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

1. PRESENT

2. IN ATTENDANCE
Mr R J Peate, Chief Executive Officer,
Mrs R A Dunstall, Acting Director, Corporate & Financial Services,
Mr J B Taggart, Acting 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.
The Mayor displayed details of the LG Awareness Campaign – “Council Part of your Every Day”.
The Chief Executive Officer highlighted the River Murray Dark Sky Initiative held recently at Meldanda where over 100 people attended, the Official Opening of the Mannum Entrance Statement and the International Rowing Event between Australia and New Zealand held on the Murray River at Mannum.

4. APOLOGIES
Were received from Cr B J Taylor and Cr B P Schmitt.
19553/1 Cr Wilkinson moved that the apologies be received.
Seconded Cr Myers.
CARRIED.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Cr Kuhn declared a conflict of interest pursuant to Division 3 of the Local Government Act in Item 9.5.12 – Confidential Item – Organisational Review Final Report 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 9.2.4 – Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee – Expressions of Interest Community Representatives and intends to participate in the meeting in relation to the matter.

Cr Wilkinson declared a conflict of interest pursuant to Division 3 of the Local Government Act in Item 9.5.12 – Confidential Item – Organisational Review Final Report and intends to participate in the meeting in relation to the matter.
GOVERNANCE MANAGER

The Mayor introduced and welcomed Deb Brokenshire, the new Governance Manager, to Council.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

(Page 19416 and Confidential Minutes 1585 – 13/6/2017)

19554/1 Cr Hall moved that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 13 June 2017, be taken as read and confirmed.
Seconded Cr Raison.

CARRIED.

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil.

8. BUSINESS DEFERRED

Nil

9. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT  See Minute Book Pages 19578 – 19591.

19554/2 Cr Wilkinson moved that the report be received.
Seconded Cr Sakko.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT

9.1.2 Grant From State Bicycle Fund for Mannum

19554/3 Cr Kuhn moved that the report for the “acknowledgement & acceptance of offer of grant for state bicycle fund” be received.
Seconded Cr Hall.

CARRIED.

9.1.3 i-Responda and the Draft Policy For Emergencies

19554/4 Cr Myers moved that

(1) The report for i-Responda and the draft policy be received.

(2) Council endorse the Provision of Council Resources to Support the Emergency Services in Emergencies Policy.

Seconded Cr Sakko.

CARRIED.
BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT CONT’D

9.1.4 Sedan Intersection - Change of Priority Project – Response From Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure

19555/1 Cr Jennings moved that

(1) The response from DPTI, dated 7 June 2017 regarding the Sedan Intersection be received.

(2) The report for the Sedan Intersection - Change of Priority Project Response From Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure be received.

(3) Council sends a formal response to DPTI, indicating that Council is prepared to:
   • Arrange to trim the pepper tree over hanging the property boundary, but not assist in the tree removal.
   • Install “No Parking” lines and signage in front of the IGA supermarket.
   • Continue to work with DPTI in designing and source funding opportunities to implement the second stage of the intersection.

(4) The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure be requested to prepare a detailed design and costings, in conjunction with the Director, Infrastructure Services, for the Sedan intersection, for consideration by Council and inclusion in the Council’s Long Term Financial Plan for any financial contribution by Council to these works.

Seconded Cr Hall.

CARRIED.

9.1.5 South Australian Boating Facilities Strategic Plan Background Report

19555/2 Cr Hall moved that

(1) The report for the draft Boating Facilities Strategic Plan Background Report be received.

(2) Council make the report available to the community via Council’s website and social media to seek feedback or allow direct comments to DPTI.

(3) Council responds back to DPTI by providing feedback comments received by the community as well as the abovementioned issues raised in this report.

Seconded Cr Wilkinson.

CARRIED.

9.1.6 Proposed Sturt Highway Emergency Detour Plans

19555/3 Cr Myers moved that the report for Proposed Sturt Highway Emergency Detour Plans be received.

Seconded Cr Sakko.

CARRIED.

9.1.7 Langs Landing - Letter of Appreciation and Recycling Enquiry

19555/4 Cr Hall moved that the report for Langs Landing - letter of appreciation and recycling enquiry be received.

Seconded Cr Raison.

CARRIED.
9.2 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

See Minute Book Pages 19592 – 19604.

19556/1 Cr Myers moved that the report be received. Seconded Cr Kuhn.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT

Rocky Warren, Manager Regulatory Services in attendance.

9.2.1 Corella Control

19556/2 Cr Kuhn moved that

(1) The report titled ‘Corella Control’ be received and noted.

(2) Council forward a submission to the Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association and the Murray Darling Association, requesting consideration of a submission to the State Government for a funded program in dealing with Corellas, taking into account the research undertaken on Little Corellas by Uni SA.

Seconded Cr Hall.

CARRIED.

Rocky Warren, Manager Regulatory Services left the meeting.

9.2.2 Development Assessment Panel (DAP) – Public Officer

19556/3 Cr Jennings moved that in accordance with Section 56A(23) of the Development Act 1993, Debra Brokenshire be appointed Public Officer for the Development Assessment Panel until 30 September 2017.

Seconded Cr Raison.

CARRIED.

9.2.3 State Government Proposal to Amend Development Regulations 2008 – Removal of Development Assessment Commission as a Relevant Authority in the River Murray Zone

19556/4 Cr Wilkinson moved that Council respond to the consultation being run by the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI), and respond by detailing that it supports the proposed changes to Schedule 10 of the Development Regulations 2008 (removal of the Development Assessment Commission as a relevant authority in the River Murray Zone).

Seconded Cr Raison.

CARRIED.

9.2.4 Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee – Expressions of Interest Community Representatives

Cr Sakko declared a perceived conflict of interest pursuant to Sections 75 and 75A of the Local Government Act in Item 9.2.4 as he knows one of the applicants personally. Cr Sakko remained in the Chamber and he did not vote on this item.
BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT CONT’D

9.2.4 Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee – Expressions of Interest
Community Representatives Cont’d

19557/1 Cr Wilkinson moved that the Terms of Reference for the Mid Murray Council Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee be amended to enable four Community Representatives to be appointed, as follows:-

2. Membership
Community Representatives Four representatives appointed by Council following a call for expressions of interest.

Seconded Cr Jennings.

CARRIED.

19557/2 Cr Hall moved that

(1) Sharon Jardine, Kay Schmid, Helen Griffiths and Shane McGrath be appointed as community representatives on Council’s Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee;

(2) Community representative appointments be for a period of two (2) years, until 30 June 2019.

Seconded Cr Wilkinson.

CARRIED.

9.2.5 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – MANNUM WATERS UPDATE – LEGAL ADVICE, DEVELOPMENT DEED AND WATER LICENSING

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

90(3)(h) & (i) –
(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;

9-59 A M
19557/3 Cr Sakko moved that

(1) Under the provision of Section 90(2) and (3)(h) & (i) of the Local Government Act 1999 an order be made that with the exception of Mr Russell Peate, Mrs Robyn Dunstall, Mr Joel Taggart, 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)(h) & (i).

(2) The Mid Murray Council is satisfied that pursuant to Section 90(3)(h) & (i) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to the agenda item is 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 Raison.

CARRIED.

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9.2.5 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – MANNUM WATERS UPDATE – LEGAL ADVICE, DEVELOPMENT DEED AND WATER LICENSING CONT’D

10-04 A M
19558/1 Cr Raison moved that pursuant to Section 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council orders that Confidential Minutes Pages 1717 – 1722 of the meeting held on 11 July 2017, the Development & Environmental Services Report Item 9.2.5 (Mannum Waters – Legal Advice, Development Deed and Water Licensing) and attachments and all discussions relating to the matter which was considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(h) & (i) remain confidential and not available for public inspection until released by Council.
Seconded Cr Kuhn.
CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT CONT’D

9.2.6 Carp Herpes Virus River Murray Release – Update

19558/2 Cr Myers moved that Council raises the following matters in relation to the National Carp Control Plan and the release of the Carp Herpes Virus into the River Murray at the upcoming Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association meeting:

(1) The complaint and feedback mechanism process during the rollout of the project needs to be clearer and well publicised in affected communities;

(2) That Councils should not be required to undertake any clean up of fish kill at their own cost;

(3) That PIRSA and the National Carp Control Program consult individually with all affected Councils to determine where they will release the virus and also to develop a mutually agreed clean up plan.

Seconded Cr Raison.
CARRIED.

19558/3 Cr Kuhn moved that pursuant to Section 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council orders that the Confidential attachments in relation to the Development and Environmental Services Report Item 9.2.6 Carp Herpes Virus River Murray Release – Update remain confidential and not available for public inspection until released by Council and that this order be reviewed in twelve months.
Seconded Cr Hall.
CARRIED.

9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT  See Minute Book Pages 19605 – 19628.

19558/4 Cr Myers moved that the report be received.
Seconded Cr Sakko.
CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT

9.3.1 Blanchetown Internet & Information Centre – Quarterly Update

19558/5 Cr Myers moved that the January to March 2017 Blanchetown Internet & Information Centre quarterly update be received.
Seconded Cr Jennings.
CARRIED.
BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT CONT’D

9.3.2 Mannum Leisure Centre – Quarterly Update

19559/1 Cr Wilkinson moved that the October to December 2016 Mannum Leisure Centre quarterly update be received.
Seconded Cr Sakko.
CARRIED.

9.3.3 OPAL Program – Quarterly Update

19559/2 Cr Hall moved that the OPAL update report and 2016/17 Financial Year Highlight report be received.
Seconded Cr Sakko.
CARRIED.

9.3.4 Youth, Recreation and Sport - Quarterly Update

19559/3 Cr Jennings moved that the Children and Youth update report be received.
Seconded Cr Wilkinson.
CARRIED.

9.3.5 Mid Murray Family Connections – Quarterly Update

19559/4 Cr Wilkinson moved that the Mid Murray Family Connections program Quarterly Update report be received.
Seconded Cr Hall.
CARRIED.

9.3.6 Morgan & Districts Community Hub – Annual Update

19559/5 Cr Myers moved that the 2016/17 Annual Update Report be received.
Seconded Cr Jennings.
CARRIED.

9.3.7 Community Grants – Quarterly Update

19559/6 Cr Wilkinson moved that Council adopt the revised Community Grants Policy.
Seconded Cr Hall.
CARRIED.

10-29 A M
19559/7 Cr Kuhn moved that the meeting adjourn for morning tea.
Seconded Cr Hall.
CARRIED.

10-36 A M
19559/8 Cr Kuhn moved that the meeting resume.
Seconded Cr Sakko.
CARRIED.
18. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

18.1 Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure

10-37 A M
Scott Cooper, Acting Manager, Programs and Concept Planning, Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure attended the meeting to outline to members details of the Lobethal Freight Access Project.

11-07 A M  Scott Cooper, Department of Planning Transport and Infrastructure left the meeting.

18.2 Planning Reform Program – Staff Presentation

11-09 A M  Joel Taggart, Acting Director Development and Environmental Services and Jake McVicar, Senior Development Officer – Planning provided a presentation to Elected Members on the Planning Reforms. The State Government is continuing its delivery of the Planning Reform Program into the 2017-18 financial year. Key updates include the development of the Community Engagement Charter, commencement of the State Planning Commission, initial development of the Planning and Design Code, the establishment of Council Assessment Panels, regular updates to the SA Planning Portal and the development of regional planning partnerships.

11-30 A M  Joel Taggart and Jake McVicar completed their presentation.
Jake McVicar, Senior Development Officer – Planning left the meeting.

9.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT  See Minute Book Pages 19630 – 19642.

19560/1 Cr Sakko moved that the report be received.
Seconded Cr Wilkinson.
CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT

9.5.2 2017/18 State Budget

19560/2 Cr Sakko moved that the report on the 2017-2018 State Budget be received.
Seconded Cr Raison.
CARRIED.

9.5.3 Draft 2017/18 Annual Business Plan and Budget for the Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association

19560/3 Cr Hall moved that the draft 2017/18 Annual Business Plan and Budget for the Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association be endorsed.
Seconded Cr Sakko.
CARRIED.

9.5.4 Regional Development Australia, Murraylands and Riverland – Regional and Council Data

19560/4 Cr Wilkinson moved that the Murraylands and Riverland Regional Development Australia be thanked for providing the Economic and Community profile for the Mid Murray Council area.
Seconded Cr Kuhn.
CARRIED.
9.5.5 Regional Population Growth in South Australia

19561/1 Cr Myers moved that the report on Regional Population Growth in South Australia at the 30 June 2016 be received.
Seconded Cr Sakko.
CARRIED.

9.5.6 Road Swap between Murraylands Road and Halfway House Road

19561/2 Cr Myers moved that the report on the road swap between Murraylands Road and Halfway House Road subject to $1 million being paid to the Mid Murray Council over 5 years be received.
Seconded Cr Hall.
CARRIED.

9.5.7 Section 222 Local Government Act 1999 Permits (Road Rent)

19561/3 Cr Wilkinson moved that the report on the implementation of road rental fees be received and Council note that a report on the implementation process will be submitted to either the August or September Council meeting.
Seconded Cr Kuhn.
CARRIED.

9.5.8 Application for Second Round of Local Drug Action Team Program

19561/4 Cr Hall moved that the report on the second round of the Federal Local Drug Action Team Program and joint application to be lodged by the Rural City of Murray Bridge and Mid Murray Council be received.
Seconded Cr Wilkinson.
CARRIED.

9.5.9 Rate Capping Campaign

19561/5 Cr Hall moved that the report on the Rate Capping Campaign and the services provided by Councils everyday be received.
Seconded Cr Myers.
CARRIED.

9.5.10 New Year’s Eve 2017 Dry Zones

19561/6 Cr Myers moved that Council seek the support of the local Police and the local MP, Dan van Holst Pellekaan and once gained, Council to then apply for Dry Zones for the Morgan and Cadell Riverfronts from 4pm on 31 December 2017 until 9am on 1 January 2018.
Seconded Cr Raison.
CARRIED.

19561/7 Cr Sakko moved that Council seek the support of the local Police and the local MP, Stephan Knoll and the Mannum Progress Association and once gained, Council to then apply for a Dry Zone for Randell Street, Arnold Park, Shearer Car Park, Anna Street and Mary Ann Reserve from 6pm on 31 December 2017 until 11pm on 31 December 2017.
Seconded Cr Raison.
CARRIED.
BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT CONT’D

9.5.10 New Year’s Eve 2017 Dry Zones Cont’d

19562/1 Cr Kuhn moved that Council seek the support of the local Police and the local MP, Adrian Pederick and the Mannum Progress Association and once gained, Council to then apply for Dry Zones for Bolto Reserve and Haythorpe Reserve from 6pm on 31 December 2017 until 8am on 1 January 2018.
Seconded Cr Raison.
CARRIED.

