

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Council Elections are happening this year.

Do you care about what's happening in your local community?

Participating in your local council's election is one of the most direct ways you can make a difference to everyday life in your community, and voting is open to a wider range of people than State and Federal elections. Even if you are not an Australian citizen, and/or not on the State electoral roll, you can vote in a council election as long as you are over the age of 18 and have lived in the council area for more than one month.

You can also vote in a council election if you own a rateable property in the area (regardless of whether you live in it) or represent a body corporate (business/organisation) or a group.

The important thing is to make sure you put your vote in. Unlike the State and Federal Elections, Local Government Elections are not compulsory. Therefore it is up to you to make sure you are enrolled to vote. It is as easy as filling out an application form which can be obtained from our website www.pirrie.sa.gov.au, and submitted by 5pm Friday 10 August 2018.

- make a difference -

2018 COUNCIL ELECTIONS

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nominate by 12noon Tuesday 18 September 2018

vote must be received before 5pm Friday 9 November 2018

Local Government Association

-A council is PART -of you- EVERY DAY.

Nominating for a position on council

Decisions about council services, policies and projects are made by people just like you, who care about what's happening in their local community.

If you are eligible to vote in your local council elections, you are probably also eligible to stand for a position on council. You can nominate for a position on council regardless of qualifications, religion, race, gender, experience or profession. In fact, councils actively encourage nominations from people from diverse backgrounds to ensure that a wide range of views are being represented.

Nominations open as of Tuesday 4 September for all interested eligible candidates, and closes at 12pm Tuesday 18 September.

A mail out will be sent to registered voters

containing voting materials as of 22 October detailing their council area candidates. The ballot paper in your voting pack will show the candidates standing for election in your council ward. Once completed return it in the reply paid envelope.

Voting closes on 9 November with a result to be confirmed over the weekend.

DID YOU KNOW

Statistics from the 2016 census showed:

- Females take up 51% of the population in our Council region
- We have never seen a female representative for Mayor
- At best only had a 25% female representation in our Elected Members.

COUNCIL IMPROVING RURAL ROADS

Council is committed to improving the rural roads in the region and with over \$3 million dedicated to the road renewal program for 2017/18, there will be some big improvements.

The construction of the left turn slip lane from Oaks Road on to Nelshaby Road heading into Port Pirie will see a great improvement with the flow of traffic.

The other major project is the sealing of the Koolunga to Mudoora Road, with the works starting at the Mudoora end on Ingram Gap Road. The main construction works are due to commence in April and expected to continue over a 14 week period. All works are being undertaken by Council staff and machinery with assistance from contractors to cart the 23,000 tonne of road material required.

This year will also see the restoration of the flood damaged floodways from the September 2016 flooding of the Broughton River, being White Cliffs (Reldep Road) Koolunga, Welbourne Road and Schultz Road, Narridy. The re-sheeting and road shoulder repairs are also due



to be completed by the end of May on the Main Road between Redhill and Koolunga and the Wandearah Raod.

The annual road reseal program is well underway around the residential streets of Port Pirie with kerb replacement works, road shaping and footpath maintenance. Contractor Downer will be responsible for the main resealing works.

Council has also added some improvements to the Port Pirie Cemetery where a 50m long road has been constructed, creating a new lawn beam section for future burials. The road was designed to follow on from a pre-existing road in the area, matching with the surrounding levels. It is expected that this new area will create a further 138 graves for future growth.

All the playgrounds in the Council area have been topped up with a fresh load of Softfall to continue to make them a safe environment for children to play in.



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From the Mayor's Desk

The Port Pirie Regional Council has set in place a rolling Business Plan for 2017 through to 2021 and as we come to the end of the first year of the Plan, I am pleased to report that we continue to deliver our core services and embark on major projects, as we are in a strong financial position.

Moving forward we will face challenges, some we are well aware of however there are always some unexpected which we need to be prepared for. Council's Business Plan provides us with a strong platform to work from and we are able to review annually any variances and update the plan accordingly to enable Council to have a clear indication of its financial situation and its future direction.

As a community, you would be well aware of the major upgrades and improvements that have been happening over the past 12 months including the Port Pirie Central Business District upgrade to the Alexander and Florence Streets, the opening of the foreshore upgrade and the very exciting sports precinct which will provide first class sporting facilities with the intent of attracting state and national events to our city. The State Masters Games has already been confirmed for April 2019.

