

Barunga West News



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Joint People's Choice Winner
Uniquely Barunga Art Exhibition



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What's on around the Top of the Yorke



Port Broughton Foreshore
Good Friday

Broughton Seaside Markets

Port Broughton Foreshore
Easter Saturday,
Sunday of
October Long
Weekend

Port Broughton December

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Show 'n' Shine

Port Broughton Foreshore
Last Sunday
in May

New Year's Eve 2022

Port Broughton Foreshore



To find out more about any of these events, visit Council at Port Broughton or Bute offices, visit our website or find us on social media.

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Welcome

to Barunga West Council's inaugural biannual newsletter.

With so much happening in the district, Council has decided to distribute a newsletter to all ratepayers at least twice a year.

Council will continue to publish monthly District Updates in the Yorke Peninsula Country Times and the Flinders News along with information in the Port Broughton Echo. Council also updates its notice boards in all townships on a regular basis.

Council will continue to publish news via its Facebook page and website.

If you have any questions or want further information about any of the information or council services and projects outlined in this newsletter you can call Council on **8635 2107** or visit the Port Broughton or Bute offices.

What's happening? – a snapshot

There is a lot happening in Barunga West over the next 12-18 months with Council overseeing millions in capital investment and construction.

The multi-million dollar program will see an influx of workers to the Top of the Yorke, and will position Barunga West Council townships to attract more residents and holidaymakers.

Over \$5 million of State and Federal Government funding secured by Council through grants, subsidies programs and annual financial assistance contributions is funding some of the capital construction program.

Fisherman Bay infrastructure is being funded by \$20 million of private sector investment secured by Council through an Infrastructure Deed with Fisherman Bay Management.

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Projects include:



\$3 million upgrade to Port Broughton's wastewater plant to enable it to treat sewage and reuse wastewater from Fisherman Bay

\$20 million of infrastructure including coastal protection measures, storm water measures, a wastewater collection network and road works at Fisherman Bay

\$150,000 upgrade to Edmund Street, Port Broughton

\$350,000 upgrade to Port Broughton's Civic Square and signage at Kulpara

\$92,814 to improve stormwater management in Mundoora's main street

\$234,800 to resurface playing courts at Bute, Port Broughton and Alford

\$45,000 for sand replenishment and revegetation works at Port Broughton's foreshore

\$275,000 for a fishing pontoon at the Port Broughton jetty

\$260,469 for public amenities at the Port Broughton boat ramp

\$250,000 for revitalising Bute's Outdoor Play Spaces

\$1,176,494 for upgrades to Ninnes Road

\$1,500,000 to upgrade Bute CMWS and storm water re-use project

\$1,200,000 Tourism and Events Facility

Save these dates



Council is continuing its efforts to sponsor or deliver a range of events for the community and visitors to the area for the remainder of the year including:

15 April 2022
Feast on the Foreshore

16 April 2022
Broughton Easter Seaside Markets

29 May 2022
Show'n' Shine

2 October 2022
Broughton October Long Weekend Seaside Markets

Dates to be confirmed
Christmas Festival (including Pageant, Santa Cave and Street Festival)

31 December 2022
New Year's Eve celebrations including fireworks



Explorers of the Barunga West area could soon see walking trails expanded and upgraded, with Council receiving and releasing a new *Barunga West Recreational Trails Strategy* for public consultation.

If approved, the strategy would see the improvement of a number of walking trails in the region as well as the introduction of new trails, creating a network of interconnecting trails across the Top of the Yorke and beyond.

The aim of the Recreational Trails Strategy is to identify and assess the trails in our region, many of which are due for an upgrade.

Well maintained walking trails allow visitors to our area to explore everything the Top of the Yorke has to offer, to discover townships they may not have otherwise visited and to connect with nature. They also play a role in improving the health and wellbeing of local residents.

