



What's on

Winter 2014

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***Nuriootpa* SKATEPARK**

On Sunday the 7th of September

YAC Barossa?



ZERO WASTE LONG LUNCH

Barossa Bushgardens
August 17
12.30pm-3pm

- Three courses
- Zero waste philosophy
- Bookings on 0402 026 882



MICROCHIPPING DAY

Tanunda Show Hall
August 9
10am-2pm

- \$30 per pet (cat or dog)
- Dogs on lead
- Cats in cages
- Training rebate assessments

Tee off on us!*

www.mtpleasantgolfclub.com.au

2 for 1 offer

Two people pay the price of one for 18 holes.

*Open to ratepayers of The Barossa Council. Valid until December 31, 2014. Present voucher to redeem offer.

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LOST REGISTER AND MICROCHIP YOUR DOG SO IT CAN BE FOUND

Bring out the best in your best friend.

We understand the joy your dog can bring, and the distress if it should go missing. To be easily reunited, ensure your dog is registered, name tagged and micro-chipped.

Desexing also brings positive changes by improving your dog's health, lessening the urge to wander and reducing aggression to people and other dogs.

Register your dog at council with discounts for desexed and micro-chipped dogs.

Find the facts at dogandcatboard.com.au **GOODDOG**



Mayor Brian Hurn, Cr. Bob Sloane, Cr. Bridgette Kies, Cr. Margaret Harris, Cr. Scotty Milne, Cr. Dave de Vries, Cr. David Lykke, Cr. Michael Seager, Cr. Richard Miller, Cr. John Angas

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Barossa Council community newsletter

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Budget busters

Resuming investment in town centre upgrades in Angaston and Mount Pleasant, construction of the Barossa Cycle Hub in Tanunda (see story below) and more funds for rural road re-sheeting are the big-ticket projects slated for this financial year.

Council's Annual Budget and Business Plan Brochure is included with your enclosed rates notice, providing a snapshot of Council's 2014-15 financial year budget and plan.

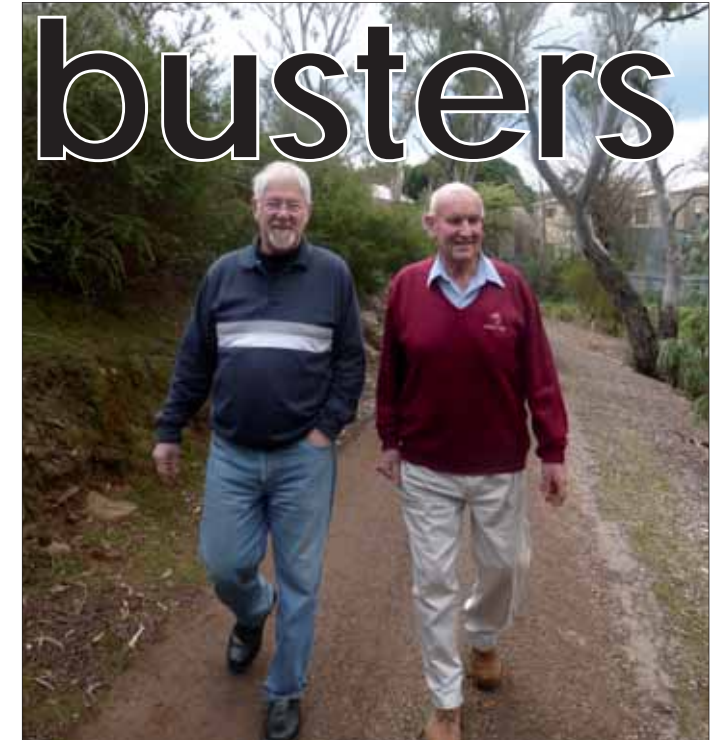
Residents can view a table to understand what changes to average charges are, and how they are calculated. On average residential

ratepayers will see a 4.47% increase on their overall rates. Based on the average house value of \$309,000, this equates to \$1842 - up \$79 on last year.

Council has supported a strategy of minimal new spending in 2014-15, with a focus on existing services and budget stability.

Council is budgeting to spend \$40.3m to deliver services and programs, and maintain, upgrade or build new assets.

Other key initiatives include a new toilet facility at Talunga Park in Mount Pleasant and cabin replacement at Nuriootpa Centennial Park.



Barry Chinner of Angaston and Cr Michael Seager of Mount Pleasant, two towns set for beautification programs in the 2014-15 budget.

Hub of activity

Despite wet weather across autumn and winter, the \$602,500 Cycle Hub project is tracking well for completion early in 2015.