9.5.11 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.

11-36 A M
19562/2 Cr Myers 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 Joel Taggart, 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)(a) and (b).

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

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

Seconded Cr Sakko.
CARRIED.

11-38 A M
19562/3 Cr Myers moved that pursuant to Section 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council orders that Confidential Minutes Pages 1723 – 1725 of the meeting held on 13 June 2017, the Chief Executive Officer’s Report item 9.5.11 (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) remain confidential and not available for public inspection until released by Council and that this order be reviewed in twelve months.
Seconded Cr Sakko.
CARRIED.
9.5.12 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – ORGANISATIONAL REVIEW FINAL REPORT

Confidential item pursuant to Section 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);

11-39 A M
19563/1 Cr Sakko moved that

(1) Under the provision of Section 90(2) and (3)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999 an order be made that with the exception of Mr Russell Peate, 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)(a).

(2) The Mid Murray Council is satisfied that pursuant to Section 90(3)(a) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to the agenda item is information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead), being Council Employees because it includes matters relating to a review of the Organisational Structure.

(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 information and discussion confidential because the information to be received and discussed includes matters relating to a review of the Organisational Structure.

Seconded Cr Raison.

CARRIED.

11-40 A M Cr Kuhn declared a material conflict of interest pursuant to Section 74 of the Local Government Act in Confidential Item 9.5.12 as her sister is the OPAL Manager. Cr Kuhn left the Chamber and she did not vote on this item.

12-14 P M
19563/2 Cr Myers moved that pursuant to Section 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council orders that Confidential Minutes Pages 1726 – 1739 of the meeting held on 13 June 2017, the Chief Executive Officer’s Report item 9.5.12 (Organisational Review Final Report) and attachments and all discussions relating to the matter which was considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(a) remain confidential and not available for public inspection until released by Council and that this order be reviewed in twelve months.

Seconded Cr Raison.

CARRIED.

12-15 P M
19563/3 Cr Wilkinson moved that the meeting adjourn for lunch.

Seconded Cr Raison.

CARRIED.

12-54 P M Cr K A Kuhn in attendance.
19563/4 Cr Myers moved that the meeting resume.

Seconded Cr Jennings.

CARRIED.

10. MAYOR’S REPORT  See Minute Book Page 19643.

19563/5 Cr Kuhn moved that the report be received.

Seconded Cr Sakko.

CARRIED.
11. PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON DRAFT ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET 2017-18, DRAFT LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN AND DRAFT ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN
See Minute Book Pages 19644 – 19645.

19564/1 Cr Sakko moved that Council consider the feedback from the public consultation on the draft 2017-2018 Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP & Budget), Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) 2017-18 to 2016-27 and Asset Management Plan (AMP) road network, plant and machinery.
Seconded Cr Wilkinson.
CARRIED.

12. STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT PLANS ADOPTION OF LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN AND ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANS – SEALED & UNSEALED ROAD NETWORK AND PLANT & MACHINERY
See Minute Book Pages 19646 – 19647.

19564/2 Cr Raison moved
That in exercise of the power contained in Section 122 of the Local Government Act 1999 and Regulation 5 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011, having considered all submissions in accordance with Section 122(1a) (a) of the Local Government Act 1999:
The Asset Management Plan sealed & unsealed road network and plant and machinery, as detailed and as laid before the Council at this meeting be adopted.
The Long Term Financial Plan 2017-18 to 2026-27, as detailed and as laid before the Council at this meeting be adopted.
Seconded Cr Hall.
CARRIED.

13. ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN, BUDGET ADOPTION AND RATE DECLARATION FOR THE 2017-18 FINANCIAL YEAR
See Minute Book Pages 19648 – 19649.

13.1 Annual Business Plan Adoption 2017-18

19564/3 Cr Hall moved
That in exercise of the power contained in Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1999 and Regulation 6 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011, having considered all submissions in accordance with Section 123(6) of the Local Government Act 1999 and in respect of the financial year ending 30 June 2018:
The Annual Business Plan for the financial year 2017-18, as detailed and as laid before the Council at this meeting be adopted.
Seconded Cr Myers.
CARRIED.
13. ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN, BUDGET ADOPTION AND RATE DECLARATION FOR THE 2017-18 FINANCIAL YEAR CONT’D

13.2 Budget Adoption 2017-18

19565/1 Cr Hall moved

That in exercise of the power contained in Section 123 (7) of the Local Government Act 1999 and Regulation 7 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011, having considered the Budget in conjunction with, and determined the Budget to be consistent with, the Council’s Annual Business Plan, the Budget for the financial year 2017-18, as detailed and as laid before the Council at this meeting be adopted, comprising of the following statements:-

- Budget Statement of Comprehensive Income;
- Budget Financial Position;
- Budget Statement of Changes in Equity;
- Budget Cash Flow Statement;
- Budget Uniform Presentation of Finances
- Budget Financial Indicators

Seconded Cr Raison.  CARRIED.

13.3 Adoption of Valuations of Land for the purpose of Rating

19565/2 Cr Wilkinson moved

Pursuant to Section 167(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council adopts the most recent valuations of capital value made by the Valuer-General for rating purposes for the year ending 30 June 2018. The total valuations for the area aggregate $2,250,794,760.00 of which $2,191,815,175.00 is the valuation of rateable land.

Seconded Cr Myers.  CARRIED.

13.4 Attribution of Land Use

19565/3 Cr Wilkinson moved

That Council adopt the categories of land use as prescribed by Regulation 14 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2013 and shall be used to designate land uses in the assessment record.

Seconded Cr Raison.  CARRIED.
13. ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN, BUDGET ADOPTION AND RATE DECLARATION FOR THE 2017-18 FINANCIAL YEAR CONT’D

13.5 Declaration of General Rates

19566/1 Cr Raison moved

That having taken into account the general principles of rating contained in Section 150 of the Local Government Act 1999 and the requirements of Section 153(2) of the Local Government Act 1999, and pursuant to Sections 153(1)(b) and 156(1)(c) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council declare differential general rates for the financial year ending 30 June 2018 on the capital value of all rateable land within the area, varying according to the locality and use of the land, as follows:-

(1) in respect of all rateable land within the Township of Mannum a rate of 0.6580 cents in the dollar; and

(2) in respect of rateable land within the Townships of Barton, Blanchetown, Cadell, Cambrai, Dutton, Greenways, Keyneton, Morgan, Palmer, Nildottie, Purnong, Sedan, Swan Reach, Truro and Tungkillo and with land use categories (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (h) and (i) a differential rate of 0.6550 cents in the dollar; and

(3) in respect of rateable land within the Townships of Blanchetown, Cadell, Cambrai, Dutton, Keyneton, Morgan, Palmer, Nildottie, Purnong, Sedan and Tungkillo with land use category (g) a differential rate of 0.6550 cents in the dollar; and

(4) in respect of rateable land within the Townships of Barton, Greenways, Swan Reach and Truro with land use category (g) a differential rate of 0.4865 cents in the dollar; and

(5) in respect of rateable land outside of the Townships of Barton, Blanchetown, Cadell, Cambrai, Dutton, Greenways, Keyneton, Mannum, Morgan, Palmer, Nildottie, Purnong, Sedan, Swan Reach, Truro and Tungkillo with the land use category (a) a differential rate of 0.5185 cents in the dollar; and

(6) in respect of rateable land in Marina Berths with a land use code of 6680 Marina or 6681 Berth/Hardstand a differential rate of 0.5185 cents in the dollar; and

(7) in respect of all other rateable land a differential rate of 0.4865 cents in the dollar.

Seconded Cr Hall.

CARRIED.

13.6 Minimum Rate

19566/2 Cr Myers moved

Pursuant to Section 158(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council fixes a minimum amount of $657.00 payable by way of general rates on rateable land within the area of the Council for the year ending 30 June 2018.

Seconded Cr Raison.

CARRIED.
13. ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN, BUDGET ADOPTION AND RATE DECLARATION FOR THE 2017-18 FINANCIAL YEAR CONT’D

13.7 General Rate Cap

19567/1 Cr Wilkinson moved

Pursuant to Section 153(3) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council determines that for the year ending 30 June 2018 it will not fix a maximum increase in the general rate to be charged on rateable land that constitutes the principal place of residence of a principal ratepayer because the Council provides relief in the nature of a rate cap for all properties pursuant to Section 166(1)(l) of the Act.

Seconded Cr Hall.

CARRIED.

Cr Wilkinson declared a perceived conflict of interest pursuant to Sections 75 and 75A of the Local Government Act in Item 13.8 as his wife works for SA Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board. Cr Wilkinson remained in the Chamber and he did not vote on this item.

13.8 Declaration of Separate Rates – Natural Resource Management Levy

19567/2 Cr Kuhn moved that

In exercise of the power contained in Section 95 of the Natural Resources Management Act 2004 and Section 154 of the Local Government Act 1999, and in order to reimburse Council, the amount contributed to:

The SA Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board, being $539,000 a separate rate of 0.02497 cents in the dollar be declared, based on rateable land in the Council’s area for the year ending 30 June 2018.

Seconded Cr Sakko.

CARRIED.

13.9 Declaration of Separate Rate – Sprinkler Drive Walker Flat

19567/3 Cr Sakko moved that

Pursuant to Section 154 of the Local Government Act 1999, Council declares for the year ending 30 June 2018 a separate rate on rateable land adjoining Sprinkler Drive, Walker Flat for the purpose of contributing 50% to the cost of sealing Sprinkler Drive.

Fixed Charge $460.00 per property

Seconded Cr Raison.

CARRIED.
13. **ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN, BUDGET ADOPTION AND RATE DECLARATION FOR THE 2017-18 FINANCIAL YEAR CONT’D**

13.10 **DECLARATION SERVICE RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES**

13.10.1 **Community Wastewater Management System**

19568/1 Cr Hall moved

Pursuant to Section 155(2) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council declares for the year ending 30 June 2018 that the following annual service charges based on the nature of the service are payable in respect of all land to which the Council provides or makes available the prescribed service in the following areas:

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Where a reference to “unit” is in accordance the CWMS Property Units Code as permitted by Regulation 12 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2013.

Seconded Cr Raison.  

CARRIED.
13. ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN, BUDGET ADOPTION AND RATE DECLARATION FOR THE 2017-18 FINANCIAL YEAR CONT’D

13.10.2 Bowhill Multi Access Television Transmission Service

19569/1 Cr Sakko moved

Pursuant to and in accordance with Section 155 of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council declares for the year ending 30 June 2018 an annual service charge based on the nature of the service of $132.00 in respect of all land to which the Council provides the prescribed service of television transmission and known as the Bowhill Multi Access Television Transmission Service.

Seconded Cr Kuhn. CARRIED.

13.10.3 Bowhill Reticulated Water Supply System

19569/2 Cr Sakko moved

Pursuant to and in accordance with Section 155 of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council declares for the year ending 30 June 2018 an annual service charge based on the level of usage of the service in respect of each property to which the Council provides the prescribed service of the treatment or provision of water and known as the Bowhill Reticulated Water Supply System as follows:-

- Per property serviced: $233.00
  - (Including consumption of up to 120 kilolitres of water)
- All water consumed in excess of 120 kilolitres: 75 cents per kilolitre

Seconded Cr Jennings. CARRIED.

13.10.4 Kerbside Collection of Recyclables

19569/3 Cr Hall moved

Pursuant to and in accordance with Section 155 of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council declares for the year ending 30 June 2018, an annual service charge based on the nature of the service of $91.00 in respect of all residential properties in the Townships of Barton, Blanchetown, Cadell, Cambrai, Dutton, Greenways, Keyneton, Mannum, Morgan, Palmer, Nildottie, Purnong, Sedan, Swan Reach, Truro Tungkillo and other identified properties to which the Council provides the kerbside collection of recyclables service.

Seconded Cr Raison. CARRIED.
13. ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN, BUDGET ADOPTION AND RATE DECLARATION FOR THE 2017-18 FINANCIAL YEAR CONT’D

13.11 Rating Policy

19570/1 Cr Sakko moved

That the draft Rating Policy dated July 2017 be endorsed and adopted by Council.

Seconded Cr Raison.

CARRIED.

13.12 Rate Rebates

19570/2 Cr Myers moved

Pursuant to Section 44 of the Local Government Act 1999, delegates its power to the Chief Executive Officer or his nominee to determine applications and to grant a discretionary rebate of rates in accordance with Section 166 of the Local Government Act 1999.

Seconded Cr Raison.

CARRIED.

13.12.1 Rebate of Rates General Cap

19570/3 Cr Hall moved

Pursuant to and in accordance with Section 166(1)(l)(ii) of the Local Government Act 1999, for the year ending 30 June 2018 and to provide relief against what would otherwise amount to a substantial change in rates payable by a ratepayer due to rapid changes in valuation, the Council grants a rebate of general rates for the financial year ending 30 June 2018 to the principal ratepayer in respect of any land where the amount of increase in rates in respect of that land between the amount of general rates imposed for the financial year ending 30 June 2018 and the amount of general rates payable for the financial year ending 30 June 2017 is greater than 10% provided that:

(a) the increase is not as a result of building improvements made to the land; or
(b) the increase is not as a result of change of land use of the land; or
(c) the increase is not as a result of rezoning of the land; or
(d) ownership of the land has not changed since the 1st July, 2016.

Seconded Cr Kuhn.

CARRIED.
13. ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN, BUDGET ADOPTION AND RATE DECLARATION FOR THE 2017-18 FINANCIAL YEAR CONT’D

13.12.2 Rebate of Rates – Primary Production

19571/1 Cr Raison moved

Pursuant to Sections 159(3) and 166(1)(a) and (b) of the Local Government Act 1999, and in respect of the financial year ending the 30 June 2018:

A rebate of rates shall be given to a Principal Ratepayer who makes written application to the Council for a rebate and satisfies the Council that the rebate is desirable for the purpose of securing the proper development of the area or for the purpose of assisting or supporting a business in the area, provided that :-

1. the relevant rateable land is used for the purposes of primary production; and
2. the land is used in conjunction with other land also being used for primary production purposes; and

The amount of the rebate shall be the difference between the minimum amount payable by way of general rates and the total amount payable by way of general rates in respect of that land, or the sum of $170.00, whichever is the lesser amount.

Seconded Cr Myers.  
CARRIED.

13.12.3 Rebate of Rates - Community Wastewater Management System – Capital Contribution

19571/2 Cr Raison moved

Pursuant to and in accordance with Section 166(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council being of the opinion that it is desirable to do so for the year ending 30 June 2018 for the purpose of securing the proper development of the following parts of the Council’s area, the following rebates of annual services charges shall be given to the principal ratepayer in respect of each property which has been provided with a connection point for the relevant Community Wastewater Management System in the following areas and who have paid to the Council their share of the capital cost to install the relevant System –

- Rob Loxton Road area  $725.00
- Julanker/Younghusband Holdings areas  $1,778.00

Seconded Cr Kuhn.  
CARRIED.

