

Roxby Downs Council Six Month Report Card

July-December 2018



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

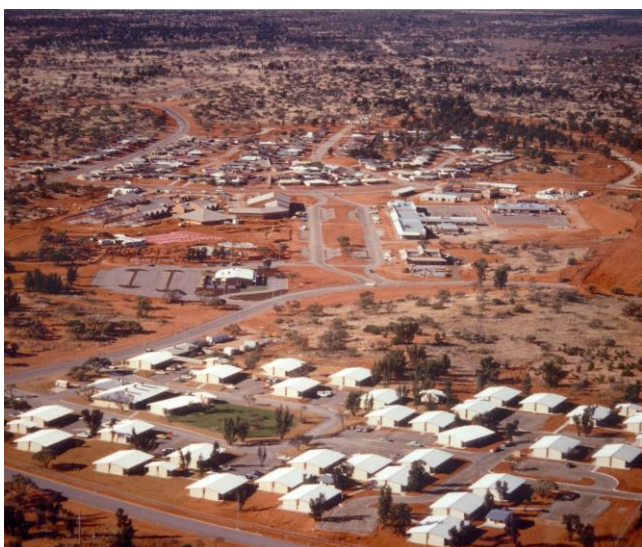
The Six Month Report card initiative was first introduced for the July-December 2017 period. It illustrates our ongoing commitment to inform the community and other interested stakeholders about progress in meeting the objectives of Council's Annual Business Plan and Budget and reporting Council-initiated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

This edition provides a snapshots of Council highlights during the period July-December 2018. 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.

We encourage you to provide feedback regarding this Six Month Report Card. Please feel free to do so by emailing us at:

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HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Road reseal and line marking completed for 3,017 linear road metres including Aquila Boulevard (from Stuart Road to Tiliqua Crescent), Planigale Drive, Santalum Way, Melia Street, Bolami Street and Pogona Court.
- ◆ Kerb and gutter works completed for Planigale Drive, Melia Street, Bolami Street, and Aquila Boulevard (from Stuart Road to Tiliqua Crescent).
- ◆ A new contract with a detailed scope of works for townscape maintenance and presentation was entered into with Stevens Resources Pty Ltd.
- ◆ 29 older street lights have been upgraded with LED fittings, and six walkway fittings have also been upgraded to LED.
- ◆ Sewerage pump station H upgraded to 'chopper' type pump to reduce ongoing blockage issues in subsection C.
- ◆ Roxby Water carried out weed control and commenced a clean out of dams at the sewer lagoons.



HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Town power maintenance: October saw the completion of a significant power maintenance project in collaboration with BHP. A 'tap down' was completed to rectify high voltages across the Roxby Downs network and to ensure full and consistent power supply.
- ◆ Scheduled electricity transformer maintenance to one third of the town's electricity network was completed. This included electrical and oil testing, checks for leaks, and visual inspections of terminals, transformer cases, and switchgear.



- ◆ 23 building developments were approved with a construction value of \$643,000. These developments primarily comprised of garages, carports, sheds, verandahs, and pergolas.
- ◆ The progress report on Council's 2014 Regional Health Plan was submitted to the SA Department of Health. The Regional Health Plan has a lifespan of five years. The development of the next plan will begin in the second half of 2019.
- ◆ Council is advancing in its strategic goal of improved management of its assets through the implementation of an Asset Management System.
- ◆ Completion of the upgrade of Council's Reception area to comply with disability access and work, health and safety requirements.

Council's external auditors provided an 'unqualified' audit report for both Council's General Purpose Financial Statements, and its internal controls for FY18. The 'unqualified' status is an important indicator and serves as a measure of good health in terms of Council's policies, procedures, and general governance framework.

HIGHLIGHTS - Community

- ◆ Introduction of one-off event nights in the Community Youth Centre (CYC) including Footy and Pizza Nights, Messy Foods Night, and Chinese Themed Night, each attracting more than 60 youth on average. Members of the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) helped with organizing several of these events.
- ◆ The YAC purchased new air hockey and foosball tables for the CYC from funds they raised through various events they have organised.
- ◆ The Roxbylink Community Library celebrated its fifth birthday September 19.
- ◆ 10 virtual reality STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) kits were made available and have been used by 357 school aged children as well as adults.
- ◆ Introduced three new programs for the community: 'Make It Monday' (which replaced 'Monday Art Classes'), 'Baby Bounce' (a fun and interactive session with songs and rhymes for children aged 0-2 and their caregivers), and 'English Conversation Group' (which gives residents the ability to practice and gain confidence in speaking English).
- ◆ The weekly Lego Club was relocated to the library resulting in an increase in numbers, with 97 attendees across the two weekly sessions during November.
- ◆ Partnered with Strengthening Our Families to run a Dads and Kids Storytime session in November, with plans for future sessions in 2019.

Community JULY - DEC 2018



3,010

ATTENDANCE

Includes Drop-In, Youth Activities and Events at the CYC

880 Attended school holiday programs at the CYC



333 Attended school holiday programs at the Community Library



HIGHLIGHTS – Community

- ◆ International Volunteers Day 2018 - celebrated and paid tribute to local volunteers in December with a free movie screening of 'A Star Is Born'.
- ◆ Community events supported by Council - World Food and Music Festival 2018, Christmas Show N Shine (which replaced Festival of Trees), NAIDOC Day, and Roxby Downs/Olympic Dam 30th anniversary celebrations.
- ◆ Community Foodies program - present at Market Days and Toddler Storytime, and hosted food education activities.
- ◆ Nature Play Festival – Council collaborated with Strengthening our Families, Mining Minds, and Arid Recovery for this event, which had over 300 adults and children in attendance.



