

Community Newsletter

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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL AWARDS
2015 Festival & Events Finalist

FRIDAY
A \$12, U16 Free

SATURDAY
A \$12, U16 \$3
U5 Free

FARM FAIR

- Fashion Parades
- Kid's Marquee
- 300 Commercial Sites
- Ute Muster
- Sports & Speed
- Shearing Photography Competition
- Mechanical Bull Rides
- Farm Fair Challenge
- Shooting Gallery
- Yard Dogs
- Whip Cracking

Karoonda Farm Fair

www.farmfair.com.au April 1 & 2



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Community Notice Board

There is a notice board available in the Community Shelter for community groups to use. Bookings for space are to be made with staff at the Council Offices, Karoonda. Advertisements A4 and A3 will be accepted and must be dated. Items will be left on display for 30 days.

Correspondence

Please note that it is Council's Policy that we cannot accept and act on anonymous letters. All correspondence addressed to council must have a name and address provided and be received 7 days prior to the meeting.

Council Meetings

Unless resolved otherwise, meetings of Council are held on the second Tuesday of the month, in the Council chambers commencing at 1.00 pm

Customer Action Request Form

If you visit www.dckem.sa.gov.au and go to the contact page you will see a Customer Action Request form. This form can be used to advise Council of a problem on a road, property etc or for general enquiries.

Of course you may still telephone or come to the office and advise in person.

Grant Notification by Email

If you would like to receive information on Grants, please forward contact details and email address to Julianne Simon (Grants Officer); julianne.s@dckem.sa.gov.au

WASTE COLLECTION—
EASTER

Waste will be collected on
TUESDAY 22nd March.



Hire of Chairs

Community Events/Organisation—Karoonda District only

May be hired for free if no damage — damage replacement \$25 each

Private Functions

For residents in Karoonda district \$1.00 per chair — damage replacement \$25.00 each

Contact Council 8578 1004

History Book

Karoonda East Murray 1986-2011 history book for sale \$45 a copy.

Justices of the Peace

Information sourced from
<http://jp.agd.sa.gov.au/JPPublicWeb/>

Numbers given are for use during business hours

Bowhill	Jodie Hawkes	8570 4208
	David Herrmann	0427 704 261
	Yvonne Smith	0407 608 238
Karoonda	Kevin Burdett	8578 1098
	Robin Burdett	0408 817 419
	Richard Cheriton	8578 1090
	Tamara O'Malley	8578 1004
	Peter Smithson	8578 1004
Mantung	Leon Stasinowsky	0428 897 028
Wanbi	Susan Jacka	8587 4117
Wynarka	Robin Hood	8578 9045

Karoonda Cabin & Caravan Park Website

www.karoonda.org

Souvenirs—Centenary

Mugs, glasses \$7 each Drink coolers \$5 each

DVD's - Our Journey Through Time \$5 each
& KEM Centenary 1911-2011 \$10 each

Your Elected Members

Mayor Kevin J Burdett

PO Box 75, Karoonda 5307

Ph 85781098

Cr Caroline A Phillips

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Ph 0418 841 552

Cr Yvonne J Smith

RSD 568, Mannum 5238

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11 Railway Terrace, Karoonda, 9am - 5pm

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P Smithson CEO

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Items for Issue 2—Jun-Aug 2016 Community Newsletter

The Community Newsletter is published for the Community. We endeavour to include as much relevant local information as possible.

Please send contributions via any of the following methods by

fax 8578 1246, email in word format, publisher or pdf to sarah.b@dckem.sa.gov.au or bring into the office.

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2016

Reg Herrmann - 2016 Citizen of the Year Award



Reg is a familiar figure around Karoonda as he can be seen emptying the recycle bins... not one of the more pleasant jobs to do given often these bins are used for more than just recycling. **As a result of Reg's efforts a significant amount of money has been returned to the Community via such worthy causes as the Hospital Auxiliary with an amount of \$8,000 and also Relay for Life, an amount of \$3,000. Added to this has been Reg's** Community involvement with the Karoonda Bowling Club, Lutheran Church and in the past with the Perponda Football Club.

Mantung Hall Anzac Day Centenary Commemoration Service - 2016 Community Event of the Year Award



Anzac Day services recognise those who volunteered to serve and those who so valiantly gave their lives for their country. The Dawn Service provided the opportunity for the Community, both young and old to reflect on the sacrifice made by those service men and women and was even more meaningful being the Centenary Service. Also there was the unveiling of the memorial and the opening of the Avenue of Pines.

The event was well attended with people come from as far as Queensland, New South Wales and from South Australia, Tintinara, Clare Valley and the Riverland who joined the **many locals. A breakfast followed and Leanne Parker's display of photos and history of the ex-service men and women was also well received.**

A small hard working Committee has planned this event and it involved not only numerous working bees, meetings but also much time spent in researching and documenting the local history. Support was given to the nomination by the President of the Mantung Hall Committee, Mick Evans, Anne Zadow, Committee Member, Trevor Naismith and Barbara Reichstein.

ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

The Mantung Hall Committee will be holding an Anzac Day Dawn Service at their ANZAC Memorial Commencing at 6:15am on Anzac Day 2016



Followed by a free breakfast
ALL WELCOME

Any queries to Leanne Parker
85407080 or Anne Zadow 85786049



Remember our Diggers



ANZAC DAY 2016

This year's service of commemoration will be held in the Karoonda Institute, Peake St. on Monday 25th April at 10.00am. A collection will be taken for the "Anzac Day Appeal".

After the service Tea/Coffee and Anzac Biscuits will be available. Come and join in this service of remembrance.

