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With the weather starting to warm up, Spring is certainly in the air. But it would be very nice if mother nature decided to be a little more cooperative and provide a few drops of Spring rain

Our September Council meeting saw the completion of one of Council's most important tasks in that we've now adopted our Strategic Plan.

On behalf of Council I'd like to thank the community members who participated in the public consultation process.

It did prove to be quite comprehensive, varying from our initial community survey, through to

public consultation meetings and the opportunity for people to write in with further feedback prior to the end of August.

It has been quite an exhaustive process, but it's very pleasing for Council to now have a firm direction for the period of 2020-2027 and we thank everyone for their input.

It's an important time for local communities to consider nominating a hard working local volunteer for the Northern Areas Council's 2020 Citizen of The Year.

Along with the Citizen of the Year there are also awards for the Community Event of the Year and the Young Citizen of the Year. We have an incredible level of volunteering here in Northern Areas, so we encourage groups to nominate a hard working member of their local community who deserves some recognition.

It's been pleasing in recent months to see the completion of some projects which Council has been very keen to see occur for some time, which were able to occur with the assistance of the Federal Government's Drought Communities Fund. It was great to see swimming pool female change rooms upgraded at Gladstone and Spalding, the addition of stormwater to supplement irrigation at Ewart Oval in Gladstone, an upgrade to Tresylva Park in Gladstone, upgrades to some bridges and an overall street lighting upgrade.

It's also nice to see the Laura Streetscape Upgrade coming to an end after several stages across the past five years. It has been a lengthy process, but the results have been very well received.

Finally on behalf of Council I'd also like to pass on our condolences to the family of Council's 2011 Citizen of the Year Tom Humphris who recently passed away. Tom was a hard working community volunteer and a leader not only in Gladstone but the wider region. He made a strong contribution to the community and will be missed.

Cr. Denis Clark
Mayor

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Council adopts new Strategic Plan for 2020-2027

Following months of consultation, at the September Ordinary Meeting of Council, a new seven year Strategic Plan was adopted. As part of the consultation members of the community were able to provide feedback on what they saw as priorities for Council and what direction they would like to see Council move toward over the 2020-2027 period.

The plan has identified five key goals, being:

- Goal 1: A thriving Local Economy
- Goal 2: A desirable place to live or visit
- Goal 3: Stronger Communities across our region
- Goal 4: Effective Infrastructure and Community Assets
- Goal 5: Sustained Financial Stability



Key strategies to sit beneath these goals include:

- Goal 1: A thriving Local Economy
 - Encouraging investment in local business and industry
 - Supporting local business to drive local employment opportunities
- Goal 2: A desirable place to live or visit
 - Support safe, sustainable and inclusive communities across the region
 - Retain essential services across the region
 - Be an attractive short stop or destination stay for tourists and visitors
- Goal 3: Stronger Communities across our region
 - Secure sustainable provision and enhancement of services to the community
 - Support capacity building of community groups
- Goal 4: Effective Infrastructure and Community Assets
 - Enhanced local and regional road network
 - Effective Management of Community Assets
- Goal 5: Sustained Financial Stability
 - Maintain Council's Financial Sustainability
 - Pursue productivity improvements and cost reduction initiatives



Consistent with the previous plans, there remains a strong emphasis on ensuring strong long term financial management and sustainability, which includes looking at different methods of identifying productivity improvements and cost reductions.

Council has also looked to support the local economy, by encouraging business investment and supporting local business. This also extends across to tourism, with a view to continue to grow the local tourism industry and continue to make the Council area a great place to visit.



An emphasis on assisting community groups has again been a strong focus, through tasks such as assisting with planning and preparedness for projects which may be able to seek grant funding.

Whilst a major focus remains on ensuring that infrastructure primarily the road network, continues to be maintained in an effective and sound manner, whilst other community assets including parks and gardens, halls and public areas continue to be well kept and in sound order.

A copy of the plan is available online at www.nacouncil.sa.gov.au or at any Northern Areas Council Office.



2020 Australia Day Award Nominations Open 1 October

Nominations for the 2020 Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards for the Northern Areas Council are open and we need your help to give our community's best the recognition they deserve.

We're looking for someone who makes a difference in our Council. Someone who contributes to our community and inspires those around them. They could be quiet achievers, community members or unsung heroes.

