NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of Section 87(5) of the Local Government Act 1999, that the next Meeting of the Mid Murray Council Waste Management Advisory Committee will be held in the

Mannum Council Office,
49 Adelaide Road, Mannum

on

Tuesday 3 March, 2020

commencing at

10.00am

Ben Scales
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
27 February 2020
Waste Management Advisory Committee

AGENDA

Tuesday, 3 March 2020

Commencing 10.00 am in the Mannum Council Office, 49 Adelaide Road Mannum

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Waste Management Advisory Committee

AGENDA

Tuesday, 3 March 2020

Commencing 10.00am in the Mannum Council Office, 49 Adelaide Road, Mannum

Committee Members: Cr Peter Raison, Cr Jeff Hall, Cr Simone Bailey, Cr Dennis McCarthy

Ex officio: Mayor Dave Burgess

Staff: Ben Scales (Chief Executive Officer), David Hassett (Director Infrastructure & Field Services), Neil Cook (Waste Management Coordinator), Tracey Lawes (Minute Secretary)

1. Commencement

2. Attendance

Present: 

Apologies: Mayor Dave Burgess

On Leave: Neil Cook (Waste Management Coordinator)

3. Confirmation of Minutes

moved that the Minutes of the Waste Management Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 24 September 2019 be taken as read and confirmed.

Seconded

4. Declaration of Interest

In line with Division 3, Sections 74 & 75 of the Local Government Act, 1999

(1) A member of a Council who has a material conflict of interest in a matter before the Council must disclose the interest to the Council and leave the meeting room.

(2) A member in making a disclosure must provide full and accurate details of the relevant interest.

(3) A disclosure made under point (1) must be recorded in the minutes of the Council (including details of the relevant interest).

(4) A member of Council who has an actual or perceived conflict of interest in a matter before Council must disclose the interest to the Council and deal with the interest in a transparent and accountable way.

(5) A disclosure made under point (4) must be recorded in the minutes of the Council, together with the manner in which the member dealt with the disclosure.

5. Finance

Nil Report
6. Reports

6.1 Infrastructure and Field Services

6.1.1 Waste Management Services for Pelican Point, Brenda Park & Scotts Creek

Reporting Officer: David Hassett
Position: Director Infrastructure & Field Services

REPORT PURPOSE
To provide the Waste Management Advisory Committee Members with an update on the current status and delivery of waste management services for Brenda Park, Scotts Creek and Pelican Point (within Association boundaries).

DISCUSSION

Implementation

Following Council’s resolution (October 2019) to finalise the implementation of Waste Management services by 2 December 2019, correspondence occurred with representatives of Brenda Park Leaseholders Association Inc., Pelican Point Association Inc. and Scotts Creek Association Inc. through their legal representative, Botten Levinson Lawyers.

With an agreed solution unable to be achieved through this dialogue, Council communicated the following, in line with the Council resolution, to the Associations and individual property owners (via postal mail out) on 20 November 2019:

1. Council will remove the public bin bank facilities located near Brenda Park, Scotts Creek and Pelican Point;
2. Council will provide one 240 Litre Mobile Garbage Bin (MGB) for household / putrescible waste only, clearly marked with property details, for each property with an approved dwelling within Brenda Park, Scotts Creek and Pelican Point. Each leaseholder will be responsible for their individual bin;
3. MGBs will be emptied weekly. All bins are to be placed in a central collection point on Council land adjacent to, and as close as practicable to the entrance (kerbside), of Brenda Park, Scotts Creek and Pelican Point, in a manner suitable for collection by Council’s waste contractor; and
4. Council will provide a 2019/20 Transfer Station Token Card to each individual ratepayer with an approved dwelling within Brenda Park, Scotts Creek and Pelican Point; and

Appropriate infrastructure provisions were undertaken adjacent to the property frontage of each Association to facilitate this, including road shoulder formation and waste truck accessibility upgrades, to accommodate the kerbside bin pickups. In summary:

- Construction of “kerbside” central collection points affronting each Association property boundary were undertaken on Monday 25 – Thursday 28 November 2019 by MMC Construction.
- MGBs were assembled and delivered from 25 November 2019 for each property with an approved dwelling (as per MMC Policy) to the central collection points. Each MGB was identified with the property details (asset number, lot number).
- Existing Bin Banks were removed on 28 November 2019.
- At that time, recycling (can & bottle) ‘cages’ set up adjacent to the bin bank facilities were also removed to prevent them being subject to abuse and illegal dumping. In consultation with the Morgan Primary School, the cages have been reinstated and are working well.
- First “kerbside” collection occurred 2 December 2019.
• Leaseholders with VACANT (undeveloped) blocks received a separate letter and a Transfer Station Token Card for 2019/20 (only).

Council received numerous correspondence from lease holders in relation to the implementation of the waste management service changes, as well as property owners adjacent to the collection points who were impacted by the location of the collection points, but were not members of the Associations.

As a result, the CEO met with the Presidents and representatives of the Associations, as well had numerous conversations, with the intention of identifying a solution that was more agreeable to all parties than the kerbside collection, given the negative feedback received from stakeholders.

As part of these discussions, each Association was offered a trial of IWBCS at individual leaseholders’ properties over the holiday period, which included twice weekly pickups from 23 December until the end of January. This offer was not accepted by the Associations and twice weekly pickups occurred at the collection points across the period. In addition, Council also provided free household waste disposal at all transfer stations from Monday 23 December 2019 to Tuesday 28 January 2020 and free green waste days at transfer stations on the Australia Day long weekend (Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 January 2020) subject to transfer station opening hours and total fires bans.

All areas were closely monitored during the peak holiday period by both Council staff and the contractor (together with the opportunity to access the transfer stations for disposal of putrescible waste at no charge) to ensure that the kerbside operation worked effectively as possible. As noted in Item 7.1.1 of the January 2020 Council Meeting Agenda, there were some minor incidences of illegal dumping / rubbish external to bins etc., however overall the areas posed little cause for concern and there was a significant improvement from previous years.

Throughout the process, Council has maintained its preferred position of Individual Waste Bin Collection Services (IWBCS) at each individual property or a bin bank on Association or private land and these have remained as options for the Associations.

**Current Status**

Further to the January 2020 Council report, the following is an update on the current status and implementation of each waste collection service to date.

**Brenda Park**

- The “kerbside” collection service within the road reserve adjacent to and affronting the property boundary of Brenda Park remains in place;
- The road shoulder was reconstructed to cater for each properties bin placement and also within an adjoining road reserve to accommodate all bins.
- Correspondence has been received from the adjoining property owners raising concerns about the presence, location and associated risks of bins remaining at the ‘collection points’. These matters remain ongoing.
- A proposal to trial IWBCS at individual leaseholders’ properties over the Christmas period was considered and rejected by the Association.
- Bins are remaining at the collection point for extended periods and the site is being utilised as a ‘pseudo’ bin bank, contrary to Council’s direction and policies.
- Open discussions have continued with the Association and their representatives and a number of options have been explored to resolve the matter, including a bin bank on private land, with the Association exploring opportunities to lease a parcel of land on adjacent properties.
- Council’s CEO attended the Association’s general meeting on 4 February 2020 where the matter was discussed with the full committee of the Association. A number of alternative solutions were discussed at the meeting with general
agreement, subject to Council endorsement, of Council leasing the Association a parcel of land for the establishment of a secure and monitored bin bank on private land, with the Association taking full responsibility for the management of the site and any illegal dumping.

- Taking into consideration all relevant information on the matter, Council staff are supportive of this solution as it complies with the resolution of Council and addresses the majority of issues of all stakeholders – Council, the Associations, leaseholders and adjoining property owners.
- To progress this, work is being undertaken to develop a draft agreement and documentation for consideration of the parties.