For further information contact
Margaret Size
85781140 or 0437986984

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Country Cabinet

The Country Cabinet is an initiative that sees the Premier and Cabinet Ministers visit three regions per year until 2017. It is the aim of the Government to visit all Regional Council areas across South Australia during this period.

Country Cabinet will continue in 2016. The following dates and locations have been confirmed:

28 February to 1 March : Port August and Northern Flinders Ranges

1 to 4 May : APY Lands

11 to 13 September : Tatiara, Southern Mallee and Karoonda East Murray

The Government sees the Country Cabinet as more than simply a visit to a regional location. A series of events and meetings allow the Government to hear from local people about the matters affecting them and their communities.

Regional communities make a major contribution to **South Australia's identity, quality of life and prosperity**. Our regions generate much of the **State's wealth, contributing more than \$20 billion** towards our economy.

What happens at Country Cabinet

At Country Cabinet, local residents have the opportunity to attend a community forum to share their ideas about how to make their region a more prosperous and thriving place. The agenda for each Country Cabinet is informed and driven by issues that are raised by the local community during an extensive pre-engagement process.

The forum is usually held on a Sunday night and involves a casual BBQ followed by a Q&A session with the community and ministers.

The Premier and Cabinet Ministers also hold their cabinet meeting in the region and attend a series of events and meetings with key leaders and community organisations in the area.

How does Country Cabinet help the Community?

The Government collates the feedback on the issues it hears during Country Cabinet, from events held during the visit, as well as from online issues raised by the community through the YourSAy Website.

The feedback is used to form an Issues Paper. The paper groups the issues and is placed on the YourSAy website, providing the regional community further chance to provide comment.

Government agencies provide a response to the issues they are responsible for, and a report is released within 90 days of Country Cabinet occurring in the a region.

Street Lighting

SA Power Networks has advised that it is their intention to replace the existing redundant street lights with LED lights. It is the view of SA Power Networks that given the advancement in LED street lighting technology that LEDs provide the best option for replacement of the old street lights. Whilst LED street lights currently have an initial cost premium, the lower energy requirement and carbon footprint and reduced ongoing maintenance now make LED lights an attractive whole of life alternative.

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Changeover of street lighting throughout the State is quite a task and will take a number of years to implement. In the long term ultimately the cost for street lighting which is met by Council should be reduced depending on ongoing power costs.

School/Community Pool

As the Community is aware the pool at the Karoonda Area School was decommissioned eighteen months ago. This was due to significant structural damage which is irreparable. The Karoonda Area School Governing Council has been having ongoing discussions with the Department of Education with regard to replacing the pool.

People may be aware through various avenues that the replacement cost of the pool and associated infrastructure is in excess of one million dollars. There is considerable cost in ensuring the replacement complies with current standards. The Department has advised that it is no longer totalling funding school/community pools but it is prepared to consider a partnership with the School, Community and Council for a replacement pool and associated infrastructure.

A joint Working Party consisting of representatives from the Karoonda Area School Governing Council, the District Council of Karoonda East Murray has met and will continue to meet to work in conjunction with the Department for a replacement pool. Associated with this will be the opportunity to source grant funding.

Please note that the overall costs have only been made available to the School on the 1 February 2016. **Similarly the Department's position on funding of School/Community Pools was provided at the same time.**

The suggestions to date have been appreciated. However, the Department have strict requirements which also means that the current pool is to be replaced with a concrete pool.

If anyone requires further information or has any suggestions please contact either Charisse Cooper, Chair, Karoonda Area School Governing Council; Daniel Rankine, Principal, Karoonda Area School; Morris Terrell or Peter Smithson, CEO, District Council of Karoonda East Murray

Karoonda Railway Terrace Upgrade

As previously reported a Working Group has been formed to bring forth recommendations to Council to advance the Karoonda Railway Terrace Upgrade. Support had been given by Council to the engagement of artist Garry Duncan to assist in formulating concept and design plans for the Railway Terrace upgrade. The Working Group has met several times and at the meeting of Council held on 10 November Council considered the report that had been received by the Group. Included within that report was a recommendation for the six circular concrete pads located on the south western side of Railway Terrace.

Council accepted the report “Karoonda Town Visual Concept Design – Railway Terrace Upgrade”. It was also resolved by Council that Council endorse the recommendation from the Karoonda Railway Terrace Upgrade Advisory Group for the wheat design on the six circular concrete pads. Also that Garry Duncan be engaged to project manage the designs for the **provision of a final cost for Council's consideration.**

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The six free standing steel panels will be laser cut with the wheat design repeated to give the illusion of dancing wheat. Each panel will be approximately 2.5 metres high and 6.0 metres wide and it is proposed to have the panels lit at night.



Council Donations

At the December meeting of Council it was resolved that Council contribute \$2,000 towards the Pinery Bushfire Appeal. Contributions of \$150 for book prizes to both East Murray and Karoonda Area Schools were also made.

Kerb/Roadside Recycling Service

Recycling service only available to private residences

Karoonda—weekly collection

Borrika and Wynarka—fortnightly collection

- ◆ Paper & cardboard & cartons
- ◆ Aluminium & Steel
- ◆ Glass bottles & Jars
- ◆ Hard plastics

Phone 85781114 Gill Downs or
85781032 John Wooldridge

Deposit of waste oil

Wheelie bins are not to be used for the disposal of oil and oil filters.

Council has a waste oil collection facility at its depot, which is available to residents & businesses.

Please note that oil filters and oil drums etc will not be accepted for disposal these items remain the responsibility of the owner.

Phone 85781004 to make an appointment.

Community Grants

Start thinking about your project now

Types of projects that may be funded include -:

- Recreational, cultural activities and sport projects (including skill development, professional demonstrations/training, guest speakers).
- Local community celebrations.
- Minor infrastructure

Grant submissions open on 1st July 2016

and close on 31st August 2016.

