



## Council Rates How Can rates be reduced?

Council is about to commence consideration of our 2012/13 Annual Budget, and input into our budget has been sought from representative groups, Councils Strategic Plan, projects and requests that have been put to Council throughout the year, and operational and legislative requirements.

Every year it remains a huge challenge for Council to provide a balanced budget that provides expected outcomes for our community, and also to deliver Council rates that are considered reasonable and sustainable.

At our March 2012 meeting, Council decided to communicate directly with every ratepayer on methods or different approaches to reduce our Council rates, and this will occur early April. Quite simply, we are seeking your ideas and views on how to reduce our costs, reduce or maintain a reasonable level of Council rates, but at the same time find out what services or projects are most important to you.

The easy option and a common suggestion is to reduce our staffing levels – but if this is done, then what services might this impact on. All of Councils services rely on staff to undertake the work, so without staff what would or wouldn't get done?

In the 2011/12 financial year, Council rates contributed to only 35.43% of our total revenue of \$8,815,901. This

is considered reasonably low, as a more accepted level across local government would be in the vicinity of 50%.

Additionally, when Council does set its annual rating approach, we generally agree to an average rating increase across our entire rate base for the district. Based on 2011/12 Council Rates of \$3,123,315, for each percent that Council may consider increasing annual rates, we would receive an additional \$31,233.

So...setting our annual budget and Council rates is not an easy task, and it is one of the most difficult and important decisions made by Council each year.

We are sure that we can improve our approach and outcomes, but we would also welcome any new or alternative ideas and suggestions that you may have.

So instead of waiting until after you receive your rate notice to provide various opinions...how about giving them to us before we actually set the annual Council rates.

I look forward to receiving your suggestions.

Trevor Smart  
Chief Executive Officer



# Thevenard Commercial Fish Unloading Facility

Council has been successful in securing \$1.497 million for development of the Thevenard Commercial Fish Unloading Facility, and fishermen, grain handlers and the mining industry stand to benefit from this development

Ceduna District Council sought the assistance through the Regional Development Infrastructure Fund (RDIF). Final approval of these funds are subject to a Commonwealth contribution to the \$8.9 million total project.

Regional Development and Fisheries Minister, Gail Gago, said a new harbour would boost commercial fishing and ease overcrowding of ships at the Port of Thevenard.

“The Port of Thevenard is currently not set up for commercial fishing activity,” the Minister said.

“This means the fishing sector has to compete with other major industries for the use of port facilities.

“As a solution, the District Council of Ceduna proposes building a new commercial fishing unloading facility at the Thevenard Slipway at Bosanquet Bay, near the existing port.

“This project is of strategic economic importance for the region. It will enable the fishing and aquaculture industries to operate

viably and grow as the mining and grains industries expand.”

Ceduna Mayor Allan Suter said construction of the new Thevenard Commercial Fishing Harbour was vital to the local industry, which had committed to using the new facility, and that Council is enormously grateful for the RDIF funding, which will go towards the cost of dredging the new channel and harbour.”

“The overall project will result in new direct and flow-on employment opportunities in the order of 30 plus jobs, with over 60 flow-on jobs.”

Construction is scheduled to begin in September 2012 to be completed in June 2013 if Federal Government funding is obtained.

Ms Gago said the RDIF plays an important role in the implementation of South Australia's Strategic Plan by helping to meet a number of targets for regional jobs, investment and export earnings.

Council's funding submissions to both State & Federal Governments have indicated a project cost of \$8.886 million; with Council seeking \$5.689 million from the Regional Development Australia Fund (Federal), and a \$1.709 million contribution to be funded through Council and the private sector.



## What's a man gotta do to be a man in CEDUNA?

Check it out on this link: <http://tiny.cc/j1yfbw>

Comedian and award winning sing/songwriter Andrew Horabin asks this question in his hilarious one man show about modern men.

