

YOUR COUNCIL *update*

Welcome to the February 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 the 2023 Australia Day celebrations at Kalangadoo, Tantanoola and Southend. Mayor Noll had the honour of officiating the citizenship ceremony of our newest Aussie, Chi-Ling Tsai on the day as well as welcoming Australia Day Ambassador Ian Smith to our region.



Key PROJECTS

Council has 115 projects worth \$14,344,478 in its 2022/23 Annual Business Plan (this includes 49 projects carried over from the previous year). As of January 30, 65% of the carry over projects had been expended and 46% of the 66 new projects.

Key project updates include:

- Work has started on the Penola Stadium upgrade, walls have been removed and recladding complete. Work will now begin on the roof. The project is scheduled for completion by the end of the month.
- All capital projects scheduled for the Millicent Saleyards have been put on hold for two months following a motion of Council at the January meeting. Contractors have been informed and the washdown bay and ramps are being stored pending further advice from Council.
- Work on the stormwater drainage project on South Terrace Beachport will commence this month. A budget review is required due to some design changes required to minimise impact on Southern Ocean Tourist Park visitor parking.
- Council expect delivery of two new Zero Turn Mowers and two graders in February.



Key DECISIONS

At the February meeting, Council resolved to:

- Appoint the following members to Council Committees:
 - Wattle Range Council Audit & Risk Committee - Michael Schultz (Independent Member)
 - Greenrise Lake Advisory Committee - Peter Bissell, Ray Haines, Victoria Marshall, Catherine Robinson and Norman Vaughan
 - Lake McIntyre Management Committee - Sheila Boyle, Noel Boyle, Angela Jones, Brian McIntyre, Rosey Pounsett, Deidre Tiddy and Peter Halton (Council Representative)
 - Millicent Saleyards Management Committee - Scott Altschwager, John Chay, Jim Noonan, Owen Merrett, Neville Copping, Steve Bellinger and Jason Walker
 - Rendelsham Community Hall Management Committee - Lynette Brooks, Edwin Hann, Garth Huppertz and Randall Stiles
- provide financial assistance of \$200 to local basketballers Jack Haggett to assist with costs to attend the 2023 Australian Junior Country Basketball Cup in Albury; and Emily Denton to assist with costs to attend the Southern Cross Challenge in Melbourne;
- endorse the draft Wattle Range Council Wayfinding Strategy and its associated documents for public consultation;
- seek feedback from the community on the proposed closure of beach access adjacent the Beachport Boatyard to vehicles;
- allocate funds in the upcoming council budget to the modelling of several new mitigation options in Southend, and to reconsider the managed retreat position in the Southend Adaptation Strategy following the consideration of this new modelling;
- submit a traffic impact statement to the Department of Infrastructure and Transport for the installation of speed humps in Bonshor Street, Millicent, and to undertake community consultation on the proposed installation of the traffic controls; and
- nominate Cr. Moira Neagle as Council's representative on the Millicent & District Health Advisory Council.

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

Current CONSULTATIONS

Council resolved to consult the community on a number of issues over the past few months.

Specific details of the consultations, including how you can 'have your say', will be made available as the consultation periods commence, and can be found in hard copy at each of Council's offices or on our new online community engagement page at www.engage.wattlerange.sa.gov.au

