MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MAIN STREET, CAMBRAI
ON TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2015

1. PRESENT

2. IN ATTENDANCE
Mr R J Peate, Chief Executive Officer,
Mrs R A Dunstall, Acting Director, Corporate & Financial Services,
Mr P A Graves, Director, Development & Environmental Services,
Mr G R Hill, Director, Infrastructure Services,
Mr S P Thompson, Director, Community Services,
Mrs R G Sloper, Minute Secretary.

3. COMMENCEMENT AND WELCOME
9-30 A M  The Mayor declared the meeting open and welcomed all present.

4. APOLOGIES
Were received from Cr B Schmitt & Cr B Taylor.
17500/1 Cr Myers moved that the apology be received. Seconded Cr Sakko. CARRIED.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Cr Wilkinson declared an interest under Section 74 of the Local Government Act in Item 9.3.3 as he is a member of the Mannum Rowing Club.

Cr Hall declared an interest under Section 74 of the Local Government Act in Item 9.3.3 as he is a member of the Mannum RSL.

Cr Myers declared an interest under Section 74 of the Local Government Act in Item 9.5.15 as he is the Council representative on the Mannum Dock Museum Board.

Cr Sakko declared an interest under Section 74 of the Local Government Act in Item 9.5.3 as he is a member of the Nildottie Progress Committee.
6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

(Page 17418 and Confidential Minutes Page 1189 – 8/9/2015)

17501/1 Cr Wilkinson moved that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 8 September 2015, be taken as read and confirmed.
Seconded Cr Hall. CARRIED.

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Question:

Gavin Smith asked if Council would consider a policy to support the provision of drinking water prior to the fire danger season to those property owners affected by the Eden Valley fires who only have water tanks.

17501/2 Cr Myers moved Council investigate all avenues for the provision of drinking water prior to the fire danger season to those property owners affected by the Eden Valley fires.
Seconded Cr Raison. CARRIED.

8. BUSINESS DEFERRED

Nil.

9. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT See Minute Book Pages 17526 – 17541.

17501/3 Cr Sakko moved that the report be received.
Seconded Cr Wilkinson. CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT

9.1.3 Road Closures for Mannum Christmas Pageant and Street Party

17501/4 Cr Myers moved that

(1) Council approval be granted to enable the Mannum Christmas Pageant and Street Party to be held on Saturday 5 December 2015 subject to the general conditions applicable to the Council’s Special Event permit and that the roads detailed below be closed to all vehicular traffic other than vehicles associated with the Mannum Progress/Promotions: -

(a) Christmas Pageant Road Closures from 5-00pm until 7-45pm on Saturday 5 December 2015.
   - Randell Road - Berryman Ave/Walker Street
   - Randell Road - King George Street
   - Randell Road - Parker/David Streets (emergency access only to hospital only)
   - Randell Road - Esmeralda/Williams Streets
BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT CONT’D

9.1.3 Road Closures for Mannum Christmas Pageant and Street Party Cont’d

- Randell Street - Trewartha Street
- Randell Street - Wattle Street
- Randell Street - Schuetze Street
- Randell Street - McLaren Street
- Randell Street - to the southern side of the ferry approach road.

(b) Christmas Street Party from 7-45pm until 10-00pm on Saturday 5 December 2015:
- Randell Road - Esmeralda/William Streets
- Randell Road - Trewartha Street
- Randell Road - Wattle Street
- Randell Road - Schuetze Street

(2) the SA Police be advised that Council agrees with the proposed road closures as detailed above and be requested to proceed with the necessary road closure order and that the following Australian Road Rules Exemptions and Conditions be sought:

Australian Road Rules Exemption and Conditions
Rule 221: Using hazard warning lights;
Rule 230: Crossing a road – general;
Rule 237: Getting on or into a moving vehicle;
Rule 238: Pedestrians travelling along a road; (except in or on a wheeled recreational device or toy);
Rule 250: Riding on a footpath or shared path;
Rule 264: Wearing of seatbelts by drivers;
Rule 265: Wearing of seatbelts by passengers under 16 years old;
Rule 266: How persons must travel in or on a motor vehicle;
Rule 269: Opening doors and getting out of a vehicle etc; and
Rule 298: Driving with a person in a trailer.

Conditions of Exemptions
Rule 237: Provided the vehicle does not exceed 5km/hr;
Rule 264: Provided the speed of the vehicle does not exceed 5km/hr;
Rule 265: Provided the speed of the vehicle does not exceed 5km/hr;
Rule 268: Provided the speed of the vehicle does not exceed 5km/hr;
Rule 269: Provided the speed of the vehicle does not exceed 5km/hr; and
Rule 298: Provided the speed of the vehicle does not exceed 5km/hr;

(3) Council approval be granted to close the Shearer Car Park from 6-00am until 10-00pm on 5 December 2015

(4) Approval be granted for Temporary Parking controls to apply:
- along the Western (Post Office) side of Randell Street from the start of Randell Street to the Institute building from 2-00 pm until 10-00 pm on 5 December 2015
- both sides of Walker Avenue from Adelaide Road to Gargie Street from 4-00 pm until 6-00 pm on 5 December 2015

(5) Subject to the issue of the road closure order referred to in (2) above, Council employees be authorised to erect the necessary road signs and barricades.

Seconded Cr Kuhn.  CARRIED.
BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT CONT’D

9.1.4 Rubble Royalties

17503/1 Cr Hall moved that the Rubble Royalties report be received. Seconded Cr Raison. CARRIED.

9.1.5 Special Local Roads Funding for Murraylands and Purnong Roads

17503/2 Cr Wilkinson moved that the report regarding Special Local Roads Funding Murraylands and Purnong Roads be received. Seconded Cr Hall. CARRIED.

9.1.6 Eudunda Road (Truro-Eudunda Road) Geotechnical Engineers Report

17503/3 Cr Raison moved the report regarding Eudunda Road (Truro-Eudunda Road) Geotechnical Engineer’s Report be received. Seconded Cr Myers. CARRIED.

9.1.7 Local Area Strategic Bicycle Plan

17503/4 Cr Jennings moved that the Local Area Strategic Bicycle Plan report be received. Seconded Cr Sakko. CARRIED.

9.2 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

See Minute Book Pages 17542 – 17554.

17503/5 Cr Myers moved that the report be received. Seconded Cr Raison. CARRIED.

9-54 A M Geoff Parsons, Manager - Development Services attended the meeting

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT

9.2.1 Application to Consent to the Deposit of a Plan of Division – Land Division 711/D009/15 – BJ & NJ Newman

17503/6 Cr Raison moved that pursuant to Sections 38 & 44 of the Local Government Act 1999, Council authorises the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to execute under the common seal of Council the Consent for the Deposit of a Plan of Division for Land Division Application 711/D009/15. Furthermore, the owner/developer must pay all costs associated with the drafting of the documents and the subsequent lodgement and processing/production fees. Seconded Cr Hall. CARRIED.
BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT CONT’D

9.2.2 Planning, Development & Infrastructure Bill 2015

17504/1 Cr Raison moved that

(1) Council endorses the attached submission in relation to the “Planning, Development & Infrastructure Bill 2015”; and

(2) Council delegates authority to the Manager – Development Services to finalise and lodge the submission, incorporating any comments from Elected Members and Senior/Planning Staff.

Seconded Cr Wilkinson.

CARRIED.

9.2.3 Community Plan Update

17504/2 Cr Jennings moved that the report on the status of the Community Plan be received.

Seconded Cr Myers.

CARRIED.

9.2.5 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS – T & G BRENNAN, LOT 501, EAST FRONT ROAD, COWIRRA, HUNDRED OF YOUNGHUSBAND

Confidential item pursuant to Section 90 –

90(3)(g) and (h) –

(g) matters that must be considered in confidence in order to ensure that the council does not breach any law, order or direction of a court or tribunal constituted by law, any duty of confidence, or other legal obligation or duty;

(h) legal advice.

10-16 A M

17504/3 Cr Myers moved that

(1) Under the provision of Section 90(2) and (3)(g) and (h) of the Local Government Act 1999 an order be made that with the exception of Mr Russell Peate, Mrs Robyn Dunstall, Mr Peter Graves, Mr Greg Hill, Mr Shane Thompson, Mr Geoff Parsons and Mrs Rose Sloper, all other persons present and the public be excluded from attendance at the meeting in order to receive a report and to consider matters under Section 90(3)(g) and (h).

(2) The Mid Murray Council is satisfied that it is reasonably foreseeable that the public disclosure or discussion of the information at the meeting could cause significant damage to the interest of Council, because of the public disclosure or discussion relating to the subject could reasonably be expected to present an unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person.

(3) Accordingly, on this basis, the principle that meetings of Mid Murray Council should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the discussion confidential.

Seconded Cr Raison.

CARRIED.
9.2.5 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS – T & G BRENNAN, LOT 501, EAST FRONT ROAD, COWIRRA, HUNDRED OF YOUNGHUSBAND CONT’D

10-27 A M
17505/1 Cr Raison moved that pursuant to Section 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council orders that Confidential Minutes Pages 1198 – 1201 of the meeting held on 13 October 2015, the Development & Environmental Services Report item 9.2.5 (Enforcement Proceedings – T & G Brennan, Lot 501, East Front Road, Cowirra, Hundred of Younghusband) and attachments and all discussions relating to the matter which was considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(g) and (h) remain confidential and not available for public inspection until legal proceedings are concluded.
Seconded Cr Sakko.

CARRIED.

10-28 A M  Geoff Parsons, Manager - Development Services left the meeting.

9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT  See Minute Book Pages 17555 – 17586.

17505/2 Cr Myers moved that the report be received.
Seconded Cr Sakko.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT

9.3.1 Director, Community Services Quarterly Report

17505/3 Cr Jennings moved that the Director Community Services Quarterly Report be received.
Seconded Cr Wilkinson.

CARRIED.

9.3.2 Mid Murray Family Connections Grants

17505/4 Cr Jennings moved that Council receives the report and congratulates Mid Murray Family Connections on being awarded both the Community Benefit SA and Local Government Association Research and Development Fund.
Seconded Cr Myers.

CARRIED.

9.3.3 Mannum Rowing Club Lease

17505/5 Cr Raison moved that Council endorse the Lease with the Mannum Rowing Club and it be released for public consultation for 21 days.
Seconded Cr Hall.

CARRIED.

9.3.4 Blanchetown Internet & Information Centre Quarterly Update

17505/6 Cr Jennings moved that the Blanchetown Internet & Information Centre Quarterly Update report be received.
Seconded Cr Myers.

CARRIED.
BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT CONT’D

9.3.5 Morgan Library Quarterly Update

17506/1 Cr Myers moved that the Morgan Library Quarterly Update report be received. Seconded Cr Kuhn. CARRIED.

9.3.6 Mid Murray OPAL – Long Term Sustainability

17506/2 Cr Kuhn moved that Council resolves to

(1) Include OPAL funding in its Long Term Financial Plan.

(2) Include OPAL as a key strategy within its Community Plan.

(3) Give in-principle support to reallocating $52,000 worth of existing annual budget funds and committing a further $136,000 annually, commencing in 2016-17, in its Business Plan and Budgets to maintain the OPAL program in Council.

(4) Through the OPAL/Community Services Team, continue to advocate, lobby and research external opportunities to fund the OPAL program long term through State and Federal Government organisations and/or the private sector.

Seconded Cr Hall.

Amendment

17506/3 Cr Jennings moved that

(1) Council consider including OPAL funding in its Long Term Financial Plan

(2) Council consider including OPAL as a key strategy within its Community Plan

(3) Give in-principle support to reallocating $52,000 worth of existing annual budget funds and committing a further $136,000 annually, commencing in 2016-17, in its Business Plan and Budgets to maintain the OPAL program in Council and another 2 models for the OPAL program be developed and presented to the next Council meeting, valued at $100,000 and $150,000.

(4) Through the OPAL/Community Services Team, continue to advocate, lobby and research external opportunities to fund the OPAL program long term through State and Federal Government organisations and/or the private sector.

Seconded Cr Myers.

The Amendment was put and was Carried.

The Amendment became the motion which was Carried.
BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT CONT’D

9.3.7 Fun 4 YOuth Quarterly Update

17507/1 Cr Myers moved that the Fun 4 YOuth Quarterly Update report be received.
Seconded Cr Jennings
CARRIED.

9.3.8 Murray Transport Connections Quarterly Update

17507/2 Cr Kuhn moved that the Murray Transport Connections Quarterly Update report be received.
Seconded Cr Raison.
CARRIED.

9.3.9 Community Passenger Network

17507/3 Cr Wilkinson moved that the Community Passenger Network report be received.
Seconded Cr Sakko.
CARRIED.

9.2.4 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM - MANNUM CARAVAN PARK – FUTURE MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Confidential item pursuant to Section 90 –

90(3)(b) –
(b) information the disclosure of which –

(i) could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the Council; and

(ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

10-53 A M

17507/4 Cr Raison moved that

(1) Under the provision of Section 90(2) and (3)(b) of the Local Government Act 1999 an order be made that with the exception of Mr Russell Peate, Mrs Robyn Dunstall, Mr Peter Graves, Mr Greg Hill, Mr Shane Thompson, Ryan Mills and Mrs Rose Sloper, all other persons present and the public be excluded from attendance at the meeting in order to receive a report and to consider matters under Section 90(3)(b).

(2) The Mid Murray Council is satisfied that it is reasonably foreseeable that the public disclosure or discussion of the information at the meeting could cause significant damage to the interest of Council, because of the public disclosure or discussion relating to the subject could reasonably be expected to present an unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person.

(3) Accordingly, on this basis, the principle that meetings of Mid Murray Council should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the discussion confidential.

Seconded Cr Sakko.
CARRIED.
9.2.4 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM - MANNUM CARAVAN PARK – FUTURE MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS CONT’D

11-21 A M
17508/1 Cr Myers moved that pursuant to Section 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council orders that Confidential Minutes Pages 1202 – 1212 of the meeting held on 13 October 2015, the Development & Environmental Services Report item 9.2.4 (Mannum Caravan Park – Future Management Arrangements) and attachments and all discussions relating to the matter which was considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(b) remain confidential and not available for public inspection until released by Council.
Seconded Cr Raison.
CARRIED.

11-22 A M Ryan Mills, Colliers International, left the meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.10 Mannum Leisure Centre Quarterly Update

17508/2 Cr Jennings moved that the Mannum Leisure Centre Quarterly Update report be received.
Seconded Cr Sakko.
CARRIED.

9.3.11 Arts and Cultural Development Final Report

17508/3 Cr Myers moved that the Arts and Cultural Development Final Report be received and that a vote of thanks be extended to Tess Minett, Arts and Cultural Development Officer.
Seconded Cr Kuhn.
CARRIED.

11-26 A M Cr Myers left the meeting.

9.3.12 Morgan Day Activity Centre Quarterly Update

17508/4 Cr Raison moved that the Morgan Day Activity Centre Quarterly Update report be received.
Seconded Cr Kuhn.
CARRIED.

9.3.13 Mid Murray Council Breastfeeding Friendly Workplace and Facilities Policy

17508/5 Cr Kuhn moved that Council adopts the Breastfeeding Friendly Workplace and Facilities Policy (subject to reformatting) and supports the policy principals.
Seconded Cr Raison.
CARRIED.

11-28 A M Cr Myers returned to the meeting.
9.4 CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT

See Minute Book Pages 17587 – 17588.

17509/1 Cr Wilkinson moved that the report be received.
Seconded Cr Raison.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT

9.4.1 Certification of 2014/15 Financial Statements

17509/2 Cr Wilkinson moved that the Council authorise the Mayor and Chief Executive to certify the 2015 Annual Financial Statements in their final form and sign the certification statement.
Seconded Cr Myers.

CARRIED.

9.4.2 Blanchetown Kart Club Community Loan

17509/3 Cr Myers moved that Council authorise a $15,000 loan, over a 3 year period, be provided to the Blanchetown Kart Club to purchase a grader. The loan be subject to the Club entering into a written agreement to repay the loan.
Seconded Cr Jennings.

CARRIED.

9.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

See Minute Book Pages 17589 – 17614.

17509/4 Cr Myers moved that the report be received.
Seconded Cr Sakko.

CARRIED.

9.5.2 Adelaide Mayors’ Summit for Jobs Growth held on 7 August 2015

17509/5 Cr Hall moved that the report on the Adelaide Mayors’ Summit for Jobs Growth held on 7 August 2015 be received.
Seconded Cr Sakko.

CARRIED.

9.5.3 Caretaking of Greenways Park at Nildottie

17509/6 Cr Hall moved that

(1) The meeting notes held on 1 September 2015, regarding the caretaking of Greenways Park at Nildottie be received.

(2) It be referred to the Governance Manager to prepare an Agreement for the caretaking of Greenways Park at Nildottie by the Nildottie Tennis Club for a two year period for completion between the Tennis Club and Council.

Seconded Cr Raison.

CARRIED.
BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT CONT’D

9.5.4 Eden Valley Bushfire 2014 Community Diary Launch

17510/1 Cr Wilkinson moved that the report on the Eden Valley Bushfire 2014 Community Diary Launch be received.
Seconded Cr Myers.
CARRIED.

9.5.5 Funding by State Government for Council Expenditure for Eden Valley Bushfire

17510/2 Cr Jennings moved that

(1) The letter from the Treasurer and Minister for Finance advising of approval of extraordinary assistance of up to $64,000 for costs incurred by Council as a result of the Eden Valley Bushfires be received.

(2) A letter of thanks be sent to the Treasurer and Minister for Finance for the approval of the funding.

Seconded Cr Hall.
CARRIED.

9.5.6 Increase in Postage Rates for Letters by Australia Post

17510/3 Cr Kuhn moved that the report be received.
Seconded Cr Hall.
CARRIED.

9.5.7 Mannum Agricultural Show Society – No Camping at Showgrounds

17510/4 Cr Kuhn moved that a report on the possible options of camping (including RV’s) at the Mannum Showgrounds be presented to a future meeting of Council.
Seconded Cr Raison.
CARRIED.

9.5.8 Mid Murray Council Submission on the Senate Select Committee on the Social, Economic and Environmental Impacts of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan on Regional Communities

17510/5 Cr Sakko moved that Council note the submission forwarded to the Senate Select Committee on the Social, Economic and Environmental Impacts of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan on Regional Communities.
Seconded Cr Hall.
CARRIED.
BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT CONT’D

9.5.9 Mobile Phone Black Spot Program – Mid Murray Council Area

17511/1 Cr Jennings moved that

(1) The letter from the Parliamentary Secretary to the Federal Minister for Communications regarding the Mobile Black Spot Program for the Mid Murray Council area dated 30 August 2015 be received.

(2) Council forward a further submission for consideration under Round 2 of the Federal Government Mobile Black Spot Program, when submissions are called and a copy be sent to the mobile network operators and Regional Development Australia and the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association.

Seconded Cr Wilkinson.  
CARRIED.

9.5.10 Morgan 2015 Christmas Fair and Pageant

17511/2 Cr Myers moved that Council agree to fund $5,000 towards the fireworks display for the 2015 Christmas Fair and Pageant as requested by the Morgan and Districts Lions Club International with funding being from the increased rental from the Morgan Caravan Park.

Seconded Cr Hall.  
CARRIED.

