




District Council of the Copper Coast



Copper Post

Mayor’s Message

Summer Holidays



Over the summer months we have hosted a myriad of activities & events, all demonstrating the Copper Coast lifestyle location of choice. Residents and holiday makers alike have enjoyed the Mediterranean climate while business houses have received a boost and our recreational facilities have been busy.

New Year was heralded in with much gusto, illuminated by spectacular fireworks. The months of planning and promotion brought about celebrations without the anti-social behaviour previously experienced. Bowls on a state and interstate level, attracted many to the area during our summer. Australia Day allowed recognition of our

own citizens on a national day of pride and families participated with OPAL activities.

There is no doubt that the XXXX Beach Day Out was a popular day of fun and frivolity where the beach was the venue for cricket, volley ball, games, food and that interesting beer can regatta. Summer certainly reminded me of why I am proud to call the Copper Coast home!

However, summer also brought unexpected rains, unprecedented undergrowth and that jolt that reminds us that there are also challenges. At the same time council was deciphering and engaging with our community about the strategic direction and long

term financial plans as we look toward 2022. The strategic planning engagement puts “all balls in the air” and we look at the wants and don’t wants, tussled with our needs. It is fair to say that infrastructure dominated the responses followed by the desire for a fresh water pool.

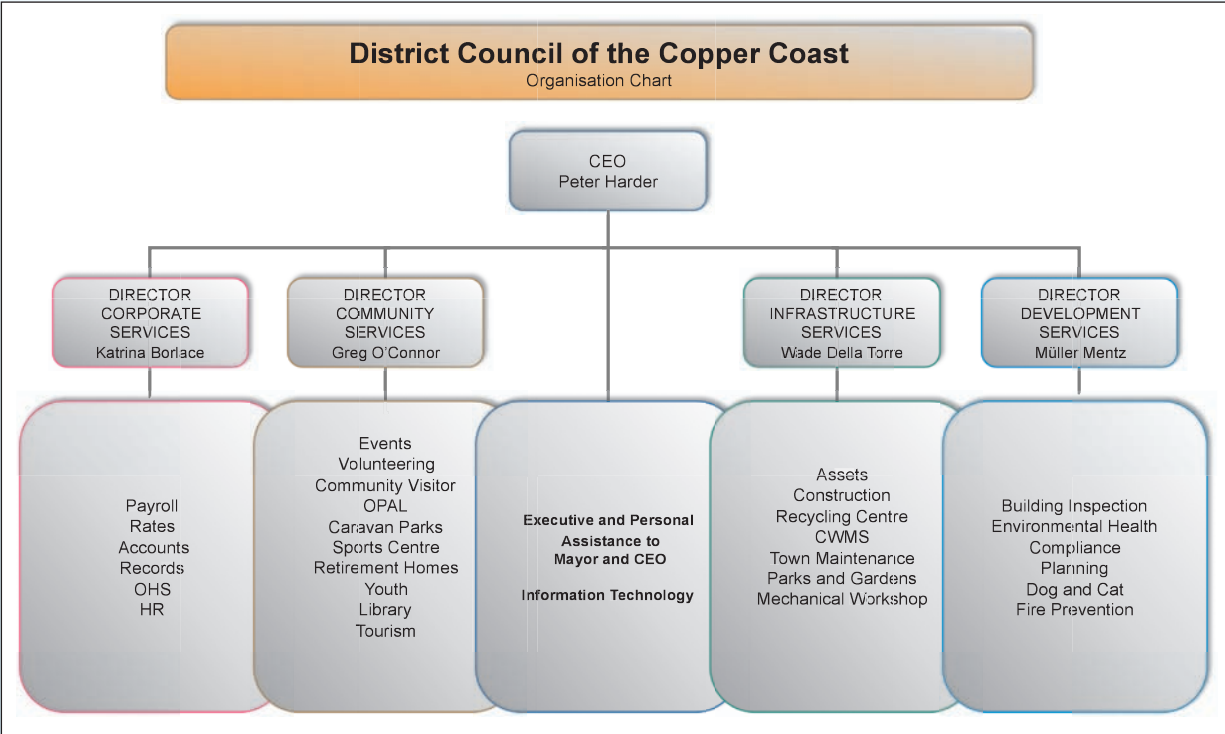
The elected members, like a “tug of war team”, will over the months ahead formulate a budget that reflects the needs of our community while giving conscientious and responsible consideration for the community wants as we strive to strengthen and sustain the Copper Coast as our favourite lifestyle location of choice!