"...One of the highlights is where the audience are invited to write and submit their opinions of what it takes to be a man which Andrew reads out and elaborates on without recourse to humiliation or ridicule...excellent...see this show..." The Age online

Touring to Ceduna this May as part of the Country Arts SA Shows on the Road program

**Where:** Ceduna Foreshore Hotel Motel

**When:** Monday May 7th

**Time:** 7:30 – 9:00pm

**Tickets:** Ken McCarthy Chemplus Chemist, 33 Poynton St. CEDUNA Adults \$25, Concession \$20

*Nb: Contains explicit language and adult concepts suitable for 16+*



# Smoky Bay Jetty Centenary Celebrations 1912 -2012

The jetty was completed on 13 April 1912 and was officially opened on 1 May 1912. The original length was 381 metres with a head of 64 metres provided a depth of 3.3 metres at low tide. The jetty remained in commercial use for the export of grain by sea until the 1950's when bulk handling and improved transport made it more economical to convey by road to the Thevenard Silos.

In 1969, 88 metres of decking was removed from the outer end and it is now impossible to traverse the entire length. The Smoky Bay Progress Association along with great support from the town managed to stop the dismantlement of the jetty in 1969.

References: The Jetties of South Australia by Nevill Collins 2005 South Australian Archives

In 2006 the District Council of Ceduna with help from the Smoky Bay Progress Association restored 3 bays of the jetty. The 'Friends of the Jetty' committee as part of the Smoky Bay Progress Association is working hard to complete the rest of the repairs to the jetty to restore it to its former glory.

The Smoky Bay Progress Association team have all volunteered their time and help without coercion, are enthusiastic and have extensive contact with the community.

## **Friday 20 April 2012**

"The Docking Band", Smoky Bay Community Club

## **Saturday 21 April 2012**

Jetty to jetty bike ride, fun run/walk, dragon boats "come and have a try", boat tours of the bay, food stalls, novelty stalls, face painting, pirate magician and more, dragon boat corporate challenge training, display of vintage and classic cars, recycled regatta, kayak regatta, goal kicking competition, fun and games on the beach, bag sewing, kids treasure hunt, exciting blues and seafood night, twilight dragon boat and kayak paddle (if calm)

## **Sunday 22 April 2012**

Breakfast at Cockleshell Park, combined church service at the jetty, blessing of the jetty, opening ceremony, sail by decorated oyster barges and walk to the end of the jetty to view the refurbishments.

## Volunteer Awards – Nominations

Volunteer Awards specifically recognise the efforts, value, and successes of volunteers in our community and to encourage participation and promote the positive impact of volunteering.

Nominations are now invited for this award. Nominees must be a resident or former resident of the Council area and posthumous nominations will be accepted. Up to four Volunteer Awards will be presented each year.

Awards will be presented during a reception to be held during National Volunteer's Week 9th - 15th May. Details of the presentation will be advertised in late April.

Nomination forms are available from the Council Office at 44 O'Loughlin Tce, Ceduna or from our website at [www.ceduna.net](http://www.ceduna.net) or contact us on 8625 3407 or [council@ceduna.sa.gov.au](mailto:council@ceduna.sa.gov.au).

Nominations close 5pm on Monday 23rd April 2012. If you know of a deserving volunteer in the community please do not hesitate to nominate them and give them some recognition for all their hard work!

# Takeaway Alcohol Restrictions

Representatives from Council, SA Police, Ceduna Foreshore Hotel Motel, and Thevenard Hotel recently met and agreed upon future takeaway restrictions, and all organisations should be congratulated on their approach, discussions, and outcomes.

Through a cooperative approach to improving the social outcomes for Ceduna, and the health and wellbeing of individuals that may suffer from alcohol misuse, we have agreed on the following restrictions:

1. The licensee will restrict the sale of all cask wine to either;
  - a) one (1) cask of wine of not more than a (2) litre capacity, per person per day, or;
  - b) one (1) cask of fortified wine of not more than a two (2) litre capacity, per person per day.
2. An approved identification must be produced for all take away sales of alcohol.

