

Council Highlights NEWSLETTER



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MAYOR'S REPORT



It has been an extremely busy period for council since our last Highlights newsletter back in April!

The town of Karoonda has been a buzz with activity which has extended throughout the district and gained much attention on a state and indeed national level.

I am very proud of our organisation which has delivered several big projects in recent months including the construction of the Karoonda Early Childhood Centre and Community Hub and the Karoonda Township Activation Project. The development of this new infrastructure is a milestone for our community and something we can all be proud of.

Council has been active within the community, and elected members certainly enjoyed getting out and about

on the elected member tour of the district back in April, which included a very special morning tea hosted by the Mantung Hall Committee.

We've also held several community events including the Community Volunteer Movie Night, with special guest Tyson Edwards which was held on Friday 24 May. The event was well attended by over 200 residents from across the district despite the cool evening with attendees enjoying a free meal, drinks, donuts and of course popcorn!

A personal highlight for me was the Colour Blast Fun Run which engaged people of all ages from across our area for a great afternoon of activities topped off with a free sausage!

Our 'day and night' silo art project which was inspired by the feedback and suggestions provided by members of our community has attracted attention from far and wide. I look forward to seeing the increase in activity in the town flowing through to local businesses in the coming months.

As a Council, we were able secure a Digital Business Workshop which was held in Karoonda in May in conjunction

with the Adelaide Business Hub and the RDA.

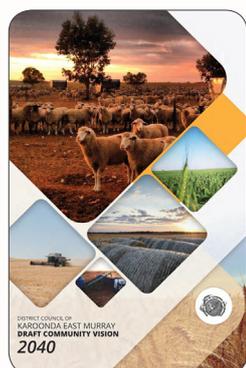
Developing the Mallee Kids Child Care has also been a major achievement and we invite the community along to the open day on Saturday 21 September.

I am excited about the future as we move towards the finalisation of our 2040 community vision. The workshops we have held recently have generated some great discussion and I encourage all community members to join the conversation and provide feedback on the draft document.

Regards,
Mayor Caroline Phillips



Elected members district tour.



COMMUNITY VISION

The Draft Community Vision 2040 is a document that has been created in conjunction with members of the community who participated in vision workshops in December 2018. It sets out a series of aspirational goals for the future of our community and has

some key themes that will help inform future decision making. Council is currently seeking written feedback on the Draft Community Vision 2040, with a view to finalising the document in October 2019. This will then enable Council to commence the process of reviewing its Strategic Management Plans.

Copies of the document are available at various locations in Karoonda including the Council Office and Post Office or it can be downloaded from the Council website (www.dckem.sa.gov.au). Written feedback is welcomed up until Friday 27 September 2019.



COLOUR UP KAROONDA

We still can't believe that over 2,000 people attended Colour Up Karoonda during the festivities on Sunday 16 June 2019! A big thank you to everyone who came to the event and took part in the many free family activities on offer and support the stalls, food vendors and local shops.

Lauren and Hayley from Adelady brought the day to life and visitors enjoyed the sounds of locals Hannah Wegner and Three for All. Those who stayed into the evening were treated with a performance from country music artists Matt James, Taylor Pfeiffer and Cassidy Rae Gaiter.

Colour Up Karoonda also formally launched the 'day and night' silo art project, which saw the silos illuminated from sunset with artworks from over 20 South Australian artists and the crowd was also introduced to Heesco, who has since completed his large-scale artworks on the Karoonda silos.

A big thanks to the trader's group and local businesses for inspiring the event, assisting with planning and donating the raffle. Thanks to the special volunteers and staff who helped out on the day and also to Julie Preston who provided her energy and knowledge to help bring the event together.



COLOUR BLAST FUN RUN

Over 300 people attended the Colour Blast Fun Run which was held at the Karoonda Oval on Friday 14 June 2019, with many people braving the 2km course, dodging the colour blast stations and celebrating with a free snag and BBQ afterwards. Those who arrived early also had a chance to take part in the footy clinic with Tony Modra and Kym Koster.

A big thank you to FocusOne Health, FRRR, Karoonda Area School, Foodbank SA and Headspace Murray Bridge for making this event possible.



COMMUNITY GRANT ASSISTANCE

If your community group needs assistance with a project, Council may be able to assist you with locating suitable grant money and also with the grant writing process. The Mantung Hall Committee (pictured) is one example, where Council assisted in securing \$19K for a toilet block upgrade. Please visit our website or the council office for further information or and to fill out an application form, seeking council assistance.



SILO ART

'Day and Night' was officially launched at the Colour Up Karoonda festival on Sunday 16 June 2019 as onlookers witnessed the 'firing up' of the permanent projector installation which will continue to illuminate the Karoonda silos with artwork each night for years to come.

A big thank you to Illuminart, our projection partner for making this possible and to the South Australian based artists who submitted artwork to be part of the initial art exhibition.

Renowned street artist, Heesco, then set about the task of painting his locally inspired mural across the silo canvas. The mural took over 5 weeks to complete and features several iconic local animals, including a kelpie, sheep, wedge tailed eagle and other local bird species. And as a tribute to the railway heritage, there is also a depiction of a steam locomotive.

A big thank you to Heesco, Illuminart, Juddy Roller and of course Viterra.

The silo art was part of the larger Karoonda Township Activation, which included a range of upgrades and new features added to the main street. The project was made possible through funding received under the Australian Government's Drought Communities Fund (DCF). Thank you to our Local MP Tony Pasin for the opportunity and support.



COMMUNITY PROJECTS

We've recently completed a number of community projects which were funded through the Drought Communities program including new air conditioning and solar panels at the Karoonda Bowling Club, a new cool room and solar panels at the Karoonda Districts Football Club and solar panels, water tanks and a pump for the Mantung Hall.

Council is also proud that it's been able to work to secure further funding through the FRRR's Tackling Tough Times program of \$19K for Mantung Hall toilet block upgrades and \$59K for the Karoonda District Football Clubs kitchen and ceiling upgrades. A big thank you to the FRRR.



KDFC FUNDING

Council in conjunction with the Karoonda Districts Football Club applied for funding to the Office of Recreation, Sport and Racing for major expansion of the existing clubroom facilities to include new female friendly facilities, a community gym and new officials' facilities.

It was amazing to find out we had been successful and to receive the big cheque for \$238K from the Honourable Corey Wingard MP, Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing and our local MP, Adrian Pederick.

More exciting news on this project to come – it's expected that plans will be finalised, a builder selected and construction to commence by October 2019!



Federal MP Tony Pasin and Mayor Caroline Phillips cutting the ribbon on the Karoonda Early Childhood Centre and Community Hub.



MALLEE KIDS CHILD CARE

Mallee Kids Child Care will soon commence operating out of the newly constructed Karoonda Early Childhood Centre & Community Hub located at 12 North Terrace Karoonda.

The service will provide long day care, casual care and out of school hours care Monday to Friday between 7.30am and 6.00pm.

Places will be limited, so for enrolment and further information, please visit malleekids.com.au.

A Community Open Day is being held on **Saturday 21 September** between 8.30am and 11.30am, there'll be plenty of activities, information and a free breakfast BBQ, so bring the family and come along.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

held at 7.30pm on the
second Tuesday of each month.

Open to the public. All are welcome.

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