

REGIONAL REFLECTIONS 2017

Christmas is almost here and soon after, the start of a New Year – what better time to reflect on what we as a region have achieved and look ahead to what is still to come in 2018.

We are reaching the halfway point of the 2017/18 financial year. Throughout this newsletter, we will reflect on the achievements and activities that have occurred in our region. From the impressive progress of the \$21.7m Port Pirie Sports Precinct, to local events and works to community contributions, there has been much to celebrate.

What's more, 2018 is shaping up to be an exciting year for us all.

The Sports Precinct will continue to evolve and take shape, with completion scheduled for the end of 2018. By this time next year, we will have fully redeveloped Memorial and Pirie West Ovals, a new Function Centre and a state of the art Recreation Centre comprising the new aquatic centre and multi-purpose sports facilities.

This will set the tone for many exciting sports opportunities in 2019, most notably, the return of the Port Pirie Masters Games after a seven year hiatus.

Council will also eagerly await news on funding for Stage 2 of the CBD upgrade.

Design work has been undertaken to rejuvenate the remaining sections of Florence Street (between Alexander and David Streets and between Norman and Mary Elie Streets) along with Norman Street and construction is subject to funding. This follows the completion of Stage 1 in Alexander and Florence Streets and the CBD Street Party celebration.

Next year will also bring to life many of the projects Council has started work on in this first half of the financial year. This includes:

- Development of a Footpath Strategy to prioritise areas for maintenance and renewal (guided by feedback from the footpath survey)
- Finalisation of the draft Southern Flinders Ranges Tourism & Events Strategy (which

was recently circulated for consultation)

- Implementation of Council's Solar Project (following a hugely successful Expression of Interest period, Council is working with potential tenders to secure a low cost payment plan for interested residents).

Stay tuned to future editions of the Pirieoedical newsletter and like/follow Port Pirie Regional Council on Facebook and Twitter for more updates in 2018.



Port Pirie's CBD Street Party, featuring children's entertainer Mr Oopy and his Bubble Show, celebrated the completion of the Stage 1 CBD Upgrade incorporating Alexander and Florence Streets.



A Word from the Mayor

As Mayor of the Port Pirie Regional Council, I am very pleased that I can write to you as we draw close to the end of another year, which has certainly

been a year of dynamic change, particularly in Port Pirie. There has been a very deliberate effort to not only change the way our city looks but also to change perceptions of the city both locally and within the broader region. Council has undertaken a number of projects throughout the year that are starting to radically change the look of Port Pirie.

CBD Transformation:

I am delighted that we have begun the transformation of our CBD with stage one taking in Alexander Street and the central part of Florence Street completed. I must say that the project is amazing and many have commented on the wonderful change that has taken place particularly with the palm trees that are a focal point for the Florence Street median strip. I want to pass on my sincere thanks to all the traders in the area for their patience during what was a difficult time for their businesses.

Sports Precinct:

Our Sports Precinct upgrade is starting to take shape with the oval now boasting a wonderful green turf cover. Foundation works are well

underway on both sides of Mary Elie Street for the gymnasium/pool area and the function centre/change rooms. I congratulate everyone who has worked on the project thus far, particularly Council staff, who have done a wonderful job of keeping the project on time and on budget. I am looking forward to project completion towards the end of 2018.

Conferences:

We have certainly brought many people into our city during 2017. Council has been fortunate to host conferences showcasing our city to a broader State and National audience. In August we hosted the State Local Government Roads and Works Conference bringing in Local Government representatives from across the State. October allowed us a National audience with Port Pirie hosting a special forum day as part of the SEGRA (Sustainable Economic Growth through Regional Australia) Conference held for the first time in South Australia and hosted by the Upper Spencer Gulf cities, with delegates coming from as far as Western Australia and Far North Queensland. In November we welcomed members of the Local Government Association of South Australia board for meetings and the opportunity to see what is happening in Port Pirie. Looking ahead to 2018, we will again host an important State Conference and Awards Night for MainstreetSA.

