

Council Snippets

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ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY 17 MARCH 2015

Stuart Street, Melrose

Council has written to the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) requesting a reduction in the speed limit on Stuart Street, Melrose from 50kms down to 40kms and also included a separate request to extend the 50km zone on the southern entrance of Melrose out to where the 80km zone is currently located.

National Broadband Network (NBN)

NBN Co is planning to acquire and build fixed wireless facilities in Melrose and Wirrabara so that people can access high speed broadband services. Community information sessions have been held in each location. At the Council meeting concerns were raised in regards to the location of the fixed wireless facilities and the benefits to private landholders and not the community. Council has written to NBN Co expressing these concerns and the possibility of the facilities being located on Council or community owned land so that the entire community can benefit from any revenue raised. Council is supportive of any advancements and improvements in the delivery of technology and will continue to negotiate with NBN Co to reach the best outcome.

South Australian Time Zone

Council agreed to write to the Department of State Development to comment on the matter of changing the State's time-zone. Council agreed to support leaving the time-zone as it is currently or to change to a true Central Time.

Booleroo Centre Memorial Swimming Pool

Council agreed to extend the swimming season up to 29 March 2015.

Wirrabara Forest

Primary Industries South Australia (PIRSA) - Rob Robinson, General Manager Forestry gave a presentation to Council which included an overview of the role of PIRSA, their relationship with Forestry SA and possible future opportunities for Wirrabara Forest. Council will continue to work with the community and investigate options for the Wirrabara Forest.

Paradise Square, Melrose

A request was received to repair the barbeque in Paradise Square Melrose. After consideration it was agreed to replace the current element in the barbeque at Paradise Square at a cost of up to \$2,600.00.

StarClub Field Officer

Council has agreed to support the funding of a Mid North StarClub Field Officer position for a further three year period in collaboration with the Councils of Port Pirie, Northern Areas, Peterborough, Orreroo/Carrieton and the Office of Sport and Recreation.

Community Assistance Grants 2015

Council approved the following 2015 Community Assistance Grants:



Booleroo Centre Community Development & Tourism Association - Booleroo Centre Playground	\$1,500
Mt View Homes Inc. - National Open Day	\$239
BMW Netball Club Premiership History Photobooks	\$785
Melrose Community Development Association Seating at Parking Area, Moultons Corner	\$500
Melrose Districts History Society Inc. In Memory of the Brave	\$247
Melrose Tennis Club - BBQ	\$285
Port Germein Heritage, Arts and Tourism Inc. "Your Street, Your Story" booklet	\$500
Weeroona Island Progress Association Welcome Wall	\$2,000
Wilmington Golf Club 18 Golf Poles & Flags	\$500
Wilmington Progress Society Centenary Park Upgrade Stage 2	\$1,239
Wirrabara Institute Refurbishing Memorabilia	\$250
Wirrabara Progress Association Honours Displayed	\$658
Wirrabara Sporting Reserve Travelling Irrigator	\$1,092

For the diary:

- ★ 3-6 April - Easter public holidays
- ★ 7 April - Opal pop up Tuesday - Melrose Council Chambers
- ★ 21 April - Ordinary Meeting of Council
- ★ 24 April - Council Policies Public Consultation submissions due
- ★ 25 April - Anzac Day, see back page for details



Public Consultation

The following Policies were endorsed by Council at the March 2015 Ordinary Meeting for public consultation:

- ◆ Draft Order Making Policy
- ◆ Draft CWMS and Water Supply Hardship Policy
- ◆ Draft Council Development Assessment Panel
- ◆ Complaints Handling Policy

These documents are available on Council's website or can be viewed at the Council Office 3 Stuart Street, Melrose.

Submissions are to be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 94, Melrose 5483 and received by **5.00 pm Friday 24 April 2015.**

Building and Development Officer

Matt Christophersen has been appointed as Councils Building and Development Officer. Matt is completing a Bachelor of Construction Management and Economics (Honours) at the University of SA.



Matt has been granted Ministerial approval to act as Councils authorised officer for the purpose of inspecting residential building work during construction. While completing his degree Matt will work two days for Council under the supervision of Mr Peter Harmer of Harmer CLG.