We are reaching out to organisations, like yours, that can help us by identifying and nominating community members who are doing outstanding things.

The Awards rely on members of the public to nominate, so we encourage you to consider putting someone forward from your local community for the 2020 Awards.

Your nominee could be recognised in one of our three categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year (16 to 30 years)
- Community Event of the Year

Nominating someone and highlighting the work they do can mean the world to a person and it's easy to do.

Just tell us who they are, what they've achieved and why you'd like to see them recognised.

You can nominate online at www.citizenoftheyear.com.au or collect an application form at any Northern Areas Council office.



Nominations for the 2019 Awards close soon, so make sure you get yours in by **midnight on 15 November**.



Council Community Project Grants

At the September Ordinary Meeting of Council, \$19,923 in Community Project Grants were allocated to 11 different projects from across the Council.

- Caltowie Memorial Hall and Progress Association \$3000 to extend the current barbeque shelter and lay concrete footings
- Ewart Oval Management Committee \$3000 to establish a community playground at Ewart Oval, Gladstone
- Gladstone Ex Service Personnel \$850 to add the names of the fallen soldiers to the Gladstone War Memorial
- Gulnare Community Development Board \$2008 to replace the stove and fridge at the Gulnare Memorial Institute
- Jamestown Show Society \$3000 to upgrade power mushrooms at Victoria Park
- Jamestown Community Garden \$600 to purchase specialised gardening equipment
- Jamestown Diggers Walk Committee \$1500 toward the Diggers Walk Centenary Celebrations
- Mid North Suicide Prevention Network \$2000 to establish a labyrinth to embrace those affected by suicide in the community
- Sing Australia Jamestown \$365 to purchase new sound equipment
- Spalding War Monument Management Committee \$2100 to install lighting to the Spalding War Monument
- Yacka Community Development Association \$1500 toward Yacka's 150th celebrations in 2020



Does Your Group Have an Event Coming Up?

If your group has an event planned whether it be in the next few weeks or many months ahead, you can add your event to Council's Events Calendar on the website.

Simply go to Council's website www.nacouncil.sa.gov.au go to the Community Tab, then click on Events Calendar.

From there you will be able to see other events which have been listed. Simply click submit your event to add your event to the calendar.

If you are having any difficulties, please contact any Council office and the friendly staff will be able to help.

Community Contacts Register

Has your group recently held an AGM or launched a website? Has the contact person or the group contact details changed?

As part of the process of Council delivering regular updates to community groups, we need to make sure they find their way to the right person.

Details can be updated by going to Council's website go to the Community Tab, then click on Community Contacts Register, then simply fill in the blanks.

If you are having difficulties with the process, please contact any Council office and the friendly staff will be able to help.

Infrastructure Update



Capital works

After years of planning from the Laura Memorial Civic Centre Management Committee and financial assistance from the Federal Government through the Drought Communities Program, the upgrade of the Civic Centre is now fully complete.

The project totalling approximately \$250,000 involved the addition of modern standard toilet facilities including a significant increase in the number of toilets available, in addition to baby changing room facilities and disabled toilets.

Further additions included an upgrade to the Eastern entrance, providing more welcoming and weather proof access for users of the Civic Centre.



Whilst in Laura, work is nearing completion for the final stage of the Laura Streetscape Upgrade, with the Western side of Herbert Street being upgraded. The upgrade has consisted of the removal of the previous concrete surface, replaced by level paving, in addition to kerbing, protuberances surrounding street trees, re-sealing and line making of the car parking area.

As shown below, the upgrade has significantly improved the footpaths and removed numerous trip hazards, whilst creating a more aesthetically pleasing finish.



Infrastructure Update

Belalie Creek Improvements

Work has recently been undertaken to remove the build up of reeds from the Belalie Creek in Jamestown. Thanks to the Infrastructure staff for a job well done, returning the area to a picturesque stop for visitor to the area.



Jamestown Regional Shearer Training Centre

The Infrastructure team have also been busy in recent times, with the supply of earthworks material and the preparation of earthworks for the Jamestown Show's new Shearing Training Centre.

The Jamestown Show were fortunate enough to secure \$150,000 through the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal's Tackling Tough Times Together Fund, in addition to the donation of approximately \$10,000 in earthworks from Council, as well as \$40,000 of in kind fit out items from Heiniger Australia and financial donations from many people within the local community.

