



Renmark Paringa Council

Press Release

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Renmark Paringa Council - Argo Barge

Renmark Paringa Council would like to advise that we became aware of the Argo Barge submergence on Sunday 8 September 2019 in the afternoon. It is believed that the Argo Barge vessel began taking on water sometime between 12 noon and 3.30pm on Sunday 8 September 2019 when it was reported to SA Police. By 3.45pm it was reported that the vessel was completely submerged. The exact reason for the vessel sinking is not completely known, however at this stage the strong winds which occurred during the course of the day could have been a contributing factor.

Council is currently in discussions with SA Water, DPTI Marine Services, Safe Work SA and it's insurers about the options available to Council in relation to the Argo Barge. As the owner of the vessel it is Council's responsibility to deal with this issue and the first priority was the secure the site as much as possible from land and water.

Council's insurers will be on site tomorrow 10 September 2019 to evaluate the situation and once options are known to Council on how to proceed we will continue to keep the community informed on the situation.

All media enquiries are to be directed to Chief Executive Officer Tony Siviour via his Executive Assistant Claire Victor on 8580 3000 or email cvictor@renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au

Thank you.