

MAYOR'S MESSAGE...



The attempt to record within a couple of pages my critique of the past twenty eight (28) years involvement with Local Government would be fool hardy. Nor do I attempt to make it a memoir, perhaps that's for another time? I am wanting to provide a glimpse as I reflect on these years, the changes within Local Government and the changing expectations of our community.

Danish philosopher Soren Kierkegaard wrote "Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forward". Local Government has always been good at adapting to current needs, new demands, changing legislation – the Copper Coast used the tag "Proud of our past; confident of our future" which was underpinned by Kierkegaard's philosophy.

When I was first elected to Council, we had a Ward structure for the then District Council of Northern Yorke Peninsula, I being one (1) of two (2) elected representatives for Wallaroo Ward. That area covered the Newtown, Wallaroo Mines, North Beach Township and farming lands in between, extending to Council's northern boundary near Tickera out to the Alford/Kadina Road.

That in itself seems strange today; where living at North Beach Township, we would drive through Wallaroo (there was no by-pass road) travelling to Kadina to attend a Council Meeting. Back then State Government would allow Councils to operate landfill waste dumps; yet as a resident of North Beach Township we would need to drive past the Wallaroo refuse dump taking garden waste to the District Council landfill site in Kadina.

Elected Members represented their Ward constituents and would be often reminded when expressing an opinion about a Council

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recommendation pertaining to another Council Ward, that they should "leave the matter to the Ward Councillors".

Amalgamation of our Councils in 1997 really did signify the progression of what was a natural union. The State Government pushed amalgamations and insisted that such unions would reflect community centres of interest. The formation of the Copper Coast drew together the people within the 774 square kilometre area to be one Council, represented by all Elected Members with one voice, maintaining the separate township identity, the benefit of shared services, the breaking down of century old parochialism while preserving the football field rivalry!

In the 1990's Elected Members were expected in many respects to share the burden and responsibility of operational matters. The Councillor financial remuneration was but a few thousand dollars, yet perhaps sector wide a deeper commitment because there was an absolute commitment to contribute to the local community by serving through Local Government. Time and the litigious nature of society today has forged different time restraints and the preoccupation with caution rather than being result driven.

I can recall into my second week as an Elected Member being hauled off to Adelaide to buy a new grader. What did I know about buying a grader – absolutely nothing? Having spent a day looking at the Dresser; the John Deere; the

Caterpillar and the Case – I was none the wiser. The difference in cost, I could clearly understand, how we pay for it I wondered but the horsepower meant no more to me, than betting on the favourite at the Melbourne Cup!

Similarly when a new Council vehicle was to be replaced, tenders would be sought from the then four (4) local car dealerships and then the Elected Members charged with the task of making a decision. However before that decision could be made, one would expect some gentle persuasion from the respective sales representatives, illustrating why their vehicle would best suit Council's need and why one needed to demonstrate "leadership in making the right decision". Eventually in the Council Chamber hearing various members express their personal preferences, "wouldn't be seen dead in a Ford". Or the similar argument against the Holden, Valiant or emerging Toyota. But decisions we made, late into the night!

The responsibility involving payment of Council's accounts would lay with Elected Members. At a Council meeting we could expect to approve several hundreds of thousands of dollars, worth of payments. Diligently perusing the list of payments, perhaps seeking clarification about the nature of expenditure and once passed for payment the Mayor and Chairman of Finance physically signing each cheque.

I deliberately used the term Chairman because at the time there were few women involved and certainly not in Executive positions. Our Council in some respects lead the way of reform, one of the first with a female Elected Member. At one point our Council evenly balanced with male and female Elected Members. Wallaroo Corporation one of few Councils with a female Mayor.

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While I'm an advocate for the use of personal cheques, I did welcome the automated payment systems, saving up to an hour per month to the signing of the Council cheques. The separation of operational and governance matters for the Local Government sector has provided very clear lines of responsibility.

I do accept that some people of our community continue to be confused why Elected Members don't have the ability to intervene into the "everyday happenings of Council", concentration on the "big picture view". Yet with confidence, I appreciate these changes over the years will have saved many an Elected Member in today's environment from the eye of the Ombudsman or ICAC Commissioner.

