

ROXBYP DOWNS COUNCIL



SIX MONTH REPORT CARD



January - June 2019



Welcome to the fourth edition of Roxby Council's Six Month Report Card series.

The Six Month Report card initiative was first introduced for the July-December 2017 period. It illustrates our ongoing commitment to inform the community and other interested stakeholders about progress in meeting the objectives of Council's Annual Business Plan and Budget and reporting Council-initiated and/or partnered activities, programs, and events.

Roxby Council is very pleased to report that an interim external audit completed in this six months confirmed no material issues or concerns with Council's financial reporting to date.

This edition provides a snapshot of Council highlights during the period January to June 2019.

This document also reports on a number of projects which are already underway and will, as they are progressively implemented, contribute to the economic and community wellbeing of Roxby Downs.

Many of these activities are reported upon as they transpire via the Roxby Council website, Roxby Council and Roxbylink Facebook pages, and via a Council meeting highlights video published online. Radio segments on RoxFM and FlowFM are also utilised as a key way of communicating progress and achievements.

The Six Month Report Card represents a succinct and easy-to-read summary of these highlights.

Council is interested in your feedback regarding this Six Month Report Card. Please feel free to provide comments and suggestions by emailing us at:

consultation@roxbycouncil.com.au



HIGHLIGHTS



- ▶ Council engaged a specialist company, LCS Landscapes, to design the nature based play space to be developed on the site of the Hermit Street playground. LCS conducted a site visit and discussed concepts around access to the playground for people with disabilities, the use of local resources, and featuring durable and sustainable materials to meet the harsh demands of the Roxby Downs climate.
- ▶ The Hermit Street nature play space development is a combined project with the Emu Walk upgrade. Elements completed during the first half of 2019 include:
 - Construction of a concrete footpath along the road boundary of Blanche Court (providing users with a safe route from Gregory Street to the Emu Walking Trail).
 - Upgrades to the entrances of the Emu Walk began at the Community Garden, with existing pine bollards removed, a new wire fence installed and planting of a native Westringia hedge.
- ▶ Upgrade of the Lions Park playground and surrounding areas commenced and includes:
 - Extension of the grassed area (at the rear of the Bowling Club).
 - Replacement of all timber retaining walls with recycled plastic.
 - Upgrades to the bins and shelter.
 - Installation of three new table settings and a drinking fountain.
 - Associated paving.
- ▶ Completion of the upgrade of Rotary Park with installation of a barbecue area, toilets with lighting, and upgraded shaded seating and table area.

ESSENTIAL SERVICES & ASSETS

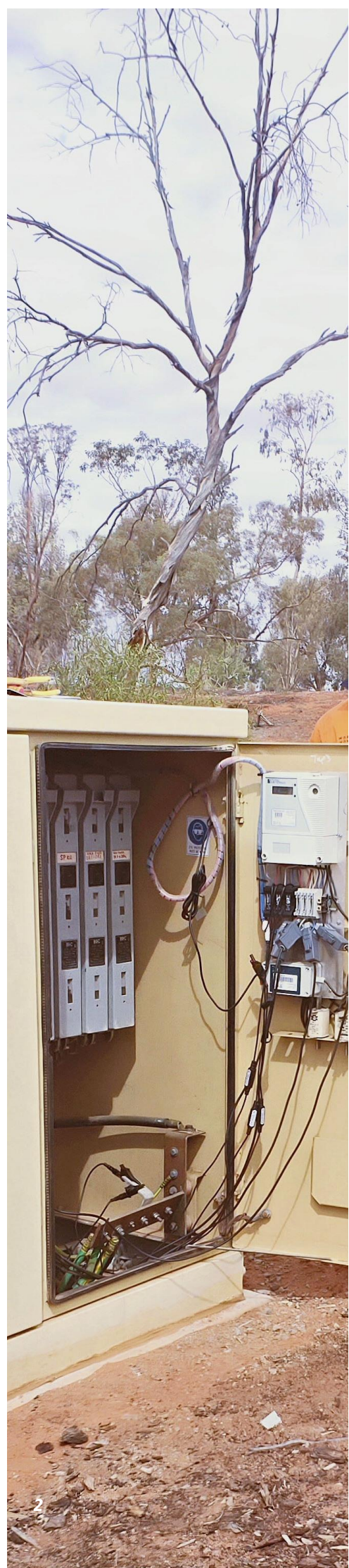
- ▶ In collaboration with the University of Wollongong, Australian Power Quality and Reliability Centre, Council commenced an investigation into renewable energy generation for Roxby Downs. The research will provide recommended strategies for continued provision of a reliable, safe, quality and cost effective Roxby Power network.
 - The research has involved extensive data analysis and modelling of rising voltage mitigation solutions.
 - Read more about this research here : <https://news.eis.uow.edu.au/apqrc-awarded-tender-to-investigate-integration-of-solar-pv/>

- ▶ Council's strategic focus upon asset management is improving through:
 - Traffic counters placed on key town roads to capture data regarding usage. The data will underpin road maintenance planning and also support applications to the State Government for local roads grants.
 - Ongoing development into the adoption of a systems and data analysis asset management platform to better manage assets.

- ▶ We are investigating strategies for improving aeration in the town's three primary and two secondary sewer lagoons. Blue green algal problems are being addressed to reduce ongoing maintenance issues. Options being considered must be both cost and environmentally sustainable – potential for solar and/or wind powered solutions.

- ▶ Scheduled horticulture/townscape works to prune trees and foliage overhanging residential properties, roads and infrastructure. Removing or significant pruning of hazardous trees.

- ▶ Audit of the town irrigation systems; identifying and prioritising repairs and maintenance in preparation for spring townscape plantings and renewal.