Matt has completed work experience with the Loxton Waikerie Council and private certifiers Tecon Australia. Council welcomes Matt and is pleased to support another of the regions local youth returning to the region for employment purposes.

Dog & Cat Management

Section 26(A) of the Dog & Cat Management Act 1995 places a requirement upon all Councils to develop an Animal Management Plan.



Council's Dog and Cat Management Plans objective is to promote and facilitate responsible ownership of dogs and cats, animal welfare and the benefits of animal companionship, focusing on the legitimate needs of pets and their owners, whilst respecting the rights of other members of the community and protecting the environment.

The Act requires that all dogs of 3 months of age or more must be registered. Council cannot expect to obtain an acceptable level of Dog Management without obtaining maximum registrations. The purpose of registration is to:

- Allow lost pets to be reunited with their owners;
- Ensure maximum funding is available to Council to carry out its responsibilities under the Act and to fund animal management programs;
- Provide proof of ownership; and
- Encourage responsible animal management through discounted registration fees.

Council receives a number of calls annually from ratepayers who have lost or found dogs. Unregistered dogs are housed in the Council pound until the owner is notified or if not claimed then alternative arrangements are sourced.

Dog owners are also reminded that several of our townships have areas where dogs must be leashed at all times. Please refer to Council's Dog & Cat Management policy on the website www.mtr.sa.gov.au to find areas stipulated in plans for each town.

E-Newsletter Remarkable Communities

Council is seeking the assistance of community organisations, groups and sporting clubs to update our Community Database with your contact details.

Council has developed a *Remarkable Communities* newsletter that will inform these groups/organisations of current grants, local events and will be a source advertising for your group.

The *Remarkable Communities* newsletter is only available electronically.

Please register your group/organisation with Hayley Trott on 8666 2014 or email: hayley@mtr.sa.gov.au

House Numbering

On the 13 October 2013 Council wrote to all residents notifying them of their correct residual address. It has been raised with Council a number of residents have chosen not to update their house numbers.



Residents are reminded that it is up to individuals to provide numbers on their homes. By having an easily identifiable number on your home emergency services such as Country Fire Service and Ambulance can more easily locate the premises if required.

Section 220(6) of the Local Government Act 1999 states "An owner of land must, at the request of the council, ensure that the appropriate number for the owner's building or allotment is displayed in a form directed or approved by the council."

Maximum penalty: \$750.

Expiation fee: \$105.

COUNCIL WORKS

Campfires and Barbeques

The *Fire Danger Season* for Region 4 is currently due to end on 15 April 2015.



With the Easter long weekend and school holidays approaching it is important people are aware which restrictions apply prior to lighting any fires.

During the Fire Danger Season: The use of barbecues and campfires may only be used under certain conditions during the Fire Danger Season:

Campfires

A campfire may be lit provided:

- It is in a properly constructed fireplace; **or**
- It is in a portable cooking appliance; **or**
- The fire is in a 30cm deep trench and no more than one metre square in area and
- You have a four metre cleared space around and above the fire
- A responsible person is in attendance at all times
- An adequate agent to extinguish the fire is at hand

The fire must be completely out before leaving the area. Campfires are banned in all national parks and forestry reserves during the Fire Danger Season.

Barbecues

Barbecues of all types may be used provided:

- there is a four metre cleared area around, and above the barbecue, and
- a responsible person is in attendance with water or other extinguishing agent on hand.

Gas barbecues may be used in some national parks reserves, so check signs at the park entrance or at your local national parks office.

Barbecues of any type are banned in forestry reserves during the Fire Danger Season.

Further information on the *Fire Danger Season* or lighting of fires is available on the CFS website www.cfs.sa.gov.au



Council Roads

Council recognises many of our unsealed roads are due for general grading and maintenance however the current dry period being experienced in the region has not allowed Council to carry out scheduled works. Once the region receives opening rains of substance the road maintenance program will be recommenced. Council thanks ratepayers for their patience during this period.

Council urges road users to drive responsibly and to the road conditions.

Road Works

- ♦ Works have commenced on the re-sheeting of five (5) kms of Poles Road, Port Germein.
- ♦ The reseal of a number of streets in Port Germein, Wirrabara, Melrose and Wilmington has been completed.

