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Season's greetings from the Northern Areas Council, it's hard to believe that we're nearly at the end of 2021, which has been another busy year.

From a Council perspective we've continued to work hard towards achieving our goals and listening to the thoughts of you, our rate payers and community members.

Earlier in the year we consulted the community as we began a review of our rating system, with a view to a greater level of equity. Having taken on the views of the community we were able to implement a new structure which is in place this financial year for the first time.

It was very pleasing earlier in the year to see the completion of Council's previous 10 year Long Term Financial Plan. A decade ago Council was dealing with significant challenges, which at that stage saw us staring at a Financial Liabilities ratio of over 120% in 2021. Having made some tough decisions in the early stages of the plan, together with some very hard work from by the staff and Councillors at that time, aswell as significant consultation with the community, Council's Financial Liabilities ratio for the current year is at 65%, almost half of the previous forecast.

2021 has also seen Council fortunate to have been allocated stimulus funding by both the Federal and State Governments, whilst Council has also contributed funds, which has helped bring forward many projects which otherwise may have been many years away. This has enabled Council to upgrade key facilities such as town halls, sporting facilities, swimming pools, footpaths, kerbing, disability compliance at numerous facilities aswell as the sealing of roads and other infrastructure across the entire Council area on a per capita basis.

We are continuing to seek assistance from both the Federal and State Government toward upgrading the Pine Creek Bridge, which is a key thoroughfare for not only our Council area, but also the District Councils of Mount Remarkable, Orroroo/Carrieton and Peterborough. We will continue to seek funding opportunities, particularly in the lead up to the 2022 elections for both the State and Federal government.

I'd also like to say well done to the Jamestown Community for their efforts in celebrating the town's 150th birthday. Despite the efforts of Mother Nature to try to derail proceedings with some less than ideal weather, it was great to see the history of the community celebrated. We do look forward to similar celebrations in Laura in 2022, having already seen 150th anniversary celebrations in recent years at Yacka and Georgetown.

On a final note, I'd like to thank you as a community for your feedback in the past year, as Councillors we are your representatives and we are looking to continue to better work with the local communities.

I'd like to wish you all the best for the festive season and the very best for 2022. If you are traveling on the roads during the holidays, please stay safe.

Cr. Ben Browne
Mayor

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Staff Updates

Farewell to Council Employees

During 2021 Council farewelled a number of long term employees who have retired. These employees showed a great commitment to Council spending most or all of their working lives working for a number of Councils, seeing great change with amalgamations and great improvements in plant and machinery.

With their retirement much experience and knowledge goes with them. We would like to wish these employees the best in the new chapter of their lives.

- Graham Cowin 43 Years 1978 – 2021
- Gavin Cleggett 39 Years 1982 – 2021

We also wish the best to Darren Hickey who has also retired and Sachira Kulurathne who has relocated to Western Australia.

Council would also like to acknowledge the passing of former Manager of Construction David Cowin who sadly passed away in 2021. David had retired from Council in 2017 and enjoyed a few years of retirement and travelling.

David worked for Council for 45 years, commencing at the District Council of Laura, before serving at the District Council of Rocky River and then the Northern Areas Council following multiple Council amalgamations. We extend our sympathies to David's family.

This month we also bid farewell to Felicity Squire who, has been part of the Flinders Mobile Library Team over the past three years. We wish Felicity the very best in to the future.

Rhys Millington has also departed from the role of Mid North Recreation and Sport Development Officer (formerly Starclub Officer) having served in the role for several years, covering the Northern Areas Council, Port Pirie Regional Council and the District Councils of Mount Remarkable, Orroroo/Carrieton and Peterborough.

New Employees

Council also welcomed a number of new employees during 2021. Council has employed David McKinley as the Manager Operational Services. David joins us from some very remote Australian Councils most recently Kowanyama Aboriginal Council approximately 600km north west of Cairns.

David brings a wealth of knowledge in roads, plant, machinery and assets to Council and this will build on the recent good work in these areas.

In the outside staff Council has welcomed both permanent and casual employees

- Trevor McKerlie
- Karl Batten
- Matt Adams
- Eddie Pluckrose
- Adam Friday

In the Administration Team, we welcome Sarah McCauley to the front counter staff in a casual position. Sarah's smiling face is a great addition to the front counter staff.

