MID MURRAY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MID MURRAY COUNCIL
COMMUNITY WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (CWMS) ADVISORY
COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MAIN STREET, CAMBRAI,
ON MONDAY, 26 JUNE, 2017

PRESENT:
Cr Jeff Hall   Chairperson
Mayor Dave Burgess  Council
Cr Kevin Myers  Council
Cr Peter Raison  Council
Cr Brian Taylor  Council
Cr Brenton Schmitt  Council
Dawn Prust  Holiday Home Area Representative
Wayne Tredrea  Holiday Home Area Representative
Trevor Donaldson  Holiday Home Area Representative
Stephen Nicolson  Holiday Home Area Representative

IN ATTENDANCE:
Russell Peate   Chief Executive Officer
Caroline Thomas  Manager – Health Services
Thomas McKellar  Environmental Health Officer
Jake McVicar   Acting Manager – Development Services
Melissa Marschall  Minute Secretary

COMMENCEMENT AND WELCOME:  1.00 PM
The Chairperson declared the meeting open and welcomed all members.

APOLOGIES:
Joel Taggart & Darren Reid

194/1 Cr Myers moved that the apologies be received.
Seconded Cr Schmitt.  CARRIED.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:
Nil.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:
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194/2 Cr Myers moved that the Minutes of the Mid Murray Council CWMS Advisory
Committee Meeting held on 28 April 2017 be taken as read and confirmed.
Seconded T Donaldson.  CARRIED.
CWMS REPORT:

See Minute Book Pages 196 – 200.

195/1 S Nicolson moved that the report be received.
Seconded D Prust.  CARRIED.

CWMS FINANCIAL REPORT:

195/2 W Tredrea moved that the financial report be received,
Seconded S Nicolson.  CARRIED.

CWMS REPORT CONT’D:

Cowirra & Wongulla Landing CWMS Update

195/3 W Tredrea moved that the report titled ‘Cowirra & Wongulla Landing CWMS Update’ be received and noted.
Seconded S Nicolson.  CARRIED.

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.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Enforcement of Connection to CWMS

The Manager – Health Services advised members that the process for enforcing connection to a CWMS is being prepared by Council’s lawyers.

Flood Proofing of Treatment Plants

D Prust raised the potential of flood proofing treatment plants. The Manager – Health Services advised members that this matter will be discussed with shack groups as part of the consultation process of the Asset Management Plan and Service Standards.

NEXT MEETING:

To be held in the Council Chambers, Main Street, Cambrai on Friday, 1 September 2017, commencing at 1.00pm.

CLOSURE:

1.22 PM  The Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

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CHAIRPERSON

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DATE
A. CWMS Maintenance Officer’s Report

Reporting Officer: Darren Reid
Position: CWMS Maintenance Officer

All plant servicing is up to date and all water testing complete.

Call outs problems - the occurrences are still low.

Annual reports have been continuing as required (CWMS, ESCOSA, EPA, DENWR, OTR etc.).

Works to be completed as time permits i.e. connection point & valve cleaning, painting, hand railing.

Irrigation site repairs to meet licensing (fence, pipe and sprinkler repairs).

Mowing is on going as time permits.

We have started the upgrade of older alarm systems to Cellvisor’s.

Modem upgrades at two sites to be completed soon - Idyll Acres & Blanchetown vessel.

Desludge of all required shack sites has commenced. There will be a report forwarded on completion of program from contractors regarding problems found at shack sites with septic & pump chambers.

Insurance claims are being processed for the fusion of three blowers from various sites at the northern end.

South Punyelroo drain junction will be dug up and the pipe repaired from root intrusion to the drain/junction.

Bolto wastewater treatment plant sump stack to be removed and repaired as it has rusted out. There may be more stacks requiring replacement over the next few years due to rusting out.

Caroline, Peter and myself have completed our Certificate 3 in Wastewater at TAFE as this is now a requirement for CWMS operators.

For information.
B. **Cowirra & Wongulla Landing CWMS Update**

**Reporting Officer**  
Caroline Thomas  
**Position**  
Manager – Health Services

**Report Purpose**

To provide an update on the progress for the Cowirra & Wongulla Landing CWMS projects.

**Introduction/Background**

At the previous workshop, members were advised that Council was successful in obtaining $150,000 in funding from the Local Government Association (LGA) to undertake basic investigations into the 18 shack areas without CWMS and to undertake preconstruction design works for the above two settlements.

Council staff have also been working with the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) to seek an alternative approach for the construction of a dwelling prior to the CWMS being installed.