13.13 Payment of Rates

19571/3 Cr Myers moved

Pursuant to Section 181(2) of the Local Government Act 1999, Council declares that all rates for the year ending 30 June 2018 are payable by quarterly instalments on the 15th day of the month of September 2017, December 2017, March 2018 and June 2018.

Seconded Cr Kuhn.  
CARRIED.
13.10 DECLARATION SERVICE RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES CONT’D

13.14 Fees and Charges 2017-18

19572/1 Cr Raison moved

Pursuant to Section 188 of the Local Government Act 1999, the Fees and Charges for the year ending 30 June 2018 as presented be adopted by Council.

Seconded Cr Sakko.

CARRIED.

14. ELECTED MEMBERS’ REPORTS

Cr Hall

Cr Hall reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions – Strategic Planning and Development Policy Committee meeting, Cambrai, Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, Mannum, Opening of the Mannum Entrance Statement, Mannum, Mid Murray Council Community Wastewater Management Advisory Committee, Cambrai, Aminya, Mannum, Bowhill Engineering/Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure Film Promo, Bowhill, Mannum Men's Shed, Mannum, NAIDOC Week Celebrations, Mannum, Younghusband Progress Dinner, Younghusband, Ferry Launch, Bowhill, Bowhill Progress Association, Bowhill, Mid Murray Council meeting, Cambrai.

Cr Sakko

Cr Sakko reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions – Dark Sky Meeting, Cambrai, Younghusband Progress Dinner, Younghusband, Mid Murray Council Meeting, Cambrai, Mid Murray Landcare meeting, Cambrai, Almond Opening at Costa Bros, Swan Reach, Nildottie Dinner, Nildottie, Strategic Planning and Development Policy Committee meeting, Cambrai, Mid Murray Landcare Worm Farm workshop, Cambrai, Ridley Lions Handover Dinner, Cambrai, River Murray Dark Sky Initiative, Meldanda, Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting, Cambrai.

Cr Taylor

Cr Taylor reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions – Development Assessment Panel meeting, Cambrai, Mid Murray Council Community Wastewater Management Advisory Committee, Cambrai, NAIDOC Week Celebrations, Mannum, meeting with Sue Suter regarding the Mannum RSL, Mannum, Mid Murray Council meeting, Cambrai.

Cr Wilkinson

Cr Wilkinson reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions – Bush Tucker Workshop, Meldanda, Men’s Breakfast, LGA President & CEO Visit, Mid Murray Landcare meeting, Mannum Truck & Ute Show, Mannum, Deputations for Annual Business Plan, Mid Murray Council meeting, Cambrai, Rating workshop, Cambrai, Ratepayer meeting at Barn Conference Centre, Mannum, Economic Development Forum at Pretoria Hotel, Mannum, Peter Graves farewell, Cambrai, Sedan Swap Meet, Sedan, Strategic Planning and Development Policy meeting, Cambrai, Mid Murray Landcare event, Cambrai, NRM River Murray update event, Murray Bridge, Mannum Progress Association meeting, Mannum, Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, River Murray Dark Sky Initiative, Meldanda, Mannum Entrance Statement Opening, Mannum, Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting, Cambrai, Men's Discussion Group, Dawn Horton’s Funeral.
14. ELECTED MEMBERS’ REPORTS CONT’D

**Cr Raison**

Cr Raison reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions – Mid Murray Council, Cambrai, Development Assessment Panel meeting, Cambrai, Opening of Mannum Entrance Statement, Mannum, Mid Murray Council Community Wastewater Management Advisory Committee, Cambrai, Aminya Board meeting, Mannum, Meeting with Golf Club, Mannum, Tungkillo Progress Club, Tungkillo, Murray Darling Association (Region 5) meeting, Berri, Mid Murray Council meeting, Cambrai.

**Cr Myers**

Cr Myers reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions – Mid Murray Council meeting, Cambrai, Strategic Planning and Development Policy Committee meeting via phone link from Morgan, Volunteers Tea party, Morgan, Mannum Dock Museum Board meeting, Mannum, PS Canally inspection with Marine Surveyors, Mannum, Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting, Cambrai, Marine Insurance meeting, Mannum.

19573/1 Cr Wilkinson moved that the elected members’ reports be received.
Seconded Cr Sakko.
CARRIED.

15. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE – COUNCILLORS

16. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE – COUNCILLORS

Nil.

17. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

19. PETITIONS

Nil.

20. MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES

20.1 MANNUM LEISURE CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Nil.

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

19573/2 Cr Hall moved that the Minutes of the Mid Murray Council Community Wastewater Management Systems (CWMS) Advisory Committee meeting held on 26 June 2017, be received.
Seconded Cr Wilkinson.
CARRIED.
20.2 MID MURRAY COUNCIL COMMUNITY WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (CWMS) ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONT’D

19574/1 Cr Hall moved that the following recommendation from the meeting of the Mid Murray Council Community Wastewater Management Systems (CWMS) Advisory Committee meeting held on 26 June 2017, be adopted by Council –

Priorities for CWMS Development for Next Ten Years

195/4 T Donaldson moved that it be recommended to Council that the CWMS prioritisation table be endorsed.
Seconded Cr Raison.

CARRIED.

Seconded Cr Wilkinson.

CARRIED.

20.3 MID MURRAY COUNCIL BUILDING FIRE SAFETY COMMITTEE
Nil.

20.4 MANNUM DRY ZONE WORKING GROUP
Nil.

20.5 MID MURRAY COUNCIL DISABILITY ACCESS REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Nil.

20.6 MID MURRAY COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANEL

19574/2 Cr Raison moved that the Minutes of the Mid Murray Council Development Assessment Panel meeting held on 19 June 2017, be received.
Seconded Cr Hall.

CARRIED.

20.7 BLANCHETOWN COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

19574/3 Cr Sakko moved that the Minutes of the Blanchetown Community Services Committee meeting held on 5 June 2017, be received.
Seconded Cr Wilkinson.

CARRIED.

19574/4 Cr Hall moved that the following recommendation from the meeting of the Blanchetown Community Services Committee meeting held on 5 June 2017, be adopted by Council –

Funding from Council for Old Golf Course Building

37/1 W Tredrea moved a recommendation that leasing the building was not a viable option.
Seconded B Johnson.

CARRIED.

Seconded Cr Kuhn.

CARRIED.
20.7 BLANCHETOWN COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE CONT’D

19575/1 Cr Raison moved that the following recommendation from the meeting of the Blanchetown Community Services Committee meeting held on 5 June 2017, be adopted by Council –

Section 41 committee decision

37/2 B Johnson moved a recommendation to Council that the Section 41 committee being the Blanchetown Community Services Committee be dissolved and they move forward to become a sub committee for the Blanchetown District Hall Inc. They have also requested that Cr Myers sit on the committee as a Council representative.
Seconded G Kirk

CARRIED.

Seconded Cr Wilkinson.

CARRIED.

20.8 MANNUM DOCK MUSEUM BOARD

19575/2 Cr Sakko moved that the Minutes of the Mannum Dock Museum Board meeting held on 20 June 2017, be received.
Seconded Cr Myers.

CARRIED.

20.9 PORT OF MORGAN HERITAGE AND TOURISM BOARD

19575/3 Cr Sakko moved that the Minutes of the Port of Morgan Heritage and Tourism Board meeting held on 6 June 2017, be received.
Seconded Cr Hall.

CARRIED.

19575/4 Cr Hall moved that the following recommendation from the meeting of the Port of Morgan Heritage and Tourism Board meeting held on 6 June 2017, be adopted by Council –

Proposed State Heritage Listing – Morgan Railway Station Precinct

488/1 Diana Angel moved that it be recommended to Council that subject to community consultation with owners and residents within the boundary outlined on the map provided, Council support the budget bid and the broader proposal for State Heritage Listing of the Morgan Railway Station Precinct.
Seconded Tom Stegemann.

CARRIED.

Seconded Cr Raison.

CARRIED.

20.10 MID MURRAY COUNCIL AUDIT COMMITTEE

Nil.

20.11 MID MURRAY COUNCIL WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Nil.
20.12 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE

19576/1 Cr Sakko moved that the Minutes of Strategic Planning and Development Policy Committee meeting held on 19 June 2017 be received.
Seconded Cr Raison.
CARRIED.

20.13 MID MURRAY COUNCIL MANNUM MAIN STREET WORKING PARTY

Nil.

20.14 OPEN SPACE & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

19576/2 Cr Jennings moved that the Minutes of the Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee meeting held on 26 June 2017, be received.
Seconded Cr Sakko.
CARRIED.

19576/3 Cr Myers moved that the following recommendation from the meeting of the Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee meeting held on 26 June 2017, be adopted by Council –

Dedication of Crown Lands to Council

184/6 Mayor Burgess moved that it be recommended to Council that Council formally request that the State Government dedicate the following areas of Crown Land to Mid Murray Council’s care and control:

(1) Gass Reserve (Section 286, CR 5749/34 & Section 844, CR 5749/37)
(2) Tenbury Hunter Reserve (Allotment 23 in DP58704, CR 5922/60)
(3) Greenways Landing (Allotment 15 in DP54900, CR 5837/809).

Seconded Cr Sakko.
CARRIED.

Seconded Cr Sakko.
CARRIED.

20.15 COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES WORKING PARTY

Nil.

21. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

21.1 Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources

Being news release “Varying River Murray Water Levels”.

A copy of the news release had been provided to all members.
21. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY CONT’D

21.2 Department of Water, Environment and Natural Resources

Being a letter regarding the new Native Vegetation Regulations for 2017 and the Significant Environmental Benefit transition.

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

21.3 Environment Protection Authority

Being a letter regarding the commencement of the nuisance provisions of the Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016.

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

19577/1 Cr Hall moved that the above correspondence be received and noted.
Seconded Cr Sakko.

CARRIED.

22. LATE CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

23. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

24. NEXT MEETING

To be held at Cambrai at 9-30 am on Tuesday 8 August 2017.

1-19 P M The Mayor declared the meeting closed.

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MAYOR

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9. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT

Cr moved that the report be received.
Seconded Cr

9.1.1 Operations Report

Construction Works

Completed

- Black Heath Road Resheeting
- Bower Boundary Road - resheeting
- Bungunnia Road – resheeting
- Cadell Boat Ramp Upgrade
- Dutton Mail Road-resheeting
- Egerton street Blanchetown Footpath, Section Complete
- Footpath – Adelaide Road (near Supermarket)
- Murraylands Road (Stott Highway to Punyelroo) – upgrade
- Randell Street Paving- Mannum
- Stablizer Machine work completed on John Rollands and Brinkworth road
- Swan Reach-minor Stormwater and footpath construction

In Progress

- Long Gully Road – ford crossings
- Upcher Street, Blanchetown – kerbing

Next Month

- Morgan Boat Ramp Upgrade
- Riverside Retaining Wall, Mannum Bowling Club repairs

Maintenance Works and Parks/Gardens

Completed

- Roadside slashing – Areas 1 & 2
- Roadside spraying program
- Second spraying program for cemeteries
- Tidy up of summer weed growth in all towns programmed for May
- Township weed spraying commenced – Morgan
- Variety of infrastructure repairs due to high river levels – Morgan & Swan Reach riverfronts
- Walker Flat, Hettner landing new BBQ and shelter

In Progress

- Seal Road Maintenance (pothole repairs)
- Variety of infrastructure repairs due to high river levels – Morgan & Swan Reach riverfronts
- Walker Flat, Hettner landing new BBQ and shelter

Next Month

- Bowhill - Installation of light and power point
- Various customer service requests
9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.1.1 Operations Report Cont’d

Tree Trimming & Removal

Completed

- Customer requests – 7 requests for June
- Keyneton – gridding of Pine Tree Stumps
- Truro Creek, removal of non native tree & shrubs
- Tree trimming as per arborists report – Mary Ann Reserve, Mannum; Gass Reserve and Shearer Carpark

In Progress

- Arborists report – Morgan and Swan Reach
- Various customer service requests for trimming by Council

Waste Management (Sanitary Collection)

Completed

- Capping and vegetation (direct seeding) of “old” Cambrai landfill
- Work as required – transfer stations & landfill

In Progress

- Baling cardboard & plastics
- Processing of recyclables
- Work as required

Next Month

- Processing of metal waste stock pile (recyclers)
- Processing of recyclables
- Work as required

Plant & Machinery Purchases and Major Repairs

Recent Purchases

- Nil.

Service & Repairs

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9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.1.1 Operations Report Cont’d

Staff Training & WHS

Completed

- Pressure Vessels inspections Morgan and Cambrai
- Shower & eye wash stations review
- Vision Screening and Eye Safety Training (19-21 June)

In Progress

- ChemAlert Database training (2 workers per depot)
- E-Worker pilot programme
- First Aid Kit Inspections
- Forklift training
- HSR Election – Cambrai
- LGRS – Tailored implementation Program - Hazard Management
- WZTM training (planned for July 2017)

Customer Request Service Levels:

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97 Customer Requests, 47 Outstanding Requests
9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.1.1 Operations Report Cont’d

**Infrastructure Administration**

**Completed**

- Mannum Riverside Markets – June review and actions arising
- Transition of Secretary Waste Management Advisory Committee to Infrastructure Services Support Officer

**In Progress**

- Event Application – Sounds by the River 2018
- Event Applications – General (Weddings etc)
- Event Management Protocol / Policy
- Event Review – SA Truck & Ute Show – 2017 review and actions arising
- Mannum Riverside Markets – July review and actions arising
- Stall Holder / Exhibitor Permit Applications - ongoing

**Next Month**

- Mannum Riverside Markets – August review and actions arising
- Transition of Infrastructure Services tasks away from Morgan Office – ongoing.
9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.1.1 Operations Report Cont’d

Asset System Officer
Completed

• Grading data continually captured onto Exponare, over 1000 records since July 2016
• Marks Landing Shack Rd renamed and residents advised

In Progress

• Web map service server build with IT and Tonkins (to build mapping based solutions for internal and external clients)
• Building asset data capture in progress
• Stormwater asset data capture in progress
• Building SQL database for mapping Synergy data
• Footpath asset data capture
• Formal capitalisation of new assets for 16/17
• Building digital fuel sheet app

For members’ information.
9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.1.2 Grant From State Bicycle Fund for Mannum

Report Purpose

To inform Elected Members that correspondence received from the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) regarding acknowledgement & acceptance of offer of grant for state bicycle fund.

Discussion / Conclusion

Correspondence from DPTI in response to Council’s application for funding through the 2017/2018 State Bicycle Fund, offering a grant of $10,000 for the Installation of Advisory Bicycle Pavement Markings (Sharrows) on various Council roads in Mannum.