9.5.11 Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission – Potential Sites

17511/3 Cr Wilkinson moved that

(1) The report on the Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission potential sites be received.

(2) The letter from Senator Sean Edwards enclosing a copy of his submission to the South Australian Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission be received.

Seconded Cr Myers.  
CARRIED.

11-48 A M Cr Raison and Cr Hall left the meeting.

9.5.12 Presentation by Mid Murray Council at the State Economic and Finance Committee Inquiry on Rate Capping

17511/4 Cr Wilkinson moved that the report on Council’s presentation to the State Economic and Finance Committee Inquiry on Rate Capping be received.

Seconded Cr Sakko.  
CARRIED.

11-51 A M Cr Raison and Cr Hall returned to the meeting.
BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT CONT’D

9.5.13 Request to Fly the Rainbow Flag

17512/1 Cr Kuhn moved that

(1) It be referred to the Chief Executive Officer to coordinate the production of a Flag Management Policy reflecting Council’s intention to maintain the formal and traditional protocol of the Council flying the National, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Council flags only, with the exception of when Council is approached by Festivals to fly their flag.

(2) The request to fly the Rainbow Flag for the Feast Festival (14 – 29 November 2015) be approved in place of the Council flag.

(3) Each request to fly a flag for a Festival is required to be submitted to Council for consideration of approval.

Seconded Cr Myers. CARRIED.

15. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

15.2 Jo Podoliak, Chief Executive, Regional Development Australia Murraylands and Riverland

11-55 A M
Jo Podoliak, Chief Executive of Regional Development Australia, Murraylands and Riverland, attended the meeting and provided an update to members.

12-19 A M
17512/2 Cr Sakko moved that the meeting adjourn for lunch.
Seconded Cr Wilkinson. CARRIED.

1-00 P M
17512/3 Cr Wilkinson moved that the meeting resume.
Seconded Cr Raison. CARRIED.

Cr Myers not in attendance.

9.5.14 Surplus Government Property

17512/4 Cr Raison moved that Renewal SA be advised that the Mid Murray Council has no interest in submitting an expression of interest for the purchase of the surplus government property in the Mid Murray Council area.
Seconded Cr Hall. CARRIED.
BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT CONT’D

9.5.15 Mannum Dock Museum Board

The Chief Executive Officer indicated that he would like his position on the Board revoked and that the position be filled by a community member.

The Dock Museum Board have requested that there be a total of 9 members on the Board appointed by the Mid Murray Council (which includes the member position created by the revocation of the CEO position on the Board). This is an increase of 1 member, not counting the replacement member for the CEO position.

17513/1 Cr Raison moved that

1. The CEO position on the Board be revoked and the Operational Guidelines be amended accordingly to indicate that the Board will consist of the following –

   One (1) elected member from Council
   Ten (10) members appointed by the Mid Murray Council

2. The following persons be appointed to the Mannum Dock Museum Board for a period expiring in November 2017:-

   • Keith Halloran
   • Les Penley
   • Rob Bowring
   • Wally Meakins
   • Barry Harvey
   • Barry Burdett
   • David Dowley
   • Capt Peter Thomas

Seconded Cr Jennings.  

CARRIED.

1-03 P M Cr Myers returned to the meeting.

9.5.16 Old Mannum Primary School Land – Walker Avenue

17513/2 Cr Raison moved that

1. The State Government (Renewal SA) be requested to revalue the land at 38-56 Walker Avenue, Mannum prior to an Expression of Interest for the purchase of this land.

2. It be delegated to the Mayor, Shearer Ward Councillors and the Chief Executive Officer to forward an Expression of Interest for the purchase of the land, subject to the offer being accepted and endorsed by Council at the November meeting.

3. A report be submitted to the November Council meeting on the options for the sale of Council land at Adelaide Road, Mannum.

4. It be referred to the Chief Executive Officer to progress the sale of the allotments at Truro – Lot 14, Moorundie Street and Allotment 599, Moorundie Street.
BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT CONT’D

9.5.16 Old Mannum Primary School Land – Walker Avenue Cont’d

(5) A report be prepared for Council consideration at the November meeting relating to the cost to subdivide the land at 38-56 Walker Avenue, Mannum into residential allotments, with the report to include infrastructure costs.

Seconded Cr Hall.  

CARRIED.

9.5.17 Morgan Museum Board

17514/1 Cr Myers moved that

(1) The following person be appointed to the Morgan Museum Board for a term expiring at the end of the current term of Council;

- Diana Angel

(2) Expressions of Interest be readvertised for an additional Community Representative on the Morgan Museum Board.

Seconded Cr Hall.  

CARRIED.

9.5.18 Annual Leave – Chief Executive Officer

17514/2 Cr Wilkinson moved that

(1) Approval be given for annual leave for the Chief Executive Officer from the 14 October to 4 November 2015 inclusive.

(2) The Infrastructure Services Director be appointed as Acting Chief Executive Officer for this period.

Seconded Cr Sakko.  

CARRIED.

9.5.19 Environment Protection Authority – Landfill Levy Invoice

17514/3 Cr Wilkinson moved that

(1) Council notes the response from the Environment Protection Authority dated 1 October 2015 and the penalties associated with outstanding Invoices.

(2) It be referred to the Waste Management Coordinator to ascertain the funding initiatives available by the Office of Green Industries SA.

(3) Subject to funding availability by the Office of Green Industries SA, media releases be issued in relation to the lack of funding for waste management initiatives for Councils.
BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT CONT’D

9.5.19 Environment Protection Authority – Landfill Levy Invoice Cont’d

(4) The Environment Protection Authority invoices be paid.

Seconded Cr Raison.  
CARRIED.

9.5.20 Closed Circuit Television Grants Program 2016 – Mannum

17515/1 Cr Myers moved that Council note the application to be submitted for funding under the CCTV Grants Program by 16 October 2015.
Seconded Cr Raison.  
CARRIED.

9.5.21 Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Policy

17515/2 Cr Wilkinson moved that the draft Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Policy MMC-DP2 (October 2015) be adopted by Council.
Seconded Cr Sakko.  
CARRIED.

9.5.22 Port of Morgan Heritage and Tourism Board – Establishment and Terms of Reference

17515/3 Cr Myers moved that the Establishment and Terms of Reference for the Port of Morgan Heritage and Tourism Board be adopted by Council with the inclusion of the words “Heritage Rail” under the “Charter” and “Function” headings.
Seconded Cr Sakko.  
CARRIED.

9.5.23 Volunteer Policy, Volunteer Code of Conduct, Volunteer Activity Recruitment Process

17515/4 Cr Myers moved that

(1) the Volunteer Policy MMC-DP3 (October 2015) be adopted by Council;
(2) the Volunteer Code of Conduct MMC-CC1 (October 2015) be adopted by Council;
(3) the Volunteer Activity Recruitment Process document (9.1.5) be noted.
Seconded Cr Raison.  
CARRIED.

9.5.24 Local Government Elections – Discussion Paper

17515/5 Cr Wilkinson moved that the report on the Local Government Election Discussion Paper be received.
Seconded Cr Raison.  
CARRIED.
9.5.25 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – MORGAN RIVERSIDE CARAVAN PARK LEASE

Confidential item pursuant to Section 90 –

90(3)(b) –
(b) information the disclosure of which –

(i) could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the Council; and

(ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

1-16 P M
17516/1 Cr Myers moved that

(1) Under the provision of Section 90(2) and (3)(b) of the Local Government Act 1999 an order be made that with the exception of Mr Russell Peate, Mrs Robyn Dunstall, Mr Peter Graves, Mr Greg Hill, Mr Shane Thompson and Mrs Rose Sloper, all other persons present and the public be excluded from attendance at the meeting in order to receive a report and to consider matters under Section 90(3)(b).

(2) The Mid Murray Council is satisfied that it is reasonably foreseeable that the public disclosure or discussion of the information at the meeting could cause significant damage to the interest of Council, because of the public disclosure or discussion relating to the subject could reasonably be expected to present an unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person.

(3) Accordingly, on this basis, the principle that meetings of Mid Murray Council should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the discussion confidential.

Seconded Cr Sakko.

CARRIED.

1-27 P M
17516/2 Cr Myers moved that pursuant to Section 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council orders that Confidential Minutes Pages 1213 – 1219 of the meeting held on 13 October 2015, the Chief Executive Officer’s Report item 9.5.25 (Morgan Riverside Caravan Park Lease) and attachments and all discussions relating to the matter which was considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(b) remain confidential and not available for public inspection until lease documents are finalised and endorsed by both parties.

Seconded Cr Sakko.

CARRIED.

10. MAYOR’S REPORT See Minute Book Page 17615.

17516/3 Cr Jennings moved that the report be received.

Seconded Cr Wilkinson.

CARRIED.
11. ELECTED MEMBERS’ REPORTS

Cr Myers

Cr Myers reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions – Murray Darling Association National Conference, Barooga, Playground inspection, Cadell, Elected Members workshop, Cambrai, Mannum Dock Museum Board meeting, Mannum, Community Plan meeting, Morgan, Blanchetown Community Services Committee meeting, Blanchetown, Murray and Mallee Local Government Association meeting, Renmark, Morgan Museum Board meeting, Morgan, Inspection of boat ramps, Blanchetown.

Cr Schmitt

Cr Schmitt reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions – Mid Murray Council meeting, Cambrai, Morgan Community Development & Tourism Association meeting, Morgan, Truro Community meeting, Truro, Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting, Cambrai, Elected Members workshop, Cambrai, Community Plan meeting, Morgan.

Cr Jennings

Cr Jennings reported on her attendance at the following meetings and functions – Cambrai Community Library meeting, Cambrai, Tour of Mid Murray Council’s Cycle Track (Milendella to Cambrai) regarding KESAB Award, Mid Murray and Barossa Local Recovery Committee Community Diary launch, Keyneton, Truro and Districts Raceway State Titles meeting, Dutton, Country Arts SA Governance and Finance Committee meeting, Port Adelaide, Elected Members workshop, Cambrai, Presentation to Adelaide Trail Horse Riders at Kidman Trail, Keyneton, Mid Murray Council Suicide Prevention Network, Cambrai, Family Connections presentation, Adelaide, Mid Murray Council Suicide Prevention Network presentation, Adelaide, Family Connections meeting, Mid Murray Council meeting, Cambrai.

Cr Wilkinson

Cr Wilkinson reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions – Mannum Main Street Working Party meeting, Mannum, Inspected Work for the Dole at Palmer and Milendella Cemeteries, Planning Officer farewell, Cambrai, Mid Murray Council meeting, Cambrai, Murray Mallee LAP event, Karoonda, Happy Wanderers Home Group, Caloote, Mid Murray LAP event, Cambrai, Rate Capping Presentation, Parliament House, Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting, Cambrai, Elected Members workshop, Cambrai, River Murray Football League Grand Final.

Cr Hall

Cr Hall reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions – Nildottie Progress Association meeting, Nildottie, Community Wastewater Management System meeting with Director, Development and Environmental Services, Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting, Cambrai, Elected Members workshop, Mannum Caravan Park review update meeting, Aminya AGM, Mannum, Walker Flat Progress Association meeting, Mid Murray Council meeting, Cambrai, Chief Executive Officer performance review meeting Cambrai, Australian Workers’ Union enterprise bargaining meeting, Cambrai, Mannum Caravan Park Committee meeting, Mannum.
ELECTED MEMBERS' REPORTS CONT’D

Cr Kuhn

Cr Kuhn reported on her attendance at the following meetings and functions – Community Plan meeting, Cambrai, Collier Park Management AGM (2nd attempt), Palmer, Social Media workshop, Murray Bridge, Caloote Happy Wanderers Friendship Group, Whole of the Moon event, Caloote Landing, SA Tourism Industry Council meeting, Mannum, Mannum Kindergarten Governing Council AGM, Mannum, Zadows Landing Progress Association visit to Myponga Ski Club, OPAL Community feedback session, Mannum, Mannum Progress Association meeting, Mannum, Collier Park Management AGM (3rd attempt), Palmer, Mannum Main Street Working Party meeting, Mannum, Mid Murray Council meeting, Cambrai, Eastern Hills & Murray Plains Catchment Group AGM, Cambrai.

Cr Sakko

Cr Sakko reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions – Swan Reach RSL Dinner, Swan Reach, Ridley Car Club Dinner, Nildottie, Swan Reach Progress meeting, Swan Reach, Elected Members workshop, Cambrai, Walker Flat Dinner, Black Hill Hall fundraiser dinner, Black Hill, Wreath laying at National Police Remembrance Day, Banrock Station, Swan Reach Golf Club dinner, Swan Reach, Nildottie Progress Association meeting, Nildottie, Mid Murray Council meeting, Cambrai, Mannum Caravan Park Committee meeting, Mannum.

Cr Raison

Cr Raison reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions – Murray Darling Association National Conference, Barooga, Aminya Board meeting, Mannum, SA Water meeting, Mannum Golf Club, Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting, Cambrai, Elected Members workshop, Cambrai, Aminya AGM, Mannum, Hot Rod Show, Palmer, Tungkillo Progress Club meeting, Tungkillo, Waste Management meeting with Waste Management Coordinator, Mannum, Mannum Main Street Working Party meeting, Mannum, Mid Murray Council meeting, Cambrai, Mannum Caravan Park Committee meeting, Mannum.

Cr Taylor

No report.

17518/1 Cr Jennings moved that the elected members' reports be received. Seconded Cr Hall. CARRIED.

12. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE – COUNCILLORS
13. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE – COUNCILLORS

13.1 Cr Schmitt

Question

It was stated by the CEO that it was a staff member who made the error, who was responsible and has an investigation been conducted and if so what was the outcome?

Answer

I have formally indicated to Council that as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) I am ultimately responsible for all reports that are included on the Agenda, and accept this. The CEO is also responsible for the management of employees of the Council, on behalf of the Council. Any investigations are conducted internally and are confidential.

Question

Apart from the hiring of a governance officer of which was already in place before this incident not as a result, what other exact measures have been put in place to ensure a repeat doesn’t occur in the future?

Answer

After this matter occurred, as CEO, I have specifically requested that the Governance Manager peruse all Council matters on the Council Agenda that are recommended to be considered confidentially, to ensure that the wording is correct, and accords with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013.

Question

Was council’s governance officer consulted in relation to this matter at any stage, and if so what where their recommendations or advice?

Answer

The Governance Manager was not consulted in relation to this specific matter, as at the time the Governance Manager had been requested to focus on the following:-

- Prepare information and material and assist the CEO in the induction of new Elected Members.

- Continued development, and maintenance of, a Contract Register highlighting Council’s insurance and WHS requirements, and review expiry dates, (with assistance from WHS and Risk Management Coordinator).

- Ensure the current database of all leases of Council (including commercial, and rental review of lease expiration dates) and manage such leases and licences, including road rents.

- Maintain, review and update Council’s Policies, Delegations, Authorised Officer Register, and By-laws to ensure compliance and provide advice to the CEO, staff and Council on procedures related to these Policies and Registers.
13. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE – COUNCILLORS CONT’D

13.1 Cr Schmitt Cont’d

Question

It appears to me that there is a lot of blame shifting and if others are responsible why would they not be mentioned?

Answer

As previously indicated to Council, there are between 50 – 70 reports included on the Agenda for every Council meeting, with sometimes over 800 pages, including attachments. As CEO, I am responsible for all reports, and accept this. In this matter, I did not personally check fully the report regarding the confidentiality of the Morgan Caravan Park.

Question

It was found that the CEO breached the employee code of conduct, what is the process now and will there be any further investigation or consequences from the council due of this breach?

Answer

The Ombudsman requested that the Council provide his final Report to a public meeting of the Council. Legal advice was that there was no requirement to do so, as it was in the nature of a request only, and not a recommendation. However, in the interests of transparency and accountability, the Ombudsman’s final Report was provided to the Council at its meeting of 11 August 2015. In this Report, the Ombudsman has already dealt with the issue of the employee’s breach of the Code of Conduct for Council Employees.

Question

I’m sure if a staff member or elected member breached the code of conduct there would certainly be consequences.

Answer

In his final Report dated 28 May 2015, the Ombudsman made a recommendation regarding the employee’s breach of the Code of Conduct for Council Employees. This has been implemented.

Question

In the interest of being transparent and accountable I would think that any investigation or short comings in council procedures would be highlighted to ensure public confidence in the council and the way in which it conducts its business, in particular those of a confidential nature.

Answer

The Ombudsman’s report (15 pages) was a full investigation dealing with this matter. As requested by the Ombudsman, that Report was provided at a public meeting of Council on 11 August 2015.

Question

I personally still find it difficult to comprehend that this was an inadvertent mistake as stated, especially given the wealth of experience and knowledge of the staff involved in preparing these reports for council. Not with standing that fact that confidential information was revealed approximately one month prior to a number of employees relating to the caravan park at general staff meetings.
13. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE – COUNCILLORS CONT’D

13.1 Cr Schmitt Cont’d

Answer

The statement is noted. It is to be recalled that it was the Ombudsman, after a thorough investigation into the matter, who concluded that the breach was inadvertent.

Question

I also do not understand why details regarding the caravan park lease had to be discussed in detail at staff meetings in relation to an employee’s performance management issues, or even why these specific personal issues are discussed at staff meetings. I would think that an employee’s performance issues would or should have been confidential to begin with, at least in my opinion from an ethical or moral prospective.

Answer

The statement is noted. I have previously indicated to Council that in my role as CEO, as part of Enterprise Bargaining negotiations with staff, I generally highlighted the financial ramifications of a lack of a market rental review of the Morgan Caravan Park, and indicated that performance management would, and should, be undertaken throughout the organisation.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

16. PETITIONS

Nil.

17. MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES

17.1 MANNUM LEISURE CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Nil.

17.2 MANNUM CARAVAN PARK COMMITTEE

Nil.

17.3 MID MURRAY COUNCIL COMMUNITY WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (CWMS) ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Nil.

17.4 MID MURRAY COUNCIL BUILDING FIRE SAFETY COMMITTEE

Nil.
17.5 MID MURRAY COUNCIL WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY (WHS) COMMITTEE

17522/1 Cr Hall moved that the Minutes of the Mid Murray Council Work Health and Safety Committee meeting held on 13 August 2015, be received.
Seconded Cr Kuhn.

CARRIED.

17.6 MANNUM DRY ZONE WORKING GROUP

Nil.

17.7 MID MURRAY COUNCIL DISABILITY ACCESS REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Nil.

17.8 MID MURRAY COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANEL

Nil.

17.9 BLANCHETOWN COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Nil.

17.10 MANNUM DOCK MUSEUM BOARD

Nil.

17.11 MORGAN MUSEUM BOARD

17522/2 Cr Myers moved that the Minutes of the Morgan Museum Board meeting held on 1 September 2015, be received.
Seconded Cr Sakko.

CARRIED.

17.12 SWAN REACH COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE COMMITTEE

Nil.

17.13 MID MURRAY COUNCIL AUDIT COMMITTEE

Nil.

17.14 MID MURRAY COUNCIL WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

17522/3 Cr Wilkinson moved that the Minutes of the Mid Murray Council Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting held on 24 September 2015, be received.
Seconded Cr Kuhn.

CARRIED.

