MID MURRAY COUNCIL


PRESENT:
Cr Peter Milsom (Chairperson), Cr Kevin Myers, Mayor Dave Burgess, Cr Peter Raison, Mr Jon Fry and Mr Kelvin Goldstone

IN ATTENDANCE:
Nil.

COMMENCEMENT AND WELCOME: 10.05 AM
The Chairperson declared the meeting open and welcomed all members.

APOLOGY:
Mr Rocky Warren
196/1 Cr Raison moved that the apology be received.
Seconded Mayor Burgess.
CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:
(Page 184 – 28/11/2011)
196/2 Cr Raison moved that the Minutes of the Mid Murray Council Reserves Management Advisory Committee held on 28 November, 2011, be taken as read and confirmed.
Seconded J Fry.
CARRIED.

RESERVES MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT:
See Minute Book pages 200 - 207.

196/3 Cr Raison moved that the report be received.
Seconded Mayor Burgess.
CARRIED.
RESERVES MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT CONT’D:

Audit of Council Signage – Sections 868 & 869, Hundred of Younghusband

197/1 Cr Raison moved that it be recommended to Council that all existing regulatory signs on the reserve (Section 869, Hundred of Younghusband), be replaced by a bank of signs at the entrance of the reserve and that parking restriction signs be erected on all access gates.
Seconded Cr Myers.

CARRIED.

Repairs to Swan Reach Wharf

197/2 Mayor Burgess moved that it be recommended to Council that required repair work to the riverbank at the Swan Reach Wharf Reserve be carried out.
Seconded Cr Raison.

CARRIED.

Cascade Road – Adjacent to Waterfalls Reserve

197/3 Cr Myers moved that it be recommended to Council that Council’s consultant engineer be requested to provide a fee proposal for the co-ordination of the tender process associated with the design and construction of Cascade Road.
Seconded Cr Raison.

CARRIED.

Correspondence – Nildottie Progress & Soldiers Memorial Hall Association Inc.

Requesting facilities at Greenways Landing.

A copy of the correspondence had been forwarded to all members.

197/4 Mayor Burgess moved that it be recommended to Council that the Nildottie Progress & Soldiers Memorial Hall Association Inc be advised that the area in question is Crown land and as such Council is not in a position to consider upgrading or the provision of facilities as requested. Further Council is currently seeking dedication of the area as reserve under the care and control of Council.
Seconded Cr Myers.

CARRIED.

Correspondence – R Chantrell

Re signage at Mary Ann Reserve, Mannum.

A copy of the correspondence had been forwarded to all members.

197/5 Cr Myers moved that it be recommended to Council that additional clearer signage as requested be erected on Mary Ann Reserve and that Mr Chantrell be advised accordingly.
Seconded Cr Raison.

CARRIED.
RESERVES MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT CONT’D:

Correspondence – V Hoare

Re Bolto Reserve, Mannum.

A copy of the correspondence had been forwarded to all members.

Received and noted.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Reserve Development

198/1 Cr Raison moved that it be recommended to Council that the development of Haythorpe Reserve, Mannum proceed utilising allocated budget funds.

Seconded Cr Myers.

CARRIED.

Reserve Inspections

Resolved that an inspection of priority reserves be undertaken on Thursday, 22 March 2012 commencing at 10.00am at Morgan.

LATE CORRESPONDENCE:

198/2 Mayor Burgess moved that the late correspondence be received.

Seconded Cr Myers.

CARRIED.

Nildottie Progress & Soldiers Memorial Hall Association Inc.

Seeking Council approval for development of Greenways Oval and Prosser Park.

A copy of the correspondence was distributed to all members.

198/3 Cr Raison moved that it be recommended to Council that the Nildottie Progress & Soldiers Memorial Hall Association Inc. be advised of Council’s in principle support for the two project i.e. development of Greenways Oval and Prosser Park, and of Council’s support regarding the lodgement of funding applications, subject to the provision of additional relevant information.

Seconded Mayor Burgess.

CARRIED.

NEXT MEETING:

To be advised.
CLOSURE:
11.40 AM The Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

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CHAIRPERSON

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DATE
MID MURRAY COUNCIL

Report for the Meeting of the Mid Murray Council Reserves Management Advisory Committee to be held in the Meeting Room of the Council Offices, 49 Adelaide Road, Mannum, on Monday, 27 February, 2012

A. Audit of Council Signage – Sections 868 & 869, Hundred of Younghusband

Reporting Officer Rocky Warren
Position Manager – Regulatory Services

Report Purpose

To advise the Committee of the findings of a recently conducted sign audit.