**Pelican Point**

- The “kerbside” service within the road ‘right of way’, adjacent and affronting the Pelican Point Association land remains in place.
- An area was constructed to achieve this collection point location to align with the proposed road works (road realignment and upgrade) as requested by the Association.
- A proposal to trial IWBCS at individual leaseholders’ properties over the Christmas period was considered and rejected by the Association.
- The Association has been very proactive and has met to discuss their options to move the collection point when the roadworks are complete, including:
  - Leasing / buying land adjacent to the road reserve or ‘right of way’ from a third party, for the purposes of implementing a ‘private’ bin bank facility. An outcome of the third party negotiations are yet to be received at Council.
  - Consideration of implementing a ‘private’ bin bank facility (or facilities) within Pelican Point (on Association land); subject to Council remaining amenable to maintaining the access and turn around points for its Contractor.
  - The Association has proposed that facility would be located within a fenced / screened compound.
- It should also be noted that the adjoining landowner who attended the February 2020 Council meeting to provide a deputation regarding the long term placement of a central collection point or ‘private’ bin bank facility at the Pelican Point Boundary, has had similar discussions with the Pelican Point Association. Council staff have had further discussions with the landowner to continue the dialogue and provide updates on the progress of the matter.

**Scotts Creek**

- Discussions with the Association to find a solution to the initial kerbside collection point have been productive from the outset.
- A proposal to trial IWBCS at individual leaseholders’ properties over the Christmas period was considered and rejected by the Association, with the preference of the Association, of the available options, being a bin bank facility on private land.
- The Association negotiated an ‘in principle’ agreement with an adjacent landowner to implement a bin bank facility on private land prior to Christmas, with the Association taking full responsibility for the management of the site and any illegal dumping, and the collection point was moved to this site on 23 December 2019.
- The Morgan Primary School can/bottle fundraising cage was also moved to the site on private land the same day.
- An agreement is being developed to formalise Council and its contractor’s access to the third party land for the servicing of the (private) bin bank and ensure all appropriate requirements are met and obligations of all parties are clear.
CONCLUSION

Although the process to finalise the waste management services for Brenda Park, Pelican Point and Scotts Creek has been protracted and challenging, positive progress has been made. All parties have worked in good faith to achieve an agreeable solution and staff are confident that the implementation of the amended Waste Collection Services to comply with Council’s resolved direction for all three areas will be completed in the near future.

This includes continuing discussions with Brenda Park in relation to a lease agreement for the Association to have care, control and management over a portion of Council land for the purposes of implementing a ‘private’ bank.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

Moved Cr [Name] Seconded Cr [Name]
That the Waste Management Services for Pelican Point, Brenda Park & Scotts Creek Report be received and endorsed.
6.1.2 Assessment of Property Rating – Short Term Rental / Lease of Holiday Homes

**Reporting Officer:** David Hassett  
**Position:** Director Infrastructure & Field Services

**REPORT PURPOSE**

To provide the Waste Management Advisory Committee Members with an update on Resolution 20731 / 3, part 4 (12 March 2019).

**DISCUSSION**

Council considered Item 7.2.2 Waste Collection Disposal Service(s) for Mid Murray Council (12 March 2019) and resolved (in part):

(4) An assessment of property rating be undertaken for the commercial activities of renting / leasing of Holiday Homes to identify avenues of a separate rate model in accordance with the Local Government Act and a further report be provided to Council.

A number of properties have been identified within the Mid Murray Council District as short term rentals. Properties can be ‘booked’ directly with property owners or via booking sites including Rivershack Rentals, Air BnB, Stayz.com.au, www.themurrayriver.com, Gumtree, homeaway etc..

**CONCLUSION**

The matter has been referred to Corporate & Financial Services for consideration and report to Council in due course.

For Members Information.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Moved Cr  Seconded Cr  
That the Assessment of Property Rating – Short Term Rental / Lease of Holiday Homes Report be received.
## 6.1.3 Service Review

**Reporting Officer:** David Hassett  
**Position:** Director Infrastructure & Field Services

**REPORT PURPOSE**

To seek the Waste Management Advisory Committee’s endorsement for a Service Review of the Waste Management Services for Mid Murray Council to be undertaken.

