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Support for Sport

We dedicate our weekends to spectating and supporting local sport, volunteering in the canteen, coaching and motivating young players and, of course, playing in our local team and representing our true colours.

Our sporting clubs are driven by groups of devoted volunteers who commit their spare time and energy towards sustaining many teams.

With summer sports starting, I would like to remind people that Council can offer valuable support to local sporting clubs through the STARCLUB Program. Our STARCLUB Officer, Samantha Freeman is available to help support clubs in many ways such as increasing memberships, developing policies, facilitating training for coaches, officials and volunteers, and raising awareness about upcoming funding opportunities.

Sporting clubs may be interested to know, being recognised by STARCLUB may also increase your chances in securing grant funding – so it's definitely worth consideration. If you're interested to know more about STARCLUB, please contact Council to speak with Samantha.

In light of supporting our community, I also wish to remind you all that nominations for Citizen of the Year Awards are now open. On Australia Day Council, each Council will name their award winners for their local community and at a special ceremony on the Grounds of Government House, a State winner will be named in each category.

We have a great track record in Wakefield: for the past two years our Community Event of the Year (Rope4Hope and Plains on a Plate) has gone on to win State accolades and last year Citizen of the Year Derryn Stringer was awarded a commendation award at State level.

If you know someone who should be recognised for going above and beyond to help others in the community, or a particular event which deserves acknowledgment, please take the time to submit a nomination at www.citizenoftheyear.com.au.

Mayor Rodney Reid

These boots are made for walkin...

We're a step closer to providing a gateway to Walk the Yorke on Port Wakefield's doorstep, after external funding reinvigorated plans.

A specially designed bridge is the last remaining piece to connect hikers and cyclists over the Wakefield River: the first stage in the 500 kilometre leg journey to Moonta Bay.

Recent State Government funding topped up the budget for the project, bringing it to \$186,000 in total.

Funding has been raised through a mix of government grant programs – the Planning and Development Fund's Open Space Program (\$62,000) and the 2017-18 Community Recreation and Sport Facilities Program (\$62,000) – as well as Council's own contribution of another \$62,000.

We are in the process of working with suppliers to come up with a design to suit the environment and varying weather conditions; wet and marshy during winter and dry and hot in summer.

Mayor Rodney Reid said the trail provided a unique way to showcase Port Wakefield and the rest of the coastline.

"Walk the Yorke is an impressive initiative that managed to join many small existing trails into one well-designed and maintained cycling and walking trail, and Wakefield is proud to be involved with it.

"The proposed bridge, which traces a historic railway line that also crossed the river, will allow 'Walk the Yorkers' to fuel up, kit up and start their journey at our seaside township.

"Visitors to Port Wakefield can reflect on the town's past as a major port. History buffs won't be disappointed with the historic walking trail through town, while anyone seeking the sea breeze can enjoy the boat ramp and wharf, tidal lagoon, access to the Sapphire Coastal areas and tidal flats teeming with mangroves and wildlife."





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Cricket Club Gets a Wicket

With support from Council’s STARCLUB Program Officer, the Lower North Cricket Club (LNCC) is now officially a recognised member of STARCLUB, improving its chances of securing future grant funding.

STARCLUB is a voluntary, free, online program that is initiated by the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing (ORSR) and is recognised throughout the State sports industry as a best practice governance model. Council funds a STARCLUB Program Officer with two neighbouring councils (Clare and Goyder), as part of a joint initiative with the ORSR.

Outgoing Lower North Cricket Club President, Hayden Battle, worked closely with the STARCLUB Program Officer to achieve the Club’s recognised STARCLUB status – a status considered the highest level of club development and recognised by ORSR.

Hayden is keen for the Club to perform at its best and developing the Club’s programs and policies have been a big part of that. Hayden, who has a strong working background in governance, policy and risk management, has taken the team through the STARCLUB Program.

Hayden says, “We aim to follow best practices and understood the STARCLUB Program could help us do just that. It just makes sense to complete the STARCLUB program, improve how the Club operates, and situate the Club in a good position when making further grant applications. Around 85% of clubs obtaining grants from ORSR are registered with STARCLUB”.

As the 2019/2020 season is about to begin, the Lower North Cricket Club (LNCC) would love to hear from women and girls interested in playing or being involved with cricket.

For more information about the STARCLUB program, contact Council’s STARCLUB Officer, Samantha Freeman by emailing sfreeman@goyder.sa.gov.au or phone 0429 694 169. Alternatively, visit Council’s website at www.wrc.sa.gov.au.

