

Community Newsletter

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Mayor's Report

I, like most others, are wondering how on earth we got from normal to here so quickly. The day to day business of Council is still going on and includes:

- Budget meetings as we work out how the 20/21 budget will look and what we will be able to achieve for the community
- What will it look like if we implement a zero increase in rates, and is that manageable?
- What is the impact long term for the financial stability of Council?
- Having many meetings via the Zoom platform (now we can't meet face to face) with other Mayors, CEO's, Government Ministers and the Premier to get updates and help us make sense of the mountain of information that comes in each day on the current situation.

But front and centre has been protecting the health and wellbeing of our community. Early on, our messaging had been asking people to reconsider their travel plans and suggesting that people only undertake essential travel. This was picked up by the media as a "Robe don't want you" message which was unfortunate (and damaging) but as the week wore on, both State and Federal governments were issuing the same message Australia wide.

Despite this we are still seeing plenty of people coming here and others wishing to book for Easter. I would like to thank the accommodation providers that are actively dissuading people from holidaying in Robe in the near future.

As with all disasters, it brings out the best in most of the population. Here are just **some** examples from our town in the last week:

- The Trilogy Team are looking at a model to providing free meals (with community support) for those who have lost their jobs and the older members of our community who need assistance
- Our supermarket is offering free home delivery
- Our chemist is providing us all with unending care and commitment and has planned in advance to ensure there is a medium term supply for those who get regular prescriptions
- The Footy and Netball Club are planning to start a Food Hub operation out of the Footy Club
- A local health professional is seeking information on offering mental health support via phone to anyone in the community who needs it
- President and Secretary of the Robe Tourism Association, Brad Scott and Lisa Hall are providing ongoing information to our devastated tourism operators regarding the range of services available to businesses through the Government's stimulus packages
- Wendy Leopold, Valma Jennings and Ali Douglas offering their services (via phone) to our over 70's who might need a hand working through the maze of information or would just like a chat
- Sea Vu Caravan Park offering our health professionals free accommodation should they want to isolate from their families.

I'm sure there are other things that I've missed..... please let me know and I can put them in the next newsletter.

Our local politicians Nick McBride and Tony Pasin have been terrific and have made themselves available whenever we have needed them to answer questions or provide information.

This forced slow down of our lives has had some unexpected benefits. So many people have said they have had time to do some gardening, talk to friends on the actual phone (not via text!), do some baking, clean out the garage and spend time with their kids!

In amongst the mayhem, we have farewelled Deputy CEO Nick Brown who, along with his wife Pam, have moved to Alice Springs. We wish them every happiness and look forward to seeing them back at some point in the future.

We are also about to welcome Camille Tucker in a new role, the Manager of Tourism and Events. She will remain at the medical clinic until the end of April. Which brings me to the Medical Clinic:

TO ALL OF THE AMAZING STAFF AT THE ROBE MEDICAL CLINIC, OUR COMMUNITY THANKS YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS.

OUR COMMUNITY IS STAYING HOME, WE ARE SELF ISOLATING AND OBSERVING SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO SLOW THE SPREAD

Please remember that:

- this virus is no one's fault (despite all the conspiracy theories!)
- it's no one's fault if someone gets it (because someone will)
- and there are no winners in the blame game (no surprises there).

We will work our way through this and we are still the same strong community today as we were before this all happened.

Take care, please stay connected and if you there is anything you don't understand or are concerned about, please call me on 0427357243. Service isn't always great at Bray but I will definitely call you back asap.

As things change so quickly with this, we will continue to provide updates via our Facebook page. If you don't have Facebook, please get one of your friends to relay the information to you.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Closure of Council Services

Council held a Special Meeting on Friday 27th March and resolved to:

- Close all playgrounds
- Close all public barbecues
- Close all public toilets except for Town Beach and Long Beach
- Close the Council office to face-to-face services. **Please phone or email the office with your query.

Council will advise the public when these services are re-open.