The rural areas have also been well catered for with a commitment of an upgrade to the Crystal Brook library, installation of attractive signage to our rural towns and the staged sealing of the Koolunga to Mudoora Road. Grant funding has also been secured for the restoration of flood damaged areas of the Broughton River in Koolunga and Narridy.

Council has also contributed \$75,000 for community based projects through our Community Assistance Fund and the budget has now been fully allocated. This Fund supports the many activities and projects of community groups.

Council's key focus over the next three years is to continue the transformation, not only for the city of Port Pirie but for our rural towns as well to enable us to continue to develop into a key regional centre.

I firmly believe that we have come a long way, we still have a long way to go, but it is an exciting journey and it is my hope that you will all play your part in promoting our city and the region in a positive manner and encourage people to visit and witness the transformation taking place.

I encourage you to take an interest in Council's Business Plan and Budget, attend the public consultation sessions which are your opportunity to voice your opinion and have your say in the future of our city and the region.

John Rohde
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MAYOR

My first few weeks in the CEO chair have gone very quickly.



So far I have had the pleasure of meeting a range of community members at a function hosted by the Mayor and begun to meet with business and community leaders, firstly to introduce myself, and secondly and most importantly to try to understand how council may support their expansion plans and offerings to our community. I will be making a concerted effort to try and get out and about to better understand how our communities work, and have encouraged senior staff of Council to do the same.

Port Pirie and surrounding towns have really lived up to the "friendly and welcoming" tag that you are known for. This should not be taken for granted and is a key advantage.

Almost without exception, people I have met have conveyed a feeling of optimism and expectation for the future, based on examples such as the recent investment by Nyrstar, the commencement of the CBD upgrade, and with the sporting precinct development now taking shape.

In terms of my broad vision for Council, it is quite simple – working together more often than not produces better and more lasting outcomes. Whilst we need to initiate some projects, our role is also to support business and community in their efforts to make our communities more vibrant and great places to live.

NEW CEO

DOWN TO BUSINESS

Port Pirie Regional Council is coming to the end of the first year of the 2017/18 to 2019/20 Business Plan, and is looking in great shape and is continuing to build on to the second three year rolling Business Plan going into 2018/19 to 2020/21.

As we move through the next three years there will be changes that require us to be agile to provide the best opportunities and services to our communities. Therefore, the Business Plan provides the basis on which we can report on the variance and why they have occurred. We will also annually review and update the three year plan to ensure it provides a clear direction for Council and community.

Residents will already notice some great changes and improvements happening in our council area with:

- The CBD Upgrade of Florence and Alexander Street
- Footpath strategy put in place and implementation started
- Tourism and Events Strategy put in place
- Walking trail Crystal Brook
- Foreshore Opening
- Sports Precinct Construction
- Norman Street Mural

This coming financial year will continue to see growth around Port Pirie and surrounding regions. With the following expected to take place

- Completion of Sports Precinct
- Stage 2 CBD Upgrade
- Attractive entrance signs for rural towns
- Crystal Brook Library Upgrade
- DACO (Dogs and Cats Online)
- Community Solar Project
- Masters Games

There is still plenty happening for the surrounding rural towns

as well with the sealing of the Koolunga – Mudoora Road which is due to Council receiving Special Local Roads funding of \$2.8 million.

Grant funding had also been secured for the restoration of flood damages from the September 2016 flooding of the Broughton River, in both Koolunga and Narridy.

Capital works proposed include the redevelopment of the Crystal Brook Library and Office to provide a more functional community centre to encourage broader use. Further works will be undertaken at the Port Pirie and various rural Cemeteries and a number of Council and community buildings will be upgraded.

Irrigation, barbecues and rubbish bins will be installed in various parks and the restoration of the Port Pirie WW1 Gates will be completed. There will also be resources committed to tree management, footpath improvements and other community amenities in the region.

A key focus over the next three years will be to continue the transformation of the region to meet changing community requirements and deliver Council's vision for the Port Pirie Region to be the premier regional centre in South Australia where residents and visitors want to be.

This is definitely proving to be true as it is encouraging to see more and more events/acts coming to Port Pirie.

The future for our region looks promising with Council seeking to implement a number of exciting initiatives to help to transform our region into an attractive and prosperous place to live and visit.

The Business Plan and Budget will go up for public consultation from the 17 May to the 13 June. During this time there will also be a public forum on Monday 4 June for residents to voice their opinions which will be held in the Council Chambers. There is also the option to provide feedback by submitting an online feedback form or submit a hardcopy in writing via mail or in person.

