

YOUR COUNCIL *update*

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Welcome to the January issue of the Wattle Range Council Newsletter

The aim of this newsletter is to keep residents informed of Council's key activities and any strategic decisions made that may affect our local communities. Additional information on Council's activities can be found on our website www.wattlerange.sa.gov.au and our Facebook page www.facebook.com/wattlerangecouncil

Mayor's UPDATE

Over the past month the Mayor has represented Council at a range of civic and community meetings and engagements, as well as celebrating Christmas and the new year with residents at various events held across the region.

Community DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS

At the January meeting, Council heard from Dave Taylor of the Millicent Lions Club and local resident Anthony Thomas, who made a presentation regarding the Millicent Lions Park Project.

Key PROJECTS

Following the first budget review for the 2023/24 financial year Council has 107 capital projects listed, valued at \$14.95 Million. As at December 31, 31% of these projects are completed, 35% are in the process of being delivered and 21% are in the procurement phase.

Key project updates include:

- Council Officers have reviewed and supplied feedback on the preliminary design plans for the Millicent Swimming Lake reconstruction.
The Aquatic Engineers have continued to work on the hydraulic engineering requirements to complete the detailed design into January 2024, resulting in a delay in the tender period. Due to this delay, Council can take advantage of an opportunity for the lake to remain open for a longer period over the summer, delaying its closure until such time as a contractor has been appointed to reconstruct the lake or the water allocation has been exceeded.
- The draft contract and tender documentation for the proposed Council Service Centre is complete and tenders called from mid-January.
- Civil works have begun in preparation for the relocation of the stormwater pump in Centennial Park, Beachport.
- Work has begun on the truck wash upgrade at the Millicent Stock Transfer Facility. Both the walkway platforms and access steps have been installed and the concrete path to the control station is complete.
- Council Officers are working to address plumbing issues under the Beachport Recreation Hall carpark prior to awarding the tender to upgrade the surface.

Key DECISIONS

During this meeting, Council resolved to:

- revoke the community land classification of a parcel of land on Cullens Road in Southend;
- provide financial assistance of \$200 from Council's Youth Development Foundation to each of the following:
 - Oliver Braun, Poppy Venn, Ashlee Dean competing in the Australian Junior Country Basketball Cup being held in Albury, NSW in January 2024, and
 - Jackson Bowden competing in the Australian Basketball Competition in Ballarat, Vic in January/February 2024;
- award grants to the value of \$9,978 to the following 6 groups under Council's Community Financial Assistance Grants program:
 - \$1,593 to the National Trust Glencoe Branch to improve access to public toilets,
 - \$2,000 to Nangwarry Museum & Community Hall for the fencing of an equipment display and roofing of timber displays,
 - \$1,463 to the Millicent Shooting Starz Girl Guides to refurbish their giant games trailer,
 - \$2,000 to the Southend Progress Association towards the upgrade of Connies Walk,
 - \$2,000 to the Beachport Surf Lifesaving Club to establish a waterwise off grid precinct, and
 - \$922 to the Penola PA & H Society for the purchase of a hydraulic trolley to lift heavy items in their storage shed;
- award grants to the value of \$13,664.59 to the following 9 groups under Council's Community Sport and Recreation Grants program:
 - \$1,408.09 to the Millicent Cricket Club for appliances to fit out their new facility,
 - \$2,000 to the Millicent Football Netball Club to purchase new round catering tables with trolleys,
 - \$2,000 to the Millicent United Soccer Club to replace seating under the club verandah,
 - \$1,138.50 to the Millicent Bandits Baseball Club to replace pipework to the pump at Bolton Oval,
 - \$2,000 to the Beachport Pony Club for the purchase of a ride on mower,
 - \$2,000 to the South East Field & Game Association towards the purchase of a replacement ground maintenance tractor,
 - \$2,000 to the Beachport Bowling Club for the purchase of 8 sets of lawn bowls for coaching,
 - \$905 to the Tantanoola Football Club to fund a club laptop, printer, internet and associated software, and
 - \$213 to the Rendelsham Cricket Club for the purchase of a club laptop;
- write a letter of thanks to both District Council of Grant and City of Mount Gambier Council's for the support provided in the clean-up following the December storm event in Millicent; and
- undertake public consultation on the draft Beachport Coastal Adaptation Strategy.



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