*Paul Thomas
Mayor*

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Organisation Structure



During the past year a number of staff have left the Council, this has allowed an organisation wide structural change to take place. In essence a middle management layer has been removed with department heads (New position of Directors) now reporting directly to the CEO.

The benefits of this flatter management structure have been immediate with the organisation now better

placed to deliver services to the community and adapt to the changing environment we serve in.

The new Directors are:

Katrina Borlace – Director Corporate Services
Greg O’Connor – Director Community Services
Wade Della Torre – Director Infrastructure Services
Müller Mentz – Director Development Services

2012 Council Calendar

MAY 2012

2nd	Public Meeting – Annual Business Plan	5.30 pm
	Council Meeting	7.00 pm
9th	Council Development Assessment Panel Meeting	5.30 pm

JUNE 2012

6th	Council Meeting	7.00 pm
13th	Council Development Assessment Panel Meeting	5.30 pm

JULY 2012

4th	Council Meeting	7.00 pm
11th	Council Development Assessment Panel Meeting	5.30 pm
16th	Audit Committee	9.00 am

Please note that all the above meetings are to be held at the Kadina Town Hall and the public are welcome to attend. Special meetings may be called at other times throughout the year and will be added to Council’s website.

2012: National Year of Reading



National Year of Reading 2012

On Tuesday 14th February the 2012 National Year of Reading was launched. Prime Minister Julia Gillard nationally launched the event in Canberra, the state launch was held in Rundle Mall and Copper Coast Libraries hosted local launches with events at both Moonta and Kadina.

Throughout the year the libraries will be running other reading events and the community is encouraged to get involved and participate in these events.

Together with other public libraries in SA, Copper Coast Libraries are behind a campaign to keep the spotlight on reading in 2012 with inspirational programs and events taking place in libraries and the local area. How long has it been since you last visited the library?

Libraries now stock a wide range of resources which include not only books, but also DVDs, CDs, magazines, electronic games and much much more. They also provide free internet and wireless access and support to use this technology. As a Council service this is provided to you free of charge – no membership or hire fees !

National Year of Reading 2012 was created in response to worrying Australian Bureau of Statistics

figures that indicate there are 46% of Australians who can't read newspapers, follow a recipe, make sense of timetables, or understand the instructions on a medicine bottle.

Copper Coast Libraries have always been a centre of literacy and lifelong learning in the Copper Coast area. The National Year of Reading helps give library programs an extra boost and profile and has stimulated ideas for new programs.

Family literacy is a major focus and one of the Year of Reading's key initiatives will encourage parents to read to their children every day to assist in the development of literacy skills. It's about creating a

community of readers.

With so many materials available at the library and with our regular Baby Bounce, Rhythm and Rhyme Time and Bookbugs Story-Time programs the young – and young at heart - are well catered for.

Other programs such as School Holiday Activities, Book Clubs, Broadband for Seniors and Computer/Internet lessons and support ensure that other members of the community are also well supported in their literacy and learning needs.

So.....contact your local library for more information and program times.....and drop in for a visit.

You may be surprised!



Kadina Bookclub members celebrate the launch of National Year of Reading with Kadina Library staff member Wendy Hutchinson (left).

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kadina.library@plain.sa.gov.au

Moonta Community Library
Blanche Tce, Moonta
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mllibrary@moontaas.sa.edu.au

Wallaroo Library
John Tce, Wallaroo
Ph 8823 2924
kadina.library@plain.sa.gov.au

What is a CWMS?