DOG REGISTRATIONS



From 1 July 2018, Dogs and Cats Online (DACO) will be the central database for microchipped and registered dogs and cats and registration payments. Dogs and Cats Online will also be the register of breeders.

Existing dog owners should receive a renewal notice in the mail during July 2018 with their dog's new lifetime registration disc (replacing the annual disc) and instructions on how to complete their annual dog registration on Dogs and Cats Online. If you do not receive a renewal notice for your dog, please contact your council.

This new online service is launching to streamline breeder registration, your pet's microchip data and even your council dog (or cat) registration payments. DACO is a new one-stop website that brings together all your dog and cat management needs in one place.

Here you can pay council registration, register or renew as a breeder and instantly update your details if you move house or change phone numbers.

Approved breeder associations will handle breeder registration in DACO, on behalf of their members. Other breeders will be able to log into DACO and self-manage their breeder registration within their animal owner profile.

DACO will be the central point for all your dog and cat management payments and information, replacing the 68 individual council systems and private microchip databases currently in place. It will streamline the process for councils, vets and animal welfare agencies too, giving these organisations instant access to information from around the state. This will help them reunite you and your lost dog or cat quicker.

There will now only be two categories to which your dog can be registered under:

- Standard Dog: A dog that is both desexed and microchipped
- Non-standard Dog: all other dogs, even if they are exempt from rules around desexing or microchipping, such as dogs belonging to registered breeders, working livestock dogs etc

Aged pensioners and other concession card holders will also be able to obtain pensioner discounts online. They will no longer need to travel to their council chambers, top pay their registration fees.

Discounted microchipping days are offered throughout the state at various times of the year. Visit dogandcatboard.com.au or chipblitz.com for more details.

MASTERS GAMES 2019

AT THIS STAGE THERE ARE 20 CONFIRMED SPORTS WHICH WILL BE

- VOLLEYBALL - PISTOL AND SHOOTING - CLAY TARGET SHOOTING - LAWN BOWLS
- TABLE TENNIS - BASEBALL - HOCKEY - BMX - SOFTBALL
- SAILING - EQUESTRIAN - ARCHERY - CROQUET
- DIRT CIRCUIT - TENNIS - DARTS - NETBALL
- SWIMMING - BASKETBALL - DRAGON BOATS

After a long seven years Port Pirie will once again be holding the South Australian Masters Games in 2019.

The games will be held over 4 days starting on the 12-15 April 2019 and will be held at various venues throughout Port Pirie and South Flinders Ranges region.

Representatives from Council attended the Masters Games in Murray Bridge in April this year too officially receive the handover to Port Pirie for the 2019 Games.

This will tie in perfectly with the new Sports Precinct being fully completed and functioning by then and will be the perfect facilities to be the main hub for the games.



Heritage Rail Trail Fuel COMPETITION



Port Pirie Regional Council came together with two other council areas, District Council of Peterborough and Broken Hill City Council, and crossed borders to bring a unique competition to tourists and travellers. This competition will promote the history of the Heritage Rail Trail which runs through Broken Hill through to the Spencer Gulf.

With a \$2000 dollar fuel card up for grabs, this competition is a great way to encourage not only the “Grey Nomads” but also everyday tourists to the towns to appreciate the history each town has to offer.

Entry forms are available from the three main Visitor Information Centres along the Trail, being Broken Hill, Peterborough and Port Pirie. Entrants are required to collect unique stamps from each of the information centres.

The Heritage Rail Trail and the Steamtown Heritage Rail Centre have been rated among the Top 10 experiences for visitors to South Australia. Peterborough and the outposts along the Heritage Rail Trail were a vital part of Australia’s growth as an industrial economy. They facilitated what was then the world’s biggest mining boom, which began in Broken Hill.

The Heritage Rail Trail begins in the red dirt of Broken Hill and ends at the gulf waters of Port Pirie – a 400km legacy of the world’s most profitable stretch of railway. The Trail was completed in 1887 and decommissioned in 1970. It stopped at 15 towns, including the once-mighty steam heartland that was Peterborough. The trail portrays the parched outback plains, hillside pastures and the glittering waters of Port Pirie on the Spencer Gulf.

The stories of the players, the power-brokers and the advent of the world’s largest mining company are told via a digital mobile guide as visitors follow the relic of the little 3’6” railway line. This digital guide, through Daytrippa, is free to download via Google or the Heritage Rail Trail site.