The "big picture view" has seen the transformation of our small country townships to a vibrant regional centre. Early in the 2000's we looked at population growth opportunities, deliberately targeting the "grey economy". The retirees who have made the Copper Coast home have in turn provided job opportunities for younger people. The Wallaroo Marina development's a catalyst for property investment that illustrated the benefits of living or holidaying near the water. Significant development along our coastline from North Beach to Port Hughes has provided a sustainable foundation for the future.

The Elected Member's with the support of our Council staff have had to have the courage to provide the motivation and environment for change. American actor/director Alan Arkin wrote "Either you're growing or you're decaying; there's no middle ground. If you're standing still, you're decaying." This was the dilemma that so many regional communities faced in the late 1990's early 2000. The Elected Members of the day and successive Councils have picked up this mantle and ran, providing us with what we enjoy today. Yet being ever mindful of the obstacles and community resistance to change. However, I've maintained in the back of my mind the caution that I once was offered at a seminar about being the steward of change that the American composer David Amran said "Today's trends end up in tomorrow's landfill!"

My late Father served the Wallaroo Corporation as an Elected Member and Mayor, fifty years prior to him, his Grandfather, and my Grandfather served as a Councillor; therefore I was aware of the commitment and dedication required of being involved with Local Government. But I had underestimated how humbling the opportunity of serving this community as Mayor has been. Ever proud to call the Copper Coast home, it's been a privilege and on balance, a pleasure.

One of the greatest privileges has been to enable new Australian's to take their final step in their respective migrant journey – becoming an Australian. Citizenship Ceremonies have been many, welcoming new Australians from the four corners of the world. The reasons behind that journey amazing, some disturbing and some horrific. But each and every one of them, whether a small private ceremony involving the Pledge of Commitment or a larger ceremony signifying a special day of recognition – the story is the same, a desire to have a say in our future, the value of democracy and sense of a fair go and a pride in our nation. The honour that has been bestowed on me over the years to



I couldn't do it alone – The real success is partnership

undertake these ceremonies cannot be measured.

Similarly the privilege and access that I have been afforded by our schools has been a cherished opportunity, particularly the end of year graduations and prize giving assemblies. We witnessed the celebration of achievement and success, enriched with the confidence that the years ahead will be furnished with good leaders, good professionals, tomorrow's teachers, tomorrow's farmers, tomorrow's supermarket attendant have been provided with an education and have been able to adopt the values of citizenship through their learning.

Yet it was probably the school assemblies that highlighted for me that there was need for change, a need to allow renewed community leadership. I had often heard without really considering its meaning that a person "knows when it is time to go – the time to retire". I knew when I was presenting awards to students whom I had presented the same award to their parent; it was time to go!

The role of Mayor has exposed not only me but also Kathryn to a host of experiences, the opportunity of meeting so many wonderful people from an absolute myriad of backgrounds. But it has also presented some challenges.

Each year at Christmas time, starting in late November we have been graced with many delightful invitations of sharing Christmas Celebrations with many community groups. It became difficult at times to juggle the diary. With all the enthusiasm as a new Mayor, Christmas 2000, we didn't want to disappoint or refuse the kind invitations, electing to attend most, but not staying for the whole event, hoping to share our time at several functions per day.

However, the actual message of the details of our attendance and time restraint was perhaps not clearly conveyed and certainly not clearly understood. We attended the first function, sitting down enjoying a very traditional Christmas feast of turkey, ham and vegetable, complimented with the delightful plum pudding, custard and ice cream to finish off before politely excusing ourselves and moving off to the second function. Upon arrival at function number two,

were faced with an anxious and hungry group of people who had delayed commencing their meal until the arrival of the Mayor.

Too embarrassed and with a fear of disappointing, we sat down to another traditional Christmas feast of turkey, ham and vegetable, complimented with delightful plum pudding, custard and ice cream before waddling off to the evening function which also offered the traditional Christmas feast of hot roast meats and Christmas pudding. More scrutiny and prioritising of diary engagements was mustered for the successive years of Christmas celebrations.

In the late 1990's I undertook some studies through the Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government at the University of Canberra. These studies certainly provided a foundation for the lifelong learning that one adopts for the role as an Elected Member and especially Mayor. Obviously meeting procedures, understanding legislation, dealing with the media, dispute management, community engagement and financial management were among the topics that would equip an emerging leader.

