

Council Newsletter

Winter 2018

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Communicating clearly with all stakeholders in Council is the most important way to provide good services to our community. Elected Members' talking with ratepayers; staff giving advice to ratepayers and visitors; community organisations and business owners talking with Elected Members and Council staff; ensures everyone is listening.

During our four year term from 2014 to 2018, it has been very apparent to me that every single Councillor has listened well to all aspects within their role in Local Government. No doubt you have seen in the media or have noticed local banners advertising the fact that South Australian Elections for all 68 Councils will be held this coming November. I would encourage anyone to give this idea of community involvement serious consideration. It is rewarding, engaging and will challenge all aspects of your ability and passion for your District, so why not have the courage to put forward your nomination.

Budget considerations for 2018/19 are now completed. We have prioritised projects throughout our districts, with a big emphasis on increasing unsealed road renewal from 12 kilometres in 2017/18 to 20 kilometres in the next 12 months. Council has adopted a "rip-and-reform" method as part of its road maintenance in areas where roads have sufficient rubble base, but require significant upgrading of the unsealed surface.

I encourage you all to take the time to read Barunga West Council's Annual Business Plan, as adopted at the 2018 June Council Meeting.

I believe with continued debt reduction and ongoing loan schedule repayment, our Council is in a sound financial position. This places us in a position whereby we can resource loans if required, to match grant funds for any large scale strategic project which arises at a future date.

I trust your favourite football team is performing well this season. Keep cheering them on, even in the gloomy times!! I must admit that I enjoy relaxing by the fire with a good book (even though sometimes it does include Council Agendas!!) Anyone is most welcome to come along to our monthly Council meetings, scheduled at either our Port Broughton or Bute Council Chamber, to learn more of our discussions, activities and outcomes.

With best wishes,
Mayor Cynthia Axford

Council Elections 2018 Supplementary Voting Roll

Did you know that you can vote in our Council Elections even if you don't live here? If you are one of the following;

- a sole owner/occupier of rateable property
- a landlord for rateable property
- an organisation/business owner or occupier of rateable property

You can be included on our supplementary roll, contact Council to find out more.

Cut off date for enrollments is **August 10 2018**

Please provide any written comments to Council via email, our website, fax or post to:

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Port Broughton SA 5522
Phone: 08 8635 2107
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email: barunga@barungawest.sa.gov.au

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PO Box 3
Port Broughton
SA 5522

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Bute SA 5560
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NOMINATE
 by 12 noon Tuesday 18 September 2018



Thinking about becoming a Councillor ?

Election Candidate Information Session

Wednesday September 5th 2018
7:00– 8:00PM, Port Broughton Council Chambers
11 Bay Street, Port Broughton

10 great reasons to become a council member

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1. You care about what's happening in your local community

Consider for a moment how everyday life is improved by the many services that councils provide. Imagine your community without street lighting, rubbish collection, footpaths, libraries, playgrounds and sports club facilities, community halls, senior's services – and the list goes on. Decisions about council services, policies and projects are made by people just like you, who care about what's happening in their local community.

2. It's a great way to develop your knowledge

Councils deal with an enormous range of subjects, from economic development and environmental protection to dog and cat management the list and variety is almost endless. As a Councillor you'll learn about a wide range of topics and the legislative and budgetary frameworks that sit around them.

3. You want to contribute to your community

As you learn about council business and develop your knowledge of council meeting procedures, you'll have the opportunity to contribute to the (often robust) discussions in chamber and build further in terms of your confidence in your public speaking and debating skills by representing your community.

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4. You want to provide a voice for your age group/cultural group/gender

Like other levels of government and most of our social institutions, councils are typically made up of older 'anglo' males. They are knowledgeable and experienced and more often than not, nominate for council, however to achieve a greater diversity similar to our communities we encourage people of different ages, genders, cultures and backgrounds to step up and make themselves heard on council. We believe this is the best way to ensure a broad range of views are represented on council.

5. You're sick of watching from the sidelines

Are you one of the silent majority growing increasingly frustrated with the state of politics as you watch from the sidelines? Councils are the closest level of government to the community, so stop shouting at the TV and nominate for council instead!