Council’s original application was for $30,000 to undertake the project, with assistance of 50% funding from DPTI ($15,000). As a result of the reduced funding available, there will be a reduction in the amount of line marking work being done to $20,000 to reflect the funding assistance.

In a recent discussion DPTI have advised the decision to reduce the funding will see available funds being across more projects. DPTI have further requested that if possible Council was encouraged to invoice for funded amount in the 2016/17 financial year as there were surplus funds.

On behalf of Council I have accepted the offer from DPTI and arranged for the invoice to be sent.

Refer to Appendix 9.1.2: A copy of Email and Acknowledgement and Acceptance of Offer and Attachments (Grant Details).

References

Community Plan  Theme 4: Infrastructure & Community Facilities
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  Project was budgeted for as a Capital project.

Legislation  Nil

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________
that the report for the “acknowledgement & acceptance of offer of grant for state bicycle fund” be received.
9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.1.3 i-Responda and the Draft Policy For Emergencies

Report Purpose

To seek Council approval for the Policy for the provision of Council resources to support the emergency services in emergencies

Discussion/Conclusion

The i-Responda Framework has been developed to assist Councils in the planning and implementation of their response to emergency incidents. In these situations, Councils are often asked to volunteer plant, equipment and personnel to assist the authority responsible for managing the incident. Helping to protect and assist the community to respond to and recover from disasters is a shared responsibility. LGA have been working with The South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission (SAFECOM) with support strategies for emergency management. In recognition of this affiliation role, LGA in partnership with Local Government Risk Services (LGRS) have developed the i-Responda Framework.

The key principle behind i-Responda Framework is to ensure that council personnel can participate safely and those risks to council and council personnel are appropriately managed. This is based on the fundamental concept of ordinary operations in extraordinary situations. The i-Responda Framework outlines the processes and decision making to be undertaken for each element being: Council Preparation; Council Response; and, Worker Response. The i-Responda Framework has been developed so that it can be applied to all types of emergency incidents.

One of the four components of the Council Preparation element requires us to provide i-Responda and Hazard Support training to our workers. The LGA made available this training to all councils across the state at no charge. On 3rd June 2015, our council hosted a session of the training in i-Responda and Hazard Support (Bushfire Support). The i-Responda Module was facilitated by Scott Loechel (LGA Project Manager) which included topics such as: Situational awareness; Command, coordination, control direction and support; and, Working with control agencies and emergency services. The Bushfire Support Module was facilitated by Gary MacRae (CFS trainer) and covered these topics: Bushfire awareness; Bushfire safety; and, Operational tasks. (NCC: 22023VIC Basic Wildfire Awareness). The training was well supported by our council with attendance by the majority of workers who were identified as potentially being required to participate in council response to emergency support requests.

44 attendees for the i-Responda Module and 42 attendees for the Bushfire Support Module

The sessions are designed for any council staff member that may be involved in supporting emergency services, respond to any incidents, and manage staff that may be responded or simply what to understanding the i-Responda framework.

An all hazards approach, personal action plan and supporting framework was outlined, to empower Council staff to make informed decisions when responding to incidents and supporting emergency services and stay safe

An example of a request for support during an emergency/disaster situation could include: strategic road grading/clearance; and/or considered vegetation clearance. Council workers and plant/equipment will never be required to play a ‘front line’ role in managing an emergency/disaster – that is the responsibility of the Hazard Leader.
9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.1.3 i-Responda and the Draft Policy Cont’d

Meeting the criteria of the elements of the i-Responda Framework provides Council with the protection and support from the LGA’s Workers Compensation Scheme, Mutual Liability Scheme and Asset Mutual Fund whilst Council is providing support to the Hazard Leader/Control Agency for emergency incidents.

With the implementation of the completed i-Responda Framework, Council will be better positioned in providing continued support to the Hazard Leader, in particular specific emergency services agencies (i.e. CFS) following the completion of the Hazard Support modules (i.e. Bushfire Support) within a framework that provides management of the risk of injury to Council employees and resultant workers compensation exposures.

To complete the process the following will be implemented in order to meet the criteria of the elements of the i-Responda Framework:

- The ‘Policy for the provision of Council resources to support the emergency services in emergencies’ will be reviewed, adopted and implemented;
- Our register for plant and/or equipment for use in emergencies/disasters will be updated;
- The trained workers register will be completed following consent by the worker and on approval by the managers.

Refer to Appendix 9.1.3: A copy of the i-Responda Framework and The Draft Policy

References

Theme 4: Infrastructure & Community Facilities

Community Plan

Budget

No cost to be incurred

Legislation

Council Policies “Naming of Roads and Public Places”
Local Government Act 1999

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that

(1) the report for i-Responda and the draft policy be received.

(2) Council endorse the Provision of Council Resources to Support the Emergency Services in Emergencies Policy.
9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.1.4 Sedan Intersection-Change of Priority Project – Response From Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure

Report Purpose

To advise Elected Members of recent response from the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) regarding the Sedan Intersection change of priority.

Discussion / Conclusion

DPTI is grateful for the Council for undertaking the public consultation regarding the change of priority for the Sedan intersection for which they have indicated the change to be done in the 2016/17 financial year.

DPTI has requested assistance from Council in relation to the trimming or removal of the Pepper Tree on the corner of Stott Highway and Halfway House Road, as the tree is located within a private property. Council is happy to assist in trimming the tree which is overhanging the property boundary; however if DPTI requires the tree to be removed they will need to discuss the matter with the property owner about its removal and if compensation is required.

DPTI refers to IGA’s comments on parking in front of their store. The department is supportive of banning the parking by provision of ‘No Parking’ signage and yellow line marking, however they believe it is Council’s responsibility to manage and enforce any parking restrictions and it is expected that Council would implement these measures.

DPTI response to speeding traffic in Sedan is a matter for the South Australian Police to enforce. Furthermore, they suggest “the posted speed limits within Sedan township is clearly signed and the department does not consider that ‘Reduce Speed’ signage is warranted in this case”.

In order to implement the second stage of the intersection to higher standard DPTI has acknowledged that the monument and light pole will require relocation to allow B Doubles to maneuver, which will included additional pavement, kerb and landscaping. DPTI are expecting that these second stages of work will be cost shared between Council and the Department; subject to the both parties securing funding to implement the necessary works to close the access road.

At this stage a response to DPTI has not been sent. However a formal response can be prepared with additional comments that Council is prepared to:
- Arrange to trim the pepper tree over hanging the property boundary, but not assist in the tree removal.
- Install “No Parking” lines and signage in front of the IGA supermarket.
- Continue to work with DPTI in designing and source funding opportunities to implement the second stage of the intersection.

Refer to Appendix 9.1.4: A copy of Correspondence and Drawing
9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.1.4 Sedan Intersection-Change of Priority Project – Response From Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure Cont’d

References

Community Plan

Theme 4: Infrastructure & Community Facilities
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

Minor Operational cost

Legislation

Nil

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________
that
(1) the response from DPTI, dated 7 June 2017 regarding the Sedan Intersection be received.

(2) the report for the Sedan Intersection-Change of Priority Project Response From Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure be received.

(3) that Council sends a formal response to DPTI, indicating that Council is prepared to:
  • Arrange to trim the pepper trim over hanging the property boundary, but not assist in the tree removal.
  • Install “No Parking” lines and signage in front of the IGA supermarket.
  • Continue to work with DPTI in designing and source funding opportunities to implement the second stage of the intersection.
9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.1.5 South Australian Boating Facilities Strategic Plan Background Report

Report Purpose

To advise Council we have received the Draft South Australian Boating Facilities Strategic Plan Background Report for discussion and provision of information.

Background

In the latter part of 2016, Council staff and the Mayor were involved in discussion and attending workshops arranged by Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) regarding the development of a strategic plan for boating facilities across South Australia coastlines and inland waterways. During this period Council developed a 5 Year Upgrade and Renewal Plan for our own marine facilities, which was presented to DPTI as part of their consultation process in the early stages of researching the draft Strategic Plan.

Discussion / Conclusion

On my reading of the Draft South Australian Boating Facilities Strategic Plan Background Report (The Draft Strategic Plan), I believe there has been a considerable amount of research conducted to understand the existing needs of boat owners and users as well identifying growth in future years. The information that DPTI Consultants received at the workshops has largely been acknowledged and in some cases suggested to be considered as future projects.

The Draft Strategic Plan does not mention past revenue raised, or where potential future revenue can be raised for funding projects. The Plan lacks ideas and does not explore partnerships with private enterprise.

In the political environment, there is suggestion that the current State Government is withholding Boating Levy money received in past years and not funding further projects.

The Draft Strategic Plan does not mention incomes received through the boating levy or predict future potential income to support the strategic plan projects.

There is no mention or discussion of applying additional fees, especially to those owner/operators of boat ramps who do not charge a user fee for launching and retrieving boats. This is something which Council should consider in the future to maintain and renew our marine assets.

The Draft Strategic Plan is mainly written at a macro level to cover off all regions in South Australia, the types of boating and the areas of risk concerning boating. Mid Murray Council is represented in the Murray Region of the plan and refers to existing infrastructure and past expenditure on funded projects.

Table 5.6.1 “Projects and actions for consideration in the Murray Region” provides a summary of key issues and potential solutions for the region. Mid Murray Council projects which were submitted earlier (as part of the consultation process) are not fully represented in the abovementioned table. This is disappointing, given Mid Murray Council has 220km of Murray River in our area and is by far the most popular destination for freshwater activities in South Australia.

Mid Murray Council
Council Meeting Minutes 11 July 2017
My recommendation is that the Draft Strategic Plan be published on Council’s website for consultation with the Community, along with relevant social media circulation for comment (Facebook). Responses can either be directed via Council or direct to DPTI via: DPTI.RAMACorrespondence@sa.gov.au

Once this information has been disseminated throughout the community Council would respond to DPTI regarding the issues raised in abovementioned report as well comments received back from the Community.

Comments will be requested from the Community no later than 31 July 2017 for submission.

Refer to Appendix 9.1.5: DRAFT SABFACA Strategic Plan Background Report.

References

Community Plan Theme 4: Infrastructure & Community Facilities
Theme 3: Economic Development & Tourism

Budget No affect to 2017/18 budget.

Legislation Local Government Act 1999, Section 49 Contracts and Tenders Policy

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that

(1) the report for the draft Boating Facilities Strategic Plan Background Report be received.

(2) Council make the report available to the community via Council’s website and social media to seek feedback or allow direct comments to DPTI.

(3) Council responds back to DPTI by providing feedback comments received by the community as well the abovementioned issues raised in this report.
9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.1.6 Proposed Sturt Highway Emergency Detour Plans

Report Purpose

To seek Council’s acceptance of proposed detour routes when an emergency / incident occurs on the Sturt Hwy from Department of Planning Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI).

Discussion / Conclusion

DPTI has produced a suite of maps for proposed detour routes to cater for emergency situations on the Sturt Highway. These maps have been sent to Council for consultation and acceptance. DPTI are seeking Council’s acceptance of the proposed routes or to provide additional feedback. Upon receipt of Council’s acceptance, these maps will be uploaded to the sa.gov.au website for public viewing.

There are three council roads highlighted on maps 1&3 Murbko, Morgan-Cadell and Eudunda Roads as possible detour routes. Eudunda Road has been highlighted as not being suitable for B Double traffic.

Historically, these roads have been used as detour roads when an emergency incident has occurred on the Sturt Hwy and has not posed any problems to Council infrastructure to date.

Refer to Appendix 9.1.6: Copy of Correspondence and Maps for review / acceptance.

References

Community Plan  Theme 4: Infrastructure & Community Facilities

Budget  Nil

Legislation  Nil

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that the report for Proposed Sturt Highway Emergency Detour Plans be received.
9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.1.7 Langs Landing - Letter of Appreciation and Recycling Enquiry

Report Purpose

To advise Council we have received a letter from Langs Landing Association Incorporated expressing their appreciation and enquiry.

Discussion / Conclusion

The purpose of letter from Langs Landing Association Incorporated is to show their appreciation of the recent bitumen sealing of the Murraylands Road from the Stott Highway to the Punleyroo Road turnoff.

Furthermore the Association has noted that a large amount of recycling is being placed into the putrescible waste stream in their bin bank and is enquiring about a possible recycling service. This matter will be discussed at the next Waste Management Committee meeting.

Refer to Appendix 9.1.7: Copy of Correspondence

References

Community Plan Theme 4: Infrastructure & Community Facilities

Budget

Legislation

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that the report for Langs Landing - letter of appreciation and recycling enquiry 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 Corella Control

**Reporting Officer**
Rocky Warren

**Position**
Manager – Regulatory Services

**Report Purpose**

To provide Elected Members information on Little Corella (*Cacatua sanguinea*) management and the outcomes of the research projects undertaken relating to the problems relating to them.

**Introduction/Background**

As a result of a report provided to the Elected Members at the October 2016 meeting of Council, the following resolution was adopted.

18633/1 Cr Sakko Moved that the report be received and that Council resolve as follows:

1. Council use the spray jet as outlined in the report for targeted events, being the Hot Rod Show in Mannum at a cost of $2,000.

2. Use the remainder of the funds i.e. $8,000 to utilise other control measures in an attempt to deter the Corellas from such targeted locations as:
   a. Swan Reach;
   b. Caloote/Wall Flat area; or
   c. Other areas as determined by Staff in conjunction with Elected Members.

3. In the longer term, that we await the State wide research project outcomes and contribute to future directions/recommendations including continued lobbying of the State Government to take a more proactive approach and invest in addressing the Corella issue.

4. Council disseminate information to the community to increase the level of awareness of the issue, the action being taken and encourage the involvement of landowners and the broader community in control measures.

Seconded Cr Hall.

CARRIED.

As Elected Members would be aware, points (1) (2) & (4) have been attended to by Council staff, and Council were awaiting the outcomes of the research mentioned within point (3) of the resolution.

In late 2015 Council participated in a survey and workshop known as the Little Corella Research Project run by UniSA Citizen Science Research – Discovery Circle, in collaboration with the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources, Local Government Association of South Australia, Flinders University, Michigan State University and other South Australian Councils including Alexandrina Council, Flinders Ranges Council, Town of Gawler, City of Marion, District Council of Mount Barker and City of Salisbury. The research project was undertaken in five stages concluding with the final report being released in May 2017.
9.2 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.2.1 Corella Control Cont’d

Discussion


Importantly the report includes the results of the research as well as many practical actions which should help to reduce issues with Little Corellas. It also includes recommendations to shift the focus from short-term actions such as culling (a temporary solution only) to taking steps to modify the landscape to make it less attractive to the birds. This long-term approach will reduce the likelihood of large flocks forming and the birds creating issues for people. This in itself is an extremely difficult process to undertake, particularly with the topography of the Mid Murray Council Region with the River Murray being such a prominent landmark within our region.

