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Barossa Council newsletter

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# Transition for Barossa Leisure Options

Council is committed to ensuring Barossa Leisure Option's clients will have the best opportunities and access to disability services when the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) commences in the region on July 1, 2017.

Council has offered and delivered a range of services to people with disabilities since Barossa Leisure Options was established in 1998, at a time when there were no other service providers in the region.

However, due to changes in the delivery of disability services in Australia, and the introduction of the NDIS, Council has reviewed its role in this area and decided not to become an NDIS Approved Provider in 2017 when the Scheme is rolled out to adults in the region.

"As a Council we have recognised that the disability sector is very different than when Barossa Leisure Options was set up in 1998. We

feel there are now other service providers who are in a better position to provide direct disability services to members of our community," said Mayor Bob Sloane.

"Over the next 12 months, Council will slowly transition out of disability direct service.

"During this time, we remain committed to our clients and will work closely with them, and service providers, to accommodate their needs and ensure each individual client finds the best service option available."

Over coming weeks Council will communicate directly with its Barossa Leisure Options clients, providing them with information about the transition and the NDIS, including two information forums (see ad below).

Council will also hold a forum for service providers to investigate transition opportunities.



Council will transition out of disability direct service after deciding not to become an approved National Disability Insurance Scheme provider in 2017.

## Have a say on Council composition

The composition of The Barossa Council, including the number of Elected Members and the districts they represent, is under review.

Members of the public are invited to have their say as part of an Elector Representation Review, which is legally required and takes place on an eight year cycle

The Review is aimed at ensuring all electors across the Council area are fairly and adequately represented.

An Options Paper has been released for comment and outlines a range of issues relating to the make-up of Council, such as whether it should have:

- a Mayor elected by the community or a chairperson selected by Elected Members;
- a ward or non-ward structure;
- area councillors and ward councillors;
- an alternative number of Elected Members in order to achieve fair representation for the electorate.

Barossa currently has an elected Mayor and 11



area Elected Members, and is not divided into wards.

Community feedback will inform Council decision-making and a future report which will go out for a second round of consultation.

The Options Paper can be viewed on Council's website or at any library branch. Submissions can be made up to 8 July 2016 in writing to PO Box 867, Nuriootpa 5355; on Council's website or via our online engagement platform at [www.ourbetterbarossa.com](http://www.ourbetterbarossa.com)

## Tour of the Barossa

Barossa Council and Cycling South Australia have partnered to introduce an iconic new event to South Australia's cycle calendar.



Seed funding of \$10,000 from Council will be used to help establish and market the inaugural three-day Tour of the Barossa from October 7-9, which will be the centrepiece of the Super Series road race program.

The four-race event will secure around 200 Super Series cyclists as well as new teams, and will include a community focus to attract participation from amateur cycling enthusiasts.

## Express yourself

Remember the exhilaration of swinging high off the ground as a youngster?

People can capture that moment of elation on their child's face thanks to a new expression swing installed at the Tanunda Oval playground.

The unique design enables adults and children to face one another and enjoy the sensation of swinging together. The swing is the latest in a series of playground upgrades across the region worth more than \$100,000.



Renee Reichelt of Tanunda enjoys a special moment with daughter Grace on the new expression swing.

Barossa Leisure Options  
Transition forums

For Barossa Leisure Options clients, carers and interested parties

Thursday June 2 5pm-6.30pm  
Nuriootpa Council Chambers

Saturday June 18 10am-11.30am  
Rowland Flat Memorial Hall and  
Community Centre

Please RSVP to  
[leisure@barossa.sa.gov.au](mailto:leisure@barossa.sa.gov.au) or 8563 8412