

# ROXBYS DOWNS COUNCIL



## SIX MONTH REPORT CARD



July - December 2019





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

This Report Card initiative was first introduced for the July-December 2017 period. It illustrates our ongoing commitment to inform the community and other 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.

The independent annual external audit conducted on Council finances in October 2019 yielded a positive unqualified report.

A Work Health and Safety and Risk Audit review in October 2019 revealed good results for the Council with 93% of total WHS and risk actions completed.

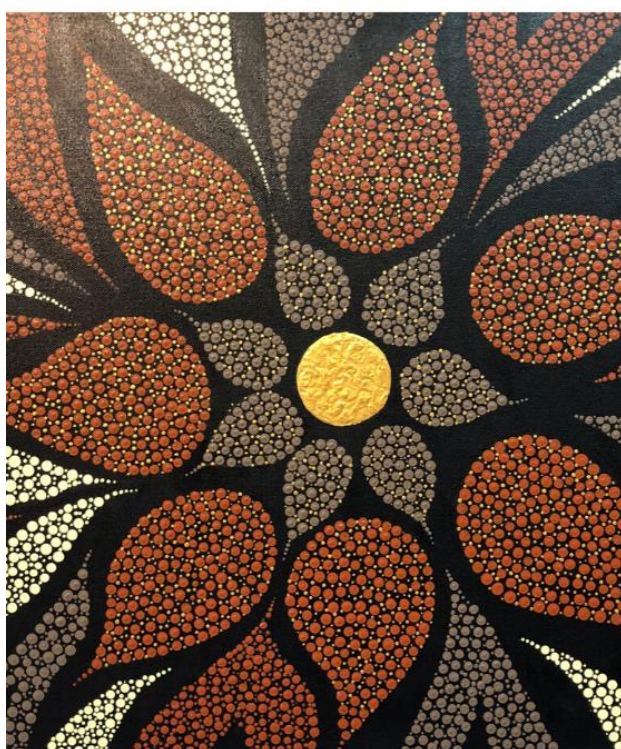
This edition provides a snapshot of Council highlights during the period July to December 2019.

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

Many of these activities are reported upon as they happen via the Roxby Council website and the Roxby Council and Roxbylink Facebook pages. Radio segments on RoxFM (Council Catchup, Thursdays at 9am and The Vibe, Fridays at 1pm) and other radio programs broadcasting in the region are also utilised as a key way of communicating progress and achievements.

This Report Card represents a succinct and easy-to-read summary of these highlights.

We are interested in your feedback. Please feel free to provide comments and suggestions via:  
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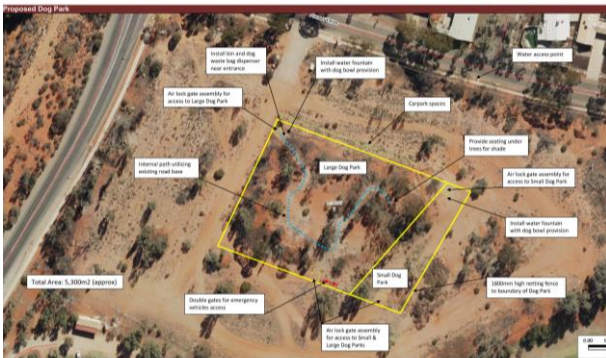
# HIGHLIGHTS



- ▶ Upgrade of the Lions Park playground and surrounding areas complete.
  - 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 and replacement of BBQ's.
  - Installation of three new table settings and a drinking fountain and associated paving.



- ▶ Commencement of works on the site of the Hermit Street Playground redevelopment. The site will be redeveloped into a nature based play space with rock, log and creek features and a public toilet.
  - The works are expected to be complete by the end of February.



- ▶ BHP approved a licence agreement to Roxby Council for the land on the corner of Pioneer Drive and Olympic Way to develop an off-leash dog park.
  - A project plan has now been completed with the view of finalisation by June 2020.



- ▶ Completion of the new Richardson Place public facilities, incorporating two unisex, full size disability and family friendly toilets with baby change facilities.
  - The next stage of the public toilet development will see the existing Richardson Place toilet block updated and clad to match the new facility.

# ESSENTIAL SERVICES & ASSETS

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- ▶ Work has commenced on the system configuration and data migration component for establishing a contemporary cloud-based Asset Management System.
  - The Infrastructure and Asset Management System will be used to create a schedule of revaluations and condition assessments supporting Long Term Financial Planning moving forward.
  - This will facilitate the comprehensive day-to-day management and maintenance of all Council assets ensuring that we continue to provide the community with high quality facilities.
  
- ▶ Roxby Power undertook a range of activities including:
  - Section pillar maintenance including replacement of damaged pillars and installation of transformer surrounds. (Section pillars house vital components for the supply of electricity to houses.)
  - High voltage maintenance to the town power network. This included inspections of transformers and oil and gate valve replacements – important preventative maintenance measures.
  - Completion of the annual *Safety, Reliability, Maintenance & Technical Management Plan* and audit of compliance documentation. This has been submitted to the Office of the Technical Regulator.
  
