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EVENTS PROGRAM FILLED WITH HIGHLIGHTS

Council is celebrating another year of successful events in 2015 as it prepares to kick off an exciting program in 2016.

Port Pirie's New Year's Eve Party in the Park was once again the most popular event on the local calendar last year, attracting an equal record attendance of 4000 people to Memorial Park. Council's other major event, the Southern Flinders Outdoor Expo, was also well patronised, with 3000 people and 36 exhibitors taking part.

Moonlight Movies events have been popular in Port Pirie and Crystal Brook held its own Moonlight Movies for the first time in November 2015.

2016 is shaping up to be another exciting year for events, starting with the Southern Flinders Outdoor Expo and Healthy Lifestyle Show. Moonlight Movies events will also be held once again in Port Pirie and Crystal Brook later in the year.

Port Pirie will host the Global Maintenance Conference in August before the festive season events of Christmas Markets and New Year's Eve in December.

The Special Events Coordinator is available for assistance with event management, including special event permits, and can be contacted on 8633 8727 or 0429 999 384. Alternatively, visit www.pirie.sa.gov.au and submit an event to our Events Calendar to ensure it is promoted across the community and beyond.



COUNCIL IN THE COMMUNITY

Port Pirie and surrounding areas will experience one of the most exciting and progressive years to date in 2016 – and there are many opportunities for you to be involved. Council will be out and about in the community even more this year to consult and engage with the public. We know that this is your community and it is important to ensure every resident has the opportunity to share their views, ideas and concerns.

An exciting initiative designed to capture the thoughts and imaginations of key community stakeholders is the Mayoral Connection Series, a breakfast or lunch hosted each month by Mayor John Rohde.

The first event was held on Tuesday 23 February and was aimed at retailers in conjunction with the stormwater drainage works and Port Pirie CBD design. The Mayoral Connection Series will target various community sectors throughout the year including health, education, youth, volunteers and more.

Council has always been active with promotions and recently attended the Let's Go Caravan and Camping Show in Adelaide. Locally, Council will have a presence at major regional events including the Outdoor Expo

and Healthy Lifestyle Show, Smelters Picnic and Crystal Brook Show. Council will also promote its projects to its peers around the State at the Local Government Association Showcase in April.

Community consultation and engagement opportunities have been planned throughout the year on Council projects including the CBD regeneration and Port Pirie Regional Sporting Precinct. While design works for these projects will start in 2016, further consultation and construction will be held into 2017 and beyond.

Want to know how you can engage with Council? Share your views by:

- **Visiting Council's website** www.pirie.sa.gov.au
- **Engaging with Council's Facebook page**
- **Subscribing to the monthly Community eNews to receive Council news straight to your inbox**
- **Visiting one of the Council offices** (Administration Centre at 115 Ellen Street, Port Pirie, the Crystal Brook Office at Bowman Street, Crystal Brook, the Depot on Broadstock Road, Port Pirie or the Port Pirie Cultural Precinct at 3 Wandearah Road, Port Pirie).

TRANSFORMING PORT PIRIE AND THE REGION

Port Pirie will undergo an incredible transformation in 2016 to create a vibrant city and region we can be proud to live and work in. While Nyrstar is working on the \$500m transformation of our smelter, Port Pirie Regional Council is embarking on a mission to transform Port Pirie. Gone are the days where Port Pirie was simply known as an industrial, working class town – now, we are a regional centre providing a quality lifestyle that is continuing to be enhanced through a series of major developments.

