MID MURRAY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MAIN STREET, CAMBRAI
ON TUESDAY 11 APRIL 2017

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,
Mrs C L Budarick, Minute Secretary.

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

4. APOLOGIES
Nil.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Cr Wilkinson declared a conflict of interest pursuant to Division 3 of the Local Government Act in Item 9.1.7 – Mannum Rowing Club Pontoon Construction and intends to participate in the meeting in relation to the matter.

Cr Schmitt declared a conflict of interest pursuant to Division 3 of the Local Government Act in Item 9.2.3 – Confidential Item – Morgan Caravan Park and does not intend to participate in the meeting in relation to the matter.

Cr Myers declared a conflict of interest pursuant to Division 3 of the Local Government Act in Item 9.5.5. – Attendance at the SA Regional Tourism Summit in the Riverland and does not intend to participate in the meeting in relation to the matter.

Cr Sakko declared a conflict of interest pursuant to Division 3 of the Local Government Act in Item 9.5.14 – Confidential Item – Swan Reach Proposal and intends to participate in the meeting in relation to the matter.

Mayor Burgess declared a conflict of interest pursuant to Division 3 of the Local Government Act in 9.2.5 – Mannum Waters – Water Allocation and intends to participate in the meeting in relation to the matter.
6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

(Page 19177 and Confidential Minutes 1558 – 14/3/2017)

19262/1 Cr Kuhn moved that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 14 March 2017, be taken as read and confirmed. Seconded Cr Hall.

CARRIED.

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil.

8. BUSINESS DEFERRED

Nil.

9. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT

See Minute Book Pages 19279 – 19293.

19262/2 Cr Myers moved that the report be received. Seconded Cr Sakko.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT

9.1.2 Road Closures – RSL Swan Reach Sub-Branch Inc

19262/3 Cr Hall moved that

(1) The report for the road closures request by the Swan Reach RSL Sub Branch Inc be received.

(2) Pursuant to Section 33(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1961, Council declares that the event described below (“Event”) that is to take place on the roads described below (“Road”) is an event to which Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act 1961 applies; and pursuant to Section 33(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Act 1961, makes an order directing that the road on which the Event is to be held and any adjacent or adjoining roads specified below, be closed to traffic for the period from 6.00am until 8.00am on Tuesday 25 April 2017

Roads: Hasse Hill Road, Swan Reach be closed from 6.00am until 8.00am
Event: Swan Reach RSL Sub Branch Inc ANZAC Day March

(3) Pursuant to Section 33(1)(b) of the Road Traffic Act 1961, Council makes an order directing that persons taking part in the Event be exempted in relation to the roads, from the duty to observe the Australian Road Rules specified below and attaching to the exemption:–

Australian Road Rules Exemptions
Rule 230: Crossing a road – general;
Rule 238: Pedestrians travelling along a road; (except in or on a wheeled recreational device or toy);

(4) Council employees be authorised to erect the necessary road signs and barricades.

Seconded Cr Kuhn.

CARRIED.
BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT CONT’D

9.1.3  DPTI Sedan Intersection Alteration

19263/1 Cr Jennings moved that

(1) The report for Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure – Sedan Intersection alteration be received.

(2) A response back to Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure that “Council would only support the proposed alterations if Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure commits to invest in the reconstruction of the entire intersection by reconfiguring the 6 connecting roads by eliminating the minor access road in front of the Sedan Hotel and improve on street parking”.

(3) In view of community consultation undertaken with adjoining residents, Council recommends the closure of the side road in front of the Sedan Hotel and this be conveyed to the Department of Planning Transport and Infrastructure.

Seconded Cr Sakko.  

CARRIED.

9.1.4  Bridge Renewal Program

19263/2 Cr Wilkinson moved that the report on the Bridge Renewal Program be received.  

Seconded Cr Sakko.  

CARRIED.

9.1.5  Waste & Recycling Collection Contract

19263/3 Cr Wilkinson moved that

(1) The Waste & Recycling Collection Contract report be received.

(2) The Director of Infrastructure Services continue with tender and contract negotiations with the Barossa Regional Procurement Group and prior to any final decision being made, reports to Council on costs, savings and level of service to be provided, prior to signing any contract.

(3) Council notes the Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association is currently undertaking Waste Management Collaboration Opportunities in conjunction with member Councils.

Seconded Cr Hall.  

CARRIED.

9.1.6  Renaming Section of Piggery Road, Mannum

19263/4 Cr Taylor moved that

(1) The Renaming section of Piggery Road, Mannum report be received.

(2) The road to be made a ‘No Through Road’.

Seconded Cr Raison.  

CARRIED.
BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT CONT’D

9.1.7 Mary Ann Reserve Pontoon Construction

Cr Wilkinson declared a perceived conflict of interest pursuant to Sections 75 and 75A of the Local Government Act in Item 9.1.7 as he is a member of the Mannum Rowing Club. Cr Wilkinson remained in the Chamber and he did vote on this item.

19264/1 Cr Myers moved that the Mary Ann Reserve pontoon construction report be received. Seconded Cr Raison. CARRIED.

Cr Wilkinson voted in favour of the motion. The majority of members voted in favour of the motion.

9.2 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

See Minute Book Pages 19294 – 19309.

19264/2 Cr Myers moved that the report be received. Seconded Cr Raison. CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT

9.2.1 Development Assessment Panel – 2016 Annual Report

19264/3 Cr Raison moved that the Annual Report from the Development Assessment Panel for the 2016 reporting period be received. Seconded Cr Myers. CARRIED.

9.2.2 Corella Control 2016-2017

19264/4 Cr Hall moved that the report titled ‘Corella Control 2016-2017’ be received and noted. Seconded Cr Sakko. CARRIED.

9.2.3 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – MORGAN CARAVAN PARK

Confidential item pursuant to Section 90(3)(b) Local Government Act 1999

90(3)(b) –

(g) 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.

9-44 A M Cr Schmitt declared a material conflict of interest pursuant to Section 74 of the Local Government Act in Item 9.2.3 as he is the Lessee of the Morgan Caravan Park. Cr Schmitt left the Chamber and he did not vote on this item.

19264/5 Cr Sakko 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 Dunstill, Mr Peter Graves, Mr Greg Hill and Mrs Carol Budarick, 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).
9.2.3 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – MORGAN CARAVAN PARK CONT’D

(2) The Mid Murray Council is satisfied that pursuant to Section 90(3)(b) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to the agenda item is information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting business, proposing to conduct business and would prejudice the commercial position of the Council.

(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 Hall.  
CARRIED.

10-00 A M  
19265/1 Cr Sakko moved that pursuant to Section 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council orders that Confidential Minutes Pages 1565 – 1573 of the meeting held on 11 April 2017, the Development & Environmental Services Report Item 9.2.3 (Morgan Caravan Park) 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 Kuhn.  
CARRIED.

10-00 A M  
Cr Schmitt returned to the meeting.

9.2.4 Mid Murray Council Community Plan Update

19265/2 Cr Wilkinson moved that the report titled ‘Mid Murray Council Community Plan Update’ be received and noted.  
Seconded Cr Sakko.  
CARRIED.

10-01 A M  
Mayor Burgess declared a perceived conflict of interest pursuant to Section 75 of the Local Government Act in Item 9.2.5 as a family member owns land in Mannum Waters. Mayor Burgess remained in the Chamber.

9.2.5 Mannum Waters – Water Allocation

19265/3 Cr Taylor moved that

(1) Council further investigate the transfer of the waterway and water allocation obligation to Council.

(2) The Director Development and Environmental Services enter into negotiations with the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Environment, Water & Natural Resources (DEWNR) to remove the need for a water allocation for evaporation at Mannum Waters.

(3) Legal advice be obtained by the Chief Executive Officer regarding Council’s water allocation obligations.

Seconded Cr Wilkinson.  
CARRIED.
9.2.7 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – PALMER WIND FARM ERD COURT UPDATE

Confidential item pursuant to Section 90(3)(g), (h) & (i) Local Government Act 1999

90(3)(g), (h) & (i) –
(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;
(i) information relating to actual litigation, or litigation that the council or council committee believes on reasonable grounds will take place, involving the council or an employee of the council;

Joel Taggart, Manager – Development Services and Jake McVicar, Senior Development Officer – Planning in attendance.

10-16 A M
19266/1 Cr Myers moved that
(1) Under the provision of Section 90(2) and (3)(g), (h) & (i) 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 Joel Taggart, Mr Jake McVicar and Mrs Carol Budarick, 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), (h) & (i).
(2) The Mid Murray Council is satisfied that pursuant to Section 90(3)(g), (h) & (i) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to the agenda item is 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; legal advice; and information relating to actual litigation involving the Council.
(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.

10-19 A M
19266/2 Cr Myers moved that pursuant to Section 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council orders that Confidential Minutes Pages 1574 – 1577 of the meeting held on 11 April 2017, the Development & Environmental Services Report Item 9.2.7 (Palmer Wind Farm ERD Court Update) and attachments and all discussions relating to the matter which was considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(g), (h) & (i) remain confidential and not available for public inspection until released by Council.

Seconded Cr Jennings.

CARRIED.

OTHER DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES BUSINESS

Twin Creek Wind Farm - Update

The Manager Development Services provided an update on the proposed Twin Creek Wind Farm and advised that a Development Application is still to be lodged with the State Government.

Joel Taggart, Manager – Development Services and Jake McVicar, Senior Development Officer – Planning left the meeting.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT  See Minute Book Pages 19310 – 19326.

19267/1 Cr Sakko moved that the report be received.  
Seconded Cr Taylor.  
CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT

9.3.1 Quarterly Update – Blanchetown Internet & Information Centre

19267/2 Cr Myers moved that the January to March 2017 Blanchetown Internet & Information Centre quarterly update be received.  
Seconded Cr Sakko.  
CARRIED.

9.3.2 Quarterly Update – Mannum Leisure Centre

19267/3 Cr Wilkinson moved that the October to December 2016 Mannum Leisure Centre quarterly update be received.  
Seconded Cr Myers.  
CARRIED.

9.3.3 Quarterly Update – OPAL

19267/4 Cr Myers moved that the OPAL update report be received.  
Seconded Cr Hall.  
CARRIED.

9.3.4 Quarterly Update – Morgan & Districts Community Hub

19267/5 Cr Myers moved that the Morgan & Districts Community Hub Quarterly update report be received.  
Seconded Cr Sakko.  
CARRIED.

9.3.5 Quarterly Update – Children and Youth

19267/6 Cr Wilkinson moved that the Children and Youth update report be received.  
Seconded Cr Raison.  
CARRIED.

9.3.6 Quarterly Update - Mid Murray Family Connections

19267/7 Cr Jennings moved that the Mid Murray Family Connections program Quarterly Update report be received.  
Seconded Cr Wilkinson.  
CARRIED.
9.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT See Minute Book Pages 19328 – 19345.

19268/1 Cr Sakko moved that the report be received.
Seconded Cr Hall.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT

9.5.2 Consideration of Building Application Fees - Blanchetown Chicken Farm Expansion

19268/2 Cr Myers moved that

(1) The report on the building application fees applicable for the Blanchetown chicken farm expansion (DA 711/113/17) be received.

(2) In recognition of the Development Application fees paid and rates payable on the expansion and similar assessment for the sheds, the applicable fees ($505,284) be reduced by 30% ($151,585) and a written agreement between the parties be completed for the payment of the fees as follows:-

- payment of $117,900 when Building Application is lodged
- payment of $117,900 – 6 months later
- payment of $117,900 – 12 months later
- Late payment will result in the full building application fee being required to be paid.

Seconded Cr Raison.

CARRIED.

9.5.3 General Practitioner Services for Morgan and Cadell

19268/3 Cr Myers moved that

(1) The report on the Community Information Sessions held in Morgan on Thursday 16 March 2017 and Friday 17 March 2017 regarding a full time General Practitioner service for Morgan and Cadell provided by the Tristar Medical Group be received.

(2) Based on the community support at that Community Information Sessions held, Council endorse the recruitment of a full time medical practitioner for Morgan and Cadell by the Tristar Medical Group.

(3) Subject to the above, an Agreement be formulated with Tristar Medical Group for the use of the Morgan Medical Centre for a full time medical practitioner for Morgan & Cadell.

Seconded Cr Hall.

CARRIED.

9.5.4 Mid Murray Council – Possible Gas-Fired Electricity Generator

19268/4 Cr Wilkinson moved that the letter sent to the Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Mineral Resources and Energy and others regarding consideration of a new gas-fired electricity generator at Tepko near Mannum, as part of the State Government's Energy Plan be received.
Seconded Cr Sakko.

CARRIED.
BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT CONT’D

10-37 A M Cr Myers declared an actual conflict of interest pursuant to Section 75 of the Local Government Act in Item 9.5.5 as he will benefit personally and professionally while representing Council at the SA Regional Tourism Summit. Cr Myers left the Chamber and he did not vote on this item.

9.5.5 Attendance at the SA Regional Tourism Summit in the Riverland

19269/1 Cr Kuhn moved that Cr Myers be authorised to attend the SA Regional Tourism Summit being held in the Riverland from 16th to 18th May 2017. Seconded Cr Hall. CARRIED.

10-38 A M Cr Myers returned to the meeting.

9.5.6 SA Water Decommissioning of Old Water Tank in Mannum

19269/2 Cr Wilkinson moved that SA Water be advised that Council notes the decommissioning of the old water tank on Wanke Road, Mannum. Seconded Cr Sakko. CARRIED.

9.5.7 Murray Darling Association Region 5

19269/3 Cr Raison moved that

(1) The report on the Murray Darling Association Region 5 Annual General Meeting at the Renmark Paringa Council on Monday 6 March 2017, be received.

(2) Council note the list of issues relating to the Murray River in relation to the Mid Murray Council that was forwarded to the Chairperson of Murray Darling Association Region 5. Seconded Cr Sakko. CARRIED.

9.5.8 Riverland West Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting – 28 March 2017

19269/4 Cr Jennings moved that the report on the Riverland West Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting held on the 28 March 2017 be received. Seconded Cr Sakko. CARRIED.

9.5.9 New Almond Hulling and Shelling Plant at Swan Reach

19269/5 Cr Hall moved that the report on the New Almond Hulling and Shelling Plant at Swan Reach be received. Seconded Cr Sakko. CARRIED.
BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT CONT’D

9.5.10 Mid Murray Council Received Grant Funding for Freight Road Upgrade

19270/1 Cr Wilkinson moved that the report on the grant approved under State Local Government Infrastructure Partnership for first stage of the Truro to Eudunda Road be received. Seconded Cr Jennings. CARRIED.

9.5.11 Membership of the Mannum Dock Museum Board

19270/2 Cr Myers moved that

(1) The Operational Guidelines for the Mannum Dock Museum Board be amended to reflect the new membership of the Board.

