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# Mayor's Message

As a City we are advancing well and we have many great stories to tell, and projects to be proud of. We are seeing the Central Community Hub taking shape, the new airport kicking off, more shade sails over playgrounds and improvements to community safety and well being, and the central corridor revegetation project about to get underway.

I anticipate that over the coming months there will be more announcements that will give Port Augusta, and this region a future that we can only ever have dreamed about. It is announcements like that of the Nyrstar re-development that again do not benefit just Port Pirie, but our entire region.

Whilst there has been some good, there are also the unfortunate results from the recent federal budget. The effects to us include: the cutting of the Local Government roads funding; Medicare Local funding cut; no commitment yet again for the duplication of the Joy Baluch AM Bridge; and also, sadly, the cutting of the

Arena Fund, which funds alternative energy projects. All of these will have an impact on Port Augusta both now and into the future.

I would like to stress this message - robust public debate, is healthy. Challenging the ideas and being part of solutions is a task we as individuals must be prepared to undertake. Do not become a 'keyboard warrior', but provide constructive criticism to those who make the decision on our behalf. If you do not like it, don't just express it, express why and why not, and offer a reasonable solution. Do not become part of the problem, for at present we lack involvement from many to be able to make informed judgement calls to advance our way

From my point of view, I can be contacted in many ways to discuss issues, including by phone, email or a message on my Facebook account - Sam Johnson, Mayor.

~ Mayor, Sam Johnson

# City Manager's Message

Port Augusta will soon reap the benefits of having a large community meeting space in the Central Oval facility, which will replace the role of the abandoned town hall.

This will enable the City to build and mature its sense of community, which has suffered by the lack of such a facility to bring people together for a range of events and reasons.

While this is an important step forward for Port Augusta to recreate itself, it is also an important time to look broader at our place in world and building connections to our region.

Port Augusta has links to the Far North Region and cities of Whyalla and Port Pirie which, in turn, have connections to the Eyre Peninsula Region, and Mid North and Yorke Region.

In essence the three Upper Spencer Gulf Cities combined are the Regional Centre for over 80% of the state, and the second largest urban population in the state, second only to Adelaide. Within this region are also the majority of the state's mineral and agricultural resources.

In order to maximize our position as the capital of the State's mineral and agricultural wealth, the Upper Spencer Gulf Cities need to further develop a united voice and image, make greater inroads into sharing resources and knowledge and, in the longer term, see themselves as part of a larger urban entity rather three separate, competing cities.

Being part of Spencer City, Capital of Northern SA has far greater political and economic clout for our residents than our current positioning as Port Augusta, Regional Centre for the Far North Region.

~ City Manager, Greg Perkin

Your Community

#### COUNCIL MEETING **DATES 2014**

**June -** 10th – Operations Committee - 5.30pm **June -** 16th – Strategic Management Committee - 5.30pm June - 23rd - Council Meeting - 7pm

July - 14th - Operations Committee - 5.30pm **July -** 21st - Strategic Management Committee - 5.30pm July - 28th - Council Meeting - 7pm **August -** 11th – Operations Committee - 5.30pm

**August** - 18th – Strategic Management Committee - 5.30pm August - 25th - Council Meeting - 7pm

All of the meeting dates, minutes and agendas can also be accessed on Council's website.

All Council meetings are open to the public, unless otherwise stated. Meetings are held in the Port Augusta Civic Centre building at 4 Mackay Street, upstairs in the Council Chambers.



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## Work on new airport terminal begins

A temporary airport terminal is now in place while a new building is constructed. The old building has been demolished and the slab for the new terminal was laid in the last week of May.

The new building is expected to be completed in September and will offer passengers a vastly improved modern, comfortable facility. This will cater for the growing Fly In Fly Out workforce and the tourism sector.

Romaldi Constructions won the contract for the project which will include a new building and landscaping of surrounding areas. Toilet facilities will be included in the new building and its capacity will more than double, catering for up to 80 passengers at one time.

A verandah will also provide an undercover area for baggage handling.

The terminal will have a number of sustainability features including solar panels, high efficiency and low energy lighting, water collection for use in the facility, and recycling of wastewater for use in the surrounding gardens.

Local contractors have already been involved with the project, working on the demolition and the laying of the slab and concrete footings.

PICTURED: Port Augusta City Manager Greg Perkin signs the construction contract for the new airport terminal with Mario Romaldi, director of Romaldi Constructions.



# New City Manager recruitment process underway

The process of recruiting a new City Manager is well underway, with an appointment expected during June.

Applications for the position closed on April 28 and candidate interviews were held in late May and the first week of June.

The position will be vacant when present City Manager Greg Perkin retires on July 31, after almost six years in the position. Originally he had planned to retire in November 2013, but extended his tenure for a further eight months to provide stability to Council following the

passing of former Mayor Joy Baluch AM in May 2014. Mayor Sam Johnson paid credit to Mr Perkin, saying his commitment and contribution to Council and the community is well recognised.

"Greg is well-respected among staff and has implemented a number of positive procedural changes. His knowledge of planning has shaped development in Port Augusta, not only in the time he has been here but also for the years to come," Mayor Johnson said.

"During his time in the job, Greg has worked to

improve relationships between the Aboriginal Community and Council, and all levels of government. He has been a supporter of a number of initiatives that have made a significant difference in giving the Aboriginal community a voice in government.

"On behalf of Council staff and Elected Members I would like to thank Greg for his valuable contribution to Council and the community and wish him all the best in his retirement. We look forward to seeing him around Port Augusta."

# Green technology at new community complex

Port Augusta's new sporting and community complex is fast taking shape.