A Big Thank You For Your Input into Council's Planning Process

Council held several meetings this year to seek community input into Council's Annual Business Plan. Meetings were held at the following locations:

- Indoor employees
- Outdoor employees
- Robe Institute – community meeting
- Hamilton
- Adelaide
- Nora Creina
- Greenways
- Mt Benson
- Boatwains Point
- Robe's Under 30's



As at half way through the consultation process, the number of suggestions for consideration by Council was 276! This is a lot of 'food for thought' for Councillors to consider and obviously to wisely allocate our finite dollars and people to deliver on the broad range of community expectations. An early summary of some of the items that received the most votes were:

- ▶ Continue with the paramedic service in the District
- ▶ Upgrade the access to Hoopers Beach for sailing
- ▶ Better understand our coastline
- ▶ Develop a conference/convention centre for Robe
- ▶ Provide an aged care facility in Robe
- ▶ Maintain and enhance the Robe's natural and built environment
- ▶ Develop a visitor information centre on Lannam Park
- ▶ Maintain the height of building in Robe
- ▶ Develop a footpath strategy for the Township including a look at the surfaces of our walking tracks

Thank you to all the people who attended across South Australia and Victoria. It was a pleasure to interact with you and collect your views. As stated at the meetings, Council is just part of community and we want to ensure all views are considered as part of the planning process.

Obviously we will need to have a different lens as we move economically out of the pandemic. The work we are undertaking to support the health and wellbeing of our community will take priority and this may slow the planning and budget process. However, we will make considering what we can do for community will be at the forefront of the process.

PDI Act

South Australia is currently undergoing the biggest modernisation of its planning system in 20 years. This new approach to planning will change the way you achieve approval for your development, in particular through a newly developed e-portal that the State Government have designed to simplify the planning and development processes and speed up the movement of information. The State Government's intent is to save all users time and money.

Council will become part of a Joint Planning Board for the Limestone Coast. The Joint Planning primary function will be to develop the Limestone Coast Regional Plan. The Joint Planning Board becomes a separate legal entity that can undertake the functions listed in the Agreement that was adopted by Council at the March meeting.

Council won't have an assessment panel under the new arrangement and is working with the Limestone Coast Councils to develop one or more Regional Assessment Panels who will be led by a Regional Assessment Managers. This approach will enhance the standardisation of planning outcomes across the region, increase Assessment Panel meeting frequency and efficiency and accommodate emerging professional accreditation limitations for both Panel members and Council planning officers across the region.

The current timetable has the implementation of the new Act commencing on 1 July 2020.

Holding Me Accountable

As a good governance practice, Council has established a formal committee to be accountable for monitoring the employment arrangements and performance of the CEO. The Chief Executive Officer Review Committee will:

- Develop a Performance Plan for the CEO with agreed performance indicators and objectives aligned with the Community Plan and Annual Business Plan;
- Monitor the performance of the CEO against their contract of employment, position description and Performance Plan and provide regular feedback;
- By agreement with the CEO appoint an independent advisor to assist in the CEO performance appraisal process;
- Facilitate regular performance discussions with the CEO and provide opportunities for positive interaction between the CEO and Council;
- Conduct the CEO's annual performance and remuneration reviews using an agreed formal performance appraisal methodology;
- Receive reports from the CEO regarding the performance of the organisation;
- Manage the recruitment and selection when a permanent vacancy occurs; and
- Determine any amendments to the CEO's employment arrangements

Health and Wellbeing Action Plan for the District

Following consultation with our community, Council has adopted The Robe Health and Wellbeing Action Plan and this Plan will now form part of the reviewed Limestone Coast Regional Health Plan and be presented to the Limestone Coast Local Government Association.

This approach is taken as the seven councils on the Limestone Coast have agreed to have a regional plan. The process has allowed us to reflect on whether the RPHP is meeting its objectives, taking into account learnings from the last RPHP, assessment of local priorities, demand and capabilities to deliver.

Upgrade of the CWMS treatment lagoon

We are pleased to announce that we have achieved practical completion on the \$1.7 million upgrade of Robe's CWMS treatment lagoon. The last remaining action will be to install the Baffle curtains when there is sufficient water in the lagoon.

This work has been carried out over the past two financial years and provides an upgraded asset that will be service our community well into the future.

Infrastructure Update

Parks and Recreation

The new playground has been installed at Long Beach. This project was funded by the Robe Lions. Our sincere thank go to the Lions Club for working proactively with Council to provide a better facility for our children.

