



Barossa Council community newsletter

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Rebecca Reynolds and Kerstin Ward-Lohmeyer with two of the bikes available for hire.

The Barossa Cycle Hub Project is nearing completion with finishing touches still to be made prior to the official opening on January 20, 2015.

The latest addition includes bike hire with both recreational and mountain bikes available for hire. Storage lockers will also be installed before Christmas, which will complement the public amenities, changerooms and bike maintenance station.

A large photographic mural, vending machine and cycle network signage is due to be installed in the New Year.

The Barossa Cycle Hub project has enhanced the main street precinct and has aided in the development of an

appealing open meeting space for people, right in the heart of Tanunda.

Mayor Bob Sloane said once finalised the Cycle Hub facilities will add to the region's already growing cycle infrastructure and really makes the Barossa stand out as a genuine cycle tourist destination.

"We anticipate this new facility will generate lots of interest and be utilised by tourists, cycling enthusiasts and local members of the community," said Mayor Sloane.

The Cycle Hub project is co-funded by the Australian Government through the Tourism Industry Regional Development Fund Grants Programme and The Barossa Council.

When the Tour comes to town

With Hostworks Stage One of the Santos Tour Down Under kicking off on January 20, the town centre will be the place to be.

With family activities including a bouncy castle, face painting, glitter tattoos, craft activities, storytelling, a photo booth, the best dressed bike competition, a vintage tweed ride and bike display and a roving commentator there will be loads of entertainment for every family member.

Stage One will see riders weave their way through the Barossa townships of Tanunda, Bethany, Angaston and Nuriootpa with two sprint locations in the historic township of Bethany, before travelling through to the picturesque Southern Barossa townships of Lyndoch and Williamstown.

And the ever popular Design

a Jersey Competition is back! Organised through Council's library, children are encouraged to express their creative flair and design their very own Santos Tour Down Under jersey. With some awesome prizes up for grabs, it's a great way to involve the kids in the tour. Entry forms available from Council libraries.

The best dressed town competition is back. Why not embrace the race and decorate your town, business or private residence and enter the Best Dressed Town Competition.

To be in the running, nominations need to be submitted two days prior to the race stage.

Visit www.tourdownunder.com.au to register. Judges will be looking for innovative and environmentally friendly decorations that provide a sense of community and add to the appearance of the stage.

Summer pool safety



We all like to keep cool as the Summer weather heats up, and the idea of having your own backyard pool or spa is appealing. But are you aware of the risks and safety requirements?

Drowning is one of the most common causes of unintentional death in Australian children aged between 0-4 years. With backyard swimming pools regarded as the single most dangerous water environment for young children, there is a serious need for pool safety barriers. Pools and spas are required to have safety barriers or fencing constructed in accordance with Australian Standards to restrict access by young children to the water.

Development approval is also required for a swimming pool exceeding 300mm in depth. This includes any above-ground or inflatable swimming pool with a filtration system; or a spa pool with a maximum capacity exceeding 680 litres.

To find out more about pool safety visit www.royallifesaving.com.au or check out Council's fact sheet at www.barossa.sa.gov.au.

Redefining Committees

Council and its Committees are approaching the next stage of implementing the Redefining Community Committees project.

A project team, led by Council's Corporate Management Team and Manager Administrative Services, Rebecca Tappert, will drive the new concept. Craig Grocke (on secondment from Regional Development Australia - Barossa) has accepted the Project Officer role and will soon be visiting all Committees to assist them with defining their group objectives, what their interests are, what their group will achieve and how the group will evolve.



Craig Grocke and Rebecca Tappert

Council is also supporting and growing the communities' capacity to host successful events. In August 2014, Council endorsed an Event Management Policy to assist event organisers with the planning, management and expectations for running events, whilst also providing administrative guidance to Council staff and committees to ensure events run smoothly.

creating resilient landscapes



Chris Hall, NRM Education Officer talks about native plants used in the revegetation at a recent "Creating resilient landscapes in the Barossa" field day. The field day was an initiative of the Barossa Grape & Wine Association, in partnership with the Barossa Bushgardens and Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges NRM.

Holiday fun at the library

Looking for something to keep the kids occupied these school holidays?

Council's libraries have a range of fun and interesting activities which will keep children of all ages entertained these summer holidays.

Get your children ready for holiday adventures at their local library with activities including Christmas craft workshops, a pirate dress-up adventure day, Christmas photo booth, adventure writing workshop

with Roseanne Hawke, Summer garden adventure with Barossa Bushgardens, and Poppy making workshops.

And don't forget to visit the library to collect the Summer Reading Club pack with lots of things to do and prizes to be won.

For more information visit your local library or visit www.barossa.sa.gov.au and search *Visit the Library*.

Bookings for all activities are essential, phone 8563 8440.

Tickets for the Australia Day celebrations at Tanunda Show Hall on Sunday, January 26 are now available.

Tickets are available to Barossa Council residents from Council offices in Nuriootpa, Angaston, Tanunda, Lyndoch and Mount Pleasant until Friday, January 16.

The breakfast begins at 8.30am, with a citizenship ceremony and presentation of Australia Day awards from 9.30am.