Grant guidelines and applications will be available from the Council offices and councils website from 1st July 2016.

Domestic Waste Collection

for Karoonda township and all other areas currently being serviced.



Change to WASTE COLLECTION— EASTER

Waste will be collected on TUESDAY 22nd March.

****Put your bins out the night before to ensure their collection****

****Late bins will not be collected until the following week.****

Residents are reminded that the collection is for DOMESTIC PURPOSES ONLY. Bins that are too heavy to lift, or contain rocks, bricks or metal will not be collected.

Please ensure that your bin is placed with the arrow pointing towards the kerb/road, minimum clearance 1m of any overhead or surrounding obstructions - including your recycling tub

Waste & Recycling Depot
Lot 6, Roberts Road, Karoonda;
Licence: EPA 314

Open 2.30pm—4.30pm Wed & Sun -
Closed Public Holidays

Closed on Total Fire Ban days

Any enquiries please call
Mike 0419 825 780 or Kim 0438 825 780

If entry out of hours is required please call
Mike or Kim, \$5 opening fee will apply.

Fees 2016/17

\$ 4.00	Car Sorted
\$ 5.00	Station wagon, Sorted
\$ 6.00	6 x 4 Trailer Sorted
\$ 10.00	Tandem Trailer Sorted
\$ 15.00	Truck to 7 tonnes sorted
\$ 25.00	Truck to 14 tonnes sorted
\$ 6.00	Car, Unsorted
\$ 8.00	Station wagon, unsorted
\$ 10.00	6 x 4 Trailer unsorted
\$ 10.00	Car Bodies
\$ 20.00	Tandem Trailer unsorted
\$ 30.00	Truck to 7 tonnes unsorted
\$ 50.00	Truck to 14 tonnes unsorted
\$ 75.00	Semi/Commercial compactor

FIRE DANGER SEASON - TWO MONTHS TO GO

During the Fire Danger Season restrictions apply throughout the whole of the State and the lighting of fires in the open is prohibited. The exceptions are barbecues, campfires, incinerators and other permitted activities such as gas or electric welding.

INCINERATORS & BURNING RUBBISH Domestic rubbish or garden refuse can only be burned in a properly constructed incinerator during the Fire Danger Season. It can NOT be burned on the ground or in the open without a permit. The space around and above the incinerator must be cleared of all flammable material for a distance of at least four metres. A person able to control the fire must be in attendance for the whole time the fire is alight and a supply of water adequate to extinguish the fire must be at hand. All covers should be kept closed and guards and screens secured while the fire is burning. Incinerators are a fire in the open and their use is banned on days of Total Fire Ban.

BARBECUES AND CAMPFIRES On a Total Fire Ban day it is illegal to use a solid fuel barbecue, kettle or campfire in the open. At any other time during the Fire Danger Season they may be used provided that the area around and above the fire is cleared of all flammable material to a distance of at least 4 m, a responsible person is in attendance while the fire is alight and an appropriate agent to extinguish the fire is at hand. A fire for cooking or personal comfort must be contained in a properly constructed fireplace, a portable cooking appliance or a trench at least 30 cm deep.

GAS & ELECTRIC appliances may be used outdoors on a Fire Ban Day, but only within 15m of a domestic premise, within the prescribed cleared area, with a responsible person in attendance and with an appropriate extinguishing agent at hand.

The Karoonda East Murray District Council is within the MURRAYLANDS Fire Ban District. Fire Bans are issued from 6.00 pm and apply from Midnight to Midnight of the following day. Additional Bans may also be applied where the fire risk has increased due to weather conditions deteriorating. These late bans will be broadcasted from 7.00 am on all radio stations.

In addition to requirements under the Fire and Emergency Service Act, the Environment Protection Act also governs the lighting of fire in the open in towns and municipalities. Fires regulated under this Act can only be maintained during the hours of 10 am and 3 pm, Monday to Saturday.

A permit is required for Broadacre Burning and for Burning Domestic Rubbish & Garden Refuse up to and including 15th April 2016.

From the commencement of the Fire Danger Season the burning off of bush, standing grass and stubble is prohibited without a permit issued by a local Authorised Permit Issuing Officer.

IF ANY BREACHES OF THE FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICE ACT ARE SUSPECTED BY CFS OFFICERS OR THE FIRE PREVENTION OFFICER THE POLICE WILL BE NOTIFIED.



GRANTS

Small Grants for Rural Communities (SGRC)

Grants of up to \$5,000 are available for projects and activities that offer clear public benefit for communities in rural, regional or remote Australia. Applicants must be not-for-profit community organisations with an ABN or incorporation certificate.

Round 29 applications close: Thur, 24 March 2016.

Grant Enquiries: 1800 170 020

Website: <http://www.frrr.org.au/grants/small-grants-for-rural-communities-round29>

Volunteer training grants

Recognise the value of providing free training for volunteers and volunteer managers and are designed to boost their skills and experience to meet the needs of local communities and services.

Funding is available to eligible South Australian volunteer resource centres, councils, suitably qualified training providers and not-for-profit incorporated community organisations.

The program will provide grants of up to \$10,000 towards the cost of training course/s, which assist volunteers and volunteer managers who are from not-for-profit incorporated community organisations to:

- get the skills and qualifications they need
- meet the identified training needs of the local community.

Website: <http://www.ofv.sa.gov.au/grants/free-volunteer-training-grants>

Applications close: Fri, 18 March 2016

Community Benefit SA

One-off project funding to incorporated, non-government, non-profit, charitable and social welfare organisations to develop and strengthen communities across the metropolitan, rural and remote regions of South Australia. Grants aim to improve the community participation, life management skills, well-being and quality of life of disadvantaged individuals, families and communities.