- ▶ A horticultural fertigation system for the town ovals was installed. This enables organic fertiliser to be supplied to the ovals through the irrigation system with an integrated wetting agent.
  - The fertigation system is a healthier and safer alternative to fertilisation of the ovals and will ultimately reduce water needs and manual labour costs.






# ESSENTIAL SERVICES & ASSETS


► A 2% increase in total waste collected from households compared to the same period last year.

- General waste collected reduced from 443 tonnes in 2018 to 429 tonnes in 2019 (during the July-December period).
- General waste bin weight per household averaged 13kg per household per week in the July to December 2019 period, remaining on par with the same period in 2018.
- Recycling bin tonnes collected increased from 79 tonnes in 2018 to 108 tonnes in the 2019 (July-December periods).
- The average weight of recycling collected per household per week increased from 6kg per household in July – December 2018 to 7.75kg per household for the 2019 period (+28.5%).

► The July – December 2019 period saw a significant increase in water usage by both Roxby Downs' businesses and residents compared to the same period in 2018.

 roxbywater a division of roxby council	Roxby Downs Businesses*	Residential
July-Dec 2019	49,146kL	234,320kL
Jan-June 2019	41,918kL	244,271kL
July-Dec 2018	37,835kL	218,092kL
Jan-June 2018	41,174kL	251,636kL


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



**KERBSIDE HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTION (tonnes\*)**

	General Waste	Recycling	Green Waste
July-Dec 2019	↓ 429	↑ 108	↓ 25
July-Dec 2018	→ 443	↓ 79	↓ 28
July-Dec 2017	443	96	33


\*figures rounded up. Arrow indicate change since previous year.



**KERBSIDE WASTE COLLECTION - average bin weight - kg's**

	General Waste	Recycling	Green Waste
July-Dec 2019	13.03	7.75	20.89
July-Dec 2018	13.15	6.03	24.18

► The number of power connections (new supply) to households in the July – December 2019 period (213) was notably higher compared to the same period in 2018 (155).



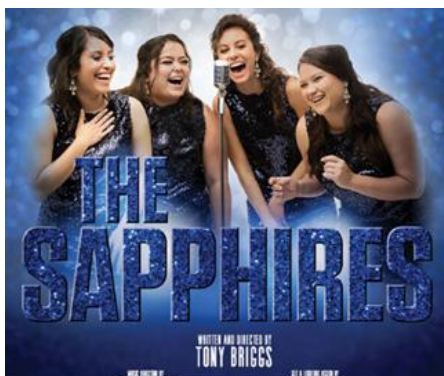
**roxbypower**  
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	Power Connections (new supply)	Power Vacating (moving within town)	Power Final Reading (leaving town)
July-Dec 2019	213	73	243
Jan-June 2019	183	68	176
July-Dec 2018	155	131	229
Jan-June 2018	192	104	219



# LIFESTYLE & SPORT

- ▶ Roxbylink hosted a wide range of events and functions throughout July to December 2019 period including:
  - The Sapphires musical (70 attendees).
  - Isaiah Firebrace Live (37 attendees).
  - BHP Leaders Forum and social function (160 attendees over two days).
  - Two BHP end of year functions (over 1200 attendees).
  - BHP Service Awards (120 attendees).
  - Other BHP events including consultations, workshops, and community update meetings.
  - Roxby Youth Awards.
  - Netball and junior football presentation events.
  - Collaborative Arid Recovery dinners.
  - Roxby Academy of Dance concerts.
  - St Barbara's Parish School 'Thank You for the Music'.
  - Roxby Downs Area School formal.
- ▶ Art exhibitions in the Roxbylink gallery:
  - SALA Festival – three artists put together an exhibition 'A Rose between Two Thorns' and ran community workshops.
  - 'Vietnam: One In, All In', which included workshops and veteran talks.
  - 'My Paintings Speaks for Me' by Kunyi June Anne McInerney.
  - 'The Art of Christmas' community exhibition.





# LIFESTYLE & SPORT

- ▶ Outdoor pool pump one was replaced as it was nearing its end-of-life.
- ▶ Stage two of the auditorium's lighting system upgrade was completed as the stage lights had reached their end-of-life. The new lighting gives greater flexibility and better effects for shows, concerts, and presentations.
- ▶ The indoor stadium lights were replaced with energy efficient LED high bay lights. These lights operate on  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the power of the original halogen lamps and have a greater life expectancy (five years more).
- ▶ The splashpad's disinfection and chemical monitoring system was upgraded. The former system was not suited for Roxby's unique climate and struggled to maintain adequate levels. The installation of the new system has addressed these issues which has resulted in fewer splashpad closures.