Around the Region:

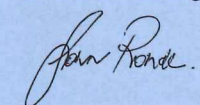
Council has also been busy in each of the towns during 2017. Initiatives include defibrillators being installed across the region for quick access for those needing urgent attention, assisting in getting the Crystal Brook Walking Trail up and running, \$46,000 to local sports in Crystal Brook and upgrades to the Crystal Brook Caravan Park, to name just a few.

I look forward to assisting the whole council area throughout 2018.

Facebook:

As we move towards 2018, I look forward to keeping you up-to-date with some of the happenings in and around Council with a video message through our Facebook page. This is just another way we will keep in contact with you, our community.

In closing, we are moving very quickly towards Christmas and I wanted to take this opportunity to wish you all a very special, safe and memorable Christmas with your family and friends. My very best wishes to you for the year ahead and I look forward to catching up with you in 2018.



John Rohde
MAYOR

EVENTFUL TIMES IN REGION

Events celebrating children and our natural and built assets have entertained and delighted throughout the final months of 2017.

Port Pirie Foreshore Opening

The official foreshore opening combined with the traditional Blessing of the Fleet celebrations and Port Pirie Producers Market on Sunday 10 September. The Foreshore and Boat Ramp area were filled with market stalls, while a junior soccer exhibition match showcased the 3000 square metres of newly installed turf.

The multicultural theme of the Blessing of the Fleet was continued throughout the day, with a live broadcast from Adelaide's Radio Italia, Italian singing and dancing and dragon boat racing among the highlights.

Port Pirie CBD Street Party

Stage 1 of the Port Pirie CBD upgrade saw sections of Florence and Alexander Streets rejuvenated earlier this year through landscaping, road widening, new footpaths, public art and more. Council celebrated these works with a Street Party in October to coincide with school holidays, daylight savings and late night shopping.

The upgraded sections of the CBD were closed to traffic to create a vibrant party atmosphere. Port Pirie musicians Mane and

Alana Jagt joined Adelaide band The Timbers and Mr Oopy's Bubble Show in entertaining the crowd while local traders provided food, drink and retail stalls.

Science and Art Family Fun Day

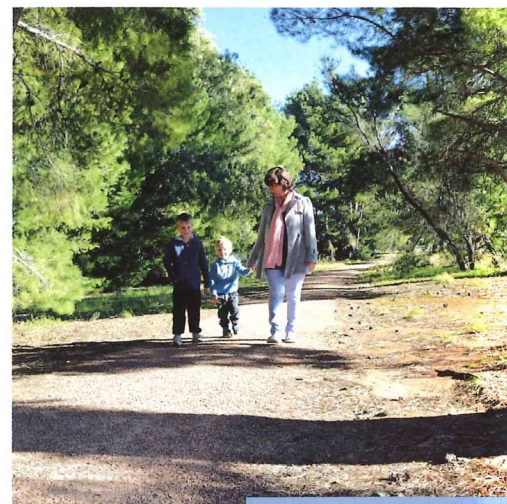
Children had the opportunity to explore two contrasting fields at the Science and Art Family Fun Day in October. A highlight was the larger than life inflatable Mega Body display owned by the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences at the University of Adelaide. Participants were able to walk through to explore the inner workings of the human body complemented by an Augmented Reality experience.

Kids were also able to explore their artistic side through workshops hosted by Adelaide artist Tony Hannan and face painting classes.

KIDtober

Council partnered with local education, family and children's agencies to create KIDtober, a month of events celebrating our region's youngest residents. The calendar was populated with free children's activities including playgroups, school holiday activities and one-off outdoor events.

As part of the program, Council hosted six events based at the Port Pirie and Crystal Brook Libraries and Port Pirie Regional Tourism & Arts Centre.



Crystal Brook Walking Trail

LOCAL WORKS

Port Pirie's CBD upgrade and new Sports Precinct have been the focus of attention throughout 2017 but there are many other works projects that have been taking shape around the region.

Crystal Brook Walking Trail

July saw the completion of a long awaited recreation project – the Crystal Brook Walking Trail. This off-road, all purpose walking and cycling trail was designed to cater for the diverse community of Crystal Brook, ranging from families with bikes or prams, to the retired and active elderly and those keen on fitness.