For further information contact Community Benefit SA; Phone: 1300 650 985

Website: <http://dcsi.sa.gov.au/services/grants-for-organisations/community-benefit-sa>

Commonwealth Bank – Community Grants

Applications close: Mon, 28 March 2016, 5.00pm (AEDT)

To be eligible to receive a Grant your organisation must run, manage, conduct or implement a program that supports children and youth up to the age of 21 years in Australia. Organisations must also be endorsed with Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status by the Australian Tax Office.

For further information see: https://www.commbank.com.au/about-us/who-we-are/in-the-community/community-grants.html?ei=gsa_rec_grants_1

Westpac Foundation Community Grants

Applications close: Thur, 17 March 2016

The grants, which are up to \$10,000 each, are awarded to local, grassroots not-for-profit organisations with big and small ideas in providing either educational opportunities, employment pathways or improving the quality of life of disadvantaged Australians in our local communities.

Further information please see: <https://www.westpac.com.au/about-westpac/our-foundations/westpac-foundation/grants/community-grants/>

Our Neighbourhood Community Grants – Australia Post

The program recognises the important role our smaller charities and community groups play in connecting people and positively shaping our nation. The 2016 Our Neighbourhood Community Grants program encourages community organisations to apply for funding of one-off cash payments of up to \$10,000.

Projects will need to benefit the wider community, align with the key focus areas and primary audiences and meet an immediate need of the community.

Applications close: 5pm (AWST) on Fri 1 April 2016

Further information available through Australia Post or online; <http://ourneighbourhood.com.au/our-grants.html>



No Rabbits is no time for complacency

A new strain of rabbit calicivirus - RHDV2 - has been confirmed by Biosecurity SA in the Murraylands and Mount Lofty Ranges. To date the virus in SA has been confirmed in pet and meat rabbits, and is suspected in wild rabbits. According to anecdotal evidence no rabbits have been seen in some areas in the Murraylands for **weeks. No wild pest rabbits. Wouldn't that be good?!**

With no wild rabbits, the total grazing pressure in your paddocks would be reduced. In dry sheep equivalents (DSE), 8 to 12 rabbits are equivalent to one sheep grazing your paddock. There would be more crop to harvest and more pasture for your livestock to eat. Reduced grazing would improve surface cover on your paddocks and help minimise soil erosion. Fewer weeds would be spread. Native vegetation could regenerate.

What would you do if there was suddenly no rabbits in your area? Commence rabbit control is the answer.

Have you heard the saying "If it seems too good to be true, it probably is"? Well, since the 1860s there has never been 'no rabbits' and both myxomatosis, and the RHDV1 calicivirus that was released in 1996, originally achieved greater than 95% mortality.

For land managers in areas with no sign of a biological control, summer is the best time to begin an integrated

program of baiting, warren destruction and follow up fumigation for effective rabbit control.

For land managers who believe there are no rabbits, **it's a great time to ensure rabbit harbour** is destroyed. When the remaining rabbits breed or move in from unaffected areas, they will look for a home. Research shows that warren destruction is the most important part of long term rabbit control.

A broad scale coordinated attack to remove all warrens from an area is a feasible, long-term management option if there is a concerted effort between neighbours. The resources initially required will be offset by substantially reduced maintenance costs over time.

For assistance with planning a rabbit control program or help with local coordination please contact your local district officer from Natural Resources SAMDB on 08 8578 1493.



Call in at the

Natural Resources Hub

at the

Karoonda Farm Fair
April 1 & 2, 2016

Have a chat to the staff about

- **managing your land,**
- **stock and produce,**
- **what there is to see and do in our region**
- **and how you can get involved.**

Plenty of information and activities for young and old!

Look for us in your program.



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New online farm management program

Natural Resources SA Murray-Darling Basin (Natural Resources SAMDB) is pleased to announce that a new farm records management tool, nrmFARM will be launched on 14 December 2015.

Developed in partnership with Natural Resources South East (Natural Resources SE), nrmFARM is a free online farm management program for farmers, horticulturalists, and rural property owners in the Natural Resources SAMDB and SE regions.

The online tool will allow users to map key attributes on their properties and record farming actions and activities that have been undertaken.

Natural Resources SAMDB Sustainable Farming Project Officer Tony Randall said nrmFARM allows users to record information including crop and livestock types, fencing and irrigation, soil improvement and fertiliser applications, chemical applications, animal husbandry activities, spraying and baiting, and soil test results.

"The program is compatible with a very broad range of commodities that are farmed within the SAMDB region and suitable for farms and rural properties of all sizes," Mr Randall said.

"NrmFARM has been designed to be easy and practical to use, and to provide users with the ability to maintain, cross reference and collate farm records either by paddock or property.

"This is an excellent tool that supports whole farm planning and sustainable management."

Training sessions on the new version of nrmFARM will be rolled out across the region in early 2016.

A user guide will be available online shortly and Natural Resources SAMDB staff are available to assist those who wish to take advantage of this fantastic farm management tool.

For more information contact Principal Project officer Sustainable Farming Tony Randall on 0427 834 396 or tony.randall2@sa.gov.au or visit www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/samurraydarlingbasin/home

Photo caption: A free online farm management program called nrmFARM for farmers, horticulturalists, and rural property owners developed by Natural Resources SAMDB and Natural Resources SE will be available soon.