The report contains three case studies which are included to illustrate how the project’s recommended actions could be applied to reduce the issues in real life situations. Other sections of the report provide advice about:

- Creating barriers to roosting and feeding resources
- Creating barriers to water resources
- Identifying and creating ‘sacrificial sites’ for Little Corellas.

The report recommended an integrated management approach (involving multiple strategies and stakeholders), including long-term, medium-term and short-term actions that consider both environmental and social factors. Importantly, the report highlighted the importance of focusing on long-term actions first, as these actions are key to reducing issues at Little Corella problem sites. Medium-term and short-term actions may then be used to alleviate issues while long-term plans are actioned. The relevant actions are detailed below:

- **Long-term actions** (10+ year timeframe) include: reduce availability of food and water resources; habitat modification; threat abatement/proactive management; development of a management planning template; further research (see report for details);
- **Medium-term actions** (2-9 year timeframe) include: establish an annual abundant bird species forum to facilitate discussion among groups/managers; increase public information and education about Little Corella management; sacrificial sites;
- **Short-term actions** (annual timeframe) to alleviate issues at problem sites include: strategic disruptive activities.

Within the report recommendations, it was suggested that a new Little Corella Management Plan for South Australia be developed. Interestingly, the report recommended that local government should continue to make an important contribution to the management of Little Corellas, however highlighted that the responsibilities for implementing actions should be shared across those land managers and agencies who manage the landscape surrounding problem sites. It also detailed that increased support should be provided through the collaboration between the State Government, the Local Government Association universities, and local communities on the Little Corellas project.

Refer Appendix 9.2.1.
9.2 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.2.1 Corella Control Cont’d

Conclusion

From a Mid Murray Council perspective, addressing both medium-term and long-term actions across the entire Council area as recommended within the report would be seen as almost impossible because of the vast areas occupied by the River Murray, the associated flood plains and harvesting activities. It is with this in mind, I feel that the Mid Murray Council should take a stronger approach at lobbying State and Federal agencies to assist further with the on-going problems associated with Little Corellas, as this is clearly a whole of State problem of which rural Councils can not address alone.

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             $15,000 included in draft 2017/18 budget.
Legislation        Not applicable.

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

9.2.2 Development Assessment Panel (DAP) – Public Officer

**Reporting Officer**
Joel Taggart

**Position**
Acting Director – Development & Environmental Services

**Report Purpose**

To resolve to appoint a new Public Officer for the Council’s Development Assessment Panel, as required by Section 56A of the Development Act 1993.

**Discussion**

At its 11 October 2016 meeting, Council resolved the following -

*Development Assessment Panel (DAP) – Public Officer*
18749/3 Cr Wilkinson moved that in accordance with Section 56A(23) of the Development Act 1993, Kelvin Leigh Goldstone be appointed Public Officer, for a 2 year period commencing 25 November 2016.
Seconded Cr Myers.

CARRIED.

Council is required pursuant to Section 56A of the Development Act 1993 to appoint a Public Officer who must not be a member of the Panel. Generally this person is not someone who is involved with the Panel or the staff who assist the Panel. Therefore Development and Environmental Services staff should not fill this role.

The functions of the Public Officer include ensuring the proper investigation of complaints about the conduct of a member of the Panel or the activities of the DAP.

The role of the DAP Public Officer forms part of the duties of the Manager – Governance, primarily due to the legislative aspect to the role. Consequently it is recommended the appointment of Debra Brokenshire as the DAP Public Officer occur for the period from now until 30 September 2017. From 1 October 2017 onwards, a new “Council Assessment Panel” will be in place, and the new legislation (Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016) does not require the appointment of a Public Officer. This is as complaints will be managed on a State-wide basis through the new South Australian Planning Commission.

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**Recommendation**

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that in accordance with Section 56A(23) of the Development Act 1993, Debra Brokenshire be appointed Public Officer for the Development Assessment Panel until 30 September 2017.
9.2 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CONT'D

9.2.3 State Government Proposal to Amend Development Regulations 2008 – Removal of Development Assessment Commission as a Relevant Authority in the River Murray Zone

Reporting Officer
Joel Taggart

Position
Acting Director – Development & Environmental Services

Report Purpose
To provide Elected Members with an update in relation to a proposal by the State Government to amend the Development Regulations 2008.

Introduction/Background
The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) has recently contacted Council and provided a letter seeking feedback (refer Appendix 9.2.3) on a proposal to remove a clause from the legislation that currently leads to the Development Assessment Commission (the DAC) being the relevant planning authority for many development applications along the River Murray. The report below details the instances in which DAC are currently the relevant planning authority, as well as the positives and negatives of this proposal.

Discussion
Council received correspondence from DPTI on 22 June 2017 seeking comments on proposed changes to the Development Regulations 2008. The changes proposed relate to the removal of Clause 9 of Schedule 10 of these Regulations (refer excerpt contained within Appendix 9.2.3).

The impact of this proposal is that many development applications lodged within the River Murray Zone are assessed by the DAC as the relevant planning authority. The rationale behind this is that DAC can assess the applications in a consistent manner and ensure that the State-wide importance of the River Murray is taken into account when assessing such development applications. In reality, the majority of development applications referred to DAC by Council under this clause are for small, insignificant structures such as sheds, retaining walls and boundary realignments.

Other forms of development captured under this clause include:

- Development in certain Caravan Parks, such as Morgan and Punyelroo;
- Dwellings not in Shack Settlement/River Settlement Policy Areas along the River Murray;
- Sheds on vacant allotments within most of the River Murray Corridor;
- Retaining walls and jetties on separate land to the dwelling.

One matter that needs to be addressed in respect to these reforms is that of the Council staff workload impacts of this proposal. Given a reasonable number of development applications along the River Murray now go to DAC for planning assessment, this number of applications will now be entirely assessed by Council. However, it should be noted that for each of these applications, the Council planner undertakes a site visit and assessment at present. This is as DAC often don’t undertake site visits, and given that they’re not familiar with the area, they rely on the assessment and comments of Council staff. Overall, this may lead to increased workloads on planning staff, however this will be closely monitored following the implementation of the proposed change.
9.2 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.2.3 State Government Proposal to Amend Development Regulations 2008 – Removal of Development Assessment Commission as a Relevant Authority in the River Murray Zone Cont’d

It should be noted that in recent years, we have had between 6 – 18 development applications a year assessed by the DAC in place of Council in the River Murray Zone. These DA’s will now all be assessed by Council.

From an analysis undertaken by Council staff, it appears as though the only financial impacts upon Council will be that income from development applications will be increased. There are no fees that Council will lose out on as part of these changes. There is a small risk however in that in the event of refusal of such applications (which will now be handled by Council) that Council will face additional appeals in the Environment, Resources and Development Court, that ordinarily DAC would be involved in.

It is considered that this proposal will definitely reduce the workload of the DAC, and increase Council’s workload; however it will also have positive benefits for Council. These include increased income for Council from additional development application fees, local decision making, one step removed from an already convoluted assessment process and increased consistency of decision making at a Council level. This will also allow for more of a “one-stop shop” approach, whereby the community knows that essentially all development applications are now to be considered only by Council. It should be noted however that non-complying development applications will still be sent to the DAC for ‘concurrence’. Refer Appendix 9.2.3.

Conclusion

In conclusion, in the main staff consider this proposal to be a positive initiative. This is due to additional local decision making powers, increased fees for Council and a more streamlined development assessment process with less steps and less red tape. Staff will inform Elected Members via email (or a future Council report) upon any of the proposed changes coming to fruition. Staff will also update the community and applicants when such changes occur.

References

Community Plan

Theme 1: The Natural & 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.

Budget

It is envisaged that this proposal will lead to an increase in Development Application income being received by Council.

Legislation

Development Act 1993.
9.2 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.2.3 State Government Proposal to Amend Development Regulations 2008 – Removal of Development Assessment Commission as a Relevant Authority in the River Murray Zone Cont’d

Recommendation
Moved __________________ Seconded __________________
that Council respond to the consultation being run by the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI), and respond by detailing that it supports the proposed changes to Schedule 10 of the Development Regulations 2008 (removal of the Development Assessment Commission as a relevant authority in the River Murray Zone). In addition, Council provides the following comments (optional):

1) ________________________________
2) ________________________________
9.2 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.2.4 Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee – Expressions of Interest Community Representatives

Reporting Officer: Joel Taggart
Position: Acting Director – Development & Environmental Services

Report Purpose

To report on the outcome of the recent call for expressions of interest for community representatives (2) on Council’s Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee.

Discussion

Council resolved to form an Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee at the February 2014 meeting. This Committee operates pursuant to Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1999. The Committee has been operating extremely well since this time, and has met regularly every 1-2 months. Council resolved that the Committee shall comprise of at least four elected members, relevant Council staff and community representatives (2) appointed by Council.

The membership period for the community representatives recently expired. Therefore expressions of interest for community representation to serve on the Committee were called via advertisements in all local papers, on Council’s website and Facebook page in late May 2017.

Four submissions have been received:

- Sharon Jardine
- Kay Schmid
- Helen Griffiths
- Shane McGrath.

As Elected Members will see from the applications, all applicants are well known, enthusiastic and experienced community members. Some have particular skill sets that would be of benefit to the Committee. In addition, the four candidates are evenly spread across the Council area.

Copies of all four applications are contained within Appendix 9.2.4A.

The attached advertisement details the requirements and attributes sought for potential Committee members. This included a desire for those with skills relating to natural resource management, planning, tourism, recreation and those involved in local progress associations.

A copy of the recruitment advertisement contained within Appendix 9.2.4B.

The Committee’s Terms of Reference are attached in Appendix 9.2.4C. They stipulate that Committee member’s terms shall be 24 months in duration. They also detail the various operating requirements of the Committee, as well as a broad overview of the Committee’s mandate. It should be noted that these Terms of Reference are currently under review. It is proposed that the new Terms of Reference will allow the Committee to invite additional non-voting members to attend on an as-needs basis e.g. when a local or specialist opinion or advice is sought about a particular topic.
9.2 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.2.4 Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee – Expressions of Interest Community Representatives Cont’d

References

Community Plan

Theme 1: The Natural & Built Environment
Facilitate an active partnership between Council and Community to:
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 2.8 – Strategically prioritise opportunities for community engagement, connection and participation.

Budget
No impact, as the positions are voluntary.

Legislation

Recommendation
Moved __________________ Seconded __________________
that
(1) ______________________ and _____________________ be appointed as community representatives on Council’s Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee;
(2) Community representative appointments be for a period of two (2) years, until 30 June 2019.
9.2 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.2.5 Confidential Item – Mannum Waters Update – Legal Advice, Development Deed and Water Licensing

**Reporting Officer**  Joel Taggart  
**Position**  Acting Director – Development & Environmental Services

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

90(3)(h) & (i) –
(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)(h) & (i) of the Local Government Act 1999 an order be made that with the exception of Mr Russell Peate, Mrs Robyn Dunstall, Mr Joel Taggart, 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)(h) & (i).

(2) The Mid Murray Council is satisfied that pursuant to Section 90(3)(h) & (i) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to the agenda item is 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 9.2.5.

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 July 2017, the Development & Environmental Services Report Item 9.2.5 (Mannum Waters – Legal Advice, Development Deed and Water Licencing) and attachments and all discussions relating to the matter which was considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(h) & (i) remain confidential and not available for public inspection until released by Council.

Seconded Cr
9.2 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.2.6 Carp Herpes Virus River Murray Release – Update

Reporting Officer
Joel Taggart

Position
Acting Director – Development & Environmental Services

Report Purpose

To provide Elected Members with an update in relation to this project, following a recent workshop attended by staff in Adelaide in May 2017.

Introduction/Background

As Elected Members would recall, this matter has been reported on to Council on two occasions during the last 12-18 months. Council staff continue to monitor the planning behind the rollout of the Carp Herpes Virus release into the River Murray, and staff have been involved in a number of meetings and workshops relating to this matter. This virus release is a fundamental part of the National Carp Control Plan.

A copy of notes from the most recent workshop, which was facilitated by PIRSA and Biosecurity SA, are contained within Confidential Appendix 9.2.6.

Further information on the project can be found here – www.carp.gov.au.

Refer Confidential Appendix 9.2.6.

Discussion

At the most recent update seminar in May 2017, the following issues were covered:

- Governance arrangements surrounding the project
- Progress on the research program
- Mapping of regulatory considerations
- Development of a communications strategy
- How best to collaborate with stakeholders moving forward.

The seminar had representatives from many State and Federal Government agencies, as well as various research organisations. Loxton Waikerie Council was the only other local government body represented at the seminar.

Many issues were identified and workshopped at this seminar. One which may have a particular impact on Mid Murray Council relates to the clean up of Carp in the event of a ‘mass fish kill’ – which is likely given the virus quickly affects Carp in a specific geographical area. The concern is that given that mortality will occur in a short space of time, that the agency responsible for cleaning up a ‘mass fish kill’, PIRSA, will not have the resources to manage this process. There is also minimal information available in terms of where the virus release will be rolled out and how complaints from industry and the public will be handled.

As yet there is no clarity about the role of Council in the clean up. The primary issue is the costs of this project to Council, especially in dealing with complaints and cleaning up areas that PIRSA doesn’t attend.
9.2 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.2.6 Carp Herpes Virus River Murray Release – Update Cont’d

A Steering Committee and a Working Group are proposed as part of this overall project. These bodies would each have Local Government representatives to assist in the roll out and deliver of the overall project. Notwithstanding this, it is proposed that Council raise this matter at the upcoming Murraylands and Riverland LGA meeting (on the 14 July 2017). This will ensure a co-ordinated regional approach occurs in relation to lobbying for improved outcomes for Councils in the region as a part of this project.

Conclusion

In conclusion, it is considered that whilst this project has much merit, Council needs to work collaboratively with other Councils in the region to ensure that a united voice is heard by the proponents of this project. This is chiefly to ensure that Council does not wear any of the cost burden associated with the roll out and clean up of this project.

References

Community Plan

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

Budget

This matter has no budgetary considerations at present.

Legislation


Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that Council raises the following matters in relation to the National Carp Control Plan and the release of the Carp Herpes Virus into the River Murray at the upcoming Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association meeting:

(1) The complaint and feedback mechanism process during the rollout of the project needs to be clearer and well publicised in affected communities;

(2) That Councils should not be required to undertake any clean up of fish kill at their own cost;

(3) That PIRSA and the National Carp Control Program consult individually with all affected Councils to determine where they will release the virus and also to develop a mutually agreed clean up plan.
9.2 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.2.6 Carp Herpes Virus River Murray Release – Update Cont’d

**Recommendation**

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that pursuant to Section 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council orders that the Confidential attachments in relation to the Development and Environmental Services Report Item 9.2.6 Carp Herpes Virus River Murray Release – Update remain confidential and not available for public inspection until released by Council and that this order be reviewed in twelve months.

