



## Sign the petition to Save Council Rates Concessions

Naracoorte Lucindale Council is joining Councils across South Australia seeking reinstatement of concessions on Council rates. If you support this objective, please help us.

On 14 May 2014 the Australian Government announced its decision to cut the National Partnership Agreement on Certain Concession Card and Senior Card Holders (NPA).

This Federal Agreement provided approximately \$27.7 million in funding for the 2013/14 financial year to cover all concessions to part pensioners within South Australia. It ended last financial year. The State Government maintained Council Rate Concessions paid under the South Australian Rates and Land Tax Remission Act 1986 this financial year, however it has also announced it will stop concessions on rates at the end of this financial year.

The relationship between these two decisions has been the subject of much comment by State and Federal politicians.

The concession is \$190 for pensioners and concession card holders and \$100 for self-funded retirees. The Local Government Association estimates that 160,000 South Australians, or one in 10 will be affected by the proposed cuts. So if it does not affect you, then it may well affect your parents, grandparents or other relatives.

Council is not in a position to pick up the concessions and to do so would create significant inequity between Councils with high numbers of pensioners and those with low numbers as remaining ratepayers would have to contribute more rates to fund them.

What can you do about it? You can sign the state-wide petition which is available until Monday 18 May 2015 at: Naracoorte Council office, Lucindale Post Office, Naracoorte Public Library, Naracoorte Visitor Information Centre and Naracoorte Town Hall.

It is a hard copy petition (not online) as it must be signed for it to be tabled in the SA Parliament where we want your voice to be heard.

## Cadgee Road

Cadgee Road from Wild Dog Valley Road to Burkes Road has been widened to accommodate bike lanes along this section of the road. Cadgee Road is regularly used by recreational cyclists and is part of a number of sealed roads loops used by cyclists in and around Naracoorte.

The road widening allows cyclists and vehicles to better share the road and makes the road over the hill safer for both cyclists and motorists.

The land was constructed in one day using a profiler (see image below) which excavates to a prescribed depth and width. The surface will be sealed during April.



The surplus material has been used on the McMillan Road extension to provide access to Wild Dog Valley Road.

A grant of \$66,403 from the State Bicycle Fund and Black Spot Program supported this project. More funding is being sought to continue the bike lanes into Naracoorte.

A grant of \$12,500 from the State Bicycle Fund and Black Spot Program is being used to update the Naracoorte Township Bike Walking Path Master Plan to identify opportunities to improve cycling safety across the district.

These projects support the achievement of Council's strategic plan outcomes of a "Healthy and resilient community" and "A safe and integrated transport network".





### Robertson Street Upgrade, Naracoorte

The upgrade of Robertson Street from Rolland to Jones Streets has commenced. The next stage of work includes:

- demolition of the existing road surface, kerb and footpath
- removal of old stormwater pipelines and structures and install new stormwater pipelines
- install a new road surface, kerb and gutters
- construct a new paved footpath and reinstate driveways
- installation of tree planter boxes

This will complement the work undertaken by SA Power Networks in conjunction with Council to underground powerlines on this section of Robertson Street. The undergrounding of powerlines was part funded by the Power Line Environment Committee.



This work commenced in November 2014 following Council entering into an agreement with SA Power Networks. This is stage one of what is anticipated to be a three stage project to complete the undergrounding of powerlines on the full length of Robertson Street.

*“The objective of the Robertson Street area upgrade is to not only improve the aesthetics by undergrounding powerlines but to also coincide critical infrastructure works so that efficiencies and cost savings can be gained and avoiding duplication of effort in the future”,* Mayor Erika Vickery said.

*“Robertson Street is an important component of the Naracoorte CBD. It provides essential car parking and access to a number of businesses. Council identified that streetscape improvements could potentially improve the attractiveness of the area and may lead to economic growth in future years”,* Mayor Erika Vickery said.

Significant planning and consultation occurred in the lead up to this project. In April 2013 a public meeting was held at the Naracoorte Town Hall where information on the concept plans for upgrading Robertson Street were provided. Council officers also consulted with key stakeholders and the general public on the concept plans.

A final design was completed taking into consideration the feedback that was received.

### Recycle Right

Recycle right by taking lids of bottles and placing these in the waste bin along with other non-recyclables.