Works

- ♦ Council's tidy towns staff are working in Melrose
- ♦ Improvements to the Wilmington to Melrose access trail (bike) have commenced with the trail being graded. Council will put new rubble on the trail to improve the cycling surface.

Customer Service Request (formally COI)

Council has recently changed the method by which ratepayers can request works to be completed.

Previously a Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) form was submitted. Ratepayers are advised this has been replaced with a Customer Service Request (CSR) facility as part of its improved IT system, whereby members of the public can lodge any request, complaint or incident that is identified within Council's jurisdiction.

A Customer Service Request can be submitted electronically by members of the public by going to www.mtr.sa.gov.au and clicking on the link on the front page or by contacting Council on 8666 2014. These requests will be forwarded to the appropriate Officer for assessment and action as considered necessary. Please note that Council does not formally respond to Customer Service Requests.

Rubble Pits

Council is seeking rubble suitable for road construction and repair. Landholders with rubble pits on their property and willing for Council to access the pits are compensated.

Please contact Jessie White, Deputy Chief Executive Officer on 8666 2014 or email: deputyceo@mtr.sa.gov.au

ANZAC DAY - 25 April 2015

The 25th of April was officially named Anzac Day in 1916 and is one of Australia's most important national commemorative occasions. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War and is a day to remember the brave men and women who have served our country in times of war. This Anzac Day commemorative ceremonies will be held at:



Appila

Dawn Service - 6.15am at the Appila Memorial Hall. Followed by a breakfast for a small fee of \$5 per person or \$10 per family.

Booleroo Centre

Dawn Service - 6.15am at the Booleroo Centre Monument. Followed by a light breakfast, tea & coffee at the Lions Club Rooms, gold coin donation.

Port Germein

Dawn Service - 6.30am at Port Germein Memorial Gardens (High Street) followed by gunshot breakfast at the Port Germein Hotel provided by Port Germein Hotel, gold coin donation.

Wilmington

Dawn Service - 6.30am at the Wilmington Memorial Hall. Followed by morning tea, please bring a plate of food to share.

Wirrabara

Service at 9.30am in front of the Wirrabara Institute. Tea & coffee at the conclusion of the ceremony for a gold coin donation.

Life looks
brighter
outside



Your Mission: get WILD these holidays!

To help get kids motivated, Nature Play SA have developed a passport linked to a series of 'missions' designed to encourage kids to **GO WILD** and explore our great outdoors.

These April school holidays, OPAL invites kids aged 6-12yrs in the OPAL region to come and see us on Pop Up Tuesdays. We'll get you started with passports, missions and bundles of enthusiasm to keep you active throughout the school holidays.

Manual, smart phone and iPad compatible, everyone can enjoy this free opportunity to create your own school holiday adventure on your own, or with friends and family.

Contact Emma to arrange alternative passport registration if unable to visit us on the scheduled Pop Up Tuesdays.

Come and visit us at POP UP Tuesday, 10am to 4pm

1st Tuesday each month: District Council of Mount Remarkable Council Office, Melrose ; Next visit is on Tuesday 7 April 2015

Emma Young

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Grant Funding

Through the Mid North STARCLUB Field Officer Program, funding is available to provide small financial support subsidies (max \$500) to assist organisations with the implementation of strategies identified as part of the STARCLUB Club Development Program.

Funding is available for equipment, programs or activities that are consistent with the aims and values of the STARCLUB Club Development Program such as volunteer training, membership drives, inclusion initiatives, Come and Try activities and others.

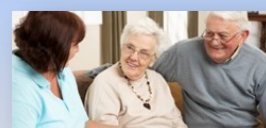
Applications must be received by the **Mid North STARCLUB Field Officer by Friday 22 May 2015**

For further information contact **Marie Therese-Smith**
Mob: 0488 101 783 or Email: starclub@pirie.sa.gov.au



Aged Care Forum - The Mid North Local Health Cluster Inc. invites all community members, carers and health professionals to a Aged Care Forum to be held on

Wednesday 20 May 2015 at 5.30pm
Jamestown RSL, 57 Irvine Street, Jamestown.



Guest Speaker **Dr Lu Mykyta**, visiting Geriatrician.

To register your attendance contact Jeff McCloy,
jmccloy@cnhealth.com.au or 1800 267 265.