Ben Brown has also commenced in the role of Mid North Recreation and Sport Development Officer (formerly Starclub Officer). Ben is a familiar face to many people in the local area, having previously served as the South Australian Cricket Association Regional Officer for the Yorke and Mid North, whilst he has also been involved with the Southern Flinders Football Club for much of the past two decades.



Manager of Operational Services, David McKinley



Mid North Recreation and Sport Development Officer, Ben Brown

Jamestown Celebrates 150 years

The weekend of Saturday the 6th and Sunday the 7th of November saw the Jamestown Community celebrate 150 years since the town was founded back in 1871.

The Saturday morning saw the placing of a time capsule at the recently renovated town information bay, with the capsule to be opened in 2071 at the town's bicentennial celebrations.

Mother Nature did intervene on Saturday afternoon with the town experiencing a significant storm and a power outage for several hours, which saw the postponement of some of the planned activities.

However the locals were not to be deterred with the evening event able to take place thanks to some help from the Leesong family.

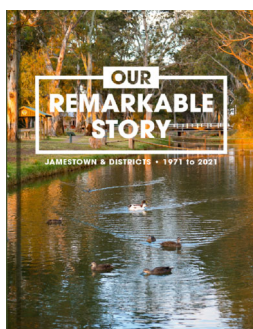
Sunday saw the unveiling of the plaque commemorating the original Belalie Mail Coach Station, adjacent to the Belalie Creek at the area best know to the locals as "the cups".

Mayor Ben Browne joined members of the Apex and Lions Club as well as Jamestown 150 Committee Chairman David Cooper in unveiling the first of the five new town entry signs. This sign is at the Southern entry to town on RM Williams Way adjacent to the Racecourse.

Both the Town signage project and the refurbished Town Information Bay project were fortunate enough to have received funding via the Federal Government's Drought Stimulus Funding Program.

The community then celebrated a community day at Victoria Park with Leith Cooper, the Chairman of the 1971 Jamestown Centenary Committee being asked to officially launch the 150 year book.

To mark the 150th birthday, the community celebrated with a special birthday cake donated by the Jamestown Bakery, which was cut by Jamestown's second oldest resident 102 year old Mrs Pat Dowling and Mason Adams the youngest enrolled student at the Jamestown Community school.



For those wishing to purchase a copy of the book "Our Remarkable Journey, Jamestown and Districts 1971-2021", they are available for purchase and pickup at The Park – Caravan Park, Jamestown.

The 300 page hard bound book comprises a collection of articles and stories of interest across the past 50 years.



St James School students place their information in the time capsule at the town entry bay



Jamestown's second oldest resident 102 year old Mrs Pat Dowling and the youngest student at the Jamestown Community School. Mason Adams jointly cut the 150th birthday cake.



A plaque to mark the place of the original Belalie Mail Station was unveiled by David Fudge, Margie Simpson and Peter Moore. 50 years earlier the trio were school students involved in Jamestown's 1971 Centenary celebrations

Swimming Pool Opening Times for the 2021/22 Swim Season

Jamestown Swimming Pool

- Pool will be closed if temperature is below 24 degrees
- (Bureau of Meteorology Jamestown forecast for the day as at 6pm the night before).
- The pool supervisors have the authority to close the pool early due to low patronage, as defined by no swimmers for 30 consecutive minutes.

Opening Times

During School Term:

- Monday to Friday 3.30pm – 5.00pm, Saturdays, Sundays & Public Holidays 2pm – 5.30pm

During School Holidays:

- Monday to Friday 2pm – 5.30pm, Saturday 2pm – 7pm, Sundays & Public Holidays 2pm – 5.30pm

Entry Fees

- Adult \$7
- Child up to 18 Years of Age \$5
- Under 2 & Spectator FREE
- Further Details: www.jamestownswim.com.au

Gladstone Swimming Pool

- Opening Temperatures (maximum forecast) please use www.bom.gov.au
- Afternoon sessions: 26 degrees or above, Evening sessions: 32 degrees or above.
- The pool will be closed early at any session where there are no patrons within the first 1 hour of opening (at the pool supervisor's discretion) or if there is no canteen volunteer (a second adult required for emergencies)