A significant capital works program has been established to boost economic development, tourism potential and community pride. This program includes the following projects:

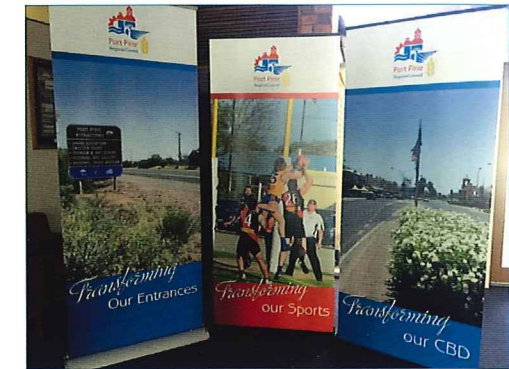
- **CBD Regeneration** - \$3 million committed to the redesign of Port Pirie's CBD (starting with Alexander and Florence Streets).
- **CBD Drainage** - \$1.1 million committed to upgrading stormwater drainage in Florence Street.
- **Sports Precinct** - \$15 million committed to designing a regional sporting precinct which brings sports together in a dynamic hub.
- **Roads** – An extensive commitment to upgrading roads throughout the Council region including \$600,000 for widening Abattoirs Road, \$600,000 for upgrading the Cattle Track-Redhill to Koolunga Road junction and \$2 million on resealing roads.

- **Entrances** - \$300,000 committed to upgrading the town entrances with bright, engaging highway signage.
- **Dredging and Foreshore Upgrade** - \$2 million committed to improvements on the foreshore. This is in addition to the construction of a new toilet block at the boat ramp.

Many of these projects, including the CBD Regeneration and Sports Precinct, will be ongoing over the next few years as further design and construction phases are implemented.

Council will also be proactive in the community in 2016 with initiatives designed to engage with residents. These will range from regular Pirieodical newsletters and updates, the Mayoral Connection Series (a new event targeting key stakeholder sectors in the community) to displays at major local, regional and state events.

Community consultation opportunities will be held throughout the year to engage residents in discussion and provide opportunities to share views on how Port Pirie and the region should be developed in the coming years. These consultation opportunities will be promoted through a combination of traditional and social media so watch this space to find out how you can have your say and contribute to this exciting time for our region.



Keep an eye out through Port Pirie's streets and at major events for banners promoting the projects transforming our region.



A Word from the Mayor

As we move into 2016, it is very pleasing to see the level of activity that Council is currently undertaking to provide the type of infrastructure that the community deserves.

At the moment, Council has projects to the value of \$5 million underway. We are committed to transforming this city into a liveable and affordable place where people want to be with the infrastructure and services that meets their needs.

As Mayor, I have undertaken to host the Mayoral Connection Series. Meetings with key stakeholders are to be held monthly in an informal setting of a breakfast or luncheon with time given for full discussion on a range of issues.

I am very pleased that we have held our first meeting with members of our CBD businesses at an important time, as we strive to upgrade both Alexander and Florence Streets. I thank those who attended for what I believe was a positive meeting with good discussion throughout, particularly in relation to the CBD.

It was clear that an outcome the businesses would like to see is a more positive media campaign about the city promoting the many positives that we have and the great stories we have to tell. This would of course be very timely particularly as Nyrstar is moving through its transformation.

Further discussion included Port Pirie being promoted as a "destination", work undertaken to improve our entrance signage and a strong desire shown for improvements to the amenity of the beach area and for the installation of a water park.

I found all of the discussions very worthwhile and positive. I want to thank again the participants for their contribution and I appreciate the opportunity to build relationships with the business community. I look very much towards next month's meeting with members of our local media providers.

John Rohde
MAYOR

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CULTURAL PRECINCT?

Port Pirie's Cultural Precinct is a dynamic community hub containing award-winning facilities – so why not call in and see what the buzz is about!

Council's Tourism and Library facilities both have exciting plans for 2016 and all activities are generated from the heart of this vibrant Precinct.

The Port Pirie Regional Tourism & Arts Centre, home to the Port Pirie Visitor Information Centre, is continuing to operate its popular attractions including Pirie Rail Express miniature railway, Pirie Model Rail, Shakka the Great White Shark exhibition and the Outside The Gates town tours.

Council is increasing its engagement with local accommodation operators to work together to service visitors to our region. You will also see Council's Tourism team out



and about in the community at local events including the Outdoor Expo and Healthy Lifestyle Show, Port Pirie Producers Market, Smelters Picnic and more.