**DISCUSSION**

The 2016-2020 Community Plan, Theme 4. Strategy 4.4 “Ensure that Waste Management is a cost neutral position to the Community by exploring, and implementing, new market opportunities”.

During the span of the Community Plan, the delivery of Waste Manager Services to the end users has improved at an increased cost to Council and opportunities to increase income to support these services have not been realized.

Over the four year period the average return per dollar net expenditure is 19c; requiring 81c per dollar from general rate revenue.

Council has recently completed the restructure of The Waste Collection / Disposal Service/s for Mid Murray Council (May 2018 – 2 December 2019), including the implementation of an Individual Waste Bin Collection Services to the majority of residential properties and now requires a review of the strategic direction for effective and sustainable Waste Management practices for the future.

The balance of introducing an Individual Waste Bin Collection Service across the region with available transfer station facilities is a logical next step, as the volume of household (putrescible waste) visits to transfer stations will significantly decrease. It is critical to re-evaluate these facilities to ensure they are providing a cost effective service to the community, both now and in the future.

Whilst there is a focus for more sustainable living, including recycling and reuse of materials as an alternative to landfill, the offset to providing these services is the EPA and Green Industries increasing legislative requirements and levies affecting waste processing which has a significant impact on landfills and transfer stations statewide.

**CONCLUSION**

It is timely that Council consider changes to the waste management services provided for it to be cost effective and meet the needs of the community, given the increased emphasis on sustainable service provision.

The 2019/20 budget allocation provides for an (internal) review to:

- Conduct benchmarking of our service provision across regional Local Government in SA and assess for opportunities for improvement
- Analyse and assess data from the Waste Transfer Stations, including (but not limited to) visitation, waste streams, uptake of vouchers and transfer station token cards.
- Assess how the current overall Waste Management operation supports the strategic direction of Council
- Identify opportunities for broader process and system improvements.
A draft brief has been prepared for Member’s consideration.

Refer Attachment 6.1.3  Service Level Review - Brief

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RECOMMENDATION

Moved Cr  Seconded Cr
That it be recommended to Council that the service review for Waste Management Services be undertaken as per the Service Level Review – Brief dated 3 March 2020 and a further report be provided to the Waste Management Advisory Committee for its recommendation(s) to Council.
6.2 Waste Management Coordinator

### 6.2.1 Unauthorised Waste Depot - Sedan

**Reporting Officer:** Neil Cook  
**Position:** Waste Management Coordinator

**REPORT PURPOSE**

To update members in relation to the current status of the unauthorised waste depot at Sedan.

**DISCUSSION**

Council considered Item 7.2.4 Unauthorised Waste Depot – Sedan at the meeting held 8 October 2019. It was resolved that Council’s CEO write to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

Council has received an initial email from the EPA on 25/11/2019 in response to the correspondence they received from Council’s CEO:

“…. the EPA is preparing action to have the contaminated waste removed from …. [Address],, Sedan SA.

We are again looking at using the Mid-Murray Council’s, Cambrai Waste Depot as the primary location to dispose of the asbestos contaminated waste from the two properties. It is anticipated that up to 2000 to 2500 tonnes of waste would be disposed of during the clean up of the properties.

Please note that Waste Levy will not apply pursuant to Section 116 of the Environment Protection Act 1993 for the disposal of the wrapped asbestos contaminated waste.

It is anticipated that the waste will be removed on or after 1 January 2020 but before 31 June 2020 (2019-20 FY)"

“….please advise on the waste depots best price to dispose of the contaminated waste within your Asbestos Cell.”

While the response from the EPA indicates that the material will be disposed of at the Cambrai landfill facility, confirmation is yet to be received by Council from the EPA.

**Current Status (as at 17 February 2020):**

On 7 February 2020, further correspondence was received from the EPA in the form of a Request for Quote (RFQ). The RFQ is in relation to the cost and service provision for Council to receive and dispose of the asbestos contaminated material (ACM) from the Sedan site.

