



Oysterfest celebrates 20 years!



Oysterfest 2010 was a huge success. There were many events and demonstrations held throughout the weekend which were enjoyed by all. A lot of work goes into Oysterfest and Council greatly appreciates the dedication of Council Works staff who work tirelessly to set up for the event. Also a big thank you to all the Oysterfest sponsors, as without sponsorship it is not possible to continue to keep the event entry free.



Clockwise from top right: Oysterfest 2010 ends with a bang. Paddle boarding competition. Council staff participate in the street parade. Denial Bay Progress Association float.

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From
the
CEO's
Desk

Strategic Plan Public Consultation Survey

Council is committed to proactively planning for the future of the Council area and has embarked on a consultative process to enable a major review and update of Councils Strategic Plan.

This Plan will reflect the needs of its residents as we approach the challenges of the future. The District Council of Ceduna Strategic Plan will be a working document that will influence future decisions of Council and assist in the meaningful allocation of resources in future Council budgets.

The Ceduna Strategic Plan will state the vision for your Council and its future directions and strategies over the next 4 years in achieving this vision. The strategic planning process will result in identifying goals, strategies and actions that are designed to meet the needs of the community.

Following Local Government Elections in November 2010, the newly elected Council will be required to undertake a major review of its Strategic Plan. Ongoing communication with the community is an important element when reviewing a Strategic Plan for the Council and input from the community and key stakeholders will be essential if future directions are to truly reflect the needs of the community we serve.

To ensure you have your say, take the time to complete the survey which will be available in October/November. Council will seek further feedback from the community on the draft strategic plan once developed.

Chief Executive Officer Trevor Smart

Operation Flinders

Council's Sport and Recreation Officer Johnny Kouvaris, Ceduna Area Schools Mark Prince and 9 school students departed for Operation Flinders on a cold September morning on what was set to be an awesome but challenging experience.

Operation Flinders is a unique wilderness therapy program that provides a wilderness experience for young people at risk which acts as a circuit breaker for disruptive and anti-social behaviour.

Johnny's tasks involved monitoring and recording team behaviour and keeping the Team Leader informed of issues, paying particular attention to factors which may lead to unsafe or dangerous situations.

Johnny participated in all activities carried out by participants and said about his experience: "Eight days in the northern Flinders Ranges dealing with negative behaviour, pushing up steep mountains, lugging a 20kg backpack, slipping along flowing creeks and rivers, dodging trees and prickly bushes, waking up early freezing cold in a wet sleeping bag, eating very minimal I sometimes wondered what the hell I was doing! It was physically and emotionally challenging but I enjoyed the experience and watching the students positively grow throughout the journey was very rewarding."

Johnny enjoyed the experience and has assisted Council in building a positive long term relationship with Ceduna Area School.

Ceduna Community Wastewater Management System (CWMS) & Irrigation Schemes



The old effluent lagoons lose around 100 megalitres of water per year through evaporation and will not meet the future needs of the community.

The new Wastewater Treatment Plant was commissioned on 6th July and commenced treating all Ceduna & Thevenard Community Wastewater Management Scheme (CWMS) effluent on 8th July. The reuse system pumps, pipeline connections and supply point valving have been installed and the chlorine disinfection system commissioned.

Council has been successful in its funding application for \$740,000 through the National Water Security Plan for Cities & Towns to convert one effluent lagoon into a lined 80 megalitre storage lagoon, install sub surface irrigation in the Ceduna foreshore lawn areas and subsidise the installation of irrigation at the Ceduna Sports Ground, Thevenard Sports Ground and the Ceduna Golf Club. We are also working through the Department of Education and Children's Services requirements to allow irrigation of the Ceduna Area School ovals with treated wastewater.

The tender for the construction of the CWMS Storage Lagoon and transfer pump has been let to Baker & Gibbons with works expecting to commence February 2011.

The project so far has seen around 8 kilometres of reclaimed water pipeline (purple pipe) which will provide a treated wastewater supply to all sporting clubs, schools and much of Council's parks and gardens that meet stringent Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Health requirements in regard to suitability of receiving soils and appropriate irrigation systems. This pipeline will also provide additional opportunities to upgrade parks and gardens, especially along the town entrances in Ceduna and for street scaping in Thevenard.

The irrigation works are expected to commence early in 2011.

