



A Remarkable Experience

District Council of
Mount Remarkable

April 2021
Newsletter 253

MARCH COUNCIL MEETING SNIPPETS

To view the agendas, reports and minutes please visit www.mtr.sa.gov.au

Draft 2022 State Election Strategy

Council approved the development of a draft 2022 State Election Strategy following the recent Electoral Boundary Commission's review.

Draft Terms of Reference for CEO Review Committee

Council adopted the draft Terms of Reference and confirmed the member appointments of Cr Richards and Cr Prestridge, with Belinda Richards as the qualified independent consultant (InsynchHR).

New Caravan Park Cabin Rates

Council adopted the new Melrose Caravan and Tourist Park cabin rates in order for the cabins to be open for bookings.

Next Council Meeting—20 April 2021

To be held at the Melrose Council Chambers. Community Question Time will commence at 4:00pm, followed by the Council meeting at 4:30pm.

Next Informal Gathering—20 April 2021

To be held at the Melrose Council Chambers commencing at 2:00pm. Budget Review #3 & Budget Workshop 21/22

Easter Bunny Visits DCMR

Easter was extra special this year when Easter Bunny called up the Council for some help with his visit to the district.

Council lent a hand distributing the chocolate eggs and chauffeuring the big Bunny to Wilmington Primary and Pre-School, Melrose Primary, Booleroo Pre-School, Mt View Homes, Booleroo hospital and some local businesses.

Council hopes that everyone enjoyed a safe and relaxing Easter break.

Remarkable Experience

Community Assistance Grant Program 2021 Successful Applicants

Council received 12 applications which totalled just over \$81,000 of funds sought. The assessment criteria was based on factors such as community and council benefit, and volunteer contribution. Although all applicants met the criteria, Council could only allocate up to \$20,000. Below is the list of successful applicants.

Wilmington Progress Society - \$6000 towards solar for the Visitor Information Centre.

Port Germein Heritage, Arts and Tourism - \$4000 towards market gazebos.

Wilmington Bowling Club - \$3000 towards a dishwasher.

Appila Improvement Association - \$1980 towards outfitting CFS training building.

Booleroo Centre Community Development & Tourism Association - \$2,500 towards public seating and a ride on lawn mower.

Bike Melrose - \$1600 towards a community brochure

Port Germein Progress Association - \$825 towards a half basketball court.





Welcome Tim - Operations Manager ²

Council welcomes Tim Williams as the new Operations Manager. Tim has over 17 years of Local Government experience predominately in the infrastructure and roads department.

Tim has recently moved to Booleroo Centre with his wife and 4 children.

We are excited to be welcoming Tim to the team at Mount Remarkable, and have no doubt his contribution will be remarkable!



Job Vacancy- Multi-Skilled Municipal Employee

Applications are invited from suitably qualified, experienced and motivated people to join the team at Mount Remarkable.

If you believe you are a team player, have pride and passion in your work, and want to deliver valued outputs that supports our communities, we want to hear from you. Duties will include a wide range of tasks including plant and equipment operation, road construction and maintenance, parks &

gardens, CWMS management and other mixed functions.

This is a full time position with an immediate start and will be classified under Council's AWU EBA Level 5/6 subject to qualifications, skills, experience and performance. A Heavy Combination class driver's license is considered essential for this position. Experience in similar positions is considered highly desirable.

Applications should include at least two current referees, a current resume, and a covering letter outlining how you believe you can make a remarkable contribution to our team and community.

Applications should be marked '*Confidential; Application for Multi-Skilled Municipal Employee*', and sent to; District Council of Mount Remarkable PO Box 94 Melrose SA 5483, or, postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au.

Applications close 12:00pm Friday 16 April 2021

Infrastructure Work Snapshots—Dust Bowl Road and Snake Gully Road



The Bluff Project gets underway

Works are on-track to the Bluff Lookout and set to reach completion by end of June 2021.

Stay tuned for more information regarding opening dates.