Community Power

Understanding a healthy body is a healthy mind, the Snowtown Community Committee decided to activate their community by converting a portion of the local hall into a 24/7 Community Gym.

With an aim to offer the locals a place to improve their physical and mental health while having an opportunity to meet and socialise with other members of the community, the Committee reached out to Council to help fund the project.

A Gym Committee was formed and members dedicated many hours of personal time to get the project up and running, including numerous hours on the phone, in front of computers, constructing equipment, getting the gym ready for use, and of course organising the official opening event.

Mayor Rodney Reid, who officially opened the gym, said it was an outstanding accomplishment by an outstanding community. "Our community can connect through quality services, just like this gym," Mayor Reid said.

"This has activated the hall which, for the most part, was an underutilised facility, and it has allowed locals to better engage in an active, healthy lifestyle, with all the benefits of being in a social and safe space.

Gym Committee Member Shan Ballard said, "As a committee of volunteers we hope this gym motivates & supports healthy minds through physical activity, while providing a functional, fun and effective environment within our community that caters for all ages, is easily accessible and is within everyone's budget.

"We look forward to the future of the Snowtown Community Gym and are hoping to start incorporating some different classes to get more community involvement. And we're hoping the locals support the gym and enjoy it."

Within the first month of opening, the gym acquired 40 members with a variety of age groups and is being used daily with over 150 entries by members in the attendance book.

What helped the project become a success was strong collaboration and support from local businesses and community members, defining community power.



Join a Green Gym

People of the community have spoken, and a local community garden has grown.

The Community Garden, based in Balaklava, has been developed to bring people together with a similar interest in gardening and to reap the benefits of outdoor and social activity, as well as healthy eating – you could say, it is a bit of a 'Green Gym'.

The aim of the Community Garden is to offer a place to learn and share gardening skills such as composting, worm farming, and more, and offer community members from the entire region access to fresh fruit, vegetables, and eggs. It also offers a great opportunity to meet new people and develop new skills.

Local kindergartens, schools and childcare providers will also benefit from the garden, as it has potential to be incorporated within their curriculums to encourage healthy living.

To ensure the Garden runs smoothly and successfully, several passionate green-thumbs have formed a management committee. If you wish to participate with the Community Garden project, feel free to contact the Community Garden Management Committee by phoning 0438 621 761.

Community Garden Concept Plan



MEGA PLANS FOR MEGA SPACE



The town of Owen is planning to get on board with the silo art trend, using the space of six silos based prominently in the town, to honour the Anzac's profoundly through way of a mural.

Members of the Owen Community Centre Committee (OCCC) circulated a survey to every mailbox in town to engage the local community and understand if residents were just as supportive of the idea. The majority of the responses indicated a thumbs up for the project – from there; the Silo Art of Owen Committee was formed.

Members of the Committee approached one of the nation's top artists, Riverton's Robert Hannaford to develop a prototype. Robert – an award-winning artist renowned for his portraits, including Archibald entries, and bronze sculptures of Sir Donald Bradman and Simpson and His Donkey – snapped-up the opportunity and offered to carry out the silo art project himself.

The Owen Silo artwork is ANZAC themed to commemorate those who have served, and for upcoming generations to remember and keep the ANZAC memory alive, as well as incorporate the farming community – 'from wheat bags to sand bags'. Several families in Owen have had relatives who have served for the country and some were lost, this artwork intends to honour those fallen.

With the silos offering a whopping 1800m² canvas, and up to 500 litres of paint required, the project is estimated to cost \$150,000.

To kick off fundraising, a silent auction/ black tie fundraiser event was held in the Owen Town Hall and raised an astounding \$23,000.

To date, monetary donations have been offered by Balco, Landmark, RAA and from friends all the way from France. The OCCC have committed a portion of the project costs for an information board, viewing platform, and lighting. The remainder of funds will be reliant on fundraising and grant opportunities.

Already featuring on Channel 7 and plans to feature in popular magazines such as SA Life & RAA, the Owen Silo Art project is anticipated to reach and speak to a widespread audience capturing the attention of many. Watch this space...



It all starts from a chat between the locals



Blyth residents have had to endure months of having no local café, but thanks to collaborations from the proactive community, the former local deli has been reinvigorated as The Blyth Café and is booming.

Page's Deli sat empty for some time after its owner Brian Page passed away. Seeing a real potential in the building and keen families interested in running a café, motivated The Blyth Development Board to strike up the project.