Not only will the two-level community complex be impressive, it will also have a number of green credentials. Energy efficient LED lighting will be used throughout the building, with fluorescent lighting in the three court space. Lights and airconditioning will be controlled by a building management system which will allow lights and cooling systems to operate at different times and settings, based on the temperature and the amount of available light.

The building has also been constructed to environmental sustainability standards and makes use of natural lighting and ventilation.

All rainwater from the building's roof will be collected and stored in underground storage tanks and will be reused through the facility's toilets. Waste water from the building will then be directed into the nearby Waste Water Treatment Plant and, once treated, will be returned to water the oval and gardens in the precinct, as well as parks and gardens around the City.

Solar panels will also be installed, which will

significantly reduce energy costs for the building.

Project manager Craig Dearlove said it's exciting to see the building taking shape and to start planning for the number of community events the precinct will stage.

"As well as being a multi-purpose space for sports, it will also be able to host conferences, weddings, expos and meetings, as well as cater for smaller groups. We will now be working to attract events to the City which can be hosted in the precinct."

BELOW: Significant progress is being made on the new community and sporting complex at Central Oval.



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# Councillor Peter Solomon awarded prestigious John Legoe award

Long-standing Port Augusta City Councillor Peter Solomon has been awarded the prestigious John Legoe Award for Excellence for his contribution to local government and the Port Augusta community.

The announcement was made at the annual Local Government Awards held in Adelaide in April. Cr Solomon is one of only a handful of people presented with the award and is the second for Port Augusta Council, with the late Mayor Joy Baluch AM receiving the award in 2009.

Port Augusta City Manager Greg Perkin congratulated Cr Solomon on being presented with the award and for his long-term commitment to the Port Augusta community.

"Cr Solomon has been a councillor for 21 years and is also a member of the Local Government Association Board, representing the Spencer Gulf region," Mr Perkin said.

"He is a strong advocate for Port Augusta and the region and is involved in a number of committees. He has a strong social conscience that sees him champion the needs of disadvantaged groups in the community."

Cr Solomon, who previously served as deputy mayor for eight years, says it was a surprise to be presented with the award.

"It's an honour to be presented with the John Legoe Award," Cr Solomon said.

Having served more than two decades as a Port Augusta City Councillor, Cr Solomon said the best thing about working with local government is working with people that care about our community and Cr Solomon says it's a privilege working with those people.

The most important role Cr Solomon believes he can play is to influence decision makers to improve our community and our region.

"As a councillor, or even a mayor, you have very little power but you have a great deal of influence. It's that influence we need to utilise to build a strong and vibrant community."



# Pichi Richi Railway facility to be named in honour of Joy Baluch AM

Mayor Joy Baluch AM was a passionate supporter of the Pichi Richi Railway and was part of the group that lobbied for the extension of the rail line into Port Augusta.

On Sunday, July 13 the Pichi Richi Railway
Preservation Society will honour her
commitment with the naming of the
'Joy Baluch AM Memorial
Port Augusta Operations Centre',
home of the Afghan Express, at the
Port Augusta Railway Station platform.
And to mark the special occasion, the
Pichi Richi Railway will run three steam trains
into Stirling North and back
to the Railway Station.

The trains will depart at 10:30am, 12:30pm and 2:30pm, with the official unveiling of the plaque and the facility naming ceremony to be held at 11:45am on the Railway Station platform.

It will be a great chance to ride the Afghan Express and share in a piece of local history.

Fares for the day are:
Adults \$15.00, Concession \$12:00,
Children \$8.00,Family \$45.00.
Tickets can be purchased at the Station on the day and through Wadlata Outback Centre.

# Statue to honour the late Joy Baluch AM

A bronzed sculpture of the late Port Augusta Mayor Joy Baluch AM will take pride of place in Gladstone Square. It is fitting that it will be placed in the Square where she attended, and was guest speaker at, hundreds of events during her 32 years as Mayor of Port Augusta. It will also face the Port Augusta Civic Centre where she presided over countless meetings in the Council Chambers and hosted many a dignitary in the Mayor's Parlour.

The sculpture will replace the 1914 Krupp canon, which will be restored by Council, in consultation with the RSL. It will then be placed in its original location in the memorial garden, facing the rotunda.

Well renowned sculptor Linda Klarfeld has been commissioned to create the Sculpture of late Mayor Joy Baluch AM that will capture her spirit of being a true people's person. Ms Klarfeld's works include bronzed statues of the late Dr Victor Chang, Cricketer Keith Miller, and Saint Mary Mackillop, just to name a few.

The life-sized sculpture will feature the impeccably dressed Late Mayor seated at a table setting with an empty chair beside her. People will be able to sit at the table and reflect on her public life and the dedicated role she played in advocating and facilitating change in Port Augusta.

Expected to take 12 months to create at a cost of \$120,000 the community is invited to pay tribute to Mayor Baluch AM through contributing to the sculpture.

Long-time friends Anne Kroes and ex-Councillor Graham Baker have set up a community fundraising group which will be raising money towards the cost of the sculpture. Port Augusta City Council will also accept contributions at the Civic Centre and online through its website and will pay the difference between funds raised from the community and the cost of the sculpture.

Mrs Kroes and Mr Baker are encouraging the community to honour Mayor Baluch's legacy by supporting the fundraising effort. Mrs Kroes is keen to hear from anyone who would be willing to assist with fundraising events.

"Joy was a dear friend to many and there are few that were as passionate about Port Augusta as she was," Mrs Kroes said.

"As a community we can, in some small way, repay her commitment to building a Port Augusta we are all proud to live in by donating whatever can be afforded towards the sculpture.

"We would love the sculpture to be entirely community funded to really show how much Joy meant to all of us and how much we, as a community, appreciated her commitment and dedication, which was often at great personal cost."