(2) Council endorse the appointment of Peter Thomas as Vice Chairman to the Mannum Dock Museum Board.

(3) The Council endorse the appointment of Rob Bowring as Treasurer to the Mannum Dock Museum Board.

Seconded Cr Raison. CARRIED.

9.5.12 Announcement of $1 Billion Solar and Battery Farm for Morgan

19270/3 Cr Myers moved that the report on the proposed new Solar and Battery Farm for Morgan be received. Seconded Cr Sakko. CARRIED.

9.5.13 Application Submitted Under the Building Better Regions Fund – Community Investment Stream

19270/4 Cr Wilkinson moved that Council endorse the applications submitted under the Federal Government Building Better Regions Fund – Community Investments Stream for Destination Mid Murray and All Steamed Up 2018. Seconded Cr Sakko. CARRIED.

9.5.14 Confidential Item - Swan Reach Proposal

Confidential item pursuant to Section 90 –

90(3) (a) information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead);

90(3) (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.
9.5.14 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM - SWAN REACH PROPOSAL

10.44 A M
19271/1 Cr Sakko moved that

(1) Under the provision of Section 90(2) and (3)(a) and (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 and Mrs Carol Budarick, 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)(d).

(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 Taylor.

CARRIED.

10.46 A M
19271/2 Cr Taylor moved that pursuant to Section 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council orders that Confidential Minutes Pages 1578 – 1580 of the meeting held on 11 April 2017, the Chief Executive Officer’s Report item 9.5.14 (Swan Reach Proposal) and attachments and all discussions relating to the matter which was considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(a) and (b) remain confidential and not available for public inspection until negotiations have been completed or the order is revoked by Council and that this order be reviewed in twelve months.

Seconded Cr Jennings.

CARRIED.

OTHER CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS BUSINESS

Local Government Association – Notices of Motion Ordinary Meeting 21 April 2017

A copy of the Notices of Motion for the Local Government Association Ordinary General meeting to be held on Friday 21 April 2017, were provided to members, prior to the Council meeting.

The Chief Executive Officer outlined the importance of the Notice of Motion 8.1 General Purpose Financial Assistance Grants and Notice of Motion 8.2 – Update on Waste Levy.

10. MAYOR’S REPORT  See Minute Book Page 19346.

19271/3 Cr Sakko moved that the report be received.
Seconded Cr Jennings.

CARRIED.
11. ELECTED MEMBERS’ REPORTS

Cr Kuhn

Cr Kuhn reported on her attendance at the following meetings and functions –

Cr Hall

Cr Hall reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions –
Aminya bi-monthly meeting, Mannum, Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting, Cambrai, Walker Flat Progress Association Dinner, Walker Flat, Commercial Enterprises Working Party, Cambrai, Council Reception for Volunteers, Tungkillo, Council Reception for Volunteers, Blanchetown, Bowhill Progress Association meeting, Bowhill, meeting with the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure and Mid Murray Council, Mannum, Council Reception for Volunteers, Bowhill, Mid Murray Council meeting, Cambrai, Council Reception for Volunteers, Keyneton.

Cr Sakko

Cr Sakko reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions –
Mid Murray Land Care meeting, Cambrai, Ski for Life Suicide Prevention Lunch, Walker Flat, Mid Murray Council meeting and Workshop, Cambrai, Commercial Enterprises Working Party, Cambrai, Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting, Cambrai, Budget Workshop, Cambrai, Save the Shop meeting, Nildottie, Walker Flat Progress Association Dinner, Walker Flat.

Cr Myers

Cr Myers reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions –
Mid Murray Council meeting, Cambrai, Morgan Conservation Park public meeting with DEWR, Landseer Museum meeting with Mulloway Design team, Australian Maritime Safety Authority Shipwreck Conference, Mannum, Commercial Enterprises Working Party, Cambrai, Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting, Cambrai, Budget Workshop, Cambrai, Mannum Dock Museum Board meeting, Mannum, Lavender Trail meeting, Watervale, Joint Morgan/Mannum Museum meeting, Mannum, Blanchetown Community Services Committee meeting, Blanchetown, Port of Morgan Heritage and Tourism Board meeting, Morgan, Council Reception for Volunteers, Blanchetown.

Cr Wilkinson

Cr Wilkinson reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions –
Mannum Agricultural & Horticultural Show, Mannum, Mannum Riverside Markets, Meeting with the Director of Infrastructure regarding budget, Mannum Men’s Breakfast, Mannum, Mid Murray Land Care meeting, Cambrai, Mid Murray Council meeting and Workshop, Cambrai, Commercial Enterprises Working Party, Cambrai, Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting, Cambrai, Budget Workshop, Cambrai, Mannum Men’s Discussion Group, Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting, Cambrai.
11. ELECTED MEMBERS’ REPORTS CONT’D

Cr Taylor

Cr Taylor reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions – Mid Murray Council meeting, Cambrai, RSL meeting, Mannum, Development Assessment Panel meeting, Cambrai, Mannum Library meeting, Mannum, Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting, Cambrai, Budget Workshop, Cambrai, Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting, Cambrai, Mannum Riverside Markets, Council Reception for Volunteers, Tungkillo, Meeting with representatives from Bowhill Engineering, Mannum, Council Reception for Volunteers, Bowhill, Mid Murray Council meeting, Cambrai.

Cr Raison

Cr Raison reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions – Mid Murray Council meeting and Workshop, Cambrai, Development Assessment Panel meeting, Cambrai, Budget Workshop, Cambrai, Aminya bi-monthly meeting, Mannum, Mannum Riverside Markets, Aminya Site Inspection, Mannum, Tungkillo Progress Association meeting, Tungkillo, Council Reception for Volunteers, Tungkillo, Main Street SA Conference, Glenelg, Murray Darling Association meeting, Waikerie, Council Reception for Volunteers, Bowhill, Mid Murray Council meeting, Cambrai, Council Reception for Volunteers, Keyneton.

19273/1 Cr Wilkinson moved that the elected members’ reports be received. Seconded Cr Taylor. CARRIED.

12. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE – COUNCILLORS

13. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE – COUNCILLORS

Nil.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

10-51 A M
19273/2 Cr Sakko moved that the meeting adjourn for morning tea. Seconded Cr Taylor. CARRIED.

10-59 A M
19273/3 Cr Myers moved that the meeting resume. Seconded Cr Raison. CARRIED.

Lisa Walker, Coordinator Morgan and Districts Community Hub in attendance.
15. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

15.1 Public Libraries Services

10-59 A M
Joanne Freeman, Manager Strategic Projects & Communication, Public Library Services, Veronica Mathews, Project Leader, Strategic Projects & Communication, Public Library Services and Kristine Peters from KPPM Strategy (at 11-05 A M) attended the meeting, and presented to Council on the strategic directions regarding the updated changes to governance arrangements for School Community Libraries.

11-36 A M Joanne Freeman, Veronica Mathews, Kristine Peters and Lisa Walker left the meeting.

16. PETITIONS

Nil.

17. MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES

17.1 MANNUM LEISURE CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Nil.

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

Nil.

17.3 MID MURRAY COUNCIL BUILDING FIRE SAFETY COMMITTEE

Nil.

17.4 MANNUM DRY ZONE WORKING GROUP

Nil.

17.5 MID MURRAY COUNCIL DISABILITY ACCESS REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Nil.

17.6 MID MURRAY COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANEL

19274/1 Cr Hall moved that the Minutes of the Mid Murray Council Development Assessment Panel meeting held on 20 March 2017, be received.
Seconded Cr Sakko.

CARRIED.

17.7 BLANCHETOWN COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Nil.
17.8 MANNUM DOCK MUSEUM BOARD

19275/1 Cr Myers moved that the Minutes of the Mannum Dock Museum Board meeting held on 28 March 2017, be received.
Seconded Cr Wilkinson.

CARRIED.

17.9 PORT OF MORGAN HERITAGE AND TOURISM BOARD

Nil.

17.10 MID MURRAY COUNCIL AUDIT COMMITTEE

Nil.

17.11 MID MURRAY COUNCIL WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

19275/2 Cr Wilkinson moved that the Minutes of the Mid Murray Council Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting held on 30 March 2017, be received.
Seconded Cr Kuhn.

CARRIED.

19275/3 Cr Hall moved that the following recommendation from the meeting of the Mid Murray Council Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting held on 30 March 2017, be adopted by Council –

Proposed Northern Area Individual Waste Bin Collection Service Trial

285/4 Cr Wilkinson moved that

(1) The report regarding the Proposed Mid Murray Council Trial Individual Bin Collection Service for Northern Area of Council be received.

(2) It be recommended to Council that the amount of $255,000.00 be allocated in the 2017/2018 budget for the purpose of implementing the individual bin collection service for the northern area of Council.

Seconded Cr Taylor.

CARRIED.

Seconded Cr Myers.

CARRIED.

17.12 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE

Nil.

17.13 MID MURRAY COUNCIL MANNUM MAIN STREET WORKING PARTY

Nil.
17.14 OPEN SPACE & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

19276/1 Cr Sakko moved that the Minutes of the Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee meeting held on 27 March 2017, be received. Seconded Cr Wilkinson.

CARRIED.

19276/2 Cr Wilkinson moved that the following recommendation from the meeting of the Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee meeting held on 27 March 2017, be adopted by Council –

Proposed Naming of an Unnamed Reserve (A11252, L5017) – Ridley Road, Cambrai

145/3 Cr Wilkinson moved that it be recommended to Council that:

(1) The Report titled ‘Proposed Naming of an Unnamed Reserve (A11252, L5017) – Ridley Road, Cambrai’ be received;
(2) Council undertake public consultation on the naming of the subject land;
(3) A future report to Council with naming recommendation is considered for decision after public consultation; and
(4) Council communicate with Mid Murray Landcare SA on the progress of their request.

Seconded Cr Taylor.

CARRIED.

Seconded Cr Jennings.

CARRIED.

19276/3 Cr Myers moved that the following recommendation from the meeting of the Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee meeting held on 27 March 2017, be adopted by Council –

Draft Memorial and Cemeteries Policy

Mayor Burgess moved that it be recommended to Council that:

(1) The report titled ‘Draft Memorials and Cemeteries Policy’ be received, noted and that any further feedback from the Committee be presented to the Manager – Development Services no later than 7 April 2017;
(2) The community members who made the requests for memorial benches be contacted and advised of the progress and process required to be undertaken by Council prior to their requests being answered;
(3) The draft Memorials and Cemeteries Policy (and Procedure) documents following their development be presented to Council, for endorsement for public consultation in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1999.

Seconded Cr Sakko.

CARRIED.

Seconded Cr Sakko.

CARRIED.
17.14 OPEN SPACE & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONT’D

19277/1 Cr Sakko moved that the following recommendation from the meeting of the Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee meeting held on 27 March 2017, be adopted by Council –

**Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan Consultation Summary and Endorsement**

146/2 Cr Wilkinson moved that it be recommended to Council that the final version of the Mid Murray Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan, as amended, be adopted.
Seconded Mayor Burgess.
CARRIED.

Seconded Cr Kuhn.
CARRIED.

19277/2 Cr Jennings moved that the following recommendation from the meeting of the Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee meeting held on 27 March 2017, be adopted by Council –

**Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan Consultation Summary and Endorsement**

146/3 Cr Taylor moved that it be recommended to Council that the Mary Ann Reserve Masterplan, reports associated with that Plan and details of the RSL proposal be presented to the April 2017 Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee, and May 2017 Council meeting for consideration.
Seconded Mayor Burgess.
CARRIED.

Seconded Cr Myers.
CARRIED.

17.15 COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES WORKING PARTY

19277/3 Cr Myers moved that the Minutes of the Commercial Enterprises Working Party meeting held on 27 March 2017, be received.
Seconded Cr Raison.
CARRIED.

19277/4 Cr Sakko moved that the following recommendation from the meeting of the Commercial Enterprises Working Party meeting held on 27 March 2017, be adopted by Council –

**Sale of Surplus Council Properties**

14/2 Cr Myers moved that it be recommended to Council that

Mannum Estates be appointed as agent for the sale of the properties previously endorsed at the July 2016 meeting of Council;

The Council Commercial Enterprises Working Party work with the selected agent to determine the minimum asking price for each property and to confirm the best sale approach;
and

The prices determined in two above be ratified by the Chief Executive Officer and Mayor.

Seconded Cr Sakko.
CARRIED.

Seconded Cr Taylor.
CARRIED.
18  CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

18.1 Letter – Tony Pasin Federal member for Barker


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

19278/1 Cr Sakko moved that the above correspondence be received and noted. Seconded Cr Kuhn. CARRIED.

19. LATE CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

20. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

21. NEXT MEETING

To be held at Cambrai at 9-30 am on Tuesday 9 May 2017.

11-40 A 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

Construction Works

Completed

- Truro-Moculta Road – upgrade
- Apold Road - asphalt works
- Randall Street - concrete kerbing
- Purnong Road - concrete footpath
- Greenways Shack Road

In Progress

- Murraylands Road (Stott Highway to Punyelroo) – upgrade
- Murraylands Road – resheeting from Haylands grid
- Mannum Helipad
- Anzac Terrace, Swan Reach - stormwater
- Purnong Road - 2.5km upgrade
- Blanchetown - concrete footpaths
- Upcher Street, Blanchetown – kerbing

Next Month

- Murraylands Road - upgrade
- Mannum Helipad
- Purnong Road - 2.5km upgrade
- Murray Bridge-Mannum/Belvedere intersection upgrade
- Spray seal and asphalt resurfacing works
- Long Gully Road – ford crossings
- Bungunia Road – resheeting
- Asphalt work - Purnong Road, Mannum near the caravan park
- Asphalt work - Milendella Road
- McLaren Street - carpark

Maintenance Works and Parks/Gardens

Completed

- Bowhill installation of lawn, irrigation and concrete works for memorial
- Tidy up of summer weed growth completed townships Mannum, Tungkillo, Bowhill, Younghusband, Palmer, Morgan, Cadell
- Roadside slashing in and around Mannum, Bakers Hut Rd, East Front Road to Younghusband
- Tourist sign at Trewartha Road
- Cemeteries weed sprayed Mannum, Bowhill, Tungkillo
- Prior notice road closure signage for Belvedere Road
- Mannum BMX track clean up
- Mannum Show oval preparation
9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT

9.1.1 Operations Report Cont’d

Maintenance Works and Parks/Gardens Cont’d

In Progress

- Tidy up of summer weed growth in all towns programmed for April
- Second spraying program for cemeteries
- Roadside spraying program
- Variety of infrastructure repairs due to high river levels – Morgan & Swan Reach riverfronts
- Repairs to Len White Reserve footbridge
- Cadell stormwater – repairs to grates

Next Month

- Palmer - pad for community garden at
- Bowhill - Installation of light and power point
- Various bitumen repairs
- Various signs repair/replacement

Tree Trimming & Removal

Completed

- Customer requests – 15 requests for March
- Keyneton - main road footpaths
- Rob Loxton Road
- Large trees in Tungkillo and Cowirra
- Rural Tree Trimming Contract – completed
- Tree trimming as per arborists report – Mary Ann Reserve, Mannum; Gass Reserve and Shearer Carpark.

