

Council held its most recent meeting on Tuesday, 14 July 2026 at which the following items were discussed or determined:

Reports received by Council

- The following two petitions were received by Council:
 - John S Christian Reserve, Black Hill – Restricted Camping
 - Unleashed Dog Park in Blanchetown
- Monthly Financial Reports for June 2026.
- An overview of Infrastructure & Field Services monthly activities, with the report including updates on the following projects:
 - CRARP Funding
 - Page Drive, Blanchetown – shelter replacement has commenced.
 - Blanchetown Old Oval – shelter and turf remediation works has been completed.
 - Len White Reserve – irrigation and turf works have commenced.
 - The installation of the Morgan Automated Water Delivery Station has now been completed.
 - Rock installation to address erosion at the end of boat ramps has been completed at Swamp Hen Reserve, Greenways Landing, Big Bend, Punyelroo, Morgan, Blanchetown, Graeme Claxton Reserve, Beaumonts and Hermanns Landing with further sites scheduled for works.
- Council's submission for the Essential Services Commission of SA's (ESCOSA) Second Cycle of Local Government Advice Scheme – 2026-27 to 2029-30 was lodged with ESCOSA on 12 June 2026.
- Correspondence was received from the Ombudsman SA reminding Local Government Elected Members of their obligations regarding the treatment of Council confidential legal advice.
- In response to a Question on Notice received from Cr Kirsty MacGregor an update was provided on the engagement and correspondence with the Local Government Association of SA (LGA) in relation to the value and benefits of being a member of the LGA.

Minutes received by Council

- Minutes of the Mid Murray Heritage & Maritime Committee meeting held on 25 June 2026.
- Minutes of the CEO Performance Review Committee meeting held on 7 July 2026.

Motions passed by Council

- The Council adopted a new methodology in setting of the annual service charge for Community Wastewater Management Systems.
- The 2026/27 Annual Business Plan and Budget was adopted with Council declaring the general rates, service charges and separate rates for the financial year ending 30 June 2027. Following further review of Council's financial position during the budget process, the average general rate increase for existing properties was reduced from the 3.64 per cent proposed during public consultation to 2.9 per cent.

Rates for the financial year ending 30 June 2027 are payable by quarterly instalments on 4 September 2026, 4 December 2026, 5 March 2027 and 4 June 2026.

- The *Long Term Financial Plan 2026/27 to 2035/36* was adopted.
- The amended *Fees and Charges Register* for the financial year ending 30 June 2027 was adopted by Council.
- Council endorsed the Department for Environment and Water proposed closure of surveyed unmade road reserves within the Brookfield Conservation park under the Roads (Opening and Closing) Act 1991 (SA), with the land to be vested in the Crown for incorporation into Brookfield Conservation Park, noting the significant environmental conservation and land management benefit of consolidating the affected land into the conservation estate.
- Council nominated Cr Mandy Toczec McPeake as the Elected Member representative on the *Palmer Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee* for the remaining term of Council.
- The draft *Community Engagement Policy (Version 1)* was adopted by Council.
- The amended Service Provision Schedule (dated July 2025) within Council's Service Provision Policy (Version1) was approved by Council.
- Council approved the revocation of community land classification for the following parcels:
 - Lot 76 Khancoban Place, Younghusband CT Volume 5546 Folio 262
 - Lot 78 Khancoban Place, Younghusband CT Volume 5548 Folio 196
 - Lot 865 Angas Valley Road, Sanderston CT Volume 5827 Folio 984
 - Lot 155 Providence Drive, Bowhill CT Volume 5903 Folio 40
 - Lot 164 Schmidt Lane, Bowhill CT Volume 5903 Folio 49
 - Lot 165 Schmidt Lane, Bowhill CT Volume 5903 Folio 50
 - Lot 166 Schmidt Lane, Bowhill CT Volume 5903 Folio 51
 - Lot 262 Old Sanderston Road, Sanderston CT Volume 5819 Folio 790
 - Lot 148 Angas Valley Road, Sanderston CT Volume 5830 Folio 86

Council administration will investigate converting Lot 165 Schmidt Lane, Bowhill to vehicle parking, and a subsequent report will be presented to Council following the investigation.

- Council resolved to resign from the Murray Darling Association Incorporated and review Council's membership in the new Council Term.
- Council consented to the installation of a shelter and windbreak to the Rockleigh School located at 835 Rockleigh Road, Rockleigh, by Rockleigh Progress Association Incorporated, subject to necessary approval processes being undertaken. The Rockleigh Progress Association is entirely responsible for the installation, maintenance, insurance and future replacement of the improvements.

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