Crystal Brook Library Renovations

Council has budgeted \$200,000 to refurbish the Crystal Brook Library and administration office in Bowman Street. The tender process closed in August and Council is assessing the tender submissions ready for works to begin.

Cemetery Works

Works have been carried out during the past six months to improve the cemeteries around the region. These include:

- Gravel spread around the walkways at the Crystal Brook Cemetery.
- 160 new roses planted in the two new lawn beams and the children's area at the Port Pirie Cemetery.
- Concrete kerbing installed at the Port Pirie Cemetery.

Street Trees

A total of 200 new trees were planted in streets and parks around the region. This followed a successful National Tree Day in July, with 30 people attending to plant 300 trees and shrubs.

Phoenix Park Wetlands

Council has been working with Yourtown and Work for the Dole on upgrades to the Phoenix Park Wetlands. This has included clearing rubbish and debris, lifting small tree canopies, repainting fences and installing bollards.

COUNCIL IN THE COMMUNITY

The second half of 2017 saw Council out in the community at the region's two major shows.

Port Pirie Regional Council had a display for the first time at the Crystal Brook Show in August. This provided a great opportunity for staff to speak to residents about the works happening in the rural areas.

Six weeks later, Council had its annual display at the Smelters Picnic in Port Pirie. After last year's freak storm that swept the state, it was a relief that this year's Picnic was held under blue skies and the fine weather for both events attracted strong crowds.

Take The Pledge was a hot topic at both events. This campaign will resume in March 2018 after a positive start earlier this year. Residents are able to 'take the pledge' to commit to recycling and are provided with a sticker to place on their kerbside bins.

Altogether, 86 people signed up to Take The Pledge at the Port Pirie and Crystal Brook shows and received a free native plant in appreciation. Children also enjoyed recycling themed games and activities at the Smelters Picnic.

Council also consulted with the community on the development of its new Footpath Strategy at both events.

Other activities at the shows included free children's storytime sessions, a Tourism photo booth, giveaways and information on Council works and projects.



Council at the Crystal Brook Show

Community Assistance Fund

Port Pirie Regional Council has provided more than \$35,000 of monetary and in-kind assistance as well as five pieces of life saving equipment to our communities in 2017/18 to date.

Council offers a Community Assistance Fund for eligible non-for-profit community-based groups. The purpose of the Fund is to encourage the involvement of organisations and groups to support community initiatives, events, projects and activities that contribute to community wellbeing, enhance diversity, promote the region and provide economic benefit.

Projects to benefit from Council funding this financial year to date include:

- Port Pirie Motorcycle Club - \$10,000 worth of in-kind assistance towards hosting the 2017 Australian Classic Motocross Championship in August
- Koolunga Bowling Club - \$5000 towards the renovation and upgrade of their kitchen to meet standards for bowls competitions, tournaments and community events
- Port Pirie Bowling Club - \$1000 towards hosting the 30th Annual Bowling Club Spring Carnival event in September
- Port Pirie & District Family History Group - \$5000 towards the purchase of a 20 foot container

- Port Pirie Regional Gymnastics Academy - \$5000 towards the hosting of the 2017 Port Pirie Gymnastics Invitational over the October long weekend
- Crystal Brook Golf Club - \$5000 towards the upgrading of sand greens, Golf SA representative and trophies for the Golf SA Women's Country Bronze Plate event in July 2018
- Port Pirie Basketball Association - \$2500 towards the costs for the Junior Carnival on 2-3 December 2017
- Bowman Park Management Committee - \$2500 towards three outdoor movie events
- Crystal Brook Apex Club – Hire of the Crystal Brook Institute for the annual Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner

Council purchased a series of automated external defibrillators to be installed in public access areas throughout its rural townships. These vital pieces of life saving equipment can be applied to a patient within minutes, saving valuable time while waiting for an ambulance. The units are easy to use and designed for people with little or no experience.

Defibrillators were provided for and have been installed at Napperby/Nelshaby, Crystal Brook, Redhill and Koolunga. This is in addition to units installed in the Council offices in Port Pirie and Crystal Brook to serve both the public and Council staff.

