



From the Mayor's Desk

Councils are an important part of the democratic framework of Australia.

The community elects their council members every four years and the next council election is in November this year.

You can influence what happens in our community by either nominating for a position on council or by voting for the candidate of your choice.

There needs to be a greater diversity of candidates for the next council elections, we want to see more women, our younger generation, many of whom have very strong opinions and ideas on how our council should be performing and people from diverse multicultural backgrounds.

Nominating for council can be a big decision however it can be a very rewarding experience and if you have an interest in what is happening in your community and believe you have something to contribute then now is your opportunity to get involved.

Councillors represent the interests and needs of their community and facilitate communication between the community and council.

As a councillor you would contribute to the decision making process and one of the initial roles after the elections will be to review Council's community and business plans, so here is your opportunity to contribute and advocate on behalf of the community.

If you think you have an interest in becoming a councillor, I urge you to explore what it takes by researching Council's current Community Plan 2016-2025 and other strategic documents on Council's website: www.pirie.sa.gov.au or speak to a current serving member for first hand information.

Nominations for Council open on 5 September and close on 18 September 2018.

Voting in Council Elections is not compulsory however it is your democratic right and I urge everyone in the Port Pirie Regional Council area to vote, voice your opinion and have an influence on the future direction of our council.

Even if you are not an Australian Citizen or not on the State Electoral Role, you can vote if you are above 18 years of age and have lived in our council area for more than a month.

Look out for your council voting information to arrive by mail in October.

John Rohde
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MAYOR

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Do you care about what is happening in your local community?

Do you want to make a difference?

Do you have some great ideas to contribute?

Do you want to provide a voice for your age group culture/gender?

Now is the time to get serious about becoming an Elected Member.

Becoming a council member can be a big decision, but if you care about what is happening in your community, and believe that you have some great ideas to contribute, and want to effect change in your community then now is your chance.

Being on Council is very rewarding and it is a great way to develop your knowledge. There are an enormous range of subjects covered, from economic development and environmental protection to tourism as well as the usual roads, rates and rubbish.

A good council member studies, listens, and is willing to have preconceived ideas challenged.

If you consider yourself to be invested in the future of your community, able to advocate for your community, portray the traits of a strategic thinker, are willing to learn and participate, are able to articulate your opinion and prepared to contribute to decision making processes that benefit your broader community, then you should explore what it takes to be a councillor and nominate yourself for council elections.

If you are planning on nominating for council you should plan to attend at least one council meeting and if you missed the information night Candidate packs are available from Council. Council Meetings are held at the end of each month and minutes and agendas can be found on the Council website; www.pirie.sa.gov.au. If you missed out on the information night there are Information Kits available from Council's Admin Office.

Nominations open 4 September 2018 and are only open for a short amount of time so if you want to take up a position as an elected Council Member you have to have your nomination form in before 12 noon Tuesday 18 September 2018.



- make a difference -

2018 COUNCIL ELECTIONS

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by Friday 10 August 2018

nominate

by 12 noon Tuesday 18 September 2018

vote

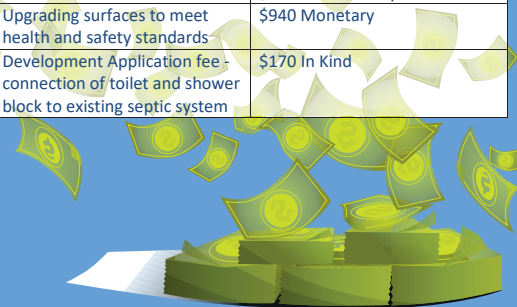
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5pm Friday 9 November 2018

Community Assistant Funds 2017-18

2017/18 was a big year for the Community Assistant Funds, with Council contributing \$80,000 to community events and projects