However, with all of this as a new Mayor, I relied upon the wise counsel of an older and very experienced Chief Executive Officer. Ever becoming aware that "life skills" cannot be gained from a book – they have to be endured. The ensuing years and the space of time, as the sun sets on my career in Local Government, "the old grey Mayor" hopefully has provided wise counsel to a young, fresh faced and energetic Chief Executive Officer.

Challenges have been many, yet in most situations, rewarding when a favourable solution is found. Those studies at the University of Canberra and the many training seminars I have attended, without exception reaffirm the notion that the "power of negotiation, is conciliation". I have always gone into a meeting with an open mind, with the preparedness to be convinced to alternative thinking. Yet now, whether it be a meeting with another Elected Member, a resident, a ratepayer, a Government Minister and especially the Government Advisors; there is the air of hostility and aggression before the discussion starts.

Probably the sign of the changing trend of trust between community and its leaders was illustrated through the Wallaroo Main Street Redevelopment. The decision around the choice of supermarket operator or the retention of the Morton Bay Fig Trees, ignited an aggression that turned Wallaroo person against Wallaroo person. A community aggression and hostility I hadn't experienced before. I grew up in Wallaroo, I knew so many of her people, the sense of town pride ran through my veins.

Soon after entering the world of Local Government I was to learn that "you couldn't keep everyone happy all the time". I believed that it was healthy to have an opinion, knowing that there would always be those who would disagree with decisions, including myself; but appreciated that the worst case could be "agree to disagree".

A former Governor of South Australia offered me some encouragement "Mr Mayor, you only invite criticisms if you are doing something, do nothing and life could be quiet."

Now we witness the emergence of bitterness, rage and hate between opposing thinking. This has been disappointing as I reflect on the past twenty eight (28) years. It's not only a trend within Local Government, but we hear about the bullying in the school yards, the peer group pressures of social media and the deteriorating respect in the sporting arena. Fans of opposing football teams set upon each other with violence and hate in reaction to the final scoreboard tally!

The late former South African President Nelson Mandela, who endured terrible hardships and oppression, wrote "A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination. There are few misfortunes in this world that cannot turn into a personal triumph if you have the iron will and the necessary skill. It is what we make out of what we have, not what we are given, that separates one person from another." I would like to think as a community and a society we could perhaps adopt this reasoning as we preserve our democracy.

Serving the Copper Coast has been a wonderful experience and remembering the words of Bishop Desmond Tutu when questioned about wisdom responded "One of the greatest gifts we can give another generation is our experience, our wisdom", I would like to think this is my legacy!

The Copper Coast remains my lifestyle location of choice, may it be yours!

Paul Thomas AM, Mayor – May 2000 – November 2018



Jaspal Singh became an Australian Citizen, September 2018.

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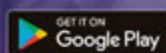
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online learning, all from their mobile device. Customers can also manage their loans and use the app as a virtual library card as the app is capable of displaying a customer's name and barcode.

There's also a very handy feature which lets you scan the barcode of any book, DVD or CD to see if you can borrow it from your local library - that's a real money saver!

The Libraries SA app is free and available for Apple and Android devices.

To find it in the App Store or Google Play, search for 'Libraries SA'.

To find out more about the app visit www.libraries.sa.gov.au/app or visit your local library where library staff can assist you.

Library Opening Hours over the Christmas Break

Kadina (ph 8821 0444)

- Open 9am to 5.30pm Monday 24th December
- Open 9am to 5.30pm on Thursday 27th Dec, 9am to 5.30pm on Friday 28th Dec, 9am to 12pm on Saturday 29th Dec. & 9am to 5.30pm on Monday 31st Dec.
- Closed Sundays & Public Holidays
- Open normal library hours as of 9am Wednesday 2nd January 2019

Moonta (ph 8825 1511)

- Open 9am to 4pm Friday 21st December
- Closed from 22nd December – 1st Jan inclusive
- Open normal library hours as of 9am Wednesday 2nd January 2019

Wallaroo (ph 8823 2924)

- Open 10am to 3pm Monday 24th Dec.
- Open 10am to 3pm Thursday 27th Dec, Friday 28th Dec and Monday 31st Dec.
- Closed Saturdays, Sundays & Public Holidays
- Open normal library hours as of 12pm Wednesday 2nd January 2019



Splash Town is a free entry water park provided by Copper Coast Council located at Moonta Bay. The water park features racer slides, water mushrooms, wading pools and a tipping bucket ensuring fun for children and families of all ages. Splash Town is open from October to April and has become a popular tourist attraction on the Yorke Peninsula. Splash Town was awarded winner of the Tourist Attraction section at this year's Yorke Peninsula Tourism Awards and is entered in the South Australian Tourism Awards to be presented later this year. It has also been nominated for the 2018 RAA People's Choice Tourism Award.