During School Term:

- Monday to Friday: 4pm – 5.30pm, Sat/Sun: 2.30pm – 5pm, Fri/Sat/Sun Evening: 6pm – 8pm

During School Holidays:

- Afternoons: 2.30pm – 5pm, Evenings: 6pm – 8pm
- Public Holidays: 2.30 – 5pm (closed Christmas Day)

Entry Fees

- Casual entry \$5
- Further details: Heather Smallacombe ph. 0447 138731

Spalding Swimming Pool

- The pool will open when the forecast temperature on www.bom.gov.au (Spalding) is greater than 28 degrees 7pm the night before.

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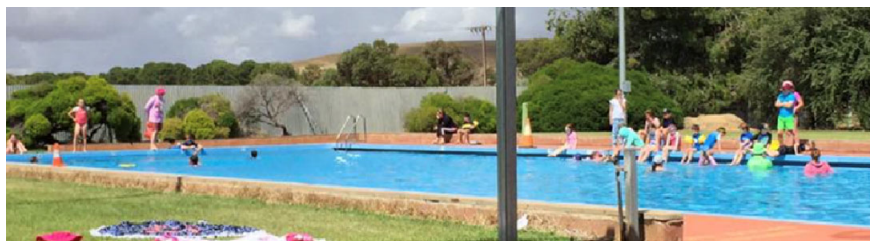
- Mon to Fri, 3.30-5.30pm, Sat & Sun – 3 to 6pm

During School Holidays:

- 3 to 6pm every day

Entry Fees

- Casual Entry \$5
- Under 2 & Spectator FREE
- Further Details: Rachel Trengove ph. 0438 452 003



It's Time for Dog and Cat Registration Renewals

All dogs and cats are required to be microchipped and their details registered in the dogs and cats online system (DACO).

Registering dogs and cats into DACO enables them to be returned to owners very quickly if they happen to wander. This saves a lot of heartache. Breeders are also required to register their details into DACO.

Property owners in rural areas are encouraged to keep their dogs on their property as dogs found attacking sheep or other animals have the potential to attract fines or worse have their dog destroyed by the sheep's owner.

Dogs in rural areas are also required to be registered and microchipped with their details entered into DACO.



Gladstone Pool Plant Room and Delivery system Upgrade

The Gladstone community will be ready for summer with a major upgrade to the pools plant room, water filtration and delivery system in recent months. Works were completed by SA Water WET (Water Engineering Technology) branch via Councils Capital Works Program.

The upgrade consisted of removal and replacement of the existing sand filters, all delivery and return pipework, pumps, new lids on the skimmer boxes and float chamber, and new pool deck on the Eastern side. These upgrades will tie in with the male and female change room and canteen upgrades also underway.

The job was not without its challenges, existing drawings of underground services were accurate to what we knew was there, the crew expected to need to cross 5 underground services including power and found no less than 19 underground services.

There was also another concrete slab where we presume was the original pool deck and the old light poles (Stobie poles) still in the ground hidden away.



Infrastructure Update



Re-sheeting

Council undertakes its annual re-sheeting plan to the budgeted allocation of \$1.78M, this financial year that equates to 76.4km of roads receiving a re-sheet treatment. Council are fortunate to be able to raise and crush our own materials from local borrow pits allowing us to keep costs down.

Council is in the process taking some extra time this year to clean up the verges of the roads and re-cut existing drains and clean out/replace culverts prior to the sheeting to allow for water to runoff and get away easier and also to reduce the amount of nuisance vegetation within the road corridor.

Please remember to slow down around worksites and drive to the conditions of the unsealed roads. We have had some complaints about slipperiness of the finished surface after a road has been freshly re-sheeted and received its first rain. This is normal and is generally the sign of a good finished road, once it dries back and forms a crust it will be fine.



Verge clean up prior to re-sheeting on the Laura-Caltowie Road



A freshly re-sheeted section of the Laura-Caltowie road

New Bulldozer

It's Finally Here! As part of councils 10 year plant replacement program, the existing Komatsu D85 bulldozer was planned for replacement in the 2020/21 financial year. A tender was called and subsequently Cavpower were successful with their CAT D8T submission. The order was placed in December 2020 and it finally arrived in October and was put straight to work in Higgins Pit East of Laura.

