

YOUR COUNCIL *update*

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Welcome to the March 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.

Mayoral UPDATE

Over the past month the Mayor has represented Council at a range of civic and community meetings and engagements, including the second round of Community Vision forums that were held in Millicent, Beachport and Penola.

Key PROJECTS

Council has 107 capital projects listed for the 2023/24 financial year, valued at \$14.95 Million. As at February 29, 37% of these projects were completed, 36% in the process of being delivered and 19% in the procurement phase.

Key project updates include:

- Tenders for the construction of the Council Service Centre closed at the end of February, after being extended two weeks. Tender submissions will be reviewed by the tender evaluation panel and a recommendation will then be presented to a special Council meeting in late March.
- The Millicent Swimming Lake reconstruction is behind schedule due to resourcing issues experienced by the appointed Aquatic Engineers. The cost estimate is being prepared by the Quantity Surveyor and the tender documentation is prepared in readiness for the final review of the engineering drawings prior to going to tender.
- Work is almost complete on the Millicent Library roof and air conditioning upgrade. Internal remediation works are almost finished and the roof and gutters have been replaced. Work continues on the air conditioner compound fence.
- The family room in the Arthur Street Toilets is now done, and work has begun on the disabled toilet as the final stage of the upgrade. The outside of the building will also be painted with completion expected in end of March 2024.
- The truck wash upgrade at the Millicent Stock Transfer Facility is now finalised.
- The male facilities in the Penola Stadium toilet upgrade are done, with the external wall painting underway to complete the project.

Community Vision

Missed out on the Community Vision session in your town? You can still be involved! We want to hear what matters to you and what you would like to see happen in your area.

Simply visit www.engage.wattlerange.sa.gov.au and navigate to your town's Community Vision page.

Need help? Call in to one of Council's offices in Millicent, Beachport or Penola or the Millicent Library and one of our friendly staff will assist you.

If we haven't visited your town yet, stay tuned. We will be there sometime soon.



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Key DECISIONS

At the March meeting, Council resolved to:

- cease all stock transfers through the Millicent Stock Transfer facility immediately, but to continue to operate the Truck Wash for a period of 12 months (on a watch and act basis). As well as endorsing the sale and/or demolition of any associated infrastructure that would now be surplus to Council's needs, and discontinuing the operation of the Millicent Saleyards Advisory Committee;
- seek a report to be tabled to a future meeting of Council outlining options for the former saleyards land, including property boundary realignments, and recommendations for retention, lease or sale of surplus land. As well as requesting an additional report outlining the feasibility of developing a 'green waste to compost' facility at the site;
- adopt the Road Naming Policy as presented, following consideration of feedback from the community during consultation;
- again, after considering community consultation, endorse the location of the Beachport art installation (Craypot) at the intersection of Beach Road and Millicent Road, with the Beachport District Development Association to now seek the required development approval;



- approve an image of the town rotunda to feature on the Millicent town entrance signage; and
- review the admission criteria for childcare at the Gladys Smith Early Learning Centre to give priority to children of medical doctors working in the Council area.

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