The EPA has advised the person/s responsible for the illegal dumping of the material have failed to comply with clean-up orders issued under the Environment Protection Act 1993 and that the EPA have determined that there is a risk associated with the waste remaining at the Sedan site during the ongoing Court Trial.
The EPA are in the process of Tendering for the transport and disposal of the material together with the commencement of the RFQ process for the receiving of the material by an appropriately licensed facility.

Council staff completed and submitted the RFQ on 14 February 2020 and is now awaiting a response from the EPA to advise if Council’s submission was successful.

Council has provided a quoted disposal price of ACM at the Cambrai Landfill asbestos cell at $80 per tonne (this price was submitted to the EPA in initial discussions during 2018). It is estimated that the volume of material to be disposed of will be between 2,000 – 2,500 tonne. The existing asbestos cell has the capacity to take the ACM and further expansion of the cell will occur as part of excavation work to source daily cover material for the ACM (required as part of license conditions).

The adopted gate fee (Council’s Fees & Charges Register) for disposal of asbestos material at Cambrai landfill is $195 per tonne. In this instance, the material (consisting of construction & demolition material that has been found to be contaminated with asbestos) is not delivered from a commercial source and it is part of a clean-up process initiated by the EPA. Council has advised the EPA that the adopted gate fee will be waived, acknowledging and understanding that it is in the best interest of all parties, not least of all the local community and residents, to ameliorate the current condition of the site at Sedan as soon as possible. It is also viewed that there will be less interruption or impact to both the community and the environment.

The EPA have advised it is anticipated that work would begin (load, transport and dispose of material) in March 2020 and is expected to take approximately 20 working days.

At the time of writing this report, a decision is yet to be received from the EPA regarding Council’s submitted RFQ.

Council’s Waste Management Coordinator will continue to liaise with the EPA in this matter and will advise WMAC members once a decision has been received from the EPA regarding Council’s RFQ.

Upon receiving notification of a successful RFQ outcome from the EPA and given the projected income generated from this activity, it is proposed to re-invest in the landfill operations for the Cambrai landfill litter fence, which was deferred from the 2019/20 budget and noted from the 2019 Waste Management Advisory Committee (WMAC) and staff visitation to the facility. The provision (approx. $40,000) will assist in the capture of litter at the landfill and would be offset from the income of the ACM for compliance.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Moved Cr Seconded Cr

That it be recommended to Council that;

1) The adopted gate fee (Council’s Fees & Charges Register) of $195 per tonne for disposal of asbestos material at Cambrai landfill be waived in this instance and that a fee of $80 per tonne be submitted to the Environment Protection Authority for the disposal of the Sedan asbestos contaminated material and

2) A budget allocation of up to $40,000 derived from the income received from the Environment Protection Authority disposal fees be utilised for the provision of a litter fence at the Cambrai Landfill.
6.2.2 Mannum Waters Marina - Waste Management Collection Service

**Reporting Officer:** Neil Cook  
**Position:** Waste Management Coordinator

**REPORT PURPOSE**

For the Waste Management Advisory Committee Members to consider proposed changes to Waste Management Services for Mannum Waters Marina, in order to provide a more efficient service and comply with Council’s adopted Waste Management Services.

**DISCUSSION**

**Background**

Since development of the Mannum Waters Marina began in 2013, Council resolved that general household waste generated from the Marina (berths) be managed in the same way as rural properties not serviced by bin bank facilities or kerbside collection services; that being the Transfer Station Token Card system.

Due to significant changes within the Mannum Waters precinct since 2013, with the majority of the 155 mooring sites currently occupied, Transfer Station Token Cards are deemed as no longer an efficient method of managing the waste from the Marina and a similar process to other services are being considered.

Further, with the implementation of the southern rural individual waste bin collection service in 2016, Council has introduced weekly waste collection services for the Mannum Waters residential properties, which were not previously serviced.

