

YOUR COUNCIL *update*

Welcome to the May 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. During this period he also took some personal time away from his duties, during which Deputy Mayor Peter Dunncliff acted on his behalf.

Deputy Mayor Dunncliff attended several engagements including the Kalangadoo Remembers and Millicent Anzac Day Services to honour the fallen.

Community DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS

At the May meeting, Council heard a deputation from Stand Like Stone Foundation representatives, Roger Babolka and Steve Duldig, requesting Council consider financial support for the foundation in its 2023/24 budget deliberations.

Key PROJECTS

Council's 2022/23 capital works budget currently comprises 100 projects worth \$12,619,423. Currently, the combined expenditure rate for both carried over and current projects is 72%.

Key project updates include:

- Work on the upgrade to the Wendy's Walk stairway is now complete and an official opening was held on May 10.
- Consultants Sproutt continue to develop the detailed designs for the Penola and Millicent Streetscaping projects with direction from Council officers.
- Work on the stormwater drainage project on South Terrace Beachport is scheduled to commence in May.
- Upgrades to the Koala Room at the Gladys Smith Early Learning Centre are almost complete. This project includes the renewal of the flooring, replacement of doors, updated kitchen facilities and extra storage space, along with painting and fitting of soundproof material on the walls.
- Tenders for the upgrade of the toilets on Arthur Street, Penola have closed and officers are now negotiating with the preferred supplier.
- The tender for the Greenrise Toilets and Rotunda Lighting project has been awarded to ACM Plumbing and works will commence shortly.
- Tenders have been called for the replacement of the roof and air conditioning system at the Millicent Library complex and will close later this month.

Key DECISIONS

A special meeting of Council was held on May 2, to consider a number of issues. At this meeting Council resolved to:

- authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate a 21 year lease with preferred tenderer, Belgravia Leisure for the management of the Southern Ocean Tourist Park, with the outcomes of the negotiation to be presented to Council for consideration as soon as possible; and
- authorise the Chief Executive Officer to execute a lease agreement with the Millicent Medical Clinic for the occupation of the Beachport Medical Centre facility with an annual rent of \$1.

At the ordinary May meeting, Council resolved to:

- approve a name change and amended terms of reference for the Rendelsham Community Hall 'Advisory' Committee, as well as appoint new community representative members, Graham Smith and Cherie Forgan;
- seek community feedback on the draft Behavioural Support Policy;
- having considered the results of the community consultation, adopt the Wattle Range Council Wayfinding Strategy, Audit and Implementation Plan and Style Guide;
- support the development of a new Beachport Entrance Statement by the Beachport Rivoli Bay Lions Club, and confirm acceptance of the asset on its completion which will include any future maintenance;
- adopt the Wattle Range Council Asset Management Strategy;
- refer funds currently allocated to the renewal of the Millicent Swimming Lake chlorine system, to a detailed assessment of the Lake (providing options and cost estimates for addressing leaks in the surface);
- write to the Minister for Climate, Environment and Water seeking an increase in the allocation for the water licence relating to the recreational use of the Millicent Swimming Lake, informing the Minister of the issue with the Millicent Swimming Lake and the investigation being undertaken, and seeking the withdrawal of the penalty for the overuse of the water allocation relating to licence;
- request Council staff to prepare options for the Millicent entrance signage featuring images of the Millicent Domain, for future consideration by Council;
- having considered the results of the community consultation, adopt the Stormwater Asset Management Plan; and
- write to the Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services expressing its concern about the use of Personal Mobility Devices on the footpaths in shopping areas following an invitation to provide feedback to the SA Government on the issue.

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