LIFESTYLE & SPORT

- ▶ Roxbylink stadium 2 ramp replaced due to aging concerns. The new ramp meets Disability Discrimination Act requirements and will provide safe and secure access to the stadiums by the community and education partners for the foreseeable future.
- ▶ Auditorium stage lighting system replaced. The new system brings Roxbylink up to the minimum standard for stage infrastructure required for small to medium shows.
- ▶ Main Oval fencing complete.
- ▶ Netball Court Two lights replaced with LED's due to age and difficulties sourcing replacement parts. These lights provide a wider spread of light thus reducing shadows and are more cost efficient.
- ▶ New projector and screen in the auditorium to replace the dilapidated stage screen.
- ▶ Leisure Centre repainted.
- ▶ Squash court refurbishment complete. The works included repairs to the existing walls and roof due to general wear and tear. The refurbished courts are expected to last for another 15 years with only minor maintenance.
- ▶ Removable steps acquired for the indoor pool to replace the chair lift.



LIFESTYLE & SPORT

► Roxbylink hosted a wide range of events and functions throughout January to June 2019 period including:

- A Community Reception hosted by the Administrator for the Governor of South Australia, His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC and Mrs Lan Le, visit to Roxby Downs.
- Big Tops and Tiny Tots circus show (121 attendees)
- MEGT Apprentice Awards Night (84 attendees)
- Co-Opera performance of Mozart, Gershwin and other classic musical pieces (31 attendees)
- Black Screen Short Film Festival (25 attendees)
- BHP Leaders Day (170 attendees)
- Isaac Lomman's Hypnosis (70 attendees)
- Kaput! – A family show of acrobatics, slapstick and more (80 attendees)

► Art exhibitions in the Roxbylink gallery:

- 'From the Desert to the Sea' – Dave Kovac
- 'Conversations with Myself' – Monte Clements
- 'Grounded in Truth' – NAIDOC Committee

Upcoming Projects:

- ▶ Replacement of indoor and outdoor pool filter media.
 - ▶ Installation of walkway from the indoor pool to the toilets.
 - ▶ Replacement of Roxbylink lighting with energy efficient LED's.
 - ▶ South Australian Living Artists (SALA) Festival
 - ▶ Development of the multipurpose pump track
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COMMUNITY



Roxby Downs is a young, vibrant community and we celebrate diversity and culture in many ways. Council continued to support local groups in acknowledging and celebrating our community.

- ▶ Australia Day event and awards which had over 600 attendees.
- ▶ The 'Community Foodies' launched a local Breakfast Club in Term 2 of the school year. Total attendance for Term 2 was 101 school aged children.
- ▶ Sincere thanks to members of Scouts SA, Roxby Downs and the local community for their great work collecting rubbish around town on Clean Up Australia Day.
- ▶ Happy Healthy Expo – over 500 attendees.
- ▶ National Reconciliation Week event and art exhibition.
- ▶ Local youth worked with volunteers to upgrade the local skate park. Culminating in an SA Youth Week launch of the newly painted park – over 300 attendees.
- ▶ In collaboration with the City of Tea Tree Gully a Youth Leadership Group facilitated a one day conference with Roxby Downs Area School year 8-10 students.
- ▶ A range of other youth focussed programs and events including:
 - Digital media and DJ workshops
 - Learners Permit Study groups
 - Pool party evening
 - Footy and pizza nights
- ▶ Stage 1 of the Roxby Community Library upgrade was completed with replacement of library furniture that was deteriorating. Over 9,000 general library space users were recorded within the January to June 2019 period.

ENGAGEMENT & MEDIA

The January to June 2019 period saw the implementation and completion of two significant community consultations:

- ▶ The proposed upgrade of the Richardson Place public facilities: 72 survey responses from the community. Identified community preferences for design, configuration and safety/security.
- ▶ The Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2019-20: outlines Council's priorities and program of works for the next 12 months. Allocating funding for key projects and services, and demonstrates how rates are invested. The consultation included a Facebook Live session and two community information sessions.
- ▶ Social media and the Roxby Council website continue to engage an increasing number of users. Roxbylink Instagram is also steadily increasing followers. The next six months will see the introduction of a Roxby Council Instagram feed.
- ▶ In May 2019 the first edition of local newspaper, The Roxby Downs Chronicle, was published by Fairfax Media. The Roxby Council publish a full page of Council news, events and important dates in each monthly edition.

Council in collaboration with BHP Olympic Dam, commissioned local videographer Travis Hague (Lonely Oak Films & Imaging) to develop 'Living in Roxby Downs', a video showcasing everything Roxby Downs has on offer for residents, tourists and impending residents. The Living in Roxby Downs video was launched on 30 May 2019 and subsequently posted on Council's You Tube page and shared on Facebook.

The video has been viewed over 4,500 times on YouTube, reached 1,355 people on Facebook with over 650 reactions. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJAJp0peEhI&t=7s>



JANUARY TO JUNE 2019



Power Connections
(new supply)

Power Vacating
(moving within town)

Power Final
(leaving town)

Jan-June 2019	183	68	176
Jan-June 2018	192	104	219

Water use



Roxby Downs Business *

Residential

Jan-June 2019	41,918kL	244,271kL
Jan-June 2018	41,174kL	251,636

*business premises within the Roxby Downs town area and includes the light industrial area north of the BP Service Station on Olympic Way.

Kerbside collection *(Tonnes)*



General Waste

Recycling

Green Waste

Jan-June 2019	453	101	34
Jan-June 2018	457	90	32
Jan-June 2017	391	78	43

Traffic Volumes



Olympic Way

Callana Road

Axehead Road

Pioneer Drive

Peak 24 Hrs	3981	1492	1029	2407
Average Daily	3356	919	876	2139
Peak Hour AM	588	142	115	290
Peak Hour PM	554	156	127	333