Approved identification shall be limited to:

- a) A current photographic driver's licence issued in Australia
- b) A current photographic Proof of Age card issued in Australia
- c) A current passport
- d) Some additional forms of ID to be confirmed by SAPOL (ID for persons from shipping at Port etc)

Part two of the above conditions will see the agreed implementation of an ID Tect system that will enable scanning of approved identification for any person wishing to purchase takeaway alcohol.

In short, what does this mean for individuals, and how will it benefit Ceduna and individuals.

- The ID Tect system will allow licensee staff to more effectively and efficiently identify any person that is barred from purchasing takeaway alcohol, thus reducing the supply to persons that are being detrimentally affected through alcohol misuse
- If you purchase a restricted item (2 litre cask of wine or port) this purchase and your identity will be recorded;
- If you purchase products other than restricted products, no record of your purchase or ID will be made within the ID Tect system;
- Any information recorded/stored within the ID Tect system will not be available to licenses, Council, or the general public – only to SA Police.

We understand that providing ID to purchase takeaway alcohol may be an inconvenience, it is done in the broader interests of our community and those that are causing self harm, and we seek your cooperation and understanding.

While all organisations involved agree that this initiative will assist in reducing supply of alcohol to those people that are causing themselves harm, it is not the solution to all of our social challenges.

Council continues to work with various government agencies in an attempt to provide improved services, and as per a Council direction in December 2011, are specifically seeking improved outcomes from Housing SA for their operations of Ceduna Town Camp, and Ceduna Koonibba Aboriginal Health Services in delivery of services and programs to Aboriginal people.

## Council Staff Update



**Stephen Benfell** has joined Council as a Construction Worker. Stephen aims...*"to maintain secure long term employment and continue the high standard of work that has been achieved by the Council"*



**Lloyd Oats** has joined Council as an Apprentice diesel mechanic. Lloyd aims...*"to gain more knowledge of engines & mechanics and to become a reliable member of the team"*

## Michael Sullivan has finished his Apprenticeship

In 2010 the Career Employment Group (CEG) awarded Michael Sullivan Apprentice of the Year.

Michael started his employment with Council in February 2008 as a construction and maintenance worker in the operations department. In May 2008 he was offered an apprenticeship as a diesel motor mechanic in conjunction with the Regional Australian Apprenticeship Centre.

Michael has proved himself to be a first rate employee for Council, he is a team player and has become an integral part of the mechanic's crew.

After completing his apprenticeship Michael was offered a full time diesel mechanic position and has accepted this.

Council would like to offer our congratulations to Michael on completing his apprenticeship.

Job well done Michael.



## CHANGES TO RUBBISH COLLECTION 2012/13

Council advises that NO rubbish collection will occur on a public holiday. The following changes will apply;

<b>EASTER</b>	
Thurs, 5th April -	Denial Bay & Commercial
Tues, 10th April -	Commercial
<b>ANZAC DAY</b>	
Thurs, 26th April -	Thevenard & Ceduna Waters
<b>QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY</b>	
Tues, 12th June -	Commercial
<b>LABOUR DAY</b>	
Tues, 2nd October -	Commercial
<b>CHRISTMAS &amp; NEW YEAR</b>	
Mon, 24th December -	Smoky Bay
Thurs, 27th December -	Thevenard & Ceduna Waters
Mon, 31st December -	Smoky Bay
<b>AUSTRALIA DAY 2013</b>	
Tues, 29th January -	Commercial



