



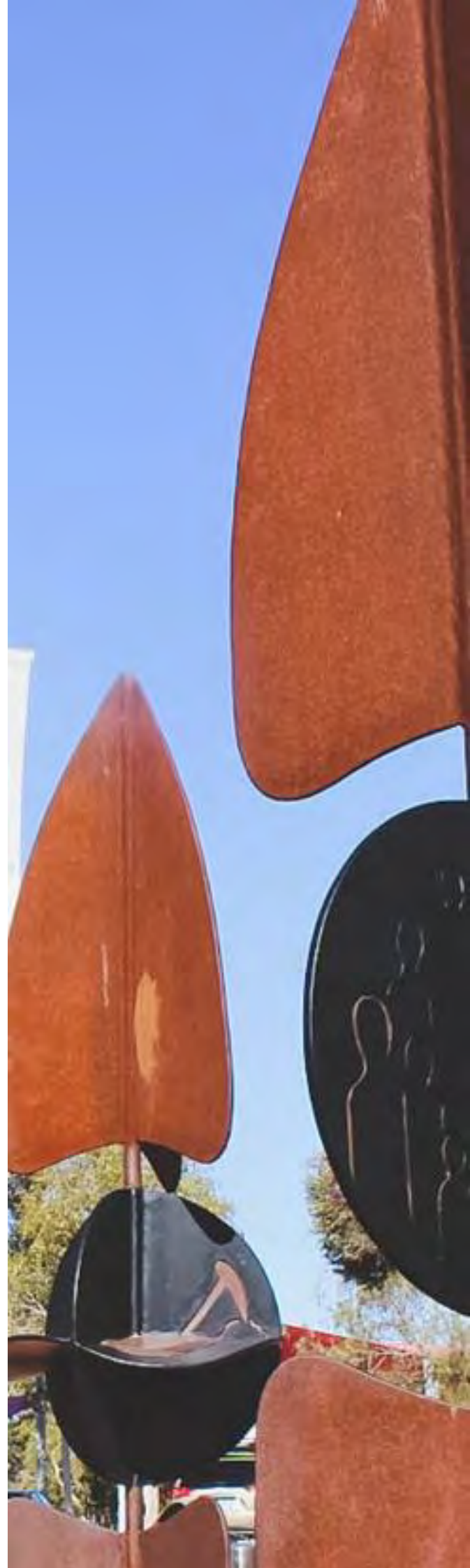
ROXBY DOWNS COUNCIL

SIX MONTH
REPORT
CARD
July - December 2017



This Six Month Report Card provides an overview of Council's achievements during the July to December 2017 period. We also report upon 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.

The Six Month Report Card is another initiative, together with an updated website, Facebook page and weekly radio segment, to help better inform our community. Council meetings, held on the last Wednesday each month, are open to the public.



Introduction:

◆ A period of major change in governance for Roxby Council:

In February 2017, Mr. Geoff Whitbread was officially appointed as the Administrator of the Council by the State Government after acting in the role since May 2016. This 3 year appointment was the first step in improving the governance structure of the Council as recommended by a Governance Review Panel commissioned by the State.

July 2017 the Administrator appointed Mr. Roy Blight, an experienced local government Chief Executive as the inaugural CE. The Chief Executive is responsible for the overall management of the Council's affairs and the Administrator carries out the functions of the Council. The Chief Executive is responsible to the Council (Administrator). The Administrator is now a part-time role.

These appointments effectively separate governance and decision making from the day to day operations of the Council and will lead to increased transparency and accountability.

The ongoing transition from the 'old' to 'new' Council structure has had both positive and challenging impacts upon Council activity and business. Council has also faced the inevitable hurdle of staff turnover which in itself presents loss of resources, valuable skills and corporate memory. Staff turnover in regional communities, particularly those based around mining tends to be high.

◆ The challenge of a major mine shutdown:

The BHP mine shutdown created a number of challenges for the town. This saw BHP invest over \$350 million to the upgrade of a smelter and other infrastructure at the Olympic Dam mine. The BHP Project commenced in August 2017 and "needed an extra 3100 contractors and workers on site on top of the regular workforce of 3500, [it] had been the biggest planned shutdown at Olympic Dam in its 30-year history of operations." Jacqui McGill, Olympic Dam Asset President. Financial Review, Feb 8, 2018.

For the Council this necessitated the development of a temporary camp for the large temporary workforce, increased supply of power and water, and additional challenges in terms of sewerage management. Furthermore, the momentary, yet significant increase in population did have an impact upon town presentation – significant increases in discarded waste presented extra challenges during the shutdown period.



H I G H L I G H T S

Community land lease public consultations

4 community land leases went to public consultation. A further 10 year tenure was proposed.

- Roxby Desert Motocross Club
- Roxby Downs Sporting Car Club
- Roxby Downs Bowling Club
- Roxby Downs and Districts Racing Club

- ◆ The enormously popular splash pad at Roxbylink opened for the first time providing a new safe aquatic play space with water jets/sprays and tipping bucket.
- ◆ A \$1.4m turnaround in Council expenditure and cost savings and an external audit giving the Council a 'clean bill of health'.
- ◆ A reduced cost focus allowed for a zero increase in residential rates (actual decrease of -2.1 per cent including inflation), power and water.
- ◆ New 5 year contracts awarded for electricity operations support services (Enerven Energy Infrastructure) and water operations support services (Cowell Electric Supply).
- ◆ Resealing of Richardson Place and a number of residential roads.
- ◆ A grant from the State Government has been secured to establish an Emu Walk and Hermit Street Playground Extension Project.