What is a Community Wastewater Management Scheme – commonly referred to as a CWMS?

Many houses were constructed with a septic tank and local soakage, therefore the treatment of their wastewater was contained within their own property boundary and underground water systems (pictured).

Community Wastewater Management Schemes are a system of drainage pipes (commonly in the road) that carry the waste water to a central location for treatment.

This water, once treated, can then be utilised to benefit the community in a number of ways, including agriculture and watering recreational areas.

A CWMS therefore turns a localised system, that can be harmful to the environment, into one that can improve the health and wellbeing of the community.

Why do we need a Community Wastewater Management System?

The safe disposal of sewage and household wastewater is necessary to safeguard the health of the community and protect the environment.

The combined effect of well maintained septic systems is detrimental to a Coastal Community like ours, however, it is estimated that every failing septic system can discharge more than 191,625 litres of untreated

wastewater into our ground water per year. Untreated wastewater contains excessive nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus) that can harm native plant and fish populations.

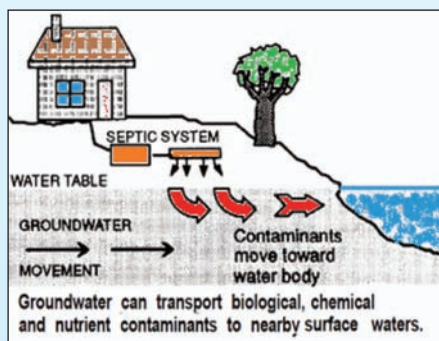
Septic Systems can;

- cause a serious health threat to your family and neighbours
- be very expensive to repair
- degrade the environment

By transporting the waste (through a drainage network) to a central location, the waste can be correctly treated and disposed of in an environmentally friendly way.

What is happening with CWMS in my area?

Council has a number of important projects underway across the Copper Coast. Information about these projects will be available in our Annual Business Plan and on our website under the Council Services/Waste Management tab.



Australia Day Award Recipients



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT...
Copper Coast Young Citizen of the Year Aisha Cooper, joint Citizen of the Year Barbara Schilling, Mayor Paul Thomas, joint Citizen of the Year John Price and Community Event of the Year (Australia and South Africa bowls test at Moonta) representative Kim Bruce at the awards ceremony.

Annual Business Plan Overview

Have your say!

The District Council of the Copper Coast Annual Business Plan and Budget is an important part of our planning; one that links our overarching Strategic Plan with our budgets, the services delivered and our rate levels.

Our draft Annual Business Plan is now open for public consultation and we invite community feedback

to help shape the services we provide now and in the future.

Strategic Plan – Moving Towards 2022

Council's Strategic Plan, titled Moving Towards 2022, provides forward projections from 2012 to 2022. This plan has recently been reviewed and demonstrates that Council is committed to providing services to the community that are

