

March 2019

Mayor's Report

Visitors to Robe this summer would have thought it was paradise here with hot days and balmy nights. In fact, Robe experienced it's hottest day on record on January 24th at 39.9 degrees (the rest of the State was in the high 40's).

February has seen the usual reduction in tourist traffic allowing us all to regroup, assess and have a rest before Easter and the April school holidays arrive.

There have been 81 applicants for the CE's role. 78 of those were from online sources and 3 from print based media. The consultant is in the process of short listing with interviews scheduled for March 6th and 7th in Robe with the Elected Members. The quality of applicants is extremely high and it will be a difficult task to separate them. Current CE Roger Sweetman will be retiring as of early April and we wish him all the very best for the future.

Council staff, engineer Doug Bowers and the available Elected Members met with the residents of Fox and Hooper's Beach recently to discuss ways we can best manage the ongoing erosion of the dunes at these locations. Approximately 15 residents turned up and there was plenty of discussion around the issues we face. A report will be tabled at a future Council Meeting detailing how we can move forward in both locations.

Elected Members are about to commence the Strategic Planning process and budget workshops. This will be a great process for us to work through and will give us all a chance to put our ideas forward and debate their merits. The plan will then go out to the community in draft form to allow everyone to have further input if they wish.

Many residents have been in touch regarding our traffic issues in the peak period. Robe is fortunate to be growing but that comes with it's own set of challenges. Council will engage a Traffic Engineer to come here over Easter and have a look at how traffic flows during the busy time and where the improvements can be made. Following this report, Council will organise a community workshop to further discuss our options.

We have produced a work schedule of all of the workshops and meetings that will be coming up in 2019. Please visit the website and have a look. If you are interested in certain topics, you can see when the Elected Members plan to discuss those issues and feed your ideas in prior to the relevant meeting. It is a working document and subject to change but all updates will be placed on the website.

If you wish to receive latest news updates on the website directly, please contact Nat at the Council with your email address. It is a quick way of having Council information posted straight to your inbox.

Climate adaptation, aged care, waste management and recycling are still big ticket items we have not yet had a chance to address. Workshops have been scheduled for 2019 but we will be fully engaged in training, budget and strategic planning in the short term.

Our newly elected Council members have been working hard to get up to speed with the many issues facing the town and surrounding district. So much to learn, so little time! We are all on a steep learning curve so please continue to be patient whilst we get our heads around our jobs.

Mayor Alison Nunan

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CEO's Report

2019/2020 Budget

Council will be commencing the formulation of the 2019/2020 Annual Business Plan and Budget. This document will be guided by Councils Long Term Financial and Asset Plans and Councils Draft Strategic Plan. Please keep an eye on Councils website and future Community Newsletters so that you have the opportunity to make comment on the Draft Budget.

Main Beach Toilets

Council has resolved to defer the construction of new toilets at Main Beach until it has undertaken further investigation of all the options available to Council. In the meantime, some minor maintenance will be undertaken on the toilets.

Resignation of Childcare Director

Council has received and accepted the resignation of Ms. Robyn Paterson from her position of Director of Childcare, a position she has held with council since January 2002.

Robyn will be enjoying a well-earned retirement and has much to be proud of in relation to the childcare service that has been provided in Robe, Beachport and Kangaroo Inn.

Robyn, representing childcare and mobile childcare services, has also had a significant positive impact on these services at both a State and Federal level and can be proud of her achievements in this field.

Well done Robyn and we all wish you well.

Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community of Robe for their friendship and support during the 6 ¾ years I have been employed as Chief Executive of the Council.

I would like to thank:

- The Elected Members of Council, who, in 2012 provided me with the opportunity to take up the position with Council and extend this thanks to all the Elected Members I have worked with during my time at Robe. I have the upmost respect for the position of Elected Members and have found that as a rule, the majority of Elected Members are community minded people, with the best interest of their communities at heart, who have to consider many varied and complicated issues.
- The staff of Council, who quietly go about their jobs with a sense of pride in their town and district, for their support, assistance and friendship.
- The people of Robe who have accepted me, and made Deb and I feel part of the community, and
- Deborah, for her support and sense of humour during the past years which has been invaluable.

I am finishing my career in Local Government on 1 April 2019 which started with the District Council of Onkaparinga on the 27th of November 1976 and involved employment with the Adelaide Hills Council, City of Campbelltown and the District Council of Yankalilla.

Local Government has changed significantly during this time, most changes have been for the better some have not, however Local Government is still the best vehicle in which services and facilities can be provided to the community for the benefit of the community in the most efficient and effective manner.

Coffee with a Councillor

Council's Coffee with a Councillor program will be running again in 2019.

Councillors will be available on **Sunday 19 May** between 10am– 12noon at the following locations so come along to have a general chat or express your concern about a particular issue:

Mayor Alison Nunan
Cr David Laurie

Adventurous Spoon
Drift

0427 357 243
0427 365 045

You can either just come along on the day or if you prefer to book a time, please call or text the Councillor directly so they can reserve a specific time for you. Further locations may be provided closer to the day.