17.15 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE

Nil.
17.16 COLLIER PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

17523/1 Cr Kuhn moved that the Minutes of the Collier Park Management Committee meeting held on 9 September 2015, be received.
Seconded Cr Sakko.
CARRIED.

17.17 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Nil.

17.18 MID MURRAY COUNCIL MANNUM MAIN STREET WORKING PARTY

17523/2 Cr Kuhn moved that the Minutes of the Mannum Main Street Working Party meeting held on 3 September 2015, be received.
Seconded Cr Jennings.

17523/3 Cr Kuhn moved that the following recommendation from the meeting of the Mid Murray Council Mannum Main Street Working Party meeting held on 3 September 2015, be adopted by Council –

Chief Executive Officer’s Report – Terms of Reference for Operation of Mannum Main Street Working Party

51/1 Cr Wilkinson moved that subject to the inclusion of reference to Deputy Chair, the draft Terms of Reference of the Mid Murray Council Mannum Main Street Working Party be endorsed and recommended to Council for adoption.
Seconded Mayor Burgess.
CARRIED.

Seconded Cr Hall.
CARRIED.

17.19 OPEN SPACE & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Nil.

18. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

18.1 Local Government Association of SA


A copy of the circular had been provided to all members.

18.2 Local Government Association of SA

Being Circular No. 38.8 – Premier’s State/Local Forum Executive meeting – Communique.

A copy of the circular and communique had been provided to all members.
18. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY CONT’D

18.3 Primary Industries and Regions SA

Being an email providing an update on Regions in Focus roadshows.

A copy of the email had been provided to all members.

18.4 Australian Rural Road Group Inc

Being a letter acknowledging Council’s decision not to continue to support the endeavours of the ARRG and thanking Council for its past support.

A copy of the letter had been provided to all members.

18.5 Murray Darling Association Inc

Being draft Minutes from the Annual General Meeting held 10 September 2015.

18.6 Hon Geoff Brock MP, Minister for Regional Development

Being a letter advising that the Local Government Grants Commission’s recommendation for the distribution of the Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants to Councils for 2015-2016 have been submitted and approved by the Hon Warren Truss MP, Commonwealth Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, on 12 August 2015.

A copy of the letter had been provided to all members.

18.7 Morgan Day Activity Centre

Being Minutes from the Volunteer’s meeting held 7 April, 1 May, 13 July and 7 August, 2015.

A copy of the minutes had been provided to all members.

18.8 Rosemary Laucke – Black Hill

Being a letter of thanks addressed to the Mayor, for blockage removal from the Marne River.

A copy of the letter had been forwarded to all members.

17524/1 Cr Wilkinson moved that the above correspondence be received and noted.
Seconded Cr Sakko.
CARRIED.

19. LATE CORRESPONDENCE

Petition received from concerned citizens of Younghusband

Petition received from concerned citizens of Younghusband relating to the ongoing issue with the unsafe riverbank at Younghusband.

Requesting sufficient amount of clean sand to be placed on the bank to fill the river’s edge and lawn to be placed down so that they can actually walk on the surface comfortably.
20. LATE CORRESPONDENCE CONT’D

Petition received from concerned citizens of Younghusband Cont’d

Pointing out that some people are being turned away from Younghusband as their favourite holiday spot, as they feel it is becoming too dangerous.

Asking Council to attend to this issue as a matter of urgency for the safety of everyone.

88 signatures are included on the petition.

17525/1 Cr Hall moved that

(1) the letter and petition be referred to the Director, Infrastructure Services and the Director, Development and Environmental Services to submit a report to the November Council meeting.

(2) the petitioners be advised of the outcome.

Seconded Cr Kuhn.

CARRIED.

21. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

22. NEXT MEETING

To be held at Cambrai at 9-30 am on Tuesday 10 November 2015.

1-44 P M The Mayor declared the meeting closed.
9. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT

Cr moved that the report be received.
Seconded Cr

9.1.1 Capital Works and Projects 2015/16

Strategic Plan Reference
Infrastructure, Asset and Facility Management
Goal 4.0

An update of Capital Works and Projects for 2015/16 will be provided once the carry forward projects from 2014/15 have been finalised.
9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.1.2 Operations Report

**Construction Works**

**Completed**
- Tendering paving works - Randell Street, Mannum and Moorundie Street, Truro
- Mine Road, Palmer - resheeting

**In Progress**
- Randell Street paving works, Mannum
- Moorundie Street paving works, Truro
- Mine Road, Palmer - resheeting
- Murraylands Road construction for sealing
- Mannum Caravan Park- asphalt resurfacing of some roads
- Purnong Road construction 800m

**Next Month**
- Murraylands Road construction 4km
- Purnong Road construction 800m
- Randell Street, Mannum paving works
- Moorundie Street, Truro paving works

**Maintenance Works and Parks/Gardens**

**Completed**
- Roadside weed spraying and verge slashing
- Shoulder grading of sealed roads
- Line marking of some rural roads
- Major bitumen repairs Milendella and Purnong Roads
- Mannum Wharf  reinstatement of lawn and irrigation
- R.S.L  Mannum cemetery extensions completed

**In Progress**
- Randell Road, Mannum – refurbishment of bin surrounds
- Sealed road maintenance
- Morgan Riverfront - Paddle Boat Replica and Station Masters House
- Sign installation - SE Freeway and Hunter Road
- Station Masters House and disable public toilet - Morgan Riverfront Precinct
- General mowing and slashing of reserves
- Line Marking of some rural roads
- Major pavement repairs on Purnong and Milendella Roads
- Subsurface drain and culvert cleaning in all areas

**Next Month**
- Sealed road maintenance, pothole repairs
- Walker Flat Reserve – lawn and irrigation installation
- Morgan Riverfront– lawn and irrigation installation
- Morgan Riverfront - Paddle Boat Replica and Station Masters House
9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.1.2 Operations Report cont’d

**Tree Trimming & Removal**

**Completed**
- Work as requested

**In Progress**
- Rural Roadside Tree Trimming Program (Contractor) - all areas

**Next Month**
- Rural Roadside Tree Trimming Program - all areas
- Mary Ann Reserve - removal of willow tree

**Waste Management (Sanitary Collection)**

**Completed**
- Drum Muster Training

**In Progress**
- Trial Hard Waste Collection – FWS
- Bin Bank facility maintenance
- Transfer Station maintenance
- 2015 Garage Sale Trail (collaboration with Community Services)

**Next Month**
- Work and projects as required
- Bin Bank maintenance
- Free Green Waste Days

No Customer Requests for September 2015
9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.1.2 Operations Report cont’d

Plant & Machinery Purchases and Major Repairs

Recent Purchases
- Commencing tendering process for grader and prime mover

Major Repairs

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Staff Training & WHS

Completed
- First Aid

In Progress
- Plant/machinery training
Customer Request Service levels:

Infrastructure Services
Customer Services Report
September 2015

59 Customer Requests, 9 Outstanding Requests

Infrastructure Services
Responsible Officer Report
September 2015
9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.1.2 Operations Report cont’d

Infrastructure Administration

In Progress
- File directory changes
- Road closure protocol
- Special Event applications - numerous

GIS/Assets

In Progress
- Verifying Grants Commission road data
- Developing road hierarchy for maintenance standards

For members information
9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.1.3 Road Closures for Mannum Christmas Pageant and Street Party

Report Purpose/Introduction

To consider a request from Mannum Progress Association for the closure of the following streets in Mannum on Saturday 5 December 2015 for their Annual Christmas Pageant and Christmas Street Party with fireworks display –

Christmas Pageant Route from 5-00pm until 7-45pm on Saturday 5 December 2015:
- Randell Road – Berryman Ave/Walker St to Randell St (Monument Corner)
- Randell Street – Randell Road (Monument Corner) to the southern side of the ferry approach road.

Christmas Street Party from 7-45pm until 10-00pm on Saturday 5 December 2015:
- Randell Street – Randell Road to Schuetze Street
- Shearer Car Park from 6-00am until 10-00pm.

Refer Appendix 9.1.3

Discussion/Conclusion

In accordance with the provisions of Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act the SA Police are responsible for declaring the events and for granting the necessary exemptions from some of the Australian Road Rules.

References

Strategic Plan Community Strategy 2.12 – Promote the benefits of cultural and public art activities.

Budget Nil affect on the Budget.

Legislation Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act.

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that
(1) Council approval be granted to enable the Mannum Christmas Pageant and Street Party to be held on Saturday 5 December 2015 subject to the general conditions applicable to the Council’s Special Event permit and that the roads detailed below be closed to all vehicular traffic other than vehicles associated with the Mannum Progress/Promotions: -
9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.1.3 Road Closures for Mannum Christmas Pageant and Street Party cont’d

Recommendation cont’d

(b) Christmas Pageant Road Closures from 5-00pm until 7-45pm on Saturday 5 December 2015.
   • Randell Road – Berryman Ave/Walker Street
   • Randell Road – King George Street
   • Randell Road – Parker/David Streets (emergency access only to hospital only)
   • Randell Road – Esmeralda/Williams Streets
   • Randell Street – Trewartha Street
   • Randell Street – Wattle Street
   • Randell Street – Schuetze Street
   • Randell Street – McLaren Street
   • Randell Street – to the southern side of the ferry approach road.

(b) Christmas Street Party from 7-45pm until 10-00pm on Saturday 5 December 2015:
   • Randell Road – Esmeralda/William Streets
   • Randell Road – Trewartha Street
   • Randell Road – Wattle Street
   • Randell Road – Schuetze Street

(2) the SA Police be advised that Council agrees with the proposed road closures as detailed above and be requested to proceed with the necessary road closure order and that the following Australian Road Rules Exemptions and Conditions be sought:

Australian Road Rules Exemption and Conditions
Rule 221: Using hazard warning lights;
Rule 230: Crossing a road – general;
Rule 237: Getting on or into a moving vehicle;
Rule 238: Pedestrians travelling along a road; (except in or on a wheeled recreational device or toy);
Rule 250: Riding on a footpath or shared path;
Rule 264: Wearing of seatbelts by drivers;
Rule 264: Wearing of seatbelts by passengers 16 years old, or older;
Rule 265: Wearing of seatbelts by passengers under 16 years old;
Rule 268: How persons must travel in or on a motor vehicle;
Rule 269: Opening doors and getting out of a vehicle etc; and
Rule 298: Driving with a person in a trailer.

Conditions of Exemptions
Rule 237: Provided the vehicle does not exceed 5km/hr;
Rule 264: Provided the speed of the vehicle does not exceed 5km/hr;
Rule 265: Provided the speed of the vehicle does not exceed 5km/hr;
Rule 268: Provided the speed of the vehicle does not exceed 5km/hr;
Rule 269: Provided the vehicle does not exceed 5km/hr; and
Rule 298: Provided the speed of the vehicle does not exceed 5km/hr;
9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.1.3 Road Closures for Mannum Christmas Pageant and Street Party cont’d

Recommendation cont’d

(3) Council approval be granted to close the Shearer Car Park from 6-00am until 10-00pm on 5 December 2015

(4) Approval be granted for Temporary Parking controls to apply:
   - along the Western (Post Office) side of Randell Street from the start of Randell Street to the Institute building from 2-00pm until 10-00pm on 5 December 2015
   - both sides of Walker Avenue from Adelaide Road to Gargie Street from 4-00pm until 6-00pm on 5 December 2015

(5) Subject to the issue of the road closure order referred to in (2) above, Council employees be authorised to erect the necessary road signs and barricades.
9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.1.4 Rubble Royalties

Report Purpose

To inform Elected Members that a copy of correspondence has been received from Dan Van Holst Pellekaan MP, written to Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP regarding the impose of royalties for road making material on Councils.

Discussion/Conclusion

The introduction of royalties for extracting minerals for local Councils will have financial impact, especially for Mid Murray Council. There are no licenced quarries supplying road making materials in the Mid Murray Council area, with the nearest quarries being Murray Bridge, Lobethal, Penrice and Kapunda. The proposed legislation being introduced will be required for material being transported from quarries outside of the Council area, which do not produce limestone products. Mid Murray Council is fortunate that the Murray Valley has an abundant supply of limestone. Smaller quarries can be opened up by Councils on agreement with the landholder under the Local Government Act 1999 Part 4 Section 294-7C “within six months of ceasing to occupy the land—reasonable compensation for any other loss or damage caused by the council, including the full value of any earth, minerals or resources taken from the land”. Furthermore Section 294 -7, “a council does not require a mining tenement or other authorisation under the Mining Act 1971 with respect to the exercise of powers under this section”. This arrangement is significantly cost effective and would require fewer resources in transportation of road building materials.

I have attached for members’ information the following:-

- Email from the Local Government Association dated 25 June 2015.
- Email from the Local Government Association President dated 7 July 2015.
- Extract from Hansard from the State Member Mr Van Holst Pellekaan.
- Email form the Local Government Association dated 6 August 2015.
- Email from the Local Government Association dated 16 September 2015, including suggested amendments to the Bill, background to the issue and cost impact of the State Government proposal on Councils in South Australia.

An email has been sent to all of the Legislative Council members suggested, requesting support for the Local Government Association proposal.

At this stage there hasn’t been any indication when this legislation will be implemented and the cost to be incurred to Council. However if Mid Murray Council is required to source road making materials form licenced quarries there will be a substantial cost to road construction and maintenance activities.

Refer Appendix 9.1.4
9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.1.4 Rubble Royalties Cont’d

References
Strategic Plan  Infrastructure, Asset and Facility Management  
Goal 4.0 – Well managed Council assets provided for  
the benefit of the overall community.

Budget  At this stage no cost to Council

Legislation  Nil

Recommendation
Moved __________________ Seconded __________________
that the Rubble Royalties report be received.
9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT CONT'D

9.1.5 Special Local Roads Funding for Murraylands and Purnong Roads

Report Purpose

To inform Elected Members that correspondence has been received from Hon Geoff Brock MP that Council was successful in obtaining Special Local Roads funding of $563,000 for Murraylands and Purnong Roads.

Discussion/ Conclusion

Last year Council was unsuccessful in obtaining Special Local Road funding for Murraylands and Purnong Road Stage 1, however received funding for Bower Boundary Road to assist in resheeting 5kms of road. Council decided to continue with the upgrade of Stage 1 on Murraylands Road, due to receiving $1M from Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) as part of a road exchange agreement and put Purnong Road upgrade on hold until further funding becomes available. The 2015/16 Special Local Roads funding is for Stage 2 of Murraylands Road, continuation on from last year to Mc Bean’s Pound Grid (4km’s) and Stage 1 of Purnong Road (800m), totally allocation of $563,000 - ⅔ contribution. At this stage, this is the final stage for sealing Murraylands Road under the current application. However, with Purnong Road now being accepted there is a high probability that the remaining two stages of the road will continue to be funded in the next couple of years. Murraylands Road (Morgan-Blanchetown) on completion of sealing this final stage, Council will have spent $900k, excluding this years Special Local Road contribution. There is sustainable amount of bitumen resurfacing and resheeting work required over the next 5 years to maintain the Murraylands Road in reasonable condition without sealing more of the road.

Over the past two years, a substantial Capital Road Upgrade Program has been put together and is continually reviewed as projects have been suggested by Elected Members or Community Groups/Committees. The program at this stage has identified for 2016/17 Financial Year a total of $4M worth of road projects. Majority of these projects would be funded by Special Local Roads, Black Spot, Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program (HVSPP) and Shack Owners Associations where either ½ or ⅔ contribution will be made to Council. However there is also $382k of residential streets upgrade which needs to be fully funded by Council.

Funding of projects for 2016/17, applications for Blackspot program will need to be submitted by the end of October 2015; it is expected that HVSPP nominations will be called at the start of November 2015 and our own local Special Local Roads applications to be submitted in early 2017. Mid Murray Council in 2016/17 Financial Year will receive $1.2M Road to Recovery funding where this amount will drop back the following financial year to our normal funding allocation of $480k/annum.

Refer Appendix 9.1.5
9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT CONT'D

9.1.5 Special Local Roads Funding for Murraylands and Purnong Roads cont'd

References

Strategic Plan
Infrastructure, Asset and Facility Management
Goal 4.0 – Well managed Council assets provided for the benefit of the overall community.

Budget
No effect on the 2015/2016 financial budget

Legislation
Nil

Recommendation
Moved __________________ Seconded __________________
that the report regarding Special Local Roads Funding for Murraylands and Purnong Roads be received.
9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.1.6 Eudunda Road (Truro-Eudunda Road) Geotechnical Engineer’s Report

Report Purpose

To inform Elected Members that a Geotechnical Engineering Report on the Eudunda Road has been carried out to provide engineering solutions for the future upgrade of the road.

Discussion/ Conclusion

In August of this year A.S. James Bear Pty Ltd was engaged to undertake a geotechnical survey of the Eudunda Road, starting at Truro and finishing at the Council boundary, approximately 10km. Over the years different parts of the road has been upgraded which have now started to show signs of pavement failures. Other sections of the road which have not been upgraded in the past are also failing. Best to my knowledge, there has not been a detail geotechnical engineering report on the full length of the road. There was a pavement and engineering design on a segment of road which was constructed sometime ago, however this has also now started to fail. The A.S. James Bear Geotechnical Report cost $16k to produce. The report will be required as supportive evidence of past issues and future pavement designs for possible funding applications.

In summary, the majority of the road will require upgrading with only 1km section which is in reasonable condition. The survey results found there was insignificant road base material put on the road when first constructed and that the quality of the material was substandard for the vehicles volumes and mass which use the road. The poor quality of material (Sediment Rock) originally used in the base course broke down into a powder overtime. Recent road upgrades indicated the additional base course was not sufficient enough for the traffic mass and that additional base course would be required. The pavement designs in the A.S. James Bear report will cater for B-Double vehicles, allowing for future expansions in the area. The Eudunda Road has been identified as Regional Significant Freight Route where either Heavy Vehicles Safety and Productivity Program (HVSPP) and Special Local Roads funding could be possible. During the next month the report will be analyzed in more detail where costings and programming of works will be determined; once submission for funding has been announced for the coming HVSPP an application for the road funding will be submitted. At the time of writing this report correspondence was by Department Planning Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) regarding a project report named “A Modern Transport System for Agriculture - A New Partnership Approach” where it is suggested that Eudunda Road could be a Road Train Route. At this stage I haven’t read the report in full and will make a detailed report next Council meeting.

Refer Appendix 9.1.6

References

Strategic Plan Infrastructure, Asset and Facility Management Goal 4.0 – Well managed Council assets provided for the benefit of the overall community.

Budget No effect on the 2015/2016 financial budget

Legislation Nil
Recommendation
Moved __________________ Seconded __________________
the report regarding Eudunda Road (Truro-Eudunda Road) Geotechnical Engineer’s Report be received.
9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.1.7 Local Area Strategic Bicycle Plan

Discussion/Conclusion

Public consultation has formally closed for the Local Area Strategic Bicycle Plan where Council received 4 letters of comments from residents from the Mannum and the Younghusband area. The correspondence has been forward onto GTA Consulting who prepared the plan and who will advise Council what impact the suggested comments will make in regards to different proposals. GTA will also prepare a response letter on Council’s behalf to those who provide comments on the Strategic Plan. It is expected that the final draft of the plan will be presented to Council prior to Christmas 2015 for adoption.