The new machine is a step up in size from the Komatsu which served Council well over the last 17 years. The CAT D8T will be able to produce high quality rubble for the construction crew to build roads. As it is a bigger machine it will allow us to work our harder pits much more efficiently. Council also adopts a budget allocation to rehabilitate rubble pits that are no longer in use which the new Dozer will be part of. Our Dozer driver John Penn is very happy with his new 'toy' and we are sure it will be well looked after and maintained by John and workshop Team Leader Rob Lock.



Illegal Dumping

During the last 12 months Council has had to remove litter and refuse illegally dumped on roads and road sides in the Jamestown area on 4 occasions. Disposing of litter / refuse onto any land or in water ways is an offence under the Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act with expiation fees applicable to the quantity and type of refuse dumped.

Roadside dumping may appear to not be a problem but more of a nuisance, however, the cost of removing litter is costly and depending on the quantity and material can require specialist contractors. Rubbish on roadsides is also very unsightly and a potential accident risk.

The refuse dumped on one of the roads included a small sheet containing asbestos, which meant that the entire quantity of refuse had to be treated as Class 'A' hazardous litter.

This required the litter on that road to be removed and disposed of by a licensed contractor costing Council and ratepayers over \$7,000. Council investigates illegal dumping and will expiate anyone found to be responsible for illegally disposing of litter on roadsides.

Whilst community members may not like to 'dob in' someone for illegal dumping please seriously consider contacting Council if you are aware of any rubbish on roadsides so that this issue may be resolved and not continue to make our country roadsides unsightly and potentially a health hazard.



Charity Bins

Whilst charities rely on the generosity of community members to donate goods to be available for sale and distribution to those in need, it becomes an issue when goods are 'dumped' at the site of the charity bins.

Dumped goods, often those not suitable to be sold or distributed by a charity, become potential hazards by blocking footpaths and roadways.

These goods then require clean up by Council at an unnecessary cost to ratepayers.

If you are unable to fit your donated goods in the charity bin, please contact the relevant Charity to arrange pickup or to find out if they are able to make use of the goods.



HERE'S A TIP

illegal dumpers will be fined.

Dumping rubbish illegally is unacceptable and your council is out to stop it. It's a safety and health hazard, it spoils the environment and it costs us all. Please take your rubbish to the Council Transfer Station or contact your council for further information.



Fires Danger Season

The Fire Danger Season is from the 15th November 2021 to 30th April 2022

The fire danger season has commenced and with this in mind Council inspectors have begun checking properties for compliance.

Please continue to look at your property on a regular basis and make sure your property is maintained so that you are preventing fire from starting on or moving through your property. Fire prevention is an OBLIGATION OF ALL LANDOWNERS.

Property Preparation Checklist

- Maintain your lawns, groundcovers, shrubs, trees and garden beds.
- Slash or mow long grass and remove cut material from the land.
- Remove weeds around the house. Don't have any shrubs or trees leaning against the house or overhanging the roof. There must be at least 20 metres of maintained ground around the house.
- Remove weeds around garages, carports, sheds and fences. Don't have any shrubs or trees leaning against them.
- Remove leaves and any dead weeds from gutters and consider gutter guard systems to help reduce the accumulated leaf litter.
- Remove fallen branches and other debris.
- Do not have a creeper or vine growing on a poly rainwater tank
- Check and service all of your mechanical equipment, including grass cutters, water pumps, sprinkler systems and extinguishers.
- Review and update your Bushfire Action Plan. Remember to include your pets in this plan.



Keep informed:

CFS website www.cfs.sa.gov.au

CFS facebook pages

CFS Bushfire Information Hotline: 1300 362 361

Jamestown GYMNASIUM Centre



LENGTH	ADULT (OVER 18)	CONCESSION & STUDENTS	FAMILY PASS
One Day Pass	\$ 7.00	\$ 4.90	N/A
One Week Pass	\$ 34.00	\$ 24.50	N/A
1 Month Pass	\$ 53.00	\$ 36.00	N/A
3 Month Pass	\$ 130.00	\$ 88.00	\$ 255.00
6 Month Pass	\$ 233.00	\$ 156.00	\$ 459.00
12 Month Pass	\$ 359.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 694.00



Membership of the Jamestown Gymnasium Fitness Centre allows you unlimited access, 24/7.