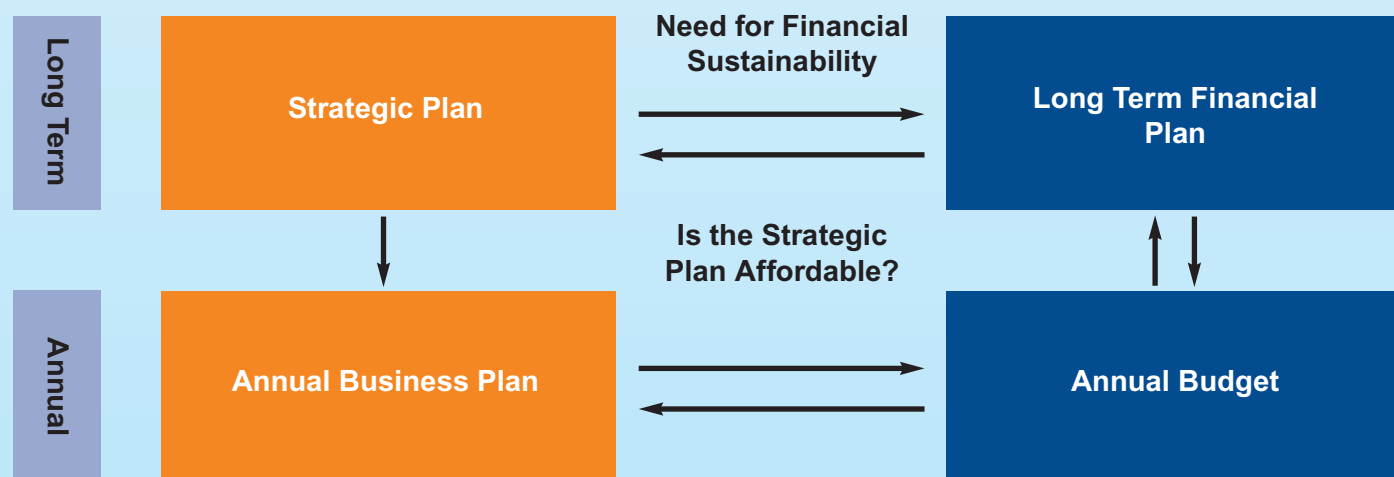
responsive to current and future needs and that they are delivered efficiently and effectively consistent with our new and improved mission. The community's objectives and goals also remain aligned with the South Australian Strategic Plan.

"South Australia's lifestyle location of choice to live and visit"

Objective:	Goal:
Social Objective <i>Wellbeing</i>	To enhance the quality of our community by encouraging health, wellbeing and safety.
Environmental Objective <i>Sustainability</i>	To responsibly manage the natural and built environment to ensure its sustainability and diversity to the community.
Economic Objective <i>Prosperity</i>	To facilitate economic prosperity, balanced growth and the enhancement of the Copper Coast.
Cultural Objective <i>Opportunity</i>	To promote community identity by supporting rich lifestyle experiences including arts, heritage, culture and leisure activities.
Governance Objective <i>Leadership</i>	To provide leadership and ensure community resources are managed efficiently and effectively.

Strategic Management Framework

The Annual Business Plan sets out the Council's services, programs and projects for 2012/13. It sets the Council's specific objectives for the year in the context of its forecast long term financial position to ensure that a sound financial position is maintained.



Lifestyle location of choice

Annual Business Plan Overview

Significant Influences and Priorities

A number of significant factors have influenced the preparation of the Council’s 2012/13 Business Plan and Budget. These include:

- Local Government Price Index increases on relevant goods and services currently at 4.4 % for the December 2011 quarter
- Current Enterprise Bargaining Agreements for staff which provide for wages and salary increases in line with current and proposed wage agreements
- Legislative requirements surrounding our CWMS and Waste Management services
- Requirements to maintain and improve infrastructure assets to acceptable standards including parks, reserves, town and rural roads, footpaths, lighting and community facilities.
- Service and infrastructure needs for a growing population which exceeds the states average population growth
- Commitments to major projects and partnership initiatives over more than one year, including Wallaroo Foreshore Development, Community Transport Scheme, Walking and Cycling Trails and Kadina Community Gardens.

In addition, substantial external influences are also expected to

impact the local government sector and the Copper Coast over the next year. The implications for this Council potentially include:

- Increased development activity in a coastal environment impacting Council’s ability to implement adequate infrastructure and services to keep pace with development and demands of new residents
- Reduced discretionary spending which will impact on Council ability to build new roads
- Increased opportunity for new business to enter the region
- Pressure on Council to undertake significant facility and infrastructure upgrade
- Increased requirements to provide access to sporting and recreation facilities to the broader community
- Increased demand to maintain heritage and improve cultural facilities in partnership with stakeholders

Rates and other income

Rate revenue enables Council to develop and to deliver many of the services offered to the community. Rates, which form approximately 60% of Council’s total revenue, are supplemented by State and Federal grants and user fees and charges. Council also undertakes commercial

activities and invests funds to increase total revenue.