Refer Appendix 9.1.7

References

Strategic Plan Infrastructure, Asset and Facility Management
Goal 4.0 – Well managed Council assets provided for the benefit of the overall community.

Budget Nil affect on the Budget

Legislation Not Applicable

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that the Local Area Strategic Bicycle Plan report be received.

Greg Hill
Director, Infrastructure Services
9.2 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

Cr moved that the report be received.
Seconded Cr

9.2.1 Application to Consent to the Deposit of a Plan of Division – Land Division 711/D009/15 – BJ & NJ Newman

Reporting Officer Geoff Parsons
Position Manager – Development Services

Report Purpose

To seek the Consent of Council to delegate authority to the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to execute, under common seal, the Consent to the Deposit of a Plan of Division for Land Division Application 711/D009/15.

Background

Land Division Application 711/D009/15 proposed a realignment of allotment boundaries between Lots 267 and 101 to create new Allotments 1 & 2 (refer the attached plan of division) for BJ & NJ Newman.

Council staff have been working with Mr & Mrs Newman for several months on their overall plans for their land. Land Division Application 711/D009/15 was an outcome from those negotiations. The development proposed in the application was assessed against the Development Plan and staff resolved to grant Development Plan Consent, Land Division Consent and Development Approval under delegated authority.

The Plan of Division must now be deposited with the Land Titles Office, however prior to doing so the developer will require a document noting that Council consents to the deposit of the plan of division.

Refer Appendix 9.2.1.

Discussion

Council has an interest in the land, namely an easement (marked “F” on the Plan of Division) which provides Council with a right of way (with limitations). Accordingly before the plan can be deposited at the Land Titles Office, Council’s consent is required.

The attached document will provide the developer and the Land Titles Office with the necessary information to note that Council Consents to the Deposit of the Plan of Division after considering Council’s interest in the land.

Because the documents can only be authorised under the common seal of Council, a Council resolution is required (hence this report).

References

Strategic Plan Natural and Built Environment
Goal 1.0 – An orderly and sustainable planning, management and development approach to all aspects of our natural and built environment.
9.2 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.2.1 Application to Consent to the Deposit of a Plan of Division – Land Division 711/D009/15 – BJ & NJ Newman cont’d

Budget  No budget impact.


**Recommendation**

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that pursuant to Sections 38 & 44 of the Local Government Act 1999, Council authorises the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to execute under the common seal of Council the Consent for the Deposit of a Plan of Division for Land Division Application 711/D009/15.

Furthermore, the owner/developer must pay all costs associated with the drafting of the documents and the subsequent lodgement and processing/production fees.
9.2 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.2.2 Planning, Development & Infrastructure Bill 2015

**Reporting Officer**
Geoff Parsons

**Position**
Manager – Development Services

**Report Purpose**
To advise Council of the introduction of the *Planning, Development & Infrastructure Bill 2015* to Parliament, and some of the potential impacts upon Council/local government.

**Introduction/Background**
Members will recall that I have provided regular updates on the State Government’s planning reform process for the past two years.

When the Government first embarked on the planning reform process it appointed an Expert Panel on Planning Reform to undertake research and develop recommendations on how to reform and improve the planning system operating in South Australia. The Expert Panel undertook its work over a period of approximately 18 months and provided three reports:

1. *What We Have Heard* – A summary report of the consultation undertaken highlighting feedback received on the planning system;
2. *Our Ideas For Reform* – A report providing a series of recommendations, based on the consultation and research undertaken, on how to reform and improve the planning system;
3. *The Planning System We Want* – The Expert Panel’s final report which contained a final list of recommendations which had been refined from the second report after a further round of consultation.

Following receipt of *The Planning System We Want* the Government released a response report titled *Transforming our Planning System: Response of the South Australian Government to the final report and recommendations of the Expert Panel on Planning Reform*.

The Government now, after having sufficient time to draft changes to the planning system, has introduced the *Planning, Development & Infrastructure Bill* into Parliament. The Bill is due for debate in the lower house in early October 2015.

**Discussion**
There is no formal period of public consultation on the Bill, but the Local Government Association of South Australia (LGA SA) and South Australian Councils are taking the time between when the Bill has been introduced and when it will be debated as an opportunity to provide comment.

What makes the task of providing comment increasingly difficult is the fact that only the *Planning, Development & Infrastructure Bill 2015* has been released. There are several other documents which will also form part of the new system that have not yet been released, including:
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9.2.2 Planning, Development & Infrastructure Bill 2015 cont’d

- **Regulations** – These provide a lot of the practical detail on the functioning of the system;
- **Practice Directions** – These will be a new component of the system but are designed to provide detail and guidance on how specific parts of the system will operate;
- **Planning & Design Code** – Put simply, this is the document that is intended to ‘replace’ Development Plans. It will be a State-wide suite of standard planning policies (incorporating local variations) which will be used to assess development applications.

These documents provide the intricate detail and without them, all that is before Council is essentially the “bones” of the new system.

It is understood the Government needs to debate the Bill first as it may change through the Parliamentary process which might alter the need for the aforementioned documents. Still the absence of those documents makes the task of providing comments difficult.

There are also other documents which are not currently available including a **Charter of Public Participation** and a **Standard Set of Conditions** which will be applicable across the State.

Regardless I have attended several information sessions on the new Bill and have prepared a brief summary (attached) which will essentially form Council’s response to the Bill. This summary was provided by Wallmans Lawyers (through the LGA) and I have added to it/altered it where relevant.

If any Elected Members have any additional comments they believe should be made please advise at the Council meeting or via email to gparsons@mid-murray.sa.gov.au prior to the Council meeting. In addition to providing the response to the Minister for Planning, it is also intended to be provided to all State Government MPs who cover sections of the Mid Murray Council.

On the assumption that the Bill will be passed by Parliament (all current indications are that will occur), the Government has signalled its intentions to introduce a further Bill into Parliament which will provide for a transitional period between the two pieces the legislation (Development Act 1993 and Planning, Development & Infrastructure Bill/Act). It is likely that the two Acts would need to be read in conjunction with one another for a period of 3-5 years during which implementation of the new Act would be finalised.

This primary benefit of this approach is that the changes to the system are gradual, giving Council more time to alter and update its systems. The negative implication is that the system becomes increasingly difficult to navigate over that time as there are essentially two Acts operating different parts of the system.

I have attached the following documents:

- Submission – A document and table summarising the major changes, their impact and Council’s view of them/response to them (this will form Council’s submission on the Bill);
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9.2.2 Planning, Development & Infrastructure Bill 2015 cont’d

- Information Sheets – A series of information sheets created by the Government to assist in understanding the new system;
- Clause by Clause Summary – A table created by the Government which summarises which clauses within the new Act will be the same, varied or new and what the general content of the clauses is.

Given the volume of documentation to read through, the short timeframe, the lack of a formal consultation period and the substantial changes proposed, it is difficult to prepare a detailed submission that takes into account all of the matters which may affect Council. While the attached document/table provides for Council’s submission, it is worth briefly highlighting some of the advantages and potential disadvantages of the new system.

Refer Appendix 9.2.2.

Advantages

- On-line Planning Portal – The Government will establish a central on-line planning portal which will contain information on the system. Ministerial updates and changes to the system and Planning & Development Code will be published through this portal. It is also proposed that all development applications will be lodged through the portal (similar to the on-line land division system – EDALA). So long as this system is adequately resourced and the public are assisted to use it (not by councils unless there are resources provided) then it could be beneficial.
- Public Notification – Public notification categories will be linked to assessment pathways – making the public notification category easier to determine.
- State Planning Commission – A State Planning Commission will be established. This will essentially take over the functions that the Development Assessment Commission and Development Policy Advisory Committee perform but that role will be expanded. The State Planning Commission will play a larger role in development assessment, planning policy and strategic, broad, region based planning.
- Standardised Conditions – A list of standard conditions will be produced and maintained by the State Planning Commission. This has some benefits but care needs to be taken to make sure they’re updated regularly and have the ability to be altered where necessary.
- Planning & Design Code – A standard suite of planning policies applicable across the state has obvious benefits, but there will still be a need for local variations (i.e. Burnside Council will not need River Murray Zone provisions etc.).
- Infrastructure Agreements – Scope for infrastructure agreements between developers & Councils/State Government could lead to enhanced and improved roll out of hard and soft infrastructure, but the details of how these may function is yet to be determined. A system is proposed within the Bill and that is better than the current situation of having no set system. Still the proposal at present does cause some concern over the financial and resourcing implications for councils.
- Reduced Referrals – Scope for reducing the amount of referrals required will assist in improving timeframes, however there is a need to make sure that relevant expert advice is able to be sourced where necessary.
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9.2.2 Planning, Development & Infrastructure Bill 2015 cont’d

- Code Assessable – Increasing amounts of development will be assessed against set provisions in the Planning & Design Code – this should have the result of more development being approved more promptly. The possible negative outcome of this approach is that some inappropriate development may have to be supported and issues such as the visual impact on a neighbour may not be given the same consideration they are currently.

- Enforcement – There is some improvement in the enforcement options available to councils but with the information provided at present I have been unable to gauge how beneficial these may be.

Disadvantages

- Complicated Assessment Pathways – The number of relevant authorities and assessment pathways is due to increase. Will make the system increasingly complex. Staff may need to become “accredited professional” requiring possible training and registration (likely to result in increased costs).

- Reduced Public & Professional Involvement – More development likely to be Category 1 – less involvement by the public in the assessment process. More code assessable development – less professional involvement.

- Removal of Elected Members from Assessment Panels – Removes Elected Members almost wholly from any part of the assessment process. Elected Members will still have some involvement in planning policy directions, but at the discretion of State Government.

- Increased Private Certification – Increased role for private certifiers. Councils must issue a Development Approval where Planning and Building Approvals have been issued by a private certifier. Council also takes responsibility for enforcement. Accordingly Council accepts all risk but has no involvement in the decision.

- Infrastructure Agreements – Listed as a disadvantage as well as an advantage. Potential for Councils to either fund additional infrastructure or have to collect additional rates for infrastructure agreements set up without their input. Council’s involvement in these agreements seems to be severely limited. The overall outcome could be that allotments become less affordable – the exact opposite outcome to the intention.

- Planning Precinct Authorities – Potential for ‘planning precinct authorities’ to be established that have control of some/all planning powers over a certain ‘area’ within a Council. The result is potentially a non-government entity approving all development within a Council area where that Council has limited control. An example could be a private body approving all development in Mannum Waters.

- Reduced Council Involvement in Shaping Built Environment – Council will no longer be primarily responsible for shaping the built environment within its area (the Planning & Design Code set by the State Government, State Government and private persons able to potentially change zoning, minimal involvement by Councils in assessment). The policy contained in many Development Plans (including the Development Plan for MMC) has been developed over time with careful consideration and local knowledge / experience. There is potential for this to be lost and it will take a long time to re-build that knowledge and policy into the Planning & Design Code (if possible).
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9.2.2 Planning, Development & Infrastructure Bill 2015 cont’d

- Timeframes Not Met – If a Council doesn’t make a decision on a development within the required timeframe an applicant can serve a notice and their application then become automatically approved. This encourages a culture of focussing on timeframes rather than outcomes. Poor development decisions are likely to result. However if this is limited to only minor forms of development then the potential for negative outcomes may be reduced.
- Income / Cost – The detail on development application fees is yet to be released (will form part of the Regulations). However given that councils will not be relevant authority as often as they are now it is likely that councils will not receive as much income through development assessment fees as they currently do. Councils will also incur costs for the on-line planning portal, infrastructure agreements, regional planning boards etc.

Conclusion

Elements of the planning system have been in need of reform for some time. The proposed reforms have some advantages but also some disadvantages. Due consideration has not been given, in my view, to the expertise available in local government in both a planning sense and an Elected Member sense.

The changes to the relevant authorities, assessment pathways and the system at a development application level are the changes which may cause the highest level of complication. The extent of the changes could be considered unnecessary. The same outcomes could have been achieved through reforming the non-complying process, enhancing the amount of Schedule 1A development and finalising the BDP project.

The changes create a system with more relevant authorities, more assessment pathways, and more regulation/accreditation of professionals – this all leads to a more complex system.

The attached submission reflects the views noted, but on the basis it is unlikely Council’s comments will result in any changes, Council is likely to have to substantially alter its internal processes into the future to adapt to the changes.

This submission will not only be sent to the Minister for Planning & the Department of Transport, Planning & Infrastructure, but will also be forwarded to each relevant local MP whose electorate covers a portion of Mid Murray Council.

References

| Strategic Plan | Natural and Built Environment  
| Goal 1.0 – An orderly and sustainable planning, management and development approach to all aspects of our natural and built environment. |
| Budget | Nil – at this point. However there are budget implications for Council depending on the final Act created and the detail which is yet to be released. |
9.2 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.2.2 Planning, Development & Infrastructure Bill 2015 cont’d

**Recommendation**

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that

(1) Council endorses the attached submission in relation to the “Planning, Development & Infrastructure Bill 2015”; and

(2) Council delegates authority to the Manager – Development Services to finalise and lodge the submission, incorporating any comments from Elected Members and Senior/Planning Staff.
9.2 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.2.3 Community Plan Update

Reporting Officers
Peter Graves

Positions
Director – Development & Environmental Services

Report Purpose
To provide elected members with an update as to the progress made with the Community Plan’s development.

Introduction/Background
At the September meeting of Council staff presented an overview of the proposed approach, including capturing elected members ideas on the stakeholders that needed to be engaged in the process. This report provides an update to the work undertaken to date by the Project Team which includes:

- Peter Graves, Director - Development & Environmental Services
- Consultant, Kerry Simcock
- Kim Smithson
- Dawn Stewart.

Discussion

Work to date:

Major achievements include:

1. Project Plan finalised. Further expansion of project milestones and action plan have been completed. See the below diagram re milestones.

2. Postcards for Mannum businesses, Mannum community and general Mid Murray community finalised. To be distributed via mailing list and Post Office letter box dispatch in the next fortnight as well as handing out at community group meetings that the project team attend. Closure date for responses 11 December 2015. Results will be segmented according to township and also for Mannum businesses.

3. Community Workshop design. As previously mentioned our plan is to undertake the following community workshops:
   a. Mannum community
   b. Mannum business community
   c. Morgan community
   d. Truro community.
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9.2.3 Community Plan Update cont’d

These sessions will be run in partnership with local community groups e.g. Progress Associations. Other communities will be engaged via elected member/project team attendance at agreed community group meetings. Specialist interest workshops will also be run e.g. related to the environment.

4. MMC Leadership Workshop design. A leadership workshop has been scheduled for 11 November 2015 at the Pretoria to capture feedback on the critical issues and start leaders thinking about their role in developing and implementing the plan including the resultant business plan.

5. Induction of Project Team & Reference Group. Meetings have been held to introduce these groups to the project scope, methodology, timeframes, roles and expectations.

6. Further Development of Engagement Matrix. We have incorporated the ideas from elected members. The matrix now includes the development of a mailing list that we will use to push out information on the community plan and capture feedback on community issues and required changes.

Major Next Steps:

1. Official Launch of Community Plan Project. This will be launched both internally to staff and the broader community over the coming fortnight via a range of media including Facebook, Mid Murray Council website, press release and dispatch of Postcards.

2. Development of Issue Papers. Over the coming weeks, project team members will review relevant Council and external plans and other source documents in order to summarise the key community issues under a series of headings:
   a. Natural & Built Environment
   b. Community Wellbeing
   c. Economic Development & Tourism
   d. Infrastructure & Facilities
   e. Community Leadership.

   The intention is to present the key issue papers at the December 2015 meeting of Council for consideration. The priority issues will form the basis of the strategies contained within the Community Plan.

3. Schedule Workshops and Attendance at Community Meetings. This will include working with elected members to confirm the organisations that they/project team members will meet with. Our aim is to have conducted all of the various workshops and meetings prior to Christmas. The information gathered will feed into the Issue Papers.

The latest version of the Project presentation is attached.

Refer Appendix 9.2.3.
9.2 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.2.3 Community Plan Update cont’d

Conclusion

The project team is making good progress with the development of the plan. The period up to Christmas will be used to consult with the community and other stakeholders including Mid Murray Council leaders and staff to gather their opinions and ideas. This information along with the desktop research will lead to the formation of the issues papers identifying the issues critical to the future of the Mid Murray Council community.

The Community Plan will provide a strategic framework for future focus, establishing priorities for action and investment, foster collaboration with the community, along with creating a mechanism through which Council can be accountable to the community and in turn management to Council.

Feel free to contact me if you want further information on the project and the priority issues that need to be captured within the Community Plan.

References

Strategic Plan
Community
Goal 2.0 – An enhanced, cooperative relationship within the community to achieve our shared vision.

Budget
No $ allocated in 2015/16 budget for this project. This will be addressed in the first budget review for this year.

Legislation

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________
that the report on the status of the Community Plan be received.
9.2 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.2.4 Confidential Item - Mannum Caravan Park – Future Management Arrangements

Reporting Officer       Peter Graves
Position                Director – Development & Environmental Services

Confidential item pursuant to Section 90 –

90(3)(b) –
(b) information the disclosure of which –

(iii) could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the Council; and
(iv) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

A M Cr moved that

(1) Under the provision of Section 90(2) and (3)(b) of the Local Government Act 1999 an order be made that with the exception of Mr Russell Peate, Mrs Robyn Dunstall, Mr Peter Graves, Mr Greg Hill, Mr Shane Thompson and Mrs Rose Sloper, all other persons present and the public be excluded from attendance at the meeting in order to receive a report and to consider matters under Section 90(3)(b).

(2) The Mid Murray Council is satisfied that it is reasonably foreseeable that the public disclosure or discussion of the information at the meeting could cause significant damage to the interest of Council, because of the public disclosure or discussion relating to the subject could reasonably be expected to present an unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person.

(3) Accordingly, on this basis, the principle that meetings of Mid Murray Council should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the discussion confidential.

Seconded Cr

Refer Confidential Report Item 9.2.4.
9.2 DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.2.5 Confidential Item – Enforcement Proceedings – T & G Brennan, Lot 501, East Front Road, Cowirra, Hundred of Younghusband

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Confidential item pursuant to Section 90 –

90(3)(g) and (h) –
(g) matters that must be considered in confidence in order to ensure that the council does not breach any law, order or direction of a court or tribunal constituted by law, any duty of confidence, or other legal obligation or duty;
(h) legal advice.

A M
Cr moved that

(1) Under the provision of Section 90(2) and (3)(g) and (h) of the Local Government Act 1999 an order be made that with the exception of Mr Russell Peate, Mrs Robyn Dunstall, Mr Peter Graves, Mr Greg Hill, Mr Shane Thompson and Mrs Rose Sloper, all other persons present and the public be excluded from attendance at the meeting in order to receive a report and to consider matters under Section 90(3)(g) and (h).

(2) The Mid Murray Council is satisfied that it is reasonably foreseeable that the public disclosure or discussion of the information at the meeting could cause significant damage to the interest of Council, because of the public disclosure or discussion relating to the subject could reasonably be expected to present an unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person.

(3) Accordingly, on this basis, the principle that meetings of Mid Murray Council should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the discussion confidential.

Seconded Cr

Refer Confidential Report Item 9.2.5.

