



Oysterfest's 21st Birthday

Oysterfest 2011 was again a major success. This years Oysterfest began on Thursday night with the Textures Art Exhibition. The main street was buzzing with street stalls and entertainment on Friday.

The Oysterfest dinner was held at the Ceduna Foreshore Hotel and was a huge success with quality entertainment, the night was enjoyed by all who attended.



Saturday started with the Triathlon, activities on the beach and Chris Sperou aerial aerobatics in the sky. The street parade showed real community spirit. The official opening was on the lawns. Activities, rides and demonstrations continued well into the evening.

We wish to thank all of our sponsors including:

Shelley Beach Caravan Park, Cleggett Wines, Bill's Pizza, Pasta & Grill, Thevenard Hotel, Complete Personnel, Bill's Chicken & Seafood, IGA Thevenard, Spry's Newsagency, Ceduna Auswide Rentals, Phill Stevens & Associates, Chinta Air Tours, Ceduna Boat Charter, Ceduna Community Radio, Beck Motors, Craft De Eyre, Ceduna Sportspower, Think Design and Print, Ceduna Food & Milk Distributors, Member for Flinders – Peter Treloar, Flinders Port, Coastal Trends.



Sunday started with a pancake and sparkling breakfast. There were many events, demonstrations and competitions throughout Sunday including the Oyster shucking, wheat bag sewing and sandcastle competitions which was enjoyed by all.



Over 17,000 oysters were cooked and sold over the weekend. Sunday night saw the close of Oysterfest with a magnificent fireworks display.

Council greatly appreciates the dedication of Council works staff who worked tirelessly to set up for the event.

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Operation Flinders

Council's Youth Development Officer Bianca Mitchell, Ceduna Area School's Tahla Warmington and 11 students departed for Operation Flinders on the 6th September 2011. Operation Flinders is a unique challenging wilderness experience for young people.

Following are the personal experiences of a few of the students that attended.

Being out in the bush for 8 days was tough, challenging, fun and life changing. The toughest part for me would have been climbing the mountains, hills and abseiling. These parts of the trip were both emotionally and physically challenging but they did have their upsides. Climbing the mountains and hills helped me overcome my fears and the views from the top were amazing. The abseiling was a great experience and something that I wouldn't normally do. Our team leader and assistant team leader were funny and made the trip great. Having the peer group mentor was great. She was always there to push me forward and keep my head up. After this trip I will never eat muesli bars again and my blisters are still healing. Over all the trip was life changing and made me realise that I can do anything I set my mind to.

Emilee Cooper

Being in the bush alone for 8 days you learn to appreciate privacy, a flushing toilet, a shower, fresh fruit, cold water, a good night sleep! At one point I thought "I can't do this anymore," but the only way I could get out if it was to finish it. Every mountain, every hill, and every prickly bush I had to walk over to get home. My body ached, I was tired and hungry, I smelt and I was covered in dirt but didn't stop walking. It was hard; physically and mentally. But you had to stay positive, and in the end that kept me going.

Jara Prince

I thought at times it was really hard, but I knew I couldn't go home or run away so I just had to keep going. I think it taught me to push myself instead of giving up when things get hard. The group were a great team and always helped and encouraged each other. I really enjoyed op flinders and would love to do it again with the same group.

Kayla Burge

When you're isolated in the bush for eight days you learn to really appreciate the small things in life. At times it got hard but you just had to push on. Climbing over the mountains made you realise that it will help you in life to just keep going when things get hard. Physically things were hard; it was massive pressure on your body. Mentally you just had to keep a positive mind, it was all mind over matter. At night when you were cold sitting by the fire, the sense of humor from people kept a smile on everyone's face. Having to get up at 6:30am every morning in the freezing cold your hands were frozen, it hurt to roll up our beds but we had to pack up before we could have breakfast. Operation Flinders has helped me to appreciate everything I have, and how easy I have really got it.

Tayla Collins

Operation flinders was very difficult. For me I thought it was just an obstacle journey that we had to pass not only to give us strength but to let each and every one of us know that we have a special ability and we can do whatever we put our minds to. I thought about giving up and just walking slowly but I soon realised it's not just about me and that I wasn't the only one thinking this was hard. There were 10 other girls to think about, they might not be thinking exactly what I'm thinking but we were going through the same thing each day.

Leticia Campbell Saunders





From the CEO'S Desk

Council Rates & Services

Council Rates are always a point of discussion and contention, and invariably provide for a range of factual and fictitious comparisons and reasoning.

