

Port Pirie City Park

City Park in Port Pirie has received a \$190,000 upgrade to complement the earlier CBD Stage 1 project in Alexander and Florence Streets.



New street furniture, a shelter and LED lighting have been installed. The Park has been beautifully landscaped with Red Kangaroo Paws, Desert Flames, Tuckeroo trees and 360 square metres of Dwarf Kikuyu lawn. All of these elements have been designed to match the theme of Alexander Street and complement the CBD Stage 1 Upgrade completed in 2017.

This project has been funded through a combination of an \$85,510 grant through the State Government's Places for People program and Council funding.

Fencing has remained around the lawned area to help it to settle during the cooler weather. This will soon be removed and some small finishing touches added to complete the new look City Park.



South East Asian Memorial

The stories of local servicemen and women have been brought to life at a stunning new memorial located on Memorial Drive.

The South East Asian Memorial has been enhanced with the installation of four bollards commemorating the theatres of war in South East Asia (Malaysia, Borneo, Vietnam and Korea). Stories are told through storyboards featuring information about each conflict as well as the number of Australians who served, were wounded and died in each conflict.

QR codes featured on each bollard bring a digital storytelling element to the memorial. Community members can use their phone camera (on an Apple or Android phone) to be connected to stories about local servicemen and women through the Australian War Memorial's Places of Pride website.

The memorial upgrade was a partnership between Port Pirie Regional Council and the RSL Port Pirie Sub Branch and was made possible through a 'Saluting Their Service' Commemorative Grant from the Federal Government's Department of Veteran Affairs.



Representatives from Port Pirie Regional Council and the RSL Port Pirie Sub Branch met recently to admire the new storyboard bollards at the South East Asian Memorial in Port Pirie. Pictured were Gary Fradd (secretary of the RSL Port Pirie Sub Branch), Kathryn Johnson (Director Infrastructure – Port Pirie Regional Council), Cr Mick Hopgood and Cr Jack Keain.

Our Region's Cemeteries

Port Pirie Regional Council is committed to continued maintenance and improvement projects at our region's cemeteries to treat them with the respect they deserve.

New entrance signs have been installed at the Port Pirie Cemetery and our rural cemeteries (located in Crystal Brook, Warnertown, Koolunga, Redhill and Keilli at Mundoora). A niche wall has been constructed for the Napperby Cemetery.

When you next visit the Port Pirie Cemetery, you may notice it is looking greener thanks to the installation of new turf and irrigation at the new lawn beam by our Parks and Recreation team.

The cenotaph which is located in the middle of the in the War Graves section has also been upgraded recently, including the removal of the old terrazzo finish which was chipping off and replacement with terrazzo tiles.



This follows the replacement of the double beams in the War Graves with concrete single beams last year to create a more uniform look. A new lawn beam was constructed in the rose garden along with grass being laid.

A second irrigation pump has been installed at the Port Pirie Cemetery. This will support water pressure to enable the construction of more lawn beams in the future.



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A Word From Our Mayor

Hello everyone, I have been super keen to get back in touch with you, mostly to see how you have been coping through this COVID-19 period. I hope you or your family have had no exposure to this dreadful pandemic.

It is very hard to remain positive when every time you turn on the television or listen to the radio there is something about COVID-19, but I take the news being delivered as positive, as the more we are informed the better we can take steps to protect ourselves. And of course I thank my lucky stars I live in this magnificent area that seems to have been insulated a little from the Pandemic.

I want to quickly bring you up to date on some of the projects you may see happening around the

region like the completion of the Round 1 Drought Communities Program funded projects. In particular, the Bowman Park nature playground, a Small Cell communication tower in Koolunga, a new Men's Shed in Crystal Brook, extension to the Redhill Football and Netball Club and so much more. There has also been major improvements for City Park in Port Pirie making this area a safe and peaceful spot for lunch as well as improvements to the Port Pirie Cemetery.

Currently underway are improvements to Bowman Street in Crystal Brook. We have also had an upgrade to the Administration area at the Port Pirie Regional Council office. The staff there are our front line and are super important to the organisation and these improvements will assist them delivering services to you.

In closing, I would like to pay tribute to the State and Federal Governments for their leadership during this time, and to remind all of you we are not out of the woods yet. Please keep up your awareness and look in on elderly members of your family or community. Be patient and thankful as things might not happen as quickly as they used to, supply fluctuates as the borders do, buy only what you need so others can supply their family and share any abundances you may have such as fruit and vegetables.



Keep well until next time I speak to you.

Regards

Mayor Leon Stephens

Bowman Park Nature Playground: Top 2 in SA



Crystal Brook and Port Pirie Regional Council are proud to be home to one of the best adventure and nature playgrounds in the state!

The new Nature Play Space at Bowman Park has been recognised as #2 in Nature Play SA's Top 10 Best Adventure and Nature Playgrounds – and it is no wonder! Every day since the playground officially opened in June, families have been soaking up the winter sunshine and testing out the playground while rediscovering the beauty of Bowman Park.

Bowman Park Nature Play Space is a collaborative project between Port Pirie Regional Council and the Bowman Park Management Committee and has been funded through the Federal Government's Drought Communities Program.