A wide range of cardio and weight machines are available to suit any workout.

The Centre is air conditioned, heated and has separate men's and women's change rooms, toilets and showers.

To become a member of the Jamestown Gymnasium Fitness Centre please contact the Council Office. ' 8664 1139

Why not join today?

NB: Members must be over 16 years of age to be eligible for membership. WHS dictates children under 12 years are prohibited access to the Fitness

Jamestown HYDROTHERAPY POOL



The Jamestown Hydrotherapy Pool and the Jamestown Gymnasium Fitness Centre was constructed in 2001 with the help and support of Government Funding, the Community, and the Northern Areas Council.



- The Hydrotherapy Pool holds weekly general public sessions
- Supervision is provided by community volunteers
- Sessions are only \$8 each, for 30 minutes
- Shower and change room facilities available
- Chair Lift Access into and out of the pool
- Disabled change rooms available.
- Available for use by physiotherapists for their clients.

Book a session today by calling 86641139, and feel the benefits of hydrotherapy!

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer supervisor please contact the Northern Areas Council to find out more.

Office Closures

Jamestown Administration Office

Closing: 3.00pm Thursday 23 December 2021

Reopen: 9.00am Tuesday 4 January 2022

Normal business hours resume **4 January 2022**

Gladstone Administration Office

Closing: 2.00pm Thursday 23 December 2021

Reopen: 9.00am Monday 10 January 2022

Reduced business hours during January 2022 and February 2022 are outlined below:

Open 2 Days a Week during January 2022

Mon	10	Wed	12
Mon	17	Wed	19
Mon	24	Wed	Closed
Mon	31		

Open 3 Days a Week during February 2022

Mon		Wed	2	Fri	4
Mon	7	Wed	9	Fri	11
Mon	14	Wed	16	Fri	18
Mon	21	Wed	23	Fri	25

Gladstone Office will resume normal business hours from **Monday 28th February 2022**.

Spalding Administration Office

Closing: 5.00pm Thursday 16 December 2021

Reopen: 9.00am Thursday 13 January 2022

Reduced business hours during January 2022 and February 2022 are outlined below:

Open 1 Day a Week during Jan/Feb 2022

Thursdays	Jan	13	20	27	
Thursdays	Feb	3	10	17	24

Spalding Office will return to normal business hours opening two days per week from **Tuesday 1 March 2022**.

Calendar of Council Meetings

Ordinary meetings of Northern Areas Council are currently held at the Council Chambers 94 Ayr Street Jamestown, on the third Tuesday of each month commencing at 9.00am.

The general public are always welcome to attend. Please check the Council website for upcoming meetings www.nacouncil.sa.gov.au

After Hours Emergency contact number during Christmas Closure period call 0488 999 808

Dog Control Officer (new number): 0497 322 737

Flinders Mobile Library Christmas Closure

Flinders Mobile Library will be closing for the Christmas/New Year holiday break from 4pm on Friday 17th December 2021. We will re-open for business as usual on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

You can find us back on the road in Northern Areas Council townships on the following dates:

	DATE
Laura	4 th January 2022
Gladstone	5 th January 2022
Gulnare	12 th January 2022
Spalding	12 th January 2022
Georgetown	12 th January 2022
Yacka	14 th January 2022

Please check the timetable on our website for more information www.flindersmobile.sa.gov.au

Don't forget, if you run out of reading material you can always borrow eBooks, eAudio and eMagazine items via our website and/or apps. All you need is your library card number and PIN.

Hydrotherapy Pool Christmas Closure

The Jamestown Regional Hydrotherapy Pool will be closed over the Christmas period as per below.

Closing: Friday 17 December 2021

Opens: Monday 10 January 2022

Northern Passenger Transport Network

Closing: Monday 20 December 2021

Opens: Tuesday 4 January 2022

Please note that Port Pirie Bus service closes 21 December to 6 January 2022