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Waste conversation continues

Two weeks into a month long consultation on waste collection, and already Council has received over 2000 submissions.

And with the consultation not due to close for several more weeks, Mayor Bob Sloane is confident the number of submissions will continue to grow, acknowledging that the community is passionate about their waste collection and keen to share their views with Council.

"We have heard that many people prefer a weekly rubbish collection service. This is an opportunity for residents to make a conscious and educated choice and to see the bigger picture around sustainability."

If you are yet to submit your feedback, Mayor Sloane encourages you to read the documentation available online including the FAQ and fact sheets, which clearly outline what goes in what bin, before making a decision.

"We acknowledge this is a great opportunity for us to educate the community on how they can carefully think about their role in waste management. So far we have been pleased with the response."

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Draft 2017-18 budget released

Support for community initiatives is the cornerstone of The Barossa Council's draft Annual Budget and Business Plan 2017-18, now out for public consultation.

Council has supported a strategy to invest in new initiatives that support community enterprise and capacity-building.

Mayor Bob Sloane said the budget balanced a variety of interests. "Investment in core infrastructure and community initiatives is at the heart of this budget," he said.

Key initiatives include:

- New bridge crossing at Queen Victoria Jubilee Park (\$325,000)
- Nuriootpa Centennial Park sporting infrastructure, changeroom and toilets (\$273,000)
- Playground upgrades (\$100,000)
- Stormwater improvements (\$700,000)
- Social inclusion scoping project (\$42,000)
- Library customer self-service checkout equipment (\$16,800).

The proposed general rate increase is 2.5% plus growth in rate revenue for existing ratepayers, along with a net increase of 4.1% for waste/recycling services due to the State Government waste disposal levy increase, and a 2.5% service charge increase for the community wastewater management systems.

There are lots of ways for people to have a say, including verbal submissions at Nuriootpa Council chambers on Wednesday, 7 June at 5.30pm. Feedback can also be given at www.ourbetterbarossa.com.au, on facebook (www.facebook.com/thebarossacouncil), via email (barossa@barossa.sa.gov.au), or in writing (PO Box 867 Nuriootpa SA 5355) from 24 May to 14 June 2017.

Another masterplan for The Big Project

Council has given the green light to a masterplan for Tanunda Recreation Park that aims to grow recreation, community and economic opportunities.

The masterplan was endorsed by Council to progress to phasing and cost development as part of The Big Project, following changes that incorporated ideas and feedback from the community during consultation.

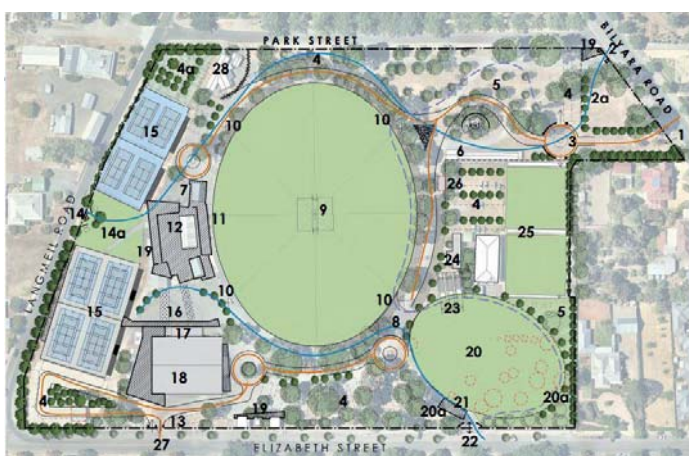
"The vision for the park is to celebrate the best of its past and integrate the opportunities of the future, while supporting the growth of the region's recreational capacity and reaffirming its significance as a special community place," said Community Project Director Jo Thomas.

Critically, the masterplan reinforces Tanunda Recreation Park as a green and naturally shaded park. Re-greening will be prioritised through a landscaped management plan and a dedicated landscaping working group.

Other key features include:

- second recreational oval;
- two storey shared-use function centre and clubrooms linked to an extended Show Hall with outdoor spaces for the community to meet and socialise;
- retaining and celebrating the heritage grandstand with viewing areas and spectator terrace for football, tennis and netball;
- relocated main play facility and additional play spaces around the car park;
- reconfigured entrance to the bowling club carparking and ongoing work to support the future improvements to facilities;
- upgraded electrical supply and floodlighting.

To view the Masterplan visit www.barossa.sa.gov.au.



Time to get snap happy

Have an eye for photography? Think you've captured the essence of the Barossa in one photo? Amateur photographers once again have an opportunity to showcase their talent in the 2018 Barossa Photographic Calendar Competition.

Thirteen images will be selected by a panel of local judges, representing the themes:

- Wine & Vintage
- Food & Produce
- Heritage & Culture
- Festivals & Events
- Landscapes
- Children's Choice – a new children's category

Entries close 15 July with winning entries announced Wednesday, 2 August. To find out more or submit an entry online visit www.barossa.sa.gov.au and search 'calendar'.

Get your skates on ...

And have your say on the future of our skate parks!

We are asking skate park users to you have their say on their preferred option for skate parks in the future. Council is committed to hearing the view of youth on the demand for skate parks and the facilities they offer throughout the region.

The survey results will contribute to The Big Project, which prioritises what community infrastructure is built across the Barossa region in coming decades, and how it is funded. Visit www.ourbetterbarossa.com.au to comment.