In Progress

- Various customer service requests for trimming by Council
- Arborist report – following up on issues highlighted in the report
- Truro Creek, removal of non native tree & shrubs

Waste Management (Sanitary Collection)

Completed

- Work as required – transfer stations & landfill
- Materials processing

In Progress

- Processing of recyclables
- Baling plastics and cardboard

Next Month

- Processing of recyclables
- Free green waste days – April 15 & 16 (Easter long weekend)
9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT

9.1.1 Operations Report Cont’d

Plant & Machinery Purchases and Major Repairs

Recent Purchases

- Replacement for P1 (Volvo Semi Trailer) from North East Isuzu delivered 24 February 2017 and is now in the field
- Tender for Mannum Grader P85, Loader P4 & Mini Excavator P5, tenders evaluated on 13 February 2017. Successful tenders are Cavpower Caterpillar 12M Grader and 924K Loader & KUBpower Kubota mini excavator

Major Repairs

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Staff Training & WHS

Completed

- Welding inspections
- Fire equipment inspections

In Progress

- Pressure Vessels
- Shower & eye wash stations
- Working at Heights – 20 April 2017 at Cambrai
- E-Worker pilot programme
- Thermographic inspections – 18 April 2017
- Asset surveys
9.1  INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT

9.1.1  Operations Report Cont’d

Customer Request Service Levels:

Infrastructure Report - Responsible Officer March 2017

Waste
Construction
Administration
Projects
Asset System Officer
Director
Maintenance
Works Scheduler

123 Customer Requests, 42 Outstanding Requests

Infrastructure Report - Customer Service March 2017

Waste Management - Household Bins
Waste Management - General
Tree Trimming/Removal
Traffic Management
Toilets
Special Events
Signs
Rural Addressing
Roads and Drainage
Road Kill
Parks and Gardens
Mulch
Grading
General Maintenance
General Enquiry
Footpaths
Boat Ramps
9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.1.1 Operations Report Cont’d

Infrastructure Administration

Completed

- Approving numerous permits & events

In Progress

- Special Event applications
- Stall Holder applications
- Special Event – event management protocol

Asset System Officer

Completed

- Grading data continually captured onto Exponare, over 1000 records since July 2016
- RavNET/NHVR approvals/permit under review (roads requested versus fit for purpose – ongoing)
- 1930 assets and 3115 asset components uploaded into Synergy modules. Linking these to accounts via general ledger (ongoing).
- Sent a number of road edits/errors to google maps. Feed back from residents is some areas still hard to find by the public.
- All relevant asset data compiled and sent to Sonar for implementation in the work force management system

In Progress

- Reviewing boundary road agreement
- Compiling quotes and options for ongoing GIS software for Council
- Building Asset Management Plan still in progress
- Building asset data structure being drafted
- Preparing stormwater asset data capture project
- Continuing to fix road issues with DPTI, lengths, names, etc
- Sample of Geoscape acquired and provided to planning for testing. Awaiting response from Planning team for potential acquisition.

For members information.
9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.1.2 Road Closures – RSL Swan Reach Sub-Branch Inc

Report Purpose/Introduction

To consider a request from the Swan Reach RSL Sub Branch Inc for a road closure for their ANZAC day march on the 25 April 2017.

They seek Council permission to close Hasse Hill Road, Swan Reach from 6.00am until 8.00am for the purpose of the march.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act Council is responsible for declaring the event and making an order for exemptions from some of the Australian Road Rules.

Refer Appendix 9.1.2

References

Community Plan Theme 3: Economic Development & Tourism

Budget Nil effect on the Budget

Legislation Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that

(1) The report for the road closures request by the Swan Reach RSL Sub Branch Inc be received.

(2) Pursuant to Section 33(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1961, Council declares that the event described below (“Event”) that is to take place on the roads described below (“Road”) is an event to which Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act 1961 applies; and pursuant to Section 33(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Act 1961, makes an order directing that the road on which the Event is to be held and any adjacent or adjoining roads specified below, be closed to traffic for the period from 6.00am until 8.00am on Tuesday 25 April 2017

Roads: Hasse Hill Road, Swan Reach be closed from 6.00am until 8.00am
Event: Swan Reach RSL Sub Branch Inc ANZAC Day March

(3) Pursuant to Section 33(1)(b) of the Road Traffic Act 1961, Council makes an order directing that persons taking part in the Event be exempted in relation to the roads, from the duty to observe the Australian Road Rules specified below and attaching to the exemption:–

Australian Road Rules Exemptions
Rule 230: Crossing a road – general;
Rule 238: Pedestrians travelling along a road; (except in or on a wheeled recreational device or toy);

(4) Council employees be authorised to erect the necessary road signs and barricades.
9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.1.3 DPTI Sedan Intersection Alteration

Report Purpose

To advise Elected Members that DPTI (Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure) have advised proposed traffic alteration to the major intersection in Sedan.

Discussion / Conclusion

As reported at the March 2017 Council meeting, DPTI have sent Council proposed layout plans to alter traffic movement through the main intersection at Sedan. The alteration is changing the direction of priorities of traffic movement through the intersection of the major road of Stott Highway and Halfway House Road in Sedan. Stott Highway and Halfway House Road are under the ownership and control of DPTI, whilst Tamkes Road and Bank Road are Council owned roads.

Council have consulted with neighbouring residents to the intersection in Sedan regarding the idea of switching the priority (Stop Signs) of Stott Highway to the Halfway House Road making this as the through road. Council has written to 60 neighbouring properties that will be affected by the change and supplying a number of plans showing the proposed changes to be made. To date Council has only received 4 responses to letters sent out; in principle they are in favour of the proposed changes. Furthermore, suggest that additional improvements be made to the overall proposal to the small road in front of the hotel and the management of on street parking.

A recent discussion with several Elected Members concerning the proposed changes, in principle they are also in favour of the changes as only a short term measure and would like DPTI to commit to reconstructing the layout of the intersection by removing the small access road in front of the hotel. Several years ago DPTI had submitted a concept design to Council reducing the number of intersecting roads at one location by introducing a number of staggered T intersections. This concept design was estimated to cost $1M to construct.

Overall correspondence received from residents as well as input from some Elected Members; in principle the proposed alteration by changing the direction of priorities for traffic is supported as only a short term measure. Therefore response back to DPTI would be; Council would only support the proposed alterations if DPTI commits to invest in the reconstruction of the entire intersection by reconfiguring the 6 connecting roads by eliminating the minor access road in front of the Sedan Hotel and improve “on street parking”.

Refer Appendix 9.1.3 - Traffic Management layout plan and Vehicles Movement Plans of the current alteration by changing the direction of priorities for traffic and the 3 different options in ways to reconstruct the intersection.

Refer Appendix 9.1.3
9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.1.3 DPTI Sedan Intersection Alteration Cont’d

References

Community Plan  Manage the sustainability of the existing and future infrastructure: Strategy 4.6 - Actively develop and implement a Road Network Management Strategy that details the strategic hierarchy of road use, management and upgrade within the Mid Murray region

Budget  Nil

Legislation  Nil

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that

(1) The report for Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure – Sedan Intersection alteration be received.

(2) A response back to Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure that “Council would only support the proposed alterations if Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure commits to invest in the reconstruction of the entire intersection by reconfiguring the 6 connecting roads by eliminating the minor access road in front of the Sedan Hotel and improve on street parking”.

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9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.1.4 Bridge Renewal Program

Report Purpose

To advise Elected Members that correspondence has been received by Tony Pasin MP regarding the Federal Government Bridge Replacement Program.

Discussion / Conclusion

The Federal Government is now calling for applications for “Bridge Replacement Program” which will close by 15 May 2017, refer appendix 9.1.4. At the February 2017 Council meeting a report regarding the condition of the Milendella and Eudunda Road bridges was submitted to Council with the following recommendation:

9.1.3 Load Rating Assessment for Council Bridges

19121/1 Cr Myers moved that

(1) The report for Load Rating Assessments for Council Bridges report be received.

(2) Council submits a Heavy Vehicle Safety Productivity Program application for the remaining funds needed to upgrade Eudunda Road and replace the bridge at Dutton in the 2017/18 financial year.

(3) Council submits a Heavy Vehicle Safety Productivity Program application for funds needed to replace the Milendella Bridge in the 2017/18 financial year.

(4) No load restrictions be placed on either bridge (Eudunda & Milendella) until responses are received back as to whether the grants applications have been successful or not, or reassess the situation in 12 months time.

Seconded Cr Sakko.

CARRIED.

Currently funding applications are now being prepared by HDS Australia (Consulting Engineers) on Council behalf. The combined value of both applications is $880k, of which Council will be seeking 50% funding assistance from the Federal Government ($440k).

Refer Appendix 9.1.4

References

Community Plan  Manage the sustainability of the existing and future infrastructure: Strategy 4.6 - Actively develop and implement a Road Network Management Strategy that details the strategic hierarchy of road use, management and upgrade within the Mid Murray region

Budget  No affect to 2016/17 financial budget

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that the report for Bridge Renewal Program be received.
9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.1.5 Waste & Recycling Collection Contract

Report Purpose

To discuss with Elected Members options to change some service standards for waste & recycling collection.

Discussion/Conclusion

Following the recent Waste Committee meeting, Agenda Item 8.1.1 Barossa Regional Procurement Group – Waste Collection Services Contract the recommendation was:

8.1.1 Barossa Regional Procurement Group – Waste Collection Services Contract

Cr Schmitt moved that

(1) The Barossa Regional Procurement Group – Waste Collection Services contract report be received.

(2) The committee endorses the Director of Infrastructure and Waste Coordinator to continue with negotiations with abovementioned options 2 & 3.

(3) A report be submitted to the April Council meeting for consideration of the cost of providing new microchipped bins, sale of existing bins and waste collection service for commercial businesses in the Council area.

Seconded Cr Wilkinson. CARRIED.

General Specification - Item 9 Specification and overview of requirements for Mobile Bins is referring that the new contractor at the commencement of the contract will supply all new bins for putrescible and recycling. The cost of providing the new bins will be consumed in the contractor’s price to pick up each bin of seven year period, or a possible contract extension of additional seven years. The purpose of the contractor having ownership is to shift responsibility of maintenance and replacement from Council to the contractor. It has been discussed that each microchipped bin will be allocated to a property providing information about the service and weights received in every bin lift.

Council has the following number of bins, currently or potentially to be picked up:

- Current – Township collection – 2160, 240ltr recycling and 140ltr putrescible
- Current – Southern Trial Rural – 1889, note: these bins are 18 months old
- Not in service as yet - Northern Trial Rural – 2001
- Not in service as yet - Commercial Properties – 110

With the current services provided and if Council elects to implement service delivery in the northern rural areas and provide commercial businesses in townships a putrescible and recycling service there would be a need for 8430 new bins, at an average cost of $42.85. This equates to a replacement value of $0.12/week over a seven year period. Currently Council is paying our current contractor $1.25/each pickup for putrescible waste in townships and for rural areas; the additional $0.12/week renewal cost would potentially equate to $1.37/week in the new contract.
9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.1.5 Waste & Recycling Collection Contract Cont’d

However, there are potentially other savings or efficiencies to be made that tenderers can use to offset the purchase and distribution cost of the bins. If Council elects to replace the bins with new microchipped bins, the existing bins could:

- be left with the resident to do whatever with at no cost.
- ownership becomes the new contractor responsibility and they can collect them when delivering the new bins and on sell them to offset their costs.
- Council could either sell them to the resident at nominal fee (e.g. $20 each) or collect them which both options will come at an expense for Council.

Garbage Collection- Item 2.2 Collection Service and Frequency for other Garbage Service-Entitled Premises is referred to residential and commercial properties. The other 3 Councils involved in the Barossa Regional Procurement Group (BRPG) Waste Tender/Contract (Light Regional, Adelaide Plains & Barossa Councils) currently service commercial businesses in all townships as the same as residential properties; a putrescible and recycling service). Businesses in these councils that require additional bins to be picked up do so at an additional cost, but I am unsure how this works and will investigate further.

The current situation with Councils contractor is that they charge businesses for a collection service since Council does not provide the service. The waste collected from the commercial business is mixed in with the weekly collection from residential properties. The contractor reimburses Council $2.27 + gst for every commercial bin collected for disposal into Cambrai Landfill. Our current contractor has 230 clients which they are servicing, which are a mix of rural residential properties in the northern area of Council, government agencies and commercial business throughout the Council area. The issue even though the contractor has only recently provided Council a list containing the additional collections services; there is no mention of number bins provided or even if the list is complete, with other collections services being done outside of the Council area and with disposal is at the Cambrai Landfill. Preferably the new contractor engaged would not be allowed to collect any waste as part of Council service, as this would eliminate any suspicious activities. Unfortunately, this would create issues for businesses in the northern area of Council, where there is a reduced likelihood of a waste contractor servicing them, or even if so, this would come at a great cost to those businesses.

There are approximately 110 commercial business located in townships throughout the council area. Providing these businesses with a weekly service of one putrescible and recycling would cost $301/week, $15,652/year. However there will be a number of businesses that will require additional bins to be collected in the weekly service that will need to be paid for by businesses for their additional pick ups. As yet, it is unclear how this will be potentially managed until a preferred contractor is awarded the contract where discussion will be had. Advantages would be having microchipped bins as additional bins are picked up this could be recorded against the property and invoices sent out to the owners.

The BRPG Tender/Contract for Waste Collection Services can be altered to suit each individual Council depending on their needs. At this stage, I would suggest that Council goes with the unaltered tender documentation and when evaluating the tenderers responses, gauge their value for service against the existing service by the current contractor; to determine if Council can afford to provide the additional services over and above our existing services. On average, Council spends about $600k/annum on waste and recycling collection done by our current contractor. There will be a need to weigh up the cost and level of service potentially being offered against savings made, or spend the savings on providing additional services. Refer Appendix 9.1.5 for attachments from Waste Management Report.
9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.1.5 Waste & Recycling Collection Contract Cont’d

References

Community Plan: Manage the sustainability of the existing and future infrastructure: Strategy 4.6 - Actively develop and implement a Road Network Management Strategy that details the strategic hierarchy of road use, management and upgrade within the Mid Murray region.

Budget: Nil

Legislation: Nil

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________
that

(1) The Waste & Recycling Collection Contract report be received.