Splash Town 2018/19 season

Season Dates: Saturday 29th September 2018 to Sunday 28th April 2019

S.A. School Holidays, Weekends and Public Holidays (closed Christmas Day).

- Open 12 noon to 6 pm daily

S.A. School Terms

- Wednesday to Friday - Open 2 pm to 6 pm
 - Monday and Tuesday closed (for maintenance)
- All open times are weather permitting - Splash Town is closed during inclement weather or for unplanned maintenance.

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Kadina CBD Stage 2

Who is sick of the road works in the Kadina CBD? We are certainly with you on that one and are very glad that we are at the end of the project with only minor works to go. The Kadina Chamber of Commerce set before Council a huge wish list almost 5 years ago. That request led to extensive public consultation and uncovered an even longer list of issues. But Council didn't shy away from this mammoth task and it's resulted in a major reconstruction of the Kadina CBD. Including the realignment of the highway, a new access point off Draper Street, level lane crossings, an enlarged carpark in Frances Tce, the raising of large sections of road to remove high kerbing, new lighting, the undergrounding of power, new stormwater and much more.

Please get behind your local



businesses, as while they have welcomed the changes, they have also faced some tough times throughout the process. They will be the ones offering local jobs and supporting local community groups for many years to come, not some online faceless trader.

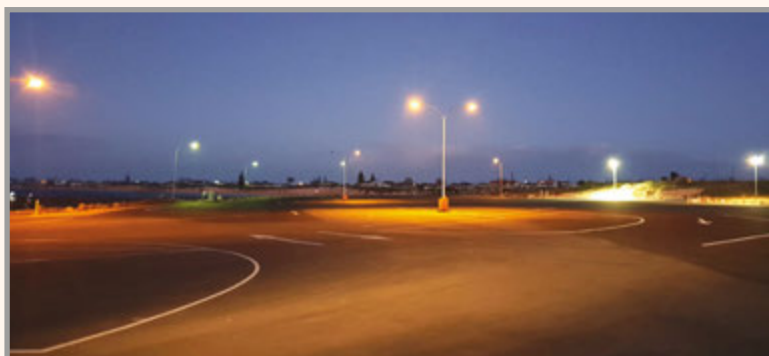


Wallaroo Shores Link Road

The Wallaroo Shores Link Road construction has continued since our last update. Most of the works have been below the surface including stormwater pipework and detention basins and one of the gross pollutant traps. Another large gross pollutant trap in the boat ramp carpark (takes out all the nasties before the water is discharged into the sea) will complete the stormwater works. Other works will continue before the main roads, kerbing and footpaths are completed.



New Venture Opportunity



Wallaroo Holiday Park Redevelopment



Did you know that the Council owns and operates the Wallaroo Holiday Park and the profits it creates provides more services to the community at no additional cost to Ratepayers? That's great news for you and your back pocket. Have you been to an event, maybe attended the Kernewek Lowender, well Council's support for that event comes from Caravan Parks.

Like all businesses, Council also has to reinvest in the Caravan Park to keep these profits rolling in,

therefore lots has happened in the park in recent years. Projects we have finished include new amenities, boat storage area, a brand new beach front kiosk and renovated all 16 of our beach front cabins and they look fantastic.

At the moment, we are building a new camp kitchen, a new amenities block and more cabins. Once this phase is completed the parks capacity will be almost 800 people, who will in turn spend money in our community, creating jobs and more opportunities for all.

With the completion of the Copper Coast Sports and Leisure Centre, there is an opportunity to relocate the Copper Coast Indoor Play Café into that facility. This would free up space at the Copper Coast Visitor Information Centre for a new venture on the Copper Coast. Do you have any ideas? Could this be your new venture?

With the locations connections to heritage and our grain sector, it may be an ideal location for a Craft Brewery or similar value adding agricultural based business.

For the right new venture proposal, which will broaden community benefit, Council may consider a rent free period to assist with your business starting up.