The Port Pirie Regional Library will strengthen its reputation as an inviting

community space with a range of events this year. From school holiday programs to guest speakers and workshops, there are opportunities for all residents to engage with this vital Council facility.

The most exciting change for the Library this year is the RFID project. This will allow Library users to select and borrow their own items, following a trend that will be sweeping 40% of libraries across South Australia. Computing courses are also available at the Library.

For all the latest information on activities and events happening within the Cultural Precinct, contact the Tourism & Arts Centre on 8633 8700 or the Library on 8632 1649 or check out the respective Facebook pages (Port Pirie Tourism & Events and Port Pirie Regional Library).

BENEFITS OF DRAINAGE WORKS COME FLOODING IN

Council is forging ahead with the first phase of a three stage project to improve stormwater drainage in Port Pirie's city centre.

The first phase involves construction of a new trunk main underneath Florence Street, from Norman Street to David Street. This project started on 11 January and is expected to be completed by late April 2016. This timeframe was selected to avoid both the busy holiday shopping period and potentially wetter weather in the winter months.

The drainage improvements will provide for improved flood protection in the longer term with a system non-reliant on outfalls to the sea, which can be negatively affected by high tide events.

McMahon Services Australia is the contractor engaged to construct the new stormwater drain. Works have been continuing on

schedule and Council is pleased with the contractor's progress.

There have been minor traffic disruptions and Council is providing regular updates to residents via its website, Facebook page and traditional media where appropriate. Council thanks residents and visitors for their understanding and cooperation during this construction process.



RURAL WORKS PROGRAM ON TARGET

Redhill is one of the areas set to benefit from Council's extensive capital works program in 2015/16, most notably, with the Cattle Track to Main Road, Redhill junction realignment.



Council has a detailed program of major works and projects concentrating around Port Pirie but has not forgotten the rural areas. In fact, rural residents will benefit from one of the most significant roads projects in 2015/16. The realignment of the road junction of Cattle Track Road with Main Road at Redhill (Koolunga-Redhill Road) is a \$600,000 project which includes \$470,000 funding from the State Government's Special Local Roads Program. The road is gazetted as a B-double commodity route as most of Council's roads are but it also provides an important link from the south and east to Crystal Brook. The project began in January 2016 and works are continuing on schedule, with an estimated completion time of late March 2016. Extensive works have been programmed in and around Napperby in 2015/16 including

\$1.5 million worth of storm damage repairs to roads and drainage. Other works earmarked for Napperby include a new shelter at the Napperby cemetery, new kerbing and footpath in Seventh Street and First Street and resealing of sections of major roads. Apart from Napperby and Port Pirie, this year's \$2 million road resealing program includes works in Crystal Brook, Redhill, Koolunga and Warnertown. Recent works in Crystal Brook have included installing new curtains in the Institute and reroofing of the Crystal Brook History Group building. Council is currently working on redesigning the layout of the Crystal Brook Institute. For the latest information on Council's activities in the rural areas, please keep an eye on the Council Facebook page and subscribe to the Community eNews monthly newsletter.

WONDERS OF THE WETLANDS



Port Pirie's Wetlands is an incredible natural asset

A natural resource with untapped potential will link several of Council's key projects. The Phoenix Park Wetlands, also known as the Wandearah Wetlands, is an area currently underutilised by the public with great potential for youth training, ecotourism and educational opportunities. A Master Plan has been created with the aims of providing:

- A long term community facilitated project that instils a sense of ownership, reduced vandalism and increased support for the project.
- A recreational and educational environment for the benefit of the Port

Pirie and surrounding communities and visitors. The Wetlands, once completed, will provide strong links between the upgraded CBD, proposed retail developments on Wandearah Road and the Sporting Precinct. This will create a city centre that provides valuable tourism, educational, retail and sporting opportunities delivering a quality lifestyle for locals while attracting visitors into Port Pirie. Planned improvements to the wetlands will include walking paths, recreational and educational spaces, signage, planting, furniture, boardwalks and artistic elements.

