

in Summary

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Welcome to the November issue of the Wattle Range Council Meeting in Summary

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Mayoral UPDATE

Over the past month the Mayor has represented Council at a range of civic and community meetings and engagements.

This included attending First Nations cultural training with Burrardies Aboriginal Corporation, attending the 100-year celebration of Lifeline Op Shops across South Australia and the Tantanoola Air Force Crash Commemoration Remembrance Service. In memory of the crew of RAAF ANSON AW 849 which crashed five miles west of Tantanoola on 14 October 1942.

Mayor Noll also led the opening of Council's new Service Centre on 3 November, with the Hon Frances Adamson, Governor of South Australia officially opened the Centre.

Community DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS

At the November meeting, Council heard from Tammy Shepherd, CEO of the Tailm Bend Community Centre regarding transport services that Community Transport South Australia offer to residents of Wattle Range and how Council can support the Program.

Council also heard from Tony Elletson, Connected and Active Communities Officer who made a presentation regarding the Connected and Active Communities Program.

Key PROJECTS

Following the 2025/26 Budget Review 1 acceptance, Council is delivering a total of 111 projects in the 2025/26 financial year, with a total value of \$13.14M.

As of 31 October, 20% of the projects were completed, 34% in the process of being delivered, 14% are in the procurement phase and 32% are not yet started. 35% of the budget for the financial year has been committed.

Key project updates include:

- Roadworks for the Southern Ports Highway reconstruction continue. The primary seal has been applied to a 1.6km section from the Beachport outlet to the Robe turn off.
- Works to resurface the Nangwarry Swimming Pool slightly delayed the opening of the pool until early November.
- Repairs to the southern side facade of the Millicent Library have begun and new sheeting will be installed to match the Civic and Arts Centre building.
- The external painting of the Millicent RSL is now completed following a slight weather delay.
- A local contractor has been appointed to construct the new Dog Park fence at McLaughlin Park in Millicent. Work is expected to begin in early 2026.



Governor of South Australia, Hon Frances Adamson, Mayor Noll and another official at the Council Service Centre Opening.

Key DECISIONS

At the November meeting, Council resolved to:

- adopt the audited 2024/25 financial statements;
- endorse an increase to the 2025/26 budget of \$63,000 for the supply and delivery of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) across various Council locations to improve community access to life-saving defibrillators in line with the *Automated External Defibrillators (Public Access) Act 2022*;
- endorse an increase to the 2025/26 budget of \$13,108 to support the Connected and Active Communities Program, dependent on receiving ongoing funding from the Office for Recreation and Sport;
- begin contract negotiations with K&S Fuels who successfully tendered for the supply and delivery of Council's bulk fuel and Limestone Coast Earthmovers who successfully tendered for Council's raising of rubble and crushing;
- provide in principle support for a grant from the Department for Infrastructure and Transport for the purpose of providing fee free use of the Beachport Boat Ramp for the period between 1 December 2025 to 30 November 2026. The proposal is a temporary, State-funded initiative under the South Australian Government's Algal Bloom Fish Recovery Program;
- receive and note correspondence regarding gas exploration and mining in the Wattle Range Council area from Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP and Angus Ralton of the Limestone Coast Protection Alliance;
- invite the relevant staff from the Department of Mines and Energy to make a presentation at a future Council meeting regarding current and prospective mining and exploration proposals within the Wattle Range Council area.

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