Street sweeping was done throughout the town before the line markers arrived.

Servicing of the Sodium Hypo Chlorite treatment system has done at the CWMS treatment plant. This work is undertaken four times a year.

Rural Construction and Maintenance

Roads graded in the last month were: Powell's Road, Nora Creina Road, Bog Lane and Evans Cave Road.

Please be aware that after Easter, Council will commence the construction of a footpath from Smillie Street to Mundy Terrace. From a community safety perspective, please be careful when driving or walking in this area while the construction is underway.

Line marking has been completed throughout the Robe township.

Disabled Carparks in Robe

We have undertaken an audit of our disabled carparks in Robe and found that two of our parks do not meet current standards. These parks have been turned into a standard park.

Council has also committed to a new disabled carpark contiguous to the Robe Pharmacy. The design works for the new carpark have been completed and we will seek quotes for the work in April. We will let you know via Facebook when dates have been confirmed for the construction.

Post Event Report for the Great Vic Bike Ride

Council and the Robe Tourism Association supported the annual Great Vic Bike Ride that commenced in Robe. Set up for the event commenced on Wednesday 20 November 2019 and left Robe at lunch time on Sunday 23 November 2019. The majority of the 3,859 participants arrived in Robe on Friday 22 November. Based on anecdotal evidence from our visitor information centre, a significant number of participants came into Robe early and spent nearly a week in our town.

In support of the participants, the Robe Tourism Association put on the Night Market and facilitated the formal turning on of the Christmas lights.

Robe was the second favourite host town behind Port Fairy across the Limestone Coast and Victoria. Robe had nearly 20% of the participants pick Robe as their favourite.

Key for tourism in Robe is that 65% of participants (about 2,500) said they would return to an area visited on the Great Vic Bike Ride. The participants would bring family and friends so the number of potential return visitors for Robe would be much greater.

The average daily spend for a General Rider was \$34. This equates to \$92,140 per day spent in Robe and as most riders had more than one day in Robe the direct expenditure in our town based on the average is estimated at around \$180,000. However, given Robe's hospitality services and the Night Market, it is anticipated that the money spent in Robe would likely have been higher than the average.

A great outcome for our community and economy.

Some changes in Council

As previously advised, Council has undertaken an independent review of its capacity and capability. The focus of this review was to ensure we have the right resources with the right skills to deliver services to our communities.

Therefore I am pleased to advise you of the following changes:

- Camille Tucker has been appointed as our new Manager Tourism & Events. Camille will commence in late April and will have a key role in developing strategies to assist our tourism sector re-establish itself following the pandemic. Tourism is one of the core industries in Robe and the sector employs over 16% of our workforce.
- Deputy Chief Executive, Nick Brown has left Council and taken up a role in the Northern Territory. Nick spent six years work for Council and we wish him all the best in his new role and new location. This position will no longer be part of Council's structure.
- Trevor Hondow, Works Operation Coordinator, has indicated that he is going to retire. Trevor will finish with Council mid year and we will appropriately recognise his service and contribution at that time.
- We are currently recruiting for a Manager Corporate Services & Finance and a Director Infrastructure.
- Kate Rayner has taken up the position of Manager Corporate Services & Finance while we recruit for the position.

Service Changes

Council wanted to make you aware that due to the Covid-19 pandemic:

- Red Cross are no longer providing their transport service
- The RSL bus is no longer operating
- Home Delivered Meals volunteers are no longer delivering meals and they will be delivered directly by the hospital

The dredging of the marina channel has also been postponed. This decision has been made as the contractors are from Victoria and therefore they would need to cross the South Australian border and undertake the mandatory 14 days isolation. We will commence this work once the restrictions have been lifted.

Postponement of Events

The following events, planned for Robe in the near future, have been postponed:

April 18: Giant Fly In & Sky High Banquet @ Drift

May 8: "Stories in the Bush": An evening of story telling around the camp fire @ Robe Holiday Park

June 7: "Up there Cazaly concert" with Mike Brady @ The Robetown Brewery

LIBRARY/ VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

We wish to advise that the Robe Visitor Information and Robe Public Library will be
closed for face-to-face services until further notice.