Port Hughes Boat Ramp

Council staff have really been involved in the final parts of this important project for our community. Well done to our own construction crew, the car park and boat rinsing area looks great. Our Parks and Garden crew will finish the job with some landscaping in October and then our administration team will complete the paperwork to collect our \$1m of grant funding for the project.

The rinsing area, is exactly that, an area for a quick rinse. It is not designed, approved or licenced as an area for washing your boat. If you want to wash (suds, etc) your boat, then you need to do that at home or at an appropriate facility like a car wash.

The facility at this location will

always need ongoing dredging as there were no viable engineering solutions to remove that from our program. The good news is that we have a new program in place to monitor the changes in depth that allows us to plan ahead for the dredges to coincide with the lowest tides. We also have support from the Port Hughes Shop who keep us up to date with any issues that need resolving.

Well done to all those community members that suggested this project to Council way back in 2008, we hope you have many great fishing days ahead.

Please like our Port Hughes Boat Ramp – Copper Coast Facebook page for more information about the ramp and future dredges.



Copper Coast Highway Realignment

The new improved Railway Terrace earth mound has been completed with the addition of top soil and weed matting. The increased height of the earth

mound provides residents of Railway Terrace with added screening from the highway. Additional trees will be planted to complete the landscape.



Next Stage of Economic Development & Marketing Plan Begins

Plans to highlight economic opportunity and to market the Copper Coast are continuing as key stakeholders met with consultants in recent weeks.

Council moved to create an Economic Development and Marketing Plan, funded from profits from Council's partnership in building the road infrastructure for the Wallaroo Shores development.

In May, Parallax Design, and Evan + Ayers, were engaged as part of the process. Consultants Matt Remphrey, Roberto Cardone and Marc Allgrove met with groups representing Tourism, Health, Aged Care, Farming and many more about how to develop opportunities and grow key economic drivers in the area. The aim of the sessions were to get a feel for the area from the community and business operators.

This is a two-stage process, it began with community engagement, and now they will go away and write a report based on world's best practice and the discussions and ideas they received.

While the Copper Coast is already SA's fastest growing regional area, this planning process will ensure that the growth



Copper Coast farmers John Kennett, Chad Kennett, Nick Bruce, Gary Price and Mark Schilling listen to a presentation from consultants (middle) Roberto Cardone, Matt Remphrey, Marc Allgrove about the region's future economic development.

continues and the Copper Coast will have a bright and financially sustainable future. There's already been some good discussions generated because of it, so we look forward to seeing it develop.

The plan will build on work previously completed by the late Professor Graeme

Hugo and the 2018 Market Profile report (both available on Council's website). It will include a range of key components including analysis of the region's strengths and challenges, an investment-attraction strategy and activation strategies and action for key public places.



Signing the 2-year resealing contract with SMS Bitumen.

Road Resealing Program

This financial year is our second year of having a fully funded Roads Reseal Program. Council has signed up a reputable company, SMS Bitumen, to undertake Council's resealing works over the next two years with the first phase of works set to be completed before Christmas.

You can find the full list of roads to be resealed on Council's website.

Other key road projects include a multi-million dollar, multi-year upgrade of Bay Road in Moonta Bay and expanded Rural Road Resheeting Program and a number of smaller road reconstruction projects.

2018/19 COUNCIL CALENDAR

Oct

- 3rd Council meeting – 7.00 pm, Council Chambers, Town Hall, Kadina
- 10th Council Assessment Panel (CAP) meeting, 5.30 pm, Town Hall Function Room, Kadina
- 22nd Mail out of voting packs for the Local Government Elections commence

Nov

- 5th Audit Committee meeting 9.30 a.m., Copper Hill meeting room, Town Hall Kadina.
- 7th Council meeting – 7.00 pm, Council Chambers, Town Hall, Kadina
- 9th Close of Local Government Election voting at 5.00 pm
- 14th Council Assessment Panel (CAP) meeting, 5.30 pm, Town Hall Function Room, Kadina

Dec

- 5th Council meeting – 7.00 pm, Council Chambers, Town Hall, Kadina
- 12th Council Assessment Panel (CAP) meeting, 5.30 pm, Town Hall Function Room, Kadina

Please note that changes to the above meetings will be published on Council's website along with other meeting dates.

All public are welcome to attend these meetings.

Special meetings of Council may be called at other times throughout the year and will be added to the website as required.

TOWN HALLS

Kadina Town Hall to be made safe again.