The Barunga West Recreational Trails Strategy 2022-27 recommends a number of improvements regarding existing trails in the region, including:

- Improved promotion of trails across Council and tourism assets;
- Introduction or upgrades to signage;
- Review and improvement of trail surfaces; and
- Identify opportunities to value add such as viewing platforms or board walks.

Additionally, several exciting potential new trails have been identified across various townships and beyond, with a view to designing an interesting and beneficial trail system.

Council is now seeking community input regarding the trails, with a view to learning more about how best to showcase the area's natural features, vegetation, flora and fauna, history, culture and more.

The Recreational Trails Strategy is available online and from Council offices at Port Broughton and Bute.

Ratepayers are welcome to provide feedback via email, written submission or verbally (phone or face to face). The consultation period has been extended until the end of April.

Main Streets Master Plan

Council has released a Master Plan for its main streets. The Master Plan is the result of over 12 months of planning and community engagement undertaken by the Council in partnership with planners, engineers and landscape consultants.

The Master Plan includes concepts for main streets in Alford, Bute, Port Broughton, Fisherman Bay, Mundoora, Kulpara and Tickera.

The total estimated cost for the upgrades of the proposed plans and solution is \$12.75 million.

Council will need to upgrade its main streets over a long period of time and will pursue grant funding from the State and Federal Governments to help fund the overall program of works.

Our main streets have not received any major investment over several decades, and that's

why the estimated cost associated with upgrading them is so high.

Staff are recommending approximately \$319,000 be allocated each year in Council's Long Term Financial Plan towards main street projects.

Council has allocated \$350,000 for main streets in the 2021/22 Annual Business Plan and has released plans how some of this money will be spent on a proposed Civic Square upgrade.

A Community Update and the Main Streets Master Plan report is available online and from Council offices at Port Broughton and Bute.

Ratepayers are welcome to provide feedback to Council about the Master Plan via email, written submission or verbally (phone or face to face). The consultation period has been extended until the end of April.

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Interested in Council Business?

Did you know Council livestreams its monthly meetings? You can watch Council debates and decisions from the comfort of your own home. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month from 6pm.

Livestreaming of Council meetings can be accessed through the link provided on Council's Facebook page within the event posting of the meeting.

www.facebook.com/DCBarungaWest/events

Alternatively, the livestreaming links are also available on Council's Website:

www.barungawest.sa.gov.au/council/council-meeting-recordings

If you missed the meeting or wish to view it again, recordings of Council meetings are available for up to 7 days following the meeting date by using the link below to Council's YouTube Channel – search 'Barunga West Council' on **youtube.com**



We can't wait to see construction commence on these major projects that will shape the future of Fisherman Bay.

Construction on the Council-led expansion and upgrade of the existing Port Broughton Community Wastewater Treatment System is well underway, having commenced in November 2021. Council secured a \$3 million subsidy from the State Government for this project.

Works to construct a rising main, funded by Fisherman Bay Management, connecting the system to the Fisherman Bay township began in early February and are continuing at pace.

Contract negotiations for major construction works at Fisherman Bay are close to being finalised, with Council working alongside Fisherman's Bay Management (FBM) to finalise the construction designs.

With designs for the township's new wastewater collection system, upgraded roads, new stormwater system and coastal protection measures essentially completed, Fisherman Bay Management is in the final stages of negotiating construction contracts for the project.

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We look forward to sharing a final construction timeline with residents once Fisherman Bay Management finalise a construction contract and to seeing the townships receive the essential infrastructure it needs.

The process of issuing freehold titles to Fisherman Bay residents is well underway, with four of eighteen stages now delivered, and stage five currently underway.

Ninnes Road improvements

Over \$1 million of upgrade works on Ninnes Road is near completion.

The works involved the construction and widening of approximately one kilometre of the road to address safety issues associated with rutting and surface failure, and shoulder sealing along more than 5 kilometres.

The road is an important freight (general and commodity) and tourist route for those travelling

between the Top of the Yorke to the Clare region accommodating up to 1,200 vehicles per day.

It is also the only Port Wakefield bypass route available for those travelling from Yorke Peninsula to Adelaide.