At this stage, if you require Books, DVD's, Magazines etc.,
please contact us in the following ways:

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robelibrary@plain.sa.gov.au
0427 714 859

There will be no FACE TO FACE contact but you will be able to pick up from the Library during the
following hours:

10 am - 2 pm from Monday to Thursday.

Remember, this is an after hour's chute under the veranda for returning books and you can also
leave a note requesting more books for you to pick up.

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

We will continue to be available to assist people with their Visitor Information needs through the
following:

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robetourism@plain.sa.gov.au

Thank-You for understanding in these strange times

Beach Friendly Wheelchair



We have a property at Robe and visit when we can and on one of my walks in town noticed the beach friendly wheelchair in the Visitor Information Centre.

I passed this observation on to a staff member of the Ryder Cheshire Home in Mount Gambier where our adult daughter Georgie lives in supported accommodation with 4 other young women with special needs.

As a result of this 3 of the residents, including our daughter with 2 support staff hired the chair and spent time on the beach.

The attached photo shows the pure joy this experience gave our daughter who amongst other challenges is autistic and rarely expresses any emotion ... clearly not the case here!

Tim and I want to thank the Council and I believe the Lions Club for making this possible for those not normally able to experience the joy of a beach visit.

If you could please pass on our sincere thanks to all involved, including the Lions Club we would be most grateful.

- Mary

The Wheelchair is housed at the Visitor Information Centre and is available for community use.



ROBE FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB



COMMUNITY FOOD HUB

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JARYD DAWSON
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RICHARD WHITE
0427 275 042



Robe RSL Sub-Branch

Do you have any history - stories or photographs about or of the Robe RSL and War Memorial?

The war memorial will celebrate a significant birthday in 2021. It would be wonderful to compliment this occasion with a reflection on the monument's history.

Stories, photographs and other memorabilia would be most welcome. We are able to copy documents and photographs on the spot.

The RSL hall has a rich story to tell and this would complement the 2021 celebrations well.

Again stories and photographs would be wonderful additions to the sparse information currently held in our files.

***Does anyone have a story about the RSL Cup? The prize for the winners of a football competition held in the 40's or 50's between Robe, Kingston and Reedy Creek?

*** What about the 1967 RSL Deb Ball? did you take part? Do you remember it?

***And how did the war memorial monument arrive and how was it erected in 1921?

Please pass on any information to Marcia on 04113740274 or 87682659

ROBE COMBINED PROBUS

Box 571, Robe SA 5276

The scheduled meeting for 21st April has been cancelled.

Probus is an association for those no longer working full time, to join together to enjoy life.

It is a way of keeping your mind active, interested and healthy. We do not fundraise or have working bees, but just enjoy friendship and fun, having various guest speakers and occasional trips.

**All membership enquiries to
Harvey Stratford 08 8768 1824 or John Petch
0402 180 860**

COMMUNITY NEWS

Bridge Lessons

If you would like to learn Bridge or are a beginner at bridge then lessons and mentoring are available

Mondays 10am to 12noon
At the Robe Golf Club.

To register interest please contact:
Sally MacDonald on: 0411557491

Robe RSL Sub Branch

Hall and Grounds Casual Hire available.

If you have small functions, meetings, presentations, family get-togethers or any other occasion you may like to consider hiring the RSL Hall.

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For bookings and/or further information please contact:

Treasurer Marcia 0411 374 274
Secretary Fred 0401 960 336

ROBE RSL Sub-Banch

Volunteer Drivers for the Robe RSL Community Bus

Would you like to join our small team of volunteers?

The community bus runs every Thursday morning for local shopping, Bendigo Bank, Post Office, Pharmacy, Library, Foodland, etc. All Robe residents and visitors are welcome to make use of this service.

The bus also runs to Mount Gambier on the Fourth (4th) Friday of each month, leaving Robe around 8am and returning around 5.30pm.

If you are interested, please call so that we can talk about it further.

Marcia Dening Wasson
0411 374 274

ROBE RSL COMMUNITY BUS

In the interest of community safety and wellbeing, all group bus runs for the month of April have been suspended.

We apologise for any inconvenience but look forward to re-establishing these services as soon as possible.

We do have several alternative options if you require assistance with your shopping.