The overall project is valued at approximately \$250,000 and will not only be the home of the shearing competition for the Jamestown Show, but will service the North and Western Region of SA as well as Western New South Wales as a TAFE Shearer Training Centre.



Annual Green Waste Collection

Council provides a green waste collection each year for the purpose of assisting those less able in the community to clear their yards of green waste. If you are quite able and have resources to manage your green waste the service is not intended for you.

Residents who need this level of assistance must ring Council to book a collection.

The Green-waste that will be collected is tree, rose and bush type material only, no lawn clippings or weeds. Green-waste to be collected must be placed on the edge of the roadway, the evening prior to the scheduled pickup. No repeat trips will be made and large piles will not be removed from private property.

Green-waste must be placed so that it does not interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic and must not be placed over service pits or hinder access to fire hydrants. No tyres, no cars, no chemical. A limit of 3 cubic metres (i.e. 6x4 trailer load) per household will be allowed.

Council reminds residents of their obligation to prune trees overhanging the footpaths. This is a good opportunity to do so.

Council's green waste collection will occur 21st October – 28th 2019.

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, council has resolved to carry out consultation with existing kerbside waste collection participants to gauge the interest in a kerbside green waste collection. Staff will be contacting participants in the near future to gather their views before making a decision either way on a service.

Drum Muster Program

The Drum Muster program continues with the following dates for delivery of drums to the respective transfer stations:

Monday 14.10.19 Jamestown Surnames A-L

Tuesday 15.10.19 Jamestown Surnames M-Z

Wednesday 16.10.19 Gladstone Surnames A-L

Thursday 17.10.19 Gladstone Surnames M-Z

Friday 18.10.19 Spalding Surnames A-Z



What You Can and Can't Recycle

The War on Waste which many people view on television is a great reminder of the many opportunities that exist for increasing the recycling component of our waste streams.

To encourage an increase in the recycling portion of our total waste mass, below is a helpful list to keep near your bins:

Items which can go into kerbside recycling

- Paper and envelopes
- Newspapers, magazines, catalogues and junk mail
- Cardboard boxes and egg cartons
- Shredded paper (if contained inside a paper bag or box)
- Cartons such as milk, juice and stock cartons
- Pizza boxes without food scraps
- Aluminium and steel cans and tins
- Metal lids (contained in a steel or aluminium can)
- Empty and dry paint tins
- Empty aerosol cans
- Glass bottles and jars (rinsed with lids off)
- Plastic bottles and containers (rinsed with lids off)
- Yoghurt and butter containers (rinsed with lids off)



Items which cannot go into kerbside recycling

- Plastic lids from jars and bottles
- Plastic bags and other soft plastics
- Food scraps
- Packaging contaminated with food
- Tissues and paper towel
- Clothing and fabrics
- Polystyrene foam packaging
- Foam trays and cups
- Crockery or drinking glasses
- Mirrors, light globes, oven-proof or window glass
- Car parts
- Toys
- Nappies
- Garden waste or organic material
- CDs, DVDs, video or audio tapes



Remember, plant material food scraps and egg shells make excellent compost for your garden. Consider using a compost bin and returning appropriate food scraps to the vegie patch as compost rather than putting these in general waste.





Prepare your home and get ready

A well prepared home

- Is more likely to survive even if you aren't there
- Can be easier for you and firefighters to defend
- Can offer more protection if a fire threatens suddenly and you cannot leave
- Is less likely to put your neighbours' homes at risk

Five top actions to make your home safer

- **Trim** overhanging trees and shrubs; mow grass and remove the cuttings. A cleared area around your home can stop the fire spreading to your home and other buildings
- **Remove material** that can burn around your home e.g. door mats, wood piles, mulch, leaves, paint, outdoor furniture
- **Clear and remove** all the debris and leaves from the gutters surrounding your home. Burning embers can set your home on fire
- **Prepare** a sturdy hose with metal fittings which will reach all around your home
- **Have a reliable independent water supply** of at least 5000 litres, such as a tank, dam or swimming pool. You will need a generator or diesel / petrol water pump too. Do not rely on mains water or electricity being available during a fire.