The project was made possible through the Local Government Infrastructure Partnership Program where Barunga West Council, along with Copper Coast and Yorke Peninsula Councils was successful in securing

support of \$2,566,227 towards the total project cost of \$5,230,8244 for the Upgrade of Regional Commodity and Freight Roads across the Yorke Peninsula. Barunga West Council's share of the grant funding was \$588,247.

From a Council perspective, this is one of the largest grants we have successfully applied for and secured to date. It's great to see the work will be finished on time and within budget.

Road Grading 2022

Council's Patrol Grader works six days a week throughout the year, Sunday to Friday, grading category 2 & 3 roads in the first circuit, then within the second circuit grades category 2, 3 & 4 roads.

Definition of road categories is available on Council's website – search Road Assessment Methodology.

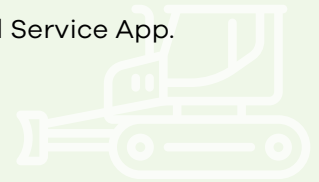
The grader is currently located in the Alford area, progressing towards Willamaluka and Thomas Plains.

Thereafter grading will progress in the direction of Kulpara, Melton, South Hummocks, Ninnes, Bute, Wokurna, Port Broughton, Mundoora, Clements Gap, Fisherman Bay, Ward Hill and Tickera.

Council constantly monitor roads, with areas of concern inspected and attended to in the most suitable manner; taking into consideration road priority, finance and proximity of plant.

Any concerns relating to Council roads may be reported via:

- email to **barunga@barungawest.sa.gov.au**;
- written letter;
- a Customer request through Council's website;
- either the Port Broughton or the Bute Council office; or
- My Local Service App.



Bute CWMS Recycled Water Upgrade

Council received concerns from the Bute Sporting Club regarding a need to reduce the spiraling water costs and growing necessity to increase water supply to the Bute oval.

In November 2020, Council engaged the services of Wallbridge Gilbert Aztec (WGA), engineers who specialise in Community Waste Management System (CWMS), to assess the feasibility of modifying the existing Bute CWMS scheme to provide recycled water to irrigate the Bute Town Oval. As a result, from the WGA report, the following has been identified:

- The facultative lagoon is not compliant with current Department of Health and Wellbeing (DHW) guidelines.
- The lagoon shows signs of bank erosion and excessive vegetation, which compromises the integrity of the clay lining.
- With no baffling the lagoon is not fit for purpose or for use with the evaporation basin as a form of wastewater management.
- It is no longer functioning as a facultative lagoon, merely a storage lagoon.

Considering these findings, a cost analysis was conducted and presented to the November 2021 council meeting, where Council resolved to remedy the non-compliance and functionality, and deliver recycled water for irrigation purposes. The tender was issued as part of a larger tender undertaken for the Port Broughton Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Upgrade/Expansion providing a cost saving in conjunction with the Port Broughton Storage Lagoon works being undertaken in the first half of 2022.

The stand-alone cost of the water storage and recycling component is circa \$860K on a firm cost tendered, total cost of the project being \$1.5 million. With \$1 million already provided in 2021/22 budget, and a further \$500K in 2022/23, options are available for Council to deal with the 2022/23 budget impact as part of the 2022/23 Annual Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan process.

This investment will future proof the irrigation of the Bute Oval against drought and increased water prices, and provide environmental and social benefits to the entire Bute community and surrounds.



FOGO

Food Organics and Garden Organics Collection



Barunga West Council resolved late last year to transition to a new fortnightly kerbside collection program in 2022, which is to include Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) collection.

All local Councils have a role to play to meet waste management expectations and to achieve higher resource recovery. The most effective and environmentally friendly way of minimising the financial impact on Council and ratepayers is by redirecting general waste and recyclable materials to an appropriate facility to be composted. The introduction of Food Organics & Garden Organics (FOGO) collection has proven, in other Councils, to be an effective method.

