

COUNCIL MEETING

in *Summary*

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Welcome to the October issue of the Wattle Range Council 'Meeting in Summary'

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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 Millicent Flying Doctor Service Community Fundraiser, unveiling of the Lion's Town Clock at Memorial Park in Penola as well as their 60th Anniversary Dinner, the Kalangadoo Lion's Club Dinner and Celebrate Seniors Week events across Wattle Range.



Senior of the Year recipient Colleen Hammat

Key PROJECTS

Council is delivering a total of 95 capital projects in the 2025/26 financial year, 77 new (\$10.7M) and 18 carry forward projects (\$1.1M) with a total value of \$11.9M.

As of 30 September, 9% of these projects were completed, 33% in the process of being delivered and 14% in the procurement phase. 28% of the budget for the financial year has been committed.

Key project updates include:

- Stage One of roadworks of the Southern Ports Highway reconstruction continue between the Beachport outlet and Burks Island Road. The road surface stabilisation has been slow due to the persistent weather and therefore sealing has been delayed, the primary seal will be applied to the first 800 metres early October.
- The walking track from the Beachport outlet to the Surf Beach has been fully upgraded. The signage and crossing barricades have been reinstated and line marking has been planned for late October.
- Engineering advice is being sought to prepare a scope of works for the re-stumping and repairs to the old school building at the Millicent Museum.
- The Nangwarry Swimming Pool will be ready for the opening of the swimming season in November with a local contractor being engaged to clean, repair, seal and paint the entire floor and wall surfaces.
- Carpet has now been replaced in the Millicent RSL Hall committee room.
- Installation of solar lighting along the path between the Beachport Visitor Information Centre and the Caravan Park has begun, following consultation with residents regarding their positioning.



Southern Ports Highway reconstruction

Community DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS

At the October meeting, Council heard from Dr Sarah McGrath regarding the 'Shop Façade Upgrade Program' eligibility criteria.

Students from Newberry Park Primary School also gave a great presentation on the value of native bee hotels.

Key DECISIONS

At the October meeting, Council resolved to:

- receive and note the Annual Financial Statements Report for the year ended 30 June 2025 and adopt the First Quarter Budget Review for 2025/26;
- approve the following draft Community Land Management Plans to be released for public consultation;
 - o Active Recreation Reserves – Council Owned Land
 - o Active Recreation Reserves – Crown Land
 - o Passive Recreation Reserves – Council Owned Land
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 - o Community Facilities – Council Owned Land
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 - o Corporate Resources – Council Owned Land
- remove the trust encumbrance from Allotment 132 (Tantanoola Post Office and CFS facility) at Tantanoola from the Crown and obtain an independent current valuation for the land and improvements for future consideration by Council;
- endorse the Draft Wattle Range Council Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2025- 2029 for community consultation;
- endorse an increase to the 2025/26 budget for the Cat Impound Facility by \$16,220 to complete the full project;
- place a plaque detailing a brief history on the site of the soon to be demolished old school building (former Council Office).

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