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Dates to Remember

Yurgo WAB—2nd Monday of the month at the Council Chambers

Karoonda CWA—meetings 4th Friday of the month , craft days 1st Tuesday of the month at the railway station

Council Meeting—2nd Tuesday of the month at the Council Chambers

Farm Fair 1 & 2 April

Adelaide Cup Day—14 March

Easter—Good Friday 25 March, Easter Monday 28 March

Anzac Day—25 April, Services at Bowhill, Mantung & Karoonda

Queen's Birthday—13 June

Labour Day—3 October

School Terms

Term 1 to 15 April,

Term 2 2 May to 8 July,

Term 3 24 July to 29 September,

Term 4 16 October to 15 December



My Local Services

www.lga.sa.gov.au/mylocal



Mallee Medical Practice Karoonda

Phone: 85791122 GP Services

Mannum Medical Associates - alternatively ring 85690222

March

Tues 1st, Thurs 3rd

Wed 9th, Thurs 10th

Tues 15th, Thurs 17th

Tues 22nd, Wed 23rd, Thurs 24th

Wed 30th, Thurs 31st

Surgery Hours: 9 - 5 pm

Closed Lunch: 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

When it's hot and dry, keep your cover on

Dry periods are critical times for ground cover management to reduce the risk of soil erosion. Long term soil management is dependent on the decisions you make before soil is exposed and susceptible to erosion.

Land managers are encouraged to be proactive in preparing for and managing wind erosion by seeking accurate information, acting early and having both a prevention and a recovery program.

Natural Resources South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Senior District Officer, Fiona Gray said the productivity of agricultural land is dependent on soil.

"Top soil with its valuable nutrients, trace elements and organic matter takes a long time to form, but when exposed, even relatively low winds can blow it away.

"At 30 km/hour sand grains can be dislodged and suspended in air. Crop yields can be reduced by 25% in the year following a significant erosion event," she said.

Northern mallee wind tunnel experiments have determined the cover levels needed to protect soil under most conditions. Minimum levels range from 15% of total surface area on loams to 50% on sands. Desirable levels are 35% on loams, 50% on sandy loams and 70% on sands. 30% of the surface cover should be anchored to prevent the rest from blowing away.

Starting with only the minimum cover levels could have your paddocks at an early disadvantage, because natural breakdown of crop and pasture residues reduces cover by around 20% between harvest and the break of the next season.

Factors that increase the removal of surface cover and subsequently exposure the soil are grazing, cultivation, herbicide use and burning.

Grazing management can be complex but is necessary to keep stock in an improving condition and to protect your soil resource. One sheep can detach hard setting soil at a rate of 0.3 tonnes per week and sandier soils up to one tonne per week. Over the summer this can loosen up to 140 tonnes per hectare on sands.

Methods to take the pressure off your grazing paddocks include a rotational grazing system; watering points and fences located to minimise concentrated traffic areas and protect susceptible areas like sandy rises and campsites; early weaning and removing poor performing breeders to reduce grazing pressure on limited pasture; and establishing confinement feeding areas.

Retaining stubble is effective in maintaining adequate cover in cropping paddocks as the roots help bind the soil. Standing stubble usually breaks down more slowly than flattened stubble, which is in contact with soil microbes that break down organic matter.

Other actions for cropping paddocks include regular monitoring of paddocks with grain legume stubbles which are particularly prone to erosion, avoid grazing failed crops with low

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growth as the root system may be shallow and easily pulled out, and protect crusts that form on sandy soils after rain by avoiding any soil disturbance from vehicles or stock,

For assistance with erosion management please contact Natural Resources SAMDB on 08 8532 9100.

Photo caption1: Look out for your legumes: Lupins (left) and wheat under the same grazing pressure. (Photo courtesy Natural Resources SAMDB Rebecca Pudney)

Photo caption 2: No matter which method you use for assessing surface cover, this paddock does not have enough. (Photo courtesy Natural Resources SAMDB Fiona Gray)



Hire of Dual Toilet Trailer

The Karoonda Development Group were successful in obtaining Grant funding and now have available for hire a dual Toilet Trailer.

The features of this unit is that it was built locally with quality in mind by HARRYS Engineering (Ryan PAECH)



The Trailer is based in Karoonda, it is easy to use, easy to clean, chemicals are included and can be hired at \$100 for up to a week.

Available for your next Sporting Event, Clearing Sale, Shearing, Family celebration or Curry Night!

The Karoonda Development Group also has available the BBQ Trailer with large plate and WEBBER oven \$50 day or \$90 weekend

Further info and bookings can be made by contacting Margie ARBON on 0885789036 or 0432601382 or arbo@karoonda.com.au

The award winning Karoonda Farm Fair is back for another year - Friday April 1 & Saturday April 2

This year we are providing you with a greater actioned packed program for you and your family.

With 2 days of entertainment, information, fashion, trade, competitions, machinery and over 300 sites – **it's definitely worth a visit. If you have been to the Karoonda Farm Fair before, you can't say you have seen the Mechanical Bull Rides, Monster Truck and the 'Murray Computer: Life in the Murraylands, Weather and its People' photography competition** as these are all new to this years Karoonda Farm Fair.

Exclusive to the Karoonda Farm Fair is the Farm Fair Challenge. Test you and your partner's skills – it will be lots of fun! It doesn't matter how young or old you are - it's all about the time and how well you complete the tasks.

Children of all ages can enjoy the Kids Entertainment marquee. It is action packed with **FREE** entertainment from bouncing sheep, face painting, animal farm, angry birds, craft and **fishing. The fun doesn't stop there** – they can get pony and camel rides around the Karoonda Farm Fair. Kids of all ages will not want to leave!

Treat yourself in the Logistic Lifestyle Pavilion, as it is the best destination for advice on **health, fitness, beauty, food and clothing. Don't forget to check out what's in style this year** with the Fashion Parades featuring the innovative wool clothing collection from AWI and Merino Country clothing, to be held this year in the Football Clubrooms.

Out in the yards – watch the Bee Jays Transport and Karoonda Freight Yard Dog Championships and the Mallee Dipping & Mulesing Working Dogs. These dogs have talent and their skills are worth watching.