The new fortnightly collection will come into effect after June 30 2022;

Comingled Recyclables

- Bin Capacity – 240 litres
- Bin Style – yellow lid/dark green body bin
- Collected – fortnightly

Food Organics and Green Organics

- Bin Capacity – 240 litres
- Bin Style – lime green lid/dark green body bin
- Collected – fortnightly

General Household Waste

- Bin Capacity – 140 Litres
- Bin Style – red lid/dark green body bin
- Collected – fortnightly



The changes will enable residents to utilise the 240 litre lime green bin to dispose of paper, cardboard,

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garden organics and all food scraps. This will significantly improve the percentage of waste being diverted from landfill. The dark green paper and cardboard bin will remain the property of the resident and may be used with a new lid as the FOGO bin where households do not already have a lime green organics bin.

New bin lids printed with up to date information about acceptable materials for each bin, will be delivered to homes and businesses in the lead up to the new program. Residents will also be provided with an 8 litre vented kitchen caddy and compostable liner bags for easy collection of food waste in the home. Educational material will be developed with the assistance of Green Industries SA to be distributed to all residents during the roll out process.

Council is working through the different options available for addressing the waste disposal needs of large retail businesses in our district. Businesses which fall into this category will be contacted for consultation. Other extenuating circumstances will also be considered for options to address the needs of households that produce excess waste through the use of nappies or incontinence products or other medical waste. These provisions will be assessed on a case-by-case basis, and on a 12 monthly review cycle.

Courts

Council has received funding support from the Office of Recreation, Sport and Racing to resurface courts in Bute, Port Broughton and Alford.

Applications were submitted for Mundoora and Thomas Plains which were unfortunately unsuccessful. Council is currently receiving updated quotes for the works and will partner with local sporting clubs to deliver the upgrades.



Bute Outdoor Play Spaces

Council has received a \$250,000 grant from Wellbeing SA to help fund the Connecting Bute's Outdoor Play Spaces project.

This project aims to connect and improve Bute's outdoor play spaces of the Bute Lions Fauna Park, Hummock's Walking Trail, playground and skate park with a new proposed road safety bike track and silo art viewing area. The areas will be connected by a shared walking and pedestrian track. This will encourage more children and families from Bute and surrounding towns to safely be active outside for longer, understand more about the local history of the township and become more connected to their community.

This project has been initiated, driven and led by a passionate group of parents of young children and members of the Bute 2000 Onwards Progress Committee who want to see the centre of their

hometown of Bute become the meeting place for children and families to safely play and be active.

The objectives of the project are to:

- Connect outdoor play spaces with a shared pedestrian and bike path network
- Increase the opportunity for children and families to spend longer being active in Bute by connecting the play spaces with a walking and bike trail.
- Develop new road safety bike track that allows children to practice their bike safety skills in a safe environment
- Upgrade the playground with more nature play elements
- Improve and provide a more efficient irrigation system to ensure green grass for play
- Expose families and children to art through silo art viewing area

Bute Silo Art

The transformation of steel drum silos at Bute into stunning works of art is close to becoming a reality, with Juddy Roller artist Scott Nagy confirmed to commence work from Thursday 24 March 2022.

Weather permitting; the project will take three weeks, allowing for completion by Good Friday. Scott and his assistant will be working hard to meet this timeframe, painting on both weekdays and weekends.

Mayor Leonie Kerley said she could not wait to see the chosen design come to life.

"The final design for the silos was developed based on the community feedback survey Council undertook in August 2021," she said.

"That survey revealed that the highest priorities in the community were lots of colour and elements of local agriculture, flora, and fauna – all of this has been incorporated.

"Of course, art is subjective and there are bound to be a range of opinions on the finished work. What I think we can all agree on is that each silo

will be completely unique to our region and will help to attract visitors to the stunning Top of the Yorke."

The silo art project has been 10 years in the making with the Bute 2000 Onwards Progress Committee working tirelessly to make it happen. Council and the Progress Committee successfully applied for a grant through the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal's Tackling Tough Times Together program in 2021 to fund the project.