ROADS TO SUCCESS



Council's largest ever road resealing program started throughout the region last month. Works on approximately 21 kilometres of spray seal roads and 2 kilometres of hot mix roads were carried out in Port Pirie, Crystal Brook, Redhill, Koolunga, Napperby and Warnertown from Monday 15 February. These works are due to conclude in early March however any works not carried out due to wet weather will be rescheduled. The \$2m resealing program demonstrates Council's commitment to upgrading local roads in 2015/16. This is in addition to resheeting, storm damage repairs and two other major roads projects. Council is realigning the road junction of Cattle Track Road with Main Road at Redhill (Redhill to Koolunga Road). This project was earmarked in response to an increase in traffic using the Cattle Track to pass through the Council area. The junction of the Cattle Track and Redhill to Koolunga Road was noted as being in need of major realignment to improve road safety. The other major roads project is the widening of Abattoirs Road. This involves widening the formation and seal to a width of 8 metres by extending the road shoulders. Works commenced on 25 January.

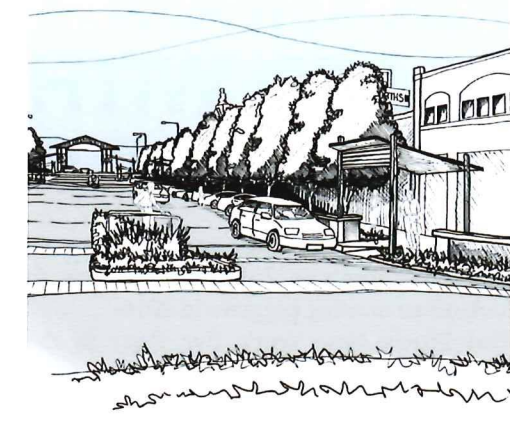
ENTRANCE DESIGNS SET TO MAKE A STATEMENT

An entrances committee established by Council is investigating bold new entrance statements to the urban centres in our region. The committee, comprising Councillors Darryl Johnson, Leon Stephens and Dino Gadaleta, has been working closely with Council staff to enhance and develop entrances in the Council area. A commitment of \$300,000 has been allocated to these works, which aim to generate community pride and boost tourism potential. Proposed works include:

- Greening and revegetation along Warnertown Road
- Potential flora statements along key roads (including Warnertown Road and Port Broughton Road)
- Major signage on National Highway One at the southern and northern approaches to Port Pirie
- 'What's On' signage to promote upcoming events
- Redevelopment of the highway information bays (at Warnertown and Tin Man Roadhouse) to better showcase our region's attractions and facilities.

Works are expected to be finalised by the end of the 2015/16 financial year.

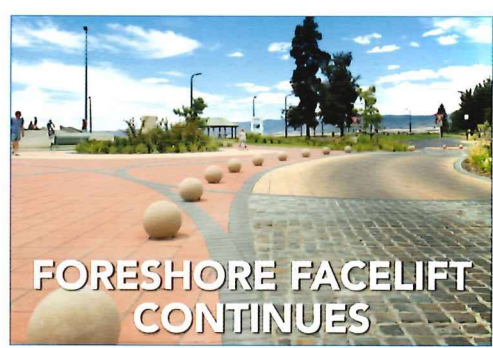
COUNCIL TO ACTIVATE THE CBD



A major CBD upgrade is a key project to revitalise Port Pirie.

