

Council Newsletter

Spring 2018

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

"Welcome" to the Spring edition of the quarterly Newsletter for Barunga West Council! Spring certainly is in the air. The crops are starting to turn golden and the sleepy lizards are out and about whilst the bees are busy seeking out flowers in our gardens.

This is **my final edition writing a Message as Mayor** for the Newsletter. I acknowledge my team of Elected Members and thank them for their time and dedication to Council over the past four years. Local Government can throw up many challenges but it is how we handle these challenges that define our success as a well balanced cohesive voice for all our ratepayers. We have worked well with our CEO Andrew Cole and Council staff, to provide great progressive outcomes throughout all districts within our regional Council area.

I have accepted a further two year term as a **Board Member of the Yorke Peninsula Tourism Committee**, representing the area of Barunga West. Volunteers rostered in the Port Broughton Visitor Information Centre provide a great service to our community and we appreciate their time and dedication. I invite anyone who has any tourism ideas to come forward and share them with me as we strive to attract more visitors to our area. We have so much to offer to holiday makers who are looking for relaxing experiences with their children and grand children, or alternatively, by themselves. All caravan parks around Barunga West are showcasing a wide variety of options whilst facilities are being upgraded and expanded each year.

The variety of recent applications for \$30,000 in **2018 Council Community Grants** have increased substantially, since their inception some five years ago.

Councillors considered all applications at length and were satisfied that the decisions made will assist significantly with worthwhile projects initiated by many volunteer groups within the District. I congratulate all groups for participating in such worthwhile community projects.

The recent **opening of the Barunga Village building expansion** is acknowledged as such a significant asset to Port Broughton. Marilyn Hewett and Maureen Coffey are to be congratulated for their visionary leadership in this building project. The provision of such a world class Aged Care Facility encompassing the Butterfly House attracts interest from all around the state. The precinct including our excellent Medical Centre and Hospital nearby, is envied by many small (and not so small) towns.

We have twelve nominations for the **upcoming Council elections**. I encourage all ratepayers to take the time to complete your voting forms so that you can have your say on who represents the Barunga West Council. I wish those successful Elected Members every success in your endeavours over your four year term as Councillors, **from 2018 – 2022.**

Kindest regards to you all for the future.
Mayor Cynthia Axford.

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LGA Service awards



Congratulations to our current Councillors who have achieved the following service awards in Local Government during this term of office.

Deputy Mayor Dean Dolling 40 years

Cr Georgie Simmons 20+ years

Cr Leonie Kerley 15+ years

Cr Margaret McDonald 10+ years

Centrepay



Centrepay is a free direct bill-paying service offered to customers receiving payments from Centrelink. Barunga West Council is registered with Centrepay. Just nominate a regular amount that you wish to be deducted from your Centrelink benefit and that amount is then transferred automatically to the Council. To find out more, contact Council, Centrelink or visit

<http://www.humanservices.gov.au/centrepay>

You will need to quote Council's Centrepay Reference Number (CRN) which is 550-120-384C

DrumMUSTER

Rinse them out, round them up and run them in. DrumMUSTER 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 WITHOUT 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.

For more information visit www.drummuster.com.au

- make a difference -

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

-2018-



VOTE

must be received before 5pm
Friday 9 November 2018



Barunga West Council Elections 2018

At the close of nominations at 12 noon on Tuesday 18th September, 12 nominations were received and accepted. There are 9 vacancies to be filled for Barunga West. Voting material will be posted to electors between 22nd October and 26th October. Ballot papers must be completed and returned to reach the returning officer by no later than 5PM Friday 9th of November 2018. A ballot box will be located at council offices for electors who wish to personally deliver their voting material during office hours. The scrutiny and count of ballot papers will be held at the Council chambers at Pt Broughton at 9:00AM Saturday 10th November.

Nominees ;

SCHKABARYN, Tony

MCDONALD, Margaret

LOCKE, Rob

KERLEY, Leonie

EASON, David

BUTTON, Peter

ROWLANDS, Grant

MORRIS, Graham

FURBER, Anne

LOCKYER, Brian

HEWETT, Rebecca

SIMMONS, Georgie

Voting in the 2018 council elections

Voting in council elections is done by post. If you are on the state (House of Assembly) electoral roll or have completed a enrolment to join the supplementary roll, you will receive a voting pack in the mail in late October 2018.