Karoonda Farm Fair is fully affordable catered by local and commercial organisations. Full bar facilities available. No matter the weather, there is plenty of shelter for your comfort.

Friday night – **FREE Community Event from 5pm til late. Don't miss the heart racing Rods Stock Blocks Speed Shears** where the shearers compete for the Karoonda Farm Fair title. Camping sites are available for those wanting to stay the night.

Visit the Karoonda Farm Fair Friday April 1 and Saturday April 2 - gates open at 9am on both days.

Admission – Friday adults \$12 and kids under 16 free, Saturday adults \$12, under 16 \$3 and under 5 are free! See our website for more information: www.farmfair.com.au or find Karoonda Farm Fair on facebook.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2016 Karoonda Farm Fair.



Media release

14 December 2015

Broadband satellite data boost

nbn finds a way to make bigger data plans available

Australians in rural and regional areas are set to benefit from some of the world's best commercial satellite broadband when the **nbn** launches its revolutionary Sky Muster™ service in the second quarter of next year.

Through an innovative process of network optimisation, **nbn** has been able to provide wholesale plans with significantly more capacity than originally planned.

The capacity increase has been made possible through a combination of covering premises with other **nbn** technologies and making more use of the second purpose-built broadband satellite due to be launched next year.

As part of this strategy—budgeted for in the current Corporate Plan—40,000 premises are set to move to the fixed line and fixed wireless footprint, resulting in more available capacity on the satellite network.

The second satellite is also set to play a greater role than originally planned. In effect, **nbn** will be utilising the unallocated capacity of this satellite to help ensure people in regional areas have access to the best possible service **nbn** can offer.

nbn will also implement a fair use policy to help protect the quality of service for all end users while offering generous wholesale data allowances.

Sky Muster™ is designed to deliver wholesale speeds of up to 25/5Mbps¹ and the optimisation plan now allows wholesale data allowances of up to 150GB per month, with plans underway for additional allowances for distance education students².

nbn intends to offer these plans at a wholesale level to Retail Service Providers (RSPs) who are expected to launch retail plans at different price points to meet the various needs of their customers. These plans will likely range from relatively low-cost offers for a basic connection, through to plans suitable for heavy data users.

nbn's entry-level wholesale plans will enable RSPs to offer up to 75GB plans per month during peak periods³. Further higher value wholesale options could allow RSPs to construct peak usage plans up to 150GB per month. As a guide, a 75GB plan could allow more than 7 hours per day⁴ of standard definition video streaming. These plans would allow a typical user to undertake a wide variety of online activities each day including streaming ABC iView or radio, checking on the weather forecast or stock prices, online banking and downloading movies.

nbn is also very conscious of the additional requirements of children who rely on satellite for the delivery of distance education programs. Following work with departments of education and key stakeholders, **nbn** will be consulting with industry on plans to provide a separate 50GB monthly data allowance to eligible distance education students². Further trials and developments are planned for dedicated education video services over the coming year.

Federal President of the Isolated Children's Parents' Association (ICPA), Mrs Wendy Hick, said:

"Children living in rural and remote locations have long suffered poor access to broadband. The impact on schooling has caused serious concerns amongst users. Today's announcement is the result of collaboration between **nbn**, government and organisations such as ICPA working together to address the challenges presented. This should allow Australian children to keep up to speed with their education, no matter where they live."

nbn Executive General Manager of Fixed Wireless and Satellite Products, Gavin Williams said:

"The **nbn Sky Muster™** Satellite service will be a game changer for rural telecommunications delivering a new generation of satellite broadband to remote and isolated areas of Australia.

"We are freeing up capacity by rolling out more fixed wireless and fixed line broadband and using the unallocated capacity of the second satellite.

"We have worked hard to deliver vastly improved speeds and data allowances compared to services over the interim service, while ensuring we maintain a good quality experience for all satellite users. The satellite capacity is shared between users and there are limits in place so available capacity is managed carefully and fairly.

"**nbn** is also ensuring that capacity is allocated for public interest uses like education, with the potential for this approach also to be applied for health and emergency services."

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¹ We're designing the **nbn™** network to provide these speeds to our wholesale customers: telephone and internet service providers. End-user experience, including the speeds actually achieved over the **nbn™** network, depends on the technology over which services are delivered to your premises and some factors outside our control like equipment quality, software, broadband plans and how the end user's service provider designs its network.

² Eligibility to be confirmed with the relevant department of education. **nbn** intends to propose a 50GB allowance per student to a maximum of three students per location.

³ Off peak is 1am to 7am

⁴ This is a guide only based on estimated data streaming rates for a standard definition video stream such as ABC iView at a typical resolution.

Notes to editors

Note 1: Sky Muster is designed to serve more than 400,000 premises in some of the most remote and isolated parts of Australia and Islands such as Norfolk, Christmas, Cocos and Lord Howe. Many of these Australians have no broadband options other than satellite.

Note 2: The service will have 135Gbps of capacity compared to just 4Gbps on the Interim Satellite Service (ISS), so total Sky Muster™ system capacity is more than 30 times that of the ISS.

For more information, visit www.nbn.com.au

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7 May	Karoonda V BDT
14 May	Lameroo V Karoonda
21 May	Karoonda V Pinnaroo
28 May	Murrayville V Karoonda
4 June	Karoonda V Peake
11 June	Interleague V Hills
18 June	BDT V Karoonda @ Tintinara
25 June	Karoonda V Lameroo
2 July	Pinnaroo V Karoonda
9 July	Country Champs at Pt Lincoln
16 July	Karoonda V Murrayville
23 July	Peake V Karoonda
30 July	Karoonda V BDT
6 August	Lameroo V Karoonda
13 August	Karoonda V Pinnaroo
20 August	1st Semi at Pinnaroo
27 August	2nd Semi at Lameroo
3 September	Prelim at Murrayville
10 September	Grand Final at Peake

Community Library Opening Times



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Friday 8:30 - 1:00 1:30 - 5:00

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Karoonda light's up!!