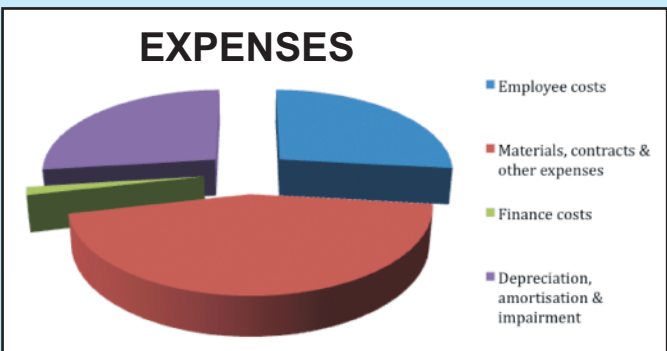
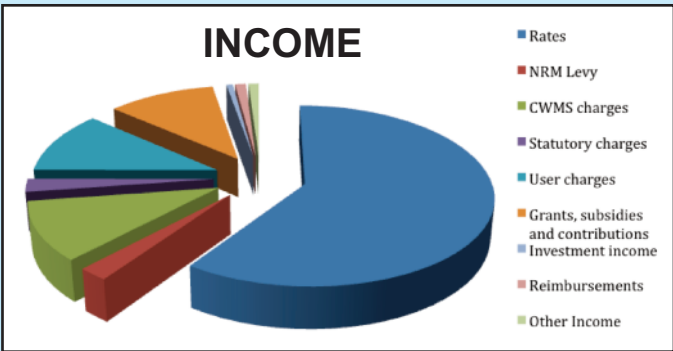
Continuing Services

Council has a responsibility under the Local Government Act and other relevant legislation. These include:

- Regulatory activities e.g. maintaining the voters role and supporting elected members
- Management of basic infrastructure including roads, footpaths, parks, public open space, street lighting and stormwater drainage
- Street cleaning and rubbish collection
- Development planning and control, including building safety assessment
- A range of environmental health services.

Other services provided in response to community needs include:

- Street trees
- Environmental plans and projects
- Public health and safety (including dog/cat and parking management)
- Community and cultural development
- Youth development
- Community and sporting facilities
- Library services
- Tourism
- Aged services



Annual Business Plan Overview

Key Initiatives

- The design of a cycleway between Moonta and Port Hughes along the Port Hughes Road
- The commencement of a \$25,000,000 project for the installation of a full sewer drainage network and associated pumping stations for Moonta, Moonta Bay and Port Hughes.
- Construction of a minimum of 5km's of new or upgraded footpaths within the Copper Coast towns.
- In addition to Councils resheeting of unsealed roads and the resealing of our sealed road network, the Council is undertaking reconstruction works to improve our road network.
- The design and development approval of an all-weather access boat ramp at Port Hughes.
- Construction of a new recycling and transfer centre for the whole Copper Coast.
- Continue the closure and capping of our landfill sites.
- OPAL Program

National Award Winners for the Copper Coast

The District Council of the Copper Coasts General Inspector Gary Oliver was nominated and accepted as a finalist for a National Award held by the Master Dog Breeders Association. Gary was one of 9 nominees countrywide in the category "EXCELLENCE IN CONTRIBUTION AND/OR LEADERSHIP IN CANINE AFFAIRS" and was the only nominee from South Australia.

Just to be nominated is an excellent achievement. All nominations are lodged with the Master Dog Breeders Association who then selects the best nominations after which a winner is selected by a panel of 12 judges.

Councils General Inspector Gary Oliver was awarded EQUAL WINNER of this award.



"Excellence in contribution and/or leadership in canine affairs" award winner Gary Oliver.

The Copper Coast was also recognised for excellence in the Master Dog Breeders & Associates Awards in the veterinary profession categories.

Dr Natalie Olding was nominated and accepted as a finalist in the "MOST SUPPORTIVE VETERINARIAN" category.