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- ◆ The Roxby Junior Sports Academy (RJSA) was launched. With sporting participation rates in Roxby Downs amongst the highest in the State the RJSA will provide talented athletes with increased sporting opportunities and professional support in identifying clear talent pathways for the future.
- ◆ A site was selected for the development of a Scout Hall funded by Scouts SA for the Roxby Downs Scouts. A lease for land next to the CFS has been approved and will see Scouts now able to move forward with confidence to develop momentum and a long-term base for members.
- ◆ Roxbylink registered and was accepted into the BHP Local Buying Program. The program was established to support local communities by helping small business engage with BHP as a supplier.
- ◆ Establishment of a free program - 'Self-Sufficiency in the Suburbs' to offer Roxby Downs' residents' free access to sustainable living training and resources.

Completion of the Richardson Place upgrade

- ▶ Increased shade over green areas
- ▶ New picnic furniture, seating and tables, improving amenity and function of median area.
- ▶ Improvements in functionality of parking and increased disability access.
- ▶ Upgrades to street lighting to improve energy efficiency and lighting quality.
- ▶ Improving street planting by supplementation of existing footpath planters with more water and shade suitable species.





KEY NUMBERS



- ◆ 10,140 library items circulated.
- ◆ 632 library holiday programs.
- ◆ Roxby Council page Facebook likes increased to 680.
- ◆ The number of returning users of the Roxby Council website increased 14.72% from 12,930 to 14,833.*
**Dec 29, 2016-Jun 30, 2017 compared to period of July 1, 2017 to Dec 31, 2017.*
- ◆ Dunes Café sales increased by 14% with 12,709 meals sold.
- ◆ The Visitor Information Centre received 2,065 visitors.
- ◆ Roxbylink aquatics turned over 4,572 casual transactions.
- ◆ Pulse Fitness had 9,527 gym membership attendances.
- ◆ Roxbylink Sport & Recreation assisted sporting clubs in securing \$40,000 worth of Active Club grants.

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- ◆ Collaboration with Roxby Downs Community Board and forums to have a more effective and participatory role in the community.
- ◆ Partnerships with Roxby Downs Area School and St. Barbara's Parish School - Emu Walk and Hermit Street Playground Extension Project, Pump Track and Dog Park proposals.
- ◆ Complete review of household waste management services.
- ◆ Stadium resurface to one court at Roxbylink partly funded by a State Government grant.
- ◆ Resurfacing of the Indoor and Outdoor pools and waterslide area.
- ◆ Increased management strategies for Little Corella impact upon infrastructure and sport and recreation playing surfaces.
- ◆ Installation of a standby power generator for the town water supply.
- ◆ Continuing programed water quality testing to ensure both household and recycled water is maintained at the highest quality.
- ◆ Introduction of improved scheduling mechanisms for town maintenance and asset replacement.



ROXBY COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES AND SERVICES:

Municipal Services:

There are many services that Councils provide by law – Roxby Council Municipal services include:

- ◆ Supply of power via Roxby Power
- ◆ Supply of household water and sewer via Roxby Water
- ◆ Building, assets, and infrastructure
- ◆ Town presentation and horticulture
- ◆ Civil Works
- ◆ Community development and engagement
- ◆ Animal management
- ◆ Contract performance and integrity
- ◆ Grants and funding
- ◆ Records management
- ◆ Human resource management
- ◆ Debtor and creditor management
- ◆ Long term financial plans
- ◆ Information and communication management systems
- ◆ Waste management and resource recovery
- ◆ Governance, statutory compliance, and reporting
- ◆ Environmental programs
- ◆ Registers and policies
- ◆ Indigenous recognition
- ◆ Services SA and housing
- ◆ Purchasing and procurement
- ◆ Accounting and finance
- ◆ Contracts register
- ◆ Rates administration
- ◆ Annual business plan and budget
- ◆ Audit management
- ◆ Building and planning assessments
- ◆ Worker and public health & safety

Roxbylink:

Roxby Council also manages and operates Roxbylink where responsibilities and services include:

- ◆ Managing and maintaining sporting and recreation facilities and grounds
- ◆ STARCLUB Club Development Program
- ◆ Dunes Café
- ◆ Gym
- ◆ Art Gallery
- ◆ Visitor Information Centre
- ◆ Roxby Junior Sports Academy
- ◆ Crèche
- ◆ Visitor information centre
- ◆ Cinema
- ◆ Auditorium
- ◆ Community youth centre and youth development
- ◆ Library
- ◆ Aquatic facilities (including the Splashpad)
- ◆ Golf course operations
- ◆ Leases and licenses for Council land
- ◆ Sport & recreation program development
- ◆ Promotion, events, and tourism
- ◆ Facility planning and development
- ◆ Playground planning and development
- ◆ Arts and culture
- ◆ Alcohol licensing permits