The fundraising effort for the statue to commemorate Mayor Baluch began on May 14, the one-year anniversary of her passing.

Mrs Kroes can be contacted on 8641 1910 if anyone is interested in assisting with the fundraising effort.

Funds can also be deposited online at www.portaugusta.sa.gov.au and clicking on the link, or contributions can be accepted at the Civic Centre.



# Boat ramp extended

An extension of the Carpenters Landing Boat Ramp is due for completion in June.

The work includes extending the boat ramp by an additional 10 metres and was scheduled to be completed at the end of April, but due to delays with the contractor arriving on site, work commenced on April 30.

Council's Senior Technical Officer Brenton Daw explains the project: *What work is occurring?* 

Concrete planks are being laid on a compacted bed (underwater) at the current slope of the existing concrete ramp. The new extension will be about 12 metres long and covers both lanes. Removal of built up material outside of the ramp extension has happened to remove risk of prop damage at low tide. The material removed from the site (excess mud etc) will be taken to a nearby location to dry out and is being reused in the construction of levee banks along Caroona Road.

#### Why is work being undertaken?

Due to damage and deterioration of the bottom section of the existing concrete ramp over time, and the ongoing risk of damage to vessel propellers while launching or retrieving at low tide, the ramp requires extending in order to provide improved facilities for all users and promote access to the gulf for residents and tourists.

#### How long will it take?

It is estimated that works will take up to six weeks but this is dependent on the weather. Some night works will be required as low tides at night are more suitable.

#### Where can I launch a boat?

The existing 'Ski Club' ramp is still available for use (24hours), but care must be taken when launching or retrieving at low tide. Parking may also be an issue so care must be taken to park cars well away from the traffic areas.



Work on extending the Carpenters Landing Boat Ramp will be completed in June.

# New crossing on Flinders Terrace

A pedestrian crossing will be installed on Flinders Terrace by the end of June.

Design work for the crossing has been approved and signage, safety posts and rails have been ordered.

The pedestrian crossing will go between Cheap as Chips and the shopping complex which includes MJ Geldart Jewellers. Kerbing is expected to be poured at the start of June and the final fit out and completion of the crossing is expected by the end of June.

The crossing was proposed due to safety concerns of pedestrians crossing Flinders Terrace. The new crossing will include line marking, safety bollards and parking restrictions to ensure motorists have a clear view of pedestrians at the crossing.



Performing at the Reconcilation Day Long Lunch were the local dance group 'The Dusty Feet Mob'. Pictured are (back) Tyrone, Chandler, Dre, Douglas, Jackson, (middle row) Vania, Khiama, Renessa, Wanita, Mikayla, Delanie, (front) Tyeisha, Charmell, Sarcha and Aaliyah.

#### National Broadband Network Update

Changes to the delivery of the National Broadband Network (NBN) are underway and this will affect the expected delivery of the NBN to Port Augusta.

Since the change of Government at last year's Federal Election, the nation-wide rollout is undergoing review and will include a change in the delivery model.

Port Augusta was due to have a fibre to the premises delivery completed by the end of 2014 but this is likely to be reviewed when NBN Co releases its Corporate Plan later this year.

It is unlikely the City will be connected to the NBN by the end of the year as previously forecast.

However, despite the review, NBN Co can confirm:

• Every home and business in Australia will be able to receive the NBN and the rollout of the fibre is continuing.

• The new rollout model will deliver broadband using fibre to the premises (FTTP), fibre to the node (FTTN) and hybrid fibre coaxial cables (HFC) as well as fixed wireless and satellite. By embracing a broader mix of technologies, it aims to provide the NBN to people faster and at less cost to taxpayers, in line with instructions from the Federal Government.

• The precise mix is dependent on renegotiating NBN Co's agreement with Telstra as well as the

development of NBN Co's next Corporate Plan.

NBN Co will submit its Corporate Plan later this year which will determine the direction of the rollout timeframe across Australia.

When the NBN comes to the Port Augusta City Council area, NBN Co will inform the community and update the rollout map on its website.

 Maps of areas covered by the National Broadband Network rollout are available at http://www.nbnco.com.au/when-do-i-get-it/rollout-map.html

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# Reforms to the Aged Care system

# Aged care changes from July 1, 2014

If you are planning to enter aged care from July 1, 2014, there are things you need to know about the fees you may need to pay. Changes to fees are part of reforms to the aged care system to make it more sustainable and affordable.

#### How do I access aged care from July 1, 2014?

You will need an Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT) assessment to access a Home Care Package or move into an aged care home. The ACAT assessment is free and the eligibility requirements will not change. However, there will be some changes to how long an ACAT approval will be valid for. To contact ACAT phone 1300 130 551.

#### Are residential aged care fees and payments changing?

Yes, the way in which some fees and payments are calculated is changing. The new arrangements mean that your income and assets will be taken into account in establishing the fees and payments you may be asked to pay. The basic daily fee is not affected by these new arrangements.

You may be asked to pay one or more of the following fees in residential care:

- A basic daily fee: This covers living costs such as meals, power and laundry. For some people this is the only fee they are required to pay.
- A means-tested care fee: This is an additional contribution towards the cost of care that some people

may be required to pay. The Department of Human Services will work out if you are required to pay this fee based on an assessment of your income and assets, and will advise you of the amount.

- An accommodation payment: This is for your accommodation in the home. Some people will have their accommodation costs met in full or part by the Australian Government, while others will need to pay the accommodation price agreed with the aged care home. The Department of Human Services will advise you which applies to you based on an assessment of your income and assets.
- Fees for extra or additional optional services: Additional fees may apply if you choose a higher standard of accommodation or additional services. These vary from home to home. Your aged care provider can provide you with details of these services and the fees that apply.