YP VETS had been nominated, accepted as a finalist and was awarded the OVERALL WINNER of the "BEST VETERINARY CLINIC/SURGERY FOR 2012" Award, for their veterinary services and community contributions

It is exciting that Gary, Natalie and YP VETS were nominated, reviewed by a committee and accepted as FINALISTS in these categories. To then be awarded overall WINNERS in two categories from finalists Australia-wide shows the passion and commitment of your local community members in their respective roles.

Both of these awards are a wonderful achievement for the Copper Coast.

Congratulations!

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MOONTA OFFICE

Moonta Tourist Office
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WALLAROO OFFICE

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Wallaroo SA 5556
Phone: (08) 8823 2023

Annual Business Plan Overview

HAVE YOUR SAY!

Council is seeking public submissions for the draft Annual Business Plan 2012-13.

A copy of the Annual Business Plan is available for review at Council's

offices or via Council's website www.coppercoast.sa.gov.au.

Persons making a written submission should also indicate if they wish to make a verbal presentation to Council in support

of their written submission.

Presentations to Council will be scheduled for a meeting of Council on 2nd May 2012.

Please insert your submission details/comments:

Your Contact details:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I do/do not wish to make a presentation to Council. (Please indicate)

Signed: _____ Date: _____

All submissions should be forwarded to the following address before the 27th April, 2012.

Chief Executive Officer
District Council of the Copper Coast
PO Box 396
KADINA SA 5554
www.coppercoast.sa.gov.au

Think Feet First with OPAL's New Theme

The District Council of the Copper Coast's OPAL program is encouraging families and communities to look at active ways to travel to and from school with their new message "Think Feet First - step, cycle, scoot to school."

Being active every day is important for everyone and is essential for children's health. Children who are physically active have increased bone and

muscle strength and increased concentration. Plus, when asked, most kids would love to step, cycle or scoot to school.

Children who regularly actively travel will develop a greater knowledge of their neighbourhood, improved communication and social skills and have more road safety and route planning experience.

Part way is OK

If you are unable to walk, cycle or scoot the whole way to school, consider other opportunities such as parking further away from the school and walking to meet the kids. Alternatively, you can walk, cycle or scoot to other destinations, such as, the local shops, park or a friend's house.

Morning catch up

Active travel to or from school can be a great opportunity to connect with your kids about their day. Without the distraction of driving through busy school traffic, you'll have more time to chat. Think Feet First - step, cycle or scoot to school is good for kids and good for you.

Busy mornings

Mornings can be a busy time, organising breakfast, school clothes, lunches and more. Involve the kids in helping out by:



Why step, cycle or scoot to school?

Doing this:

- Keeps our kids and ourselves healthy
- Builds strong muscles and bones
- Improves concentration and helps learning
- Creates healthier and safer places to live with less traffic and less pollution
- Provides a great opportunity for you to share time with your kids
- Gives kids time to spend with their friends
- Helps kids to get to know their local neighbourhood
- Helps kids learn about road safety

- Getting the kids to get up a bit earlier to help in the morning
 - Having the kids help get breakfast and lunches ready
 - Encouraging kids to pack their school bag, check their bike tyres and get their helmet ready the night before
- If the journey to or from school it too long, park so you can walk with the kids for the last 10 minutes of the trip.
- Look out for local OPAL activities promoting the active travel message.
- To find out more and become involved, call Georgina on 88214 986 or email opal@coppercoast.sa.gov.au

Lifestyle location of choice



Hell of the North Cycling Event

Professional cyclists will converge on the Copper Coast in May for the first Hell of the North Cycling Event.

Teams will race around Kadina, Port Hughes and Wallaroo in the three-stage event on Saturday and Sunday, May 12 and 13.

The opportunity to host the event came through council's relationship with Complete Sports Marketing.

The event supports council's interest in healthy lifestyles; cycling is growing in the region as we see more and more cycling tracks around and there is a growing number of people who are interested in the event.

This event will bring a number of people to the area and will provide economic stimulus for local businesses.