Council Wants To Hear From YOU!

Port Pirie Regional Council works for the people of our region and recognises the importance of involving the community in our decision making processes.

Feedback received through various channels including customer requests, social media, at events and through our biennial Community Survey, influences Council decisions. This includes the creation of the Annual Business Plan and Budget each year as well as the formation of our long term financial plan and strategy.

The following are examples of the projects we have engaged with the community on so far in 2017/18:

Footpath Strategy

Footpaths were identified as a major issue through Council's Community Survey earlier this year and customer requests expressing concern at the condition and inadequacy of the current footpath and bicycle network.

As a result, Council conducted a survey to guide the development of a Footpath Strategy. Once finalised, this Strategy will build on the existing footpath renewal program by allowing annual reviews of criteria based on changing needs and more importantly, responding to community needs.

Tourism & Events Strategy

A Tourism Development Group, comprising tourism and local government representatives from around the Southern Flinders Ranges, has drafted the Southern Flinders Ranges Tourism & Events Strategy 2017/18 to 2019/20.

This document will be a blueprint for tourism in the region and outlines eight key priorities including revitalising the Port Pirie Visitor Information Centre, development of nature based tourism and creating a varied Events Calendar of sporting and non-sporting events. Consultation on the draft Strategy closed on Friday 8 December.

Solar Project – Expressions of Interest

Council is thrilled with the positive response with 740 households expressing their interest in the plan. A procurement process to finalise a tender and payment plan has started and will be completed late February 2018.

ARTS ACHIEVEMENTS

Art was a focus of several impressive achievements for our region.

Fisherman Mural

An incredible mural was painted on the Woolworths wall in Norman Street in September. Council conducted a Facebook poll to allow the community to vote on a design for the mural and the Italian fisherman was chosen to celebrate our multicultural and maritime history.

Artist Joel Van Moore, the artistic director of the Wonderwalls Festival, painted the mural over five days in a work that marks the beginning of a special friendship between Moore and the city of Port Pirie.

Port Pirie Pop-Up Art Gallery

An artists collective was formed bringing together the talents of our regional creatives and resulting in a Pop-Up Art Gallery. This gallery took over vacant shopfronts on Main Road opposite the Skate Park.

Reconciliation Artwork

Council recognised the first steps in a significant reconciliation journey through the purchase of artwork and associated copyright for use in Council publications.

The artwork was created by Jessica Turner, an Aboriginal artist and daughter of Nukunu elder Michael Turner. This work symbolises the respectful relationship between Council and the Nukunu and Kurna people. It is displayed in the foyer of the Council Chambers in Ellen Street, Port Pirie.



Fisherman Mural, Port Pirie

Taken The Pledge?

Port Pirie Regional Council is one of a select few councils in South Australia to participate in this program. Council is working with KESAB to roll out the campaign for the second time after success in early 2017.

Take The Pledge is all about sending less to landfill. By making sure that recyclables and green organics are correctly disposed of in the yellow and green lidded kerbside bins, you are helping our environment.

Each week throughout the campaign, a participating household is selected to win a prize – your choice of a gift basket from the Port Pirie Regional Tourism & Arts Centre

or a \$30 voucher for the Port Pirie Waste Transfer Station.

Take The Pledge will officially resume in March 2018 but it's not too early to sign up! Simply visit Council's website www.pirie.sa.gov.au to register today!

You will receive a sticker to place on your kerbside bin. There's nothing else to do but keep recycling and you could be rewarded for your efforts!



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Avoid disconnection: switch to the nbn™ network

The nbn™ network will replace most existing landline phone and internet networks in your area and most landline phone and internet services will stop working once the existing network is disconnected.

In Crystal Brook, the landline service begins disconnection from April 2018 and in Port Pirie from September 2018.

So, even if you only have a home phone, it's important to speak to a phone or internet provider about switching as soon as your home or business is ready to connect.

What you need to do to connect to services over the nbn™ network

1. Check whether your premises is ready to connect at nbn.com.au/check
2. Contact a phone or internet service provider about switching to a plan over the nbn™ network.