Backyard Burning and Keeping Warm in Winter

Outside the fire danger season (1st May to 31st October) burning in the open, both inside and outside townships is only permitted under certain conditions.

Burning Requirements in a Township (Properties that are urban rated)

The table below refers to burning in the open outside the designated Fire Danger Season. Burning must be in accordance with CFS codes of practice for Broadacre Burning and Vegetation Pile Burning (Give your neighbours as much notice of your proposed burn as possible).

Burning Activity	Conditions/Requirements
Fire for the preparation of food and beverages (i.e. BBQ, Pizza Oven, Weber BBQ Kettle, camp oven)	No permit or permission required. Fuel is charcoal, dry wood, or other dry plant material.
Use of a brazier, chiminea or a fire pit for outdoor domestic heating.	No permit or permission required. Fuel is restricted to charcoal only.
Campfire in the course of camping, scouting or a similar outdoor recreational activity that is not being used for preparation of food	Requires Council approval by permit.
Burning agricultural or forestry waste including incinerators. (i.e. vegetation pile burning in yard, not including plastic, wooden pallets or cardboard boxes, treated timber or tyres. All materials should be dead and completely dry)	No permit or permission required Monday to Saturday 10am to 3pm
Burning for bushfire hazard reduction waste including incinerators. (i.e. vegetation pile burning in yard, not including plastic, wooden pallets or cardboard boxes, treated timber or tyres. All materials should be dead and completely dry)	No permit or permission required Monday to Saturday 10am to 3pm

Burning Requirements in a Township (Properties that are rural rated)

The table below refers to burning in the open outside the designated Fire Danger Season. Burning must be in accordance with CFS codes of practice for Broad Acre Burning and Vegetation Pile Burning.

Burning Activity	Conditions/Requirements
Fire for the preparation of food and beverages (i.e. BBQ, Pizza Oven, Weber BBQ Kettle, camp oven)	No permit or permission required Fuel is charcoal, dry wood, or other dry plant material
Use of a brazier, chiminea or a fire pit for outdoor domestic heating	No permit or permission required Charcoal, dry timber or other plant matter
Campfire in the course of camping, scouting or a similar outdoor recreational activity	No permit or permission required
Burning agricultural or forestry waste.	No permit or permission required
Burning for bushfire hazard reduction.	No permit or permission required

Wood Heaters

- The Policy includes rules regulating the sale and installation of wood heaters to target health impacts associated with smoke from wood heaters.
- The Policy requires compliance with various Australian Standards for the sale and installation of all wood heaters, ensuring that wood heaters are engineered to operate efficiently, decreasing emissions to the atmosphere.
- The Policy requires firewood retailers do not sell domestic firewood with a moisture content of greater than 25% (dry weight) to protect the community against excessive smoke from burning of inappropriate fuel.
- There is also a requirement that the owner of a solid fuel heater does not allow excessive smoke to be generated from the heater.

Please Note!

Many property owners are cleaning up their property and burning the garden waste, tree clippings and leaves etc. Please be mindful of prevailing winds and weather conditions to avoid causing any inconvenience to adjoining owners prior to any burning.

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.formspost.com.au

Register you 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.formspost.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 Northern Areas Council are held each month at the Council Chambers at 94 Ayr Street, Jamestown.

The general public are always welcome to attend. Upcoming meeting dates are:

Tuesday 15th October	9am
Tuesday 19th November	9am
Tuesday 17th December	9am
Tuesday 21st January	9am

For further meeting dates please visit www.nacouncil.sa.gov.au

After Hours Council Contact

Please call 0488 999 808

Jamestown Regional Hydrotherapy Pool Volunteer Supervisors Needed

Are you interested in becoming a volunteer Hydrotherapy Pool Supervisor?

Accreditation courses are run twice each year at the Jamestown Hydrotherapy Pool Complex.

The course length is approximately 2 hours, includes CPR and spinal content, and a certificate is provided upon completion.

Please Note

Becoming a volunteer Supervisor may require a commitment of time involving making yourself available to supervise Hydrotherapy Pool sessions for at least 1/2 hour to 1 hour weekly, and/or after hours on occasions.

For further information or to register your name please contact Brooke at the Northern Areas Council office on 08 8664 1139 or email admin@nacouncil.sa.gov.au

We hope you will consider giving your time to support the Hydrotherapy Pool.



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