**Discussion**

Request for quotes (RFQ) were released on Tuesday 13 June 2017 seeking quotations for the design only of a CWMS at Wongulla Landing shack settlement and the Cowirra township. Due to the proximity of the Marne River shack settlement, we have also requested a pricing for the inclusion of this area with the Wongulla Landing shack settlement. Submissions close on 7 July 2017.

As part of the scope of work, consultation with the residents is required to provide comment into the design works. As such, once the RFQ has been awarded to the successful engineering company a letter will be sent to the residents advising them of the process from hereon in and seeking their input.

It is also noted that with the continuation of the State Government CWMS subsidy funding program for the installation of CWMS across the State, Council will submit a funding application for the installation of the Cowirra & Wongulla Landing CWMS. This application will be lodged once the criteria for the program has been established by the LGA.

In regards to the partnership with the EPA, Council staff proposed a pilot program for the installation of holding tanks with a signed Land Management Agreement or Deed as a short term measure to allow for development to occur in the absence of a CWMS.

Further to this, a subsequent meeting with the EPA and correspondence received, the EPA have advised that they will support our proposal and allow for the construction of dwellings with holding tanks and signed Land Management Agreements or Deed for Cowirra and Wongulla Landing.

If this trial is successful, then it may be rolled out into other shack areas.

A copy of the correspondence received from the EPA can be found in Appendix B.

Refer Appendix B.
B. **Cowirra & Wongulla Landing CWMS Update cont’d**

Development applications have been lodged for dwellings at both Cowirra & Wongulla as ‘test cases’ so we will await the outcome of the assessment process for these.

**Discussion**

Council staff will continue to work with the LGA in regards to the quoting process and the EPA in relation to the development assessment process.

Once the engineer has been engaged, we will formally communicate with the community via letter and then through a public forum to ensure that everyone’s voice is heard.

**References**

Community Plan  **Theme 4: Infrastructure & Community Facilities**
Manage the sustainability of the existing and future infrastructure:
Theme 4.3 – Building a long term Community Wastewater Management System (CWMS) Asset Management Plan.

Budget  Included in Long Term Financial Plan for 2018/19.


**Recommendation**

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________
that the report titled ‘Cowirra & Wongulla Landing CWMS Update’ be received and noted.
C. Priorities for CWMS Development for Next Ten Years

Reporting Officer: Caroline Thomas
Position: Manager – Health Services

Report Purpose

To review and finalise the priorities for the further development of CWMS in shack areas.

Introduction/Background

As members are aware, Mid Murray Council has the largest number of shack areas along the River Murray and one of the most stringent Development Plans where development can only occur when a CWMS is installed (for areas with 5 or more shack sites). As the last CWMS was installed 2008, Council has been at a standstill and sought funding from the LGA to investigate options for wastewater disposal in these areas. This resulted in the development of the Outhred Report which has been used to support the development of at least one dwelling.

As determined previously by the Committee and Council the priority projects are Cowirra & Wongulla Landing which are to be included for construction in our 2018/19 Long Term Financial Plan.

As part of the initial report prepared by Wallbridge & Gilbert outlining their findings and recommendations in relation to the 20 settlements, a set of draft criteria were developed to determine future priorities for CWMS installation or other alternative options such as amendments to the Development Plan to allow for holding tanks if below the floodplain or onsite wastewater systems if above.

The prioritisation of CWMS were also considered as part of the Outhred Report which used Water Quality Risk Assessments based on number of permanent residents, occupied sites, disposal above or below 1956 flood level and proximity to the River.

Staff have combined the prioritisation listing from Wallbridge & Gilbert and also the Outhred report which has then been coupled with staff knowledge over ease of installation, illegal developments, and knowledge of interest for the installation of a CWMS. This has resulted in a draft final table outlining the priorities for the remaining CWMS as listed below hence the ranking of CWMS only.

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C. **Priorities for CWMS Development for Next Ten Years cont’d**

Shack sites where a Development Plan Amendment is required to allow onsite wastewater solutions are:

- Cadell Lagoon
- Trumans
- Coolch
- North Neeta.

Attached is a more detailed assessment and determination for the priorities.

Refer to Appendix C.

**Conclusion**

The prioritisation table will enable a work plan to be developed to ensure that momentum is maintained and that a clear guide is in place for residents wishing to develop.

**References**

- **Community Plan**
  
  **Theme 4: Infrastructure & Community Facilities**
  
  **Manage the sustainability of the existing and future infrastructure:**
  Theme 4.3 – Building a long term Community Wastewater Management System (CWMS) Asset Management Plan.

- **Budget**
  
  Nil impact at this stage.

- **Legislation**
  

**Recommendation**

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________
that it be recommended to Council that the CWMS prioritisation table be endorsed.

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**Caroline Thomas**

*Manager – Health Services*