Opening hours this season

Monday to Friday

6.30am – 8.30am Lap Swimming
3.30pm – 5.30pm General Admission

7.00pm – 9.00pm on days above 32 degrees and at the discretion of management

Weekends & Public Holidays

2.00pm – 5.30pm

7.00pm – 9.00pm on days above 32 degrees and at the discretion of management

School Holidays

Weekdays 2.00pm – 5.30pm

Closed

Christmas Day and New Year's Day

Opening Temperature

25 degrees

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Please note the Port Pirie pool is closed for the 2017/18 season due to works on the Port Pirie Sports Precinct.



Memorial Oval - Before Turf

The Port Pirie Sports Precinct is a historic project for our region and in recent weeks, the developments are becoming more noticeable.

This Sports Precinct has been made possible thanks to \$5 million from the Federal Government and \$5 million from the State Government in addition to Council funding. Works have been full steam ahead since the \$21.7 million project was formally approved by Council in May. The Precinct will be a sporting hub for the region, encompassing the sports of football, cricket, baseball, soccer, swimming, gymnastics, squash, bowls and croquet.

Once completed, the redevelopment will include Memorial and Pirie West Ovals, a new Function Centre (situated between the ovals) and across Mary Elie Street, a Recreation Centre (including swimming pool and aquatic facilities). The multi-purpose sports facility will be a major coup for the region and will assist in attracting major sporting events and high level competitions.

As the photos show, Memorial Oval has completely transformed in the past six months. The oval has been realigned and new turf and irrigation laid. The completion of the turf laying and first mow in November has given the site a new lease of life.

Foundations have been poured for both the Function and Recreation Centres. The Recreation Centre was laid in five pours, starting with the first pour in October and the final pour completed this month. Meanwhile, the first pour of the Function Centre started mid November.

Works on the bowls/croquet areas (including toilet block, clubhouse, lighting, etc) are expected to be finished early 2018.

The Port Pirie Sports Precinct is due for completion at the end of 2018. The state of the art facility will be showcased during the 2019 SA Country Swimming Championships in January 2019 and the return of the Port Pirie Masters Games in April 2019.

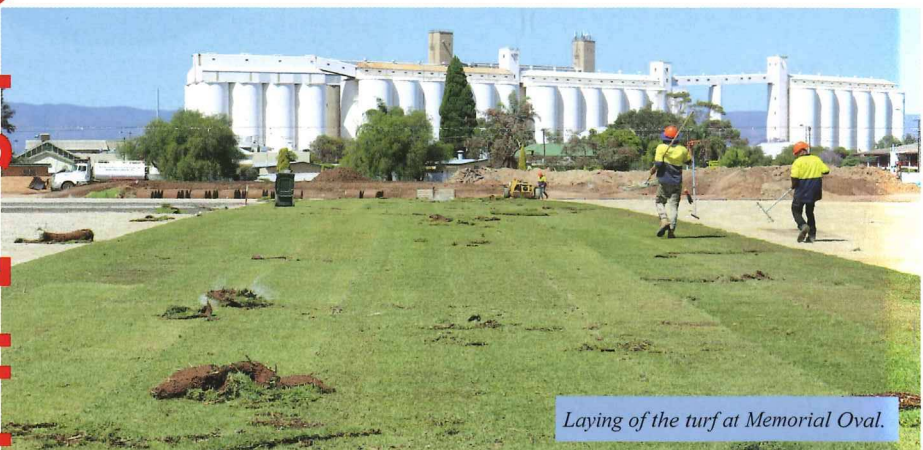
THE SPORTS PRECINCT



The Function Centre is taking shape, with the first walls and elevator shaft recently constructed.



First pour of the new Recreation Centre.



Laying of the turf at Memorial Oval.



Memorial Oval - After Turf

SUMMER CINEMA NIGHTS

Enjoy movie nights with a difference this summer!

Port Pirie and Crystal Brook will both be hosting Outdoor Movie Nights this summer. Take a break from the Christmas rush and enjoy a Christmas Movie Night on Friday 22 December at the Port Pirie Foreshore. Get into the festive spirit with the Christmas movie 'The Grinch' – entry is free!