The ballot paper in your voting pack will show the candidates standing for election in your council ward. To find out more about each of the candidates and what they stand for go to www.lga.sa.gov.au/councilelections, then complete your ballot paper and return it in the reply paid envelope.

Votes must be received before 5pm Friday 9 November 2018.

Get involved and make a difference

Local democracy is an important feature of life in Australia, and councils have a far greater influence on communities than most people appreciate. Make a difference by participating in your council election.

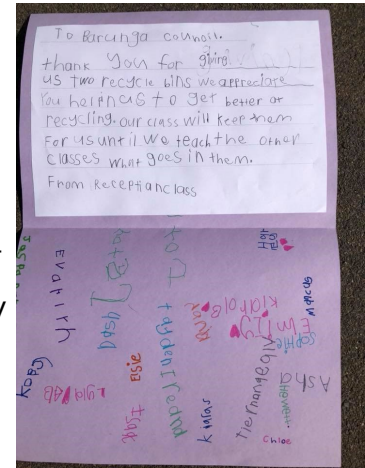
For more information

For more information go to your council website or visit www.lga.sa.gov.au/councilelections

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Port Broughton Area School "War on Waste"

The Port Broughton Area School reception class are learning about recycling and how we can all help to reduce the amount of waste going into landfill. The class wrote a letter to Council asking for some recycling bins of their own to start using. The new bins were presented to the reception class by Barunga West Council CEO, Andrew Cole, at the school in August. A fantastic initiative by these young ones, leading the way on the War on Waste! Well done.



No more single use plastics at Council Events

In keeping in-step with trying to minimise waste where possible, Barunga West Council is making the move away from single use plastics such as plastic cups/plates used at Council functions. This was passed as a motion by Council at the September meeting. We should all be doing our bit to minimise the amount of waste that we create.



REMINDER DOG REGISTRATIONS WERE DUE FRIDAY AUGUST 31st

As of September 1st late payment fees apply.



If you are having any trouble with the new online system feel free to give us a call or drop into the office, someone will be able to help you sort out your registration.

www.dogsandcatsonline.com.au

Bin Etiquette—are you recycling right?

Please ensure that you are correctly using the different bins. Not only does correct recycling help lessen the amount of waste going into landfill each year in Australia, but it also can affect the cost of waste disposal for our Council. Any bin which is contaminated with unsuitable material must then be added to general waste (landfill) instead of being recycled or mulched. This is a cost to both Council and ratepayers which can be avoided by following the simple guide below. At Barunga West Council we are increasing our efforts as a business to minimise our impact on the environment by being more responsible and aware of how our habits can affect the amount of waste we produce. Here's what we aim to do in our workplace, maybe you can try and implement it in yours or in your home to help reduce waste in our Council area !



RED BIN: Soft plastic, food scraps, rags, clothing, aluminum foil, broken glass, polystyrene foam, bubble wrap, nappies

LIME GREEN BIN: Green waste only (i.e. lawn clippings/weeds/ tree trimmings)

DARK GREEN BIN: Newspapers, cardboard, magazines, junk mail, paper, envelopes, egg cartons, phone books, clean pizza boxes

YELLOW BIN: Glass bottles, jars, aerosol cans, hard plastic containers, plastic drink bottles, detergent bottles, juice/milk containers, takeaway coffee lids.

Simple Alternatives to Reduce Waste

- Use a 'Keep Cup' rather than a takeaway cup for your morning coffee
- Pack lunch in a reusable container instead of using gladwrap
- Say "NO" to plastic bags. Get into the habit of carrying a reusable shopping bag
- Cancel unnecessary mail, receive bills electronically
- Stop buying plastic water bottles, please
- Don't use plastic straws
- Use the kitchen cutlery rather than plastic knives and forks
- Print in black and white, also double sided when possible
- Reuse office items such as packaging, boxes and stationery items



EMERGENCY KIT

Checklist

Use this checklist to tick off the items as you put your emergency kit together



Equipment connected over the nbn™ access network will not work during a power blackout.