Mayor Kerley encouraged residents to get behind the artist and the project, sharing any photos they take, with the Barunga West Council.

"Council will have a time lapse camera recording the progress of the painting, but we would love to see residents out taking photos too as the artwork takes shape," she said.

"Scott is excited about engaging with the local community while he's here, and I know we'll show our support in turn."

Both silos will be painted with the main detail elements on the front, facing the BMX track.

Sand replenishment



This pilot project can be built upon in the future and implemented along the length of the beach from Port Broughton to Fisherman Bay.

At a recent meeting, Barunga West Council Elected Members discussed the future of the shelter located on the beach at the southern side of Port Broughton's jetty. The footings of the shelter have again been eroded due to tidal movement in the bay.

Works were undertaken in 2021 to replenish the sand levels underneath the shelter which lasted less than 2 months before tidal movements re-exposed the footings.

At the March meeting, Elected Members were presented with options in dealing with the shelter including removal from the beach or undertaking an intensive sand replenishment program over the next 12 months which would include replenishment of up to 4 times during the year. The estimated cost for these works is \$36,000.

Council has requested advice from leading South Australian coastal management firm Delta Environmental on how an intense program of beach nourishment can be implemented to mitigate this ongoing issue in an acceptable timeframe.

Council has already been working with Delta Environmental to establish a long-term beach nourishment program along our coastline, designed to protect property owners from erosion in the future. Beach nourishment is the process of adding sand to the beach system to absorb wave energy, to provide amenity in the form of a beach and to provide an

erosion buffer. This is a gradual process usually undertaken over several years.

A natural coastal protection solution is much more amenable to Council and its ratepayers, the level of protection required must be balanced by the effect on visual amenity of the area and access to the beach. Council is mindful of the intricate and delicate coastal ecosystem which is important to our natural environment and must be able to be maintained and supported through all aspects of our work on the foreshore.

In December 2021 David Speirs MP, Minister for Environment and Water announced that Barunga West Council was successful in obtaining \$30,000 under the Regional Coast Protection Grant to begin work with a small-scale pilot project focused on the beach in front of Dalling Street.

This pilot project can be built upon in the future and implemented along the length of the beach from Port Broughton to Fisherman Bay. Council will soon enter into a grant agreement with the Department for Environment and Water and works on the ground will follow.

Council will also be working closely over the coming months with the Coast Protection Board of SA to submit an application to the recently announced federal funding opportunity, 'Coastal & Estuarine Risk Mitigation Program', as part of a state-wide project.



Civic Square Upgrade

Council has released its concept for the revitalisation of the Port Broughton Civic Square, the first of several projects as part of Council’s program to upgrade the district’s main streets.

The concept proposes to transform the area into a modern family-friendly space – a place for reflections, gentle movement, strength and innocent joy.

The concept preserves and strengthens the existing Port Broughton War Memorial with the inclusion of three flagpoles behind the monument, as well as a semi-circular memorial wall on which additional plaques and memorials can be placed.

The redevelopment includes a water play area, otherwise known as a ‘blue space’ where children and the young at heart, can jump, splash and play. This blue space is the first of its kind for the Yorke Peninsula.

The water jets and lights in the blue space have been cleverly designed so they can be used to create water archways behind the monument during special services and ceremonies, such as Anzac Day and Remembrance Day. The concept also provides much more seating and resting areas for locals and visitors to the community.

The concept includes a colour palette that focuses on Port

Broughton’s natural coastal setting as well as materials that can be found locally including jetty timbers, sand and steel, coloured stones and paving.

Structures akin to Jetty timbers also ensure there is a six-metre clearway maintained to and from the jetty for vehicles, at all times.

