

YOUR COUNCIL *update*

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Welcome to the September 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 discussions with both the local State and Federal Members of Parliament on issues impacting the region.

Key PROJECTS

Council resolved to fund 60 capital works projects for 2023/24 to the value of \$10.78 Million. 41 projects remained as work in progress from the previous financial year, of which 66% are in delivery stage.

Key project updates include:

- Final design drawings for the proposed Council Service Centre have been finalised and will now be resubmitted for planning approval.
- The female toilets are close to completion at the Penola Stadium with final additions being applied to the internal fit out. Completion is expected mid-September.
- Work on the new storage shed at Rymill Hall has begun with the concrete slab complete and structure erection underway. Completion is expected this month.
- The pontoons have finally arrived on site at the Beachport Boat ramp and have been assembled. Some slight modifications are required before the final float and fix into position.
- The new Greenrise Lake Toilets project is progressing well, with the structure now erected. Fixtures will be installed over the next two weeks.
- Additional works required to correct gradient for stormwater flow have resulted in changes to the drainage project at South Terrace, Beachport. This requires a budget variation of around \$23K, which is still within budget.
- Refurbishment work is currently underway in the male toilets in Arthur Street, Penola. The new cleaner's room has been built with exterior access. Once male toilets are completed, work will begin on the female toilets.

Key DECISIONS

At the meeting, Council resolved to:

- include in the 2023/24 fees and charges schedule a daily, monthly and annual charge for mobile food vendors;
- award grants to the value of \$2,500 to the following 2 groups under Council's Community Financial Assistance Grants program:
 - \$2,000 to the Glencoe Public Hall to upgrade the kitchen facilities, and
 - \$500 to Mount Burr Trails Inc for the installation of interpretive signage along the Town History Walk;

- award grants to the value of \$8,108.74 to the following 5 groups under Council's Community Sport and Recreation Grants program:
 - \$2,000 to the Mount Burr United Cricket Club to replace two training pitches,
 - \$1,691.25 to the Penola Football Club for the installation of a defibrillator at McCorquindale Park,
 - \$1,447.50 to the Millicent Baseball Club Inc for the refurbishment of a vandalised scoreboard,
 - \$969.99 to the Millicent Football Netball Club for the purchase of training equipment, and
 - \$2,000 to the Tantanoola Netball Club to upgrade the driveway and carpark at the courts;
- award grants to the value of \$90,192 to the following 4 groups under Council's Community Infrastructure Grants program:
 - \$4,300 to the SA Country Women's Assoc Penola Branch to install a ramp and improve accessibility to the CWA Hall,
 - \$17,392 to the Southend Progress Association for maintenance works at the Southend Community Club, including roof and guttering,
 - \$50,000 to the Kalangadoo Netball Club for the replacement of a multipurpose netball court, and
 - \$18,500 to the Glencoe & District Sports Ground Association for the installation of a new playground and soft fall at the Glencoe Sporting Complex;
- after consideration of community consultation, seek approval from the Minister for Local Government to formally revoke the community land classification over land on Cullens Road, Southend;
- undertake public consultation on the concept masterplan for Millicent Lions Park Upgrade, along with the draft Enforcement and Order Making Policy and draft Plant & Equipment Asset Management Plan;
- tender for the reconstruction of the Millicent Swimming Lake floor, with the tender evaluation report to be brought back to Council for final consideration;
- authorise the Chief Executive Officer to surrender the EPA Licence associated with the Millicent Saleyards facility; and
- tender for the civil works to build the Council Service Centre, with the tender evaluation report to be brought back to Council for final consideration;
- enter into a lease agreement with Cave Divers Association of Australia (CDAA) for the use of The Three Sisters Cave near Tantanoola, as well as providing in kind support and funds to the value of \$3,000 for traffic management measures to assist the CDAA in improving access to the cave; and
- award the tender for the purchase of both a Road Maintenance and a Bitumen Repair Truck, as well as the tender for the upgrade to air conditioning and roof repairs at the Millicent Library.