(2) The Director of Infrastructure Services continue with tender and contract negotiations with the Barossa Regional Procurement Group and prior to any final decision being made, reports to Council on costs, savings and level of service to be provided, prior to signing any contract.
9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.1.6 Renaming Section of Piggery Road, Mannum

Report Purpose

To seek approval of the renaming of a section of Piggery Road, Mannum.

Discussion/Conclusion

Residents and Council have recently been made aware of a section of Piggery Road which has been formed within a private property. This has historically allowed access for residents on Warnes Road & Piggery Road to access Mannum Road. The landowner, in which the section of Piggery Road is on, has recently prevented access creating a ‘no through’ road and essentially a road in two parts (see figure 1).

![Figure 1: Current gazetted layout of Piggery Road & Warnes Road, Mannum](image)

To construct the section of unmade road will require the removal of significant vegetation and major earthworks to form a road, estimated cost of $60k for approximately 800 metres of road. Locals are only the main users of the road to access the Murray Bridge/Mannum Road; however there are other alternative routes which are sealed.

Council will seek the approval for the renaming of a section of Piggery Road, to be an extension of Warnes Road, from the residents of affected properties. Additionally, the section of Piggery Road on private property will be removed from the DPTI road register and signage installed to denote both Warnes Road and Piggery Road are ‘no through’ roads.
9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.1.6 Renaming Section of Piggery Road, Mannum Cont’d

Figure 2: Proposed renaming of a section of Piggery Road and the formal closure and removal from DPTI road register of the section of Piggery Road on private property

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

Budget  N/A


Recommendation
Moved __________________ Seconded __________________
that the Renaming section of Piggery Road, Mannum report be received.
9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.1.7 Mannum Rowing Club Pontoon Construction

Report Purpose

To inform Elected Members that construction works will be commencing on the Mannum Rowing Club pontoon between May and September 2017.

Discussion/Conclusion

Part of Mid Murray Maritime Trail is the construction of the Mannum Rowing pontoon, which is being funded by the Federal National Stronger Regions Fund and Council along with the refurbishment of the Mannum and Morgan Wharves. Refurbishment works has been completed on the Mannum wharf with tenders being called next month for the upgrade to the Morgan wharf, with works expected to be completed by October 2017.

The Mannum Rowing Club Pontoon is a design and construct project where Council has engaged Bowhill Engineering to undertake this process. The value of project is estimated at $300k which will commence in May and be completed by September 2017 in time for the spring and summer water activities in the Mary Ann Reserve. The primary design of the pontoon is to cater for rowing skulls of various sizes.

However, at times larger river vessels will be able to use the pontoon by adjusting the draft of the pontoon for the different types of rivercraft through hydraulic displacement. The pontoon is structurally engineered to withstand impact of larger boats due to wing shape gangway, and have the buoyancy to cater for the weight of 300 people. The pontoon structure is made from different forms of steel and the decking is a special purpose material for water environments. The pontoon will replace the existing concrete step structure which is in poor condition and being a static structure doesn’t adjust to varying river heights.

Refer Appendix 9.1.7 for plan layouts.

References

Community Plan

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Budget

$1.1m budget for BBRF, expenditure to date $261k

Legislation

Nil

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that the Mannum Rowing Club pontoon construction 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 Development Assessment Panel – 2016 Annual Report

Reporting Officer: Joel Taggart
Position: Manager – Development Services

Report Purpose

To provide the Council with a copy of the Annual Report from the Development Assessment Panel.

Refer Appendix 9.2.1.

Introduction/Background

Council’s Development Assessment Panel, established under the Development Act 1993 regularly provides reports to Council as per Section 56A of the Act.

Reports from the Development Assessment Panel contain information relating to the activities of the Panel, appeals through the Environment, Resources and Development Court and trends/issues in development assessment activities that have been noted.

These reports are provided to the Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee as well as Council, given there are sometimes matters that may require attention from a planning policy perspective.

Discussion

The attached report covering the 2016 calendar year was endorsed by the Development Assessment Panel at its meeting held on Monday 20 March 2017.

The report is comprehensive providing detailed information on the activities of the Panel during the reporting period.

The trends and issues listed will be discussed at the next Strategic Planning & Development Policy Committee.

References

Community Plan

Theme 1: The Natural and Built Environment
Respond positively to the Development Planning System reform by:
Theme 1.14 – Seeking further improvement in the development approval process.

Theme 1.15 – Lobby State Government for sensible amendments that protect local influence, representation and customisation of development plans.

Theme 1.16 – Improve co-ordination, and resource sharing, with neighbouring communities to develop consistent regional planning policy.
9.2 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.2.1 Development Assessment Panel – 2016 Annual Report Cont’d

Theme 1.17 – Encouraging the adoption of best practice design principles in our development plans.

Budget Not applicable.


Recommendation
Moved __________________ Seconded __________________
that the Annual Report from the Development Assessment Panel for the 2016 reporting period be received.
9.2 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.2.2 Corella Control 2016-2017

**Reporting Officer** Rocky Warren  
**Position** Manager – Regulatory Services

**Report Purpose**

To provide Elected Members with a report on the actions undertaken in relation to the control/culling of corellas on Council and Crown lands.

**Introduction/Background**

At the September 2016 meeting of Council it was resolved to allocate a $10,000 budget for the trial of Corella control at the Mannum Hot Rod Show and culling in targeted locations such as Swan Reach; Caloote, Wall Flat or other areas as determined by staff in conjunction with Elected Members.

As a result, plans were set to undertake water jet controls at the Mannum Hot Rod Show, and culling and controls within the towns and settlements of Swan Reach, Caloote, Wall Flat and Zadow Landing.

In planning these trials it was evident that across the State the movement of corellas during the 2016-2017 summer season were affected by the unseasonal rains from October through to December 2016.

**Discussion**

**Swan Reach**

On 19 December 2016 it was planned to undertake a 4-5 day intensive control program on the riverside Council and Crown reserves at Swan Reach. Council engaged a professional Vertebrate Pest Controller, Ray Pash, who from 6.30am to dusk each day, with the use of a shot gun firing live ammunition and bird fright shots, moved the corellas from the area. This program was undertaken in consultation with the three almond producers surrounding the township who all employ shooters to supress the effects of corellas on their almond crops. As previously advised Corella controls are best conducted when done in conjunction with adjoining property owners.

A report from Ray was provided to Council, and is once again attached to this report for the information of Elected Members. Whereas, the numbers of corellas identified by Ray were greater than ever experienced by him before in his control programs across the Riverland, the activity and numbers of corellas were reduced dramatically, requiring only a 3 day program of control rather than the anticipated 4-5 day plans.

**Wall Flat, Caloote and Zadow Landing**

At the end of January 2017 in consultation with Councillor Kuhn, it was identified that large numbers of corellas were gathering, roosting and creating concerns within the communities of Wall Flat, Zadow Landing and Caloote. Ray Pash was once again engaged to undertake a cull/control of the corellas upon the Council and Crown riverfront reserves from Tuesday 7 to Friday 10 February 2017. In addition, private land owners were also engaged providing permission for Council’s contractor to enter onto their land to pursue the corellas if required.
9.2 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.2.2 Corella Control 2016-2017 Cont’d

As a result of the ongoing monitoring of the corellas, on Sunday 5 February 2017, it was identified that the large numbers of corellas had moved on from the district and the planned activities were cancelled.

Mannum Hot Rod Show

In 2016, a corella control was undertaken on the Mary Ann Reserve, using a water jet bird scaring device. This trial was provided free of charge by Mr Peter Melders, to deter corellas that in previous years, had created problems for the vehicles on display at the Mannum Hot Rod Show. As previously reported to Elected Members, the water jet device was deemed more appropriate in public areas, such as Mary Ann Reserve, where firearms were unsuitable for use. The trials of this water jet device proved reasonably affective, but only in moving the corellas on to neighbouring properties, and for short periods.

The water jet control was engaged to commence controls of the corellas from Thursday 23 February 2017, through to the commencement of the Hot Rod Show on the 26 February 2017, however as a result of the ongoing monitoring of the corellas, it was once again identified that the large numbers of corellas had not been experienced within the area, and in consultation with the organisers of the Hot Rod Show, the planned control activities were cancelled.

Bowhill

In late February 2017, in consultation with Councillor Hall, it was identified that large numbers of corellas were gathering, roosting and creating concerns in the Bowhill settlement area. Ray Pash was once again engaged to undertake a control of the corellas upon the Crown riverfront reserve and Council reserve adjacent to the shack sites. Ray commenced his duties on Monday 6 March 2017 and completed on Thursday 9 March 2017. Once again, in addition, private land owners were engaged providing permission for Council’s contractor to enter onto their land to pursue the corellas if required, which in this instance was a necessity. Unlike the control undertaken in Swan Reach, the only controls undertaken by private land owners within the Bowhill area, were the use of scare guns within the vineyards.

A report from Ray is attached to this report for the information of Elected Members.

Conclusion

On the weekend of 4 - 5 March 2017, reports were received that large numbers of corellas had returned to the Swan Reach area, but interestingly, only congregating within the Marks Landing shack area. Small flocks have now gradually returned to the Council and Crown riverfront reserves, but not in the large numbers as previously experienced. Reports from the surrounding almond orchardists are that the numbers of corellas have slowly increased once again, which has coincided with the late harvest of the almonds in 2017.

In addition, reports of a small numbers of corellas returning to Bowhill have been received commencing on the weekend of 18 - 19 March 2017, and to date, further monitoring is continuing of the area in and effort to identify common trends.
9.2 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.2.2 Corella Control 2016-2017 Cont’d

The success of this cull/control program can only be measured by the residents and land owners within the immediate areas. Attached to this report are a number of written responses from members of the public, community groups and clubs, providing feedback to Council. It should be noted, as a result of the concentrated cull/control undertaken within these areas, only one complaint was received by Council from a member of the public.

Should approval of funding within the 2017/18 budget for further corella cull/control be approved, a program to combat the corella problem will need to be undertaken earlier within the season when the birds first start to congregate within the settlements. It is anticipated by the contractor that early intervention will provide even better results. On the basis of $15,000 being allocated in the 2017/18 budget, we anticipate being able to do a total of 3 sites (compared to two this financial year) along with keeping some funds as a contingency for the Mannum Hot Rod Show.

Refer Appendix 9.2.2.

References

Community Plan

Theme 1: The Natural and Built Environment
Facilitate an active partnership between Council and Community to:
Theme 1.2 – Design community led solutions to local problems. (Such as erosion of River banks, carp control, water quality).

Budget

$10,000 allocated in 2016/17 budget.

Legislation

Not applicable.

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________
that the report titled ‘Corella Control 2016-2017’ be received and noted.
9.2 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.2.3 Confidential Item – Morgan Caravan Park

Reporting Officers: Peter Graves
Positions: Director – Development & Environmental Services

Confidential item pursuant to Section 90(3)(b) Local Government Act 1999

90(3)(b) –
(g) 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 and Mrs Carol Budarick, 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 pursuant to Section 90(3)(b) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to the agenda item is information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting business, proposing to conduct business and would prejudice the commercial position of the Council.

(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 9.2.3.

A M Cr moved that pursuant to Section 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council orders that Confidential Minutes Pages of the meeting held on 11 April 2017, the Development & Environmental Services Report Item 9.2.3 (Morgan Caravan Park) 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
9.2 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.2.4 Mid Murray Council Community Plan Update

Reporting Officer: Peter Graves
Position: Director – Development & Environmental Services

Report Purpose

To provide Elected Members with an update on the progress being made in relation to Council’s Community (Strategic) Plan 2016 - 2020.

Introduction/Background

At the January 2017 meeting of Council, the approach to the implementation of the Community Plan via District Action Plans was adopted, along with confirmation of Elected Member and Senior Staff allocation across the districts and associated key representative bodies to be engaged.

Discussion

As mentioned in the last report, a leadership workshop was held to identify the range of current projects and initiatives that support the Plan’s strategies against each of the four themes. From this exercise we have determined that we have good coverage across most of the Plan’s strategies.

Attached as Appendix 9.2.4 is the list of current projects and initiatives that support the Plan. Post the adoption of the 2017/18 budget we will add further projects that support the Plan.

Our intention is to prepare a six monthly report for Council highlighting our achievements against the Plan to date. Our intention is to engage the key representative bodies across our communities via the District Action Plans in the coming months (around August).

Refer Appendix 9.2.4.

References

Community Plan
Theme 1: The Natural and Built Environment
Theme 2: Community Wellbeing
Theme 3: Economic Development & Tourism
Theme 4: Infrastructure & Community Facilities

Budget
No budget allocated 2016/17.

Legislation

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________
that the report titled ‘Mid Murray Council Community Plan Update’ be received and noted.
9.2 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.2.5 Mannum Waters – Water Allocation

**Reporting Officer**  Peter Graves

**Position**  Director – Development & Environmental Services

**Report Purpose**

To provide Elected Members with an update in respect of the discussions held with the Department of Environment, Water & Natural Resources (DEWNR) and Tallwood Pty Ltd regarding the required allocation of water to cover the evaporation at Mannum Waters as required under the Natural Resources Management Act.

**Introduction/Background**

Tallwood have advised Council that under the Development Deed they believe that they have met their obligations in respect of the provision of water to cover evaporation within the marina. As the waterway ownership has now transferred to Council, so do the obligations to cover evaporation. Discussions have been held with the various parties in an attempt to resolve the water allocation issue without the need for Council to purchase the necessary water. This report provides the background, current status and suggests some options in respect of next steps.

**Discussion**

DEWNR require the owner/manager of the water body (in this case the marina) to have a water licence to cover evaporation losses. At the time the development was approved, Council staff did suggest that the water body should be owned by the Government (as per the rest of the river), but in assessing the Major Project Development Application, the State Government had a firm view they wouldn’t take over the waterways. That meant it was either up to Council or the developer to take ownership of the waterways. Given the developer is only involved in the project during the development and sales stage, Council has been left with ownership of the waterway.

The marina was to remain under the developer’s ownership until it transferred to Council (which was scheduled to occur five years after the Major Project approval). At the time the basin transfers to Council, the Development Deed requires that:

19. **WATER LICENCES AND ALLOCATIONS**

19.1 *The Council will, prior to the expiry of the Maintenance Period, use reasonable endeavours to obtain its own water licence pursuant to section 124 of the National Resources Management Act 2004 (SA).*

19.2 *Upon expiry of the Maintenance Period, Tallwood shall take all necessary steps to enable the water allocations held by it to be transferred to the Council at no cost to the Council.*

At the time the project was approved, DEWNR couldn’t provide Council with a calculation methodology for evaporation loss. It has since been calculated by DEWNR as being 184 ML per annum. It should be noted that the developer has been covering the evaporation losses through a temporary water licence whilst they owned the marina and as a result there is no entitlement to transfer such licence to Council.
9.2 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.2.5 Mannum Waters – Water Allocation Cont’d

Tallwood has had ongoing discussions with DEWNR in respect of the required water allocation and Tallwood’s belief that it was both a costly and unnecessary obligation. These discussions culminated in a letter to Tallwood from Ian Hunter, Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation in 2014 advising that:

- Under the Natural Resources Management Act 2004, marinas and canal estates that receive development approved after 11 February 2008 require a water allocation for the initial filling of, and for the topping up of these water bodies to compensate for annual water losses.
- While sympathetic the Minister is unable to provide an exemption from the requirement to hold a water licence under the Act.