The Council has committed \$1m of what is likely to be a \$1.5m to \$2m restoration project of the Kadina Town Hall. This is one of two Town Halls that will need major work over the next few years. The \$1m will fix the structural issues that reached a critical point last year when the building had to close. The initial phase of the project will also gather information and provide budget estimates for the next stage of the project. That stage will include the reopening of the hall, improvement works and any aesthetic changes. This second stage of the project will be decided on by the new Council in the New Year.

The initial works will make the building structurally sound and stop any further deterioration of the building as well as making it safe for those in the close external vicinity of the building.

Works on the Moonta Town Hall will follow. Over the past few years Council has been putting funding aside for these works and there is also funding planned for future restoration works in the Long Term Financial Plan. Now that we are reaching a sustainable financial position, we can manage the work on the majority of the community's assets as and when required, while still facing the challenges of an infrastructure backlog.

So how does our funding work for projects like this? Great question. Well each year Council has approximately \$8.5m to spend on capital asset replacement.



Of this \$8.5m, 76% (about \$6.5m) has been allocated (each year, long term) to the community's road corridors. This is up from an average of around \$2m just a few years ago. Council decisions over the last few years have directed more money to roads, but we still won't catch up overnight, even if we put 100% of our funds towards them.

The other 24% (about \$2m) covers our; Town Halls, Public Toilets, Office Buildings, Cemeteries, Libraries, Sports Centres, Works Depots, Jetties, Boat Ramps, Foreshores, Seawalls, Swimming Enclosures, Waste Management Facilities and Playgrounds.

The Copper Coast is a diverse community, with many differing needs and priorities and the Elected Members role is to try and make decisions that benefit the whole community as well as the many different groups within it, all with their own priorities. Something that is not easy to do with a limited budget.

Water Tower

The Kadina Chamber of Commerce have advised Council works on the Water Tower Mural will start before Christmas. Well done to the Chamber for obtaining this grant, we are sure it's going to look fantastic.

A Good Story!!

Who likes a good story? Most of us do, however, some stories end up costing our community many thousands of dollars, in staff time, additional consultants and brought forward projects. Unfortunately it's your rate money we are forced to spend defending rumours and innuendo.

If you hear a rumour or something that doesn't seem quite right, the best place to find out the truth is your staff at the local Council and if you are still not sure, then raise it with an Elected Member, who can ask further questions from Council staff on your behalf. There's most likely practical and straight forward reasons why something is happening. It's also good to consider the bigger picture as there is no way the Council is going to get every small detail the way every individual would like it. There needs to be a little give and take in the community.

However, when the EPA, SA Health, DPTI, OPI, ICAC, the Ombudsman or other State Government Departments are contacted in the first instance it triggers a whole range of events and unfortunately costs for our community. Four different examples are;

If you want the truth, come to the source, it's the community's cheapest option.

Sewerage Overflow – recently someone mistakenly thought stormwater running down the kerb in Moonta was a sewerage overflow. By putting it on social media, contacting the EPA and the Advertiser it set off a chain of events that wasted a lot of community (and State Government) resources.

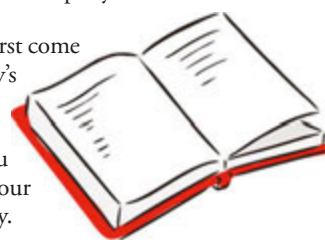
Kadina Wastewater Treatment Lagoons – rumours started circulating that the lagoons were leaking and causing issues at the nearby Cemetery. Unfortunately by not coming to Council staff for the full story and then believing them, it has resulted in a lot of additional costs for consultant's reports, testing and staffs time to satisfy enquiries from the EPA. In this case, all those additional costs added nothing to the information and plans that Council staff had at the start of the process, when the rumours began.

Resource Recovery Centre – The media and the EPA were contacted over the storage of old oil drums at the Resource Recovery Centre. This intervention stopped the Council continuing its good working relationship with the EPA to improve and deal with the issues over an affordable time period (multiple budgets) as staff were planning to do. In the end the shortened timeframe meant that staff couldn't continue to look for more affordable alternative disposal methods and we don't believe we got the best overall value for our community.

Moonta, Moonta Bay and Port Hughes CWMS – When community members contacted the media, the EPA and SA Health, the Council was forced to immediately spend \$31m and had no choice but to use debt to fund the project. Had that not occurred, the Council could have continued to negotiate with those agencies and may have found a more manageable way of implementing that project over multiple years with less debt.