The Bowman Park Committee will also be hosting Summer Movie Nights at Bowman Park, Crystal Brook. More details on our website and Facebook page soon!

New Year's Eve At The Foreshore

Port Pirie's New Year's Eve will receive a fresh lease of life as the event moves to a new location.

The redeveloped Foreshore area will be the new home of New Year's Eve celebrations as we welcome in 2018 on Sunday 31 December 2017.

Bring your rug and chairs and set up for the night.

There will be amazing fireworks displays that you will not want to miss at 9.30pm and midnight.

Adelaide's favourite children's entertainer Mr Oopy, who delighted crowds at the CBD Street Party with his Bubble Show, will be returning for New Year's Eve. Come along and see Mr

Oopy perform his interactive, fun and energetic children's show.

Children will also be treated to circus workshops, juggling and stilt walking.

Live on the main stage will be performances from local act The Party Band and Adelaide's Funk Throne playing all your favourite covers.

New Year's Eve is an Alcohol Go Easy event. The community is encouraged to BYO drinks but strictly no glass.

Port Pirie's New Year's Eve celebration is a free event so see in 2018 with family and friends at the Port Pirie Foreshore.



The Port Pirie Foreshore is the new home of the New Year's Eve celebrations.

2018 AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Celebrate everything that is great about our country at the 2018 Australia Day celebrations around our Council region.

Port Pirie, Crystal Brook and Redhill each host Australia Day celebrations. The Crystal Brook celebration is held in Adelaide Square while the Redhill event will be in Mortimer Park, both starting at 8am.

The Port Pirie celebration will start at 8am at Solomontown Beach, with the program as follows:

- 8am Flag Raising Ceremony (Cadets/Scouts)
- 8.15am Service (Port Pirie Ministers Association)
- 8.30am-10am Breakfast (Lions Club of Port Pirie and Australia Day Committee)
- 9.30am-11am Beach Activities (Y's Men's and Australia Day Committee)
- 11.30am Ceremony and Presentations (Mayor John Rohde)

The day includes presentations of the Australia Day Awards, which recognises the Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Event of the Year.

COUNCIL CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR HOURS

SERVICE:	CLOSED:	REOPENS:
Council Administration Centre 115 Ellen Street, Port Pirie	5.00pm Friday 22nd December 2017	9.00am Tuesday 2nd January 2018
Council Works Depot Broadstock Road, Port Pirie	4.00pm Friday 22nd December 2017	8.00am Tuesday 2nd January 2018
Port Pirie Library Wandearah Road, Port Pirie	5.00pm Friday 22nd December 2017	9.00am Tuesday 2nd January 2018
Crystal Brook Library Bowman Street, Crystal Brook	5.00pm Friday 22nd December 2017	10.00am Tuesday 2nd January 2018
Port Pirie Waste Transfer Station Port Broughton Road, Port Pirie	Christmas Day and New Year's Day ONLY	

Port Pirie Regional Council December Ordinary Meeting

Please note the December meeting has been moved to Wednesday 20 December 2017 (one week forward) at 7.30pm at the Council Administration Centre, 115 Ellen Street, Port Pirie.

PORT PIRIE REGIONAL TOURISM & ARTS CENTRE CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR OPENING HOURS

DATE:	TIMES:
Monday 25th December CHRISTMAS DAY	CLOSED
Tuesday 26th December BOXING DAY	10.00am - 4.00pm
Wednesday 27th December	9.00am - 5.00pm
Thursday 28th December	9.00am - 5.00pm
Friday 29th December	9.00am - 5.00pm
Saturday 30th December	9.00am - 4.00pm
Sunday 31st December	10.00am - 4.00pm
Monday 1st January NEW YEARS DAY	10.00am - 4.00pm
Tuesday 2nd January	Normal business hours resume

KERBSIDE COLLECTION CHANGES FOR PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Monday 25 December –
Kerbside collection delayed to Tuesday 26 December

Tuesday 26 December –
Kerbside collection as normal

Monday 1 January –
Kerbside collection as normal