Make sure you have a battery powered radio and your mobile phone is fully charged.

Having an emergency kit ready to go can help you save precious time if you have to leave in a hurry.

My emergency kit has

- ☐ battery powered radio with spare batteries
- ☐ torch with spare batteries
- ☐ first aid kit
- ☐ candles and waterproof matches
- ☐ important papers including emergency contact numbers
- ☐ a copy of my Home Emergency Plans. Download a template from ses.sa.gov.au
- ☐ waterproof bag for valuables.

Other items to pack

- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

Keep it on the fridge once completed and use it to remind yourself to check/restock your kit.

We will add these items when we are ready to leave

- ☐ mobile phone and charger
- ☐ prescriptions and medications
- ☐ toiletries
- ☐ clothing and strong shoes
- ☐ non-perishable food and drinking water
- ☐ anything special you need for other family members.

If you have pets don't forget leads, food and bowls too.

Useful tips

- keep your emergency kit in a waterproof storage container
- check and restock items regularly (e.g. use-by dates on batteries)
- keep a list of emergency numbers near your phone or on your fridge.

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For life threatening emergency
Triple zero (000)

For emergency assistance
132 500

For more information
1800 362 361
ses.sa.gov.au

Are you prepared for a natural disaster?

Thousands of South Australians and their animals are affected by emergencies every year that can happen at any time and affect anyone.

The South Australian State Emergency Service (SES) is a volunteer-based organisation that responds to a wide range of emergencies and rescues across the state 24-hours a day, seven days a week, 365-days a year. Our volunteers do amazing work, however in times of disasters they may not be able to get to everyone who needs help immediately.

This information flyer aims to assist you and your family to consider what emergencies your area may be prone to and how to plan, prepare and recover after the event.

The following emergencies may affect you and your household. Tick the ones you know might happen in your area:

- ☐ Bushfire
- ☐ Extreme heat
- ☐ Storms with damaging winds and hail
- ☐ Earthquake
- ☐ Power, gas or mains water outages
- ☐ Animal disease (e.g. Foot and mouth disease)
- ☐ Plant disease (e.g. Karnal Bunt)
- ☐ Floods
- ☐ Coastal or tidal surge

Assistance to prepare your Home Emergency Plan can be sourced from the following websites:

- **Home Emergency Plans:**
sa.gov.au/topics/emergencies-and-safety/prepare-for-an-emergency/emergency-plan
- **Red Cross:** redcross.org.au/prepare
- **CFS Bushfire plan:**
cfs.sa.gov.au/site/prepare_for_a_fire/5_minute_bushfire_plan.jsp

To assist in your Emergency Management Planning, the following list provides questions to consider:

- ☐ Do you have appropriate and adequate insurance cover?
- ☐ Have you considered making a Home Emergency Plan?
- ☐ Who will you include in the plan? Family, pets, neighbours, grandparents, children etc.
- ☐ What will you do if some of you are not home?
- ☐ Consider when to evacuate during flood, storm, bushfire or other emergencies.
- ☐ Where will you evacuate to? Meeting place near home, meeting place away from home.
- ☐ Can you keep your business going during and after a disaster? (go to sa.gov.au/emergencies-and-safety/ for more information)
- ☐ Have you prepared an emergency kit? Refer to the checklist on the reverse side of this flyer to help you prepare in advance for an emergency situation.

Disasters happen - don't think if, think when!

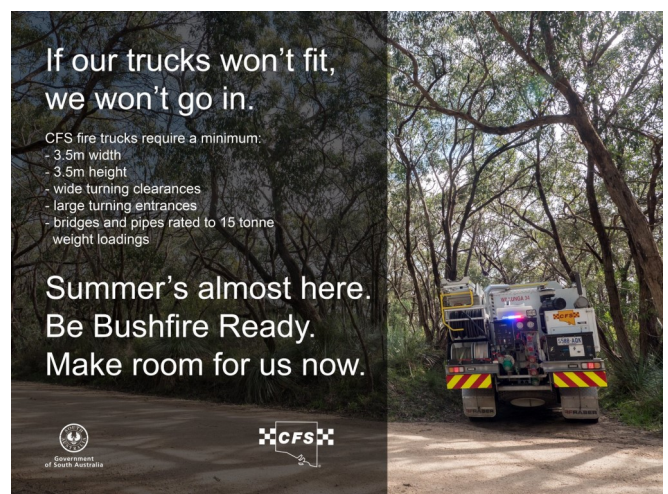


Block clearing

Now is the time to arrange for the clearing and mowing of any blocks located in and adjoining townships. Council emphasizes the importance of undertaking necessary fire prevention measures for the safety of your family, pets and property. Preparation of your property (or vacant block) includes but is not limited to the following:

- Cut grass (to approx. 10cm / 4 inches) within 20 metres of all buildings
- Cut grass (to approx. 10cm / 4 inches) within 5 metres of all structures
- Remove dead branches, leaves and undergrowth from around your home
- Prune tree limbs less than two metres above ground
- Prune branches overhanging your home
- Remove bark, heavy mulch, wood piles and any other flammable materials close to your home and sheds
- Clean out your gutters
- Spark Proofing your home
- Vacant Blocks shall be cut to a maximum height of 10cm to ensure compliance

Burning Green Waste is NOT permitted within Township Boundaries. Please use your Green Waste bin or Dispose of your green waste at the Waste Transfer Station in Port Broughton or Bute where there is no fee for the disposal of Green Waste. Visit Council's website to find services available for Block Clearing & Mowing



Fire danger season

Dates for the 2018-19 fire danger season are yet to be confirmed, please keep an eye out of the CFS website, newspapers and council website for start dates.

Broadacre/Paddock Management adjoining township properties

Please ensure a fire-break is in place for all properties located adjoining township properties. To ensure the safe management and compliance of broadacre paddocks boundary management:

- a **5 metre firebreak** is required for paddocks adjoining township properties; or
- a wider fire breaks around township boundaries, that may be up to **10m in width depending upon specific local circumstances.**

Where clarification is required, contact Council's Fire Prevention Officer on 08 8635 2107.

Work zone Safety

At Council the health and safety of all of our staff is paramount, particularly that of our 'outside' staff who are at a greater risk.

Working on our roads can be a dangerous environment, our workers are exposed to a range of potential risks every day. We want our staff members to safely return home from work to their families at the end of the day. So please, be aware of our workers and be considerate of their health & safety.



Road works within Council Area– Work zone Traffic Management

There are at any time throughout the year a number of works happening around the council area, within townships and on sheeted roads. Safety is paramount for the general public and Council workers to safeguard scheduled works are completed promptly, efficiently and safely.

Please observe all posted signs, reduction in speed limits, and the whereabouts of workers. Obey the speed limits and restrictions when driving past Council workers.

This will ensure your safety when near a work site and the safety of Council workers.

Spraying crops near road sides

When spraying crops please keep an eye out for and be aware of people working on roadsides in the area. When possible, you can contact Council if you know you will be spraying an area that is being worked on, we can advise staff in the area to be aware to minimise their exposure to chemicals.



Snake Season - be aware, not afraid!

The best remedy for snakes is not to have them in your space; you can achieve this by keeping your yard free of tall grass, and remove any pieces of equipment or debris which can act as a home for a snake. Never attempt to kill or touch a snake – it will leave the area of its own accord. Snakes do not attack unless they are unable to escape. Be aware of snakes on cooler days during summer as they are more likely to be out moving around on these days rather than hot sunny ones, they can't handle the heat of a 40°C day either! If you suspect you (or your child or pet) have been bitten by a snake, don't hesitate! Apply first aid immediately and head for the nearest emergency room. If you come across a snake, stay still and calm—the snake will soon get out of your way!

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)

September	Event	Time	Location
30th	Seaside Markets	10am –2pm	Pt Broughton Foreshore
	Rubber Duck Race	from 11am	Pt Broughton Foreshore
	Outdoor Movie night “Storm Boy”	6:30pm	Pt Broughton Foreshore

October	Event	Time	Location
9th	Council Meeting	7PM	Pt Broughton Council Chambers

November	Event	Time	Location
9th	Close of voting –Council Elections	5:00pm	Bute Council Chambers
20th	Council Meeting	7PM	

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

Monday..... 9.00am to 12.00pm

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.