Let there be light...and there was!



The journey started back in 2014 when the Courts Committee took on the challenge to improve the Lighting on the Karoonda Courts. Over the past few years the Murraylands Tennis Association has been playing on Friday nights. And what a successful move that has been proved to be. Local community members wanted to participate in the local night tennis competition and wanted to play on the Karoonda Courts, but the lighting was not up to the standard required.

The night competition certainly accommodates our Rural Community and provides a great sporting and social atmosphere for people of all ages and to avoid the heat of the day. With neighbouring districts having lit up courts and the township of Karoonda not having suitable lights, this needed to change. Karoonda had also entered a team into the competition and were appreciative that the neighbouring town of Borrika were more than happy to share the use of their courts for nearly two seasons. The draw also allowed this to happen.

The Karoonda courts are also used for Junior and Senior Netball, Junior Tennis, SAPSASA Tennis and Murray Regional Netball Academy trainings.

The Courts Committee took up the challenge for the near \$50,000 project and applied for a Holden Grant, which was unsuccessful. Later in the year, we were lucky enough to receive positive news that we had been successful with funding from:

- \$22,000 from Clubs SA
- \$15,000 from the Office for Recreation and Sport
- \$5,000 from the District Council Karoonda East Murray to assist with this project
- \$10,000 from The Courts Committee had also been made accessible to go towards this project as well

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Many thanks to Jodie Hawkes, Caroline Hood, Jaslyn Hocking, Hannah Loller and Julianne Simon for their support with the grants. They were my proof readers, thinking outside the square people, editors and using right word people who were ever only an email away and always responded in good time.

We engaged our unofficial Project Manager, Lucas ‘Spog’ Neumann to coordinate the professionals and together with Jeremy ‘Doc’ Hawkes, Bowhill Engineering the project went ahead faster than the ‘DeLorean’ vehicle from Back to the Future. With Staker Transport ready to deliver all was going to plan. Our poles look absolutely beautiful in the horizon and it is rather exciting to see the project come to fruition.

The lighting will enable additional community participation in events such as another tennis team entering the local competition. A mixed night netball competition is also on the cards. These social events and the general health of our direct and wider community are important as they bring our small community together and are critical to our social and cultural sustainability. Opportunities for youth are lacking in the region & this will allow them to partake in local sporting events rather than leaving our community to gain access to better facilities.



The lights provide a safe playing area for the whole community to participate in organised and social sports. We have a fantastic venue and now, complete with clear, bright acceptable competition standard lighting.

Thanks to all parties that assisted with this project! Yahoo!!

Karen Norman on behalf of
Karoonda Courts Committee





Thankyou

We sincerely thank all who attended, sent cards or helped in anyway on the recent passing of *Rodney (Rod) John Callagher.*

Special thanks to the Karoonda Hospital Staff.

Rod had asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Sandalwood Hall.

Donations made totalled \$700!

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Book launch at Sandalwood

The Murray Mallee Region of South Australia presented the early white settlers with challenges faced by few others as they toiled to understand the land and the bush, the weather and the isolation, to wrest a living from the fragile soils of the region. Here is a unique and very rich collection of letters and stories from those who 'opened up' the SA Murray Mallee and made it their home. While they had little and life was often hard and produced small rewards, the stories show that the settlers made the best of what they had, made their own fun, raised families, and built communities. [Detail from the book]



On 29 November last year, over 60 people gathered at the Sandalwood Hall for the launch of the book titled: *Early Settlement in South Australia's Murray Mallee Region: Sandalwood, Borrika, Lalirra and surrounding areas*. The event was conducted as part of the Arts SA program, **'Home is where the Hall is', and the launch and lunch that followed were managed and catered for by members of the Sandalwood Hall Committee.**

The Hall filled with laughter and conversation as former and current community members gathered on the day and told stories of who, what, where, and when... The walls were filled with posters and photographs reminding people of places and events. Some had not been back to

Sandalwood since their families had left the area; others had attended the Back to Sandalwood celebrations 42 years earlier. People came from interstate and places around South Australia, and many had contributed directly to the book.

John Halsey was MC for the day, the book was launched by Barry Oats, a former resident. Peter Heinrich, another former resident, shared stories of earlier times. Mayor Kevin Burdett then congratulated the author and the community on the achievement, saying he was always impressed by the work undertaken by the Sandalwood Hall Committee, the local community, and the events they put on for the district. Leanne Kruger made and decorated a cake for the event. It was a stunning creation, designed as an old book with the Sandalwood survey map inscribed on one half and the word **'History' on the other. The cake was ceremonially cut by Mrs Selina Knowling who at 90 was one of the older people who attended, along with Geoff Norman at nearly 92 years, and Bill Sleep from Peterborough at 87.**



Selina Knowling & Dianne Callagher

The event was the culmination of four years work, starting with the discovery at the Sandalwood Hall of old letters and stories written around 1960, 1961, and 1973. The documents had been placed there for safekeeping by Mrs Pat Grocke (nee Altmann) who for many years had lived at Sandalwood with her husband Keith. The 1960s letters were sent in after Pat and Keith asked original settlers and their families for

details about early days of settlement in the area. The information was for the newly formed District Council of Karoonda-East Murray, who had commissioned Alan Jones to write a history of the district. Keith served the area as ward councillor for the East Murray Council for many years and he and Pat were well placed to ask people for information. The letters dated 1973 were linked to the very successful Back to Sandalwood event held that year to commemorate the 50-year anniversary of the opening of the Sandalwood Hall. Mrs Isla Shilton and members of the Sandalwood Recreation Association had planned and conducted that event, and used information from the letters to inform the booklet produced for the occasion.

