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From the Council Desk

A busy time in 2016 and full steam ahead for 2017

It has been a busy start to the year for Council, with mother nature again intervening with storms to commence the year, but we do hope the weather may return back to a level of normality. It was great to see so many people celebrating Australia Day, with some of Council's greatest assets, the volunteers duly rewarded. These people are the life-blood of any community and Council is very proud of the fact that the Northern Areas Council community boasts twice the state volunteering average.

2017 will be a busy time for Council, with some key projects to be undertaken with the assistance of the community. Council will conduct a community survey, in addition community forums across the entire Council region have recommenced, with the first having been held recently in Gladstone. Such activities provide significant assistance to Council as it looks to create its next strategic plan.

During December, Councillor Tim Zander resigned from his position as a Rocky River Ward Councillor, having served for just over six years. We thank Tim very much for his contribution over that period of time for both Council, the Rocky River Ward and his many years of work for the Gladstone Community. It also gives Council an opportunity to welcome Kathy Webb of Gladstone as the newly elected Rocky River Ward Councillor and wish her the very best in the role.

Council has commenced the budget process for the 2017/18 financial year, having also recently reviewed its Long Term Financial Plan, which continues to remain well on track. A key part of the process has been the review of Council's Road Asset Management Plan, whilst further work is being undertaken to complete a similar plan for Council's buildings. It's through measures such as Asset Management Plans that Council is able to plan ahead for the long term, to ensure that these key areas are maintained to the appropriate level.

We look forward to a bright year ahead.

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Elected Member Update

After serving six years as an Elected Member of Council's Rocky River Ward, Tim Zander tendered his resignation from the position.

Council would like to thank Tim for his efforts in the role and wish him and his family the very best in to the future.

Following the resignation of Cr Zander, a supplementary election was held to fill the position.

Two candidates nominated for the position, with Kathy Webb of Gladstone declared the successful candidate with 213 votes, ahead of Jonathan Hawkins-Clarke of Laura with 145 votes.

Community Forums

Council commenced its community forums, with the first forum held in Gladstone on Tuesday the 27th of February.

Council will be hosting further community forums in the coming months. Locations have been chosen to represent communities of interest. Eg Laura (Laura, Stone Hut), Gulnare (Gulnare, Georgetown, Narridy, Yacka).

At these forums Council provides a presentation of Council activities currently being undertaken and looking forward of what Council has planned for the future, then having a question and answer session.

The forums which have occurred across the past have proved to be highly successful and provided Council with a greater insight as to community concern.

Community forums will continue with a 7pm starting time, with the following dates and locations for upcoming forums:

Tue 28th March	Laura	7pm
Tue 26th April	Jamestown	7pm
Tue 30th May	Gulnare	7pm
Tue 27th June	Spalding	7pm

Storm Damage

Unfortunately the Council area was affected by yet another storm during the Christmas/ New Year period over a weekend and among public holidays.

The damage was very wide spread across the entire Council area. With many staff away for the holiday period Council had few staff available to call on during this period. Traditionally, at this time of year many staff have extended leave.

The available staff worked hard to clear up as much as possible and the effort has continued as more staff returned to work.

Many trees came down and numerous branches need to be cleaned up. Council have engaged a contractor to make safe the large trees in the Council area.

The clean-up will be ongoing as staff work their way through the Council area.

The damage to Council's assets was however, limited. There was no building damage for example.

There is damage to unsealed roads which staff are still working their way through with patrol grading and a few isolated areas where capital repairs have been required.

Localised and short term inundation occurred on roads and private property in most townships.



Unfortunately further storms resulted in significant clean up and damage across the entire Council area

Project Updates

Gulnare Public Toilets

Council has recently completed the installation of new public toilets in Gulnare at both the Gulnare Recreation Reserve and the Gulnare Memorial Institute.

The project, valued at just over \$50,000 was funded via a contribution from the Gulnare Community Development Board of \$7,000 with the remaining funds allocated from Council's capital projects budget.

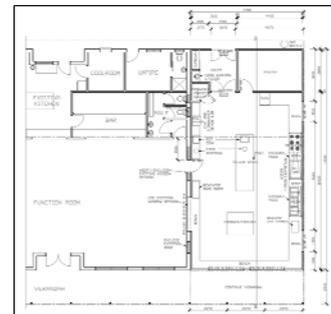


The previous toilets at the Recreation reserve and Memorial Institute (left) have been replaced with a modern version (right)

Jamestown Football and Netball Clubroom Upgrade Underway

The Jamestown Peterborough Football & Netball Club Committee are extending the existing clubrooms at Jamestown to provide a new commercial kitchen, replacing the existing facility. The new kitchen will allow for food and meals to be served both in to the Clubrooms, whilst also acting as the canteen with a servery opening on to the verandah to serve spectators.