Council has committed \$4 million funding towards rejuvenating the CBD, starting with Stage 1 in Alexander and Florence Streets. It is anticipated that up to \$10 million could be spent over several years on construction throughout the entire CBD to create a vibrant retail precinct and community space. The Port Pirie CBD has been identified as being tired with an increasing number of vacant shopfronts. By creating a vibrant city centre, Council hopes to encourage residents to spend locally to support our businesses and indeed, create a retail destination that will attract visiting shoppers and tourists into our city. This project will focus on improvements to the streetscape, signage, roads and footpaths, with the aim of providing better accessibility for pedestrians. The design team led by

Jensen Planning & Design is working closely with Council and the community to create a plan that will provide benefits to businesses and residents alike. This includes input from Council's Public Art Selection Group on ideas for public art to brighten the space. It is important that the community has ownership over our CBD and Council is providing several public consultation opportunities to capture the thoughts, ideas and concerns of all residents. Information and copies of the Master Plan are provided on Council's website (www.pirie.sa.gov.au) and residents are encouraged to contact Council with their thoughts. Council staff have been visiting businesses throughout the CBD that will be directly affected by Stage 1 of the project to speak to business owners on a one-on-one basis. This is being done over a period of time but business owners wishing to arrange a meeting with Council staff are encouraged to call 8633 9751 to organise a time. Recent public consultation opportunities included the official CBD design launch at the Port Pirie Producers Markets in December and a live 'demonstration' held in Alexander Street in February. The demonstration event saw pop-up alfresco areas in front of Cafes Blend and Delizioso to provide examples of how the space in the CBD could be used. Feedback received at these consultation events is now being collated and will be presented back to the public at a consultation opportunity in April.



FORESHORE FACELIFT CONTINUES

Port Pirie's foreshore has received a major facelift in recent years with works on Solomontown Plaza, 4Shore Sk8 Park and replacing the boat ramp pontoons. This will continue into 2016 with dredging and further upgrades planned. The \$2 million commitment, including \$571,000 of grant funding, will see the dredging of the riverbed adjacent to the Port Pirie boat ramp and construction of a rock wall to reclaim a section of foreshore adjacent to the boat ramp. This includes an extra lane added to the existing boat launching facility. These works are in addition to the construction of the Boat Ramp toilet block. The facility was constructed to provide amenities to people fishing and using the boat ramp and adjacent skate park. The toilet block features low maintenance vandal resistant building materials and will be monitored by CCTV. It is open from 6am to 10pm seven days per week. Council's proposed works will complement the Italian fishing boat museum which is being constructed at the boat ramp. Together, these works will create a foreshore precinct for recreational users to enjoy.

SPORTING PRECINCT REACHES KEY MILESTONE



The Port Pirie Regional Sporting Precinct has reached a critical milestone as Council considers tenders for detailed design. The tender was released last month via Tenders SA and applications received will be considered at the March Council meeting. This step is an exciting progression for the \$15 million multi-purpose sporting facility. The facility will rationalise playing surfaces in Port Pirie, provide significantly upgraded facilities to replace the current ageing infrastructure, accommodate multiple sports and support the CBD regeneration by bringing more sports into the city centre. Funding for this project was made possible

through \$5 million from the State Government (as part of its election commitment to Member for Frome Geoff Brock), \$5 million from the Federal Government's National Stronger Regions Fund and Council's own contribution of \$5 million. The Precinct will include the following facilities:

- A Memorial Oval Precinct (incorporating Pirie West Oval) which will accommodate the existing sports of football, cricket and baseball; as well as relocating existing sports from Globe Oval and the Savoy Soccer Club.
- A Port Pirie Swimming Pool Precinct with a new amenities block and also

accommodating gymnastics, squash and potentially other sports.

- Decommissioning Globe Oval and disposal except for a portion to be retained as open green space and a passive recreation area.

The call for tenders was the first in a series of key project milestones taking place throughout the year. Once the winning tender is selected, there will be extensive consultation with key stakeholders and the sporting community between April and June to provide input into the design process. Sporting groups will be contacted directly and there will be several public consultation opportunities for residents to have their say. These will be widely advertised through Council's Facebook page, website (www.pirie.sa.gov.au) and traditional media. Detailed design will be finalised by October with construction due to commence in December. The construction phase is expected to take two years. It is anticipated that once construction is complete, the Precinct could attract high level sporting events from around the state.