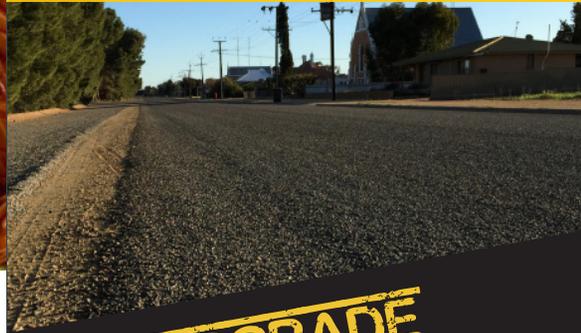
Blyth Development Board Chair, Ian Roberts, said "The town was driven by the desire to open a café to add to the lifestyle on offer in town and to fill a much needed service gap. A town can easily diminish if there are no shops or eateries, we want to attract people to live and stay in Blyth, and a local café can help do that."

"Providing town services like this are all part of the Board's Strategic Plan," Mr Roberts said. "We'd also like to look at getting a 24/7 gym, landscape improvements for the main road and to advocate for further commercial development."

The Blyth Development Board funded some renovations to the building, and was grateful to receive volunteer help from local community members – saving thousands of dollars. Any remaining renovations were completed by the lessees, Alex Welke and Jess Rowan, and the Café is now looking very fresh and inviting.



PROJECT UPDATES



UPGRADE

Railway Terrace West, Snowtown

One of our most significant road upgrades of the year is now complete.

The \$600,000 upgrade included reconstructing and resealing almost 1km of Railway Terrace West, the main thoroughfare of Snowtown, and installing new kerbing and drainage system.

It did take longer than we expected due to weather conditions and other limitations, and we would like to thank the residents of Snowtown for their patience during the construction phase.

RENEWAL

Kybunga Top Road Bridge

We plan to upgrade the bridge on Kybunga Top Road, further south of Muanu Road, beginning from October 2019.

The bridge connects a road we classify as 'category 1', a rural arterial unsealed road which allows for heavy vehicles with general mass limits of up to 50 tonne. However, at present, the bridge has a weight limit of 10 tonne – significantly reducing heavy vehicle access on Muanu Road.

The aim of the project is to remove the existing bridge structure and replace it with a concrete culvert to withhold the appropriate capacity, increasing access for heavy vehicles. Total project costs are estimated to be approximately \$100,000.

Why did the chicken cross the road...because Council upgraded it!

Recognising the strong poultry industry within the Wakefield region and the economic streams the poultry industry brings, Council will inject over \$575,000 into improving three significant roads surrounding one of the region's largest poultry farms.

Over 8kms of unsealed road will be reconstructed, with some already partially completed, to cater for the heavy vehicles transporting all things associated with operating a poultry farm. The roads are Light River Road, Slaughterhouse Road and Humphrey Road, and are located on the outskirts of Hamley Bridge.

With ideal climate, terrain and infrastructure available, the poultry industry in Wakefield has expanded significantly over the past 10 years and has the potential to expand further. Our region is known for its agricultural activity, producing over 20% of South Australia's agriculture output and up to 40% of the State's poultry output.

The upgrades are being carried out as part of our road maintenance program, which is guided by our Transportation Asset Management Plan. If you wish to view the Plan, visit Council's website at www.wrc.sa.gov.au.

Track our patrol grading online

Council is providing the community with more insight into road maintenance activities under way. People can now follow Council's road (patrol) grading progress using a live, interactive map available through its website (wrc.sa.gov.au). By selecting a road, users can see its grading history, including the last time it was graded, as well as its level of priority - as marked by a category level between 1 (high) to 4 (low).

About 90 per cent of Wakefield's road network is unsealed road; making patrol grading a key activity Council carries out across the region. In a financial year, Council will grade up to 5000kms – so our operators have a great deal of experience and knowledge about grading our roads.

To find out more about patrol grading, view the interactive map and a fact sheet about unsealed roads visit wrc.sa.gov.au/patrolgrading

Recycling right can save big \$\$\$\$

Every tonne of waste destined for landfill attracts a levy for Council, a levy imposed by State Government which has recently increased and is expected to rise up to 40% over the coming years.

The increases will cost Council over an additional \$18,000 per year. For now, Council has decided to absorb the costs rather than distribute it to ratepayers. However, it is critical for residents to do their part and contribute towards lowering the costs by recycling as much as possible – and most importantly, correctly.