As the Major Project was gazetted on 30 October 2008 Tallwood was therefore obligated to provide the water allocation.

Norman Waterhouse were asked by Council for advice in relation to Council’s rights and obligations under the Mannum Waters Development Deed between the Council and Tallwood with respect to water and other issues related to the handover of the marina to the Council. A summary of their advice is as follows:

In short, while Tallwood had an obligation to transfer to the Council whatever water allocations it had at the time of the expiry of the Maintenance Period, this does not seem to go so far as to oblige Tallwood to source an additional (permanent) water licence or allocation and transfer it to Council to ensure the Council’s ongoing use.

This is based on:
- the Council having a reasonable endeavours obligation to source its own water licence; and
- the deed contemplating that the Council would declare a separate rate over all allotments within Mannum Waters to cover the Council’s costs of ongoing operation and maintenance of the Additional Infrastructure (including the waterways), including the cost of acquiring the necessary water to maintain the appropriate level of water within the Waterbody.

Over recent months, Council has held several discussions with DEWNR in order to resolve this matter. The latest advice received from the Department in March 2017 suggests that Council use its current water licence to fulfil the water allocation obligations associated with Mannum Waters. Council’s current water licence is 217.53ML.

Based on average usage over the past few years this would still result in a shortfall of around 67ML which Council could purchase via the temporary market indicatively priced at $65 per ML or permanent entitlement indicatively priced at $2900 per ML (prices provided by DEWNR, March 2017).

In terms of moving forward options include:

1. Use Council’s existing water allocation plus purchase water on the temporary market annually (if required) in order to meet Council’s obligations associated with Mannum Waters. This is not seen as a good option given that it could exhaust Council’s water allocation and not allow for any increase in water usage/demand required by Council.
9.2 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.2.5 Mannum Waters – Water Allocation Cont’d

2. Apply a special rate to the properties within the Mannum Waters Development. This has not been costed, nor is it seen as being palatable to the property owners, but nonetheless could be further investigated.

3. Enter into further negotiations with the Minister to remove the need for a water allocation, albeit Tallwood have already approached the Minister, without changing the position which appears to be clearly supported by the Natural Resources Management Act along with the State’s obligations under the Commonwealth basin wide water licensing regime. However, Council may have a higher level of influence with the Department/Minister when compared to the developer.

The following documents are attached for members’ information:

- Development Deed
- Letter from Ian Hunter MLC to Tallwood Pty Ltd dated 2014
- Email advice from Norman Waterhouse dated 21 February 2017
- Email from DEWNR dated 17 March 2017.

Refer Appendix 9.2.5.

References

Community Plan Not applicable.

Budget Yet to be determined but ranging from $4,000 for temporary water and up to $500,000 for permanent water.


Recommendation:

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that

(1) Council recognises that with the transfer of the waterway and based on the advice received from its Solicitors, the water allocation obligation has passed to Council, and

(2) Council enter into negotiations with the Minister to remove the need for a water allocation for evaporation at Mannum Waters.
9.2 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.2.6 Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan Consultation Summary and Endorsement

Reporting Officer          Joel Taggart
Position                  Manager – Development Services

Report Purpose

To provide Council with an overview of the development and progress of the Mid Murray Council Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan (the Plan). This particular report focusses on summarising the second Community Consultation phase of the project, and seeks Council endorsement of the current draft Plan, as amended, following its consideration by the Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee on 27 March 2017.

Discussion

The draft Mid Murray Council Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan (the Plan) has been a work in progress for well over 12 months. This was a collaborative project between Council, the community and the consultants (Sue Suter, Suter Planners & Warwick Keates, WAX Design). This project was co-funded by the State Government’s Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI). DPTI provided $50,000 to assist with this project. This project was also an umbrella for the Mary Ann Reserve Master Plan, however given the work still required to finalise that Plan, and the scale of both the projects, the two projects are being presented to the Committee/Council separately. The Mary Ann Reserve Master Plan will be presented to the Committee and Council in late-April and early-May 2017.

Project Progress

The project has undergone two phases of community consultation, as well as Council staff and Elected Member review. The review of the Plan by Council staff and Elected Members occurred at several points during the project. These discussions were facilitated by the Consultant team, and involved discussing findings from research relating to the topic, as well as consideration of examples of such projects in other Council areas. The initial consultation involved a community survey, as well seven public meetings and various targeted consultation sessions. These targeted consultation sessions continued throughout the second half of 2016. Further, additional consultation regarding Mary Ann Reserve occurred in October 2016, with a consultation session on site, as well as a market stall at the Mannum Monthly Riverside Markets.

The 2016 consultation, that commenced in July, was determined to be the primary consultation period, and allowed Council to develop the draft Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan. The latest round of consultation (February 2017), was designed to validate the draft Plan and reaffirm the comments that Council heard in 2016. The latest round of consultation is detailed further below. It is estimated that between 600-700 people were involved in both stages of the consultation.
9.2 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.2.6 Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan Consultation Summary and Endorsement Cont’d

Community Consultation

As members would be aware, the Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan (the Plan), together with the Mary Ann Reserve Master Plan, was placed on community consultation in early-February 2017. This consultation phase ran for one month and allowed the community to have input into both projects. This was by way of displays at Council offices and other sites around the Council area, a comprehensive page on Council’s website and community surveys (both online and in hard copy). A series of media releases, newspaper articles and Facebook posts were also developed, to ensure that the community was well aware of the second consultation phase of this project.

A detailed Consultation Summary Report has been prepared by Council staff, and is attached as Appendix 9.2.6A. Importantly, it should be noted that this report has been considered and supported by the Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee. This report details –

- Consultation methodology
- Data collection methods
- Response rate and demographic data
- Response summaries to all qualitative survey questions from the Community on a district-by-district basis
- A summary of other correspondence received by Council in relation to the Plan (including written and emailed submissions)
- A brief overview of Mary Ann Reserve Master Plan feedback submitted as part of the Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan Survey (given that the Mary Ann Reserve Master Plan is part of the overall Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan project).

The Consultation Summary Report referred to in the Appendix includes a Section in relation to Mary Ann Reserve-Qualitative Statistics. These comments (particularly in relation to the Concept Plan for the RSL) needs to recognise the survey responses received. In relation to the survey, Question 4 asked the following:-

“What do you like most about the Mary Ann Reserve Concept Plan? Please select three key opportunities from the list below that are MOST IMPORTANT to you.”

388 or 78.23% have indicated that “Develop new public toilets and explore the potential relocation of the RSL to this site including flexible hospitality opportunity e.g. kiosk/mobile catering” was most important.

It is highlighted that the reports associated with the Mary Ann Reserve Master Plan and the RSL Concept Plan will be presented to the April 2017 Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee and the May 2017 Council meeting for consideration.

Refer Appendix 9.2.6A.
9.2 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.2.6 Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan Consultation Summary and Endorsement Cont’d

The Final Plan

The final version of the Mid Murray Council Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan (the Plan) is contained within Appendix 9.2.6B. For ease of community use, the final Plan is split into two sections –

1) The overarching ‘Strategy’ document
2) The ‘Planning for Districts’ report.

It is considered that this method is the most practical option, given that community interest will largely focus on the ‘Planning for Districts’ report, given that this document details potential on-ground works and details with planning at an individual town level. The ‘Strategy’ document sits as the overarching framework for the project, and provides the background and context that the Plan sits within.

Refer Appendix 9.2.6B.

Work Plan & Appendices

Council staff and the project consultant (Sue Suter from Suter Planners) are finalising the Work Plan and Appendices that will be linked to the Mid Murray Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan. These documents will detail the more technical side of the project, particularly in relation to potential works that will be recommended to occur as part of the project. The Appendices will provide an analysis of existing Council-owned land, as well as various documents and reference material used to develop the Mid Murray Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan. These documents will be provided to Council prior to the April Council meeting.

Comments from the Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee

At the Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting on the 27 March 2017, the following was resolved –

146/2 Cr Wilkinson moved that it be recommended to Council that the final version of the Mid Murray Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan, as amended, be adopted.
Seconded Mayor Burgess.

CARRIED.

146/3 Cr Taylor moved that it be recommended to Council that the Mary Ann Reserve Masterplan, reports associated with that Plan and details of the RSL proposal be presented to the April 2017 Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee, and May 2017 Council meeting for consideration.
Seconded Mayor Burgess.

CARRIED.
9.2 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.2.6 Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan Consultation Summary and Endorsement Cont’d

Following discussion amongst the Committee members, it was resolved that the Committee support the content of the Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan, and were satisfied that the two rounds of community consultation had been exhaustive. Only a few comments were provided at this Committee meeting, and together with any final comments from other Elected Members, these will be consolidated into the final, adopted version of the Plan. This Plan will then be published by Council and promoted widely, as well as used to inform future capital works projects, to seek funding opportunities and to develop Town Plans with the various communities across the Mid Murray district.

The comments from the Committee were –

1) The various photographs in the reports should be captioned, so that the location is known and promoted.

2) Four additional Reserves should be added into the “Other Potential Opportunities - Natural Environment” section of the Open Space ‘Planning for Districts’ report, as follows -
   a. Hettner Landing, Walker Flat
   b. Len Batten Reserve, Walker Flat
   c. Cadell Conservation Park, Cadell
   d. Marne Mouth, Wongulla.

Next Steps & Summary

The flowchart below highlights the various milestones associated with this project, and indicates what has been achieved (green), where we are currently at (orange), and then the next phase of the project (red), which is yet to commence. This will commence following Council’s adoption and endorsement of the draft Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan. This next phase will entail collaboration between Council staff and each community in order to develop projects detailed in the Work Plan with the community.

References

Community Plan

Theme 1: The Natural & Built Environment
Facilitate an active partnership between Council and Community to:
Theme 1.3 – Lobby, advocate and promote for improved environmental protection outcomes through implementation of best practice planning policy.
9.2  DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.2.6  Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan Consultation Summary and Endorsement Cont’d

Theme 1.6 – Develop and implement an Open Space Strategy that balances the needs of residents and transient population.

Theme 1.8 – Advocate, protect and enhance the River Murray Corridor.

**Theme 2: Community Wellbeing**
Facilitate an active partnership between Council, key Agencies (regional development, health services and employment and training services) to encourage ‘game changing’ activities:
Theme 2.7 – Ensure that our Asset Development Plans encourage the development and maintenance of contemporary multi-purpose leisure and recreation facilities to encourage an active community.

Theme 2.8 – Strategically prioritise opportunities for community engagement, connection and participation.

**Theme 3: Economic Development & Tourism**
Aggressively grow the tourism industry sector by:
Theme 3.7 – Partnering and facilitating operator development of new tourism assets and experiences.

Theme 3.12 - Build a Strategy for the Riverfront corridor of Mannum that connects, themes and links key infrastructure (both current and proposed).

Theme 3.15 - Build a Riverfront Precinct Strategy for Morgan to develop and market the heritage and rail assets.

**Theme 4: Infrastructure & Community Facilities**
Facilitate an active partnership between Council and Community to:
Theme 4.1 – Build, implement and monitor a five year, Township Plan (Infrastructure and Community Facilities) for all townships.

Budget
There are no budget implications at this stage, given the development of the Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan has previously been endorsed by Council. Any works emanating from the study will form separate budget bids or be funded via Council’s operating budget.

Legislation

**Recommendation**
Refer to Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee minutes dated 27 March 2017 – Resolution Numbers 146/2 and 146/3.
9.2 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.2.7 Confidential Item – Palmer Wind Farm ERD Court Update

Reporting Officers  Jake McVicar
Positions  Senior Development Officer – Planning

Confidential item pursuant to Section 90(3)(g), (h) & (i) Local Government Act 1999

90(3)(g), (h) & (i) –
(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;
(i) information relating to actual litigation, or litigation that the council or council committee believes on reasonable grounds will take place, involving the council or an employee of the council;

A M
Cr moved that

(1) Under the provision of Section 90(2) and (3)(g), (h) & (i) 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 and Mrs Carol Budarick, 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), (h) & (i).

(2) The Mid Murray Council is satisfied that pursuant to Section 90(3)(g), (h) & (i) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to the agenda item is 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; legal advice; and information relating to actual litigation involving the Council.

(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 9.2.7.

A M
Cr moved that pursuant to Section 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council orders that Confidential Minutes Pages of the meeting held on 11 April 2017, the Development & Environmental Services Report Item 9.2.7 (Palmer Wind Farm ERD Court Update) and attachments and all discussions relating to the matter which was considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(g), (h) & (i) remain confidential and not available for public inspection until released by Council.

Seconded Cr

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

Cr moved that the report be received.
Seconded Cr

9.3.1 Quarterly Update – Blanchetown Internet & Information Centre

Reporting Officer: Lee-Anne Schubert
Position: Co-ordinator – Blanchetown Internet & Information Centre

Report Purpose

To provide an update to Elected Members of key activities of the Blanchetown Internet and Information Centre from January to March 2017.

January to March 2017 key activities include:

Grants

Small Community Grants

Six applications received this funding round. Two approved, one declined and 3 requiring further information prior to approval.

- Friends of Young Husband River Care - $500
- Black Hill Public Hall Inc - $500

Blanchetown Community Services Committee

January to March 2017

- The speed limit request to DPTI was granted. The new speed limit was implemented on Thursday 9th February 2017.

Community Health Bus

- Bus trips for January - March in table below

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Blanchetown Library

Library Statistics

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9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.1 Quarterly Update – Blanchetown Internet & Information Centre Cont’d

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The increase in borrower traffic is due to the implementation of the “one card” system at the Blanchetown Library.

Volunteer Hours – Blanchetown Internet & Information Centre

There has been a total of 108 volunteer hours for the last quarter.

January - 16
February - 21
March - 73

References

Community Plan  Theme 2: Community Wellbeing
2.1 – Proactively prioritising the delivery of community services
2.2 – Transitioning the role of Council, in some cases, from community well being service provider to facilitator and lobbyist, to lead reform in services to: - children and young people - ageing persons - socially isolated and vulnerable people - the transport and health disadvantaged - families
2.8 – Strategically prioritise opportunities for community engagement, connection and participation.

Budget Funds provided through the existing budget.

Recommendation:
Moved ____________________  Seconded _____________________

that the January to March 2017 Blanchetown Internet & Information Centre quarterly update be received.
COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

Quarterly Update – Mannum Leisure Centre

Reporting Officer: Deborah Roberts
Position: Mannum Leisure Centre – Programs Officer

Report Purpose
To provide an update to Elected Members of memberships, sports and activities from January to March 2017.