This project has the potential to significantly reduce Council's reliance on increasingly expensive potable (town) SA Water supplies. The treated wastewater will be metered and sold to each user, there will however be significant savings over using potable supplies. Part of this upgrade also involves the provision of a wastewater standpipe so approved transporters will be able to access treated wastewater for construction activities. Council will be using treated wastewater for bitumen road construction projects around Ceduna, further reducing draw on the Eyre Peninsula's limited potable water supplies.

Work Experience



The Community Development Team (Right to Left) Kathy Meier, Bianca Mitchell, Tani Irvine and Johnny Kouvaris.

Tani Irvine spent a week working with the Community Development Team as a part of her School work experience in September.

Why did you choose Council for your work experience? I chose to do my work experience at the council as I already work here doing finance. I wanted to see what they do in other areas and also get some experience in other areas so I have a better understanding of everyone's roles here.

What tasks were you responsible for during the week? During the week I helped with mainly Oysterfest tasks. I made various posters, signs and tickets, made phone calls concerning competitions at the Oysterfest, handed out notices to houses in Thevenard regarding the closure of Thevenard road, handed out vouchers, helped organise some of the prizes for the Oysterfest ambassadors. I also attended a meeting with Bianca and Rachel regarding youth activities in the school holidays.

Did you learn any new skills, if so what? Organisational skills.

What was your favourite part of the week? My favourite part was learning more about the Oysterfest. I didn't know how much work, time and organising has to go into it.

Ceduna Library



Blake volunteers every lunch and recess in the School library.

Name Blake Kavanagh

Favourite Food Citrus fruit

Family Sister Devon, Mum Judith, Dad Mark.

Pets 2 dogs, Indi and Scooby

Ideal Holiday Destination Exploring the pyramids in Egypt, maybe travelling down the Nile river.

Key responsibilities Working on the circulation desk at recess and lunch time in the Ceduna School Community Library. I provide customer service, assist students, staff and community patrons when needed.

What do you like most about your job? What I like the most is the people I get to work with and the wide variety of people I meet.

What do you like to do when your not at school? I like to read, eat, write and sleep. I like to cook as well. I also enjoy being a member of the Library Bookclub and enjoy playing Badminton.

Parks and Gardens Supervisor Nominated for Safe Work SA Award



Suzie Pav, Supervisor of the District Council of Ceduna's Parks and Gardens Team, has recently been nominated by Council for a Safe Work SA award in the category: Best Individual Contribution to Workplace Health and Safety.

Suzie has been a Workplace Health and Safety Representative for ten years and in this time

she has assisted Council to raise the profile of Occupational Health Safety and Welfare within the workplace, in particular the Depot, where her team is based.

To be eligible for nomination in this category, nominees must demonstrate:

- Key contributions and how they have been achieved;
- Ability to overcome barriers while implementing achievements;
- Measurement of improvements made to the Health and Safety performance within the workplace;
- Innovative individual approach to achieving better OHS performance;
- Potential for contributions to have a broader application; and Communication and consultation processes.

The winner of the award will be announced at an awards ceremony in Adelaide Friday 29th October.

Good Luck Suzie!

Far West Football League

In 2004 a Far West Football League (FWFL) Taskforce undertook an assessment of football in the Far West, with this culminating in the establishment of a FWFL Independent Commission, operational structures, tribunal commissioner, and league administration being undertaken by the District Council of Ceduna.

In the final task Force report it was intended that this be in place for two years, with the existing arrangement having now been in place for six seasons.

Council has had informal discussion with a view to considering that the management and operations of the Far West Football League should not be administered by the Council post 2010 FWFL season and to consider the management and operation of the Far West Football League being handed back to the general community and affiliated club responsibility.

Over the past six seasons, the FWFL Independent Commission, Independent Tribunal, FWFL Operations Committee, and

Council Administration has served the league well, and provided stability, consistency, and overall benefits for the football and general community.

All clubs and club representatives on league committees have matured in their decision making and understanding of other clubs and individuals issues and needs.

To this end, the FWFL Independent Commission has met once over the past two seasons (early in 2009 season), with decision making being undertaken by the FWFL Operations Committee since then. This has been supported through the Independent Commission undertaking some investigations during that period, where more inflammatory matters and issues have been considered and dealt with.

The FWFL AGM will be held on Monday 25 October 2010 at which time it is hoped that the league will revert to a traditional club based management approach.

Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER	Wednesday 17	
	<p>Council Meeting Location: 44 O'Loughlin Terrace Ceduna Time: 4pm Contact: Administration Office 8625 3407</p>	

DECEMBER	Friday 3 and Saturday 4		Wednesday 15	
	<p><i>Flair on Eyre</i> CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR</p> 		<p>Council Meeting Location: 44 O'Loughlin Terrace Ceduna Time: 4pm Contact: Administration Office 8625 3407</p>	

JANUARY	Wednesday 26		<p>If you have a Community Event that you would like to advertise please contact Christie Spry cspry@ceduna.sa.gov.au</p>
	 <p>AUSTRALIA DAY</p>		

For more information about these events visit Council's website www.ceduna.net

Nadia Road Opening

Provision of fencing and construction of the altered road alignment have been completed to Nadia Road; with the official opening occurring on 25th July 2010 with the Mayor and Council staff cooking a BBQ for approximately 80 people at the point.

Further signage to indicate camping areas is still to be installed, which will complete all works at the site.

Fundraising

Council's Karina Michalantos showed her community spirit recently when she single handedly baked 128 cakes and 220 scones to raise money for recently injured Chi Diment.

Karina raised \$1234.80 for the family and is congratulated on her efforts.

Council Staff Update



Ben Taylor has recently joined Council as Finance Manager and brings to council many years of accounting experience.

Ben chose to join Council... "as it is a different... challenge from my previous role where I primarily dealt with income tax matters."

Ben hopes to... "provide more clarity to the community on the financial aspects of Council's operations and provide finance training to Council's employees."

CBD Stage 4

\$326,000 has been secured through Places for People funding for Stage 4 of the CBD Streetscape Project.

Stage 4 will see improvements to the physical infrastructure and general amenity of the remaining original portion of McKenzie Street east of the roundabout and incorporating the intersection of East Terrace & McKenzie Street. This project will provide an exciting modern entrance to the main business area from the East incorporating state of the art public amenities such as walkways, streetscapes, lighting, public seating, and rest areas amongst commercial activity which will dramatically improve the quality of lifestyle.

The key aims of this project are to:

- Encourage the growth and re-building of the community's population through the attraction of new families and businesses to the town;
- Foster & expand the commercial strength of the town as the key regional business centre of the Far West Coast region;
- Establish the link to the CBD foreshore precinct;
- Enhance the town as an enticing tourism destination;
- Compliment the Ceduna Foreshore Hotel Stage 1 re-development;
- Promote the strong culture and heritage of the town, therefore creating community pride and a sense of local identity; and
- Improve the quality of life for the local community through the provision of a highly attractive, safe and functional public space.

Stage 4 works have commenced with further works occurring up until the Christmas period.

Council Elections:

Nominations Received

Council Nominations are now complete and the following people have been accepted as candidates and are listed below in the order in which they will appear on the ballot papers.

1 Vacancy – Mayor

SUTER, Allan John

WILL, Perry Alan

8 Vacancies – Area Councillor

MOZOL, Bethaney

ROSS, Michael

RONAN, Danny

MAYNARD, Ken

DALZELL, Brett Graham

GREGORY, Phil

CODRINGTON, Peter

RAINSFORD, Dominic Paul

DODD, Gail Marie

BERGMANN, Ian

RYAN, Geoffrey Alexander

SHIPARD, Marls

SPAAN, Robert

BROWN, Lynton Alan

Voting material will be posted out between 25-28 October 2010 and voting closes 12 November.

FIRE DANGER SEASON

Fire Danger Season is fast approaching.

All vacant blocks need to be slashed and untidy yards need to be cleaned up.

Council are asking that all properties and vacant blocks be slashed prior to the commencement of the Fire Danger season (November). Council's authorised officer will conduct inspections of properties within the district to ensure all hazards are removed. If your property is found to be a hazard a Section 83 notice (Fire and Emergency Act 2005) will be issued.

Council Email Updates



Book Club

Monthly meetings will be held in the Ceduna School Community Library from 7-9pm on Thursday;

11th November 2010
9th December 2010



Story Time

Story time is held at the library every Monday morning from 9.30am during the school term.

Upcoming Meetings

Council Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month:

17th November 2010
15th December 2010

The above dates are subject to change due to a newly elected Council commencing in November.



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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 rubbish 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).....

Areas of Interest

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- Community Information
- Public Consultation/Meetings
- Other (please specify).....