Community Group	Description	Amount
Port Pirie Bowling Club Inc	30th Annual Bowling Club Spring Carnival	\$1,000 Monetary
Koolunga Bowling Club	Renovate and upgrade kitchen for bowls competitions, tournaments and community events	\$5,000 Monetary
Port Pirie Regional Gymnastics Academy	2017 Port Pirie Gymnastics Invitational	\$5,000 Monetary
Port Pirie Family History Group Inc	Purchase of 20ft Container	\$5,000 Monetary
Port Pirie Motorcycle Club	Re-surface carpark and staging area	\$10,000 In Kind
Port Pirie Community Association	Promotional material for Kidtober 2017 and in kind contribution for the closing event	\$2,409 Monetary \$200 In Kind
St Marks College - Parents and Friends Association	Traffic Management - Road Closures (Inc. advertising)	\$1,170 In Kind
Crystal Brook Golf Club Inc	Upgrading of sand greens, Golf SA representative and trophies for the Golf SA Women's Country Bronze Plate event in July 2018	\$5,000 Monetary
Port Pirie Basketball Association	Assisting in financial costs of carnival - trophies, hiring of other stadiums, umpires	\$2,500 Monetary
Bowman Park Management Committee	Series of outdoor movie events throughout Summer - Dec 2017, Jan 2018 and Feb 2018	\$2,500 Monetary
Crystal Brook Apex Club	Hire of the Crystal Brook Institute for annual Christmas dinner	\$200 In Kind
Port Pirie Budgerigar Society Inc.	Hire of the Crystal Brook Institute for the Annual Young Stock Show	\$200 In Kind
Napperby Memorial Hall Inc	Purchase of 120 new chairs for the Napperby Memorial Hall to replace old chairs	\$3,720 Monetary
Port Pirie Kennel Club Inc	Waste and hire assistance during the weekend all breed dog shows - Easter Dog Show 2018	\$870 In Kind
Mundoora Community Progress Association	Rendering of walls in the store room at the Mundoora Soldiers Memorial Hall	\$3,400 Monetary

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Crystal Brook Uniting Church	Use of the Community Bus for return trip for the Christmas at the Park event	\$40 In Kind
Scouts Australia SA Branch Napperby Scout Campsite	Assistance with the sealing of the driveway into Napperby Scout Campsite	\$5,000 In Kind/Monetary
Port Pirie Go Kart Club	Earthworks in preparation for the South Australian Dirt Kart titles in Port Pirie May	\$3,740 In Kind
Port Pirie Harness Club Inc	Port Pirie Harness Cup 2018	\$1,000 Monetary
Crystal Brook History Group	Crystal Brook Reunion - hall hire	\$200 In Kind
Crystal Brook RSL - Sub-Branch	Graham Cornes keynote address and 'All Stars' band Fundraiser Event	\$1000 Monetary
Port Pirie Motorcycle Club Inc	2018 Prince and King of the Gulf Motocross Spectacular - Including SA Woman's Cup and in kind for the use of Council watercart and driver	\$1,000 Monetary \$1,720 In Kind
Australian Red Cross Society - Port Pirie Young Humanitarians Collective	Outdoor Movie Night for Port Pirie youth	\$990 Monetary
Port Pirie Regional Health Service	Tarpari Wellbeing Day 18th April 2018	\$2,000 Monetary and \$1,238 In kind
Gulnare/Redhill Football and Netball Club	Fenced playground at Redhill Playground	\$5,000 Monetary
Crystal Brook Bowling Club	Replace lawn green with synthetic turf	\$4,860 Monetary
RSL - Port Pirie Sub Branch Inc	Road Closures Anzac Day	\$746 In Kind
Make-A-Wish Port Pirie Branch	Road Closures	\$2,925 In Kind
Port Pirie Producers Market	Purchase of a electrical box	\$632.50 Monetary
Port Pirie Riding for the Disabled	Upgrading surfaces to meet health and safety standards	\$940 Monetary
North Western Agricultural Society Inc	Development Application fee - connection of toilet and shower block to existing septic system	\$170 In Kind



KidTOBER is back again this year following on from the huge success of last year's event. This means that the organisers have been busy working behind the scenes to create another calendar of events for this year's month long celebration of Children's Week in the Port Pirie Regional Council area.

Members of Early Childhood Initiative Group (ECIG) and the KidTOBER working group were proud recipients of Community Event of the Year category at this year's Australia Day Awards and they plan to make the 2018 event just as great.

This year the theme is Children's views and opinions are respected.

All local agencies participating in Children's Week Activities are encouraged

to find innovative ways to incorporate this year's universal theme into any activity or activities they may wish to facilitate.

Members of the ECIG Children's Week Working Party have again created the calendar for the month of October with activities developed to encourage families to engage with and celebrate the wonderful child and family focused activities, resources and services on offer in the Port Pirie Regional Council area.

This year the list of a possible 50 things to do in/around the Port Pirie Regional Council area has grown to a 100 things. Check out the current list on the Facebook page.

There are a number of agencies involved in putting together KidTOBER event:

- Port Pirie Regional Council (major sponsor)
- Port Pirie West Children's Centre
- Crystal Brook Kindergarten
 - Uniting Country SA
 - TLAP
- St Mark's College
- CentaCare
- Department for Education
- Port Pirie Child Care Centre Inc
 - Health SA

The Port Pirie Community has so much to offer families and it is great to see as a group agencies are working together for improved health and wellbeing outcomes for children and families.



COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT

After a much anticipated wait Port Pirie Regional Council is pleased to announce Cool or Cosy (incorporating Tindo Solar as part of the Group) as the successful company for our Community Solar Project. This is after a unique and extensive tender process to ensure that quality products at a great price were sourced for our residents.

Tindo Solar design and manufacture technologically advanced solar panels in South Australia (Mawson Lakes). Tindo Solar is an Australian owned and operated company founded in 2011, and focus on increasing output and creating Australian jobs in the advanced manufacturing sector.

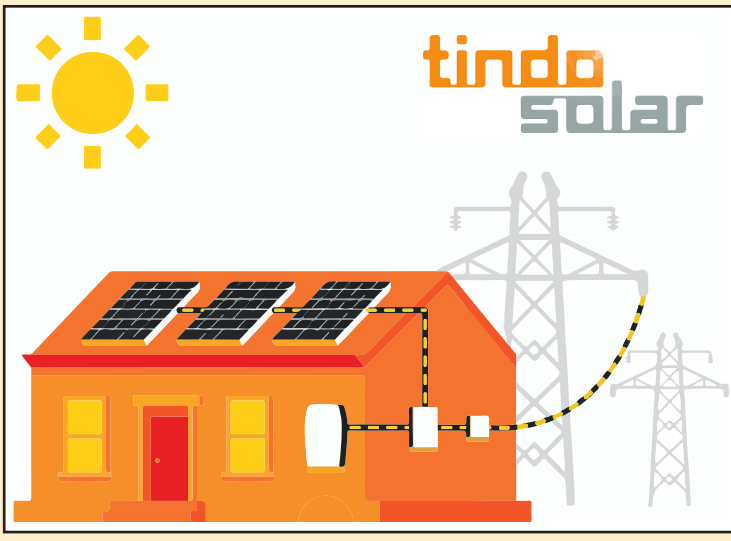
We are happy to announce that Tindo Solar have come to the party and provided a baseline offer is being made available for the costing of \$19.20 per week and will consist of a 2.0kW Solar PV System. Tindo have also made available other options for residents who may want to bigger system, battery only or panels and battery for a complete system.

Residents need to be aware that the price covers the system or battery only and there maybe further site specific costs. These will be fixed costs and explained as part of the briefing sessions to be run in early September.

One of the key factors that made Cool or Cosy a standout was the fact they produced a quality product, the company itself is a secure and stable company, with the ability to provide first class service and warranty back-up in a competitive market.

Cool or Cosy pride themselves on providing "Value for Money" high quality energy efficiency products and services to all South Australians. Tindo solar panels are manufactured and designed in Australia for Australian conditions. Their premium solar panels in Adelaide are renowned for their superior quality

and lifetime performance, all with very minimal maintenance required from the homeowner. The Tindo solar panel production line is highly automated and helping to create the next generation of high tech, green, advanced manufacturing jobs in Australia. You can checkout their factory tour online at <https://www.lumenaus.com/tindo/>



Cool or Cosy will be holding briefing sessions through the region in September to detail what they are offering and assisting residents to work out what the best system would be for them if they were looking at different offers available.

It is important to remember that while there are a lot of

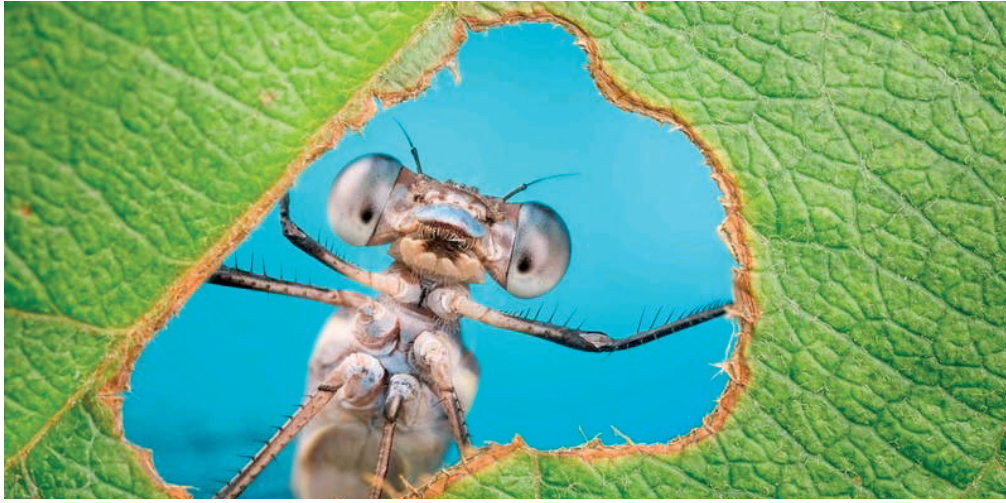
companies offering low cost deals in the market it is not just about the price. Council wanted to ensure that we had:

- A high quality product that was sourced with the advice of our independent consultant;
- A secure and stable company that could support long term warranties (e.g. 25 years for panel, 10 years for the inverter); and
- Best value price to ensure a great product for residents.



There is still time to register your interest in this great deal all you need to do is either come along to one of the briefing session or register online at www.communitypowernetwork.com.au/portpirie.

TRAVEL PHOTOGRAPHER SOCIETY EXHIBITION



There will be an Official Opening Night event, which will be held on Saturday 15 September at 6pm, with a Keynote Address from Ahsan Qureshi – Founder and Managing Director of the Travel Photographer Society and will include drinks and canapes. Bookings are essential for this night and an entry fee of \$20 applies.

The exhibition, at the Port Pirie Regional Art Gallery – 3 Mary Elie Street, Port Pirie – will be accessible during opening hours – Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm; Saturday 9am – 4pm; and Sunday, 10am – 4pm.

After hours and private group access by arrangement with Glen Christie, Manager Tourism & Events on 8633 8726 or gchristie@pirie.sa.gov.au.

Port Pirie has been selected, by Founder and Managing Director of the Travel Photographer Society Annual Competition, Ahsan Qureshi, to host this spectacular exhibition, direct from the recent judging and Awards presentation, at the Whitebox Gallery, Kuala Lumpur.

rich culture and heritage that this city has to offer. Also, the raw and beautiful Flinders Ranges can inspire any photographer. When I visited Port Pirie, I fell in love with the well preserved architecture and I felt that this city deserves a lot of attention.”

The Travel Photographer Society is a community built for people with a passion for travel and a love of photography. It offers a platform for amateur, enthusiast and professional photographers to connect, network and grow together as a collective. Their mission is to:

Port Pirie Regional Art Gallery will be the only location where you can see these spectacular photos, anywhere in Australia.

- Reach out to the large amateur and professional photography community around the word and showcase their talent
- Promote travel photography not only as an art but also as a form of expression
- Promote a healthy competition, an exchange of expertise and promote friendship between professional and amateurs through casual meetings

The exhibition comprises of the 60 final photographs, from the 10 Categories of the Travel Photographer Society Awards. The categories include; Street; People; Landscape; Wildlife and Animal; Black and White; Architecture/Landscapes; Sports; Fashion; Wedding; and Stories (Documentary). These photographs are from amateur and professional photographers all over the world and include the top three winners across all categories.

Mr Qureshi explained, “I chose Port Pirie as the venue for this exhibition because Port Pirie is developing rapidly and there is a need of international exhibitions here to showcase

The exhibition will be on display at the Port Pirie Regional Art Gallery from 14 September until the 28 October 2018, with an entry fee of \$10. Locals can enter free by showing proof of address.



BECOME A VOLUNTEER AT THE PORT PIRIE MASTERS GAMES

Do you want to be involved in the Port Pirie Masters Games, but don't want to compete? Or maybe you want to do both?

The 2019 South Australian Port Pirie Masters Games will be held from Friday 5 April through to Sunday the 14 April 2019.

This great initiative of extending the games to run over two weekends is possibly the most exciting Masters Games event we have witnessed thus far.

Sport SA Interim CEO, Jane Russo said “Port Pirie Regional Council presented a fantastic test case to extend the timing of this prestigious event, which will enable competitors to compete in multiple sports and help showcase the wonderful new infrastructure

within the city, along with enjoying the fantastic atmosphere and camaraderie that follows such an event.”

Manager – Tourism & Events, for Port Pirie Regional Council, Glen Christie said: “The motivation for extending the 2019 Masters Games was to maximise the participant opportunities to take full advantage of the new Sporting Complex.

With ten days and two big weekends, competitors will now be able to register for multiple sports and maximise their time in the area.”

Council is now taking registrations for anyone who is interested in becoming a volunteer. To register contact Glen Christie, Manager Tourism & Events on 8633 8726 or gchristie@pirie.sa.gov.au.