There are annual and lifetime caps in place to limit the amount of the means-tested care fee you will need to pay.

You can call My Aged Care on 1800 200 422 to help you estimate the fees and charges you may have to pay towards your residential aged care. Before you call you should have your financial information ready, especially details of your various forms of income and assets.

When you move into an aged care home, you will

AGED CARE FACILITIES IN PORT AUGUSTA: Two of the Aged Care facilities, Nerrilda Nursing Home (left) and AM Ramsay Village (below). For more information on these

facilities contact 8641 9100.

Wami Kata Old Folks Home Inc. is a Commonwealth funded Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Provider.

Are you, your partner, your parents or someone you care about considering entering residential aged care or seeking

Information sourced from www.myagedcare.gov.au

negotiate an agreement that will set out the fees and

You can apply for financial hardship assistance if you

believe you will have financial difficulty contributing to

What if I am already receiving aged care services?

If you are already receiving aged care services, you will

not be charged any more than your service provider can

However, we suggest you read about the reforms to

aged care as they may apply to you in the future. If you

change the type of service you receive or if you leave

and re-enter aged care, then changes resulting from the

charges you will be asked to pay.

your residential aged care costs.

currently charge you.

reforms may apply to you.

From July 1, 2014 there will be changes to aged care and home support.

home care support?

Information sessions are being held with representatives from the Department of Social Services and local service providers at the Institute Theatre, 52 Commercial Road

Thursday, June 12 at 7pm Friday, June 13 at 9.30am

For more information contact Tiffany Davies on 8641 9103







**myaged**care

My Aged Care can help you find information about the services you need and what you need to do to receive them



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# Reforms to the Aged Care system

# Means tested care fees to be introduced

Major changes to aged care that takes effect on July 1, 2014 could result in higher ongoing care fees. If you or a family member may need to move into a residential aged care facility in the near future, now is the time to start planning.

From July 1, 2014, the distinction between high level and low level care will be removed, giving everyone the choice to pay their accommodation costs as a lump sum, a daily payment amount or a combination of both. You will also be able to select extra services for an additional daily fee in participating facilities.

Importantly, the current income tested care fees, which are based on assessable income, will be replaced with a means tested care fee, which will be based on assessable income and assets. For many, this will mean ongoing care fees will be higher if entering an aged care facility on or after July 1, 2014.

We suggest you seek financial advice from a qualified financial advisor as to how to structure your finances.

#### **Did you know?**

- If you enter aged care on or after July 1, 2014 the value of your assets, which may include your home, will be used in the calculation of your ongoing care fees.
- If you decide to keep your home, it is important that your accommodation costs are structured correctly in order to continue to receive favourable Centrelink treatment.
- For over 50% of people, it can take more than a month after receiving an aged care assessment to enter a subsidised residential aged care facility, so it may be best to act sooner rather than later.

For more information on the fees and aged care reforms visit: My Aged Care website: www.myagedcare.gov.au

Living Longer Living Better website: www.livinglongerlivingbetter.gov.au

# Is the cost of a Home Care Package changing?

Currently, you may be asked to pay a basic daily fee and income-tested care fee for your Home Care Package.

From July 1, 2014 the rules for income-tested care fees are being strengthened so that people who have the financial capacity to pay will be asked to contribute to the costs of their care.

Your income will determine the income-tested care fee you may be asked to pay.

You can call My Aged Care on 1800 200 422 to help you estimate the fees and charges you may have to pay towards your Home Care Package.

Before you call you should have your financial information ready, especially details of your various forms of income.

There are annual and lifetime caps in place to limit any income-tested care fees you may be asked to pay.

You can apply for financial hardship assistance if you believe you will have financial difficulty contributing to the cost of your Home Care Package.



LETS KEEP ACTIVE PROGRAM: Group Session attendees (above) Marina Reale, Margaret Carey, Margaret Nobbs and Joan White, and pictured below Carmen Schmidt, Marie Parker, Joan Carman and Peter Marmasch



#### Until June 30, 2014

You may be required to pay either an:

- Accommodation charge if you're entering a high level care facility.
- Accommodation bond payable as a lump sum, periodic amount or a combination of both, if you're entering a low level care or extra service facility.
- If you move in to an extra service facility, an additional daily fee is payable.
- You are required to pay a basic daily care fee.
- If you're not receiving the full Age Pension, you will generally be required to pay an additional daily fee known as an 'Income Tested Fee' based on your level of income.

- From July 1, 2014
- You will be able to choose to pay a refundable accommodation deposit (RAD), a daily accommodation payment (DAP) amount, or a combination of both.
   All facilities will be able to offer extra services for an additional daily fee.
- You are required to pay a basic daily care fee.
- If you're not receiving the full Age Pension, you may also be required to pay a 'means tested care fee' based on your level of income and assets.
- Those already in aged care can continue with their current arrangements unless they
  leave care and re-enter after a period of 28 days, or if they change facilities and decide to
  re-enter under the new rules.

#### **Local Government Elections**

Council elections will be held in November 2014, but there are a few things to start getting organised now.

#### **Voters Roll**

It's time to make sure you are able to vote by being included on the voter's roll.
For those eligible to vote, that is –

(a) residents within the Port Augusta Council area that are not enrolled on the House of Assembly Electoral Roll at their current place of residence - please contact the Electoral Commission Office for an enrolment form.

(b) Land owners and/or occupiers of land within the Council area – whether: sole owners, groups of owners, or a Body Corporate

Those not enrolled on the
House of Assembly Electoral Roll within the
Port Augusta Council - you may be entitled
to be enrolled on the Council Voters Roll.
Should you wish to enrol or find out your
eligibility to enrol, please contact
Council rating staff on 8641 9100.
Council Voters Roll closes August 8, 2014.