HIGHLIGHTS – Lifestyle and Sport

- ◆ General revenue for Roxbylink increased during the July-Dec 2018 compared to the previous reporting period (Jan-June 2018). The main increase in revenue was attributable to functions hosted across the Roxbylink complex.
- ◆ The town ovals were the base for several events during this six month period: the annual Roxby Downs Desert Dash, Roxby Downs Area School (RDAS) and St Barbara's Parish School's sports days and the RDAS Parents and Friends' Paws and Prams event and the Roxby Downs/Olympic Dam 30th Anniversary festivities and concert.
- ◆ Stadium One floor resurface was completed and is now fit for purpose and expected to meet requirements for the next 8-10 years with regular scheduled maintenance. The stadium's roof and air conditioning repairs/replacements were also completed.
- ◆ Collaborated with BHP on coordination and hosting of the largest event of 2018 – the Roxby Downs/Olympic Dam 30th anniversary celebrations.
- ◆ Successful and well attended concerts from Kasey Chambers and Adam Page
- ◆ Major Events: Hosted and catered for BHP's Service Awards (approx. 140 attendees) and Leaders Forums (2 x 150 attendees). Also hosted the BHP end of year functions (2 x 450 attendees).
- ◆ Hosted and catered a number of community and promotional events including:
 - ▶ Hornridge Sporting Club 21st Reunion
 - ▶ Roxby Downs Business Forum's Business Longevity Awards
 - ▶ Roxby Downs Netball Association dinner
 - ▶ The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AUSIMM) branch dinner
 - ▶ Roxby Travel canape night



* 30th anniversary fireworks photo sourced from BHP Olympic Dam Facebook page

Community Consultation and Communications

The July to December 2018 period saw the implementation and completion of 2 significant Community Consultations.

- ◆ The proposal to develop a Pump Track on the corner of Burgoyne Street and Olympic Way.
 - 100 online surveys completed indicating design preferences and community priorities for the project.

- ◆ The proposal to upgrade the Hermit St playground to a nature play space.
 - 78 responses from the community indicating a genuine desire for the proposed upgrade to take place.
 - A design brief is now being developed for the redevelopment of the Hermit Street playground to engage an experienced nature play design company.



FACEBOOK - ROXBY COUNCIL			
PAGE LIKES	July - Dec 2018	Jan - June 2018	July - Dec 2017
	1040	835	681

FACEBOOK - ROXBYLINK			
PAGE LIKES	July - Dec 2018	Jan - June 2018	July - Dec 2017
	756	658	539

Combining face to face community information sessions and hard copy surveys with online formats has proven to be highly successful.



Roxbylink – 180 followers

July-Dec 2018 saw Roxbylink introduce an Instagram page as a new means of marketing events, activities and Dunes café menu highlights.

HOW ARE PEOPLE LANDING AT THE ROXBY COUNCIL WEBSITE		
	July-Dec 2018	July-Dec 2017
Organic eg: via search engine result	58,797	51,397
Social eg: via Facebook, Instagram	1,462	749
Referral eg: via another site	1,349	1,572

HIGHLIGHTS – Animal Management

◆ Dog and Cat Management:

- New laws for cat and dog owners came into effect on 1 July 2018. These laws included mandatory microchipping, desexing requirements, and new laws for breeders who sell dogs and cats.
- In response to the new laws, Council held a Chip Blitz day in collaboration with the Chip Blitz SA Program and Redgum Vets offering reduced cost microchipping for local pets. A total of 68 dogs and cats were microchipped over the two days.
- July also saw the introduction of Dogs and Cats Online (DACO), a state-wide database for the registration of pets.



Roxy pets at the Chip Blitz Event

- ◆ FY19 has seen an increase in dog and cat registrations with a total of 701 animals registered up to the end of December 2018 (575 dogs), whilst in FY18 there were only 532 dog registrations.

- ◆ A significant challenge for Council was faced in the latter part of 2018 which saw an increase in the number of wandering dogs and reports of dog attacks. Council swiftly responded to these issues with a public awareness campaign and legislative advice and support from the Dog and Cat Management Board. The support of dog owners in responding to these challenges was appreciated.



ONGOING AND UPCOMING PROJECTS:

- ◆ Replacement of dilapidated permapine fencing at the town oval with comfortable, durable plastic seating.
- ◆ Multipurpose pump track – finalise the design of the pump track and liaise with local contracting companies interested in assisting with the construction of the pump track.
- ◆ Upgrades of leisure centre (painting), squash courts (resurfacing walls), and auditorium (replacing big screen, installation of projector, and replacing stage lighting control systems).
- ◆ New exit ramp for Stadium Two to meet disability access standards and enable pram friendly entrance options.
- ◆ Development of Council's Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget for FY20 which is expected to be published in May 2019. This document will outline Council's proposed objectives and projects for this period, and how these will be funded.
- ◆ Concept plan development and implementation of the Hermit Street Playground redevelopment to a Nature Play Space.
- ◆ Council continues to liaise with BHP regarding the release of land for the purpose of providing the community with an off-leash dog park.



- ◆ Community Consultations:
 - ▶ The proposed upgrade of the Richardson Place public facilities.
 - ▶ Upgrade of the Richardson Place rotunda.
 - ▶ Upgrade of the Lions Park family area and playground.
- ◆ Community events to be supported by Council to include: Harmony Day (March), Clean Up Australia Day (March), South Australia Youth Week (April), Happy Healthy Expo (May), and White Ribbon Day (November).
- ◆ Roxby Downs Youth Summit and Youth Leadership in Action Program.
- ◆ Implementation of an Asset Management System.