Peter Graves
Director - Development & Environmental Services
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Cr moved that the report be received.
Seconded Cr

9.3.1 Director, Community Services Quarterly Report

Reporting Officer Shane Thompson
Position Director, Community Services

Report Purpose

To provide a quarterly update to Elected Members for information of key activities of the Director, Community Services from July to September 2015.

Update

The following key activities are in addition to general duties involved in the management and supervision of the broad variety of programs, projects and functions delivered by the Community Services Department and other associated roles and responsibilities.

July to September 2015 key activities include:

- Sourced $50,000 Community Benefit SA grant to support Mid Murray Family Connections engagement and participation officer
- Recruitment of the Mid Murray Family Connections coordinator
- Sourced $50,000 from the Local Government Association Research and Development fund to support a data and evidence role for Mid Murray Family Connections
- Disability Access committee meeting
- Preparation for swimming season to operate the pools including works at the Cambrai Pool
- Project management of the Garage Sale program
- Attended workshop in relation to the ‘Dropping off the Edge’ report which highlight levels of disadvantage not changing in the most disadvantaged communities in Australia
- NAIDOC week events
- Work towards establishing the Mid Murray Suicide Prevention and Action Network including preparing presentation for Clare event, formation of new committee, finalising action plan, sourced funding, developing a logo, various meetings and events.
- Prepared presentation for workshop on Results Based Accountability for Mid Murray Family Connections
- Rural Management Challenge preparation and mentoring
- Open Space Plan meetings and discussions
- OPAL future planning strategies
- Nildottie Tennis Club and Progress Association discussions
- Staff performance reviews
- Contribution towards the new Community Plan
- Ongoing review of the Morgan Day Activity Centre
- Review of the Regional Public Health Plan
- Review of Upper Mid Murray Transport and implementation of recommendations
- Involvement in aspects of the Mannum Community Hub
- Meetings regarding transport issues in the district
- Partnership liaison with Country Arts SA
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9.3.1 Director, Community Services Quarterly Report cont’d

- Regional Health Services and support advocacy
- Leadership and support for the Mannum Leisure Centre
- Activities and attendance associated with the Blanchetown Rural Transaction Centre and Blanchetown Health Centre
- Administration of Council’s Community Grants programs
- Chairing the Integrated Murraylands Physical Activity Committee (IMPAC)
- Facilitation of the lease arrangements with the Mannum Rowing Club and the Mannum RSL sub branch
- Committee member of the LGMA Community Members network including work on volunteer management, new staff induction resource, anti poverty and presentation on Collective Impact
- Support various initiatives of Mid Murray Family Connections
- Various volunteer management meetings
- Involvement with operations of the Mannum Caravan Park including removal of a private cabin, bunkhouse ensuite extension, new office building and several other minor issues
- Development of a whole of Council Facebook page
- WHS meetings and responsibilities
- Local Area Strategic Bike Plan involvement

This is in addition to regular staff contact and ad hoc work responding to community enquires.

References

Strategic Plan  2.8 Continue to support small communities by working with community organisations and volunteers to optimise the use of existing facilities and improve and maintain services.

Budget  Funds provided through the existing budget.

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________
that the Director Community Services Quarterly Report be received.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.2 Mid Murray Family Connections Grants

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**Report Purpose**

To update the Elected Members on grant application outcomes to enhance the work of Mid Murray Family Connections.

**Background**

Council is fully aware of the issues relating to early childhood development in the Council area and the outstanding work of Mid Murray Family Connections to address these complex issues. Furthermore, a lack of resources is an identified barrier to addressing these problems.

Two external funding sources had been identified to help resource the efforts of Mid Murray Family Connections in addressing these needs. They are:

- **Community Benefit SA** provides grants up to $50,000 for a 12 month project. An application for this amount was lodged to be able to employ a part-time ‘engagement officer’. This role would meet with families in places they are comfortable and connect them with the support and services they require. The position would also assist with training and events plus support the objectives of Mid Murray Family Connections in meeting needs.

- **Local Government Association Research and Development Fund** provides an opportunity to apply for $50,000 to have a dedicated resource to collect and analyse data to support the project. This will enable Mid Murray Family Connections to gather the evidence to help guide the project, source more resources and measure its success. The application is in partnership with Onkaparinga, Port Adelaide Enfield and Charles Sturt and endorsed by the Local Government Professionals SA ‘Community Managers Network’.

**Information**

Both applications have been successful which will allow three part-time staff to be dedicated to the Mid Murray Family Connection’s project over the next 12 months. It has long been identified that key to the success of the initiative was to have a coordinator, an engagement officer and a data position and all roles will now be filled in November.

**Conclusion**

Council has committed $50,000 in the 2015/2016 budget to support the work of Mid Murray Family Connections. This money has effectively been used to leverage these other external funding streams.

Council is being recognised as being at the leading edge for its work in this field. A presentation by Cr Jennings and Shane Thompson to a Local Government Professionals event helped to stimulate the LGA R&D grant. Cr Jennings will make a further presentation to a statewide workshop on Results Based Accountability in Adelaide on October 9th to further raise the profile of Council and the community operating in this space.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.2 Mid Murray Family Connections Grants cont’d

References

Strategic Plan 2.8 Continue to support small communities by working with community organisations and volunteers to optimise the use of existing facilities and improve and maintain services

Budget Matching funds allocated in 2015/2016 budget.

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that Council receives the report and congratulates Mid Murray Family Connections on being awarded both the Community Benefit SA and Local Government Association Research and Development Fund.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.3 Mannum Rowing Club Lease

Reporting Officer Shane Thompson
Position Director, Community Services

Report Purpose

For Elected Members to endorse the lease with the Mannum Rowing Club to enable its release for public consultation.

Background

Council has been in negotiations for some time with the Mannum Rowing Club and Mannum branch of the RSL around both parties having a form of secure tenure over the Rowing Club building located at Mary Ann Reserve Mannum.

From a governance perspective it has been recommended by Council solicitors for there to be a lease between Mid Murray Council and the Mannum Rowing Club who would then enter into a license with the Mannum branch of the RSL.

Information

Representatives form the Mannum Rowing Club and Council staff have just finalised a draft lease which, with Councils endorsement, can then be released for public consultation.

The Mannum Rowing Club and Mannum branch of the RSL have a signed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) in place that commits the parties to enter into a license agreement. Both parties have agreed on a formal license which outlines the roles and responsibilities of both organisations in giving the RSL access to the building at defined times. As outlined in the MOU both parties will sign the already agreed license once the lease between the Rowing Club and RSL has been signed.

Conclusion

All parties seem satisfied with the documentation. Council’s solicitors have approved the lease arrangement and support the Memorandum of Agreement between the Rowing Club and RSL.

Under the Local Government Act the lease between Council and the Mannum Rowing Club must be released for a 21 day public consultation period.

Following the consultation period a further report will come to Council at the October meeting which would finalise this matter.

Refer Appendix 9.3.3

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded ___________________
that Council endorse the Lease with the Mannum Rowing Club and it be released for public consultation for 21 days.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.4 Blanchetown Internet & Information Centre Quarterly Update

**Reporting Officer**  
Lee-Anne Schubert

**Position**  
Co-ordinator – Blanchetown Internet & Information Centre

**Report Purpose**
To provide a quarterly update to Elected Members of key activities and outcomes at the Blanchetown Internet & Information Centre July to September 2015.

**Update**

**Grants**
- **Small Community Grants $500**
  Seven community groups received funding for various projects in this round of small community grants. A total of $3500 was paid out by council.

**Blanchetown Community Services Committee**
Various issues being discussed within the committee
- Boat ramps in Blanchetown
- Town Identity statement
- Old golf course oval
- Blanchetown school fete
- Reduction of speed limit on Sturt Highway
- Change of name for Internet Centre in Blanchetown

The committee assisted in completion of a project initiated by council. Outdoor gym equipment was installed at the old golf course oval on Saturday 26th September. Gavin Abraham offered his time to install for the community with assistance from committee members, Alan Reynolds and Greg Kirk.

**Community Health Bus**

In July 2015, council staff at the Internet Centre in Blanchetown took over the day to day running of the Community Health Bus. This includes:

- Bookings from clients to use the bus
- Organising volunteer drivers to drive the bus
- Ensuring all maintenance is completed at the necessary times on the bus
- All monies banked and all bills paid relating to the bus
- Together with Murray Transport Connections, ensure all policies are adhered to and up to date in relation to the bus

**Ipad Classes for Seniors**

Ipad classes for Seniors commenced on Tuesday 22nd September. This will be for a 6 week period and they are being held at the Blanchetown Health and Aged Care Centre. This has been funded and organised through Murray Mallee Aged Care together with the assistance from the Blanchetown Internet & Information Centre.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.4 Blanchetown Internet & Information Centre Quarterly Update cont’d

Training

July – Better Impact Volunteer Registry Training
September – Social Media Training

Rural Management Challenge

I am taking part in this years’ Rural Management Challenge. A group of rural councils come together in Adelaide to compete against each other. This includes involved preparation prior to the challenge. Issues we may be faced with on the day include:

- Disgruntled customers
- Report writing within a minimal timeframe
- Public speaking and presenting
- Learning to work within a team of people you have known for a short time

NBN

Craig Chadwick has organised for the Internet Centre to be hooked up to NBN – this took place on 17th September.

Volunteer Hours

There has been a total of 109 volunteer hours for the last quarter.
July - 41
August - 32
September - 36

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________
that the Blanchetown Internet & Information Centre Quarterly Update report be received.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.5 Morgan Library Quarterly Update

**Reporting Officer** Lisa Walker  
**Position** Morgan Library Manager

**Report Purpose**

To provide a quarterly update to Elected Members of key activities and outcomes of Morgan Library from July - September 2015.

**Update/Introduction/Background**

- I attended a forum network and training workshop on “Innovation + collaboration = transformation” to actively brainstorm and plan how libraries/councils can remain relevant, customer focused and viable by supporting innovation, service excellence and community engagement.
- Morgan Library continue to offer free IT and tutorial sessions assisting borrowers to access the online catalogue and download e-books, audio books and digital media for free.
- We have had two applications for the trainee position. We will continue keeping costs down using the subsidised employment option for general duties, picking and scanning hold lists, filling/emptying delivery boxes and assisting in front counter service. This position is particularly required as additional (cost effective) staff cover for Morgan office and library during periods of leave or additional work loads as we don’t have casual staff back up.
- Morgan Library and Morgan Pre School coordinated another successful “Morgan Reading Challenge”.
- We supported Book Week 2015 and continued to work closely with the schools, preschools and playgroups organising regular “kids sessions” and activity events to increase community awareness of the library facilities.
- I have organised a meeting with Cambrai, Swan Reach and Mannum School Community Libraries to form a MMC library hub group to ensure best working processes, quality and practices.
- I am working on a proposal for Morgan to support Blanchetown library and to eliminate an annual ‘fee for service’ currently paid to Barossa Council.

**References**

Strategic Plan  2.8 Continue to support small communities by working with community organisations and volunteers to optimise the use of existing facilities and improve and maintain services.

Budget  Funds provided through the existing 2015/2016 budget.

**Recommendation**

Moved _________________ Seconded _________________

that the Morgan Library Quarterly Update report be received.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.6 Mid Murray OPAL – Long Term Sustainability

Reporting Officer
Courtney Blacker

Position
OPAL Program Manager

Report Purpose
To showcase relevant community advocacy materials to Elected Members and provide information on long term options for Council to maintain the OPAL Program during the 2016-17 financial year. This includes details of cessation of the five year Service Agreement with SA Health (30 June 2016), and budgetary implications for Council taking on new OPAL model for the next financial year.

Update

OPAL MID MURRAY HISTORY:
According to local community feedback and discussions, OPAL has been the most engaging and far-reaching program run in recent history.

Council signed on to the OPAL Service Agreement with the State and Federal Government in August 2011 for the program to be delivered, initially, over a five-year period. Following the 2014 Federal Election, the Federal Government ceased its support for the OPAL program, and after considerable lobbying from local Councils and community, the State Government (through SA Health) took on a scaled-back level of funding to ensure the program could continue for the five year period.

The support over this time from SA Health has included the wages of two dedicated OPAL staff – and Manager and Support Officer (initially full-time, and back to 0.9FTE since July 2014). This also came with an initial annual operational budget of $40,000 from SA Health, but has been cut back dramatically since the aforementioned changes to Federal funding support and is now helps to cover staff wages.

Currently we have the two staff maintained at 0.9FTE, plus small annual operational budget of $20,000 which has been contributed by Council each financial year since 2011-12. Much of this budget is used to leverage further funding (eg. contributions to other major grants from ORS, DPTI and community sponsorship). This is further buoyed by a $20,000 in-kind investment from Council (part of the Service Agreement) providing office space, IT support, works activity, travel, communication costs and more.

With seven months remaining on the OPAL Mid Murray Service Agreement, and in light of both State and Federal Government’s making severe cuts to health budgets, there is no current commitment from external bodies to continue funding the OPAL program.

Informal discussions with government bodies and NGO’s indicate while it’s likely these health cuts are a temporary response budget pressures, there is confidence that Governments will need to respond quickly to growing concerns around our national state of health, and with this will come external funding opportunities for local government. In the meantime, Mid Murray Council – through its staff, Elected Members and stakeholders will continue to lobby and advocate for OPAL funding from government private consortiums.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.6 Mid Murray OPAL – Long Term Sustainability cont’d

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK, EVALUATION AND PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:
What we know from working alongside our community for the past four years, and in recent community engagement sessions, is that there is an overwhelming level of support from ratepayers, key partners, stakeholders, sports clubs, parents, children and youth for OPAL to stay long term in the Mid Murray community. Consistent statements and messages during our consultation with community and staff have been that OPAL:

- has the strongest level of community engagement ever run by Council – including consistent promotion on opportunities to eat well and be active;
- has incredibly passionate and experienced staff who are willing to go above and beyond for local families;
- has a strength’s based approach as one of the only positive programs local families can engage with locally;
- has the human resources to deliver in all sectors of the community, taking time to reach all townships;
- supports Council staff from all portfolios to deliver better outcomes in various areas including health, infrastructure, community, youth, families, tourism, communication, planning, project management, open space and recreation and more;
- and most importantly, has created a momentum of change amongst local families, where healthy choices are shaping up to be the norm, not the exception.

Community feedback has also cited the potential costs and threats associated with losing the OPAL program are far too significant to not consider when looking at long term funding.

There are hundreds of outcomes and highlights attributed to the OPAL Program since its inception in 2011. Some of these are highlighted in this report’s attachments (see summary below):

- **Draft Infographic:** ‘Mid Murray OPAL By the Numbers’, a pictorial display of easy to read data which helps summarise OPAL’s local impact.
- **YouTube Film Documentary – local stakeholders:** ‘Mid Murray - Through the Eyes of our Community’ is a 20-minute video montage of interviews and photos with more than 25 local people, detailing the strength of OPAL in Mid Murray and why it needs to stay.
- **YouTube Advocacy Films – local children:** ‘Help us Keep OPAL in Murray’ is the brainchild collaboration between the Swan Reach Area School, Mid Murray Family Connections and local OPAL team. Led by year 5-6 students at the school, three films were developed to creatively argue for OPAL to continue in Mid Murray long term. This project has just been nominated for the South Australian Kids Film Festival and local families will travel to Adelaide for this event on 29 October.
- **Community Capacity and Engagement Report:** Developed by Dr Fiona Verity, an academic who specialises in reflection and community development/engagement. Dr Verity ran two workshops and interviewed key stakeholders from Morgan to Mannum, to demonstrate the strength OPAL has in building positive capacity and vibrancy across many sectors/settings of the community.
- **Sustainability Plan Report:** The ‘OPAL Long Term in Mid Murray’ report outlines key considerations and options for the long-term funding of the OPAL program in Mid Murray. It argues benefits, losses and threats, with a preferred approach to sustaining OPAL in Mid Murray until external funding is sourced.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.6 Mid Murray OPAL – Long Term Sustainability cont’d

As part of its Service Agreement, OPAL staff will work with the State Coordination Unit (SCU) to develop an Achievements Booklet. This highlights some of the work of OPAL and its partners, and offers case studies on successful projects. The booklet is currently being drafted and likely to be released publically in early 2016.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS:
If OPAL continues in Mid Murray, there will still be strong support offered from SA Health in 2016-17 (through State Coordination Unit) – with in-kind services and resources totalling an estimated $110,000.

This includes support on social marketing, branding, media, communications, advocacy, lobbying for external funding and more. An estimated value of this for Mid Murray is approximately $30,000 per year.

Council can continue to use the OPAL ‘brand’ and all of its associated materials, including all resources which have been designed/developed to support the program since its inception. An estimated value of these resources is approximately $30,000 per year.

Further, OPAL has developed an online project management tool (called ‘Single Platform’) which holds information on all OPAL projects run State-wide. All of this intelligence can be accessed by Council staff if it commits to OPAL long term. An estimated value of this resource is approximately $50,000 per year.

BUDGETARY OPTIONS:
From a financial perspective, there is already an annual allocation of funding to support OPAL, plus an opportunity to resource other funds as follows:

- Existing $20,000 in-kind support value from Council continues through budget;
- Existing $20,000 cash already provided by Council continue as operational budget;
- Potential to reallocate $20,000 annual Healthy Murraylands budget to support OPAL sustainability, with that equivalent time to be spend on adult-focussed health interventions;
- A commitment from the Mid Murray Public Health Plan Steering Group to use annual $5000 allocation from its budget to support OPAL sustainability in 2016-17;
- $7,000 in recent award-winning prize money for local health projects to be (rolled-over) to support 2016-17 OPAL budget.

In the 2016-17 financial year alone, this equates to a potential $52,000 worth of existing funds Council can already allocate towards keeping the OPAL program without new money invested.

To maintain the OPAL program for 2016-17 with its current resourcing (two 0.9FTE staff, small operational budget and other associated costs), a further $136,000 (on top of the above existing funding resource) must be allocated. This equates to approximately $13 for the average household per year.

This 2016-17 budget allocation would maintain OPAL at its full level of integrity and the high level of outputs to continue, as well as its significant level of investment to community, support other portfolios of Council and helping drive major projects such as the Murraylands River Trail, Open Space and Recreation Plan, Cycling Strategy and the Regional Public Health Plan – not to mention a broad range of other work.
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9.3.6 Mid Murray OPAL – Long Term Sustainability cont’d

A financial breakdown of this model would look like this:

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**Summary**

OPAL is a key service in working towards building a strong and vibrant Mid Murray community for the future. In the face of disadvantage, unemployment, mental health concerns and children's developmental issues, it has been a shining light of Council activity since 2011.

The benefits of keeping this program, far outweigh the financial cost associated with it, and if Council recognises the broad-reaching impacts OPAL has across all of its business units, there is a clear argument for why it needs interim support to maintain the program’s current momentum in the community.

It is imperative that Council makes a decision (even in-principle) on financial support for the program now for the 2016-17 financial year. This will avoid a loss of staff and having to send the program in to close-down activity. A decision now means the program can continue to build momentum in its current state, deliver on-ground activity and begin to seek external funding opportunities for future years.

**References**

**Strategic Plan**

OPAL contributes to all six key goal areas (more than 36 strategies) covering areas such as health, environment, economy, tourism, communication, community, infrastructure, development, youth and medical.