This helps Council and its contractors to follow waste disposal regulations stipulated by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

Thankfully, residents are on the right track. Last financial year Council received 62% less landfill waste than the previous financial year.

If you're not sure which bin to use, visit the WhichBin website at www.whichbin.sa.gov.au. Alternatively, contact us at Council and we'll happily provide some guidance.

Removing Roadside Vegetation

Did you know it's illegal to remove or interfere with roadside vegetation unless you have approval from Council?

Before removing roadside vegetation the landowner must consult with the Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board by phoning 8841 3400.

The Landowner must also ensure any weed control activity, including the use of chemicals or spraying, does not interfere with or cause damage to the road reserve, other vegetation or in any way affect the property of any other person.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Council by phoning 8862 0800 or email admin@wrc.sa.gov.au

RECYCLING YES ✓	RECYCLING NO ✗
<p>DAILY NEWS</p> <p>Cardboard and paper</p> <p>REMEMBER: Collapse for space</p> <p>Glass jars and bottles</p> <p>REMEMBER: Don't put recycling in plastic bags</p> <p>REMEMBER: Remove food scraps and liquid</p> <p>Plastic bottles and containers</p> <p>REMEMBER: Crush for space</p> <p>Steel and aluminium cans</p>	<p>Plastic bags</p> <p>Plastic wrapping</p> <p>Packets and wrappers</p> <p>Polystyrene</p> <p>Clothes and shoes</p> <p>Food scraps</p> <p>Electronic items</p> <p>Household items</p> <p>Wood</p> <p>Batteries</p>

GARBAGE YES ✓	GARBAGE NO ✗
<p>Small household items</p> <p>Food scraps</p> <p>Packets and wrappers</p> <p>Plastic bags and wrapping</p> <p>Nappies</p> <p>Polystyrene</p> <p>Styrofoam</p>	<p>Recyclables</p> <p>Garden organics</p> <p>Building materials</p> <p>Car batteries</p> <p>Batteries</p> <p>TV's and computers</p> <p>Large household items</p> <p>Light bulbs</p>

GARDEN ORGANICS YES ✓	GARDEN ORGANICS NO ✗
<p>REMEMBER: Not over 8cm diameter</p> <p>Branches, prunings and weeds</p> <p>REMEMBER: No plastic bags!</p> <p>Bark and leaves</p> <p>Grass clippings</p> <p>Flowers</p>	<p>Plastic Bags</p> <p>Food scraps</p> <p>Garden pots</p> <p>Soil</p> <p>Hoses</p> <p>Building material</p> <p>Animal waste</p> <p>Tree trunks (over 8cm diameter)</p> <p>Over 8cm</p>

Official Opening

FREE EVENT

FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER @ 4PM APEX PARK, BALAKLAVA

Sounds of the Ground Nature Playground



Australia Day

Citizen of the year Awards

Nominate now!

www.citizenoftheyear.com.au

2018 Award Winners



Citizen of the Year Awards allow us to recognise individuals who put in effort to make our community a better place.

Do you know somebody who makes a real difference in our community?

Perhaps you know someone in your local sporting club or social club who deserves recognition for their hard work.

Last time round, Council celebrated an outstanding honour for its Australia Day Community Event of the Year selection, when the Owen Rope 4 Hope initiative won the State level of the awards. It is the second year in a row the Owen community has won the accolade with the SA Country Women's Association's event Plains on a Plate the recipients in 2018.

Was there an amazing community event this year that deserves some recognition? If you do know someone who fits the bill, please visit citizenoftheyear.com.au/nominate

Know of somebody who has made a real difference to your community?

Nominations close Friday 22 November 2019

We are seeking nominations for three different categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year.

Citizen of the Year nominees must be over the age of 30 and Young Citizen Award under 30.

Let's keep in touch

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Your Quarterly Cut-Out

3 month bin collection

October						
Sun	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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December						
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29	30	31				



Our waste depot opening times

Owen
386 Pinery Road

Wednesday
10am - 11am

Saturday
9am - 11am

Sunday
11am - 12pm

Port Wakefield
150 Shrike Road

Thursday
10am - 11am

Saturday
10am - 12pm

Sunday
9am - 10am

Everard
1060 Hancock Road

Tuesday
9am - 11am

Saturday
9am - 11am

Sunday
9am - 11am

Christmas & New Year Kerbside Bin Collection Dates

- 25 Dec collected on Fri 27 Dec
- 26 Dec collected on Fri 27 Dec
- 1 Jan collected Thurs 2 Jan
- 2 Jan collected Fri 3 Jan