Robe Art Gallery

The Lapwing Gallery



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ANZAC DAY Update

The Robe RSL Sub-Branch will be guided by RSL South Australia Headquarters with regards to ANZAC Day Services 2020.

Media statement from RSL SA :

...” Sub-Banches throughout South Australia and the Northern Territory are permitted to conduct Dawn Services only.

These Dawn Services are to ONLY be with their members and THE PUBLIC ARE TO BE ASKED NOT TO ATTEND”.....

Effectively for the Robe RSL Sub-Branch the march, public service and gunfire breakfast are cancelled.

Any further updates will be shared with community members via the Robe RSL Notice Board, Social Media and the Coastal Leader.

Fred Wasson
Secretary
0401 960 336



Second Chance

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU

The Robe Lions Shop "Second Chance", located in Centennial Court, Victoria Street, is looking for more volunteers.

We ask for a few hours of your time: weekly, fortnightly or monthly. The shop's future depends on community volunteers that can help our small group of Lions.

If you would like to help, come into the shop and put your name on the roster OR contact Kerrie on 0418 629 121.

"Second Chance" offers great shopping for both tourists and locals.

We would also appreciate donations of clean clothing and accessories.

PLEASE DEPOSIT ONLY GOOD CLEAN ITEMS IN OUR BIN OUTSIDE THE DOOR.



Looking for Support Crew

The Robe to Recovery committee are looking for support crew to assist in the additional events and duties sometimes involved in the running of their veteran respite program based in Robe.

The program identifies veterans requiring relief and gifting them a well-deserved holiday in our town. The veterans and their families are booked into accommodation, and greeted with a basket of goodies, full of vouchers and items, each with a short note, thanking the veteran for their service.

It is a truly special program that Robe can all be proud of, an initiative that has made a difference to many lives.

So if you would like your name put on the Support Crew List, to assist the Robe to Recovery Committee when and if you can, at the time you are asked, please contact the following members:

Jacqui Bateman	0427 343 132
jacqui@jacquibateman.com.au	
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Easter Collection

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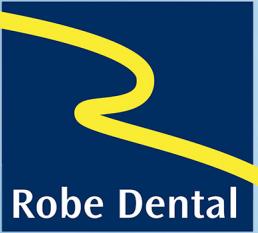
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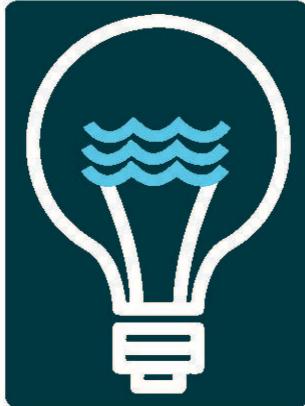
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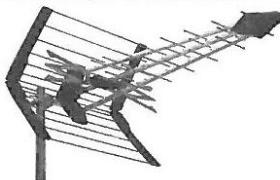
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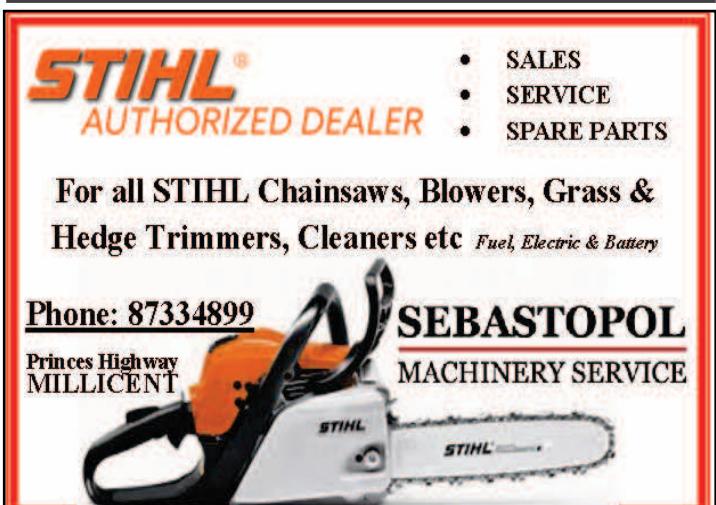
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5	6	7	8 Council Meeting	9	10 Good Friday	11
12	13 Easter Monday	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 ANZAC Day
26	27 Public Holiday	28	29	30		

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