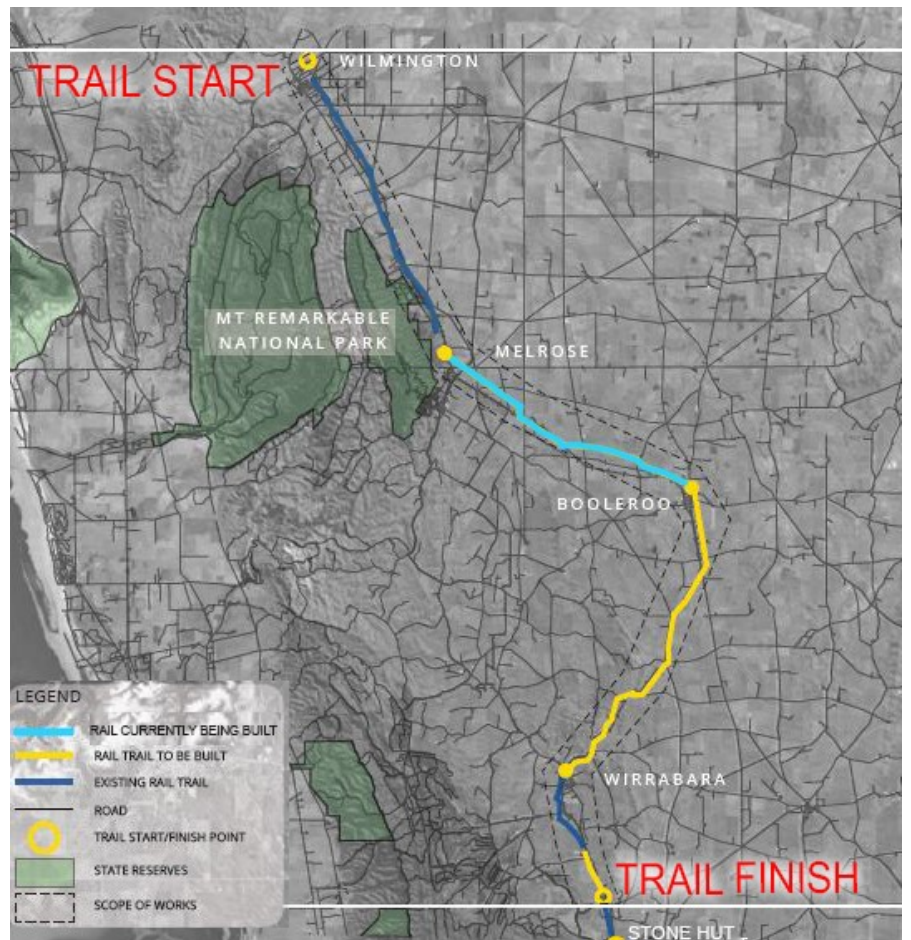


Council receives state funding to complete the 60km+ Rail Trail Project

Council is pleased to announce the recent grant funding of \$329,396 received by the Local Government Infrastructure Partnership Program to go towards completing the remainder of the Rail Trail. This will create over 60km worth of walking and cycling trail spanning from Wilmington and finishing at the Council boundary, just before Stone Hut.

Pictured on the map below shows that works have been completed from Wilmington to Melrose, while works are currently underway in the section of Melrose to Booleroo Centre. This trail will extend from Booleroo to Wirrabara, then Wirrabara towards Stone Hut.

Along with the new development with the Southern Flinders Ranges project, this rail will complement as an additional attraction for visitors and those who prefer the flatter and wider sceneries.



Hard Waste 2021

The recent Hard Waste Collection was completed by the end of March with a few delays due to increased amounts of waste. Council thanks the communities involved for their cooperation. During the collection process, Council kept records of volumes gathered and resources spent which will support the performance review and analysis in order to determine the feasibility and practicality of the service.



Public Consultation

Notice is hereby given that at its Ordinary Meeting held 16 March 2021 and pursuant to the Local Government Act 1999, Council endorsed the following for public consultation: Copies are available on the Council website or hard copy by request at the Council Office 3 Stuart St Melrose.

Representational Review:

This Representation Options Paper examines the advantages and disadvantages of various options available to the Council with respect to its composition and ward structure.

Submissions are invited by email or hand deliver 3 Stuart St Melrose or post. Submissions close 5pm 10 May 2021.

Mid North Environmental Services Pty Ltd



A friendly reminder:
MNES Will be desludging the "small" septic tanks in Melrose

From: Wed, 7th April 2021

To: Wed, 14th April 2021

Council will send letters to ratepayers with more details. If you have any queries or concerns, please give us a call

Gary Corfield, Director: 0417 877 450
gary.corfield@bigpond.com



MNES - Your Liquid Waste Specialists

<< Notice of further desludging will be advertised for other towns in due course



**3 Stuart Street / PO Box 94
MELROSE SA 5483
T: 08 8666 2014
E: postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au
W: www.mtr.sa.gov.au**

2021 Community Plant Sale & Tree Program

1500 tree seedlings available

Rate payers can purchase maximum 25 trees for \$1 each

Order form and payment is required to Council Office before collection

Find the order form at www.mtr.sa.gov.au or Council Office at 3 Stuart St Melrose



SAVE THE DATE
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BIG TOYS
of the
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FREE FAMILY FUN • PROMOTING LOCAL SERVICES

10AM - 3PM 6 JULY 2021
BOOLEROO CENTRE OVAL GROUNDS

MORE INFO AT WWW.MTR.SA.GOV.AU AND FACEBOOK



ANZAC DAY · 25 APRIL

Lest We Forget

Anzac Day is a time to reflect and honor the past and current brave men and women who have served our Country. Council supports its local communities with their respective ceremonies.