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## Upcoming Projects:

- ▶ Replacement of indoor and outdoor pool filter media.
- ▶ Continued works on energy efficient LED lighting.
  - ▶ Upgrade circuit boards across the centre.
  - ▶ Maintenance to café and stadium toilets.
  - ▶ Cinema lighting and roofing repairs.





# 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.

- ▶ The Leadership in Action Group organised the Roxby Youth Awards. 32 youth were nominated across seven categories. The event had over 100 attendees.
- ▶ Council worked in conjunction with Strengthening Our Families and Arid Recovery to organise a Nature Play Festival at Lions Park.
- ▶ Roxby Youth Creations was launched to create opportunities for young people to learn new skills and sell their handmade items. The program was kickstarted with polymer clay jewellery making workshops. These items are now for sale at the Visitor Information Centre.
- ▶ The pool table at the Community Youth Centre has been upgraded and there are now two virtual reality machines available for use.
- ▶ Other events/activities organised for youth included Halloween, a photography workshop, and school holiday programs.
- ▶ International Volunteers Day was celebrated on 5 December. The event is held each year to recognise the valuable contribution of volunteers to our community.
- ▶ Nine new Australian citizens were welcomed. These new residents originated from a range of countries including Russia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and the Philippines.
- ▶ Council supported a number of Roxby Downs Community Board events and programs including:
  - NAIDOC Day event (approximately 500 attendees).
  - Neighbourhood day event (over 120 attendees).
  - Community Champion and Young Community Champion awards.





# COMMUNITY

- ▶ Renowned New Zealand author Whiti Hereaka visited Roxby Downs and the library as part of the Writers SA: Writers in Residence Program. During this visit she participated in Toddler Storytime, attended the local Book Club meeting, and held an Author Talk.
- ▶ National Book Week was celebrated in August. Additional Toddler Storytime sessions and pop-up library events were held to match the theme 'Reading is my Secret Power'.
- ▶ The library hosted the SA Libraries Board visitation.
- ▶ The library and cinema teams partnered to organise four family-friendly movie events.
- ▶ After receiving positive feedback at the Nature Play Festival, the library team have started organising more 'Out and About' Toddler Storytime sessions. These will continue in 2020.





# COMMUNICATIONS ENGAGEMENT & MEDIA

The July-December 2019 period saw a range of communication, engagement and media activities by Council:

- ▶ Off-leash dog park consultation was undertaken with residents residing in close proximity to the proposed site on the corner of Pioneer Drive and Olympic Way. Council will now implement the project and ensure minimal impact on nearby residents.
- ▶ Community consultation regarding a proposal to revoke the community land classification for a portion of land south of the Roxby Downs Golf Club. BHP submitted a request to Council that the land classification be revoked to enable a development on the site. Council conducted a detailed survey of residents and stakeholders, three community information sessions and invited written submissions regarding the proposal. Council also undertook extensive consultation with the Roxby Downs Golf Club.
  - 187 submissions representing a 4.6% response rate of the Roxby Downs township.
  - On 18 December 2019, Council received a request from BHP that the community land revocation process be paused. Accordingly Council deferred the matter.
- ▶ We continue to inform and engage the community through a range of mediums including local media. Council publish a full page Council News item in the Roxby Downs Chronicle. Two radio shows are produced and presented on RoxFM – Council Catch-up on Thursdays (9am-10am), and The Vibe on Friday afternoons (1pm-2pm).

- ▶ Social media and the Council website continue to be useful tools for the community.
- ▶ August 2019 saw Roxby Council commence its presence on Instagram - @Roxby5725.
- ▶ The Council website is being overhauled to enable greater ease of use, enhance user experience, and improve content.

Facebook		Dec 2019	June 2019	Dec 2018	June 2017
Roxby Council Likes		1,410	1,190	1,041	532
Roxbylink Likes		939	826	756	n/a
Roxby Council Followers		1,453	1,222	1,072	538
Roxbylink Followers		960	846	773	n/a

Instagram		Dec 2019	June 2019	2018	2017
Roxby Council Followers		114	Page commenced August 2019	n/a	n/a
Roxbylink Followers		210	180	n/a	n/a

	July 2019 - Dec 2019	July 2018 - Dec 2018	July 2017 - Dec 2017
Website Users	21,383	16,592	12,970
New Users	18,838	15,287	11,879
Top 4 Pages	Cinema Session Times - 11,508 Home page - 6,578 Roxbylink - 3,520 Employment - 1,170	Cinema Session Times - 10,791 Home page - 8,971 Roxbylink - 2,528 Employment - 1,872	Cinema Session Times - 9,741 Home page - 9,200 Roxbylink - 3,200 Roxby Council - 2,180
Activity on Key pages/views	Waste - 1,663 Roxby Water - 436 Roxby Power - 1,212 Attractions - 1,400	Waste - 1,629 Roxby Water - 410 Roxby Power - 703 -Scheduled Power Outage - 907 Attractions - 944	Waste - 1,573 Roxby Water - 292 Roxby Power - 480 Attractions - 643