**Proposal**

As the Mannum Waters precinct is now serviced with kerbside collection for residential properties (outside the Marina facility), a more efficient waste management process is envisaged to provide private bin bank service within the Marina facility. This type of service is currently in place at Kia Marina, Julanka Holdings, South Punyelroo, Idyll Acres and Pine Village and complies with Council’s adopted Waste Management Services.

This service would become part of normal weekly collections as the waste collection vehicle attends every week to service the residential properties. It is proposed that the bins are placed out and adjacent to the Marina gate for collection.

As with similar collection services at bin bank facilities located on private land, Council will also have the ability to schedule additional collections as required during busy holiday periods.

Currently the Marina operators dispose of their domestic refuse at the Mannum Transfer Station with a Transfer Station Token Card which then in turn is transferred by Council to the Cambrai Landfill depot for eventual disposal. This service will then gain an efficiency to allow the refuse to be collected and transported directly by the contractor at point of pickup, negating double handling of the refuse through the Mannum Transfer Station.

For the information of Members, each mooring site at Mannum Waters Marina is individually rated. Rates are set on the value of the individual berth, with the value of sites currently being between $20,000 to $53,000.

- At $20,000 - rate is $107.60 (Council) plus $4.75 (NRM Levy). Total - $112.35 p/a
- At $53,000 - rate is $285.15 (Council) plus $12.70 (NRM Levy). Total - $297.85 p/a
For the 2019/2020 financial year, Mid Murray Council declared a minimum rate of $707.00, however, under the Local Government Act 1999, Council cannot impose a minimum rate on Marina/Marina berths. In the event that consideration of a regional service fee be introduced under sect 155 of the Local Government Act, or similarly, partially subsidised then this may assist in a cost recovery, as there currently is no fees charged for Token Card disposal at transfer stations.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**RECOMMENDATION**

Moved Cr Seconded Cr
That the Waste Management Advisory Committee recommend to Council that;

1) Waste management services for Mannum Waters Marina include the provision of a private bin bank service on private land and within the Marina and form part of existing weekly collection service for the Mannum Waters residential area; and

2) The Mannum Waters Marina Transfer Station Token Card be revoked to coincide with the new service provision.
6.2.3 Green Industries SA – Regional Transport Subsidies Program 2019-20

**Reporting Officer:** Neil Cook  
**Position:** Waste Management Coordinator

**REPORT PURPOSE**

To advise Waste Management Advisory Committee Members of Council’s submission for funding assistance through the Regional Transport Subsidies Program 2019-20.

**DISCUSSION**

The Regional Transport Subsidies Program has been established by the South Australian Government, through Green Industries SA (GISA) as part of the Government’s support package for China’s National Sword Policy. The program was previously called the “Regional Transport Relief Fund”, in which Council submitted a successful funding application in the 2018/19 period.

The intention of the program is to provide temporary relief to South Australian local Councils in rural and regional areas to support their continued recycling efforts. Funding is available to offset increased total costs associated with China’s National Sword Policy and to provide Councils with the opportunity to investigate longer term measures that enable the continuation and delivery of kerbside recycling services.

The total amount available per Council is capped at $12 (excl GST) per tonne (of processed recyclables) per 100 kilometers of transport costs associated with kerbside recycling for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020. Funding does not cover actual kerbside collections (door to door) as it covers the distance to transport collected recyclable material to the end processor, based on tonnages.

Mid Murray Council submitted an application for funding through the current round of the Regional Transport Subsidies Program 2019-20, in February 2020.

If Council is successful in obtaining funding through the program, further information will be provided with details of funding to be received. Council received $8,207.64 (plus GST) in the previous round of funding in 2018-19 and would be eligible for a similar amount in the current round. Notification of a successful application is anticipated from Green Industries SA regarding Council’s submission, in August/September 2020.