6. You've got great ideas to contribute

Think you know how things could be better? Being closer to the community, councils are more agile and responsive to community needs than other levels of government and have a record of implementing innovative new ideas.

7. It's a nice addition to your CV

Community service (tick). Broad range of knowledge (tick). Ability to put forward a cogent argument (tick). Understanding of political systems and processes (tick). Ability to work constructively in a team environment (tick). What aspiring executive wouldn't want to add a stint on council to their CV?

8. You'll meet interesting people

As a Councillor you'll represent the residents in your council ward – and that means you'll get to meet a few of them! You'll also work closely with your fellow Councillors and council staff.

9. It's a way of making a meaningful and lasting contribution

You'll play an important part in the ongoing life and development of your community. In years to come you'll be able to say things like "I had a role in getting that new sports centre built" or "I helped get that program started to support our migrant community".

10. Your chance to make a difference

The workings of Council are often criticised due to lack of knowledge of what legislation governs how councils run and what can and can't be resolved during a council meeting. Councils can be quite complex and a challenge to some. However, there is training available to those newly elected and support systems in place to help ease the way. Ask most Councillors they'll say it can be a challenge however helping make a difference in their communities makes it all worthwhile. Use this opportunity to get out and make a difference! Nominate for council.

Contact Council for further information or visit or visit our website www.barungawest.sa.gov.au

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Participating in your
 local council election is
 one of the most direct
 ways you can make a
 difference to everyday
 life in your community.

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**EVERY
 DAY.**



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ENROL

by 5pm Friday 10 August 2018



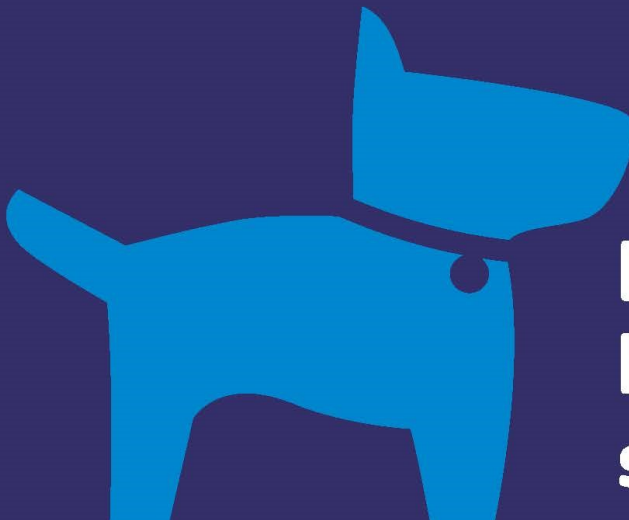
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by 12noon
 Tuesday 18 September 2018



VOTE

must be received before 5pm
 Friday 9 November 2018



**Dog registration
has been
simplified ...**

Changes to dog and cat laws from 1 July 2018.

Dogs and Cats Online will be the central database for microchipped and registered dogs and cats*, registration payments and breeder registration.

New laws require dogs and cats to be microchipped and desexed. Exemptions apply.

To enter or update your dog or cat's information, visit dogsandcatsonline.com.au

For more information on dog management in SA, visit gooddogsa.com.au

**DOG AND CAT
BOARD**

*if applicable

Desexing

Dogs and cats born after the 1 July must be desexed by 6 months of age or 28 days after purchase by the owner. Working livestock dogs as well as dogs and cats owned by registered breeders will be exempt from the requirement to desex, however will still need to be microchipped.

Dogs and Cats Online

From 1 July 2018, Dogs and Cats Online will be the central database for microchipped and registered dogs and cats and registration payments. Dogs and Cats Online will also be the register of breeders. Existing dog owners should receive a renewal notice in the mail during July 2018 with their dog's new lifetime registration disc (replacing the annual disc) and instructions on how to complete their annual dog registration on Dog and Cats Online. If you do not receive a renewal notice for your dog, please contact your council.

Microchipping

From 1 July, owners must microchip their dogs and cats by 12 weeks of age or at the point of sale. Veterinarians may exempt an animal for medical reasons. Owners are encouraged to take advantage of the numerous discount microchipping days throughout the state. Visit chipblitz.com for upcoming dates, locations and to make a booking. Alternatively, contact your local vet.