Joel Taggart

*Acting Director - Development & Environmental Services*
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Cr moved that the report be received.
Seconded Cr

9.3.1 Blanchetown Internet & Information Centre – Quarterly Update

**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 April to June 2017, including financial year highlights.

**2016 – 2017 Highlights Include:**

- Rural Management Challenge – October 2016, Blanchetown Internet & Information Centre Coordinator was the captain of the Rural Management Challenge Team. This challenge was a great opportunity to learn, grow and team build with people that you may not necessarily work with on a regular basis.
- Speed Limit Reduction on Sturt Highway, Blanchetown – The Blanchetown Community Services Committee was instrumental in the long awaited speed limit change in Blanchetown. The community has been rallying for this for over 20 years.
- IT upgrade – New equipment was installed to enable the Blanchetown Internet & Information Centre to access Council’s phone and IT systems permanently and at an acceptable speed.
- Blanchetown Depot Library – The Blanchetown Depot Library has proven its success over and over. The depot has signed up many new borrowers and borrowing has increased by 300%. It has also offered more for our tourists as they can borrow and return books/DVD’s to Blanchetown during their stay or on their way through.
- During 2016/2017 year, a total of 423 volunteer hours were utilised at the Blanchetown Internet & Information Centre. Please see graph below
- During 2016/2017 we have had approximately 1870 people through the door.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

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

Grants

Community Project and Event Grants

A total of seven grants were paid in this round.

- Keyneton Progress Association – Keyneton Nature Reserve Fencing – $1567.50
- Morgan Small Bore Rifle Club – Open Shooting Competition – $2000
- Nildottie Tennis Club – New mower - $2000
- Mannum Rowing Club – Mannum Rowing Regatta - $450
- Mannum Agricultural Society – Game Obsession Expo – $2000
- Mid Murray Land Care – Meldanda Animal Walking Trails - $1150

Small Community Grants

- Make Morgan Grow – Beautification of Local Streetscape - $500
- Colour Stobie Poles – Morgan - $500
- Xmas Banners for Morgan - $500

Blanchetown Community Services Committee

April to June 2017

The Blanchetown Community Services Committee have put a motion forward to dissolve the committee. The members will be joining with the Blanchetown District Hall Inc.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

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

Volunteer Morning Tea

Council held a morning tea for all of the Internet Centre and Community Bus Driver volunteers. Two Community Services staff were present plus approximately 10 volunteers.

Community Health Bus

- Bus usage for April to June in table below

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Blanchetown Library

Library Statistics

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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 132.5 volunteer hours for the last quarter.

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

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.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.2 Mannum Leisure Centre – Quarterly Update

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

**Report Purpose**  
To provide an update to Elected Members of key activities of the Mannum Leisure Centre from April – June 2017, including financial year highlights.

**2016 – 2017 Highlights include:**

**Sports**

- Junior Basketball – 4 teams under 10’s and 5 teams over 10’s.
- (NOTE: When we first formed Junior Basketball 3-4 years ago it was our intention that it would be a pathway for the youth to move into the adult competition. This has started to happen.)
- Mixed Basketball – 5 teams, growing numbers.
- Mixed Social Netball 5 Teams, continues to be strong.

**Fitness Classes and Training**

Classes have gone through major changes in the past 6 months.

![Class Timetable](image)
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.2 Mannum Leisure Centre – Quarterly Update Cont’d

Squad Camp

Squad Camp is a progressive, results based fitness program. Demand for this class has been hugely popular leading to an additional level 2 program being introduced. Further information available at Mannum Leisure Centre.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.2 Mannum Leisure Centre – Quarterly Update Cont’d

Staying Active for over 50’s is a combination of three school term based fitness programs. These programs enable the aging population with knowledge and skill to assist with strength, weight control, agility, physical health and mental health wellbeing. The Mannum Leisure centre is working towards merging these classes under the banner ‘Staying Active Over 50’s’ to unite and uniform the programs. This will assist with clientele growth, instructor expertise and uniformity with the end result of an exercise and wellbeing base for the aging population throughout the Murraylands.

Regular Programs within the Leisure Centre

- Karate continues to stand strong making use of the Seniors room on Monday evenings.
- Mannum Roos Netball Club: Stadium usage Thursdays afternoons during Netball season.
- Jam Club: Implementation of ‘Jam Club” Tuesdays late afternoons. Mentoring and guiding youth, formulating bands and music events.
- Kindergym: Monday mornings, Kindergym has settled into the Leisure Centre Stadium and continues to evolve.
- Murray Bridge Squash Club: Tuesday evening regularly.

Annual hire / Stadium / Seniors meeting room

- Annual craft fair craft/quilt supplies, craft for sale displays 2016
- Aminya Annual General Meeting, September 2016
- AC Care Murray Bridge Science show April 2016
- Murray Bridge North School Stadium Hire
- Dance Concert November 2016
- Annual Christmas Tree Festival,2016
- (Hub) Dance Concert Nov 2016
- 5 Private Birthday parties
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9.3.2 Mannum Leisure Centre – Quarterly Update Cont’d

April – June average client numbers:

- Average Clients entering the gym

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- Tai Chi - 4 per class
- Mannum Movers - 6 per class
- PM Classes - average 10 per class

Workplace Experience

- 1 student from Immanuel College Certificate 3 in fitness (Mid Murray resident)

Building Improvements / Maintenance / New Equipment:

- Leaking pipe in seniors room
- Leak outside of seniors room
- Roof leakage in stadium, squash courts and gym when raining

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.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.2 Mannum Leisure Centre – Quarterly Update Cont’d

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 OPAL Program – Quarterly Update

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 April to June 2017.

Update

With the aim to improve the eating and activity patterns of children 0-18 and their families, the OPAL Program has had another successful year delivering and investing in health initiatives across the Mid Murray region.

The first year of the new OPAL model (one employee, smaller budget and no State funding) has achieved ongoing outputs in line with the OPAL Strategic Plan around the themes of Active Travel and Active Play.

2016 - 17 HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Highly Commended - Minister for Health Excellence in Public Health Awards
- Finalist for Parks and Leisure Australia Regional Award of Excellence

Events
- Supported the Cadell Harvest Festival through healthy cooking demonstrations delivered by Paris from Amore Wood Fired Ovens – including the celebrity cook off.
- Facilitated the Murraylands APEX Mannum Fun Run and Walk.
- Coordinated the NAIDOC week celebrations in partnership with MACAI.
- Morgan and Mannum Christmas Pageants – float, merchandise support and healthy educational material.
- Mental Health Wellbeing Street Stall and Mental Health Expo – smoothie bike activities.

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9.3.3 OPAL Program – Quarterly Update Cont’d

Programs & Projects

- Murray Coorong Trail – signage, detailed design, community consultation, partnership proposals.
- Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan (cross departmental) – community consultation, development of plan including 5 District reports and final adoption.
- Mary Ann Reserve Master Plan (cross departmental) – concept and design, community consultation.
- Nature Playspace concept and design – cash contribution and staff support to assist the Palmer and District Progress Association with the development of Nature Play in Collier Park.
- Hope St Mural Project (cross departmental) – engaged community to create a mural for their town focused on mental health and wellbeing.
- Continuation of Sugar Free Junior Sport Policy for Mid Murray clubs.
- Supported Kindergym with training to gain acquired accreditation.
- Mannum Football and Netball Club nutrition policy review. OPAL in partnership with the Natural Resource Management board delivered wicking bed workshops to members in Cambrai.

![Graph showing Major Project/Program $ Investment](image)

![Image of a mural](image)
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.3 OPAL Program – Quarterly Update Cont’d

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- *Murray Coorong Trail* – negotiations took place with DEWNR regarding the Nature Based Tourism Strategy and the use of levy banks. Proposal has been officially sent from the Murray Coorong Trail Committee requesting a partnership with DEWNR. Construction is still on hold pending approval from DEWNR.

- *Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan* – the final plan was adopted by Council and the working committee is currently developing strategies to implement projects across departments.

- *Nature Playspace* – worked in conjunction with the Palmer and Districts Project Association and WAX Design to develop the initial concept plan for the playspace area at Collier Park. Community consultation sessions were held with students from Palmer Primary School and the community in May 2017. Will be seeking funding options/grants to assist the community to construct the playspace.

- *Mannum Football & Netball Club* – assisted both committees with healthy eating strategies and advertising for club newsletters which encourages healthy snacks and decreases sugary drink consumption.

- *Hope St Mural Project* – the partnership between Council, Country Arts SA, Mannum Progress Association and the Mannum Bowling Club brought life to Wattle St in Mannum with a contemporary art mural. The community lead piece promotes mental health and wellbeing and has been extremely successful, with over 80 people attending the official unveiling on 26 May 2017.

- *Parks and Leisure Australia SA Board* – Mid Murray Council is being represented by the OPAL Manager on the Parks and Leisure Australia Board and will be assisting to promoted and provide opportunities around Open Space and Park and Leisure to SA professionals.

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.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.3 OPAL Program – Quarterly Update Cont’d

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
- 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:

- 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 OPAL budget and externally funded grants.

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that the OPAL update report and 2016/17 Financial Year Highlight report be received.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.4 Youth, Recreation and Sport - Quarterly Update

Reporting Officer: Jarrod Manuel  
Position: Community Services Officer

Report Purpose

To provide an update to Elected Members of key activities key youth, recreation and sport activities throughout the Mid Murray region.

2016 - 17 HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Summer Sounds, held in January, was an open mic event at Cambrai swimming pool. Supported by the Ridley Lions club we hope to make this an annual feature.
- As part of National Youth week Animaltronic was held at Meldanda Cambrai, a mix of science, sport and art feature event, which encompassed a number of workshops and was attended by, Truro, Keyneton, Cambrai and Swan Reach schools.
- Fun4YOUth Joint with Mid Murray Family Connections and YMCA supported a school holiday program to the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre. This event was offered to children in Keyneton, Truro and Swan Reach.

Quarterly Events

- Movie Nights at the Hub, Mannum Community Hub together with Fun4YOUth has coordinated and promoted monthly movies nights since the beginning of 2017. These have been very popular and well attend. In recent times the coordinator of the Hub has purchased an Inflatable Big Screen Cinema this has been a key feature of the subsequent movie nights and will be the foundation of movie nights to feature throughout the Mid Murray region.
- Cambrai Swimming pool, engineering review has been conducted, looking to engage contractors for short term repairs for the coming season.
- National Youth Week - Onkaparinga National Youth Week 2017 launch, incorporated local Truro band Do A Flip featuring in the line up.
- Mannum SK8 Jam, BMX, Skate and Scooter competition held at Mannum Skate Park, this was incorporated with the Mannum Football Club home game against imperials, which helped to increase attendance.
- Morgan Youth Hub Scooter Marathon - Rick Steadman, Leader of Morgan Youth Hub came up with the great concept to raise money to repair a half pipe skate ramp by way of a Scooter Marathon which involved young kids in the area riding their scooter around the Morgan Tennis courts continuously from 12pm to 12am. This event was support and promoted by Fun4YOUth.
- Fun4YOUth – Attended Mannum Truck and Ute Show
- Creative Music Workshops - These workshops are designed for young people of all ages and abilities, it is an interactive program that allows participants to understand the fundamentals of playing an instrument. They have so far featured across the region in Blanchetown, Morgan, Swan Reach, Truro, Keyneton and Palmer.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.4 Youth, Recreation and Sport – Quarterly Update Cont’d

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.

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

9.3.5 Mid Murray Family Connections – Quarterly Update

**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**

- Meeting with Minister Close, MP Adrian Pederick and Mayor Burgess to secure more psycho-social supports across the Mid Murray region.
- Secondary meeting with Acting Directors within the Department of Education to finalise and submit proposal to Minister Close.
- Coordinated and convened second Strategic Leadership Group meeting (May).
- Coordinated and executed events across primary schools and kindergartens for National Families Week (15-21 May).
- Support of Work Groups (made up of network members) to meet, and work on project being delivered up on behalf of the MMFC network.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.5 Mid Murray Family Connections – Quarterly Update Cont’d

- Successfully secured a $5000 grant from the Department of Communities and Social Inclusion, as a 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).
- Working on a dedicated website for the Mid Murray Family Connections Network where children and their caregivers can access all learning, play, health, educational and support opportunities across the Mid Murray region.
- Working with Parent Child Mother Goose Trainers and schools to roll out playgroup training at participating Department of Education School sites across the region.
- Working with Schools Ministry Group to also embed Parent Child Mother Goose playgroup training with School chaplains at Department of Education Sites.
- Prepared and submitted extensive update to Mannum Mag about progress of the MMFC program – particularly how each of the 4 Work Groups are progressing with their projects.
- Met with CEO and staff from the Wyatt Trust (private benevolent fund) to identify opportunities for partnership and support.
- Met with senior managers of Primary Health Network to identify opportunities for partnership and support.
- Submitted grant application to private benevolent fund Morialta Trust for funding to employ worker to support Parent Child Mother Goose Playgroups being established at participating Department of Education sites across the region.
- Submitted grant application to DCSI for major grant round ($50K) to employ Community Mobiliser Position to support the MMFC network (particularly Work Groups with delivery of their projects).
- Supporting Masters of Social Work student on placement.
- Inducted and training volunteer Tiarne Tobisen into the MMFC program to support the network – in particular Work Group 4.
- Attended grant writing Workshop with LGA.
- Meeting with Counsellor at Mannum Community College to discuss partnership ideas.

Highlights of the last Financial Year (16/17)

- Well attended Mental Health Week event conducted in partnership with other service providers.
- Launch of the MMFC network’s ‘Community Accountability Plan’.
- Re-invigorated Strategic Leadership Group.
- Recruited and inducted 4 community members into the MMFC network.
- Submission to the Primary Health Network by Murray Mallee General Practice Network, Department of Education and MMFC to co-locate Mental Health Clinician at schools.
- Meeting with Minister Close to discuss securing more psycho-social supports in schools.
- Partnership with Port Adelaide Football Club to bring football players out to 4 schools across the region.
- Secured $5000 from the Inger Rice Foundation to deliver Parent Child Mother Goose training.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.5 Mid Murray Family Connections – Quarterly Update Cont’d

• Secured $5000 from the Department of Communities and Social Inclusion to deliver Parent Child Mother Goose Training.
• Better attendance by partners at network meetings and interesting projects being developed up by partners on behalf of the Network.
• National Families Weeks Events across the Mid Murray region.
• Developing a website primarily for the children and their caregivers to access play, learning, health, social and support services across the Mid Murray.
• Shortlisted for LGA ‘Community and Partnerships’ Award.
• Hosted successive Masters of Social Work students who have been pivotal to the work.