Key activities include:

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

- Average Clients entering the gym

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- Tai Chi - 5/6 per class
- Mannum Movers - 6/7 per class
- PM Classes - average 6 per class
- Mixed Squash Club regular Tuesday evenings
- Karate Booked in continuously Monday evenings in Seniors Room
- Summer mixed Netball finalised
- Summer mixed Basketball finalised – Winter BB has begun
- Summer mixed junior Basketball finalised
- Mannum Roo’s Netball Club Thursday evenings training with occasional Tuesday evening class when requested.
- Programs officer - assisting with X treme Fit tennis – starting in July (assisting with programming, marketing and assisting the new trainers with background and knowledge)
- Fun for youth Music/band Tuesday afternoons led by Jarrod Manuel – transitioning into Musicality

Functions:

- MLC attended the Mannum Show to assist and promote future programs
- Childs Birthday party – stadium/ kitchen

Marketing:

- Facebook Promotion
- Mannum Mag
- Client SMS’s
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.2 Quarterly Update – Mannum Leisure Centre Cont’d

Building Improvements / Maintenance / New Equipment:

- Leaking pipe in seniors room
- Leak outside of seniors room
- Stadium windows deemed unsafe due to rotting widows – temporary measures in place

New programs:

- **Mixed Social Winter basketball: (started in March)**
  
  This is based on 16+ age group and is a first for the Leisure Centre. Games are Wednesday evenings.  
  2 teams get made up on the spot once everyone has signed in. Mixing the groups up each week, this allows everyone to play with someone different and learn new skills. Captains and umpires are also chosen on the night.  
  We have had 11 people sign up so far (enough for 2 teams)  
  *The goal is for regular summer basketballers to be able to play during winter, new people can come and try without the ‘competition’ of the summer season. Mixing teams will help people gain confidence and different skills.*

- **Over 50’s ‘Staying active’ fitness classes: (starting in April – advertising started)**
  
  Client information pack containing letter to client, Medical history, enrolment form, Physicians statement and release form.  
  This program will be run through school terms.  
  It is my vision that over time we have a client base of 15 – 20 clientele.  
  It will be a slow start however, from experience, a customer base of 10 will take about 3 months to achieve. A possibility of being able to put on 2 classes per week.  
  *The goal is to enable the aging population with knowledge and skill to assist with weight control, physical and mental health wellbeing.*  
  *In the past a similar concept assisted many clientele with very positive outcomes.*

- **Children’s Birthday Parties: Promotion and update**
  
  Although currently and in the past we have done party hire, the procedure was in need of updating, as did the features (options for children).  
  *The end goal will be to assist families to be able to have an entertaining safe area to have children’s birthday parties, with safe sport activity options and promotion from Opal with healthy eating options and will fill a gap within Mannum.*  
  *On average we have about 6 - 8 parties per year, once this is finalised and advertised we hope to increase this to 15-17 parties per year.*

Improved procedures:

- Appropriate hire form (Heather Caudle)
- Information pack for all hirers
- Inductions to Centre – when paperwork is filled out.(PRIOR to party) Evac procedure. Kitchen area, fridge, lights, etc  
- New soft grade/ safe soccer set and other items for play
- Costs: $45 per hour (This is without cleaning)
- BOND for hire $100 (refundable)
- Opal party recipe ideas will be given to all hirers (Opal partnership)
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.2 Quarterly Update – Mannum Leisure Centre Cont’d

- **SQUAD CAMP** (new program: being progressed over the past 2 months)
  Squad Camp will be a level 1, 2 and 3 **extreme fitness program**.
  ‘A progressive, results based fitness program’
  Information pack will be soon available to prospective clientele, full health history screening (as per normal). Advertising will be starting in approximately 4-5 weeks.
  Instructor Skye Blythe is one of the instructors we have financially assisted with her cert 3 and 4 in fitness. *(Skye is just finalising her studies for group fitness)*
  *The goal is for this program to be one of the most talked about programs in the Murraylands, attracting people from surrounding towns. I have no doubt Skye will be the most motivating and influential instructor in the Murraylands!*

**Update and Summary:**

The Mannum Leisure Centre is continuing to grow. All programs are evolving to encourage the community to visit and use the centre. Our focus being all age groups and genders.

**References**

**Community Plan**  
**Theme 2: Community Wellbeing**  
2.7 – Ensure that our Asset Development Plans encourage the development and maintenance of contemporary multi-purpose leisure and recreation facilities to encourage an active community.
2.8 – Strategically prioritise opportunities for community engagement, connection and participation.
2.9 – Improve access to innovative health service delivery.

**Budget**

Funds provided through the existing budget.

**Recommendation:**

Moved ____________________ Seconded _____________________

that the October to December 2016 Mannum Leisure Centre quarterly update be received.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.3 Quarterly Update – OPAL

**Reporting Officer:** Amy Loechel  
**Position:** OPAL Program Manager

**Report Purpose**
To provide an update to Elected Members of key activities of the OPAL program from January to March 2017.

**Update**

In line with the Community Wellbeing Plan and the OPAL three year Strategic Plan, the 2017 theme of *Active Play* in conjunction with *Active Travel* has been embedded through a comprehensive multi-strategy approach.

With the aim to **improve the eating and activity patterns of children, through families and communities in Mid Murray and thereby increasing the proportion of 0-18 year olds in the healthy weight range**; a series of programs, projects, events and long term planning initiatives have been implemented across all sectors of the community in the past three months, including:

**Murray Coorong Trail**

*Trail head, trail marker and interpretive signage:* currently being finalised by Greg Mitchell Design and the Murray Coorong Trail Management Committee (MCTMC).

*Use of Levy Banks:* the MCTMC met with DEWNR who are in support of levy banks being used across the trail. DEWNR are currently working through a partnership proposal to be offered to all three Council’s.

*Detailed Design – Stage 1:* final designs have been developed in conjunction with Birdseye studios - currently awaiting approval from DEWNR in order for the full proposal to be presented to Elected Members for endorsement.

*Specifications to be used across the entire trail:* OPAL in partnership with Birdseye Studios and Council’s Infrastructure Technical Manager has developed a set of draft specifications to be used across the 450km trail.

**Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan**

OPAL has continued it’s involvement in the development of the Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan.

It is envisaged the final version of the plan (including the overarching ‘Strategy’ document and the ‘Planning for Districts’ report) will be presented to Council in April, with the Mary Ann Reserve Master Plan to present early May.

**Port Power player visits**

Council, in collaboration with local schools and Mid Murray Family Connections coordinated Port Power players to visit students at Truro, Swan Reach, Blanchetown and Cadell as part of the Australia Post AFL Community Camps.

Students were inspired by a wellbeing presentation highlighting the connection between sport, school attendance, healthy lifestyle behaviours and healthy minds.
Mid Murray Mural Project - Hope Street
The Mid Murray Council, in partnership with Country Arts SA, is giving one Mid Murray community group the opportunity to work with professional South Australian artist, Sarah Boese, to create an iconic mural/art piece in their local township. The topic of mental health and wellbeing is the foundation for the mural, aligned with the theme **HOPE STREET**.

All not-for-profit community groups in Mid Murray are invited to submit an Expression of Interest by close of business on Friday 14 April 2017. Letters were sent out to all Progress Associations on 22 March 2017 inviting them to submit applications on behalf of their local communities.

Cadell Harvest Festival
OPAL will be supporting the event over Easter for the fourth consecutive year, through funding and coordinating healthy pizza cooking demonstrations (including a 'celebrity cook off'), with Paris from Amore Wood Fired Pizzas.

With the aim to positively influence the eating and activity patterns of children and families, three demonstrations will be held - with the first at 2pm, the celebrity cook off at 3pm and the final demonstration at 4pm. The OPAL smoothie bike will also be available to the community.

NAIDOC
Planning is well under way, in partnership with MACAI, for the 2017 NAIDOC week activities - NAIDOC week runs from 2-9 July 2017.

OPAL and the Community Services team will again coordinate the flag raising ceremony, NAIDOC march and family day of activities at Mannum on Tuesday 4 July 2017.

Additional cultural events at Morgan and Swan Reach are currently being explored, with further details to follow in the coming months.

Advocacy for OPAL in Mid Murray
Various methods are still being explored as to ways in which Local Government can request a continued partnership for OPAL with both Federal and State Governments.

Summary
OPAL Mid Murray continues to deliver high-quality, well-received programs and initiatives across the community which positively impact on the health and wellbeing of local children, youth and families.

References
**Theme 1: The Natural & Built Environment**
Facilitate an active partnership between Council and Community to:
*Theme 1.3* – Lobby, advocate and promote for improved environmental protection outcomes through implementation of best practice planning policy
*Theme 1.6* – Develop and implement an Open Space Strategy that balances the needs of residents and transient population.
*Theme 1.8* – Advocate, protect and enhance the River Murray Corridor.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.3 Quarterly Update – OPAL Cont’d

Theme 2: Community Wellbeing
Facilitate an active partnership between Council, key Agencies (regional development, health services and employment and training services) to encourage ‘game changing’ activities:
2.7 – Ensure that our Asset Development Plans encourage the development and maintenance of contemporary multi-purpose leisure and recreation facilities to encourage an active community.
2.8 – Strategically prioritise opportunities for community engagement, connection and participation.
2.9 – Improve access to innovative health service delivery.

Theme 3: Economic Development & Tourism
Aggressively grow the tourism industry sector by:
Theme 3.7 – Partnering and facilitating operator development of new tourism assets and experiences.
Theme 3.12 – Build a Strategy for the Riverfront corridor of Mannum that connects, themes and links key infrastructure (both current and proposed).
Theme 3.15 – Build a Riverfront Precinct Strategy for Morgan to develop and market the heritage and rail assets.

Theme 4: Infrastructure and Community Facilities
Facilitate and active partnership between Council and Community to:
Theme 4.1 – Build, implement and monitor a five year, Township Plan (Infrastructure and Community Facilities for all townships).

Budget Funds provided through the existing budget.

Recommendation:
Moved ____________________  Seconded _____________________
that the OPAL update report be received.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.4 Quarterly Update – Morgan & Districts Community Hub

Reporting Officer: Lisa Walker
Position: Morgan & Districts Community Hub Coordinator

Report Purpose
To provide a quarterly update to Elected Members of key activities and outcomes of Morgan & Districts Community Hub from January-March 2017.

Update/Introduction/Background

- From 1st July 2016 Morgan & Districts Community Hub increased their service levels and opening hours for both council, library and community service business. We are working closely with the Morgan Heritage & Tourism Coordinator, Blanchetown Internet Centre/Depot Library and Morgan Day Activity Centre to advertise and actively cross promote many of our services across community groups, residents and visitors. Staff have been upskilled to provide the wider range of services now on offer and working together as a more cohesive, efficient; customer service focussed team.

- Tristar Medical Information sessions were held at Morgan to ascertain community support for a fulltime GP. Both sessions were a success with 32 in attendance on the Thursday evening and 58 on the Friday morning. The community took advantage of the information sharing and welcomed the opportunity to ask many pertinent and thoughtful questions. With the high level of positive responses and support received we are pursuing the options around a potential full time GP service further with Tristar over the forthcoming months. We anticipate that the highly regarded services of Jason Walters (Nurse Practitioner) will continue as part of the increased medical facilities to Morgan and surrounding districts.

- Day Activities Centre stats continue to show an increase in visitor/participants over the quarter compared to the same period last year. Most popular days are Tuesdays and Wednesdays with an average of 15 visitors (same popular days in 2016 averaged 8). The rise in participants is attributed to increased promotion of the centre within the community and a more varied range of activities.

Chart 1 - showing Day Activity Centre visitor comparisons.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.4 Quarterly Update – Morgan & Districts Community Hub Cont’d

- **Blanchetown Depot Library** stats continue to show a huge increase in visitors/borrowers over the quarter compared to the same period last year. This has been due to promoting the libraries, becoming part of the SA Libraries One Card network and actively promoting the service across different areas.

Chart 2 - highlighting the growth of Blanchetown library popularity and visitors since 2016.

- **Morgan & Cadell Medical Car** bookings have remained in high demand. The Medical car was involved in a collision with a kangaroo at the end of February, thankfully the passenger and driver were unhurt, but the car was out of action for over 4 weeks. To enable us to continue to provide a seamless service for the community we made the Morgan Pool car available for the period. This enabled 36 community members to attend appointments and travel an overall distance of 6,000kms. This goes a long way to show how valuable and much relied on service this is to our community.

Chart 3 – Morgan & Cadell Medical Car bookings.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.4 Quarterly Update – Morgan & Districts Community Hub Cont’d

Summary
Morgan Community Hub is working together as a team to promote facilities across the areas to encourage social inclusion and wellbeing and increase access to a greater range of sustainable services.

References
Community Plan

Theme 2: Community Wellbeing
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2.2 – Transitioning the role of Council, in some cases, from community well being service provider to facilitator and lobbyist, to lead reform in services to: - children and young people - ageing persons - socially isolated and vulnerable people - the transport and health disadvantaged - families

Facilitate an active partnership between Council and smaller communities and localities to:
2.3 – Build, implement and monitor a five year, Sustainable Community (Small Communities) Plan for all townships.

Facilitate an active partnership between Council, key Agencies (regional development, health services and employment and training services) to encourage ‘game changing’ activities:
2.5 – Investment in skill development across the region, linked to job opportunity.
2.8 – Strategically prioritise opportunities for community engagement, connection and participation.

Budget
Funds provided through the existing 2016/2017 budget

Recommendation:
Moved ____________________  Seconded _____________________
that the Morgan & Districts Community Hub Quarterly update report be received.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.5 Quarterly Update – Children and Youth

**Reporting Officer:** Jarrod Manuel
**Position:** Community Services Officer

**Report Purpose**
To provide a quarterly report which summarises programs and events which align with Mid Murray Youth, Sport and Recreation – Community Wellbeing Plan. This is a report for Elected Members; of key youth, recreation and sport activities throughout the Mid Murray region.

**Goals**
- Life skills
- Creativity and Imagination
- Social inclusion
- Active play
- Physical health
- Science and technology awareness and education

**Report**

**Summer Sounds – Public Event – Cambrai Swimming Pool – 18th January, 2017**

**Event Outline:** open mic event by the swimming pool, which included a music stage (for musicians to perform) as well as inflatables and other aquatic activities.

**Measurement/Data:** 34 people attended, 3 musical artists/bands performed.

**Feedback:** Spoke with most of the attendees, summary of feedback; that it was an enjoyable event and allowed people to socialise and enjoy some local music. Identified as a unique event and suggested that we have more of that type of event throughout the district. Suggested that the event be held on a weekend in future, weather was a little cold too.

