



Community consultation over Nuriootpa pool

Council will invest around \$50,000 on infrastructure at Nuriootpa Swimming Pool for the 2015-16 swimming season while it investigates the feasibility of an outdoor pool facility in Nuriootpa.

At last week's Council meeting elected members resolved to invest in solar heating and a pool cleaner and spend up to \$10,000 on attractions to increase visitation over summer, such as wi-fi, pool inflatables and barbecue equipment.

At the same time, Council will consult with the community over future investment in a Nuriootpa swimming pool facility.

It follows the release of a report showing the findings of engineering investigations into the condition of the pool and revealing the average cost to Council per visit over the past five years has been \$20 based on

annual actual operational expenditure.

Mayor Bob Sloane said community input was critical to determine the best outcome for Nuriootpa and the wider community.

"A recent survey by the Nuriootpa War Memorial Swimming Pool Working Group shows strong community support for the pool and its role as a community meeting place," he said.

"That's why we have resolved to undertake community consultation about future options, which may include investment in a new pool at an alternative site in Nuriootpa, or further investment at the current site.

"We will be working closely with Nuriootpa Futures Association and local schools and interested groups to get a full picture from the community."

Nuriootpa War Memorial Swimming Pool Working Group representative Jacqui Wills encouraged people to be involved in the process.

"We want people to show the community spirit that built the pool 70 years ago," Jacqui said.

"The collaboration between Council, the venue manager Belgravia Leisure and the working group has given us a great start to the swimming season, and we hope to have further community discussion and input about the future of the pool to achieve the best result for our community."

In recognition of the pool's status as part of the local war memorial, a 70th birthday pool party with free entry and lunch will be held on November 8 in the lead-up to Remembrance Day.



The intersection of Balmoral Road and Williamstown Road which is set for an upgrade.

Safer roads a priority

Barossa Council will inject nearly \$700,000 in grant funds to upgrade local roads that have been earmarked as "black spots".

Balmoral Road at Cockatoo Valley is set to receive a raft of safety improvements including an upgrade at the intersection of Williamstown Road. This includes the removal of a sizeable tree, lighting, sealed approach strips and alignment improvements.

Other works along Balmoral Road include possible shoulder sealing, installation of guard fences, line marking, new signage and vegetation removal or trimming.

The works are collectively worth \$382,900 and are funded by the Motor Accident Commission. Council has received a further \$291,000 of Federal Government Black Spot Funding to

further upgrade the intersection of Vine Vale Road and Light Pass Road at Vine Vale.

The funding will be used to improve visibility on the approach to the intersection, reducing the likelihood of drivers failing to stop.

Mayor Bob Sloane believes the community will welcome the measures, which will improve safety for all road users, including at-risk drivers.

"While ultimately every road user has a responsibility to drive defensively and to the conditions, physical treatments are an important factor in reducing the risk of casualty crashes," he said.

"Council was persistent in its efforts to secure grant funding, recognising that our community puts a strong emphasis on road safety."

News in brief

Country Cabinet is coming to the region from October 18-20, giving local people a chance to meet one-on-one with Cabinet

ministers about specific issues. A public forum and barbecue will be held in Nuriootpa on Sunday, October 18.

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Date: Thursday 10th September, 2015
 Time: 6 - 8pm
 Place: From Vine Inn Carpark to Tolley Reserve
 RSVP: Register at www.outoftheshadows.org.au

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Out & About



Above left: Council's Leisure Options Coordinator Monique Lloyd with Arts for Us member Sarah Moyses at the launch of The Lodge Collection for the SALA festival. Above: Art consultant Yvonne Dalton with Arts for Us member Kathleen Robertson.

Left: Runner-up in Council's Community Banner competition was 11-year-old Elise Westrich, who received a certificate from Mayor Bob Sloane for colourful and creative interpretation of how local government benefits our community.