Appila

Dawn Service - 6:15am at the Appila Memorial Hall. Followed by a breakfast.

Booleroo Centre

Dawn Service - 6:15am at Booleroo Centre War Memorial. Followed by a breakfast.

Wilmington

Dawn Service - 6:00am at the Wilmington Soldiers Memorial Hall.





There has been an increase in roaming dogs in the Council district of late and Council would like to remind community members that they must follow the Cat and Dog Management regulations to avoid penalties or difficulty trying to locate your furry friend if you don't register them or keep information up to date.

While some people might think this is harmless exploring, these dogs cause a nuisance, are often distressed and may attack or harass people or other animals.

In some cases they cause road accidents resulting in injury to the dog and on occasion to vehicle occupants

and may cause property damage – all of which becomes the responsibility of the owner of the dog.

For more dog ownership and management information, visit the website at www.gooddogsa.com.au or contact Council at 08 8666 2014 or postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au

Reminder: Sign up to EzyBill

4th Quarter Rates are due to be released late April so Council would like to remind rate payers that if you would like your rates notice in electronic form, please sign up to Ezybill.

Council will no longer send notices via email, therefore, if rate payers do not sign up to Ezybill, they will receive their rates notice by post.

Signing up to Ezybill is simple. Visit <https://mtr.ezybill.com.au/> to complete the registration and an activation email will be sent to confirm your account. Register your properties and you will receive your future rate notices via email.

If you have any questions, please contact Council 08 8666 2014 or postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au

Sign-in to
your EzyBill.



Asset Management



This month Council had representatives of Tonkin, a leading Infrastructure Consultant who have been engaged to help renew Council's Asset Management Plan.

Asset Management Plans are a vital tool in the operation of Councils and help to make informative and constructive decisions for budget deliberations.

Pictured below checking out the rack plan, Manager of Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Brenton Daw, Rod Ellis, Dale Pilmore, Bluey Jarvis and Luke Boin.

Integrated Weed Management

WHERE: Laura Sporting Complex

WHEN: Tues, 4 May 2021

This workshop covers an introduction to the wonderful world of weed eating – livestock style! It's a chance to learn how you can use stockmanship skills to help expand your animals' diet to include weeds.

You'll hear about worldwide research, how it can be practically applied to your farm and find out how other Australian farmers are using this knowledge now.

Plus, hints and tips will be shared that will change the way your flocks and herds use their paddocks.

Come along to get a big picture view and learn how it can improve your farm business and surroundings.

Stress Free Stockmanship

WHERE: Yednalue Station, Craddock

WHEN: Thurs, 6 May and Fri, 7 May, 2021

You'll learn how to work with animals using stress-free stock handling techniques to:

- Maximise production
- Change animals into weed eaters
- Improve animal performance by 34%

The course is conducted as a practical on-farm exercise and includes advanced animal movement and stockmanship skills, self-shepherding and self-herding principles, and yard design and construction tips and tools.

For more info on these workshops – visit landscape.sa.gov.au/ny or phone 08 8658 1086



MID NORTH STARCLUB SMALL SUPPORT SUBSIDY GRANTS

Applications are now open, closing 5.00pm Friday 30th April 2021

FUNDING OF UP TO \$500

Available to local sporting clubs within the following Council areas;



For Applications & Eligibility Criteria:

Contact Rhys Millington
STARCLUB Field Officer
PO Box 45, PORT PIRIE SA 5540
Ph: 08 8633 8727, 0488 101 783
E: starclub@pirie.sa.gov.au



Northern Passenger Transport Network



Providing transport options to get people where they need to go

**Have you thought about being a volunteer?
or
Perhaps you would like to know more about
the service if it can support you?**

Give Northern Passenger a call to discuss the transport options that may be available to you.

Phone: (08) 8666 2255
Email: nptn@mtr.sa.gov.au

Northern Passenger Transport Network
PO Box 169
Melrose SA 5483

Office Hours: 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday

Council Collaborating with the Community



CEO Sam Johnson met with Uni SA Regional Manager Paul Havelberg to discuss opportunities in partnerships with DCMR including student placements in the areas of business, tourism and engineering.



Mayor Phillip Heaslip and Deputy Mayor Don Norton at the Booleroo Sheep Races.



Council representatives visited the Booleroo Centre Sheep Races event and the Wirrabara Producers Market. Pictures shown meeting with some local residents.

Mayor Phillip Heaslip met with Wilmington Primary School Principal Cathy Bornholm.



CEO Sam Johnson and Mayor Phillip Heaslip visited CEO Steve Marafiotte of the Port Augusta Sundrop Farms to look at how DCMR can partner with local industries that operate in our regions.



Deputy Mayor, Don Norton speaking at the Opening of the refurbished tennis courts at Melrose during the Melrose Easter Tennis Tournament.

