

## New manager at the Rex



Developing the Rex as a community and events destination is a key focus for its new manager.

James Parker has been impressed by the "great sense of community" at the Rex and hopes to build on the momentum in coming months.

"We're going to put together an events program, both internally and externally, to recognise that the Rex is not a venue in isolation but part of the Barossa community," he said. "Reviewing our services and reinforcing the Rex as a community hub is a priority."

Upcoming community and health events will centre around key dates such as Halloween, Christmas and Easter as well as Valentines Day, Mother's and Father's Day.

"It's not just the big-ticket items but the small things that make big differences," James said.

New manager at the Rex, James Parker.

## Calling all creatives

The Barossa Council is calling on schools, artists, individuals and community groups to channel their artistic and creative skills and participate in a Community Banner Competition to help celebrate the 175th anniversary of Local Government in Australia.

The competition is an opportunity for members of the community to positively and artistically promote the theme, "How our Community benefits from Local Government."

Mayor Bob Sloane has praised the Local Government Association for this initiative and is pleased Council is supporting the arts project.

"What a fantastic concept. Not only does it engage the community, but it gives people a voice, allowing them to create a visual interpretation of how they benefit from the services offered by Council," Mayor Sloane said.

"There are no age limitations on participants so I look forward to seeing the diverse range of interpretations about how Council is benefiting and assisting the community. It will be an interesting activity and I truly hope people realise Council is more than rates, roads and rubbish!"

Concept banner templates and associated guidelines are available from all Council branches and libraries. Entries must be submitted by 5pm on Monday, June 22. For more information contact 8563 8444 or visit [www.barossa.sa.gov.au](http://www.barossa.sa.gov.au).



## Bike hire proving popular

Cycle tourism in the Barossa is on the rise.

In just four months since cycle hire became available through the Barossa Cycle Hub, 266 bikes have been hired, representing over \$9,000 in sales.

Hundreds of people have also used the coin-operated showers.

The recent statistics from the Barossa Visitor Centre confirm that the recent investment to develop cycle infrastructure in the region is paying off.

"Since March the Barossa Visitor Centre has received 350 cycling

enquiries, which really confirms that the Barossa's reputation as a cycle tourism destination is growing," said Manager Tourism Services at the Barossa Council, Jo Seabrook.



Rebecca Reynolds and Kerstin Ward-Lohmeyer from the Barossa Visitor Information Centre.

## Capturing the Barossa

Amateur photographers this is your big break!

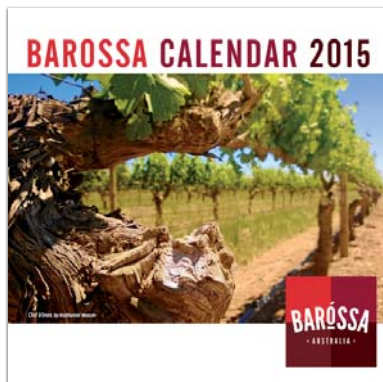
A fantastic opportunity exists to have your photography displayed in homes worldwide and featured in the 2016 Barossa Calendar.

Following on from last year's sell out release of the Barossa Calendar, the Barossa Visitor Centre is now seeking entries for the 2016 Barossa Calendar.

The diversity of themes will again allow amateur photographers to capture the true essence of the Barossa which is more than just food and wine but also heritage, lifestyle, opportunity and prosperity.

If you think you have what it takes for one of your images to grace the cover or feature inside the 2016 Barossa Calendar, then get shooting! Entries close 5pm, August 19 2015.

For a full list of terms and conditions and entry form visit [www.barossa.com](http://www.barossa.com) or phone 8563 0600.



## Supporting our youth

Were you aware that Council actively supports Barossa youth through its Youth Grants Scheme?

Council helps assist young people who have excelled in their particular sport, cultural or recreation activity and have been selected for State or National representation; or an individual who has been selected for significant development opportunities.

Council offers financial support through the Youth Grant scheme of between \$200 and \$250.

Applications are welcomed all year round. For more information visit [www.barossa.sa.gov.au](http://www.barossa.sa.gov.au)



Mayor Bob Sloane with Youth Grant recipients Kimberley Griffin, Jeremy Nobes and Thomas Slape.

## Artistic light display

As night falls, the Barossa Regional Gallery is brought to life by moving artistic images that are projected onto the exterior of the building.

The imagery, created by 14 local artists as part of a mentoring workshop with 'illuminart', showcases the diversity of local art through a modern digital projection medium.

'illuminated' brings to life the variety of art, design and craft that is practised throughout the region.

The projection art exhibition, "Barossa illuminated" began in March and has now been extended to June 26 with the artworks streaming from 7pm to midnight each night. It is an artistic light show not to be missed!



Illuminated images as they appear on the front of the gallery, with the doors blacked out.