I will attempt to provide a factual base on Councils rating approach and outcomes, and what issues should we consider if we are to maintain or decrease our rating levels.

What are your Council Rates?

Council rates are the combined amount of a fixed charge component plus a general rate amount calculated based on your property value. Other charges that appear on your annual rates notice are for specific services provided (ie water, effluent, refuse collection, NRM, etc). In comparing our rates to other Councils, only the general rate component should be compared as all Councils do levy general rates, but not all Councils levy or provide the same services.

How do we compare across the State?

From information provided by the State Government Grants Commission, our Council rates compare favourably with other Councils across our region and state. On Eyre Peninsula we are the 3rd lowest rating Council on a per capita basis. On a comparison of similar regional Councils (classified under a national classification) we rank 3rd lowest out of 12 similar classified local governments.

What services do your Council Rates provide?

Our Council rates provide only 35.43% of our total revenue, and this is considered reasonably low across the state.

*Development of Land
Crime Prevention & Vandalism
Fire Protection
Public Order
Doctor Housing maintenance
Youth Services
Other Community Support
Cemeteries
Public Conveniences
Community Library*

*Ceduna Memorial Hall and Art & Culture
Economic Development, Tourism & Events
Street Lighting
Jetty maintenance
Parks & Gardens, and Playgrounds
Sport & Recreation services
Dog & Cat, Litter, Parking, and Regulatory services
Building, Development & Health services
Footpaths & Kerbing
Road Construction & Maintenance
Administration and Support Services
Street Cleaning
Stormwater and Drainage*

This is where Council requires the assistance of its ratepayers and residents to provide us with feedback on what services are considered not important, low priority, or not required. Some services we are required to undertake, whilst others are a policy or service delivery decision of Council.

Council also needs to consider the increase in costs to provide all of its services, and we are no different to every ratepayer in that we are affected by fuel costs, insurance, wages, increase in material costs, etc.

In 2011/12 we increased our general rates by an average of 6%, with a majority of our ratepayers receiving an increase between 0% and 6%. A 1% rate increase in 2011/12 translates into a monetary value of approximately \$31,000.

Council commences its 2012/13 annual budget process in March 2012, and prior to this process commencing, I will be providing a survey to all ratepayers to allow feedback to Council to occur on what services are important or required by our ratepayers and residents.

This will further assist Council in assessing our annual budget requirements, which includes the annual setting of Council rates.

I look forward to your input.
Thank you

Trevor Smart
Chief Executive Officer

Rate Payments

Payment of Rates must be received by Council on or before the instalment due date.

Please be aware if you are paying your rates using internet or EFT it may take up to two working days for the funds to clear.

If you wait until the last day to make your payment using either of these methods and Council does not receive the money by the due date additional charges will be added.

Ratepayers wishing to make alternative payment arrangements must contact Council prior to the due date. Approval of any such arrangement will be at the discretion of Council.



Julie Sim delivering books to Mr Manning in the Senior Citizens Village.



Jacinta Whitehead delivering books to Bib Nicholls.

Ceduna School Community Services Home Delivery Service

Each fortnight Julie Sim and Jacinta Whitehead drive around the Ceduna District delivering a variety of resources to our community members that find it difficult to personally access our library. We visit people at home, in the Senior Citizens Village and at the hospital. A wide variety of books (large print), magazines, DVD's and Audio Books are

delivered to each patron. If our library does not stock an item, we are able to access resources from libraries all over the state (Inter library loans). Our patrons are very happy to see us and we are pleased to offer this service to our local community. Please contact the library if you required assistance with this service.

West Coast Sentinel Recordings

Every week Betty McWaters reads the West Coast Sentinel at the Ceduna School Community Library. It is then recorded by library staff onto cassettes and sent to vision impaired patrons all over Eyre Peninsula from Coorabie to Whyalla. We all appreciate Betty volunteering her time to make this service available.



Betty McWaters

Australia Day Awards - Call For Nominations

Awards will be presented by Council in 2012 and nominations are now invited for any person, whether resident or a former resident of the Council area who has made a significant contribution to the local community in any field.

Nominations will be considered in the following categories:

Australia Day Citizen Award

To be eligible, the person must be an Australian Citizen.

Australia Day Young Citizen Award

To be eligible, the person must be an Australian Citizen under 30 years of age on 26 January 2012.

Community Event of the Year Award

Presented to the person/group who has staged the most outstanding community event during the year.