**Public Health Plan**

OPAL is a key contributor to outcomes associated with the regional and local Mid Murray PHP. This includes 100s of initiatives across the four key goals areas.

**Budget**

See above summary. An allocation of $52,000 existing funds be allocated to OPAL in 2016-17, plus a further $136,000 to maintain the program in its current state.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.6 Mid Murray OPAL – Long Term Sustainability cont’d

Refer Appendix 9.3.6

**Recommendation**

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that Council resolves to

(1) Include OPAL funding in its Long Term Financial Plan.

(2) Include OPAL as a key strategy within its Community Plan.

(3) Give in-principle support to reallocating $52,000 worth of existing annual budget funds and committing a further $136,000 annually, commencing in 2016-17, in its Business Plan and Budgets to maintain the OPAL program in Council.

(4) Through the OPAL/Community Services Team, continue to advocate, lobby and research external opportunities to fund the OPAL program long term through State and Federal Government organisations and/or the private sector.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.7 Fun 4 YOUTH Quarterly Update

Reporting Officer
Amy Loechel

Position
Community Development Officer

Report Purpose
To provide a quarterly update to Elected Members of key activities and outcomes of children and youth services from July to September 2015.

Update/Introduction/Background

Create a Playground
The second rotation of Create a Playground is commencing on Monday 12 October 2015. A total of 18 education and community organisations have registered - exactly the same number as the previous year. The 2015/2016 rotation includes the addition of 200 balls and a small wading pool which can be used either for water play during summer or sand play during winter. This initiative focuses on imagination play, encouraging the social, emotional and intellectual development for children.

Mid Murray Family Connections (MMFC)
Strong continued partnerships exist with Together SA and Community Centres SA, as well as local service providers. The collective impact and an RBA approach is continuing to measure implemented practice.

The Mid Murray Family Connections Project Coordinator, Kiran King will commence on 14 October 2015. Kiran's contract is for 12 months, 20 hours per week and she will be responsible for coordinating, administering and delivering a range of initiatives and outcomes, which will improve developmental outcomes of children living in the Mid Murray Council area.

This includes supporting the existing work of the Mid Murray Family Connections (MMFC) and its ‘Long Term Action Plan’, as well as supporting collective impact initiatives already underway in the district. The coordinator will have a focus on working directly with families and children to create change, plus engage with those settings which can have an impact on children’s early developmental years.

MMFC has been successful in attracting grant funding through Community Benefit SA to employ a part time Family Participation Outreach Worker. The aim of this position is to bridge service gaps, decrease social isolation and improve the developmental status of children in Mid Murray. This is currently still in the recruitment stage and further information will be provided at a later date.

NAIDOC Week
The Mid Murray Council partnered with the Mannum Aboriginal Community Association Incorporated (MACAI) to celebrate NAIDOC Week 2015. The celebration began with an official flag raising ceremony, Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony at the Mannum council office – and was followed by a NAIDOC March to Mary Ann Reserve where fun and educational activities were run all day long.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.7 Fun 4 YOUth Quarterly Update cont’d

More than 100 people turned out to help celebrate, with activities such as traditional whirlly-making, jewellery creations, woodfired pizza workshops (including traditional foods such as emu, crocodile and kangaroo) with OPAL and Amore Woodfired Pizzas, Fun4Youth and Create a Playground games for kids, OPAL’s Fruit Smoothie Bike and a showing of the film ‘Bran Nue Dae’ to top it off.

This is the second year Council has support NAIDOC events, with the 2015 theme ‘We All Stand On Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect, Celebrate’

Mobile Fun Box
The Mobile Fun Box continues to be rotated between local towns on a fortnightly basis as per the schedule, providing a mobile skate ramp for young people in the community.

Fun 4 YOUth
The Fun 4 YOUth van and sports trailer is still available to local community groups for use on a loaned basis. Any community group outside of the Mid Murray Council is able to access the equipment if available for a hire fee.

Spring Fun for Kids – Nature Play in Mid Murray
A school holiday program is being delivered for the September/October school holidays. 15 partners have been involved and a total of 26 programs delivered over the 10 day period. At the time of writing this report there were still activities running and therefore final numbers are unknown.

Illicit Drug Presentation
A drug presentation was delivered to the secondary students in Swan Reach in partnership with SAPOL. A total of 50 young people attended and explored the dangers of drugs.

Ice and Methamphetamine Community Forum
An information session on Ice and Methamphetamines is currently being coordinated for Mannum in partnership with SAPOL, at request of the community. A final date is yet to be confirmed as awaiting confirmation for a guest speaker from the health sector. The format is to include 3 guest speakers - Serious and Organised Crime, Simon Bowen the founder of the Visible Recovery Rehabilitation Centre (and recovering addict himself) and a health professional. It is to be held at the Mannum Leisure Centre and there will also be question time following the guest speakers. A media release and flyers will be distributed throughout the community when a final date is confirmed.

Summary
To continue to support the community with projects, events and initiatives which further develop positive actions for children, youth and families in the Mid Murray. Fun 4 YOUth will continue to be a tool for the community to use on a loan basis at local community events and the Mobile Fun Box and Create a Playground will continue to service towns within Mid Murray.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.7 Fun 4 YOUth Quarterly Update cont’d

References
Strategic Plan  2.8 Continue to support small communities by working with community organisations and volunteers to optimise the use of existing facilities and improve and maintain services.

Budget  Funds provided through the existing Youth budget.

Recommendation
Moved __________________ Seconded __________________
that the Fun 4 YOUth Quarterly Update report be received.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.8 Murray Transport Connections Quarterly Update

Reporting Officer  Natalie Davis
Position  Acting Community Passenger Network Coordinator

Report Purpose

To provide a quarterly update to Elected Members of key activities and outcomes of Murray Transport Connections (Mid Murray CPN) from July – September 2015.

Background

Murray Transport Connections (MTC) is a Community Passenger Network (CPN) funded by the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion, hosted by Mid Murray Council in partnership with the Rural City of Murray Bridge.

We provide information on transport services, we work with local service providers to help coordinate transport services for eligible residents, and we provide transport as a last resort where no other transport is available (using transport brokerage funding) to eligible residents.

July – September 2015 key activities include:

Recharge Scheme

• In August 2015 Mid Murray Council adopted the Recharge Scheme to be introduced into our communities.
• The Recharge Scheme services create a more accessible, inclusive and welcoming experience for people who use an electric mobility scooter or wheelchair when they are out and about. This includes designated areas for people to recharge their electric mobility device’s battery.
• Murray Transport Connections has started the implementation of the scheme throughout Mannum, we have received a positive response from most businesses and we will soon be seeing the Recharge Point stickers throughout council buildings and local businesses. We will be extending the Recharge Scheme to other Mid Murray towns in the near future.

HACC Social Support transport – Upper Mid Murray Council (Mid Murray Support Services)

• Murray Transport Connections has had continued contact with Mid Murray Support Services coordinator in Morgan, Vanessa Steadman. Since the introduction of My Aged Care from the 1st July 2015, Vanessa has reported that the new wheelchair accessible vehicle in Morgan is being under utilised. The car was introduced to help fill the gaps in transport services for over 65’s, with a particular focus on social support in the Upper Mid Murray region.
• Prior to this vehicle being in service, Murray Transport Connections were filling the gaps in service by providing short term transport brokerage (through Waikerie Health Service).
• Mid Murray Support Services have advised that the wheelchair accessible vehicle will no longer be available for use by Morgan residents from 1st November 2015. In the time that it has been in Morgan it has not been used by a person in a wheelchair. The vehicle will be based in Mannum where it can be better utilised.
• There are a number of current clients that will be affected due to not having a vehicle in Morgan. Murray Transport Connections will work in collaboration with Mid Murray Support Services to assist with this process.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.8 Murray Transport Connections Quarterly Update cont’d

Transport Brokerage Funding:
- Murray Transport Connections continues to provide taxi brokerage throughout the CPN region to provide transport as a last resort, for eligible residents.

For the months of July and August 2015, we have paid $2476.50 in taxi transport for 8 return trips.

Education
- Another successful education session was run, ‘Improving Safety for Older Road Users’, this time for residents of the Rural City of Murray Bridge. The session was held in the Murray Bridge council office and we had over 50 people attend.
- Once again we had speakers from SAPOL, Independent Living Centre and RAA. All presentations were very well received.
- At the end of the presentations the local Murray Bridge RAA shop came along with some Motorised Scooters to run a ‘Gopher-a-Drive’, session. Despite the grey skies many attendees stayed around to have a test drive.
- The Independent Living Centre also brought along their Mobile Unit to have on display in the council carpark, this was advertised around Murray Bridge to invite anyone in the community to come along to view and discuss other mobility aids.
- Feedback forms from participants demonstrated a very high level of satisfaction with the day’s session.

References

Strategic Plan 2.8 Continue to support small communities by working with community organisations and volunteers to optimise the use of existing facilities and improve and maintain services.

Budget Funds provided through the existing budget.

Recommendation
Moved __________________ Seconded __________________
that the Murray Transport Connections Quarterly Update report be received.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.9 Community Passenger Network

**Reporting Officer**  Natalie Davis

**Position**  Acting Community Passenger Network Coordinator

**Report Purpose**

To update Elected Members on the changes to Commonwealth Government funding of aged care services which is affecting our Community Passenger Transport Network.

**Background**

Council has been funded since 2011 to deliver a Community Passenger Network. Whilst hosted at Mid Murray the funding was also to provide the services to eligible clients in the Rural City of Murray Bridge. The funding is a blend of 70% Commonwealth funding to service eligible clients over 65 years of age and 30% from the State to fund eligible clients under 65 who have a disability or are transport disadvantaged. Total funding has been around $150,000 per annum for the past few years.

As members would know there are significant changes to Commonwealth funding especially in the aged care arena at the moment. These changes have been flagged for sometime however very few details have been available until late September. The changes as we currently understand them (given we don’t yet have full details) are going to have a massive impact on our current service model.

Under the old funding received until October 31 2015 the CPN had to specifically provide information, education, coordination and facilitation but could not provide any direct transport. As such we were not able to have any vehicles or volunteer drivers. At best we could broker transport as a ‘last resort’ generally by means of taxi vouchers or other creative arrangements. The CPN was also allowed to coordinate bookings on a specific medical bus for eligible Murray Bridge clients (under the partnership).

Under the new Commonwealth model for their 70% contribution for clients aged over 65, funding will only be provided for direct transport provision. This is as a result of the Commonwealth having a clear vision for a ‘consumer focussed and directed’ care model. Given this, funding will only be provided for each output. The amounts of funding per output is not yet know, however, figures indicated so far mean it will be unlikely for small operators, such as we would be in a large national model, to be viable. Additionally it would also mean entering into a competitive marketplace where we would need to compete with the likes of local providers such as Mid Murray Support Services and Murray Mallee Aged Care, along with others who wish to enter this space.

Furthermore, under this ‘consumer focussed and directed’ care model in the future clients will have their own allocation of funding to spend on certain services with any provider they chose. This again will create an even more competitive market and one in which it is very unlikely that Council will be able to compete. This model is inline with the new disability model. It is uncertain at this time if this model will come into place from July 1 2016 or at the latest it will be July 1 2018.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.9 Community Passenger Network cont’d

Further complicating the situation is the CPN contracts are currently administered by the State Government’s Department of Community and Social Inclusion under their Disability section. Again with the New Disability Insurance Scheme all disability services will move across to the Commonwealth from July 1 2018. This in itself will have an impact on this funding as the State Government Department will cease to exist from that time. The State Government are also unable to provide details of their future funding until the Commonwealth release all details of their plans.

This is a very complicated area at the moment with such massive changes and not the full information available.

Information

As outlined we still do not have all the detailed information so at this time it is very difficult to plan for this situation. However, what we do know is:

- We will receive funding until June 30 2016. 70% of that funding should be to provide direct transport;
- We won’t be ‘de-funded’ if we are not able to meet the ‘outputs’ this financial year;
- Current staff are therefore secure until the end of financial year but their future past that is unlikely;
- Only direct transport will be funded from July 1 2016 and it will be in a competitive market

Once we have more details we are hopeful that current direct services such as the Morgan Cadell Community Car, Morgan Community Bus and Blanchetown Health Bus may count towards the outputs. This could help for the rest of this financial year and possibly up to July 1 2018. It is not yet know if, or how, these services might be affected from 2018.

Conclusion

It appears at this point in time that it will not be viable for Council to deliver direct transport from July 1 2018 and possibly July 1 2016.

Council staff will continue to seek more information and will look to plan according to the information we receive. Further reports will be presented to Council as appropriate and will include recommendations in relation to future directions. At a minimum, staff will plan to provide an exit strategy to assist community members to be aware of how they can access transport services in the region.

Discussions I have had with other Councils indicate that most don’t foresee a future in transport provision past June 30 2018 and possibly earlier.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.9 Community Passenger Network cont’d

References

Strategic Plan  2.8 Continue to support small communities by working with community organisations and volunteers to optimise the use of existing facilities and improve and maintain services

Budget  All cash funding is external with Council providing in-kind support via office space and supervision.

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________
that the Community Passenger Network report be received.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.10 Mannum Leisure Centre Quarterly Update

**Reporting Officer**  Deborah Roberts
**Position**  Mannum Leisure Centre - Programs Officer

**Report Purpose**
To provide a quarterly update to Elected Members of memberships/sports and activities from July, Aug, Sept 2015.

**Update**
The following key activities are in addition to general duties involved within the day to day running of the Leisure Centre.

**July to September 2015 key activities include:**

- New memberships: July/ Aug/ Sept: 11 members
- Renewals: 5 members
- De-activated: 14 Members
- Re-activated: 4 Members
- Average of clients entering the gym: July/ 14 per week day – 7 weekend
- Average of clients entering the gym: Aug/ 17 per week day – 5 weekend
- Average of clients entering the gym: Sept/ 17 per week day – 5 weekend
- SFL classes: 6/7 per class
- Tai Chi: 5/7 per class
- Mannum Movers 8/9 per class
- Pm Classes: Average per class: 7
- Mixed Squash club and casual ‘hits’ average 2 per week.
- Karate Booked in continuously Monday evenings in Seniors Room
- Netball Stadium ‘Winter’ training Thursday evenings
- Junior Basketball Winter casual games.

**Functions**

**July:**
Private Roller Skating 2 Groups

**Aug:**
Craft Fair

**Sept:**
Christadelphian Church Group
School Basketball / Murraylands Schools
24 Hour Roller Derby Bootcamp
MCC School Concert
Aminya Annual General Meeting

**Building improvements/ Maintenance / New equipment**
- Stage Lighting – new part needed.
- Women’s toilets- Lighting.
- Women’s toilets – Plumbing.

**Preparation for Summer sports**
- Mixed Netball
- Mixed Basketball
- Junior Basketball
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.10 Mannum Leisure Centre Quarterly Update cont’d

- Marketing:
  - Various promotion on Facebook.
  - Client SMS’s.
  - Aug: Letter Box drop.

Summary

The Mannum Leisure Centre is continuing to grow. All programs are evolving to encourage the community to visit and use the centre. Focusing on: All age groups, gender and requirements.

References

Strategic Plan 2.8 Continue to support small communities by working with community organisations and volunteers to optimise the use of existing facilities and improve and maintain services.

Budget Funds provided through the existing budget

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________ that the Mannum Leisure Centre Quarterly Update report be received.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.11 Arts and Cultural Development Final Report

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**Report Purpose**

To provide a final report to Elected Members of key activities and outcomes of the Arts and Cultural Development project.

**Information**

The contract for the Councils’ Arts and Cultural Development Officer comes to an end this month.

Employed, from 10/04/2013 to 31/10/2015, as the result of a partnership between Council and Country Arts SA from April 2013, the goal was to identify and encourage the employment of Mid Murray artists, promote the arts and cultural activities, promote partnerships and increase skills and opportunities for creative and cultural expression for artists and the community in general.

The Town Identity Statement programme started in 2014 is a good example of this concept; where each population centre is being offered a Council Challenge grant, matched ‘in-kind by the town’, to develop and produce – in conjunction with local artists – an installed artwork which conveys the identity of that town. Swan Reach has completed and installed theirs with Truros’ close to installation, Bow Hill, Palmer in and Tungkillo having identified their artist and proceeding with construction or development processes while Blanchetown and Nildottie have undertaken community consultation and Sedan is planning to conduct workshops and engender community interest through those.

Support and assistance was given to develop the Morgan Sewing Room and the Morgan Living River Weekend, plus a Sing Australia group, Creative Communities Group and the Welcoming Party Group in Mannum. All of these groups are proving to be sustainable and all plan to continue their activities post contract period.

Project and grant writing workshops were undertaken in 2014 from Morgan to Mannum, with 18 participants plus individually assisted 3 individual artists and 2 community organisations in successfully applying for Country Arts grants which resulted in increased skills through projects including the Pieces of Mannum at the Down to Earth Community garden at the Mannum Community Hub. Assistance was given in establishing the garden itself plus initiation of the Certificate 1 horticultural course whose members helped in the construction of the garden; as well as later supporting the Grow and Share group to become established – also currently self sustaining.

The Swan Reach Music Festival also gained a Country Arts grant for a workshop in song writing and performance for regional young artists. They hope to maintain the opportunity.

Advised to and supported the Meldanda Coolamon project initiated by the Cambrai LAP.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.11 Arts and Cultural Development Final Report cont’d

A number of venues from Swan Reach to Sedan have been improved with the addition of up to date gallery equipment and opportunities for enhancing performances at local events has been boosted by Councils’ purchase of $12,000 worth of compact professional stage sound and lighting equipment and the Country Arts supported training course where 13 people from Cadell to Palmer gained certified skills in operating that equipment, thereby qualifying to borrow it from Council in future. The Swan Reach Area School music teacher has already utilised it to upskill 10 of his senior music students and The Morgan Living River Weekend will be using it next year – in their third event.

Partnering with Councils’ Community Development Officer has seen Youth Week workshops run by local artists teaching school students from Keyneton to Cambrai and Mannum skills in Junk art creation, song writing and performance, culminating in public installation at the Mannum Skate Park or performances at the Mannum Community Club. Plus, of course, the first project – being the rebranding by street art of the Mannum Leisure Centre executed by 10 Mannum and Cambrai Senior School students.

Produced 15@Mannum, facilitated Portraits of the River People and subsequently initiated the travelling Trunkated exhibition, plus consulting and advising to the Whole of the Moon project, in conjunction with Country Arts SA, brought opportunities for many community members from un-serviced and smaller communities to be involved in sometimes challenging, always rewarding, events in unique settings.

Over 60 artists of all persuasions, visual, literary and performance have been identified and 37 visual artists were represented at 4 major SALA shows from Mannum to Sedan and Keyneton, over 2014/15, which helped in connecting artists to not only community but also each other as well as cementing partnerships with The Dock Museum and The Wool Shed Gallery.

As a bonus, consultation was provided to the Mannum Kindergarten for their Café Exhibition in 2014 after they were given a tour of the 2014 ‘Connected’ Exhibition in Mannum.

It is hoped a Creative Connect web site for the promotion of Council area creative people and activities may continue to be developed under the aegis of the Mannum Dock Museum.