The letters and stories were fascinating, and made compelling reading. No wonder that Dianne Callagher, who with her husband Rod looked after the Sandalwood Hall, was intrigued. She talked about the resource with Judith Lydeamore, a member of the Hall committee, and they both thought how important it was to bring the letters and stories together into a record for later generations and to show what life had been like in earlier times. That had also been the dream of Pat Grocke for many years, and she was delighted to learn of the plan. Judith offered to compile the book and as soon as it became known what was afoot, many more people came forward with offers of stories and photographs. The Sandalwood Centenary Celebrations in 2012 provided another impetus for people to provide information, and many visits to people and properties followed.

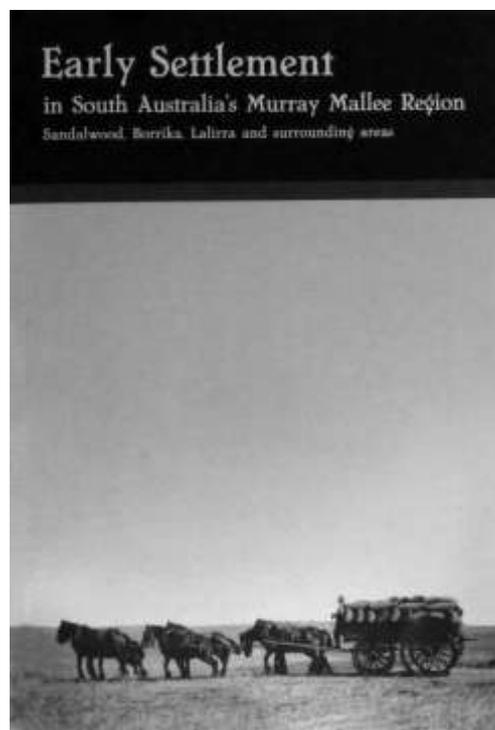
At the launch, Judith presented a copy of the book to Pat Grocke and thanked her for her foresight in preserving the records and for all the help she had provided over a number of years. People were able to purchase a copy of the book on the day, and Judith signed books for those who wanted an autographed copy. Quite a few people came forward with other stories and photographs. Most of those had not been known about previously so a plan was quickly put in place to meet each person early in 2016 and produce a supplement to the book.

Lunch was enjoyed by everyone and Hall Committee members were complimented on the variety of food available and the generosity of the provisions—a typical country spread.

Frank and Cheryl Keelan, current owners of the **'Sandalwood store'**, kindly opened their house so people could visit the Sandalwood shop and recall times past when they went there for mail and paper and supplies. Among the visitors were Alan Jones and Geoff, Peter and Glenda Norman. Geoff and **Peter's father and mother had owned and operated** the shop for many years. Original ledgers and other shop books were on display, along with photographs and an exceptional display of shop memorabilia and artefacts.

An outstanding and historic day was had by all and thanks go to each and every person who contributed and attended.

A limited number of copies of the book are still available at a cost of \$30, and can be purchased from the Karoonda Council Office or Karoonda Post Office. Copies can also be purchased by cheque or direct deposit and posted for \$44. Contact Judith on 0417530044 for details.



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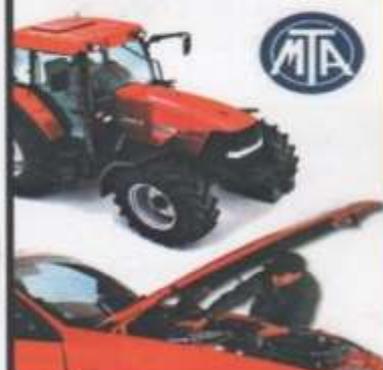
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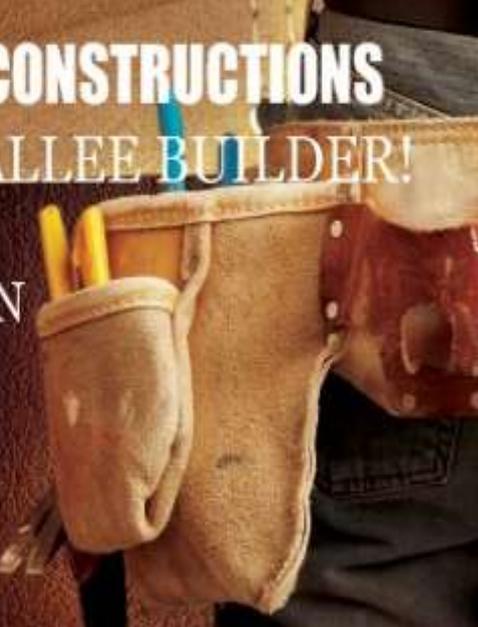
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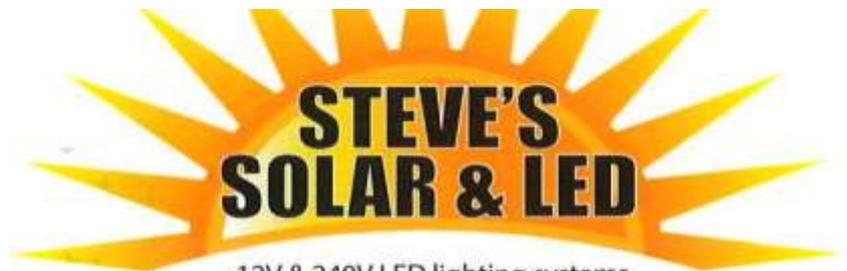
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