The competition closes on 31 October 2018 and the winner will be announced on Monday 5 November 2018 at the Port Pirie Regional Council at 4pm.

This competition is unique in itself as it is the first to be run across State borders and over three different Regional Councils, with a specific tourism trail focus.

FORESHORE PRECINCT OUTDOOR EVENTS



Since the opening of the Foreshore Precinct it has proven to be the perfect spot to hold events, with the Christmas movie night kicking off the first of many outdoor movie nights held there.

The Grinch was shown, which was a free event and saw about 400 people attend. There was free face painting and large outdoor games to keep the kids entertained.

Rotary were on hand to feed the crowd with a BBQ along with Hot n Pop Popcorn.

It was also the perfect spot to hold the New Years Eve celebrations at the foreshore. This event saw the crowd swell to well over 5000 people with people coming from far and wide to watch the fireworks.

Once again there was a great array of entertainment for everyone, with live music

being performed by The Party Band and Funk Throne, numerous activities for the kids and adults young at heart.

With Beach Road closed off to traffic, this gave way for stalls and food trucks to line the street and people to spread out and browse the stalls.

The fireworks started at 9pm for the kids to enjoy before the big finale at midnight being spectacular with the display coming off the bridge and the reflection of colours off the ocean. This was reiterated by amazing feedback from the community being that it was the perfect location and the event feeling safer. With this in mind Council has said next years event will be bigger and better with bigger fireworks.



SPORTS PRECINCT

Excitement is building as the Port Pirie Sports Precinct project is getting closer to the end. Works are progressing well and are over 50% complete. You can see the buildings taking place and the lush lawns of both ovals. Memorial Oval and cricket pitch maintenance is being performed by Council and the turf is establishing very well to the expected AFL Standard.

The access roadways around the oval have had all kerbing and guttering installed with final road base lifted in readiness for bitumising.

The 9 new light towers have been erected on both the Memorial and Pirie West Ovals.

Pirie West Oval has had irrigation installed around the football and baseball areas, and the turf laid. The Soccer field will have turf laid in September, and has also received a new toilet block.

The Function Centre has over 80% of all the steel structure installed with the first floor and balcony concrete poured. All internal block work walls have been installed with structural fire protection installed and light wall framing commenced on the ground floor.

The Recreation Centre has had nearly all the steel work erected and 80% of the roof installed. All internal and external

block work has been installed including the squash courts and plant room areas. Internal light wall framing is approx. 70% complete with first fix plumbing, electrical and air conditioning being installed.

Half of the new Learn to Swim pool has been poured with the splash park section being fully steeled in readiness for the concrete pour.

Croquet and bowls are already playing on both the new fields and a new toilet block has been installed for the clubs.



Creating a Gmail Account	iPhone Basics	Android Smartphone Basics
Friday 27th April 2:00pm <small>For those that haven't got an Apple ID or Gmail account. We will assist you in creating your free account. This account is a prerequisite for your smartphone and tablet access.</small>	Monday 30th April 10:00am <small>Uncover the fun and convenience of your smartphone. How to check with family and friends, take and receive photos, download apps and more.</small>	Wednesday 2nd May 2:00pm <small>Uncover the fun and convenience of your smartphone. How to check with family and friends, take and receive photos, download apps and more.</small>
Beginners internet part 1	Beginners internet part 2	Online Safety
Monday 7th May 2:00pm <small>A hands on beginner's guide introducing the internet to your life for fun, education, learning, help and entertainment in everyday life.</small>	Monday 14th May 2:00pm <small>A hands on beginner's guide introducing the internet to your life for fun, education, learning, help and entertainment in everyday life.</small>	Thursday 10th May 2:00pm <small>Learn how to understand and recognise the threat the internet might present, the measures you can take to avoid them, and the tools available to protect you and your computer.</small>
Android Tablet Basics	iPad Tablet basics	Learning about Social Media
Friday 11th May 10:00am <small>Discover the possibilities only to access the internet, take photos and communicate via your tablet.</small>	Tuesday 15th May 2:00pm <small>Stay in touch with people and share photos. Also a social media update demonstrating how the Facebook and Twitter. Learn how to create accounts and how they work.</small>	Wednesday 16th May 2:00pm <small>Stay in touch with people and share photos. Also a social media update demonstrating how the Facebook and Twitter. Learn how to create accounts and how they work.</small>
Learning about Gmail	eBooks and Audiobooks	Online Banking Basics
Wednesday 23rd May 2:00pm <small>Keep in touch with family and friends using Gmail (Gmail.com). After the workshop you will receive your email account, how to use it, send and reply to emails.</small>	Thursday 24th May 2:00pm <small>As part of your Program you will download your 30,000 eBooks and Audiobooks to your device, enjoy downloading, return and on line proof available to you.</small>	Monday 28th May 10:00am <small>This session is designed to build your confidence and confidence using online banking. Using Online banking services you can bank when it suits you, the money never goes to the bank, it can be used by anyone.</small>

What you will need

For Apple workshops:
An iPhone or iPad (depending on which workshop you choose).

