# District Council of **Mount Remarkable**

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#### MAY COUNCIL MEETING SNIPPETS

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#### Policy—Review and Policy Register

Council approved a number of amended, updated and new policies and revoked 12 previous policies such as the Opal Trailer Policy and Procedure and Urban Street Numbering Policy

#### **Elector Representation Review**

Following the public consultation on the Representation Review Options Paper, Council's decision was to keep the same ward structure and Council name for the next seven (7) years.

#### **COUNCIL'S WASTE STRATEGY**

At the May Ordinary meeting, Council considered a report outlining a number of changes to better serve the community with a waste strategy for the District. Council resolved to:

- 1. Introduce a green waste kerbside collection service in the 2021/2022 financial year;
- 2. Refer the increased costs of waste delivery and management to the 2021/22 budget for increases in the annual waste levy;
- 4. Authorise the closure of the Wirrabara Waste Transfer Station:
- 5. Authorise the closure of the Port Germein Waste Transfer Station:
- 6. Approve the operating model for the proposed Willowie Waste Transfer Station facility as follows; every second Saturday with hours of open to the public—9am to11:30am
- 7. Approve dispensation as per section 5 of the Procurement Policy, authorising the Chief Executive Officer to directly negotiate with Councils current kerbside waste contractor to facilitate a license agreement for the operation of Willowie as an appropriate transfer station for a period not exceeding ten (10) years;
- 8. Refer a capital allocation of \$180,000 to the 2021/22 budget process for appropriate works to be undertaken at Willowie for a transfer station to be constructed; and 9. Undertake a review of current waste charges to be included within the draft 2021/2022 budget.

At the June Ordinary meeting, Council considered the review of the waste charges for 2021/2022 and charges will now include green waste.

Read more of the Waste Strategy here:

www.mtr.sa.gov.au/services/waste-management

A Waste Management Changes – Frequently Asked Questions info sheet is available at www.mtr.sa.gov.au/services/waste-management

## CEO RECEIVES QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOUR

Council congratulates CEO Sam Johnson OAM on the announcement of receiving the Medal of the Order of Australia Award as part of the Queen's Birthday 2021 Honours List.

Mr Johnson OAM has been recognised for his outstanding service to Local Government and the community.

Mr Johnson will be officially presented with the Award at Government House later in 2021.

Read more on this at: www.mtr.sa.gov.au

## PORT GERMEIN JETTY PARTIAL CLOSURE

As of 6.30am Wednesday 2 June 2021 Council has taken immediate action to close the end section of the Port Germein Jetty following an assessment report by Magryn & Associates Pty Ltd which identified risks to public safety.

Council is awaiting a response from the State Government to gain a clear understanding of the Government's future plans to maintain this important historical asset.

Council will keep the community informed of progress on this matter by media release, regular website and social media updates.

Further information available at www.mtr.sa.gov.au



### Works Update

#### **Operational Works**

#### **Patrol Grading**

Grading was conducted on the following roads from April through to June 2021. The program has been progressing well

- Bluebush Rd
- Booleroo Rd
- Reservoir Rd
- Baroota Rd
- Daloota IN
- Cattle TrackHillam Rd
- Coe Rd (Cattle Track to •
- Leue Rd)
- Foulis Rd
- Stone Rd
- Well Rd
- Noel Smith Rd

- Garden Rd
- Spencer Rd
- Buggy Rd
- Gribble Rd
- Jacobs Rd
- Sweet Rd
  - Mt View Rd
- Morchard Rd
- Waters Rd
- Telowie Rd
- Piggott Rd (Mt View to White Cliffs)

#### **Capital Works**

#### Sheeting / Re-sheeting Program

Re-sheeting works were conducted on the following roads during the months of April to June.

- Snake Gully Road
- Arwakurra Road
- Reservoir Road (2kms will be completed by end of June 2021)

Material is being carted on Reservoir Road with 2kms being completed and an estimated 4kms carted by the end of June 2021.

#### Willowie Bridge Replacement

Works are progressing well with this project. The old structure has been removed and earthworks are underway. Once earthworks are completed footings will be installed and then the top slab of the floodway poured. It is estimated that the project will be completed by mid-July 2021.