References

Community Plan Theme 2: Community Wellbeing

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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.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.6 Morgan & Districts Community Hub – Annual Update

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

Report Purpose
To provide an annual update to Elected Members of key activities and outcomes of Morgan & Districts Community Hub from July 2016 - June 2017

Update/Introduction/Background

- **Morgan & Districts Community Hub** We continue to work 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. We share resources, casual staff and information as a team and have received positive feedback from the community on numerous occasions on the friendliness and efficiency of the Hub team.

- **Morgan Solar and Battery Storage Project** we are continuing to compile a database of accommodation, businesses, skills, services and employment candidates. We continue to be the first point of contact for solar enquiries and have negotiated with employment agencies in the area for locals to access free training and licence upgrades. We are working closely with Loxton Waikerie Council and Barossa Council to ensure the maximum information and potential is captured across the area.

- **Mid Murray Libraries** since being nominated as the representative for River Murray Region Libraries by the Public Libraries Board I have been part of the Public Libraries Team that assesses practices, recommends procedure and service delivery improvements and roll out to over 130 SA libraries. With this background I have been working closely with our Mid Murray Libraries to unite and align services and ensure procedures and practice standards are being maintained. With the assistance of the local Principals, library managers, communities and Public Libraries SA we are creating a strategic plan for MMC libraries moving forward. We anticipate this strategic plan will be completed and submitted to council by October 2017.

- **Tristar Medical Group/Morgan GP Services** Tristar Medical Group has begun the recruitment process for the Morgan fulltime GP position. Waikerie Medical Centre will be discontinuing their Morgan attendance from October 2017. We expect that the highly regarded services of Jason Walters (Nurse Practitioner) will continue as part of the increased medical facilities to Morgan and surrounding districts. The attendance rates have been consistent and the lower figures in Dec, Jan and April are when only 1 clinic was held in the month due to holidays.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.6 Morgan & Districts Community Hub – Annual Update Cont’d

Chart 1 – depicting steady increase in Nurse Practitioner bookings.

- **Day Activities Centre** stats continue to show an increase in visitor/participants over the year compared to 15/16 financial year. Most popular days are Tuesdays and Wednesdays with an average of 15 visitors (same popular days in 2015/16 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 2 - showing Day Activity Centre visitor annual comparisons.

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9.3.6 Morgan & Districts Community Hub – Annual Update Cont’d

- **Blanchetown Depot Library** stats continue to show a huge increase in visitors/borrowers over the financial year compared to the previous financial year before becoming a depot library. This has been due to promoting the Mid Murray libraries as a consortium, becoming part of the SA Libraries One Card network and actively promoting the service across different areas.

Chart 3 - highlighting the growth of Blanchetown library statistics annual comparisons.

- **Morgan & Cadell Medical Community Car** bookings have remained in high demand. The Medical car has been in for numerous repairs and maintenance visits but where possible we have arranged for the volunteer drivers to access the Morgan Pool Car to limit the community impact and inconvenience. The overall usage has remained higher than the previous 2015/16 financial year. The Medical car is due for changeover in July 2017.

Chart 4 – Morgan & Cadell Medical Car bookings annual comparisons.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.6 Morgan & Districts Community Hub – Annual Update 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

Lead, facilitate and design active community services in the Mid Murray region by:
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

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 2016/17 Annual Update Report be received.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.7 Community Grants – Quarterly Update

**Reporting Officer:** Natalie Davis  
**Position:** Community Services Coordinator

**Report Purpose**

For Council to review and adopt the modified Community Grants Policy in conjunction with related document, Community Grants Guidelines.

**Background**

Council endorsed the updated Community Grants Policy, MMC-DP13, on 8 November 2016.

The Community Grants process was reviewed and an overarching policy was created to replace the existing three tier policies outlined below –

- Individual Youth Sport & Cultural Grants Policy  
- Small Community Grants Program Guidelines  
- Community Projects and Events Grants Policy and Guidelines

In consultation with Elected Members on the Community Grants Advisory Panel a Community Grants Guidelines document was developed, again as an overarching document to work with the Policy.

**Discussions**

Minor changes have been made to the Community Grants Policy that was adopted in November 2016. These changes include:

- **2. Transparency and Equity**, second sentence modified to read –

  *Each funding program has a process for the assessment of applications with the Chief Executive Officer making the final decision.*

Previously stated –

*Each funding program has a process for the assessment of applications with Council making the final decision.*

The reason for this change is to keep the grants process efficient for applicants and staff processing. Currently Community Project and Events Grants are reviewed by the Community Grants Advisory Panel. Please note that this will continue. Some grants are available all year round and are for small monetary value. Taking the approval process through council would extend the processing time in providing grants to the community.
9.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT CONT’D

9.3.7 Community Grants – Quarterly Update Cont’d

- 5. Eligibility Criteria, additional dot point added

*Individual applicants must:*

- Provide supporting documentation to substantiate their achievement, for example, an official programme or letter of acceptance.

This point was added due to the eligibility for the Individual Youth Sport & Cultural Grants being different to the rest.


The Guidelines provide detail on when each differing grant is available and to what value.

This document will be available on Council’s Grants page of the website together with the Community Grants Policy.

Refer Appendix 9.3.7.

**References**

Community Plan Theme 2: Community Wellbeing

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

Finance In accordance with the 2017/2018 Budget allocation.

**Recommendation**

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that Council adopt the revised Community Grants Policy.

Robyn Dunstall

*Acting Director, Community Services*
9.4 CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT – Nil Report
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 June meeting:

1. Teleconference with Tristar.
2. Meeting with Crown Lands Officers, Mannum.
4. Breakfast Club, Mannum Community College.
7. Meeting with Greg Hill at Bowhill Engineering, Bowhill.
10. Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting, Cambrai.
11. Community Wastewater Management Scheme Advisory Committee meeting, Cambrai.
12. Meeting with Brenton Forrest, Mannum.
13. Meeting with Jeff Tate and Richard Altman.
14. Meeting with Tim Whetstone MP, Morgan.
15. Mannum Lions Club 40th Anniversary and Handover Dinner, Mannum.
16. Bowhill Engineering Film Shoot, Bowhill.
17. Regional Collaboration Opportunities meeting with Alexandrina Council, Coorong District Council and Rural City of Murray Bridge Council, Murray Bridge.
18. Breakfast Club, Mannum Community College.
19. Meeting with Mannum Golf Club, Mannum.
20. Interview with preferred lessee – Morgan Caravan Park.
21. NAIDOC Week, Mannum.
22. Port of Morgan Heritage and Tourism Board meeting, Morgan.
23. Meeting at Mannum Waters with Brian Martin, Secretary of the annum Waters Community Corporation, Mannum.
24. Meeting regarding Marine Insurances.
25. Rowing Event, Mary Ann Reserve, Mannum.
27. Chief Executive Officer Forum and Joint Mayors/Chairs/Chief Executive Officers Forum, Adelaide.
28. Younghusband Hall Dinner.

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 2017/18 State Budget

I have attached copy of the Local Government Association of South Australia State Budget Submission for 2017-2018 and information outlining the State Budget announced for this year.

Refer Appendix 9.5.2

References

Community Plan  Theme 4: Infrastructure & Community Facilities
Manage the sustainability of the existing and future infrastructure.

Recommendation
Moved ____________________ Seconded ____________________
that the report on the 2017-2018 State Budget be received.
9.5  CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.3  Draft 2017/18 Annual Business Plan and Budget for the Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association

I have attached email from the Chief Executive Officer of the Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association and draft 2017/18 Annual Business Plan and Budget. I have perused the Annual Business Plan and Budget and provided brief comments to the Chief Executive Officer (attached).

Refer Appendix 9.5.3

**Recommendation**

Moved____________________ Seconded ____________________

that the draft 2017/18 Annual Business Plan and Budget for the Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association be endorsed.
9.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.4 Regional Development Australia, Murraylands and Riverland – Regional and Council Data

I have attached email received from the Chief Executive Officer of the Murraylands and Riverland - Regional Development Australia regarding an Economic profile for the Mid Murray Council area and a Community profile. Links have been provided to enable access to this information for perusal –


Refer Appendix 9.5.4

References

Community Plan

Theme 3: Economic Development & Tourism
Theme 3.1 – Build a localised Economic Development Strategy that clearly identifies strategies for local jobs, skill development and growth and links to wider regional objectives. *(namely the Regional Development Australia Murraylands Riverland Regional Roadmap)*.

Recommendation

Moved ______________________ Seconded ______________________
that the Murraylands and Riverland Regional Development Australia be thanked for providing the Economic and Community profile for the Mid Murray Council area.
9.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.5 Regional Population Growth in South Australia

I have attached recent Regional Population Growth information from the Australian Bureau of Statistics highlighting the largest and fastest population growth areas in South Australia as at 30 June 2016. In addition, I have attached table with the estimated resident population for each Local Government area for interest.

Refer Appendix 9.5.5

References

Community Plan | Theme 2: Community Wellbeing
Theme 2.1 – Proactively prioritising the delivery of community services
Theme 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

Recommendation
Moved __________________ Seconded __________________
that the report on Regional Population Growth in South Australia at the 30 June 2016 be received.
9.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.6 Road Swap between Murraylands Road and Halfway House Road

As members may recall, Council made application through the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure and the Local Roads Advisory Committee for approval for the road swap between Murraylands Road (Blanchetown to Morgan) and Halfway House Road. Copy of the report submitted to the 9 December 2013 Council meeting (including attachments), Council resolution and copy of the Gazette notice is attached.

The last invoice for $150,000 to the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure was issued on the 30 May 2017. Subject to payment of this invoice; this concludes the payment of $1 million over 5 years to the Mid Murray Council.

Refer Appendix 9.5.6

References

Community Plan  Theme 4: Infrastructure & Community Facilities
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 road swap between Murraylands Road and Halfway House Road subject to $1 million being paid to the Mid Murray Council over 5 years be received.
9.5  CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.7  Section 222 Local Government Act 1999 Permits (Road Rent)

I have attached a copy of the report submitted to the 13 December 2016 Council meeting in relation to the road rental charges applicable for the Mid Murray Council. I have also attached the Council resolution from the same meeting which decided as follows:-

1) The report on Section 222 Permits (Road Rents) pursuant to the Local Government Act 1999 be received;

2) The strategy referred to in the November 2016 and this report be endorsed;

3) The Section 222 permit period be set at the maximum period allowed by Section 222(4) of the Act i.e. five (5) years; and

4) A report on the implementation process of the road rental fee to be presented to the next Council meeting.

The report on the implementation process on the road rent fees was referred to the Governance Manager to undertake. Unfortunately, the Governance Manager had ill health and then retired. A recruitment process was undertaken for the appointment of a new Governance Manager. This matter has been included on the action list for the new Governance Manager to progress. A report is expected to be submitted to either the August or September Council meeting by the new Governance Manager.

Refer Appendix 9.5.7

References

Community Plan  Theme 1: The Natural & Built Environment
Theme 1.7 – Undertake a review of Community Land Management Plans to ensure optimum and bet environmental use of Council owned reserves.
Theme 1.10 – Advocate, protect and enhance the right to farm across the Mid Murray region.

Recommendation

Moved ____________________  Seconded _____________________
that the report on the implementation of road rental fees be received and Council note that a report on the implementation process will be submitted to either the August or September Council meeting.
9.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.8 Application for Second Round of Local Drug Action Team Program

I have attached letter received from Tony Pasin MP, Federal Member for Barker dated 2 June 2017 regarding the second round of the Local Drug Action Team Program. I have prepared a letter of support for the Rural City of Murray Bridge to enable a joint application to be lodged for funding under Round Two.

Refer Appendix 9.5.8

References

Community Plan Theme 2: Community Wellbeing
Theme 2.1 – Proactively prioritising the delivery of community services
Theme 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
Theme 2.9 – Improve access to innovative health service delivery

Recommendation
Moved ____________________ Seconded ____________________
that the report on the second round of the Federal Local Drug Action Team Program and joint application to be lodged by the Rural City of Murray Bridge and Mid Murray Council be received.
9.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT CONT'D

9.5.9 Rate Capping Campaign

I have attached copy of previous report submitted to the 14 March 2017 Council meeting and copy of resolution. The Mid Murray Council continues to highlight the affects that rate capping will have on not only the maintenance of our infrastructure (roads, stormwater drainage etc) but also services (parks, libraries) and projects. I have attached copy of email sign off highlighting the range of services that are provided for communities everyday that Council is using.

Refer Appendix 9.5.9

**Recommendation**

Moved____________________ Seconded ____________________

that the report on the Rate Capping Campaign and the services provided by Councils everyday be received.
9.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.10 New Year’s Eve 2017 Dry Zones

Report Purpose

To report on the declaration of dry zones for New Year’s Eve 2017.

Discussion

In previous years Council has resolved to apply for dry zones for New Years Eve, namely:

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The following recommendation is listed with the above in mind and on the presumption Council continues to support the application of dry zone areas for New Year’s Eve 2017.

References

Community Plan Theme 2: Community Wellbeing Theme 3: Economic Development & Tourism

Budget No impact.

Legislation Liquor Licensing Act 1997

Recommendation No. 1

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that Council seek the support of the local Police and the local MP, Dan van Holst Pellekaan and once gained, Council to then apply for Dry Zones for the Morgan and Cadell Riverfronts from 4pm on 31 December 2017 until 9am on 1 January 2018.

Recommendation No. 2

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that Council seek the support of the local Police and the local MP, Stephan Knoll and the Mannum Progress Association and once gained, Council to then apply for a Dry Zone for Randell Street, Arnold Park, Shearer Car Park, Anna Street and Mary Ann Reserve from 6pm on 31 December 2017 until 11pm on 31 December 2017.
9.5.10 New Year's Eve 2017 Dry Zones Cont'd

**Recommendation No. 3**
Moved __________________ Seconded __________________
that Council seek the support of the local Police and the local MP, Adrian Pederick and the Mannum Progress Association and once gained, Council to then apply for Dry Zones for Bolto Reserve and Haythorpe Reserve from 6pm on 31 December 2017 until 8am on 1 January 2018.
9.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.11 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

(3) 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 Joel Taggart, 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)(a) and (b).

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

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

Seconded Cr

Refer Confidential Report Item 9.5.11

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 13 June 2017, the Chief Executive Officer’s Report item 9.5.12 (Organisational Review Final Report) and attachments and all discussions relating to the matter which was considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(a) remain confidential and not available for public inspection until released by Council and that this order be reviewed in twelve months.

Seconded Cr
9.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT CONT’D

9.5.12 Confidential Item – Organisational Review Final Report

Confidential item pursuant to Section 90 –

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

A M
Cr moved that

(1) Under the provision of Section 90(2) and (3)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999 an order be made that with the exception of Mr Russell Peate, 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)(a).