**BINS MUST BE OUT AT 6.30am ON COLLECTION DAYS TO AVOID MISSED COLLECTION**

# Calendar of Events

<b>MAY</b>	<b>7 Monday</b>		<b>16 Wednesday</b>
	<p><b>Whats a man gotta do to be a Man!</b> Ceduna Foreshore Hotel 7.30 – 9pm Tickets available Ceduna Pharmacy</p>	<p><i>For more information about these events visit Council's website <a href="http://www.ceduna.net">www.ceduna.net</a></i></p>	<p><b>Council Meeting</b> Location: 44 O'Loughlin Terrace, Ceduna <b>Time: 3pm</b> Contact: Administration Office 8625 3407</p>
<b>JUNE</b>		<b>20 Wednesday</b>	
		<p><b>Council Meeting</b> Location: 44 O'Loughlin Terrace, Ceduna <b>Time: 3pm</b> Contact: Administration Office 8625 3407</p>	<p><i>If you have a Community Event that you would like to advertise please contact Kym Dibben <a href="mailto:kdibben@ceduna.sa.gov.au">kdibben@ceduna.sa.gov.au</a></i></p>
<b>JULY</b>		<b>18 Wednesday</b>	
	<p><i>For more information about these events visit Council's website <a href="http://www.ceduna.net">www.ceduna.net</a></i></p>	<p><b>Council Meeting</b> Location: 44 O'Loughlin Terrace, Ceduna Time: 3pm Contact: Administration Office 8625 3407</p>	

## Ceduna School Community Library Update

Crochet Club is continuing every Thursday night from 7 pm to 9 pm.

Book Club and Storytime will also be continuing but contact the library for times.

We are also inviting patrons to update their information as we are changing to a new library system later in the year.



## National Youth Week 2012

### TWILIGHT SKATE and SCOOT COMP

Thursday 12th April

Skate Park, Music from 5pm, Comp starts 7:30-11pm

Food, Drink, DJ, side line activities and Pro Skaters - Sebastian Skilton and Jaidyn Penn-Cayton. Registrations are Essential before the day - they can be collected from Rachel 0428 148 493 or 8626 2152.

### MOVIE NIGHT

Freaky Friday 13th April

Thevenard Sports Club 7pm start

Movie: Jack and Jill (G).

Bring a blanket and chair.

### MOSAIC OPENING

Friday 20th April

Memorial Hall Alley Way 11am

Summer Holiday Mosaic Opening.

Followed by light snacks, tea and coffee in the Memorial Hall Supper Foyer

### BLUE LIGHT DISCO

Friday 20th April

Memorial Hall 6pm



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# Council Email Updates



## Council By Laws and Dog & Cat Management

Only two dogs and two cats are permitted per premise within the township areas of Ceduna Council.

Dogs must be on a lead at all times in public places unless otherwise signed.

All dogs over three months of age must be registered.

Council encourages dog owners to have their dogs desexed, microchipped and registered.

### Control of wondering dogs

Dogs unregistered will be impounded. Registered dogs will be returned to owner/s as soon as possible.

### Fees & Expiations may apply

Impound fee \$70.00;  
Owning unregistered dog \$80.00;  
Dog wandering at large \$80.00;  
Having more than 2 dogs and 2 cats on premises unless approved by Council or an approved kennel establishment will incur \$75.00

If you require further information please contact Council's Administration Staff.

Bob Irvine  
Community Ranger

## Have you heard of Council's Community Consultation Email list?

This email mailing list communicates information to the public through regular emails advising of updates on Council projects, public meetings, public consultation periods, Mayoral messages, Council minutes, media releases, Mayoral messages, road closures, changes to refuse collection and other public notices.

To join the list and receive these Council updates, simply fill in your details below and return to the Council administration office at;

**44 O'Loughlin Terrace  
CEDUNA SA 5690**

or send to;

**District Council of Ceduna  
PO Box 175  
CEDUNA SA 5690**

Alternatively email [council@ceduna.sa.gov.au](mailto:council@ceduna.sa.gov.au) with a request to join the email list.

Name.....

Email.....

Organisation (if applicable).....

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### Areas of Interest

- Public Notices
- Council Project Updates
- Events
- Council Meeting Minutes
- Community Information
- Public Consultation/Meetings
- Other (please specify).....

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**Upcoming Meetings**

**16 May 2012**  
**20 June 2012**  
**18 July 2012**



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