



COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

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1) RESIGNATION - CR. S. HORNHARDT

A casual vacancy has occurred for the position of councillor as a result of the resignation of Cr. Hornhardt. The Supplementary Election will be held with ballot papers being forwarded to all eligible voters between 18 and 24 August 2015 and are to be returned by 12 noon Monday 7 September 2015. Nominations will be received between 23 July and 12 noon Thursday 6 August 2015.

2) 2015/2016 ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET FOR CONSULTATION

Council has prepared a draft 2015/2016 Annual Business Plan and Budget for Public Consultation in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act.

Copies of the Plan are available from the Council Office or by request in writing to P.O. Box 71, Cowell SA 5602, telephone 8629 2019 or from Council's website www.franklinharbour.sa.gov.au

The Community is encouraged to provide input into the 2015/2016 Annual Business Plan and Budget by written submissions addressed to the Chief Executive Officer at the above address or by email to council@franklinharbour.sa.gov.au by no later than Friday 26 June 2015 at 12noon.

Council will set aside one hour at its meeting on Wednesday 1 July 2015 from 9am for any persons who wish to make personal presentations on the Draft Plan. Persons wishing to appear before Council should contact the Chief Executive Officer **by no later than Friday 26 June 2015 at 12noon.**

3) DOG REGISTRATIONS

Council would like to remind all dog owners that dog registrations expire on 30 June 2015 so to avoid possible delays or not receiving your registration renewal notice, please make sure ALL your details are correct. Please contact Council and update your details before the end of June, as penalties apply for late registrations.

4) COST OF LIVING CONCESSIONS – Rate Concessions

State Government Concessions – Until this year, the State Government funded concessions on Council rates. These concessions were formerly available to the holders of pensioner concession cards, veterans, low-income earners, unemployed, students, and self-funded retirees. These concessions were all abolished by the State Government with effect from 30 June 2015. From 1 July 2015, the State Government has elected to replace these concessions with a single “cost-of-living payment” provided directly to those entitled.

Who is entitled to receive the Cost of Living Concession and how does this differ from the concessions on Council?

	Outgoing Council rate concession (\$ p/a)	New cost of living concession (\$ p/a)	Change (\$ p/a)
Pensioners and low-income earners who own their own home	\$190	\$200	+\$10
Pensioners and low-income earners who are tenants	\$0 (ineligible)	\$100	+\$100
Self-funded retirees who hold a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card* who own their own home	\$100	\$100	No change
Self-funded retirees who hold a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card who are tenants	\$0 (ineligible)	\$100	+\$100

*Assumes recipients held a State Seniors Card.

How do people apply for the Cost of Living Concession?

Home owners who currently receive the concession on Council rates will not need to apply separately for the Cost of Living Concession.

Tenants will need to apply by 31 October 2015. Application forms for the concession will be available from 1 July 2015 by contacting the State Government Concessions Hotline on 1800 307 758. All constituents should be directed to this hotline for further information on the Cost of Living Concession or to www.sa.gov.au/.

Unlike the concession on Council rates, this Cost of Living Concession will be means tested for self-funded retirees. Self-funded retirees earning more than \$51,500 a single or \$82,400 a couple will not be eligible.

When will cheques be provided to recipients?

Payments are expected to be made directly to home owners by cheque in about September 2015 and to tenants in early 2016.

5) AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2016

Nominations are now open for the Australian of the Year Awards 2016. There are four categories in the Australian of the Year Awards:

- Australian of the Year
- Senior Australian of the Year
- Young Australian of the Year
- Australia's Local Hero

Nominations are being sought for Australians excelling in all fields of endeavour including arts, media and entertainment, business, charity, education, environment, indigenous/ethnic services, medicine/science, engineering/technology and sports. Nomination Postcards are available at the Council Office.

6) REGIONAL MEET THE BUYER

The Office of the Industry Advocate and the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association (EPLGA) invite you to attend the inaugural Eyre Peninsula Regional Meet the Buyer event.

The successful 'Meet the Buyer' series of events bring together local businesses and senior government project and contract managers, and will be held at Wudinna Community Club on Thursday 25 June 2015 – 10.30am to 3.00pm.

This unique event combines both State and Local Government expenditure across the entire Eyre Peninsula, providing an opportunity for businesses to gain a better understanding of the public sector spend in the region.

The Hon. Geoff Brock MP, Minister for Regional Development and Minister for Local Government will officially open the event with the program including opportunities to meet with and promote your business to representatives from key Government agencies and local councils. To register visit: <http://epmeetthebuyer.eventbrite.com.au>.

7) **DEVELOPMENT**

The Senior Building Rules Assessment Officer Matthew Wilson from the City of Whyalla will be here on Wednesday 24 June 2015 if you would like an appointment, please give us a call on 8629 2019.

Development approvals for May 2015:

Carport

\$3,350

8) **RAINFALL FOR THE MONTH**



For your information the rainfall collected for the month of May 2015 was 31mm.

9) **COUNCIL SNAPSHOT:**

Industry acclaim for OUR Council's Senior Building Rules Assessment Officer

Whyalla Council's Senior Building Surveyor Matthew Wilson has been announced as South Australia's Young Building Surveyor of the Year by the SA Chapter of the Australian Institute of Building Surveyors. The Young Building Surveyor of the Year is a prestigious award that recognises and encourages younger professionals in the building surveying industry. Australian Institute of Building Surveyors (ABIS) SA Chapter President, Mr. Troy Olds said "It is young Building Surveyors like Matthew Wilson, who epitomize the level of professionalism that ABIS is seeking to ensure the profession maintains the highest of standards for the future and will continue to play a crucial role in providing a safe, built environment for consumers and the public"

"Building Surveyors like Matthew are crucial for the future of Building Surveying and ABIS is delighted to recognise Matthew's achievements through this award."

Matthew began his building surveying career at Whyalla City Council in 2007 as a cadet. During his time at Council, he completed an Associate Degree in Building Surveying. Matthew then relocated to the Adelaide Hills in 2011 where he worked as a building surveyor for the Adelaide Hills Council.

Matthew returned to Whyalla in early 2014 to fulfil the role of Senior Building Rules Assessment Officer. He has established a great rapport with local builders and has also demonstrated strong leadership skills in his new role.

He has implemented several innovations and improvements to the development application process to enable Council and development applicants to work together more expeditiously and effectively. Matthew was delighted to receive the award and thanked Council for nominating him.

"I am honoured to receive this award and will continue to do everything I can to deliver the very best service to the Whyalla community" commented Matthew.

Matthew is highly committed to his career and is currently studying towards a Graduate Diploma in Building Surveying from the University of South Australia.



T.D. Barnes
Chief Executive Officer



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