Some performing artists have availed themselves of the opportunity the Busking Licence has afforded, with very positive results for both performers and audience.

Initiation of an open Mic event called Local Vocal employing 2 local performers, has seen three quarterly events, two at Mannum alternating with one at Swan Reach. It is hoped this will continue to operate, in conjunction with a monthly Artisans Market and a Hand Made/Home Grown Market under the aegis of the Mannum Dock Museum.

Pop up art workshops were presented for young people in self portrait painting the Teddy Bears’ picnic and flag making at and Mannum Agricultural Show, employing 3 local artists.

Lantern making workshops were conducted during a Summer Holiday Programme, at three locations, Morgan, Blanchetown and Palmer.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.11 Arts and Cultural Development Final Report cont’d

Incidentally, an audit of both the Cambrai Hall was undertaken for County Arts SA and the staging equipment at the Mannum Leisure Centre for Council. As well as partnering for NAIDOC events and facilitating Yarn Bombing “happenings” and assisting in hanging art at the Mannum Agricultural Show. The last project to be finalised is the Gulp Art in partnership with OPAL where artworks will be installed at the Mannum Skate Park and Mary Anne Reserve drinking fountains to highlight the location and benefits of drinking water.

Tess would like to thank all those who welcomed her so wholeheartedly and responded so positively to the opportunities and challenges offered over the past 2½ years and warmly wishes this “area full of hidden gems” a supportive and creative future.

Attached is a more detailed listing of the projects along with some statistical information.

Summary

The partnership with Country Arts SA has delivered a wide variety of arts and cultural activities throughout the Mid Murray Region.

References

Strategic Plan 2.8 Continue to support small communities by working with community organisations and volunteers to optimise the use of existing facilities and improve and maintain services.

Budget Funds provided through the existing budget

Refer Appendix 9.3.11

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that the Arts and Cultural Development Final Report be received.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.12 Morgan Day Activity Centre Quarterly Update

**Reporting Officer**  
Jean Irlam

**Position**  
Morgan Day Activity Centre Coordinator

**Report Purpose**

To provide a quarterly update to Elected Members for information of key activities of the Morgan Day Activity Centre from July to September 2015.

**Update on key activities from July to September 2015**

**Outings**

Visit to the Renmark Leisure Centre on Wednesday 22 July 2015 “Aussie Christmas in July”.

Clients had a great day at Renmark, we had morning tea on arrival followed by a Christmas singalong in the music room. An Aussie BBQ followed by Christmas pudding for dessert was very enjoyable. Everyone received a Christmas decoration in the form of a small Christmas tree to take home.


The Christmas in July movie was called “Age of Adeline” which was enjoyed by all, a normal lunch followed by Christmas pudding for dessert, later a trip to Big W and Woolworths for some shopping before heading back to Morgan.

**In House**

An open ABC workshop “Photography” was held at the Centre on Friday 14 July 2015 with Daniel Schmidt and Sharon Hawkins.

A Fathers Day Luncheon was held at the Centre on Tuesday 1 September 2015

On Friday 28 August 2015, I organized a Funeral afternoon tea at the Centre for the family of client Dave Rio who passed away on Monday 21 August 2015.

**Meetings**

Volunteers meetings were held at the Centre on Fridays 7 April, 1 May and 7 August and Monday 13 July 2015, copies of minutes forwarded to Council.

**Hire and Use of Centre**

MCTDA held a meeting at the Centre on Tuesday 18 August 2015 at 7.30pm.

**General Business**

We have been working on new crafts for the past few months and clients have been having lots of fun, these crafts include father Christmas’s made with paper towel holders polystyrene balls and felt, Christmas trees made with readers digest books and cat and rabbit doorstops made with felt.

**Statistics**

The statistical information has been collated and reported on by the Director Community Services Shane Thompson.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.12 Morgan Day Activity Centre Quarterly Update cont’d

The chart below demonstrates that the most popular days are at the Centre are Tuesdays and Wednesdays while Mondays and Fridays are the quieter days for client attendance.

![Average Daily Client Attendance Chart]

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The chart below highlights the average hours that the clients spend at the Centre. The figures indicate the reduction in hours has not affected the clients as the majority of the time the statistics are not near the maximum of four hours each day.

![Average Hours per Client at the Centre Chart]

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9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.12 Morgan Day Activity Centre Quarterly Update cont’d

The chart below illustrates the drop off in volunteers due to illness in September 2015. There were also fewer volunteers available in June when the Centre coordinator went on leave.

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References

Strategic Plan 2.8 Continue to support small communities by working with community organisations and volunteers to optimise the use of existing facilities and improve and maintain services.

Budget Funds provided through the existing budget.

Recommendation Moved __________________ Seconded __________________ that the Morgan Day Activity Centre Quarterly Update report be received.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.13 Mid Murray Council Breastfeeding Friendly Workplace and Facilities Policy

Reporting Officer          Alexandra Day
Position                   Project Support Officer – OPAL

Report Purpose

To request the adoption of Mid Murray Council’s Breastfeeding Friendly Workplace and Facilities Policy; as a formal policy of Council to support and role model ongoing work in community wellbeing.

Introduction/Background

Through the introduction of the OPAL and Healthy Murraylands programs, the Mid Murray Council is one of a few local government districts leading the way in supporting community wellbeing. Implementing a breastfeeding friendly workplace and facilities policy is the next step in this process.

The Australian Government’s Infant Feeding Guidelines recognises that breastfeeding provides the healthiest start in life for infants. Providing a supportive physical and social environment and encouragement for breastfeeding women to continue to breastfeed is essential at all levels of the community and in the workplace. If a supportive and welcoming environment is not provided, a mother may prematurely terminate breastfeeding. Therefore, it is important that Council create and provide a supportive and welcoming environment for women to breastfeed.

Steps can be taken to raise the awareness of Council staff, particularly those working in customer service, libraries and the community centre, of the lawful requirements under anti-discrimination laws. Additionally, staff would be made aware of their sites breastfeeding welcome here (BWH) registration and the importance of encouraging women to breastfeed and provide a welcoming and supportive environment.

OPAL support

The OPAL team will provide support to implement the proposed strategies including:

- Applications to the Australian Breastfeeding Association for relevant venues to become Breastfeeding Welcome Here venues and be listed on the ABA website
- Promotion of the Breastfeeding Welcome Here sites to the public through display of stickers on the premises, articles in the Mannum Mag, local newspapers, Facebook page and website
- Communication to relevant staff about anti-discrimination laws on their site becoming Breastfeeding Welcome Here registered and listed
- Work with Human Services Coordinator to ensure that suitable private facilities are available at each Council work site
- Development of an information sheet, in consultation with the Human Services Coordinator, to be distributed to mothers going on maternity leave about Council’s support for them to continue to breastfeed upon their return to work and the facilities available to them
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.13 Mid Murray Council Breastfeeding Friendly Workplace and Facilities Policy cont’d

Summary

The proposed policy was met with overwhelming support from staff, community members and Senior Management. The draft policy will be formatted in accordance with Council’s standard policy document template once endorsed by Council.

References

Strategic Plan

2.0 An enhanced, cooperative relationship within the community to achieve our shared vision

2.1 Ensure a sustainable future with choices for opportunities for all our residents and visitors

2.5 Consult with young people to identify how best to meet their needs and aspirations

2.8 Continue to support small communities by working with community organisations and volunteers to optimise the use of existing facilities and improve and maintain services.

2.0 Well managed Council assets provided for the benefit of the overall community

4.3 Identify surplus assets that can be realised for a greater community benefit and ensure that communities are effectively consulted about how these benefits are delivered

4.4 Explore ways to involve the community in increasing the use of under-utilised assets that are valued by the community

Murray and Mallee Public Health Plan

Building community connectedness through the design of the built environment and provision of physical infrastructure

Building community connectedness through social infrastructure and community development initiatives

Boosting opportunities for physical activity and access to healthy food

Improved models of service delivery across the Murray and Mallee Region.

Budget

This policy adoption requires no cash contribution. It has been driven by the OPAL team with support from Senior Management.

Mission

Advocates for and providers of services and facilities that support community wellbeing;

A professional organisation that attracts and retains high quality staff and Elected Members;
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.13 Mid Murray Council Breastfeeding Friendly Workplace and Facilities Policy cont’d

Refer Appendix 9.3.13

**Recommendation**

Moved _______________________
Seconded _________________________

that Council adopts the Breastfeeding Friendly Workplace and Facilities Policy (subject to reformatting) and supports the policy principals.

Shane Thompson

**Director, Community Services**
9.4 CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT

Cr moved that the report be received.
Seconded Cr

9.4.1 Certification of 2014/15 Financial Statements

Report Purpose

Regulation 14 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 requires a certification statement (in the prescribed form) be included in the Annual Financial Statements and be signed by the Principal Member of the Council and the Chief Executive Officer.

The certification statement indicates that Council’s Annual Financial Statements:

- have complied with the Local Government Act, Local Government Regulations and Accounting Standards;
- present a true and fair view of the Council’s financial position at 30 June 2015;
- internal controls implemented by the Council provide a reasonable assurance that the Council’s financial records are complete, accurate and reliable and were effective throughout the financial year;
- accurately reflect the Council’s accounting and other records.

Once the Audit Committee are satisfied the Annual Financial Statements present fairly the accounts of Council, the certifying officers will complete and date the certificate. This will form the date of authorisation for the issue of the Annual Financial Statements. The Annual Financial Statements will then be tabled at a following Council Meeting.

Summary

Council authorise the Mayor and Chief Executive to certify the 2015 Annual Financial Statements and sign the certification of the statements in their final form when completed.

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________
that the Council authorise the Mayor and Chief Executive to certify the 2015 Annual Financial Statements in their final form and sign the certification statement.
9.4  CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.4.2  Blanchetown Kart Club Community Loan

Report Purpose

To consider a request from the Blanchetown Kart Club (Club) for an interest free loan of $15,000, for a period of 3 years to assist with the purchase of a grader.

Background

Council has previously provided interest free loans for Sporting and Recreational Groups within the Mid Murray Council District.

Council currently has Community Loans with various groups, the balance of these loans total $219,618 as at June 2015, Council’s practise is that it normally grants interest free community loans.

Discussion

The Club is seeking an interest free loan to support the purchase of a grader for the total cost of $30,000 (approximately) and is requesting Council to fund a loan of $15,000 to be repaid over a 3 year period with the Club funding the remaining $15,000.

Financial Implications

The Club has provided a copy of their audited financial statements for the past three years which has a bank balance of $56,058.60 as at 31 July 2015.

The lending to the Club is considered to be a low risk if the Club can not pay back the loan, as Council could potentially have a financial loss of $15,000. The likelihood of this occurring would be unlikely based on the financial information that they have provided and their previous history.

The Local Government Finance Authority variable interest rate is currently 4.25% per annum.

Summary

That Council authorise an agreement to lend the Blanchetown Kart Club $15,000 over a 3 year period, to assist with the purchase of a grader, subject to the Club entering into a written agreement to repay the loan.

Refer Appendix 9.4.2

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that Council authorise a $15,000 loan, over a 3 year period, be provided to the Blanchetown Kart Club to purchase a grader. The loan be subject to the Club entering into a written agreement to repay the loan.

Robyn Dunstall

Acting Director, Corporate & Financial Services
9.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Cr moved that the report be received.
Seconded Cr

9.5.1 CEO Monthly Report

Please find listed below a summary of meetings I have attended since the September meeting:

1. Attended meeting to discuss Outhred report, Local Government Association, Adelaide
2. Attended meeting to discuss funding for trial wastewater technology at Swan Reach, Local Government Association, Adelaide
3. Met with Heritage Services regarding restoration of Morgan Station Masters House
4. Met with Ursula Hickey, SA Tourism Industry Council, Mannum
5. Met with Mannum Show Society representatives, Mannum Showgrounds
6. Attended Rural City of Murray Bridge Business Breakfast on Economic Development Strategy
7. Met with Sue Record, Principal, Mannum Community College
8. Attended Telstra and NBN Information Session, Cambrai
9. Met with Lorraine Littlefield
10. Attended Barossa Regional Procurement Group Steering Committee meeting, Kapunda
11. Met with representatives from Truro and Districts Raceway, Dutton
12. Attended Murray and Mallee Local Government Association workshops, Karoonda
13. Attended hearing on Local Government Inquiry into Rate Capping, Adelaide
14. Attended Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting
15. Attended Elected Members workshop
16. Guest at Mannum Community College Formal
17. Attended Local Government Association Community Wastewater Management System Management Committee meeting, Adelaide
18. Attended Mannum Dock Museum Board meeting
19. Attended Local Government Association Consultation session on new Planning Legislation, Karoonda
20. Attended “Talk with Tony” hosted by Tony Pasin MP, JJJ Diner, Mannum
21. Met with Tallwood and Mannum Golf Club
22. Attended Blanchetown Community Services Committee meeting regarding Ambulance Services
23. Met with Petrea Sanchez
24. Attended Murray and Mallee Local Government Association meeting, Renmark
25. Attended Morgan Museum Board meeting
26. Met with History Trust SA regarding Shearer Car, Adelaide
27. Attended Mannum Main Street Working Party meeting
28. Attended AWU Enterprise Bargaining meeting, Cambrai

N.B. This does not include the various internal staff meetings I have attended.

For information.
9.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.2 Adelaide Mayors’ Summit for Jobs Growth held on 7 August 2015

I have attached letter from the Lord Mayor Martin Haese and Local Government Association President Dave Burgess dated 22 September 2015, regarding the Mayors’ Summit for Jobs Growth held on 7 August 2015. I have also attached the Agenda and outcomes from the meeting, for members’ information.

Refer Appendix 9.5.2

**Recommendation**

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that the Adelaide Mayors’ Summit for Jobs Growth held on 7 August 2015 be received.
9.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.3 Caretaking of Greenways Park at Nildottie

As some members are aware, discussions have taken place over the last few years regarding the organisation responsible for the caretaking of Greenways Park at Nildottie. I have attached copy of notes of meeting held on 1 September 2015 and 15 January 2015, for members’ information. I have also attached minutes from the last Nildottie Progress Association meeting agreeing to the caretaking of Greenways Park to be undertaken by the Nildottie Tennis Club for a two year period.

I understand that there may have been a further meeting to endorse the resolution from the Nildottie Progress Association meeting held on 7 September 2015, as the person moving the motion may not have been a member of the Progress Association at the time. An update will be provided at the meeting.

An Agreement will be formulated, outlining the responsibilities for the caretaking of Greenways Park and this will be sent to the Nildottie Tennis Club for completion.

Refer Appendix 9.5.3

Recommendation
Moved __________________ Seconded __________________
that
(1) The meeting notes held on 1 September 2015, regarding the caretaking of Greenways Park at Nildottie be received.

(2) It be referred to the Governance Manager to prepare an Agreement for the caretaking of Greenways Park at Nildottie by the Nildottie Tennis Club for a two year period for completion between the Tennis Club and Council.
9.5  CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.4 Eden Valley Bushfire 2014 Community Diary Launch

I have attached invitation, media release and news article from the ABC. The ABC TV did a live link from the launch of the Community Diary at Keyneton on Friday September 18. 2015. The Deputy Mayor, Cr Jennings officiated at the launch. Around 40 people attended the launch.

Refer Appendix 9.5.4

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that the report on the Eden Valley Bushfire 2014 Community Diary Launch be received.
9.5   CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.5 Funding by State Government for Council Expenditure for Eden Valley Bushfire

I have attached copy of letter to the Treasurer and Minister for Finance, Tom Koutsantonis, (including attachments) requesting consideration of the provision of funding of $64,000 under the extraordinary assistance criteria for Local Government Disaster Recovery Assistance for the costs incurred for the Eden Valley Bushfire. Council’s letter dated 2 June 2015 and attachments are self explanatory.

I have also attached letter from the Minister of Finance dated 30 September 2015 advising of approval of extraordinary assistance of up to $64,000 subject to substantiation of actual costs incurred and the provision of an invoice to the Department of Treasury and Finance. An invoice and substantiation of the costs incurred by Council for the Eden Valley Bushfire has already been forwarded to the Department of Treasury and Finance.

Refer Appendix 9.5.5

**Recommendation**

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that

(1) The letter from the Treasurer and Minister for Finance advising of approval of extraordinary assistance of up to $64,000 for costs incurred by Council as a result of the Eden Valley Bushfires be received.

(2) A letter of thanks be sent to the Treasurer and Minister for Finance for the approval of the funding.
9.5   CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.6   Increase in Postage Rates for Letters by Australia Post

I have attached email from Leichhardt Municipal Council in New South Wales, regarding the proposed increase in letter prices from January 2016, new price schedule and Australia Post’s draft price notification Issues paper, September 2015. The Corporate and Financial Services Director advises that an estimate of cost of rate notices being posted would equate to around a $13,000 increase in postage. However, a new method is being considered which would reduce our postage cost.

Should Council wish to forward a submission, it is due by 15 October 2015.

Refer Appendix 9.5.6

Submitted for consideration.
9.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.7 Mannum Agricultural Show Society – No Camping at Showgrounds

I have attached letter sent to the Mayor from the Mannum Show Treasurer regarding a meeting to discuss a range of matters. The Mayor and myself met with Mannum Show Society representatives on 15 September 2015 and a copy of the outcomes from the meeting is attached.

I have attached Certificate of Title indicating that the ownership of the showgrounds is the Mid Murray Council. The Show Society has requested whether Council would consider installing no camping signs at the Showgrounds.

At present, some caravans and RVs do camp at the Showgrounds. It is also recognised that camping and caravans are permitted, but only during special events – the Sounds by the River concert, with the agreement of the Show Society and Mannum Football Club.

This report is submitted to enable Council to consider whether the installation of no camping signs at the showgrounds should be undertaken.

Refer Appendix 9.5.7

Submitted for consideration.
9.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.8 Mid Murray Council Submission on the Senate Select Committee on the Social, Economic and Environmental Impacts of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan on Regional Communities

I have attached copy of resolution from the last Council meeting, Terms of Reference for the Senate Select Committee on the Murray-Darling Basin Plan and copy of Submission sent to the Senate Inquiry.

An opportunity was provided to Councillor Myers and the Mayor to comment on the draft submission prior to finalisation.

A copy of Council’s submission has been sent to:-

The Federal Member for Barker, Tony Pasin, Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Anne Ruston, Councillor Myers as Chairman of Region 5 Murray-Darling Association, Region 5 Murray-Darling Association, Murray Darling Basin NRM Board and local media (River News, Murray Valley Standard and ABC Riverland).

Refer Appendix 9.5.8

**Recommendation**

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that Council note the submission forwarded to the Senate Select Committee on the Social, Economic and Environmental Impacts of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan on Regional Communities.
9.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.9 Mobile Phone Black Spot Program – Mid Murray Council Area

I have attached for members’ information the following:-

- Submission sent to the Federal Minister for Communications regarding their Mobile Black Spot Program Round 1 dated 28 February 2014.

- Acknowledgement of Council’s submission by the Department of Communications dated 7 May 2014.


- Response from the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, dated 30 August 2015.

It is noted in the letter that $60M is committed to Round 2 of the Mobile Black Spot Program with this funding available over a 2 year period from 1 July 2016.

