

## Welcome to the April 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)

## Mayor's UPDATE

Over the past month the Mayor has represented Council at a range of civic and community meetings and engagements. This included attending a round table dinner with Council's newly formed Youth Advisory Council.

## Community DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS

At the April meeting, Council heard a deputation from Justin Phillips of the Limestone Coast Fisherman's Co-operative in support of a request to allow access to the Co-op site, via the Railway Terrace Carpark.

Council also heard from Millicent International Basketball Association representatives Peter Seebohm and Kathryn Blacketer who provided an update on operations at the Millicent Basketball Stadium. The elected members took the opportunity to thank Peter Seebohm for his contribution and wished him well in his retirement.

## Key PROJECTS

Council originally had 115 projects worth \$14,526,476 in its 2022/23 Annual Business Plan (this included 49 projects carried over from the previous year). At its last meeting, Council adopted Budget Review Two which reduced the number of projects to 100 worth \$12,550,849. The current expenditure rate is 69%.

Key project updates include:

- Work on the upgrade to the Wendy's Walk stairway is well underway with the footings now concreted. Completion is scheduled for May 2023.
- Consultants Sproutt have presented staged drawings for the Penola and Millicent Streetscaping projects and further direction regarding shared paths, crossings, road widths and plantings is to be provided. Confirmation of potential acquisition of land in Glen Street Millicent from SAPOL is yet to be established.
- Work on Dergholm Road is nearing completion with only line marking, signage and site clean-up works still outstanding.
- Land management and native title issues had resulted in the decision to defer the replacement of the shed at the Beachport Depot. Instead, investigations are being made into the renewal of the existing shed.
- The upgrade of the Geltwood Shelter Shed has been completed.
- Tenders are currently being called for the upgrade of toilet facilities on Arthur Street, Penola.
- Further consultation has been undertaken regarding the location of the toilet block at Greenrise Lake due to soakage fall requirements. Tenders have been called for this project also.
- The replacement pontoons at the Beachport Boatramp were installed this month, including the addition of gangways and handrails.

## Key DECISIONS

At the April meeting, Council resolved to:

- award the tender for the fabrication and delivery of signage for the Coonawarra Rail Trail to successful tenderer Urban Aesthetic;
- vary its budget allocation of \$520,000 to replace the two transportable buildings at the Millicent Museum to a revised \$250,000 in the form of a tied grant to the Millicent National Trust Branch which would be subject to a matching or higher contribution by the National Trust of South Australia. The grant offer is to remain on the table until 31 December 2023;
- enter into a new lease agreement with the Beachport District Development Association for the Beachport Cinema (Institute) building, with the exclusion of the Lessee's responsibility to pay for building insurance;
- provide financial assistance of \$200 from Council's Youth Development Foundation to talented young athletes, Jack Haggett and Jackson Bowden who will be representing their state in Basketball Championships, and Ellis Cushion in Baseball Championships;
- appoint community representatives, Jacinta Jenkins and Jodi Strother to the Greenrise Lake Advisory Committee for a term ending in November 2026;
- endorse the cessation of the Beachport Recreation Centre Management Committee;
- endorse both the draft Wattle Range Council Strategic Plan 2023-2027 and draft Long Term Financial Plan 2023-2033 for public consultation prior to their adoption;
- provide financial assistance of \$1,000 from Council's Youth Leadership Program to Rochelle Crawford of Penola to assist with the cost of attending the Future Leaders Academy Pacific Student Leadership Program in Fiji in July;
- accept a donation from the Wattle Range Road Safety Group towards the purchase of a barbecue to be installed at the Millicent Road Safety Centre;
- allow access to private premises via the Railway Terrace Carpark, Beachport subject to conditions limiting access to use between 5am and 8pm during the crayfishing season for a period of 5 years, with restricted access during community events;
- support the request for reduction of speed limit on Poonada Road, Tantanoola to 100 km/hr and write to the Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) requesting the change;
- approve a request from Council's contractor to alter kerbside waste collection start times in Millicent on Friday's from 7 am to 6 am;
- consider naming the driveway from Riddoch Highway to the Penola Cemetery, 'Kevin Jarrod Avenue' in recognition of his significant volunteer service to the community through the Greenrise Lake Advisory Committee; and
- write to the Department of Infrastructure and Transport to establish why work on widening Kangaroo Flat Road Glencoe ceased on June 30, 2022.