The facility next to the Visitor Centre in Tanunda is essentially a one-stop shop for cyclists with showers, bike storage and hire, interpretive map and bike accessories, plus new town centre public toilets.

The existing CWA building is being incorporated into the facility, while the public toilets at the front will be demolished once the Cycle Hub is complete.

Paul Brown from BGI Building Group said

people can expect to see some visible changes in the town square with each month that passes.

"We're juggling the complexity of working in a public space, but we are confident the changes will be met positively by the community," Paul said.

Council's budget includes \$197,000 for the Cycle Hub this financial year, with a further \$25,000 from Tanunda Town Committee for an exterior feature wall.

The project is jointly funded by the Barossa Council and the Australian Government under the Tourism Industry Regional Development Fund.



Cr. Richard Miller, Council Director Joanne Thomas and Mayor Brian Hurn on-site at the Cycle Hub, which will be completed this financial year. Photo courtesy The Leader.

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Time to get ready for the retune

As the final step in Australia's successful move to digital-only TV, some TV channels will be changing frequencies.

These moves will free up broadcasting spectrum so it can be used for new services such as mobile broadband.

After the channels have changed, people will need to retune their digital TV, set-top box or digital TV recorder to find

the channels that have moved.

The retune will take place across Australia progressively until the end of 2014. Retune dates depend on the location and which tower the TV signal is coming from.

Some people within the same town will have different retune dates. This is because some areas may be serviced by a number of TV towers. The

best way to find the retune date in the Barossa area is by entering your address into the "Get retune info" box on the website at digitalready.gov.au/retune.

Just like the successful switch to digital-only TV, the retune has been carefully planned to make sure the change is as easy as possible.

For further information on retuning, visit the retune

website at digitalready.gov.au/retune or contact the call centre on 1800 20 10 13, 8am to 10pm (AEST), 7 days.



Construction of a new \$1.5 million wastewater treatment plant in Mount Pleasant is complete.

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It is the first significant upgrade for Mount Pleasant since 1969 and will accommodate population growth over the next decade.

The plant adjacent the lagoons near Talunga Park will use state-of-the-art technology to capture and treat 560KL of wastewater each day.

The treated wastewater will also be suitable for reuse at the golf course, local ovals and Council roadworks.



New court complex for Tanunda Oval



Redevelopment of the Tanunda Recreation Park tennis and netball courts has been approved subject to a number of conditions.

Earlier this year Council agreed to honour an existing funding allocation of \$155,000 towards the project, and will also borrow between \$100,00 and \$150,000 on behalf of the clubs, which they will repay.

Phase one will be construction of four new courts to the south of the clubhouse and four renewed courts to the north, estimated at \$650,000. However a clubroom facility has been removed from the scope of works.

The clubs will annually review their fee structures to optimise revenue generation and address any cash shortfall.

The courts are part of the broader Masterplan for Tanunda Recreation Park, pictured left.

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Enrolment Voters Roll

Non-resident property owners do not automatically receive a vote under changes to the Local Government Act, and must re-enrol by August 8 if they are to vote in this year's Council elections in November.

This includes businesses, tenants and non-resident owners of residential property.

Are you enrolled to Vote in the Council Elections in November 2014?



Council Elections

Further information:

www.lga.sa.gov.au/councilelections

www.ecsa.sa.gov.au/elections/council-elections

Arbovirus alert for Barossa

Cases of arbovirus infections among Barossa residents are above average this year, prompting a reminder to take precautions when travelling to warmer climates in Australia or overseas.



Arboviruses are spread to humans by mosquitoes and are characterised by prolonged joint pain, fatigue and flu-like symptoms. Precautions include covering up, using tropical repellents and avoiding exposure to mosquitoes.



Library officers Jess Schwarz and Sarah Powell in the refurbished Lyndoch library.

A fresh coat of paint has revitalised the Lyndoch branch of Barossa Council Public Library, while the Mount Pleasant branch is also in line for an upgrade.

The \$20,000 makeover at Mount Pleasant will include a new pergola, skylight, paintwork, furnishings and furniture including new tables and chairs for the meeting room.

Out & About



Cyclists Bim Lange and Craig Grocke at the 'Vessel Earth' Sculpture on the Jack Bobridge Track between Tanunda and Rowland Flat.



At the official opening of the Jack Bobridge Track (from left) Bim Lange, Barossa Mayor Brian Hurn, Federal Labor MP Nick Champion and Federal Liberal MP Tony Pasin, Gawler Mayor Brian Sambell, Kahl Bobridge and Lily Bobridge, representing Jack Bobridge.



Barossa Mayor Brian Hurn cuts the ribbon to mark the official opening of the Jack Bobridge Track and Sculpture and Signage Project.

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