thermometers, cool bags and ice packs which were well received by shoppers. Hopefully food shoppers will now use these items to assist in safe storage and transportation of potentially hazardous foods

Emma has been busy promoting healthy lunches and a lot of interest was shown during the community presentations at food stores in Booleroo Centre, Wirrabara and Peterborough.



## TRANSPORTING HAZARDOUS FOOD SAFELY

*Council's Environmental Health Officer Mark Smith with assistance from OPAL recently ran Food Safety Presentations throughout the district with the help of local food businesses. The purpose of this was to promote National Food Safety, 11-17 November 2013.*

This year the **Australian Food Safety Week** theme was **Shopping Food Safety** focusing on 'Clean, Choose, Chill and Separate' when selecting food and transporting it home safely. Australian Food Safety Week is the major activity of the Food Safety Information Council, Australia's leading disseminator of community targeted food safety information.

*Research indicates that consumers have been ignoring vital food safety transportation and storage information as commissioned by the Food Safety Information Council for Australian Food Safety Week, shows too few Australian adults are taking notice of vital food safety advice on food labels and, with summer ahead, are taking risks by not using insulated bags or coolers to transport refrigerated food.*

This year's National Food Safety Week theme was 'Safe Transportation of Food under Temperature Control'.

SA Health kindly provided Council with promotional material for distribution to communities throughout the region. These items included; thermometers, cool bags and ice packs which were well received by shoppers. Hopefully food shoppers will now use these items to assist in safe storage and transportation of potentially hazardous foods.

Community presentations gave the opportunity for shoppers to enter a fun food safety quiz for the chance to win healthy eating items and temperature controlled food cooler bags for transporting food safely.

Pictured below is Mark Smith, Environmental Health Officer presenting an Esky to shopper, Denise Kretschmer from Wirrabara Forest for winning one of the gifts that were kindly donated by OPAL and District Council of Mount Remarkable.



## COMMITTEE INDUCTION TRAINING



Being part of a local committee does not have to be a daunting prospect!

*Are you worried about attending a meeting for 5 hours when it should be over in 2 hours?*

*Are you frustrated with committee processes?*

*Have you been approached to be on a committee or are you new to a committee and unsure what that will involve?*

*What does a President do?*



Expressions of Interest are being sought for Committee Induction training:

When: February 2014  
Where: Wilmington  
On: Sunday afternoon or mid-week evening  
Length: Maximum 2 hours

### Workshop will include:

- ★ Committee member roles and responsibilities
- ★ Committee processes
- ★ Effective ways to run a meeting

Registrations accepted at:

[starclub@pirie.sa.gov.au](mailto:starclub@pirie.sa.gov.au)

or call 8633 8725

or 0488 101 783



## MOVERS & GROOVERS

### Port Germein - Come and Join Us at for Movers & Groovers

We are excited to announce that this strength and balance class which is successfully run in Port Pirie, Jamestown and Ororoo is now coming to Port Germein in 2014!



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

Commencing: 17 February 2014  
Time: 10.00 am Mondays  
Where: Port Germein Bowling Club  
Cost: There is no charge

Come along for exercise, fun, company and a cuppa!

To register your interest, please leave a message with the Allied Health Assistants, Physiotherapy Department, Port Pirie Regional Health Service.

Telephone: **8638 1100**

## HEALTH & THE ENVIRONMENT



Since the drumMUSTER program got under way in May 1999, there have been over **22** million agvet chemical containers collected across Australia. This represents a total of more than **27,000** tonnes of recyclable material.

**drumMUSTER** has **781** active collection sites across Australia, provided by **455** collection agencies. **363** local councils are participating in the program, with **89** other agencies providing collection services.

There have been **6,259** personnel trained as **drumMUSTER** inspectors across Australia and there are currently **3,388** active inspectors providing services for the initiative <sup>(1)</sup>.

From the 28 October to 1 November 2013 Staff from the District Council of Mount Remarkable received hundreds of used and rinsed chemical containers for safe disposal. These have been collected and stored at one of Council's refuse transfer stations.

Council's Environmental Health Officer, Mark Smith recently met with Council employee, Wendy Speck at the Council's Waste Management Site (pictured right). Wendy and other Council staff have been diligently administering the handling and collection of disused chemical containers.

Over the years Council have been pleased with the response from local farmers and community in the safe delivery and disposal of used chemical storage containers.

<sup>(1)</sup> <http://www.drummuster.com.au/results/>

