

YOUR COUNCIL *update*

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Welcome to the October 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

Mayor's UPDATE

Over the past month the Mayor has represented Council at a range of civic and community meetings and engagements.

This included welcoming six of our region's newest citizens on Australian Citizenship Day, 17 September, as well as officiating at the opening of Council's annual Celebrate Seniors program.

Community DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS

At the October meeting, Council heard from Tony Elletson, Connected and Active Communities Officer and Colin Byles, Interim Executive Officer of the Limestone Coast Local Government Association regarding their Connected and Active Communities program.

Council also heard from outgoing Superintendent Campbell Hill on various police matters.

Key PROJECTS

Council resolved to fund 60 capital works projects for the 2023/24 financial year to the value of \$10.78 Million. 39 projects remain as work in progress from the previous financial year, of which 59% are in delivery stage.

Key project updates include:

- FMG Engineering has been appointed to undertake a technical assessment and prepare aquatic engineering report with detailed scope for the reconstruction of the Millicent Swimming Lake. A site survey is planned and a Geotechnical Investigation team will be onsite later this month to drill exploratory bore holes and find footing dimensions of the lake walls.
- Contractors have been scheduled to remove the asbestos from the canteen and weighbridge buildings at the Millicent Saleyards. Equipment for the truck wash is being fabricated ready for installation.
- Power has been connected to the new Millicent Depot Shed, and the overhead crane has been fully commissioned. The floor treatment has been applied and equipment can be relocated into the new building once it has dried.
- The female toilets at the Penola Stadium are now complete and work can now begin on the men's.
- The Rymill Hall Storage Shed is now complete and users are discussing storage arrangement options.
- Officers are awaiting the arrival of fittings and fixtures for the Greenrise Lake Toilets.
- Contractors have completed the majority of works on the drainage project on South Terrace, Beachport, with the road surface completed at the end of September. They are now completing reinstatement of naturestrip with Council staff to install bollards and parking signage. Completion is expected at the end of this month.



- Work on the interior of the male toilet in Arthur Street, Penola is now complete and open for public use. The contractors have begun on the cleaner's and family rooms before undertaking the female toilet upgrade.
- The Millicent Rotunda up lighting is now complete and powered up.

Key DECISIONS

During this meeting, Council resolved to:

- revoke the community land classification on 22 Campbell Street, Millicent;
- award a grant to the value of \$975 to Fiona Telfer for a mural and surfboard sculpture to be located at 4 Railway Terrace, Beachport;
- after consideration of community consultation, endorse the preferred Mount Burr Entrance Signage concept, with the inclusion of green and gold as shown;
- apply for an \$80,000 contribution from the Coast Protection Board Grant Program for relocation of sand to address urgent erosion in Southend (a budget variation of \$5,000 will be required to meet Council's contribution);
- apply for a \$240,000 contribution from the Coast Protection Board Grant Program to repair groynes north of the jetty at Beachport (This project is not proposed to be delivered until 2024/25 and would require a \$60,000 Council contribution);
- undertake modelling at Southend to assess the viability of a T-Structure solution in the capturing of sand, with a report on the outcomes, including impact and costs, to be presented to Council for further consideration;
- write to the Department of Infrastructure and Transport seeking a meeting to further discuss the funding and development of an additional groyne north of the Beachport Jetty;
- proceed with the upgrades to the Millicent Saleyards truck wash as proposed, but postpone expenditure on the transit yards until such time as a report in relation to their usage and operation is presented in February 2024;
- award the tender for the design and construct of the Beachport Depot workshop to local firm 3MP; and
- authorise the CEO to advise the Minister for Planning that Council wishes to vary its Proposal to Initiate a Code Amendment, removing a number of sites from consideration.



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