Cyclists will start Saturday with a 680 metre criterium (a short course run on closed-off streets) around Victoria



Square, Kadina, then head to The Dunes Port Hughes for a one kilometre criterium, allowing spectators to watch the racing from a close distance.

It is envisaged spectators will congregate in the square and there will be a carnival atmosphere.

Stage three of the event will be a 110km road race starting and finishing at the Wallaroo Community Sports Centre (on Sunday).

"Included in the race distance is a 17km dirt section that starts near Tickera and hugs the coast along the pristine waters of the Spencer Gulf," Cycling SA executive officer Gary Simpson said.

Dirt roads will be graded before the race.

"The Hell of the North is a points race and we will adopt the same points system used for the Rendition Homes Series and Santos Women's Cup Series; each stage will also have intermediate sprints," Mr Simpson said.

"In the Elite teams category riders are also competing for the District Council of the Copper Coast copper leader's jersey and The Dunes blue sprinter's jersey."

For more information about the event, or to become a sponsor, contact Andy West on 8828 1200.

MOONTA HEALTH AND AGED CARE SERVICE INC

POSITION VACANT

Moonta Health and Aged Care Service Inc is a private not-for-profit organisation providing acute and aged health care to our local community.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We currently have a vacancy on our Board of Directors and are seeking nominations from interested persons.

Nomination forms can be collected from the hospital front office during business hours and need to be returned in person or by post to:

Rachel
PO Box 116, Moonta SA 5558
by 4.30pm Monday, 30th April.

Transfer Station

In September 2011 the Council decided to establish a single waste transfer station for the Copper Coast. A number of steps have been made to progress this arrangement, including negotiations with the EPA regarding the licences of the current Wallaroo and Moonta sites.

As part of the move to one transfer station we will be closing the Wallaroo and Moonta sites completely on Friday the 15th of June 2012. Following this closure all waste will go to the current Kadina site on the Port Broughton-Kadina Road until the new facility opens.

The new facility will focus on recycling and reuse, every ton we as a community divert from landfill will lower our overall cost of waste disposal. The community cannot afford to establish three efficient recycling centres and therefore the focus will now be on establishing

one new facility for the Copper Coast.

Currently our community produces in excess of 13,500 tons of waste per year. With the introduction of the federal Carbon Tax the cost to process this waste is approaching \$108.00 per ton. This cost includes storage, handling, transport, EPA levies, Carbon tax and landfill charges. When you consider a small trailer load can be between a quarter and half a ton the costs are excessive, that's why reuse and recycling is now more important than ever.

In addition to the cost of managing our current waste, the Council will also be facing the escalating legacy costs of closing our old landfills. These sites need to be completely sealed to stop the ingress of stormwater and contamination of the water table. This work will be staged over the next 10 years.

Wood Smoke ... a Problem?

Wood you please...

...take responsibility this winter for the smoke that your wood heater produces.

Wood smoke contains many different chemicals, some of which are toxic to



humans. When these chemicals are inhaled they cause health problems in young children and the elderly, particularly those with respiratory (breathing) and cardiovascular (heart) illnesses.

Domestic wood-burning heaters are one of the main sources of pollution affecting air quality in winter—second only to motor vehicle emissions.

The secrets of successful burning

- Only burn dry and seasoned wood. Seasoned logs should make a 'crack' when banged together not

a dull thud.

- Keep air vents open for 20 minutes when starting and reloading the fire to ensure there is a vigorous flame

- Keep the fire burning brightly but let it go out at night. Most heaters burn better with three or four smaller logs rather than one or two large logs.

If there is a lack of any or all of the above factors, your fuel will not burn completely, excessive wood smoke will be emitted from your flue, and you will waste your fuel.

Also remember to check there is no smoke from

your flue 20 minutes after starting your fire, by going outside and looking at your flue. If there is still smoke coming from your flue you may need to adjust the fuel or air vents to get a better fire.

What does the law say?