There is no requirement for Council to match or contribute to the funding amount provided through the Regional Transport Subsidies Program 2019-20.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**RECOMMENDATION**

Moved Cr  Seconded Cr

That the Green Industries SA – Regional Transport Subsidies Program 2019-20 report be received.
6.2.4 Electronic Payment Facilities - Waste Transfer Stations and Landfill

Reporting Officer: Neil Cook
Position: Waste Management Coordinator

REPORT PURPOSE

To provide an update to Waste Management Advisory Committee (WMAC) members regarding the implementation of Mobile Electronic Payment Facilities (Eftpos) at Council’s Waste Transfer Stations and Landfill facility.

DISCUSSION

Council considered Item 7.2.3 Electronic Payment Facilities – Waste Transfer Stations & Landfill at the meeting held 8 October 2019 and endorsed the recommendation of the Committee:

Council has recently purchased two mobile Eftpos facilities and it is anticipated the facilities will be operational in early March 2020. There was a delay in the purchase and delivery of the equipment as Council identified the most suitable devices for its needs would be mobile units with dual battery charging options – both 240 volt mains power and also 12 volt car auxiliary. Fortunately, Council has been able to source mobile devices which do provide both charging options.

The Eftpos facilities are now in the process of being connected to Council’s existing banking service provider and training will be provided to Waste Management staff on the use of the devices.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

Moved Cr Seconded Cr
That the Electronic Payment Facilities – Waste Transfer Stations and Landfill report be received.
**Cudlee Creek Fires - Support**

**Reporting Officer:** Neil Cook  
**Position:** Waste Management Coordinator

**REPORT PURPOSE**

To advise the Waste Management Advisory Committee Members of Council’s offer to assist property owners with waste disposal resulting from the recent bushfire event in the southern area of Council (Cuddle Creek fires).

**DISCUSSION**

Several properties located in the Mid Murray Council area have been identified as being impacted by the recent bushfire event (Cuddle Creek fires). Areas affected are in the general location adjacent to Rockleigh, Tungkillo and Mount Torrens.

Through the State Recovery process, Council’s Community Services staff have been contacting property owners and compiling a list of properties potentially and directly impacted by the fires and will advise which properties should receive the letter and offer of assistance from Council (expected to be approximately 45 individually rated properties).

Given the impact and devastation that such an event can cause, Council is offering assistance with waste disposal to Mid Murray Council affected property owners where fire damage disposal is required. A letter to the owners of each individual property offering assistance with a Free Waste Transfer Station Voucher enclosed supplement to the existing annual vouchers, will be sent to allow disposal of any items/property damaged by the fire.

The letter also advises they should contact Council’s Waste Management Coordinator if they have any queries regarding disposal of fire-affected materials or if further assistance is required.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**RECOMMENDATION**

Moved Cr  Seconded Cr  
That it be recommended to Council that

1. Assistance in the form of a Free Waste Transfer Station Voucher be issued to each individual property affected by the recent bushfires (Cuddle Creek fires) be endorsed; and

2. The Waste Management Coordinator liaise with property owners regarding any additional assistance required.
7. Correspondence

7.1 Correspondence

Reporting Officer: Neil Cook
Position: Waste Management Coordinator

REPORT PURPOSE
The following correspondence has been received:

7.1.1 Bin Safety Stickers

Correspondence received from a resident regarding a safety initiative successfully implemented by local councils in Western Australia.

Concerns have been raised for the safety of children within the 50kph zones along the open section of East Front Road.

For Members consideration.

ATTACHMENTS

7.1.1 Copy of correspondence – Bin Safety Stickers

RECOMMENDATION

Moved Cr Seconded Cr
That the correspondence be received and noted.

8. Other Business

9. Confidential Reports

10. Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Waste Management Advisory Committee will be held on a date to be advised.

11. Closure
SERVICE LEVEL REVIEW

Service Details

Service Review Name: Waste Management Services
Department: Infrastructure & Field Services
Director: David Hassett, Director Infrastructure & Field Services
Date: April 2020

Service Description:
Mid Murray Council owns and operates ten Waste Transfer Stations & the Cambrai Landfill.
Individual residential properties are predominantly serviced by Council’s Waste Management Contractor under a 7 year contract with Solo Resource Recovery (through the Barossa Procurement Group Tender Process). The Contract was executed [DATE] Transfer stations are located in: Cambrai, Mannum, Morgan, Blanchetown, Bowhill, Cadell, Swan Reach, Truro, Tungkillo & Walker Flat.