Nomination forms are available from the Council Office, 44 O'Loughlin Tce, Ceduna (Phone 08 8625 3407) or can be downloaded from the Council website www.ceduna.net nominations will be received until 5pm on Friday 18th November 2011.

Your participation will ensure that these Awards will be a success in 2012.

SHOW THE FLAG ON AUSTRALIA DAY

The District Council of Ceduna Administration Office Christmas closure:

5pm Thursday 22nd December 2011
and will re-open
9am Tuesday 3rd January 2012.

There will be staff available to deal with emergencies for the following services:

Dog Control – Water – Airport – Refuse

Contact Details will be advised via The Sentinel, Council's Website and Administration Office prior to Christmas closure.



Council Staff Update



Mark Grills has joined Council as Parks and Gardens Leading Hand. Mark aims...*"to maintain the high standard of work that has been achieved by the Council"*



Doug Warmington has joined Council as a Maintenance Worker. Doug aims...*"to gain experience and knowledge of Council work areas"*



Chloe Carr has joined Council as a Trainee Customer Service Officer. Chloe aims...*"to gain administration skills and knowledge of local government legislation"*



Justin Waters has joined Council as a Parks and Gardens Worker. Justin aims...*"to familiarise myself with local gardening projects"*



Caitlin Teirney has joined Council as the Risk and Safety Coordinator. Caitlin aims...*"to establish positive/open relationships with all council employees, develop and improve the position and build a culture based on safety and trust"*

Mouse Control Reduce their impact by the following:

No Food

- Remove or protect all sources of food, both inside and outside buildings
- Keep garbage and water in containers with tight lids
- Empty garbage regularly
- Hand feed poultry and aviary birds daily

No shelter

- Clear rubbish and debris from around the house
- Mow grass short
- Don't keep timber or boxes under the house or sheds
- Keep timber stacks away from walls and off the ground

Biosecurity SA has produced a fact sheet: **Mouse plagues and Mouse Control** in and around buildings. For further information: http://www.grdc.com.au/uploads/documents/GRDC_Mice_FS.pdf and www.pir.sa.gov.au

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER		Council Meeting Time Change Location: 44 O'Loughlin Terrace, Ceduna Time: 3pm Contact: Administration Office 8625 3407	27 Thursday Ceduna School Community Library Book Club Time: 7-9pm Bring \$2.00 for coffee or hot chocolate
	NOVEMBER	15 Tuesday Council Meeting Location: 44 O'Loughlin Terrace, Ceduna Time: 3pm Contact: Administration Office 8625 3407	24 Thursday Ceduna School Community Library Book Club Time: 7-9pm Bring \$2.00 for coffee or hot chocolate
DECEMBER	<i>If you have a Community Event that you would like to advertise please contact Kym Dibben kdibben@ceduna.sa.gov.au</i>	14 Wednesday Council Meeting Location: 44 O'Loughlin Terrace, Ceduna Time: 3pm Contact: Administration Office 8625 3407	For more information about these events visit Council's website www.ceduna.net
JANUARY	2012 	26 Thursday Australia Day Celebrations	2012 

SA Water - Water Wise Top Tips To help you save water in your garden.



- Use mulch to prevent water loss through evaporation and prevent soil erosion.
- Plant indigenous native plants for your area.
- Plant your garden in watering zones, plants that require large amounts of water should be grouped together and will help reduce your water use.
- Choose a drought resistant lawn that will cope with our harsh, dry conditions.
- Don't over water your lawn, train it to get use less water.
- Don't water during windy weather.
- Water proof terracotta pots before you plant.
- Cover outdoor spas and pools when not in use.
- Park your car on the lawn before you wash it and never let any water run into the stormwater drain.
- Use a broom or rake to clean paths, paved areas and patios

For more information visit www.sawater.com.au

Council Email Updates



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 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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Dog Registration Reminder

As of 1st September 2011 all dog renewals should have been paid. If your dog is not registered an expiation notice of \$80 could be issued under the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995.

Please be aware all dogs must be registered from 3 months of age.

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

Upcoming Meetings

19 Oct 2011

Tuesday 15 Nov 2011

14 Dec 2011

Fire Danger Season



Permits are required to light fires during the Fire Danger Season.

All properties are required to be slashed prior to the commencement of the fire danger season (1st November 2011).

Council's authorised officer has commenced inspections of properties within the district to ensure all hazards are removed. If your property is found to be a hazard a Section 105F notice (Fire and Emergency Act 2005) will be issued.



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