Pederick welcomes agriculture white paper's 2015 release

Acting shadow representative for agriculture Adrian Pederick has welcomed the Abbott Government's $4 billion investment in agriculture as a major win for the South Australian economy and the agribusiness sector in particular.

The Agricultural Competitiveness White Paper released by Agriculture Minister Barnaby Joyce, sets out a long-term industry growth plan for agriculture aimed at encouraging investment, improving risk management and giving farmers access to new technologies and emerging markets.

"This vote of confidence from the Abbott Coalition Government has come at a crucial time for South Australia's agribusiness sector and the struggling State economy," said Mr Pederick.

"With the contraction of the State's manufacturing sector agriculture will become even more important in South Australia's economic future."

In particular, the State Liberals commended Minister Joyce's recommitment to making concessional loans more accessible to drought affected farmers – an area where the Weatherill Labor Government has recently been criticised for its handling of applications.

Mr Pederick also praised new tax relief measures designed to improve the financial security that farmers need to confidently manage their business.

"The doubling of farm management deposits recognises the fluctuating nature of this industry – farmers need to be able to put money away on a rainy day and call on it in dry spells," said Mr Pederick.

"Income tax averaging is an essential tool to smooth out those inconsistencies.

"In an extension to the small business stimulus announced in the recent federal budget, Minister Joyce will deliver further tax relief for farmers with the immediate cost deduction of new fencing, accelerated depreciation on new on-farm fodder storage and first year tax deductions for new on-farm water infrastructure.

"This paper goes a long way in allowing those businesses to prepare their operations and their finances for drought.

"Ultimately, the objective is to make agriculture in South Australia more competitive in the global market place.

"This long-term blue print delivers important tools for the agribusiness sector and I implore the Weatherill Labor Government to facilitate the application of these initiatives in South Australia."

Meanwhile struggling regions within the Wimmera and Mallee will see benefits as a result of the new White Paper, according to the Member for Mallee Andrew Broad.

Mr Broad said drought was one of the biggest challenges farmers face and it has a significant impact on their productivity, income and wellbeing.

"For the last 18 months, the Government has been listening to farmers, learning about their challenges and what they need to remain on the land and from this, the White Paper has been developed," he said.

"The paper has many new and practical initiatives that farmers can access, not only in terms of drought but also to manage and minimise other risks that they face."

Pinnaroo community grants open for local ventures and projects

By JEN WESTPHALEN

It is another exciting time for our community as the Pinnaroo Community Inc committee announce the availability of a substantial amount of grant money becoming available again.

These funds come from rental of shops in The Victoria Building complex.

The committee's aim is to feed back financially to projects that support community organisations.

Refer to advert in this paper.

The Mallee Arts Group will be using the shop known as 'The Hub' on a regular basis to meet and greet and share local talents in this field.

With only one shop not being used currently, a local young lady has announced she is living her dream and is about to bestow upon us a new business venture in the very near future.

She will share with us her expertise in hairdressing.

Butchers, Kane and Shell have on offer home made, pre-packed dinners to takeaway on these cold nights.

Peter Sporn and Barry Sharrad have been working to rectify the ongoing damp problem in the building.

Kinnaird Cleaners continue to keep the foyer area clean as a donation.

Karl Kehl Painting has been employed to give the facade a fresh coat of paint to maintain this area.

We can expect a visit from Trade Winds Gear on July 16 and 17 in the Hub.

Pop in and say hello to Bill and peruse his ladies fashions and material pieces.

Keep in mind new members to the PCI committee are always welcome and remember the Victoria Buildings are owned by you, the people whom have contributed in many ways.

Dental clinic plans

A dental clinic at Lameroo is one step closer now that the Southern Mallee District Council has decided to draw up a lease which will factor in the $20,000 needed for the upgrade of the facility.

The council's support is contingent of a full cost recovery process.

Acting chief executive officer Neville Gasmier said access to good quality dental and medical services was "absolutely imperative" for any community, and the need for new technology necessary in any industry.

The proposal has been flagged by Dr Anna Puzio who states in an email to the council's manager of environment and planning that a Lameroo clinic could start operating as soon as all formalities are sorted out.

Southern Mallee budget passed

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The council has announced good news for those who pay their rates early – a 5 per cent discount if rates are paid in full by September 7, 2015.

Rates can be paid in four equal instalments with the instalments falling due on September 7, 2015, December 7, 2015, March 8, 2016 and June 7, 2016.

Acting chief executive officer Neville Gasmier said the result will be a balanced one for the region.

"The council has commenced a journey of prudent financial management and sustainability and this will be the first budget for a number of years that is endeavouring to produce a balanced result for the community," Mr Gasmier said.

Electoral Representation Review
Mildura Rural City Council

The Victorian Electoral Commission is carrying out an electoral representation review of Mildura Rural City Council and wants your input.

The review will ensure fair and equitable representation for all voters in the municipality by assessing:

- the appropriate number of councillors
- whether the municipality should be split into wards or be unsubdivided and
- if subdivided, the number of wards, ward boundaries, the number of councillors per ward and ward names.

Public input is a vital part of the review process, providing valuable local perspectives and knowledge.

Anyone can take part through making a written submission. Preliminary submissions are now open.

How to make a submission

Preliminary submissions must reach the VEC by 5.00 pm on Wednesday 12 August. Submissions can be made via:

the online submission form at vec.vic.gov.au

email at mildura.review@vec.vic.gov.au

post to Victorian Electoral Commission Level 11, 530 Collins Street Melbourne VIC 3000

fax to (03) 9629 8632

Guide for Submissions

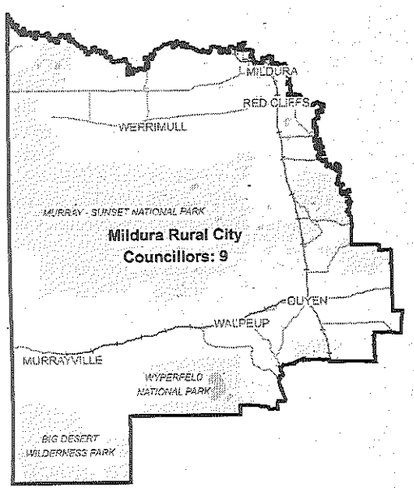
The VEC has prepared a Guide for Submissions with all the key dates and details to help you prepare your submission.

The Guide is available at vec.vic.gov.au or by calling 131 832.

Public information session

- 7.00 pm Wednesday 22 July
  Council & Committee Rooms
  Civic Building
  76-84 Deakin Avenue
  Mildura

Your submission will help inform the preliminary report that will be released on Wednesday 9 September, outlining options for the electoral structure of Mildura Rural City Council.



Preliminary submissions close Wednesday 12 August

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6. Open-mouthed
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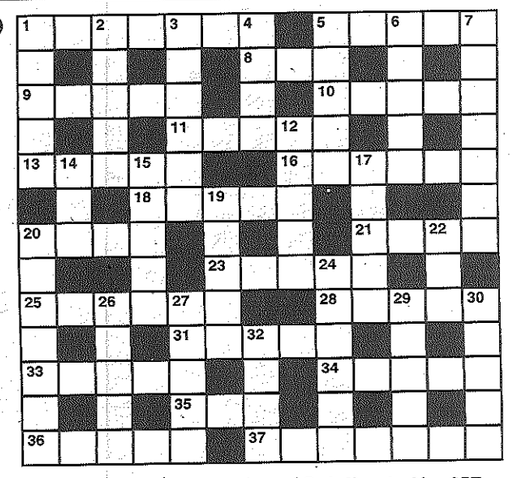

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