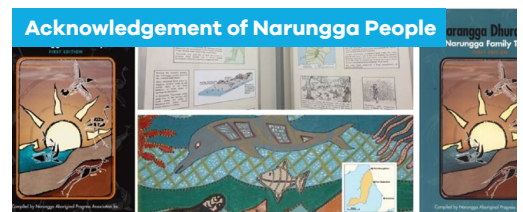
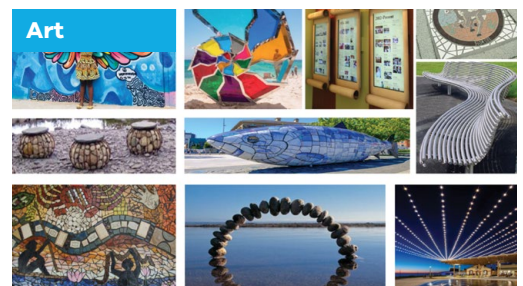
Council is now engaging with the community on the non-technical aspects of the project including public art, landscaping, flags and how ratepayers want to acknowledge the Narungga people in and around the space.

We are seeking feedback from the community about what sort of flag flying they would like to see at the square, in addition to types of landscaping, public art and indigenous content.

The community is being asked to participate in the survey included with this newsletter which you can fill in **online** or complete and **drop into the Council offices** at Port Broughton or Bute.

Staff are seeking tenders for this initial Civic Square concept and will work with the successful contractor to formalise design detail, including relevant changes as a result of community feedback.

See survey questions for completion overleaf >



Civic Square Survey



Please take the time to answer the following questions which will assist Council in finalising their design for the Port Broughton Civic Square. Thank you for participating.

Flags

We are looking to expand the presence of flags as part of Port Broughton's revitalised civic square that will see three flag poles instead of one. We would like your input on which 2 flags should be flown either side of the Australian National Flag in the Civic Square.

1. Which 2 Flags would you like to see flown either side of the Australian National Flag in the Civic Square? (Order of preference 1-4)

- Aboriginal Flag
- Torres Strait Island Flag
- South Australian Flag
- Australian Defence Force Ensigns

Vegetation

Vegetation in and around the Civic Square provides much needed shade and cool areas to sit and relax. The redevelopment of the civic square will not result in any surrounding trees being impacted or removed. The plaza concept proposes more landscaping in larger style garden beds.

2. What kind of landscaping would you like to see?

- Shrubs
 - Grasses
 - Flowers
 - Small trees
 - Coastal drought tolerant species
 - Native plants only
 - Other (please specify)
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Art

Art in and around public spaces, like the civic square, can contribute to a community's sense of place and identity. It can also act as a tourism attraction bringing visitors to the area.

3. Would you like to see public art incorporated within, and part of, the new Civic Square works?

- Yes
- No

4. If Yes, what type of public art would you like to see incorporated within or around this space.

- Sculptures
 - Murals/carvings integrated into paving seating & walls
 - Music
 - Digital art
 - Lighting
 - Literature (Story telling)
 - Other (please specify)
-

Acknowledgement of Narungga People

The Port Broughton Kindergarten students of 2021 wrote to Council suggesting there should be more flags, more symbols and more signs, to acknowledge the Narungga people.

5. Do you agree with this comment?

- Yes
- No

6. If Yes, would you like to see any of the following incorporated within the Civic Square redevelopment:

- Symbols/totems (inc aquatic animals, fishing nets)
 - Aboriginal flag
 - First Nations public art
 - Narungga language
 - Signage that pays respect to First Nations people
 - Literature or First Person Storytelling
 - Other (please specify)
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Feedback

The Civic Square concept has been designed based on feedback received through the main streets planning study, and community feedback received over many years. It incorporates seating, rest areas, and water play (blue spaces) while retaining the war memorial. It also facilitates access to and from the jetty, foreshore and public toilets.

7. Is there anything else you would like us to consider in finalising the design for the revitalised Civic Square?

8. Are there any existing elements or structures within the current Civic Square that you feel should be retained as part of this new project, or relocated elsewhere in the Council area or celebrated in a different way?

9. Thank you for taking the time to complete our survey. Please complete the details below.

Name (optional) _____

Town _____

Postcode _____

10. Further comments or suggestions.