### **PUBLIC CONSULTATION**



Are you interested in what Council is proposing in the Draft Annual Business Plan & Budget for the financial year ending 30 June 2022 and the Draft Long-Term Financial Plan 2021 – 2031 over the next 12 months?

We want to hear from you!

Written submissions for both documents are invited by interested persons and should be directed to:

Chief Executive Officer, District Council of Mount Remarkable, PO Box 94, Melrose SA 5483

or

Email to postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au

or

Via the web form available on Council's website www.mtr.sa.gov.au

Submissions are to be received by 12.00 noon on Wednesday 30 June 2021.

Members of the public may also attend a Special Meeting of the Council on Tuesday 6 July 2021 held at Booleroo Centre (location tbc) from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm in which they may ask questions and make submissions in relation to the Draft Annual Business Plan & Budget for the financial year ending 30 June 2022.

Council looks forward to working with the community as we deliver our plans together.

A copy of both documents can be viewed at the Council Office or on the website at www.mtr.sa.gov.au

## Regional COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics are Now Open

All South Australians 16 years and over who live in a regional council area can now book their COVID-19 vaccination appointment.

**Eligibility**: You will need to bring proof of residential address to your appointment (e.g. driver's license or utilities bill).

#### Locations

Hawker Memorial Hospital COVID-19 vaccination clinic

Quorn Hospital COVID-19 vaccination clinic Port Augusta Hospital COVID-19 vaccination clinic

GP Plus Port Pirie COVID-19 vaccination



As the Remarkable Southern Flinders Project takes shape, a survey has been released to understand how tourism can be further developed in our region.

This survey has been developed by the University of Adelaide, in conjunction with the District Council of Mount Remarkable, Northern Areas Council and Port Pirie Regional Council. As a first step, they want to find out from local stakeholders what their needs and priorities are and what could be done to help people and businesses participate in this new and exciting tourism development.

The survey is available at - <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BQXKTQT">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BQXKTQT</a>

#### Post Fat Tyre Festival - one of the biggest and busiest events for the Council

region! Council is pleased to support the Fat Tyre Festival to make sure everything runs to plan including the



road closure of the main street and making sure the town is neat and tidy ready for visitors. The redesigned bike track at the Melrose Caravan & Tourist Park that Council helped complete was a hit!



The Melrose to Booleroo Centre Rail Trail is coming along well! Work crews have completed 5km so far with levelling and compacting the existing formation and laying down a layer of crusher dust, then watering and compacting the material. Works are set to be complete by the end of June 2021. What a great view of the Mount on this trail! Stay tuned for more updates.







Firey Women Workshop—A free bushfire safety workshop for women including information and practical sessions in a fun and practical environment. Topics include:

- Understanding bushfires and warnings
- Deciding when to leave early or stay and defend
- Identifying hazards at your home
- Preparing yourself emotionally
- Operating fire pumps and equipment
- Preparing a Bushfire Survival Plan Expressions of Interest for a session to be held in the District Council of Mount Remarkable (location to be confirmed) contact Kylee on 0457 103 506

#### **Welcome Todd**

### New Multi-Skilled Works Employee

Council welcomes Todd Brand as a new multi-skilled works employee who has started this month. Todd has moved from Kimba back to his hometown of Laura.

Todd has previously worked within Local Government at Kimba and will now be working on managing Council's CWMS, irrigation and playground inspections.











Council have an exciting line up for the Big Toys of the Mount event coming up these school holidays! Whether you're a kid or just a kid at heart this is your chance to get up close to a massive range of the coolest BIG & Little TOYS. Including trucks, crane, drag cars, farm machinery, tractors and emergency service vehicles. To add to the fun there will be a jumping castle, food stalls and music. A COVID-Safe event check-in on entry is required.

Check out the Council Facebook Event Page for more information - Hope to see you there!

Council would like to congratulate Rates Officer Holly Murray for being awarded the SA Ambulance Service Certificate of Achievement for the Ambulance Responder Program. Council is also proud to have received the Certificate of Appreciation for supporting the SA Ambulance Service and allowing Holly to be on-call during work hours







On Tuesday June 15 Council presented a Certificate of Recognition to Rosalie Noll and Lynette Noll for their dedication to the community through many years of volunteer work. A Certificate of Recognition was also awarded to Emma Waters, who was unable to attend the presentation.

Congratulations Rosalie, Lynette and Emma and thank you for your great work and support of your communities.