An existing Apple account (or Apple ID), for downloading apps to an iPhone smartphone.

For Android workshops:
An Android smartphone or Android tablet (depending on which workshop you choose).

An existing Google account (or Google ID), for downloading apps to an Android smartphone.

What is included
A trainer and assistant.
PC Computers for email, basic computing and social media workshops.
A large presentation screen for attendees to refer to during each workshop. (used in all workshops)

Bookings essential for all lessons
Sessions are available for ages 60+

Sessions are held at the Port Pirie Regional Library

Morning Session times:
10:00am—12:00pm

Afternoon Session times:
2:00pm—4:00pm

T E C H S A V V Y S E N I O R S

In an increasingly online and digitally connected world, where more of our daily interactions and activities move online, digital technologies are now an integral part of life and a necessity for social and economic participation in the twenty first century. But not all Australians are online and they are therefore digitally excluded.

Digital inclusion is about ensuring every Australian is able to make full use of digital technologies – to be able to access education, online businesses and services, contact family and friends, and participate in the digital economy. It’s not just about owning a computer or device, it’s about using them to improve skills and enhance the quality of life and wellbeing.

Telstra has formed a partnership with the Libraries Board of South Australia and the South Australian State Government to deliver FREE digital technology training to seniors aged over 60. The program will be rolled out across regions throughout South Australia and aims to encourage more seniors to embrace technology and improve their literacy skills. By participating in the program, it is expected that seniors will be assisted to develop the confidence and skills necessary to actively participate in the digital community and increase their level of participation.

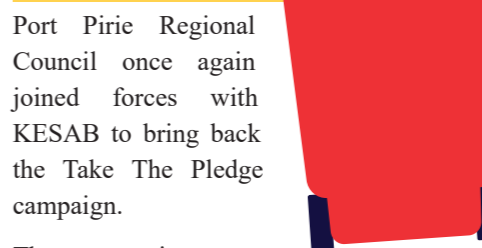
The Port Pirie Regional Library Service is starting their FREE training from April to October 2018.

To know more about the Tech Savvy Seniors program, visit Telstra.com/Seniors.

There are approximately six spaces available for each session and participants are encouraged to register their interest at the Port Pirie Regional Library. Pick up the details for the library’s Tech Savvy Seniors sessions while you’re there!

Future lessons will be based on participant needs so be sure to tell the library staff what your digital literacy needs are. We will be offering a range of relaxed, fun and friendly weekly sessions on how to use your smartphones, online shopping such as eBay, how to use your libraries digital eBook and eMagazine collections, Facebook, Skype and more. For further information please contact the library on 8632 1649.

TAKE THE PLEDGE!



Port Pirie Regional Council once again joined forces with KESAB to bring back the Take The Pledge campaign. The campaign was successfully implemented for the first time in our region last year and returned again in March 2018. Residents were encouraged to visit the Council website (www.pirie.sa.gov.au) and sign an online pledge or, drop into the Council Administration Office to commit to sending less to landfill by using the yellow

and green lidded kerbside bins effectively for recyclable and compostable materials. Once you had taken the pledge, you received a sticker to place on your red lidded bin to show everyone you are committed to reducing landfill. You were also in the running to win a gift box from the Port Pirie Regional Tourism & Arts Centre or a voucher to the Waste Transfer Station over the ten week competition. Crystal Brook resident Teresa Bryant’s tip to make recycling at home easier is to have a collection point for recyclables in the house so you don’t have to make a trip every time you need to recycle something. She said this can

be frustrating but is easily fixed with a bucket or basket to collect items in the house and take them to the recycling bin when it’s full, and every little bit counts.

Take The Pledge started on 5 March 2018 and continued until 11 May 2018.

Council was pleased to see that this year saw a great deal more people signing up to Take The Pledge with numbers increasing from 55 in 2017 to 125 in 2018 bringing a total of 180 pledges.