#### **Councillor Nominations**

Are you interested in becoming an Elected Member of the Port Augusta City Council?

Now is the time to start planning your campaign with nominations opening on Tuesday, September 2, 2014.

More information can be found at www.lga.sa.gov.au and click on the Council Elections tab.

### OPAL celebrates its local successes

OPAL is nearing the end of its time in Port Augusta; we have been busy and want to thank you for your support and partnership. So what have we been up to? Here are just some examples:

You or your children may have been involved in one of the cooking sessions that we hosted. We worked with lots of organisations to teach healthy, simple, affordable and yummy recipes.

We also trained lots of community foodies that are now out in the community spreading the healthy eating message.

We did a lot of work around growing your own grub. Lots of families were involved in our home harvest program where families were shown how to grow their own veggie garden.

Then there is the fitness equipment that is located near the foreshore playground so you can get a workout while the kids play.

OPAL supported local organisations to cater their events in a healthy and affordable way.

We have also worked with South Australian company Sprout and some local hotels and cafes to develop new healthy kid's menus; these will be available very soon.

We are also excited to be working with local footy clubs around healthier catering in their clubs and at football games.

We have installed three water bottle refill poles in town, at the foreshore, near the skate park and in Gladstone Square keep an eye out for more that are being installed throughout town this year.

Have you had a chance to borrow our Active Party Kit from the public library? The kit includes a parachute, beanbags, sacks, egg and spoon race and three legged race game and are great to use at your kids parties or even just for fun.

And have you heard of Geocaching? We are working with the Scouts to set up some family friendly Geocaches. Information about Geocaching and GPS units are available for you to borrow from the public library. Geocaching is a fun, no cost activity that you can do with your family on a weekend.

Our current theme is 'Life Looks Brighter Outside' and we encourage you to get outside and play with your family this weekend. To help you out with that we would love to give you a little gift. Cut out the coupon below and bring it to the Cultural Centre, 6 Beauchamp Lane and we will give you a choice of a kite, bug catcher or Frisbee. Offer expires June 30, 2014.

We are really proud of the changes that the City of Port Augusta has made to become a healthier and more active town. All of these great things have been done through OPAL but we want you to all continue on with the great work! Keep making healthy choices for you and your family, keep expecting a healthy option at your next event and keep getting outside with your family and enjoying our beautiful town.

Carmel Daw OPAL Coordinator





# New Visitor Guide launched

Visitor Guides are a key marketing tool to promote a town, city or region and the latest edition of the *Port Augusta Now Visitor Guide* showcases the wonderful City we live in, the many things there are to do and see and the services visitors need.

Compiled by tourism staff at Wadlata Outback Centre (an initiative of Port Augusta City Council), 45,000 copies of the guide have been printed and will be distributed from Alice Springs through to Kangaroo Island and across to Norseman in the west and Broken Hill and Mildura to the east. It will appear in all visitor information centres, selected roadhouses, and accommodation providers that are key access points to travelling to the region and Port Augusta. It is also distributed by mail upon request and at relevant consumer shows including selected caravan and camping shows throughout Australia.

It is also available electronically and the link can be generally sought after by the visitor. We encourage be downloaded at w shared or included on emails and websites to further people to make a base in Port Augusta and take day www.wadlata.sa.gov.au

increase the distribution of the guide. An App will be available in a few weeks making it easy to download and view on most electronic devices and can be used without data if downloaded correctly. The digital format allows for short videos to be added and anyone who has videos or slide shows that promote the city, its lifestyle, individual attractions, tours or businesses who advertise is encouraged to send them to wadlata@portaugusta.sa.gov.au

Wadlata Manager and Visitor Guide editor Pauline Hedger says the guide is a vital tool to promote Port Augusta to people planning a holiday and for those travelling into the region or staying in our city.

"The Port Augusta Visitor Guide is our main marketing tool used to attract visitors to the City and to keep them here longer by promoting all the experiences, where to stay and eat, shop and even to the services generally sought after by the visitor. We encourage people to make a base in Port Augusta and take day

trips to other areas including the Flinders Ranges, Whyalla and Port Pirie. If we can encourage the visitor to stay here an extra two nights, it has enormous economic benefits for the city itself as statistics show visitors spend between \$80 - \$130 per person per day.

"Now we have an online version and an App that can be easily viewed, this further increases our reach and gives us the opportunity to add links to photos and videos relating to Port Augusta which better sells the city as a destination, rather than a place to travel through."

The Visitor Guide is readily available locally and is used by the Tourism Officers at the Port Augusta Visitor Information Centre at Wadlata as the only comprehensive source of visitor information. It is also available after hours.

If you would like copies, please contact Wadlata Outback Centre staff on 8641 9192 and it can be also be downloaded at www.portaugusta.sa.gov.au and www.wadlata.sa.gov.au

Phone: 8641 9100

# Progress on solar thermal feasibility study alintaenergy

Alinta Energy is currently undertaking a two-year full feasibility study that is reviewing the role of solar thermal technology in Port Augusta's generation future.

Throughout the study, there will be a series of milestones and reports and Alinta Energy is committed to keeping Port Augusta residents informed through this regular column.

#### What has already happened in the study?

Alinta Energy has contracted a third-party (PB Power) to complete Stage 1 of the study; this will ensure an extra level of expertise and objectivity in the study.

A data collection station (to collect and review complete information around solar resource available) has been purchased and is being installed on the Augusta Power Station premises.

#### What can Port Augusta residents expect and when?

There are a series of milestones and associated reports that will be publicly-released throughout the study. Alinta Energy will be making this information public – through this column, media releases and a dedicated website through the course of the study.