Child Care Directors Report

We are welcoming children to CCOWS for their first experience at being with many others who are “not their family”. Not yet, anyway. It is rewarding and remarkable, to observe how quickly children feel comfortable and develop a trust that they are recognised and looked after. Very quickly it begins to feel familiar, it feels like family. The bonus for children is that educators are not only caring for physical needs, but they are also aware of what each little one needs to progress and develop. It does not take long for educators to realise what the usual response and requirements are for each child in their care, and that enables them to determine when there is something unusual, something that needs to be attended to, something extra which needs to be given. It may simply be a hug after just waking up in a room full of people, or assistance in solving a problem (once we have sorted out what the problem is, and whose problem it is!). It is satisfying to see how children relax in an environment where they feel comfortable, knowing their needs will be met. It is a bit like us finding our “comfort zone “within the community. After seventeen years, I will be leaving my Robe comfort zone in May, when I will retire. I have many a “thank you” to say before then!

Robyn and the CCOWS team.

Justice of the Peace Service

We have all had problems trying to find a JP when we need one.

Whether it is to get documents witnessed, copies of documents certified or to have a Statutory Declaration witnessed, they never seem to be around when you need them, or they are too busy (they do have a life too!) to be able to fit you in.

A Justice of the Peace service is again available during the hours of 1pm to 3pm each Thursday at the Council Office on a regular weekly basis each week.

If any other JP's are available to assist in the provision of this vital community service, or to even expand the hours and/or days of availability, they can contact Michael Boyd JP on 0429 388 707.

Alternatively, if you are seeking the services of a JP outside of these hours, a list of appointed JP's for the Robe area can be found on the Robe Council website or at <https://www.agd.sa.gov.au/services-and-support/justice-peace/find-justice-peace>

Davenport Street Development Plan Amendment Public Consultation

Notice is hereby given that the District Council of Robe, pursuant to sections 24 and 25 of the *Development Act 1993*, has prepared a Development Plan Amendment Report (DPA) to amend its Development Plan.

The Amendment will change the Development Plan by proposing to rezone approximately 3.2 hectares of land on Davenport Street/Evans Cave Road at Robe from Coastal Conservation Zone to Industry Zone.

The DPA report will be on public consultation from 27 February until 29 April 2019.

Copies of the DPA report are available during normal office hours at the front counter of Council's office at 3 Royal Circus, Robe. Alternatively, the DPA report can be viewed on Council's website at www.robe.sa.gov.au

Written submissions regarding the DPA should be submitted no later than 5.00pm on Monday, 29 April 2019. All submissions should be addressed to the:

Chief Executive
District Council of Robe
PO Box 1
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and should clearly indicate whether you wish to be heard in support of your submission at the public meeting. If you wish to lodge your submission electronically, please email it to council@robe.sa.gov.au

Copies of all submissions will be available for inspection at Council's office at 3 Royal Circus, Robe from 30 April 2019 until the conclusion of the public meeting.

A public meeting will be held at the Council Chambers, Royal Circus, Robe on Tuesday, 7 May 2019 commencing at 6pm at which time interested persons may be heard in relation to the DPA and the submissions. The public meeting will not be held if no submissions are received or if no submission makes a request to be heard.

Davenport Street Development Plan Amendment Public Consultation

What is a Development Plan Amendment?

Development Plans contain the planning controls that guide what can and cannot be developed in council areas. Planning authorities use these planning controls to assess new development proposals.

A Development Plan Amendment (DPA) is a document that describes the proposed changes to a Development Plan.

DPAs must be prepared according to certain processes set out by legislation (currently the *Development Act 1993* and associated Regulations). DPAs may be undertaken by councils or, under certain circumstances identified in section 24 of the Act, by the Minister for Planning. In this instance, this DPA has been prepared by the District Council of Robe.

This DPA process has been funded by the local landowner/proponent. However, Council and the Minister for Planning retain full control over the DPA process and decision-making responsibilities in accordance with the *Development Act 1993*. In addition, Council is being advised on the DPA by its independent planning consultant who holds the requisite qualifications under regulation 86 of the *Development Regulations 2008*.

What changes are being proposed?

The Davenport Street, Robe DPA proposes to amend the Robe Council Development Plan by:

- Rezoning approximately 3.2 hectares of land at Davenport Street and Evans Cave Road in Robe, from Coastal Conservation Zone to Industry Zone
- Including an additional statement in the existing Desired Character statement for the Industry Zone to reflect the particular need to provide safe access when considering development proposals (including land division) directly accessing Evans Cave Road.
- Consequential map amendments to reflect the rezoning.

What happens next?

Following the consultation process, Council prepares a report for the Minister of Planning on the matters raised during the consultation period and whether any amendments are proposed to the draft DPA as a consequence.

The Minister then considers the matters and makes a decision to:

approve the DPA as released for consultation, or

approve the DPA with changes, or

not approve the DPA.

If the Minister approves the DPA, notice is given in the South Australian Government Gazette and the Development Plan is amended accordingly.

All approved DPAs must be reviewed by the State Parliament's Environment, Resources and Development Committee (ERDC). The ERDC may request the Minister to consider changes to a DPA as a result of its review. Notice of any subsequent change is made in the Gazette and the Development Plan is amended accordingly.

If you would like further information about the DPA, contact Council on 8768 2003 or council@robe.sa.gov.au