**Community and Facilitator Partners:** Ridley Lions Club, The Emu Tree and Fun4YOUth

**Tuesday Jam – Youth Program – Mannum Leisure Centre – 7th of February, 2017 (ongoing)**

**Program Outline:** an ongoing interactive music program, which explores music composition, improvisation and collective playing.

**Measurement/Data:** 5 people attend each week, utilising the stage and music equipment in the Mannum Leisure Centre. Members initially had limited musical instrument ability, now have a competent drummer, bass player and vocalist. This group is a direct result of the recent success with the initial Jam Club program.

**Feedback:** all attendees have formed friendships, they have explored their creative music abilities (and continue to do so) as well as taking a sense of ownership over the space and program (formulating playlists etc).

**Community and Facilitator Partners:** Fun4YOUth (Jarrod Manuel), Paul Greenway (teacher at Mannum Community College) and Mannum Leisure Centre (Deb Roberts)
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.5 Quarterly Update – Children and Youth Cont’d

Cambrai and Mannum Swimming Pools – Season Update – Ongoing
Outline: from a facility management perspective; we are really starting to make some ground, a recent mock emergency training conducted by Heather Caudle, David Jaunay and myself provided some great insight and results. Lifeguards are more experienced and we have secured two new staff members which will ensure some continuity for next season. This also creates employment and upskilling opportunities for young people in the local area. Programming is our next challenge, so we need to make sure we’re offering opportunities for learning to swim, rehabilitation and lap swimming (as a starting point).
Measurement: Mannum pool visits 871 (as of the 11/03/2017), season 2015/16 had a total of 497, so that is an amazing result for the Mannum pool. Cambrai pool visits 1,139 (as of the 11/03/2017, does not include school visits) which shows solid growth too.
Feedback: most patrons have said that this season has been an improvement (at both pools) mainly in reference to the water quality and friendly staff. People do want some more activities and Aqua Fitness (which was extremely popular last season) unfortunately was not offered this year, due to instructor availability. 90% of people that I have spoken with from Cambrai have indicated that they are in support of Council’s decision to fund an engineering review and a feasibility study of the Cambrai pool.
Community and Facilitator Partners: Cambrai Area School, Murray Bridge Swimming Centre

Create a Playground
The Create A Playground trailer continues to be rotated between local school and community groups throughout the region. Providing an opportunity for children to use their imagination and create exciting new play environments. Create A Playground equipment was featured this year at the Mannum Show.

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. The Fun 4 YOUth van was featured in the Ambulance CPR Open Day at Morgan, Swan Reach and Mannum.

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

9.3.5 Quarterly Update – Children and Youth Cont’d

References

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Budget

Funds provided through the existing budget.

Recommendation:

Moved ____________________  Seconded _____________________
that the Children and Youth update report be received.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.6 Quarterly Update - Mid Murray Family Connections

**Reporting Officer:** Kiran King  
**Position:** Mid-Murray Family Connections Coordinator

**Report Purpose**

To provide an update to Elected Members on the progress of the Mid Murray Family Connections Program in the Mid Murray region.

**Background**

Mid Murray Family Connections (MMFC) is a collection of Government and non-Government agencies and passionate community members, which service the Mid Murray Council district. The group comes together to share information, build partnerships and unlock opportunities with the aim of improving outcomes for children and their families living in the region.

This group was formed in August 2013 out of concern for the deterioration of the well-being of children in Mid Murray. Several agencies recognised service gaps in the district and the need for improved communication and partnership opportunities to bring about long term change.

The Australian Early Development Census data is a nationwide survey that shows how young Australian children have developed as they start their first year of full-time education. The following 5 domains are the areas which children are assessed on:

- Physical Health and Wellbeing
- Social Competence
- Emotional Maturity
- Language and Cognitive Skills
- Communication Skills and General Knowledge

The census in 2012, highlighted that Mid Murray children have a high level of developmental vulnerability and according to the recent statistics:

- Almost half (44%) of our children are vulnerable in one domain.
- One in three of our children are vulnerable in two or more domains.

Mid Murray children are the second most developmentally vulnerable in South Australia, just behind the Pitjantjatjara Lands.

**Update**

**Port Power Player visits**

Port Adelaide Football Club attended four primary schools in the region (Truro, Blanchetown, Swan Reach and Cadell) promoting the importance of education, healthy lifestyles and engaging with the community.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.6 Quarterly Update - Mid Murray Family Connections Cont’d

Social Work Students
MSW student Cate Greenfield has started her Social Work Student placement. Cate will be hosted by MMFC until around September.

MSW student Loren Jarrett, started her Social Work student placement, unfortunately Loren had to withdraw as security clearances were not finalised in time.

MMFC has been lucky enough to secure another MSW student, Siyu Wu, she has been interviewed and will start her Social Work Student placement on the 6/4/17. Siyu will be hosted until August.

Family Participation Worker
The family participation worker grant funding has ended, the position that was held by Jane Barnett has finished. The grant acquittal has been finalised and signed off by Grants SA.

Work Groups
Coordinating meetings with Work Groups to help them ascertain a project they would like to deliver on behalf of the MMFC network is underway. To date, two work groups have met.

Playgroup at Mannum Kindergarten
Support has been provided to community members around the cessation of a playgroup at Mannum Kindergarten.

Mid Murray Family Connections Website
Have had and initial meeting with graphic designers to develop a website specifically for Mid Murray Family Connections. This will be a site for children and their caregivers to visit, to discover the play, educational, health and social support opportunities/services across the Mid Murray region.

Mental Health Services
Have met with new principle, Kylie Eggers, at Mannum Community College to discuss the work of MMFC and future partnerships with the school. Discussions have started with the Mannum Medical Practice to see if they can support the co-location of mental health services at Mannum Community College.

Contact has been made with Angaston Medical Practice and two private psychologists to see if they can support the co-location of mental health services at Swan Reach Area School and Blanchetown Primary School.

Child and Family Health Service
MMFC has been liaising with Child and Family Health Services to support them with finding a more central and visible shopfront for service delivery to the community. Russell Peate (CEO) has been pivotal in supporting the MMFC and CaFHS to secure a potential site for CaFHS to practice out of at the Mannum Green Shopping Centre. Currently waiting for CaFHS to undertake their own internal risk and safety assessment on the site before it can be utilised.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.6 Quarterly Update - Mid Murray Family Connections Cont’d

Grant Funding
MMFC has secured a $5000 grant from Inger Rice foundation; this funding will be used as partial contribution towards securing Mother Goose playgroup training for parents, school chaplains and teachers across the Mid Murray region to support playgroups being run out schools. MMFC has also applied for a $5000 grant through Grants SA, for the rest of the funding for the Mother Goose Playgroup training and are awaiting the outcome.

Awards
An application was submitted on behalf of MMFC for the LGA leadership awards. MMFC has been shortlisted as a finalist.

Meetings and contacts
• Coordinated and convened our first Strategic Leadership Group meeting (in January).
• Collaborating with network members and working groups to develop and implement the new governance structure.
• Coordinated and convened our first MMFC network meeting in March (via video-conferencing facilities at Mannum, Cambrai and Morgan).
• Liaising with Murray Mallee General Practice Network/Headspace and CAMHS to ascertain which service could come out to Mannum.
• Met with CEO of Regional Development Australia, Jo Poldiak, to invite her to sit on the MMFC Strategic Leadership Group.
• Liaising with MP Adrian Pederick’s office to secure a meeting with Minister Close to discuss a pilot project.

References
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Facilitate an active partnership between Council, key Agencies (regional development, health services and employment and training services) to encourage ‘game changing’ activities:
2.8 – Strategically prioritise opportunities for community engagement, connection and participation.
2.9 – Improve access to innovative health service delivery.

Recommendation
Moved ____________________  Seconded _____________________

that the Mid Murray Family Connections program Quarterly Update report be received.

Robyn Dunstall
Acting Director, Community Services
9.4 CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT – Nil
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 March meeting:

1. On site meeting at Bowhill General Store, Bowhill.
2. General Practitioner Information Sessions, Morgan.
3. SA Ambulance Open Day, Mannum.
5. Budget Workshop with Elected Members, Cambrai.
7. Riverland West Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting, Cadell.
9. Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting, Cambrai.
11. Meeting with Lyon Group representatives, Mannum.
12. Port of Morgan Heritage & Tourism Board meeting, Morgan.
14. Meeting with Jeff Tate and Richard Altman.
15. Meeting with Lorrae Law, Mannum Community Club.
17. Met with Department of Transport, Planning and Infrastructure and Bowhill Engineering, Mannum.

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  Consideration of Building Application Fees - Blanchetown Chicken Farm Expansion

As Members are aware, the existing Blanchetown chicken farm, Riverlands Free Range Pty Ltd, is a significant development. A Development Application has been lodged by Santrev Pty Ltd for the following:-

- Application lodged 711/113/17 – Expansion of existing facility comprising the construction of 9 additional free range chicken farms (6-8 sheds per farm) and ancillary infrastructure including housing (1 house per farm) and worker amenity buildings, internal roads and maintenance buildings.

The building application fees payable for this development application is based on the sheds being a Class 8 building is $505,284. The value of the proposed expansion is $41 million.

It is highlighted that Riverlands Free Range wish for the building application to be assessed and determined by Council, not a private certifier. In addition, the cost for Council to assess the number of sheds is estimated at $90,345 (both Council officer and external building engineering consultant cost), given that once an assessment is undertaken on one shed it is a similar assessment process for the other sheds involved.

In relation to the initial development application for the then Blanchetown Chicken Farm, Council considered a reduction in application fees on a similar basis. Indeed, at its meeting held on the 30 June 2014 Council resolved as follows:-

15952/2 Cr Taylor moved that

(1) The report on the consideration of building application fees and Deed of Agreement between Mid Murray Council and Santrev Pty Ltd for the upgrade of Murraylands Road in relation to the Free Range Chicken Farm be received.

(2) In recognition of the Development Application fees paid and rates payable on the new development, building application fees applicable for the chicken farm ($260,759) be discounted by 30% and a written agreement between the parties be completed for the payment of the building application fees as follows:-

- Payment of $62,532 on 30 January 2015
- Payment of $60,000 on 30 July 2015
- Final payment of $60,000 on 30 January 2016

Seconded Cr Raison.  

CARRIED.

The then Blanchetown Chicken Farm have paid all building application fees applicable, as well as meeting their cost of sealing Murraylands Road.
9.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.2 Consideration of Building Application Fees - Blanchetown Chicken Farm Expansion Cont’d

It is considered that a reduction/discount in the building application fees of 30% could be applied to this application, given that the cost to assess the application for the sheds is estimated to be $90,345. This also takes into account the fact that the development application fees payable for the expansion was $51,848 and that the rates payable on an ongoing basis at the moment is $25,968. This is expected to increase when the development is completed.

References

Community Plan

Theme 3: Economic Development & Tourism
Facilitate an active partnership between Council, Business and Community to:
Theme 3.2 – Work with our existing and new businesses to build and grow their capacity.
Theme 3.5 – Map regional infrastructure to identify enterprise development zones for specific investment attraction (such as chickens, pigs, almonds, tourism).

Recommendation

Moved ____________________  Seconded _____________________
that
(1) The report on the building application fees applicable for the Blanchetown chicken farm expansion (DA 711/113/17) be received.

(2) In recognition of the Development Application fees paid and rates payable on the expansion and similar assessment for the sheds, the applicable fees ($505,284) be reduced by 30% ($151,585) and a written agreement between the parties be completed for the payment of the fees as follows:-

- payment of $117,900 when Building Application is lodged
- payment of $117,900 – 6 months later
- payment of $117,900 – 12 months later
9.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.3 General Practitioner Services for Morgan and Cadell

As members are aware, the Mid Murray Council has endeavoured to obtain further General Practitioner (GP) services for Morgan and Cadell since early 2013. An additional one day per week was provided by the Waikerie Medical Centre and a nurse practitioner, Jason Walters, also provides a one day per fortnight service to Morgan and Cadell. In addition, Council has worked with the Lessee, Jignesh Patel for the establishment of a full time pharmacy at the previous Morgan and Internet Centre.

I have attached background information on the extensive history of meetings held with the Waikerie Medical Centre, Kapunda and Eudunda Practices, Federal Member for Barker, Riverland Community Health Services and Tristar Medical Group since 2013. These meetings have achieved limited success in obtaining more GP Services for Morgan and Cadell.

The Tristar Medical Group are based in Mildura and provide General Practitioner services for rural and regional areas in Victoria and other States. I understand they have a practice in Kimba and in two Adelaide locations. They are a large organisation that provide General Practitioner services. Council representatives met with the Tristar Medical Group CEO in Mildura on Wednesday 11 January 2017.

As a result of this, two information sessions were held at the Morgan Day Activity Centre in Morgan on Thursday 16 March 2017 and Friday 17 March 2017. Anne Gardner, Programs Manager, Tristar Medical Group attended. Both meetings were highly supportive of a full time General Practitioner service for Morgan and Cadell.

I have attached for member’s information a copy of the community information sessions flyer, letter sent to the attendees of the community information sessions held in Morgan and a letter sent to Anne Gardner from Tristar Medical Group.

As can been seen, based on the community support at the community information sessions (32 in attendance on Thursday 16 March 2017 and 58 on Friday 17 March 2017), the Council will liaise with Tristar Medical Group for the appointment of a full time medical practitioner.

Refer Appendix 9.5.3

References

Community Plan

Theme 2: Community Wellbeing
Facilitate an active partnership between Council, key Agencies (regional development, health services and employment and training services) to encourage ‘game changing’ activities:
Theme 2.9 – Improve access to innovative health service delivery.
9.5  CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.3 General Practitioner Services for Morgan and Cadell Cont’d

Recommendation
Moved ____________________  Seconded _____________________
that
(1)  The report on the Community Information Sessions held in Morgan on
Thursday 16 March 2017 and Friday 17 March 2017 regarding a full time
General Practitioner service for Morgan and Cadell provided by the Tristar
Medical Group be received.

(2)  Based on the community support at that Community Information Sessions
held, Council endorse the recruitment of a full time medical practitioner for
Morgan and Cadell by the Tristar Medical Group.

(3)  Subject to the above, an Agreement be formulated with Tristar Medical Group
for the use of the Morgan Medical Centre for a full time medical practitioner for
Morgan & Cadell.
9.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.4 Mid Murray Council – Possible Gas-Fired Electricity Generator

As members are aware, on the 14 March 2017, the State Government through the
Premier announced an Energy Plan to ensure energy security and provision for
South Australians. A copy of the information on the Energy Plan is attached.

One part of the Energy Plan includes a new gas-fired power plant.

As members maybe aware, in 2010, the then State Government approved
construction of the gas-fired electricity Cherokee Power Station at Tepko. A media
release was issued by the then Industry and Trade Minister Tom Koutsantonis and
Energy Minister Patrick Conlon (attached).