The project is valued at approximately \$175,000 and has been funded through a grant of \$20,000 from the Office for Recreation and Sport, Council has provided approximately \$15,000 in earthworks in kind, with the club providing the remaining contribution of approximately \$140,000.



Jamestown Swimming Pool Changing Room Officially Open

Sunday the 19th of February saw Mayor Denis Clark officially declare the Jamestown Swimming Pool Changing Room Upgrade open. The \$120,000 upgrade, which was funded via assistance from the Office for Recreation and Sport as well as the local committee, was completed under the guidance of Council's Manager of Regulatory Services Alan Thomson.

As part of the festivities, long time volunteers Rick Kelly and Kaye Meaney were awarded with Volunteer Recognition awards, whilst Rick was also awarded with Life Membership from the Jamestown Swimming Pool Management Committee.

In a twist of irony, it was almost ninety years to the day since the original facility was opened back in 1927.



Gladstone Swimming Pool Plant Room Upgrade

Council has also been busy with further upgrades at its swimming pools, with the Gladstone Swimming Pool Plant Room receiving an upgrade of the chlorine containment system. The upgrade, valued at \$13,500 provides a modern gas containment and emergency system, better allowing for the safe handling and management of chlorine gas at the site.

Community NEWS

Australia Day Celebrations

Thursday the 26th of January, saw approximately two hundred people on hand as Council celebrated its annual Australia Day Awards Ceremony at Memorial Park in Jamestown.

The Jamestown Development Association hosted the event, with visitors treated to a hearty breakfast of bacon and eggs or fruit on the menu.

Glenn Hammat OAM of Washpool was awarded as the Citizen of the Year, for his many years of volunteering predominantly in both the Jamestown and Spalding communities, but also for the wider region, particularly in the area of health administration.

Damien Hunt of Jamestown was awarded as Council's Young Citizen of the Year, for his tireless work with the Jamestown Apex Club, particularly through his work with the Jamestown Christmas Pageant and the Ram and Ewe Ball. Whilst the Jamestown Apex Club were awarded the Community Event of the Year, for the 10th Anniversary Ram and Ewe Ball.



From left: Mayor Clark, Citizen of the Year Glenn Hammat OAM and Council's CEO Colin Byles



From left: Mayor Clark, Young Citizen of the Year Damien Hunt and Council's CEO Colin Byles



From left: Mayor Clark, Jamestown Apex Club's Ram and Ewe Ball Committee Members Charlotte Burmester, Joe Batten and Jess Hounsell and Council's CEO Colin Byles

Rates

Single Farm Enterprise

Section 152 of the Local Government Act 1999 provides that "if two or more pieces of rateable land within the area of the Council constitute a single farm enterprise, only one fixed charge may be imposed against the whole of the land".

If you have not completed an application form or have purchased, sold, subdivided or amalgamated any land or changed your entity and need to update your application form. Forms are available from the Jamestown, Gladstone and Spalding Offices and must be completed and returned by **5:00pm on Friday 30th June 2017**.

If the application form is not received by Council by the due date, no exemption will apply to the 2016/2017 financial year fixed charge component of your rates.

A majority of farming entities have already completed a form and are receiving a Single Farm Enterprise, and therefore a reduction on the fixed charge component of their rates.

For further information please contact Tanya Francis or Bernadette McCarthy at the Jamestown Office on 08 8664 1139.



A new litter reporting App and website developed by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) will give power to the people who see someone litter.

Australians now have access to the DOB IN A LITTERER App and [website](http://www.dobinalitterer.sa.gov.au) to report cases of littering from vehicles.

Help Curb Litter. See it. Report it with the new Dob In A Litterer App.

For more information and Frequently Asked Questions visit the website

www.dobinalitterer.sa.gov.au

Warning: It is an offence to use a mobile phone while driving

Staff Updates

After over 44 years of service in Local Government, David Cowin was farewelled by staff and elected members, having recently retired.

David began with the former District Council of Laura in February 1972, which then became part of the District Council of Rocky River in 1988, before spending the past two decades with the further amalgamated Northern Areas Council.

David served a series of roles within Council's Operational Services team, most recently as Manager of Technical Services. David was very well known for his knowledge on roads and infrastructure and Council wish him the very best in retirement.

David was presented with certificates of recognition by Mayor Clark from both Council and the Local Government Association for his 44 years of service



David Cowin (left) receiving his certificates of recognition from Mayor Clark, for his 44 year of service

It is with some sadness that Council's Construction Supervisor Dennis McDeed resigned from his role with Council during January, for health reasons. Sadly Dennis lost his health battle and passed away during February.

Dennis was a valued staff member and provided a strong contribution toward the Operational Services Team during his short tenure at Council. The thoughts of the staff and Elected Members are with his family at this time.