Council declares it’s Waste Fees and Operating Times annually (as a minimum)

Service Review Scope

Areas of Focus
Review the operations of Mid Murray Council’s Waste Management Services (as declared May 2018, effective 1 July 2018) to;

• Conduct benchmarking of our service provision across regional Local Government in SA and assess for opportunities for improvement

• Analyse and assess data from the Waste Transfer Stations, including (but not limited to) visitation, waste streams, uptake of vouchers and transfer station token cards.

• Assess how the current overall operations support the strategic direction of Council

• Identify opportunities for broader process and system improvements

Deliverables

• Service Review Report with meaningful recommendations

• Implementation plan for recommendations

Constraints

• Availability of key stakeholders

• Ability to access appropriate data and systems

Key Stakeholders

Internal

• Director, Infrastructure & Field Services
• Neil Cook, Waste Management Coordinator
• Russell Pilbeam, Asset Management Coordinator
• Tracey Lawes, Executive Assistant I&FS
• Waste Management Advisory Committee
• Mid Murray Council Audit Committee
• Elected Members
• Staff

External

• Solo Resource Recovery (Contractor)
• EPA
• Green Industries
• Customers
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RETURN TO AGENDA
Dear Councillors,

I draw your attention to the links and information below for a safety initiative successfully implemented by 50 local councils in Western Australia.

RoadWise along with a number of high profile key stakeholders successfully launched the campaign and I strongly encourage Mid Murray Council to access the program and distribute these stickers to households throughout our 50km areas in the Mid Murray Council.

Murray Bridge Council in a media release in 2017 by Simon Bradley General Manager Infrastructure and Environment advised “stickers supplied by Council will provide a visible reminder for drivers to slow down and observe the 50km/h speed limit in residential areas, leading to increased pedestrian safety.”

As a resident of East Front Road where 50kph speed limits were introduced by Council last year, residents still have concerns for the safety of young children especially during peak holiday times with speeding motorists many of whom are towing boats and other watercraft.

Some 20 plus children under the age of 10 access the river by crossing this road during school holiday and other peak periods and further safety signs will only serve to remind road users of the speed restrictions currently in place and to “consider our kids”

Please will you give serious consideration to this safety initiative to “consider our kids” for residents living in 50km zones which will assist the safety of all children in the council area particularly children walking to school, accessing local parks and other community areas where speed restrictions need to be observed by motorists.

Kind Regards,

Name removed
Bin Stickers

'Consider Our Kids' is a program that invites Local Governments and the community to participate in raising the awareness of drivers to reduce their speed in built up areas.

Speeding drivers have been identified as a main contributing factor in road related deaths and serious injury in Western Australia. The Road Safety Council of Western Australia is committed to reducing the speed of vehicles on our roads and continues to conduct regular community education campaigns targeting speed.

The ‘Please Slow Down, Consider Our Kids’ stickers are designed to be placed on the side of wheelie bins. The stickers act as a deterrent for speeding by providing a visual reminder to drivers to reduce their speed. As they are only displayed on bin collection days, it reduces the chance that drivers will become accustomed to them.

Since the program began, more than 50 Local Governments have successfully implemented the initiative by placing over 225,000 stickers on wheelie bins across Western Australia.

Getting Involved

There are two options available for those wanting to participate in this initiative:

- **Local Governments** – Please contact your closest Road Safety Advisor to find out more about the ‘Please Slow Down, Consider Our Kids’ stickers and associated safe speed activities in your community.

Contact Garth Kearvell at GK Creative on 0488 914 811 or email garth@gkcreative.com.au to order the ‘Please Slow Down, Consider Our Kids’ stickers.

[The concept was developed by LPG Concepts.]