Refer Appendix 9.5.9

**Recommendation**

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that

(1) The letter from the Parliamentary Secretary to the Federal Minister for Communications regarding the Mobile Black Spot Program for the Mid Murray Council area dated 30 August 2015 be received.

(2) Council forward a further submission for consideration under Round 2 of the Federal Government Mobile Black Spot Program, when submissions are called and a copy be sent to the mobile network operators and Regional Development Australia and the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association.
9.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.10 Morgan 2015 Christmas Fair and Pageant

I have attached letter received from the Morgan and Districts Lions Club International, requesting $5,000 in funding for the fireworks display in association with their 2015 Christmas Fair and Pageant. Previously, Council has agreed to providing $5,000 to the Morgan Community Development & Tourism Association, subject to the provision of their financial statement to Council (copy of Council resolution attached).

The Mannum Christmas Fair and Pageant fireworks is funded by the Mannum Caravan Park; last years funding was $4,000. Given the resolution and increase in the rental payable by the Morgan Caravan Park; in terms of consistency, it would seem fair for Council, through the Morgan Caravan Park, to agree to the provision of the requested $5,000 for the fireworks display at the Morgan Christmas Fair and Pageant.

Refer Appendix 9.5.10

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that Council agree to fund $5,000 towards the fireworks display for the 2015 Christmas Fair and Pageant as requested by the Morgan and Districts Lions Club International with funding being from the increased rental from the Morgan Caravan Park.
9.5   CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.11 Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission – Potential Sites

I have attached article in The Advertiser recently regarding the Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission possible sites which refers to Tungkillo as a connector point on the network. I have also attached a letter from Senator Sean Edwards and extracts from his report entitled “Transforming our economy. Cleaning our energy. Sustaining our future”.

Refer Appendix 9.5.11

**Recommendation**

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that

(1) The report on the Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission potential sites be received.

(2) The letter from Senator Sean Edwards enclosing a copy of his submission to the South Australian Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission be received.
9.5  CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.12 Presentation by Mid Murray Council at the State Economic and Finance Committee Inquiry on Rate Capping

I have attached copy of previous Council resolution, Council submission and presentation to the State Economic and Finance Committee on Rate Capping and members for the State Economic and Finance Committee (appearing before the Committee).

The Mayor, Dave Burgess, Councillor Steve Wilkinson and myself attended the Inquiry on 24 September at 9-30am in conjunction with representatives from the City of Victor Harbor and the District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula. It is considered that the opportunity for the presentation was beneficial and highlighted the impact rate capping would have on infrastructure and service provision within Mid Murray Council in implementation.

Refer Appendix 9.5.12

Recommendation
Moved __________________ Seconded __________________
that the report on Council’s presentation to the State Economic and Finance Committee Inquiry on Rate Capping be received.
9.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.13 Request to Fly the Rainbow Flag

I have attached letter received from the General Manager of Feast Festival requesting every Council to fly the Rainbow Flag for the duration of the Feast Festival from 14 – 29 November 2015. The principal office at Mannum has three flag poles, which have traditionally flown, the Council, National and Aboriginal flags. I understand that a separate Torres Strait Islander flag has been flown during NAIDOC week. Other than this, I am not aware of any other flag being flown.

Council does not have a policy on the flying of flags and apart from the above, the three flags mentioned are only flown. It is suggested that it be referred to the Chief Executive Officer to coordinate the production of a Flag Management Policy reflecting Council’s intention to maintain the formal and traditional protocol of the Council flying the National, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Council flags only. In my view, to fly the Rainbow Flag would create a precedent for other festivals to request the same.

Refer Appendix 9.5.13

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that

(1) It be referred to the Chief Executive Officer to coordinate the production a Flag Management Policy reflecting Council’s intention to maintain the formal and traditional protocol of the Council flying the National, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Council flags only.

(2) A letter be sent to the General Manager of the Feast Festival advising of the outcome.
9.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.14 Surplus Government Property

I have attached email from Renewal SA advising of a range of surplus government property within the Adelaide Hills, Mount Barker, Mid Murray and Alexandrina Council areas. I have enclosed maps showing the Mid Murray Council areas in the schedule of surplus government property.

I have sought comment from the OPAL Program Manager and Director, Infrastructure Services regarding this land potentially being a rail trail (cycling track).

The Director, Infrastructure Services has indicated that he does not believe the land will be of any benefit to Council or for the Recreational Trail because of its location and closeness to existing Council infrastructure.

The OPAL Program Manager has advised that the land is not currently a priority for acquisition and doesn’t have any relevance to the Murraylands River Trail. Therefore, it is suggested that Council advise Renewal SA that it does not wish to submit an expression of interest for this land within the Mid Murray Council area.

Refer Appendix 9.5.14

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that Renewal SA be advised that the Mid Murray Council has no interest in submitting an expression of interest for the purchase of the surplus government property in the Mid Murray Council area.
9.5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.15 Mannum Dock Museum Board

Introduction

To advise Council on the nominations received for appointment to the Mannum Dock Museum Board and for Council to approve their appointment.

Background

In accordance with the Operational Guidelines for the Mannum Dock Museum, written nominations were invited from interested community members to fill the four positions on the Board. The four positions vacated were – Rob Bowring, Trevor Twigden, Keith Halloran and Athalie Verrall.

Discussion

The following two nominations were received by the closing date – Keith Halloran and Les Penley. Keith Halloran is a current sitting member; however Les Penley is not. Rob Bowring submitted an application on Monday, after the closing date for the receipt of nominations, Friday 11 September 2015.

Accordingly, Expressions of Interest were recalled for the positions on the Mannum Dock Museum Board, given that only 2 nominations were received by the closing date. A copy of this advertisement is attached.

The following eight nominations were received by the new closing date; being the 2 October 2015:-

- Keith Halloran
- Les Penley
- Rob Bowring
- Wally Meakins
- Barry Harvey
- Barry Burdett
- David Dowley
- Capt Peter Thomas

A copy of the nominations are attached.

Under the Operational Guidelines, members are to be appointed by Council.

Refer Appendix 9.5.15

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that the following persons be appointed to the Mannum Dock Museum Board for a period expiring in November 2017:-

- ______________
- ______________
- ______________
- ______________
9.5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.16 Old Mannum Primary School Land – Walker Avenue

I have attached copy of previous report to Council on 14 April 2015 (including attachments) and email received from Geoff Rose, Renewal SA dated 22 September 2015. As members are aware, Council forwarded an Expression of Interest for the purchase of 38-56 Walker Avenue, Mannum. The State Government (through Renewal SA) have advised that the purchase price for the land is $230,000.

As members are aware, Council purchased the old Mannum Primary School for $165,000 and fully restored the building for $235,000.

It is suggested that Renewal SA be requested to revalue the land in the first instance. Further, Council has land that it is in the process of disposing of as follows:-

- 2998 Randell Road, Mannum
- Lots 76, 75, 66 Page Drive, Riverbanks Estate, Blanchetown
- Truro Allotments – Lot 14, Moorundie Street and Allotment 599, Moorundie Street

The combined value of this land is $287,500.

A report will be submitted to the November Council meeting on the options for the sale of Adelaide Road land at Mannum. In addition, the sale of the two allotments at Truro and Blanchetown will be progressed. The Blanchetown allotments have been listed for sale.

Therefore, Council could be in a position to offer an amount for the purchase price for the Walker Avenue land at Mannum which would benefit not only the Mannum Community College but also the Mannum Hub. In addition, it is likely that a section of the land may be able to be subdivided for residential allotments. In the attached Letter to the Editor of the Mannum Mag, it was indicated that this section of land is now zoned residential.

Refer Appendix 9.5.16

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that

(1) The State Government (Renewal SA) be requested to revalue the land at 38-56 Walker Avenue, Mannum prior to an Expression of Interest for the purchase of this land.

(2) Subject to the revaluation of the land it be delegated to the Mayor, Shearer Ward Councillors and the Chief Executive Officer to forward an Expression of Interest for the purchase of the land.

(3) A report be submitted to the November Council meeting on the options for the sale of Council land at Adelaide Road, Mannum.

(4) It be referred to the Chief Executive Officer to progress the sale of the allotments at Truro – Lot 14, Moorundie Street and Allotment 599, Moorundie Street.
9.5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.17 Morgan Museum Board

As members are aware, two members of the Morgan Museum Board recently resigned and an advertisement was placed for Expressions of Interest for the two positions. As at the closing date for the receipt of Expressions of Interest, the following nomination was received:-

- Diana Angel

A copy of the advertisement and nomination received are attached. Under the Operational Guidelines, members are to be appointed by Council.

Refer Appendix 9.5.17

Recommendation
Moved __________________ Seconded __________________
that

(1) The following person be appointed to the Morgan Museum Board for a term expiring at the end of the current term of Council;

- Diana Angel

(2) Expressions of Interest be readvertised for an additional Community Representative on the Morgan Museum Board.
9.5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.18 Annual Leave – Chief Executive Officer

Approval for Annual Leave is sought from 14 October to 4 November 2015 inclusive.

Recommendation
Moved __________________ Seconded __________________
that
(1) Approval be given for annual leave for the Chief Executive Officer from the 14 October to 4 November 2015 inclusive.

(2) The Infrastructure Services Director be appointed as Acting Chief Executive Officer for this period.
9.5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.19 Environment Protection Authority – Landfill Levy Invoice

**Purpose**

To provide an update on the amount outstanding for the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) solid waste levy.

**Background**

Council resolved at its meeting held on 11 August:

“17331/3 Cr Raison moved that the following recommendation from the meeting of the Mid Murray Council Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting held on 23 July 2015, be adopted by Council –

_ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY – INVOICE FOR LANDFILL LEVY_

212/2 Cr Hall moved that

(2) It be recommended to Council that the Chief Executive Officer write to the Environment Protection Agency highlighting that Mid Murray Council will not pay the waste levy until there is announcement by the State Government on the criteria for the funds to be utilized by local government for waste management initiatives and a copy of the letter be sent to the Local Government Association for their information.

Seconded Cr Schmitt. **CARRIED.**

Seconded Cr Myers”.

In accordance with this resolution the Chief Executive Officer has requested the Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation to provide:

“advice regarding the use and dispersal of the accumulated funds held by the previous Zero Waste SA, what funding programs and initiatives Green Industries SA will implement and the timeframes for this. Once this information is received and Council is confident that the funds paid by Councils, through the Waste Levy will be used for waste management initiatives, the Solid and Liquid Waste Levy will be paid”.

A copy of the letter sent is attached.

**Discussion**

Council has received a response from Andrew Wood A/Chief Executive, EPA, outlining:

“...under section 113 of the Environment Protection Act 1993, the holder of a licence to conduct a waste depot has an obligation to pay the prescribed levy to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) in respect of waste received at the depot. The levy (including any penalty for default) is payable as a debt due to the Authority and is, until paid, a charge on any land owned by the licence holder.”
9.5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.19 Environment Protection Authority – Landfill Levy Invoice Cont’d

“In relation to levy issues, as stated in the response paper, the following issues are currently being considered by the State Government:

The budget of $4.122 million can be reviewed against other government priorities. The development of an innovative transformative budget bid for the next five years to allow programs to be developed and take effect based on the scope and role for Green Industries SA may be considered by Government.

Further work will be undertaken to demonstrate the economic and employment benefits, multiplier effects and advantages of further investing in the green industry sectors. During 2015-16, a detailed economic and business case analysis will be undertaken.

In Summary:
- Green Industries SA will have a role in assisting industry to access capital to invest in the green economy.
- The adequacy of the current expenditure authority granted to Green Industries SA will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.
- A provision for Green Industries SA to apply both grants and loans will be considered in legislation associated with establishment of Green Industries SA.
- The Office of Green Industries SA will continue to examine the concept of a green bank in consultation with financial institutions, Government and Industry.”

A copy of the letter from the Environment Protection Authority is attached. Refer Appendix 9.5.19

Financial Implications

Council has received invoices for Solid Waste Levy for August and September 2015, the invoices incur penalties of $300 or 5% of our annual authorisation fees, whichever is the highest, apply for each month or part thereof that payment is late.

As at 7 Oct 2015 there will be outstanding EPA Invoices for Aug and Sept totaling $15,697.78, penalties total $1,177.33 ($392.44 times 3).

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that

(1) Council notes the response from the Environment Protection Authority dated 1 October 2015 and the penalties associated with outstanding Invoices.

(2) It be referred to the Waste Management Coordinator to ascertain the funding initiatives available by the Office of Green Industries SA.

(3) Subject to funding availability by the Office of Green Industries SA, media releases be issued in relation to the lack of funding for waste management initiatives for Councils.

(4) The Environment Protection Authority invoices be paid.
9.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.20 Closed Circuit Television Grants Program 2016 – Mannum

I have attached letter from the Attorney-General’s Department advising that funding is available for CCTV Grants. Application close on Friday 16 October 2015.

An extension of the CCTV in Mannum is proposed to incorporate Arnold Park, the Mannum Caravan Park, the RSL Monument Corner and Mary Ann Reserve. Consideration is also being given to the Mannum Skate Park area and an update will be provided at the meeting. A further expansion could be undertaken to incorporate Bolto and Haythorpe Reserves in 2017. Estimates of costs are being obtained at present time with a view to submitting an application for funding by the closing date.

Refer Appendix 9.5.20

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that Council note the application to be submitted for funding under the CCTV Grants Program by 16 October 2015.
9.5  CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.21 Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Policy

**Reporting Officer**  
Kelvin Goldstone

**Position**  
Manager – Governance

**Report Purpose**

To table a draft Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Policy for adoption by Council.

**Discussion**

Members would be aware CCTV infrastructure has been installed in Randell Street, Mannum.

Prior to the commissioning of the system Council is required to consider and adopt an appropriate CCTV Policy. A draft policy is attached.

Refer Appendix 9.5.21

The policy has been developed in consultation with Council’s IT Manager, Senior Records Management Officer, Manager – Governance and Acting Director – Corporate and Financial Services. SAPOL (Mannum), Mannum Progress Association and Mannum Neighbourhood Watch have been involved in the rollout of the system. The policy is consistent with existing policies adopted by other local government authorities with installed and operative CCTV systems. Leading up to the twelve month policy review it is anticipated a Memorandum of Understanding relating to operating responsibilities will be developed with SAPOL.

**References**

Strategic Plan  Governance  
Goal 5.0 – A Council that exhibits the highest values and principles in all aspects of its activities and identifies and incorporates community ideas, values and goals in its decision making process.

Budget  No budget impact.


**Recommendation**

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that the draft Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Policy MMC-DP2 (October 2015) be adopted by Council.
9.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.22 Port of Morgan Heritage and Tourism Board – Establishment and Terms of Reference

Reporting Officer  Kelvin Goldstone
Position  Manager – Governance

Report Purpose

To obtain Council’s endorsement of the Establishment and Terms of Reference of the Port of Morgan Heritage and Tourism Board.

Discussion

Operational Guidelines for the Morgan Museum Board were originally adopted by Council in 2006. The Operational Guidelines were subsequently reviewed and amended by Council in 2011 and 2012.

At the March 2015 meeting, the Board resolved to change the name to “Port of Morgan Heritage and Tourism Board” and that the Operational Guidelines/Terms of Reference be amended accordingly.

Council endorsed the proposed name change and authorised the preparation of amended Operational Guidelines for the Board and Council’s consideration. These Terms of Reference reflect Council’s resolution.

Refer Appendix 9.5.22

References

Strategic Plan  Governance
Goal 5.0 – A Council that exhibits the highest values and principles in all aspects of its activities and identifies and incorporates community ideas, values and goals in its decision making process.

Budget  No budget impact.


Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________
that subject to endorsement by the Port of Morgan Heritage and Tourism Board at a meeting held on 6 October 2015 the Establishment and Terms of Reference for the Port of Morgan Heritage and Tourism Board be adopted by Council.
9.5  CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.23 Volunteer Policy
Volunteer Code of Conduct
Volunteer Activity Recruitment Process

Reporting Officer          Kelvin Goldstone
Position                   Manager – Governance

Report Purpose
To table for Council’s information and endorsement draft Volunteer Policy documentation.

Discussion
Attached to this report are copies of draft documentation relating to volunteers, namely:

- Volunteer Policy
- Volunteer Code of Conduct
- Volunteer Activity Recruitment Process.

Council’s WHS Committee and Senior Management Team are aware of and have endorsed the production of the Policy documents.

The Policy and Code of Conduct require adoption by Council, the Recruitment Process document is provided for information only given it is an internal procedural document.

The Policy and Code of Conduct are consistent in layout with Council’s suite of policy documents and are consistent with those adopted by local government authorities throughout South Australia.

Refer Appendix 9.5.23

References
Strategic Plan            Governance
                        Goal 5.0 – A Council that exhibits the highest values and principles in all aspects of its activities and identifies and incorporates community ideas, values and goals in its decision making process.

Budget                   No budget impact.


Recommendation
Moved __________________ Seconded __________________
that
(1) the Volunteer Policy MMC-DP3 (October 2015) be adopted by Council;
(2) the Volunteer Code of Conduct MMC-CC1 (October 2015) be adopted by Council;
(3) the Volunteer Activity Recruitment Process document (9.1.5) be noted.
9.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.24 Local Government Elections – Discussion Paper

**Reporting Officer**  Kelvin Goldstone  
**Position**  Manager – Governance

**Report Purpose**

To table advice from the Local Government Association referencing a discussion paper produced by the Office of Local Government associated with a review of the 2014 Local Government Elections.

**Discussion**

Attached to this report is a copy of the Office of Local Government Review of 2014 Local Government Elections Discussion Paper.

Refer Appendix 9.5.24

The Local Government Association is seeking feedback on the contents of the paper, the key issues being:

- Voter turnout
- Compulsory voting
- Electronic voting
- Property franchise
- Caretaker provisions
- Access to electronic voters roll
- Timing of elections
- Disclosure of candidates’ address
- Disclosure of candidates’ political affiliation.

A submission will be drafted to meet the deadline of 27 November 2015, feedback from the meeting and/or from elected members individually will assist in the preparation of the submission.

**Recommendation**

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that the report on the Local Government Election Discussion Paper be received.
9.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.25 Confidential Item – Morgan Riverside Caravan Park Lease

Reporting Officer Kelvin Goldstone
Position Manager – Governance

Confidential item pursuant to Section 90 –

90(3)(b) –
(b) information the disclosure of which –

(i) could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the Council; and

(ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

A M Cr moved that

(1) Under the provision of Section 90(2) and (3)(b) of the Local Government Act 1999 an order be made that with the exception of Mr Russell Peate, Mrs Robyn Dunstall, Mr Peter Graves, Mr Greg Hill, Mr Shane Thompson and Mrs Rose Sloper, all other persons present and the public be excluded from attendance at the meeting in order to receive a report and to consider matters under Section 90(3)(b).

(2) The Mid Murray Council is satisfied that it is reasonably foreseeable that the public disclosure or discussion of the information at the meeting could cause significant damage to the interest of Council, because of the public disclosure or discussion relating to the subject could reasonably be expected to present an unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person.

(3) Accordingly, on this basis, the principle that meetings of Mid Murray Council should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the discussion confidential.

Seconded Cr

Refer Confidential Report Item 9.5.25

Russell Peate
Chief Executive Officer
10. MAYOR'S REPORT

Cr moved that the report be received.
Seconded Cr

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