The Environment Protection Act 1993, section 25, states:

A person must not undertake an activity that pollutes, or might pollute, the environment unless the person takes all reasonable and practicable measures to prevent or minimise any resulting environmental harm.

Elder Friendly Community Project

The Elder Friendly Community Project which began in the Copper Coast in 2007, has now officially drawn to a close. The project was fortunate to be funded through the Office for Ageing, Department for Families and Communities.

The project consisted of Stage 1 and Stage 2, which was a collaborative partnership with the University of South Australia and the District Council of Yorke Peninsula. The District Council of the Copper Coast was fortunate to receive a third round of funding, after these partnerships ceased, to further the project outcomes and continue to support the existing initiatives within the community.

In March this year the final project report was launched at the Mayors Parlor in Kadina. This was an occasion to celebrate the success of the project, thank those who have contributed and celebrate the outcomes generated for not only senior citizens but the community as a whole.

Whilst the project has officially drawn to a close the Kadina Elder Friendly Group will continue to meet on a monthly basis. Over the years this group has become self sufficient and has demonstrated desire and commitment to continue to try and make their community a wonderful place to live.

This group will continue to meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 1:30pm at the Kadina Town Hall and always welcomes new members,

aged 65+. For more information contact Greg O'Connor on 88 281 200. Council will continue to provide support to this group as appropriate.



Elder Friendly members Helen Williamson (left) and Cathleen Field (right) with District Council of the Copper Coast community liaison officer Stephanie March and Mayor Paul Thomas at the presentation of the final Elder Friendly community report.

Strategic Plan



Our Mission

“To Enhance Community Lifestyle”

- Providing effective and affordable facilities and services
- Managing and protecting our environmental asset
- Encouraging growth through responsible development
- Fostering community achievement

Our Values

“We Will”

- Listen
- Treat everyone with fairness and respect
- Work together to provide the best possible services
- Be open to new ideas while respecting our heritage

How Can I Pay My Rates?

It is the responsibility of the ratepayer to ensure payment is received by the Council by the due date shown on the front of the rate notice.

No responsibility is accepted for payments by post or electronically that do not reach Council by the due date.

If paying through an external agency your payment can be delayed being transferred to Council. Please take this into consideration when using this payment method as fines are incurred on rates not received by the due date.

Amounts that remain unpaid may be recovered in a court through legal action.

PAYING IN PERSON (KADINA OFFICE ONLY)

Present your notice intact with your payment to the

Kadina Office of the District Council of the Copper Coast. Office hours are 9.00am-5.00pm Monday to Friday excluding public holidays.

OTHER METHODS OF PAYMENT

POST BILLPAY

Take your rate notice intact to any Australia Post Office or Post Office Agency anywhere in Australia.

TELEPHONE

Telephone payments may be made through the Post Billpay Service. Phone 13 18 16 and follow the recorded directions quoting Billpay code 2845 and the customer reference number shown next to the Billpay symbol on the front of your rate notice.

PAY ONLINE

Visit postbillpay.com.au and follow the links to pay with Mastercard or Visa.

BPAY

Paying through your financial institution

BPAY is a national electronic bill payment service provided by most financial institutions.

Contact your bank, credit union or building society to register for this payment service if you are not already registered.

You require the Council's Biller Code 45773 and the reference number on the front of your rate notice (payment slip).

This method can be used to schedule your rate instalment payments to suit your needs.

BPAY: Biller Code 45773

PAYING BY TELEPHONE

Please call your participating bank or financial institution to make this payment directly from your nominated

account or credit/debit card. Quote biller code 45773 and the reference number on the front of your rate notice (payment slip).

EFTPOS

EFTPOS facilities are available at the Kadina Office and for personal payers only.

EFTPOS payments are not accepted by Council staff over the phone. Please refer to the telephone method of payment using the Post Billpay Service.

MAILING YOUR PAYMENT

Make cheques payable to the District Council of the Copper Coast. Please detach the remittance slip/s and return together with your cheque to the District Council of the Copper Coast, PO Box 396, Kadina, SA 5554.