





The Barossa Council community newsletter

March 2020

Public health is Council's top priority



In light of the rapidly evolving global situation regarding Covid 19, Council would like to reassure community that we are taking a variety of measures to ensure we are able to continue to provide a high level of support and service, and that we take the health of our community seriously.

Officers, lead by CEO Martin McCarthy, are reviewing Council's risk assessment and business continuity plans. They will hold an urgent meeting to make any immediate decisions and plan future action of how to best manage provision of services and support the community during uncertain times, and if necessary what services may need to shut.

Additionally, we will be following the recent advice of the Federal Government to postpone any non-essential events. We are working with stakeholders and community groups that utilise Council facilities for the provision of events and gatherings around how best to manage such activities, especially where vulnerable members of the community are involved. We are also liaising with Tourism Barossa to support business and industry.

In the interest of daily hygiene practices, hand sanitiser and related equipment will be provided for both staff and public entering Council offices, libraries, Gallery, Visitor Centre and depot.

News in Brief

The Barossa just got closer

The opening of the much anticipated Northern Connector on Saturday 7 March will now enable more streamlined travel to and from our beautiful region for both residents and tourists. The six-lane motorway currently has a speed limit of 80km/h to enable driver familiarisation and testing. For updates on speed limit changes and works closures go to facebook.com/DPTISA/

Southern Dog Park

Council has approved the construction of a State Government funded dog park at the Williamstown Queen Victoria Jubilee Park which will include fencing, vehicle gates (locked), pedestrian gates, dog bag dispenser, bin and water fountain.

The playground at this location has reached the end of its approved lifespan and must be replaced, which will occur in the 2020-21 financial year, with the new equipment being located adjacent to the pool and BBQ area.

Community will have an opportunity to provide input into the new design, within the approved budget constraints, and details will be advertised via the Willy Wagtail newsletter and both the Council and Williamstown Action Group Facebook pages.



On-demand transport trial now door-to-door

The on-demand public transport trial known as 'keoride' is now offering a 'door-to-door' service to Barossa users as a result of feedback from the community.

The service, an initiative of the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, operates from 7am - 6pm weekdays and from 10am - 5pm on weekends at a cost of \$6 per trip. To use the service, download the Keoride App from the App Store or Google Play Store and register, or call 1300 642 604.

Lyndoch Oval Turf Wicket

Work is currently underway to ensure various sporting codes can continue to use the Lyndoch Oval.

Stage one will see the turf wicket decommissioned to facilitate the start of the Barossa Rams season, while Stage two will see a re-designed outfield and turf wicket reinstated in Spring. Scheduling will be subject to agreement with the cricket, rugby and little athletics clubs.

Angaston Memorial Reserve Playground

The installation of replacement playground equipment at Angaston Memorial Reserve is expected to be complete by the end of March. Council thanks the community for their patience during this period of work.

Council phone hours

In alignment with our principal office opening hours, customers can reach our staff on 8563 8444 between 9am - 5pm. Customers are welcome to contact us on this number any time, with out of hours calls supported by a person-to-person 24-7 answering service.

Tanunda Oval Lights

The much anticipated oval lighting at the Tanunda Oval is now operational, with testing and a compliance audit completed last week.

More accessibility at the Rex

Construction of the new accessible car parking at the Rex is currently underway.

While minimal impact to community entering/exiting the facility is expected during construction, patrons are asked to take care around the work area.

The exciting upgrade is expected to improve the experience for those living with a disability, and their carers, when utilising the Rex facilities.

Pizza boxes and paper bags, even with food inside, can go straight into the organics (green lid) bin. Cardboard and paper are compostable.



