

# YOUR COUNCIL *update*

## Welcome to the August 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](http://www.wattlerange.sa.gov.au) and our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/wattlerangecouncil](https://www.facebook.com/wattlerangecouncil)

## Mayoral UPDATE

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

This included attending the 'Thank you BBQ' of the Millicent & Surrounds Health Support Group for the volunteers and supporters of their project to refurbish the nurse's accommodation at the Millicent Hospital.

## Key PROJECTS

Council has resolved to fund 60 capital works projects for the 2023/24 financial year to the value of \$10,774,000.

A number of projects remain as work in progress from the previous financial year, with a value of \$5,768,610, of which 64% have currently been expended.

Key project updates include:

- Design drawings for the proposed Council Service Centre are being finalised. Landscape architects are also in the process of finalising the detailed landscape design, now that the location of assets have been decided.
- Work continues at Penola Stadium. Floor and wall tiling in the female toilets has begun prior to fitting out all new fixtures. Completion is planned for the end of August.
- The Rymill Hall access platform has been installed and work has begun on the new storage shed.
- The fabrication of the final pontoon at the Beachport Boat ramp is complete, and decking is now being applied. It is expected to be installed in the coming week.
- The plumbing is in place and concrete floor has been poured for the new Greenrise Lake Toilets. Work should be completed by the end of this month. Lighting has also been installed under the BBQ shelter.
- Refurbishment work is currently underway at the Arthur Street Toilets in Penola.
- Work has been completed at the Tantanoola BBQ shelter. The upgrade included a new BBQ, much larger bench space, painted tables and upgraded shelter to offer more wind protection.

## Current CONSULTATIONS

Council resolved to consult the community on a number of issues at past couple of Council meetings. Details of these issues will be made available on Council's website as the consultation periods commence.

Specific details will be available at each of Council's offices or online at

[www.engage.wattlerange.sa.gov.au](http://www.engage.wattlerange.sa.gov.au)

## Key DECISIONS

At the August meeting, Council resolved to:

- apply to the Liquor & Gambling Commissioner for the establishment of the annual dry areas in the Beachport township over the Christmas/New Years period;
- provide in principle approval to the proposed closure and sale of a portion of an unmade road reserve in Hatherleigh, subject to a formal public consultation being undertaken;
- provide in principle approval to the proposed closure and sale of both an unmade walkway and a portion of an unmade road reserve (cul-de-sac) in Millicent, subject to a formal public consultation being undertaken;
- endorse for public consultation, two preferred concepts for entrance signage to the township of Mount Burr;
- support the appointment of City of Mount Gambier as the host Council of the Limestone Coast Southern Regional Assessment Panel until 1 July 2024;
- write to both the South Australian Premier and Minister for the Arts, expressing concern over the current level of funding to libraries being insufficient to provide quality services;
- write to the respective government ministers advocating for the SA Police residence located at Kalangadoo to change from single to multi government agency use, in order for it to be used by all government employees; and
- likewise, write to the same ministers, advocating for the Kalangadoo Police Station to also change in use (from single to multi government agency) or be sold if not used for Police activities.

**Want to read more? Head to our website for full Council meeting agendas, reports and minutes.**

## Don't throw away your KERBSIDE COLLECTION CALENDAR

Simply tear off the front calendar at the end of August to reveal the bin collection schedule for September 2023 onwards.

The calendar contains useful tips to reduce materials being sent unnecessarily to landfill. You will also find the opening hours for Council's waste disposal sites at the back.

Lost your calendar or are new to the region? Collect one free from any Council Office or find it on our website.

Visit [www.wattlerange.sa.gov.au/kerbsidecollectionservice](http://www.wattlerange.sa.gov.au/kerbsidecollectionservice)



## Employment OPPORTUNITIES

Council currently has a number of exciting employment opportunities available across the organisation. Specific details, including how to apply, are available at [www.wattlerange.sa.gov.au/employment](http://www.wattlerange.sa.gov.au/employment)