#### Stage 1

#### January 2014 - Project Definition Report

- This report is currently available on Alinta Energy's solar thermal website: http://alintaenergy.com.au/aboutus/power-generation/port-augusta-solar-thermal
- This report outlines the full scope of work, stages, assumptions and budgets underpinning the two-year study.

May 2014 - Milestone Summary Report: Options Study and Siting Study

The milestone summary report will contain recommendations for preferred technology and location for a potential solar thermal build. The full reports will be released in July 2014, following review by Alinta Energy's funding partner: the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA).

The options study is identifying and comparing solar thermal technologies (parabolic trough, power tower, fresnel) including an assessment of storage and hybridisation options. This study will recommend a preferred technology; then the remainder of the study will evaluate this preferred technology against criteria such as location, environment and community, planning, approvals and licenses and costs.

The siting study will assess potential locations that would suit the installation of the recommended technology.

July 2014 - Full Report: Options Study and Siting Study The full reports for the Options Study and Siting Study will be released to the public on Alinta Energy's solar thermal website.

These reports have been objectively conducted by a third-party (PB Power) and reviewed by ARENA March 2015 - Balance of Study Report

Full description of the project with the preferred solar thermal technology to an accuracy level of +/- 30% Will outline benefits (or drawbacks) of continuing to Stage 2 of the study.

#### Stage 2

April 2015 - Full Feasibility Scoping Paper

Prepare a project scope which will be used as the basis for requesting tenders for the full feasibility study. March 2016 - Full feasibility study report

Tightening the findings of the pre-feasibility work to an accuracy of +/- 15% including further detail on financial review and evaluation, environment and community, planning, approvals and licensing.

#### When would Alinta Energy build solar thermal?

Alinta Energy does not know when or if it will be commercially possible to continue with a solar thermal build. However, Alinta Energy is committed to completing the solar thermal feasibility study with due diligence, informing the Port Augusta community along the way, and obtaining enough data for Alinta Energy and State and Federal Governments to make an informed decision at the end of the study, currently 2016.

Importantly, there are real and significant commercial challenges with solar thermal technology, which is at least four (and up to ten) times the cost of Alinta Energy's current coal generation.

#### How can Port Augusta residents get more information?

Alinta Energy wants to be fair and transparent in providing information throughout the study. This will be done through a display in Council foyer, updates in the Council newsletter, interviews with local media, and publicly publishing each report on the solar thermal http://alintaenergy.com.au/about-us/powergeneration/port-augusta-solar-thermal.



The Christ Church Craft Group meets every Tuesday from 10am-12pm and its doors are open to anyone interested in craft. Participants bring along their own craft projects or can do group charity projects such as making jumpers for penguins affected by oil spills. Located in the Church hall on Mildred Street, it's an enjoyable morning to meet new people and enjoy a coffee and a chat. Pictured are (front) Jo David, Jean Grantham, (back) Nancy Palmer, Chris Custance, Marlene Seymour, Ursula Meese and Maxine Buckley.



The Miriam High Special Needs Centre has received another generous donation from the Hannahville Hotel and Terry Gardiner's Meats and Smallgoods. The money is raised by both businesses through Friday night meat raffles and it is the third donation they have made to the Centre. Pictured is Centre staff member Guy Skillen being presented with the cheque from Karen Scarlett (Hannahville Hotel) and Belinda Stroyan (Terry Gardiner's Meats), with the money to go toward funding a new lifter in the spa room. Also pictured are Narrelle, Brodie, Ryan, Tyler, Maddison, Peyton, Deb, Stef and Jye.

## Your Local Services App

Port Augusta City Council is part of a fantastic new Local Government app that provides up to date information at your finger tips.

Forgot which bin to put out? You'll get a reminder on your smartphone. Want to know what events are on or where your nearest park or playground is? The app will show you where you are and give you information.

•••• Telstra 3G



It's also a fantastic tool to report an issue to Council through the 'Report it' function, which also allows for a photo to be sent.

The app has been adopted by more than 20 councils across South Australia and, because it recognises where the user is, it will provide the right answer whether you are at home, on holiday, or staying with friends.

Key information includes bin pick-ups, map locations of local libraries, parks and Council events, road closures, rates information and payment details, dog registration and fire bans.

The My Local Services App provides a complete and interactive access to Council services and information and allows Councils to direct message ratepayers using Push Notifications to inform residents about local news, events and issues.

The My Local Services App can be downloaded from Council's website at www.portaugusta.sa.gov.au

## Proposed new suburb 'Davenport'

The Surveyor-General has advised that a request has been received to create a new rural locality of 'Davenport' for the property controlled by the Aboriginal Lands Trust, which includes the area known locally as Davenport Community.

This would result in a portion of the existing suburb of Port Augusta and the rural locality of Wami Kata being excluded to create the new suburb.

Notification to this effect will be advertised by the Surveyor-General in the Transcontinental on June 4, 2014 and the Port Augusta City Council and the community have an opportunity to comment on this proposal.

A Plan depicting the subject areas will be placed on display in the Civic Centre Council Office for easy access by members of the community.

Submissions in writing regarding this proposal may be lodged with the Surveyor-General, at GPO Box 1354, Adelaide SA 5001 or through website:

www.sa.gov.au/landservices/namingproposals

#### Free disposal for TVs and Computers

Did you know that you can dispose of unwanted televisions and computers (and all associated peripherals) FREE?

The Waste Transfer Station on Footner Road will accept TVs and computers free, along with a number of other items that can be recycled.

### **Art Scene**

#### Malka Aboriginal Art Prize

The annual Malka Art Prize will be exhibited in June and July in the galleries and showcases the amazing talents of our regional Aboriginal artists.