* Please note Barunga West Council will not be requiring cats to be registered for the 2018/19 year.

**Dog & Cat laws beginning 1 July 2018
require all dogs and cats to be microchipped.
This includes older dogs and cats.**



Microchipping

Unless your pet has a mobile phone, we suggest a microchip!

ONLY \$10

www.chipblitz.com

PORT BROUGHTON 27 June
Port Broughton Community Hall

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you by



Government of South Australia
Dog and Cat Management Board



1.00pm to 8.00pm

Go to chipblitz.com to make a booking.

Any enquires please call Barunga West Council 8635 2107

GAZANIA FREE BARUNGA WEST?

Gazania is that colourful flowering plant which is beginning to colonise along roadsides, in farming and grazing land and on beaches in South Australia and beyond. It has daisy like flowers in vivid yellow and orange, flowers during Spring and seeds profusely. It is now a declared weed in South Australia, and prohibited from sale.



Gazania overtakes and chokes out native vegetation. It flourishes in sunny positions and dry and poor soil, so many areas of South Australia are now being overtaken by Gazania as conditions are perfect for its growth. If you have Gazania on your farm or in your garden, it is advisable to remove the plants and destroy them.

Native alternatives to Gazania in your garden could be, (*Brachyscome multifida*) Cut Leaf Daisy, *Rhagodia spinescens* (Spiny Saltbush), *Rhagodia parabolica* (Mealy Saltbush), *Scaevola* (Fanflower), *Goodenia ovata* (Sticky Goodenia), *Correa pulchella* (Salmon Correa) or *Eremophila glabra* (Tar Bush). These plants will attract birds and butterflies to your garden and should be available through your local plant nurseries or native plant supplier.

Photo Competition- Get your photo featured in Council's 2018/19 Annual Report!

We are looking for the best sunset photos from each town in the Council area. The best photos from each town will be chosen by Council to be included in our report (with photography credited). Entries can be emailed to barunga@barungawest.sa.gov.au or via our Facebook page. Please include your details and the location the photo was taken. Good luck! Competition will run from **July 1st to August 31st 2018**.

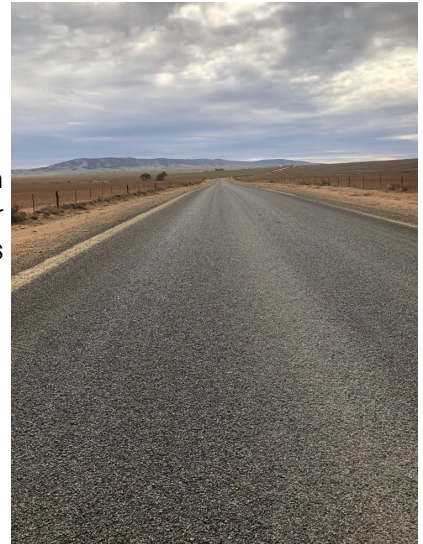


INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES UPDATE

Mail Road Progress

In 2017 Council worked with Wakefield Regional Council to secure grant funding through the Special Local Roads Program 2017/2018 for the sealing of segments of Mail Road from the Copper Coast Highway to Beaufort Road at South Hummocks. Both Council's were successful in attaining grant funding and works have been progressing.

Barunga West segments of road have been sealed and works will be completed with guide posts, line-marking etc. in association with Wakefield Regional Council in the near future.



Bute Post Office Boxes

Council staff have coordinated the replacement of 132 post office boxes at the Bute Post Office. Works were completed promptly, with little disruption to normal mail delivery. The remaining boxes will be replaced at a future time.



2018/19 Council Community Grants

The Council has allocated \$30,000 in 2018/19 for the purposes of Community Grants. **Applications will open on Monday July 2nd**

2018. We invite applications from any group in the Council area for grant funding to a maximum of \$5,000 for a specific project.

Applications will **close at 12 noon on Friday August 17th 2018.** All applications must be submitted on a prescribed form, which can be collected from the Council offices, or downloaded directly from Council's website www.barungawest.sa.gov.au. For more information contact Lucy Gale, ph: 86352107 or email: barunga@barungawest.sa.gov.au

Rinse them out, round them up and run them in.

drum MUSTER is the national program for the collection and recycling of empty, cleaned, non-returnable metal and plastic agvet chemical containers.