Infrastructure Update

Collection of Waste and Recycling

Don't forget to put your bins out the night before your collection day. There is no guarantee of the time the bin will be emptied on your collection day. Putting your bin out the night before ensures collection.

Council frequently encounter bins packed so tight with waste or recycling that they don't empty when collected by the truck. The operator cannot place their hands in the bin to loosen waste or recycling when this is the case. The operator can shake the bin with the truck arm, and this is done to try and free the waste. If the bin is packed too tight and the contents do not come out when collected it will not be emptied.



Laura Flood Mitigation

The remaining works on the flood mitigation project in Victoria Street have been tendered in an open tender process and it is planned to engage a contractor very soon to complete the project works. Trees along Victoria Street have been required to be trimmed to enable excavators to work beneath them. The works include laying more than 400 lm of pipe and about 200 lm of box culverts. The pipe laying will have to negotiate paths around many underground services including two very critical Telstra services on Mill St. It is critically important when doing works underground, even on your own property to get **Dial Before You Dig** information

Laura CWMS

It has been a long time coming with challenges finally resolved in providing recycled water from the CWMS system in Laura to the football oval. The pond system is quite close to capacity and the works are being completed none too soon from that perspective. With these works commissioned additional sites can be developed to enhance the visual amenity of the town without using town water and provide a return of a kind to those connected to the scheme.

Minor works at Cemeteries

In Northern Areas we have 8 operating cemeteries in addition to a number of others which are closed. Our cemeteries are visited quite regularly and are a place for remembrance and reflection. The amenities and furniture at these parks are often provided by service clubs whose work is greatly appreciated by the park visitors. There are modest works planned to improve the storm water impacts in the cemeteries at Laura, Gladstone and Spalding and improve access in the most difficult sections.

Reseal program

The annual reseal program has now been completed. The program had been programmed to occur during the hottest weather this year. No doubt there were some people cleaning the sticky bitumen off shoes or a path from the previous year's program and that is regrettable. With limited resources the previous year, the program had a delayed start.

With application in the hotter months It is expected that the bitumen will perform as expected next summer. Sections of the following roads re-sealed include:

Laura: West Terrace, Appila Laura Rd, Laura-Caltowie Rd. Gladstone: Cross St, James Street, East Tce. Jamestown: King Edward Tce, Boundary Rd, Jamestown-Whyte Yarcowie Rd. Caltowie: Caltowie to Stone Hut. Narridy: Georgetown - Narridy Rd

Road sealing is a process used to prevent water infiltration into the road base using a combination of bitumen and aggregates. Re-sealing occurs when the bitumen has broken down and lost its resilience. When that occurs, water gets through cracks in the surface and damages the pavement resulting in pot-holes and structural pavement damage.

Each year, a program is developed to reseal the oldest and most degraded surfaces where damage has commenced occurring or is very close to doing so. In this way, we get the longest life out of the road "asset" and obtain best value for money from maintenance expenditure.



Receive your rates notices via email

Have your rates notice delivered to any device or computer. It is quick, easy and secure way to view your rate notice.

Scan the QR code printed on your rates notice or go to www.nacouncil.formsport.com.au

Register your details (See "Steps to register" below) and the next rates notice will be conveniently delivered to your nominated email address.

Steps to register:

Step 1

- Complete the online registration form once you have scanned your QR code or have gone to www.nacouncil.formsport.com.au
- Click on the "Register" tab in the top right hand corner.
- Enter your name exactly as it appears on the rates notice, including spaces and symbols.
- Enter your assessment number and email address.
- Choose a username, make it easy to remember so you can log in later.

Step 2

- Check your inbox.
- Click the link, its lasts for 48 hours.

Step 3

- Choose a password. Use this along with your username to log in.
- You will now receive notices in your inbox, and you can log in and view them online at any time.

For more information or assistance with this process, please contact Bernadette McCarthy or Tanya Francis at the Jamestown Office on 08 8664 1139.

Calendar of Council Meetings

Ordinary meetings of the Northern Areas Council are held at venues across the Council area, on the third Tuesday of each month commencing at 2pm

The general public are always welcome to attend

Upcoming meeting dates and venues are:

Tue 18th April	Georgetown	2pm
Tue 16th May	Jamestown	2pm
Tue 20th June	Yacka	2pm
Tue 18th July	Jamestown	2pm

For further meeting dates please visit

www.nacouncil.sa.gov.au

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Community Forums Calendar

Tue 28th March	Laura	7pm
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Tue 27th June	Spalding	7pm

Jamestown Gymnasium

Unfortunately there has been instances of people not signing in correctly at the Gymnasium at the Jamestown Hydrotherapy Pool Complex and also people accessing the facility who do not carry a current membership.

Please note this is an important community facility that generates revenue to fund the Regional Hydrotherapy Pool. Accordingly membership spot checks have commenced, so please ensure that you have properly signed in and that you have an up to date membership.



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