It's not too late to get an entry in, with Aboriginal artists from Port Augusta and the region encouraged to nominate. Entries close Friday June 6. To enter, contact Ellenor Day, Arts Officer, on (08) 8641 8175 or email:ellenor.day@portaugusta.sa.gov.au



#### **Arid Sculptural Exhibition**

Held biennially as part of the Arid Festival, the exhibition is staged at the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden. Entries are now being called for, with prizes including: 1st \$2,500, 2nd \$1,000, People's Choice \$500.

Contact Ellenor Day, Arts Officer, for details 8641 9175

or email ellenor.day@portaugusta.sa.gov.au

The exhibition will be on display for the duration of the Arid Festival from September 13 to October 18, 2014.







### 600 sports clubs pledge to reduce binge drinking

Community sports clubs across South Australia have committed to breaking the link between alcohol and sport with 600 clubs now accredited as part of the Australian Drug Foundation's Good Sports program.

Good Sports works in communities to make sports clubs safe and healthy. Through the program, clubs learn about managing alcohol responsibly to reduce binge drinking and become more family-friendly.

Good Sports is Australia's largest preventive health program for the community sporting sector, with over 6400 clubs involved nationally.

In South Australia, the Port Augusta Tennis Association is the 600th club to be accredited, with the program now reaching more than 171,000 South Australians.

Club President Garry Kolic said that Good Sports was helping to promote positive messages and examples around alcohol – and while their club members tend to drink responsibly, it's good for the club to be prepared, especially when hosting other clubs from across the region.

"It's the risk management and duty of care information that is the most beneficial. It's important to have a responsible person monitoring the sale of alcohol...we sell water at discount rates as well as other carbonated drinks."

Scott Edgecombe, Good Sports State Manager SA, said "By joining Good Sports and achieving accreditation, clubs like Port Augusta right across the state are showing the wider community the importance they place on the health and wellbeing of their players and members."

For more information about Good Sports visit www.goodsports.com.au or find us on Facebook.com/GoodSportsClubs

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# Meeting with a Prince

Ali Glover was one of two young people from Port Augusta who were selected to meet with Prince William and Princess Kate on their recent visit to Adelaide.

A member of Headspace's Youth Crew, Ali has been involved with coordinating events for young people in Port Augusta, including the Partysafe Nightclub, Fifth Army Walk, and Battle of the Beats, and is presently busy working on the first birthday celebrations for Headspace on June 27.

Those selected to meet the Prince the Stirling North and Princess had to go alone and selected to attend.

Ali admits it was "a bit daunting" but she soon met other young people while they were waiting for the event to begin.

Ali was one if the lucky ones who got to strike up a conversation with the Prince, and even got the moment captured on the state evening news.

While there were royal protocols that had to been followed, Ali says Prince William "cracked a few jokes and was pretty chilled".

Shannon Ellis, a member of the Stirling North CFS was also selected to attend



# Aboriginal Community Engagement Group

The Aboriginal Community Engagement Group (ACEG) was formed three years ago with the aim of having issues relevant to Aboriginal people heard by decision makers. ACEG has now formed a link between the Aboriginal community and the three tiers of government, with ACEG working with government agencies and departments to broker effective solutions.

ACEG presently has 12 volunteer committee members who meet fortnightly to work on solutions and deal with issues that affect the Aboriginal community. The advisory group represents all of the local Aboriginal community when dealing with local, state and federal governments.

Through consultation with the Aboriginal community it has formulated the Local Action Agreement (LAA) and identified four key areas. The LAA is a working document and it is expected to evolve to suit changing community needs.

#### Key areas:

#### Healthy Homes

- An Aboriginal Housing Advisory Committee was formed in partnership with Housing SA. ACEG meet monthly with the Regional Manager of Housing SA to discuss housing issues and address issues and implement actions from the Local Action Agreement.

#### Governance and Leadership

- ACEG successfully submitted an expression of interest to become an Aboriginal Regional Authority and met with State Government partners in May to discuss the next steps in this process.
- Port Augusta City Council has re-established its Aboriginal Community Advisory Group which schools or consists of the two ACEG co-chairs, the City Manager, the Mayor and Councillor Solomon Agreement.

who is the Chairperson. This advisory committee discusses issues affecting the Aboriginal Community with elected members and meets bi-monthly.

- ACEG held a Community Day to seek new nominations for ACEG members and also to give people the opportunity to hear what has been happening in the ACEG.
- Met with the Bungala Board to discuss the future of Bungala.
- ACEG are currently working on an evaluation tool to evaluate the Urban and Regional Service Delivery Strategy.
- ACEG had a meeting with the Mayor to discuss its priorities and to find out what his priorities are as a possible future Mayor of the City.
- Reviewed and updated ACEG terms of reference.

#### Safe Communities

- Received an update on the rehabilitation centre proposal.
- Service Provider Day in February worked with other services, the project team and the public library on the community connect website to create easier access to information about local services.
- Ongoing engagement with SAPOL to address any issues of concern in relation to service to the community.

#### Learning

- ACEG met with the new DECD Regional Director, Ian May to discuss the changes to the regional office and the new community partnership model, as well as discussing priorities from the Local Action Agreement.
- Working with commonwealth government, local schools on developing PACE programs to implement actions from the Local Action Agreement.

### Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden News

April's amazing rains are expected to provide the Garden's best ever Spring display of daisies and other annuals thanks to the 115mm that fell.

The gardens are looking fantastic with the plants enjoying new growth thanks to the rain and warmer than average May weather.

If it's been a while since you've been to the Garden, we'd recommend taking the time to visit and see the many changes that have occurred, as well as enjoying the thousands of low-rainfall Australian plants and the wonderful variety of bird life.