Bookings to dispose of chemical containers through Council's drumMuster can be made through Council on 8635 2107. An agreed time will be made with trained Council staff.

CONTAINERS CANNOT BE DROPPED OFF AT WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS WITH NO PRIOR BOOKING.

For drums to be eligible for collection they must be:

Free of chemical residue (some stains may be accepted)

Be clean, dry and have lids removed

Containers carrying the drumMUSTER logo only, will be accepted.

Working together for a safer environment.

For more information visit www.drummuster.com.au

Business and Household Storm Emergency Preparedness

The Bureau of Meteorology forecast a **25% chance of exceeding median rainfall** for this coming wet weather season. The chance of consistent rain is unlikely, accompanied with warmer winter days and nights.

However, the forecast is, when it does rain, it could rain heavily.

This type of rainfall can be damaging. All business and homeowners are encouraged to plan for and prepare their properties for this type of event.

There are 8 things that you can do now to prepare your business or home and reduce the potential damage caused by severe rain events.

- secure or store items that could blow around in strong winds
- clean your gutters, down pipes and drains regularly to prevent blockages, and manage overflows
- trim trees and branches that could potentially fall on your home or property
- fix any damage to your roof, including broken or missing tiles
- check your insurance policy is current and adequate
- make an emergency plan for your family/business, outline what you would do in an emergency
- prepare an emergency kit with essential items
- check local media for information, updates and advice

An emergency plan can consist of

- Contact details of household members, friends and neighbours, contacts at work or school, emergency services, medical, insurance services and council.
- A record of where main switches for electricity, gas and water are located
- How and who will look after each other
- Animal safety and security, for farm animals look at **PIRSA** *animal safety in emergencies* webpage
- Identify where the high ground is to move stock or equipment
- Protect the irreplaceable, plan which personal items you will move, how and at what point.
- Recovery process – what will you or your business need, to recover from such an event. Eg generators, extension leads, gas cylinders etc.
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Prevention, Preparedness, Response and Recovery (PPR&R)

Prevention – something undertaken before and event. (building maintenance)

Preparedness – making arrangements, talking to your family and workers

Response – assistance and intervention during an event

Recovery – the process of restoration of emotional, social and physical wellbeing.

Council encourages the community to be ready for emergency events before they occur.

WHAT'S ON

Please read the calendar below for “What’s On” at Barunga West Council

Port Broughton parkrun

7:45am for 8am start **every Saturday morning** at Port Broughton Foreshore Bus Park (200m north of Jetty)

June	Event	Time	Location
9th & 10th	Family Fishing competition Contact PB Sailing club: pbsbc@hotmail.com	10am	Port Broughton Foreshore
9th-11th	Maritime Art Exhibition		Port Broughton Town Hall
12th	Council Meeting	7PM	Port Broughton Council Chambers
27th	\$10 Microchipping www.chipblitz.com for bookings		Port Broughton Town Hall

July	Event	Time	Location
10th	Council Meeting	7PM	Port Broughton Council Chambers

August	Event	Time	Location
10th	Last day to enroll to vote in Council Elections 2018		
14th	Council Meeting	7PM	Bute Council Chambers

OFFICE HOURS

Port Broughton

Monday– Friday 8:30AM—5:00PM

Bute

Monday– Friday 9AM—5:00PM

* please note financial transactions cannot be done after 4:45PM at Bute

Port Broughton & Bute Waste Disposal Sites

PORT BROUGHTON: Dale Road, Port Broughton SA 5522

BUTE: Barunga Gap Road, Bute SA 5560



Port Broughton Opening Hours

Sunday..... 9.00am to 12.00pm
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Thursday..... 9.00am to 12.00pm

Bute Opening Hours

Sunday..... 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Wednesday..... 3.00pm to 5.00pm

Please be advised that ALL Waste Disposal Sites will be closed on Total Fire Ban days.

Both sites charge a range of fees depending on quantities and efforts are made to recycle as many products as possible.