If you want the truth, please first come to the source, it's the community's cheapest option.

If you are a Ratepayer, think twice before clicking 'send' as you could be costing yourself and your fellow Ratepayers a lot of money.



Bushfire prevention

Fire Danger Season – 15th November 2018 - 30th April 2019 - Now is the time to take pre-emptive action if you haven't already done so, to ensure that your property is cleared prior to the commencement of the fire danger season and is maintained to the required standard for the duration of the season.

At this time of year vegetation can become overgrown, creating fire hazards. In order to reduce the potential danger until the expiry of the fire danger season:

- Properties under one hectare in area - all undergrowth must be maintained at or below 10cm in height
- Properties over one hectare in area - establish and maintain a fire break

around the whole area, placed as near as practicable to the perimeter. The fire break shall be at least a 5 metre wide strip in which all grass, pest plants and undergrowth is reduced to a maximum of 10 centimetres.

Council's Fire Prevention Officer has recently sent out reminder letters to property owners. Inspections of properties in the Copper Coast will commence early October 2018. If these properties have not been cleared a Section 105F notice will be issued with 21 days to rectify. Council then has the right to remove or reduce a fire hazard on private land and recoup the costs from the property owner and issue an expiation notice.

PROPOSED BUSHFIRE SEASON DATES

15th Nov., 2018
to
30th April, 2019

(This date can change
please check the CFS website,
www.cfs.sa.gov.au)

Potential Fire Hazard: Why pay more?

The Fire Danger Season starts on the 15th of November 2018 and ends 30th of April 2019 (dates subject to change).

It is the responsibility of all land owners to ensure that their properties are kept in a condition that does not pose a potential fire risk for the duration of the Fire Danger Season.

Council's Fire Prevention Officer will be commencing inspections of properties in the Copper Coast early October. A section 105F notice will be issued under the Fire

and Emergency Services Act 2005 to those who have not cleared their properties.

Failing to comply with this notice will result in Council appointing contractors to clear blocks deemed at risk. In the event that Council has to engage a contractor on behalf of the owner, the costs incurred for a standard block could amount to about \$590 (which includes contractor fees, expiation fees and handling fees). Contact details of contractors can be found on Council's website.



Stone Wall Repairs – Kadina Cemetery

Council will ask local stone masons to tackle the wall repairs, with works expected to get underway in 2019.

As none of the repair quotes were as low as the current budget allocation of \$124,150 the Council has asked staff to report back to it in January 2019 with a works proposal of what can be done within the budget.

It was recognised that the best and longest term solution is for these walls to be fully rebuilt, however, that comes at a substantial cost of nearly \$1.8M. Other options with a lower up front cost, have higher ongoing maintenance costs.

To date, the Council has prepared a report, held a public meeting and sought submissions from the community. A total of 44 submissions were received.

The submissions were supportive of repairing/replacing the walls in a variety of manners, from full reconstruction to just focussing on the front wall and replacing the side walls with a cheaper alternative.

Suggestions included:

- community donations/pledges
 - using volunteers or training organisations
 - employing staff to repair the walls
 - undertaking drainage and vegetation works to reduce the impact of the rising damp
 - apply for grants and/or seeking support from other levels of Government
 - creating opportunities for traineeships/apprenticeships
 - manage the project over many years to spread out the cost
 - consideration of moving the western wall to accommodate future expansion (if you are going to fix it consider moving it first)
- There seems to be an understanding in the community that it has needed more money (money Council didn't/doesn't have) spent on it over a long time.

This is something for the Council to consider in the future when setting its rates and asking the community about its priorities as \$1.8m would pay for a lot of roads or



footpaths.

It is hoped that the community's concern for the walls can provide the impetus for the formation of a Friends Group, regular working bees could undertake basic re-pointing as an ongoing maintenance measure.

If you missed the consultation paper and would like to read about all 8 repair options, you can still find the consultation paper on the Council's website, under the Plans and Reports section.

Events and Important Dates

To confirm event details go to <http://farmshed.net.au>

NOTE: The listed events were correct as at the time of printing. For up to date details on these events and many more not listed, please contact the friendly staff at the Farm Shed Museum and Tourism Centre on (08) 8821 2333.

