

YOUR COUNCIL *update*

Welcome to the June 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.

This included attending his first South Australia Regional Organisation of Councils Board Meeting, as well as representing Council at a South Australia Coastal Councils Alliance Strategic Planning Workshop.

Community DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS

At the June meeting, Council heard a deputation from Sallie Chambers and Scott Altschwager on behalf of the Southend Progress Association about the community land sale at Southend.

Key PROJECTS

Council's 2022/23 capital works budget currently comprises 100 projects worth \$12,619,423. Currently, the combined expenditure rate for both carried over and current projects is 75%.

Key project updates include:

- The Prudential Management Plan for the proposed Council Service Centre is being developed by the consultant and should be completed mid June. Final design drawings are being finalised and the tender and contract documentation prepared, ready for the next phase, the tender process.
- The new Rymill Hall Storage Shed should be installed in August 2023.
- The colour scheme for the Greenrise Lake Toilets has been finalised in consultation with the Committee, and work will begin this month.
- The South Terrace drainage project in Beachport remains delayed, with a start date still to be confirmed following further design changes being identified.
- Due to significant scope change required to get the Beachport Depot project under budget it will be retendered during June 2023.
- Tenders have closed for the replacement of the roof and air conditioning system at the Millicent Library complex. They are currently being evaluated and will be presented to the July Council meeting for consideration.

Key DECISIONS



At the meeting, Council resolved to:

- seek approval from the Minister for Local Government to formally revoke the community land classification over land at 22 Campbell Street, Millicent;

- following consideration of feedback received during the recent community consultation with regard to the future of the Millicent Saleyards, close the facility as of 30 June 2023;
- seek feedback from the community on the Council's draft Annual Business Plan and Budget for 2023/24 prior to its adoption in July;
- conduct a further formal public consultation on the proposed revocation of community land classification on land situated on Cullens Road, Southend;
- authorise the CEO to initiate the Wattle Range Council Code Amendment process with the Minister for Planning;
- increase the commitment to the Flinders University Hon Terry Roberts MLC Memorial Student Scholarship from \$2,500 per recipient to \$5,000 per recipient, for two recipients for a period of three years;
- contribute \$500 to Danni Vanderheul to assist in her effort in representing Australia at the World Mountain Trail Running Championships in Austria in June;
- approve a budget variation and award the tender for the internal renewal and upgrade of the Arthur Street toilets in Penola;
- implement a 'hub and spoke' model of operation of the Council's Visitor Information Centres, under which the Penola Centre will act as the 'hub' and the Beachport and Millicent Centres will transition to 'satellite' sites;
- enter into a 12-month contract with Belgravia Pro for the management of the Southern Ocean Tourist Park, with an option for a 12-month extension and first right of refusal to lease the park at market rate.

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

Current CONSULTATIONS

Council is currently seeking community feedback on the Draft 2023/24 Annual Business Plan and Budget prior to adoption.

Written submissions close July 6. Verbal submissions can be made at the meeting of Council to be held on July 11.

Specific details, including how you can 'have your say', are available in hard copy at each of Council's offices and the Millicent Library or online at

www.engage.wattlerange.sa.gov.au

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