I have attached copy of the letter sent to the Premier, Treasurer and Minister for
Mineral Resources and Energy and others regarding consideration of the new gas-
fi red electricity generator at Tepko near Mannum, particularly given the previous
endorsement from the State Government. Acknowledgement letters received from
the Office of the Premier and Minister for Mineral resources and Energy are
attached.

It is considered important to have this site considered for the new gas-fired
electricity generator.

A copy of the letter has also been sent to Regional Development Australia
Murraylands and Riverland, Rural City of Murray Bridge, State Member for
Hammond, Adrian Pederick MP and State Member for Schubert, Stephan Knoll MP.

An update will be provided at the meeting.

Refer Appendix 9.5.4

Recommendation
Moved ____________________  Seconded _____________________
that the letter sent to the Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Mineral Resources and
Energy and others regarding consideration of a new gas-fired electricity generator at
Tepko near Mannum, as part of the State Government’s Energy Plan be received.
9.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.5 Attendance at the SA Regional Tourism Summit in the Riverland

As members are aware, the SA Regional Tourism Summit is being held in the Riverland from 16th to 18th May 2017. A copy of the Summit brochure and information is attached.

Councillor Myers indicated he is willing to attend this Summit in lieu of the Local Government Association Ordinary General Meeting and education and training session for elected members provided by the Local Government Association.

The cost for the Conference registration is $360.00. Council’s budget for training for elected members is $15,000 with $6,201.84 incurred to date.

Refer Appendix 9.5.5

References

Community Plan    Theme 3: Economic Development & Tourism

Recommendation

Moved ____________________  Seconded _____________________

that Cr Myers be authorised to attend the SA Regional Tourism Summit being held in the Riverland from 16th to 18th May 2017.
9.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT CONT'D

9.5.6 SA Water Decommissioning of Old Water Tank in Mannum

As members are aware, SA Water intends to demolish the old water tank in Mannum at Wanke Road. Their process for the decommissioning of the old tank is advanced.

I have attached an email from Michael McCarthy, Stakeholder Engagement Advisor, SA Water, dated 3 April 2017 regarding the status of demolition. A photograph indicating the old water tank is also attached.

Refer Appendix 9.5.6

**Recommendation**

Moved ____________________  Seconded _____________________

that SA Water be advised that Council notes the decommissioning of the old water tank on Wanke Road, Mannum.
9.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.7 Murray Darling Association Region 5

The Murray Darling Association Region 5 held its Annual General Meeting at the Renmark Paringa Council on Monday 6 March 2017. A copy of the minutes from this meeting are attached.

I have also attached an email from the new Chairperson of the Region 5 Murray Darling Association, Councillor Peter Hunter of the Renmark Paringa Council regarding Council (CEO’s) providing a list of issues relating to the Murray River in relation to their respective Council area. A list of the issues will be tabled at the Council meeting for member’s information.

Refer Appendix 9.5.7

References

Community Plan Theme 1: The Natural & Built Environment
Facilitate an active partnership between Council and Community to:
Theme 1.8 – Advocate, protect and enhance the River Murray Corridor.

Recommendation

Moved ____________________  Seconded _____________________
that
(1) The report on the Murray Darling Association Region 5 Annual General Meeting at the Renmark Paringa Council on Monday 6 March 2017, be received.

(2) Council note the list of issues relating to the Murray River in relation to the Mid Murray Council that was forwarded to the Chairperson of Murray Darling Association Region 5.
9.5.8 Riverland West Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting – 28 March 2017

The Riverland West Chamber of Commerce held their Annual General Meeting at the Cadell Club on Tuesday 28 March 2017. Cr Myers and Di Hausler, Port of Morgan Heritage and Tourism Coordinator are on the executive committee of the Association.

Cr Myers was elected Chairperson of the Riverland West Chamber of Commerce for the next 12 months.

Both myself and the Council’s Tourism and Events Manager, Deb Alexander, undertook presentations on tourism and economic development, particularly for Morgan, Cadell and Blanchetown. A copy of my presentation is attached.

Refer Appendix 9.5.8

References

Community Plan  Theme 3: Economic Development & Tourism

Recommendation

Moved ____________________  Seconded _____________________

that the report on the Riverland West Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting held on the 28 March 2017 be received.
9.5  CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.9 New Almond Hulling and Shelling Plant at Swan Reach

As members are aware, the Mid Murray Council facilitated and assisted the establishment of the New Almond Hulling and Shelling Plant at Swan Reach constructed by Costas. The State Government also provided financial assistance for this project.

I have attached newspaper article in the Barossa Leader regarding the commencement of the operation of this new Plant. The official opening for the new Almond Plant is scheduled for 12 May 2017 by the State Minister for Regional Development, Geoff Brock.

Refer Appendix 9.5.9

References

Community Plan  Theme 3: Economic Development & Tourism Facilitate an active partnership between Council, Business and Community to:
Theme 3.2 – Work with our existing and new businesses to build and grow their capacity.
Theme 3.5 – Map regional infrastructure to identify enterprise development zones for specific investment attraction (such as chickens, pigs, almonds, tourism).

Recommendation

Moved ____________________  Seconded _____________________
that the report on the New Almond Hulling and Shelling Plant at Swan Reach be received.
9.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.10 Mid Murray Council Received Grant Funding for Freight Road Upgrade

As members may recall, the Mid Murray Council made an application under the State Local Government Infrastructure Partnership for funding for the Truro to Eudunda Road. The independent costing for the road, including the upgrade of the Dutton Bridge was $3.58 million.

As part of the assessment process for the State Government Grant, the State Government requested confirmation that the Mid Murray Council would proceed with the project ($3.58 million) if its application for funding under the Federal Government’s Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program (HVSPP) for $1,790,000 was not successful.

Applications for the HVSPP are expected to be called in April/May. The State Government requested confirmation within two days to enable their grant funding to be finalised. The Infrastructure Services Director and myself indicated that should the funding not be received, Council would still proceed with the project for the Truro to Eudunda Road; but over two years.

The State Government has approved $358,000 towards the $1.79 million project to undertake the first stage of the Truro to Eudunda Road. A copy of the media release is attached.

Should Council be successful in its Federal Grant Application under HVSPP, a further application will be submitted to the State Government for more funding.

Refer Appendix 9.5.10

References

Community Plan
Theme 4: Infrastructure & Community Facilities
Manage the sustainability of the existing and future infrastructure:
Theme 4.6 – Actively develop and implement a Road Network Management Strategy that details the strategic hierarchy of road use, management and upgrade within the Mid Murray region.

Recommendation
Moved ____________________  Seconded _____________________
that the report on the grant approved under State Local Government Infrastructure Partnership for first stage of the Truro to Eudunda Road be received.
9.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.11 Membership of the Mannum Dock Museum Board

At the Mannum Dock Museum Board meeting held on 28 February 2017, the Board considered a report prepared by the Chief Executive Officer, regarding membership of the Board. A copy of the report is attached.

The recommendations in the report prepared by the Chief Executive Officer were adopted by the Board at its meeting held on 28 February 2017. The recommendations were as follows -

Recommendation
that:-
(1) the Mannum Dock Museum Board considers that there should be 8 members appointed by the Mid Murray Council and one Elected Member for the Mannum Dock Museum Board

(2) the Mid Murray Council be advised, so that the Operational Guidelines can be amended to reflect this membership.

(3) the Mannum Dock Museum Board recommends that Peter Thomas be appointed as Vice Chairman to the Mannum Dock Museum Board.

(4) the Mannum Dock Museum Board recommends that Rob Bowring be appointed as Treasurer to the Mannum Dock Museum Board.

An advertisement has been placed for the 1 additional member on the Board.

Refer Appendix 9.5.11

References

Community Plan  Theme 3: Economic Development & Tourism

Recommendation
Moved __________________ Seconded __________________
that
(1) The Operational Guidelines for the Mannum Dock Museum Board be amended to reflect the new membership of the Board.

(2) Council endorse the appointment of Peter Thomas as Vice Chairman to the Mannum Dock Museum Board.

(3) The Council endorse the appointment of Rob Bowring as Treasurer to the Mannum Dock Museum Board.
9.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.12 Announcement of $1 Billion Solar and Battery Farm for Morgan

As members are aware, the Lyon Group in conjunction with the State Government announced a $1 Billion Solar and Battery Farm on Thursday 30 March to be located at Morgan. I have attached news articles in relation to the announcement for members’ information.

The project is expected to be Australia’s biggest solar farm with 3.4 million solar panels and 1.1 million batteries. The development is expected to generate 270 construction employees with commencement shortly.

The Premier Jay Weatherill announced the project as the world’s biggest solar and battery storage facility. The project is expected to be fast-tracked with the Lyon Group expecting the facility to be operational by December.

The Director of Development and Environmental Services, the Manager of Development Services and myself met with representatives from the Lyon Group on the 31 March 2017 (one day after the announcement). A copy of the issues raised is attached for members’ information.

An information flyer is also attached. An update of this major project will be provided at the Council meeting.

Refer Appendix 9.5.12

References

Community Plan

Theme 1: The Natural & Built Environment
Facilitate and active partnership between Council and Community to:
Theme 1.9 – Advocate, protect and form a policy position on renewable energy adoption across the Mid Murray region.

Theme 4: Infrastructure & Community Facilities
Manage the sustainability of the existing and future infrastructure:
Theme 4.5 – Explore the cost reduction, sustainability options and community expectations of Renewable Energy technology for both Council and community use.

Recommendation
Moved ____________________  Seconded _____________________
that the report on the proposed new Solar and Battery Farm for Morgan be received.
9.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.13 Application Submitted Under the Building Better Regions Fund – Community Investment Stream

I have attached copy of report submitted to the Council meeting on 13 December 2016 in relation to the Federal Government Building Better Regions Fund. As members may recall, this fund has two streams; Infrastructure and Community Investments.

Council has submitted an application under the Infrastructure Stream for a deep water mooring facility at Swan Reach, Hermanns Landing at Nildottie and Darling Wharf at Mannum. Two applications were submitted under the Community Investments Stream for Destination Mid Murray – Identity Building Project and All Steamed Up 2018.

The Destination Mid Murray – Identity Building Project relates to town entrance and signage throughout the Mid Murray Region. The application states the following:-

“Current signage and town entrance statements in the Mid Murray Region, South Australia are not consistent and in a poor state of repair – most signs are worn and faded and do not reflect current branding.

Destination Mid Murray will construct a system of distinctive regional and town entry signs to brand its boundaries and towns. The project will create jobs, have a positive effect on economic activity and build the Mid Murray’s identity. It will also enhance community facilities, build community pride and encourage community cohesion.

For an investment of $190,648, the Australia Government will leverage eight times their investment, $1.5M direct economic return per annum and create flow-on economic benefit of more than $2M.”

The project involves the construction of 58 regional entry signs and town entrance statements in 12 towns.

Progress associations in each of the 12 towns involved in the project will provide substantial in-kind contribution to Destination Mid Murray including volunteer time to assist Council in the community consultation process, the development and design of signage, promote the project locally and engage their communities in the decision-making process. Collectively this is valued at $18,000. Community members will also volunteer their time to maintaining the amenity around the signage/entrance statements including graffiti removal. This is valued at $12,000 per annum.

Should the funding application be successful it is intended to commence the project on 1 December 2017 and be completed on 1 December 2018 (over 2 financial years). The total project cost is $441,297 consisting of the following:-

- Council $190,649 (over two years)
- In-kind and project management $60,000
- Grant requested $190,648

TOTAL $441,297
9.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

9.5.13 Application Submitted Under the Building Better Regions Fund – Community Investment Stream Cont’d

A copy of the four (4) merit criteria that were required for this application are attached for members’ information.

In relation to the application for All Steamed Up 2018 (Boats, Engines, Steam and Blacksmith Festival), the application states the following:-

“The 2018 All Steamed Up Festival will be the third and biggest river heritage festival in Mannum, South Australia celebrating the era of steam-powered river boats, engines, cars and blacksmithing. The 2018 Festival will be significantly expanded and launch the only working replica of Australia’s first Steam Car built by the Shearer Brothers of Mannum.

All Steamed up 2018 will attract more than 10,000 visitors and 300 volunteers to Mannum and the Mid Murray Region, which will significantly grow the region’s tourism industry. It will globally position Mannum as a knowledge centre for historic maritime and steam machine ingenuity and engineering.

The project activities involve the construction of the replica Shearer Steam Car and All Steamed Up Festival. The festival will realise $2.3M in direct and $3.45M of flow-on economic benefit.”

A copy of the four (4) merit criteria that are required for the application are attached for members’ information. The estimated start date is 30 January 2018 and completion date is 30 January 2019. The Festival will be held in November 2018. The total project cost is $254,650 consisting of the following:-

- Council $25,000
- Mannum Dock Museum $15,000
- Mannum Dock Museum in kind contribution $15,000
- In-kind contribution/volunteers $80,150
- State Government $15,000
- Gate taking $25,000
- Grant requested $79,500

TOTAL $254,650

Should Council’s applications be successful, financial commitments would be required within the project time frames.

Refer Appendix 9.5.13
9.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

9.5.13 Application Submitted Under the Building Better Regions Fund – Community Investment Stream Cont’d

References

Community Plan

Theme 3: Economic Development & Tourism
Aggressively grow the tourism industry sector by:
Theme 3.6 – Working to cooperatively develop, promote, brand, market and recognise existing tourism infrastructure.
Theme 3.9 – Partnering, promoting and facilitating continued, and new, investment in event development.
Facilitate an active partnership between Council, Business and Community to:
Theme 3.14 – Actively promote, advertise and brand Mannum, in a contemporary and innovative manner, as a destination for tourism and business.

Theme 4: Infrastructure & Community Facilities
Facilitate and active partnership between Council and Community to:
Theme 4.2 – Develop a whole of Council signage and branding strategy that brands, markets and regionalises signage, particularly entrance statements.

Recommendation
Moved ____________________  Seconded _____________________
that Council endorse the applications submitted under the Federal Government Building Better Regions Fund – Community Investments Stream for Destination Mid Murray and All Steamed Up 2018.
9.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.14 Confidential Item - Swan Reach Proposal

Confidential item pursuant to Section 90 –

90(3) (a) information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead);

90(3) (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)(a) and (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 and Mrs Carol Budarick, 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)(d).

(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 9.5.14

A M Cr moved that pursuant to Section 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council orders that Confidential Minutes Pages of the meeting held on 11 April 2017, the Chief Executive Officer’s Report item 9.5.14 (Swan Reach Proposal) and attachments and all discussions relating to the matter which was considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(a) and (b) remain confidential and not available for public inspection until negotiations have been completed or the order is revoked by Council and that this order be reviewed in twelve months.

Seconded Cr

Russell Peate
Chief Executive Officer
10. **MAYOR’S REPORT**

Cr [Name] moved that the report be received.
Seconded Cr [Name]

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David J Burgess
MAYOR