The playground features interactive structures and landscapes for children to explore such as pathways, log scrambles, build your own cubby, balance logs, treasure hunt, tunnels and soft fall.

Bowman Park has its own magnificent history as a former fauna park and event space, and Council is working with the Bowman Park Management Committee and Crystal Brook community to further develop the park.

The nature playground will also be a great tourism drawcard and build upon

the opportunities presented by the State Government's \$10 million investment in the Remarkable Southern Flinders project, which will create a Grampians-style walking experience around Napperby and Nelshaby.

This space creates potential for further development opportunities at Bowman Park.



Update On Your Rates and Council's Business Plan

This is normally the time of year that we are sharing our plans for the year ahead with you during our Business Plan and Budget Public Consultation.

In these unprecedented times, the State Government has given councils the ability to delay the adoption of the Business Plan which also includes the setting of rates.

This provides us with an opportunity to investigate and better understand the financial impacts of COVID-19.

So, what does this mean for you?

Legislation requires councils to issue four rates notices throughout the financial year so while you won't receive one this

quarter, please keep budgeting for your Council rates as normal.

Keep an eye on Council's website (www.pirie.sa.gov.au), Facebook page (Port Pirie Regional Council) and the local media for further updates on the timing of your rates notices and Council's Business Plan consultation.

Koolunga Tower

A new Small Cell communication tower has been installed in Koolunga, providing significant improvements to mobile phone connectivity. Local residents and businesses are now able to receive mobile coverage of up to a 2km radius of the Telstra exchange site for the Telstra 4GX network. While the new infrastructure may not provide coverage to the outer areas of Koolunga, it provides a much needed and more reliable solution for the township.

The project has been funded through co-investment between Port Pirie Regional Council via a Federal Government Drought Communities Program grant and the Telstra Corporation.

Council is pleased to be involved in the provision of this new infrastructure that will aid in the community's sustainability for many years to come.



Projects In Our Rural Areas

New sporting club facilities and community amenities have been completed throughout the rural areas of Port Pirie Regional Council.

Council received funding through the Federal Government's Drought Communities Program, which supports communities in drought affected areas by providing grants for local infrastructure. These projects have been recently completed and include several based at Redhill, Koolunga and Wanderah.

These Drought Communities Program funded projects include:

- Koolunga Communications Tower.
- Koolunga Bowls & Tennis Club - New toilet block.
- Redhill Football & Netball Club - Extension to the club's function area which includes a new toilet area, bar and storage room.
- Wanderah Hall - New toilet block constructed adjacent to the Hall.

Port Pirie Regional Council has also fully replaced the kitchen at the Koolunga Institute with new cupboards, sink, oven and island bench. Koolunga Development Association members have contributed to the project through the specification and colour scheme for the kitchen.

In addition to these projects, Port Pirie Regional Council has completed a major rural road project on Ingram Gap Road, near Mundoora. The road has been sealed, line marking added and road signage installed.



Koolunga Institute Kitchen



Wanderah Hall Toilet Block



Ingram Gap Road



Redhill Football & Netball Club Extension



Koolunga Tennis and Bowls Club Toilets

Crystal Brook & Surrounds Transformations



Crystal Brook Pool BBQ and Shelter

A series of improvement projects are transforming Crystal Brook's main street and surrounds. Many of these projects have been funded through the Federal Government's Drought Communities Program.

These projects include:

- Bowman Park Nature Play Space - (See front page).
- Adelaide Square Playground - Shade sail installed over the toddler sandpit area.
- Crystal Brook Swimming Pool - Double plate BBQ and shelter installed.



Shade Sail at Adelaide Square

- Jubilee Park - New unisex three bay toilet block constructed.
- Crystal Brook Community Men's Shed - New shed constructed.

A further transformation will take place with a mural to be painted on the side of the Reflections building in Crystal Brook's main street. Artist James Dodd has been commissioned to create the mural and will select two local artists as assistants to work under his guidance in a valuable learning opportunity.

Port Pirie Regional Council has received a fantastic response to



Jubilee Park Toilets

our community consultation which has seen residents contribute to the design of the mural. The mural will be completed in September.

The Crystal Brook Mural project has been made possible through Round 2 of the Federal Government's Drought Communities Program funding.



Crystal Brook Men's Shed

Bowman Street Improvements

Port Pirie Regional Council has consulted the Crystal Brook community on improvements to the main street - now, these improvements are coming to life.

The works have been funded through the Federal Government's Drought Communities Program (Round 2), the State Government's Places for People Program and Council's Capital Works program.

Improvements include:

- Underground power and water.
- New bike racks installed adjacent to the Library and Foodland.
- New seating in front of the Library (using recycled timber slats from the old garden beds).
- Removal of three pepper trees which have been identified by an arborist as being in poor condition.

- New shelter for the centre median.
- Street furniture and bollards.
- Irrigation and replanting of garden beds.
- Repairs to kerb and gutter and resealing of road and parking areas.

Council will also work with the Crystal Brook Community

Association to develop guidelines for improvements to shopfronts and verandas.

Council is awaiting the delivery of street furniture, expected late September, and will program our kerb replacement works to coincide with the street furniture installation.



Bowman Street - Pepper Tree Removal