One of the most visible changes is the new track markers that are being installed.
There are three walking tracks, with signage completed on the Highlights Walk and signage on the remaining two tracks expected to be completed by the end of July.

Plants in the recently completed eremophila garden extension have had a great start thanks to the additional rain, and we now boast one of the largest eremophila collections in Australia.

Disability access paths will also soon be completed, linking the visitor centre to the eremophila extension, through the existing eremophila garden.

To add to the garden's green credentials, solar panels have been installed and are operational at the Visitor Centre and the nursery, a project that was completed with assistance from the Friends of the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden. This complements the reuse of rainwater through the Visitor Centre, the energy-efficient design of the building, and the recycling of waste water from the building for use in the garden.

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# Port Augusta Events Calendar

### Port Augusta Races

Pink Ladies Race Day ~ Sunday, June 8 Wear pink to support women with breast cancer. Fashions on the field competition. Great prizes. Gary Mannion will entertain in the Hannahville public bar. Don't miss it. Prices: \$10 / Under 18 years free entry. Farmers & Graziers Squatters Cup ~ Thursday, June 26 Free entry thanks to sponsors. Lucky ticket prizes. Kids entertained by RICE activity centre. City of Port Augusta Cup - Race Day ~ Sunday, July 6 Live action at the track, enjoy food from the café and racing hospitality. On-course tote facilities. Prices: \$20 Admission / Under 18 years free Whyalla Cup - Race Day ~ Sunday, July 20 Prices: \$10 Admission / Under 18 years free Times: Gates open I lam Where: Port Augusta Racecourse, Racecourse Road Organising Body: Port Augusta Racing Club

# Call for info: Emily 0447 105 545 Pichi Richi Marathon

Sunday, June 29

The Pichi Richi Marathon includes five separate length legs for the marathon; full marathon, half marathon run and half marathon walk, 10.5km marathon or walk, 5km event and 1km fun run.

All events finishing at Quorn Oval complex.

Registrations now being received.

(Please note that new registrations will not be taken on the day).

Times: 7.30am — Full Marathon, starting Standpipe Golf Motor Inn

Various start locations for each event

Prices: Various — Based on Marathon length

Organising Body: Rotary Club of Port Augusta
To register - www.rotaryportaugusta.org.au



#### **Port Augusta Greyhounds**

Port Augusta Cup Heats ~ Saturday, June 7
Port Augusta Cup Final ~ Saturday, June 21
BBQ/refreshments available. All welcome.
Times: First Race Ipm - Prices: Free entry
Where: Chinnery Park
Organising Body: Port Augusta Greyhound Club
Call for info: Kathy 8642 4805

#### **Ongoing Events**

Birdlife Australia Club - Bird Watching Field Trip
Sunday, June 15

Bird-watching field trip at Cariewerloo Station. All welcome.

Bring binoculars, refreshments, drinks and lunch if staying longer.

Wear sturdy footwear, sunscreen and a hat!

Times: Meet 8am - Start of Stuart Highway

Sunday, July 13

Bird-watching field trip at Mundallio Station.
Times: Meet 8am - At Carlton Parade Cemetery
Organising Body: Port Augusta Group, Birdlife Australia Club
Call for info: Peter 8642 5723

St Augustine's Bookshop/Beehive Crafts/Fire Station Market
Sunday, June 15 & Sunday, July 20
Visit the Civic Precinct, 3rd Sunday every month.

A hive of activity with plenty of crafts and market items.
St Augustine's Bookshop, situated in the Old Fire Station building.
Times: Sunday mornings
Where: Old Fire Station Building/Civic Precinct

Organising Body: St Augustine's Church

Undercover Flea Market
Sunday, June 15 & Sunday, July 20

For the Port Augusta Community Support Group. Over 70 stalls.

Stall holders set-up 8am
Times: 8.30am — 12.30pm
Price: \$5 for stall holders, donation for entry
Where: Gateway Shopping Complex
Call for info: George Welk 8642 3459

Troopers Barracks Market
Sunday, June 15 & Sunday, July 20
For Port Augusta Charities.
Times: 9am — 12.30pm
Price: Donation
Where: The Barracks, 6 Beauchamp Lane

Call for info: Chris Pycroft 8642 2787

#### Afghan Express ~ Heritage Rail Journeys ~

Saturday, June 7 & 21 / July 5, 12, 19 & 26

Take a ride on the Afghan Express. One-way and return journeys from Port Augusta Railway Station to Quorn.

Times: 10.30am departure - Prices: Various — please enquire Where: Port Augusta Railway Station, Stirling Road Organising Body: Pichi Richi Railway Call for info: For bookings — Wadlata Outback Centre,

41 Flinders Terrace / 1800 440 101 or www.pichirichi.com.au

#### Port Augusta Orchid Club Winter Show

Friday, July 25 & Saturday, July 26
Discover all you need to know about orchids.
Come along to the Civic Centre and take a look
at the great display.
Times: 9am - 6pm Friday / 10am - 1pm Saturday
Where: Port Augusta Civic Centre Foyer, 4 Mackay Street
Organising Body: Port Augusta Orchid Club

### Call for info: Coral 8643 6016 Wharfest

Saturday, August 2

Entertainment, stalls, displays, catering vans, show-bags, boat and camper trailer displays, side-shows and amusements.

Spectacular fireworks to close the event!!

Times: 10am - 10pm ~ Price: FREE event

Where: Eastside Foreshore and Wharf, Port Augusta

Organising Body: APEX Club of Port Augusta

#### **Upper North Foundation Cup**

Qualifying Junior Tennis Tournament
(Whyalla, Port Pirie, Port Augusta, Northern Areas,
Southern Flinders, Roxby Downs)
Sunday, August 3
Girls and boys events - All welcome





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