(2) The Mid Murray Council is satisfied that pursuant to Section 90(3)(a) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to the agenda item is information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead), being Council Employees because it includes matters relating to a review of the Organisational Structure.

(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 information and discussion confidential because the information to be received and discussed includes matters relating to a review of the Organisational Structure.

Seconded Cr

Refer Confidential Report Item 9.5.12.

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 13 June 2017, the Chief Executive Officer’s Report item 9.5.12 (Organisational Review Final Report) and attachments and all discussions relating to the matter which was considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(a) remain confidential and not available for public inspection until released by Council and that this order be reviewed in twelve months.

Seconded Cr

Russell Peate
Chief Executive Officer
10.  MAYOR’S REPORT

Cr moved that the report be received.
Seconded Cr

Date          Activity
13/06/2017    Council Meeting
14/06/2017    Murraylands Riverland Chief Executive Officer Review
              Premiers State & Local Government Forum
              SANFL Iftar Dinner
              Queens Birthday Reception
15/06/2017    Local Government Australia Executive Meeting
17/06/2017    Australian Local Government Association Board
              Australian Local Government Association General Meeting
18/06/2017    Australian Local Government Association Regional Summit
19/06/2017    Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly
20/06/2018    Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly
21/06/2017    Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly
23/06/2017    Local Governments Grant Commission
24/06/2017    Official Opening Dark Sky Reserve, Meldanda
25/06/2017    Mannum Entrance Statement Opening
26/06/2017    Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee
              Community Wastewater Management Scheme Committee
27/06/2017    National Disability Insurance Scheme Expo, Murray Bridge
              Tim Whetstone MP, Morgan Office
              Mannum Lions Handover Dinner
28/06/2017    Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure Meeting, Bowhill
29/06/2017    Regional Opportunities Murray River Lakes & Coorong
03/07/2017    Meet the Mayor ABC Radio
03/07/2017    NAIDOC Event
              Regional Youth Traineeship Induction
07/07/2017    Mayor Chair Chief Executive Officer Forum
10/07/2017    Launch of New Ferry Bowhill Engineering
              Murray River Alliance

David J Burgess
MAYOR
11. PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON DRAFT ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET 2017-18, DRAFT LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN AND DRAFT ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

Purpose
In accordance with s123 of the Local Government Act 1999 and Council's Communication Policy, Council has undertaken consultation on its draft 2017-2018 Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP & Budget), Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) 2017-18 to 2016-27 and Asset Management Plan (AMP) road network, plant and machinery with the community.

Background
Council commenced its public consultation period on the draft ABP & Budget, LTFP and AMP on 11 May 2017 with consultation closing 5pm 13 June 2017.

Consultation on the draft documents has been undertaken using a variety of methods including public notices in all local papers, township newsletters, media releases, local progress associations, Council's website and formal submissions to 13 June 2016 Council meeting.

Discussion
During consultation Council received a total of 184 visits (176 visits previous year) to its website relating to the draft ABP & Budget (129), LTFP (32) and AMP (23). A Facebook photo search was run in order to boost publicity and this received good community engagement and feedback. The photo search encouraged 60 page likes and received 81 submitted photos which is an increase on last years. The winner received the most likes from the community and has been endorsed by the Mayor. The photo has been published on the front page of the Annual Business Plan & Budget 2017-18.

Council received via its website two submissions and one request to make a verbal representation to Council during the consultation process that was reported to the June Council meeting.

Since then we have received a further two submissions:

A resident from Mannum provided the following general comments regarding the Draft ABP & Budget:

“I realise it is difficult to balance expenditure against competing interests over such a large local authority area. However, given the importance of presenting our Towns well to secure economic benefit in an ever more discerning tourism market, I do feel very strongly that Council should encourage greener and softer streetscapes to favour pedestrian interaction over longer periods, whilst offering better weather protection as well (more seats / awnings / umbrellas / shade trees etc). There are many examples across SA where small Towns have taken a collaborative approach to softening their streetscapes and preserving their heritage to good effect and I trust that your Architectural and Landscape Advisors have compiled a portfolio of relevant examples through which guidance may be sought”.

Further comments relate to the timing of stormwater drainage works in Mannum, management will provide further details to the writer in regard to stormwater management plans and timing.

A resident from Blanchetown provided the following general comments regarding the draft ABP & Budget:

“Looking at the priority projects across four themes, the only mention of Blanchetown is via promotion and marketing from Morgan, there is nothing concrete mentioned for Blanchetown though I do recall Mayor Burgess verbally mention at a volunteer reception that we are getting some guttering in sections of 2 streets. I trust the digital connectivity mentioned in Theme 3 extends to free wi-fi from the Internet Centre. Looking forward to the waste collection trial in northern area and trusting that it includes Blanchetown as it will be a great improvement to the shack area in particular.”
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I am extremely disappointed with the outcomes of the Open Spaces planning as I was under the assumption that professional planning and branding was promised for each town along with the associated community consultation. We held off on our town identity statement to include it in the consultative process promised. The fact that instead the majority of money went to Mannum's Mary-Anne Reserve and we received nothing despite our time and effort. The planning that we received is rather airy fairy leaving us wide open to individuals that very quickly made attempts to take away the very open spaces and public areas that others in the community are trying to develop as tourist attractions. The businesses in our town would benefit if we could make it more attractive to visitors, we want visitors to take advantage of our day parking facilities eg motor homes to use our golf course park and houseboats to stop into the houseboat friendly area and spend some time and money in Blanchetown. We don’t need hundreds and thousands to make it better, just some planning and planting should be a good start to give us some impetus to seek grants to work on. There are a lot of people willing to assist but without the planning we can’t move forward”.

“Overall I believe there is an imbalance of money’s spent into the area with a majority going to Mannum, Morgan and Truro. I would like to see a more equitable distribution across all towns; including the small towns and Service Centres eg into the same way that you are promoting Truro as a gateway to the Barossa, Blanchetown could be promoted as a gateway to the Riverland. After all it is the first point of access to the River coming up the Sturt Highway from Adelaide. Why Blanchetown has not taken off by now is beyond me. Is it too much of a jump from service centre to township? After all it is by its very name a town and a town that deserves some attention”.

Statutory Responsibilities
Council has prepared and has consulted on the draft ABP & Budget, LTFP and AMP in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1999, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 and Council’s Public Consultation Policy.

Community Engagement
Council has conducted consultation on its draft ABP & Budget, LTFP and AMP in accordance with s122 and S123 of the Local Government Act 1999.

Financial Implications
There were minimal costs associated with consulting on the draft ABP & Budget, LTFP and AMP with the predominant expense being printing and distribution costs.

Summary
There has been increased public feedback on the consultation for the draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2017-18.

Recommendation
Moved ________________ Seconded ________________
that Council consider the feedback from the public consultation on the draft 2017-2018 Annual Business Plan and Budget (ABP & Budget), Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) 2017-18 to 2016-27 and Asset Management Plan (AMP) road network, plant and machinery.

Robyn Dunstall
Acting Director, Corporate & Financial Services
12. STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT PLANS ADOPTION OF LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN AND ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANS – SEALED & UNSEALED ROAD NETWORK AND PLANT & MACHINERY

Purpose
To consider the Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) and Asset Management Plans (AMP) for sealed & unsealed road network and plant & machinery.

Background
Council must develop and adopt strategic management plans which include a long-term financial plan and asset management plan for a period of at least 10yrs.

Council commenced its public consultation period on the draft LTFP and AMP for sealed & unsealed road network and plant & machinery on 11 May 2017 with consultation closing 5pm 13 June 2017.

The Council operates, maintains and renews over 3000km of sealed and unsealed roads within an area of 6270km². The purpose of an asset management plan is to document and quantify the management strategy to ensure successful and sustainable performance.

The Council operates, maintains and renews 148 different plant, equipment and fleet items. For budgetary purposes the register is split into four categories: fleet, major plant, light fleet and small plant.

The Audit Committee at its May 2017 meeting recommend to Council the draft Asset Management Plans for Sealed & Unsealed Road Network and Plant & Machinery is released for public consultation in conjunction with the Long Term Financial Plan

Discussion
The attachments as presented at today’s meeting are consistent with Council’s draft LTFP and AMP for Sealed & Unsealed Road Network and Plant & Machinery released for public consultation. Council received via its website submissions during the consultation process that was reported to the June Council meeting.

Since consultation on the draft LTFP, Council has received an advance payment from the Federal Government of $2.3m for the financial assistance grants, which has a positive impact on Council’s cash flow. These grants were calculated using the 16/17 total roads funding (including special local roads program) and not just the local roads component, therefore the amount received is potentially overpaid. Once confirmation of the correct advance amount has been received we will adjust Council’s financial plans. Council was also successful in receiving a 50% grant of $385,500 from State Government for Mary Anne Reserve stage 1 Open Space Plan. Council’s financial plans will be amended accordingly to reflect this additional project

Refer Appendix 12a – Long Term Financial Plan – 2017-18 to 2026-27
Refer Appendix 12b – Asset Management Plan – Sealed and Unsealed Road Network
Refer Appendix 12c – Asset Management Plan – Plant and Machinery
Refer Appendix 12d – Asset Management Plans Summary – Sealed and Unsealed Road Network and Plant and Machinery

Statutory Responsibilities
Sections 132A and 125 of the Local Government Act 1999, a Council must ensure that appropriate policies, practices and procedures are implemented and maintained in order to ensure compliance with any statutory requirements and to achieve and maintain standards that reflect good administrative practices.
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Risk Assessment
Having appropriate financial policies in place will minimise Councils exposure to risk and ensure compliance with the Local Government Act 1999, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 and Australian Accounting Standards. Council are minimising financial and internal control risks by ensuring all appropriate control mechanisms are in place and reviewed regularly.

Summary
Council’s LTFP and AMP for sealed & unsealed road network and plant & machinery plans for a period of 10yrs, the activities that Council proposes to undertake to achieve its stated objectives outlined in the Strategic Management Plan.

Council seeks to achieve a reasonable degree of stability and predictability in the overall rates burden over time, while ensuring ratepayers are paying for those services and infrastructure maintenance obligations they are consuming.

The plans are an important management tool which highlights anticipated movements in annual cash flows and link Council’s level of borrowings to financial assets.

Recommendation
Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

That in exercise of the power contained in Section 122 of the Local Government Act 1999 and Regulation 5 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011, having considered all submissions in accordance with Section 122(1a) (a) of the Local Government Act 1999:

The Asset Management Plan sealed & unsealed road network and plant and machinery, as detailed and as laid before the Council at this meeting be adopted.

The Long Term Financial Plan 2017-18 to 2026-27, as detailed and as laid before the Council at this meeting be adopted.

Robyn Dunstall
Acting Director, Corporate & Financial Services
13. **ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN, BUDGET ADOPTION AND RATE DECLARATION FOR THE 2017-18 FINANCIAL YEAR**

**Purpose**
To consider the Annual Business Plan, Budget Adoption and Rate Declaration for the 2017-18 financial year ending 30 June 2018.

**Background**
Council commenced its public consultation period on the draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2017-18 on 11 May 2017 with consultation closing 5pm 13 June 2017.

**Discussion**
The attachments as presented at today’s meeting are consistent with Council’s draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2017-18 released for public consultation.

The draft budget proposes for existing rateable properties an average increase of 3.5% per property, depending on property valuation. Council has experienced property growth of 1.4%. It is proposed general rates will be capped at 10% (upon application) for all rate categories.

**Budget 2017-18 Impact**
- an operating deficit before capital amounts of $1,782,000
- an operating deficit ratio of 9%
- a net financial liabilities ratio of 74.8%
- an asset sustainability ratio of 89%
- loan borrowings of $12.4 million
- KPI’s are outside target range.

Since consultation on the draft Annual Business Plan & Budget, Council has received an advance payment from the Federal Government of $2.3m for the financial assistance grants, which has a positive impact on Council’s cash flow. These grants were calculated using the 16/17 total roads funding (including special local roads program) and not just the local roads component, therefore the amount received is potentially overpaid. Once confirmation of the correct advance amount has been received we will adjust Council’s adopted budget accordingly. This will result in an adjustment to the operating deficit and a negative distortion in the estimated operating result for the 2017/18 year.

During the consultation period Council was successful in receiving a 50% grant of $385,500 from State Government for Mary Anne Reserve stage 1 Open Space Plan. Council’s financial plans will be amended accordingly to reflect this additional project.

Property valuations for Mid Murray Council have increased by 1.8% overall. For the majority of our town’s property values have remained static; however there has been a fall in marina berth sales. This is offset by slight increase for broadacre property sales. New developments and improvements have increased in value by 1.4%. In calculating the general rate and to maintain consistency with the minimum rate we are recommending a minimum of $657.

Council is proposing to increase the service charges by CPI (Dec) for the 2017/18 financial year. To ensure the Community Waste Management Services remain sustainable in the long term, Council has commenced a review of the asset management plans and long term financial plan for CWMS.

Council rates for the year ending 30 June 2018 will be payable by quarterly instalments on the 15th day of the month of September 2017, December 2017, March 2018 and June 2018.
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The majority of Council’s fees and charges for 2017-18 have been indexed by 1.5% CPI (Dec) increase and rounded as appropriate, other minor changes are summarised in the attached document. The proposed fees and charges are in accordance with the recommendations from Council’s Advisory Committees where appropriate.

**Statutory Responsibilities**
Council has prepared and consulted on the draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2017-18 in accordance with the requirements of the Act, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 and Council’s Public Consultation Policy.

In accordance with s123(8) of the Act Council must adopt an Annual Business Plan and Budget between 31 May and 31 August for the ensuing financial year.

**Community Engagement**
Council conducted extensive community consultation on its draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2017-18 in accordance with s123 of the Act and Council’s Public Consultation Policy. Refer previous agenda item from the public consultation process.

Budget Updates and Reviews will be undertaken on a regular basis throughout 2017-18 and presented to Council’s Audit committee for recommendation to Council, thereby allowing the community to remain informed.

**Financial Implications**
Refer Annual Business Plan and Budget attachments for the financial implications.

**Risk Assessment**
The financial risk for the 2017-18 financial year is assessed as moderate. The key financial indicators as projected are outside of target range. Council remains sustainable over the period of the long term financial plan as the operating ratio in the long term returns to surplus.

Council will monitor the implementation of the 2017-18 Budget via regular budget updates and reviews in accordance with the Act, the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 and Council’s Budget Performance Policy.

The compliance risk is insignificant as the draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2017-18 as presented complies with s123 of the Act.

**Summary**
Council’s Annual Business Plan and Budget 2017-18 proposes an operating deficit of $1,782,000, an operating deficit ratio of 9%, a net financial liabilities ratio of 74.8% and loan borrowings of $12.4 Million.

Robyn Dunstall  
*Acting Director, Corporate & Financial Services*