Event	Date	Time
Wallaroo Christmas Carols – Foodland Shopping Complex. Contact Wallaroo Community Development Association.	Saturday, 8th December	10am
Moonta Christmas Festivities	Sunday, 16th December	Markets from 3pm Pageant from 5.30pm Carols from 6.30m
Christmas in Kadina Pageant and Carols – Victoria Square & Graves Street (unless notified differently)	Monday, 17th December	From 5.30pm
Santa's Cave – Moonta Town Hall Supper Room	Monday, 17th December	10am-noon
Drakes Foodland Copper Coast New Years Eve Festivities – Wallaroo Foreshore	Monday, 31st December	From 7pm

Wine, Wheels and Whiting

The 4th Wine Wheels and Whiting community cycling event from the Clare valley to the Copper Coast was held on September 22nd.

Wine, Wheels and Whiting caters to riders of all ages, with three distance options available (45,70 or 125km) plus a family ride through Wallaroo and along the beautiful waterfront.

Participants were treated to local hospitality, including a 'Sounds by the Sea' food, markets and music event at the finish in Wallaroo followed by 'Wine by

the Waves' – an evening at the Wallaroo Sailing Club .

Copper Coast - Bowls Mecca!

The 4 Day Super Series was held at Moonta Memorial Bowling Club and Wallaroo Bowling Club from 17th to 20th September giving participants the chance to represent SA in the National Senior Sides Championships held 15th to 17th October also at Moonta and Wallaroo.



Ali, Georgina, Margaret and Edward Gross enjoy the live music at the Sounds by the Sea in Wallaroo which was part of the annual Wine, Wheels and Whiting event.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Council Offices

The Council offices will be closed for the Christmas break from 5pm Friday, 21st December and opening again in the New Year on Wednesday, 2nd January, 2019.

Resource Recovery Centre

Closed all public holidays during the festive season.

Refuse/Recycling Collection

Please note Wallaroo, North Beach Recycling and Moonta Bay, Port Hughes Refuse pick up scheduled for Tuesday 25th December will be collected Saturday 22nd December and the collection scheduled for 1st January Moonta Township, Moonta Mines, North Yelta, North Moonta Recycling and Moonta Bay, Port Hughes Refuse will be collected on Saturday 29th December 2018.

'The Mayor, Councillors and Staff wish the residents and visitors of the Copper Coast a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year'

RECYCLING CALENDAR

REFUSE COLLECTION DAYS

Monday	Walleroo/North Beach	Thursday	Kadina Township/Newtown/
Tuesday	Moonta Bay/Port Hughes		Walleroo Mines/Jerusalem
Wednesday	Moonta Township/Moonta Mines/	Friday	Paskeville/Cunliffe
	North Yelta/North Moonta		Kadina/Moonta/Walleroo Business Areas –
			Monday & Friday

There are no collections on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Bins will be collected on the weekend prior unless otherwise advertised. Good Friday – Paskeville/Cunliffe collection of Rubbish and Recycling will take place on Thursday, 18th April

**** Please contact Wardles Garbage Contractors on 8825 3341 for any missed bin collections ****

 Moonta Township, Moonta Mines, Nth Yelta & Nth Moonta	 Kadina Township, Newtown, Wallaroo Mines & Jerusalem	 Paskeville & Cunliffe	 Green Waste Moonta, Moonta Bay, Port Hughes & Paskeville
 Moonta Bay & Port Hughes	 Wallaroo & Nth Beach	 Green Waste Kadina & Wallaroo	

JANUARY 2019						
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APRIL 2019						
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DECEMBER 2019						
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PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE USING THE RIGHT WASTE BIN

To ensure your bin is emptied by Council's Contractors please refer to table below:

TYPE OF WASTE	COLOUR OF BIN	COLOUR OF BIN LID	VOLUME OF BIN
General Waste	Dark Green	*Red **Dark Green	140 Litres 120 Litres
Recyclables	Dark Green	Yellow	240 Litres
Green Waste	Dark Green	Lime Green	240 Litres

Bins can be purchased through local businesses or from Council's Contractor. You can also purchase bin lid replacements.

Bins sold by some suppliers are inferior in the sense that they are different shapes

and are not UV treated. This results in the Contractor having difficulty in emptying the bins and the bins also have a shortened life span. Please contact Council for further information.



*Bin with red lid is the preferred bin.

**Bin with dark green lid is in the process of being phased out.