Introduction/Background

Section 869, CT 5366/113, Hundred of Younghusband, is a riverfront Crown land reserve on East Front Road, Younghusband. This reserve includes a portion of fenced reserve, open to the public but primarily used by the nearby residents, a fenced off protected area known as “The Frog Pond”, and to the north a portion of open recreational riverfront reserve which includes the public boat ramp. This northern portion of reserve is regularly used by the residents of the adjacent caravan park and general members of the public. As a result of correspondence received from Mr Emeny relating to confusion with Council signage on this portion of the land, and the concerns with the location of the public toilets, the following resolution from the Reserves Management Advisory Committee was adopted by Council:-

186/1 Mayor Burgess moved that it be recommended to Council that a sign audit of the reserve be undertaken and a report be tabled at the next meeting. Also resolved that the toilet block remain in its current location.
Seconded Cr Myers.

Discussion

An audit of the reserve was undertaken by Council’s Manager - Regulatory Services and Council’s Works Co-ordinator - Mannum Depot Maintenance. A number of issues were identified with the signage and lack of signage in that area and is listed as follows:-

- There were a large number of signs indiscriminately placed throughout the reserve.
- Two prominent signs exist both on the reserve and adjacent to the public toilets, identifying the location of the public toilets.
- Danger signs relating to the low river levels still existed at the boat ramp.
- There were two people camping on the reserve however no restrictive signs relating to camping were in existence.
- There were no parking restriction signs erected at the gateways to the reserve.
- Only one sign existed restricting the mooring of vessels overnight.
- Fire restriction signs were confusing and several fire places were in existence on the reserve.
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- Danger signs advising of submerged objects and restricting diving were in existence however needed relocating and repairing.
- There were no signs advising dogs must be on leads whilst on the reserve.
- Three privately owned signs advertising the adjacent businesses were on the land and appeared to have been in existence for some time.
- There were three other information signs from other government agencies erected on the reserve.

**Conclusion**

Of all the signs on the reserve, the signage identifying the location of the public toilets was prominent and I feel appropriate for its needs. However, the remaining signs regulating activities on the reserve are both inadequate and confusing. The signage relating to low river levels at the boat ramp should be removed, however the danger advisory signs urgently need maintenance.

Consideration should be given to removing all the regulatory signs on the reserve and erecting a ‘bank” of signs at the entrance of the reserve, similar to that used on the reserves within the Mannum township, identifying the restrictions relating to the activities on the reserve, with parking restriction signs being erected on all gates allowing access to the riverfront of the reserve.

For consideration and direction.
B. **Repairs to Swan Reach Wharf**

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

**Report Purpose**

To address to closure of the rivers edge access to the Swan Reach Wharf Reserve.

**Introduction/Background**

Lot 1, Hundred of Nildottie, is a portion of riverfront Crown land reserve under the care and control of Council, situated on Bowling Green Road, Swan Reach. This reserve is known as the Swan Reach Wharf Reserve and is immediately downstream of the public boat ramp at Swan Reach, and is linked to Len White reserve by a footbridge.

**Discussion**

Len White Reserve would possibly be Council’s most heavily used water skiing reserve within the Mid Murray Council district and during the peak summer holiday periods averages between 20 and 30 boats accessing the reserve at any one time.

After the high water levels experienced in 2010 - 2011, the rivers edge of the Wharf Reserve experienced substantial damage removing a large portion of infrastructure retaining the irrigated grassed area behind it. This erosion has been so extensive that several pipelines leading to sprinklers have been exposed and the soil and sand behind the previously retained edge, is eroding into the river at an alarming rate. As a result of this damage and the continual high use of Len White Reserve between December and February, the erosion to the Wharf Reserve has made it dangerous and unusable, and as a result has been fenced off to restrict all access to the area. The closure of the rivers edge of this reserve reflects within the performance measures of the Land Management Plan for the reserve adopted by Council in December 2007.

In addition the Murray Princess moors for several hours at this reserve every Wednesday, where passengers disembark and undertake tours around the districts tourist attractions. The closure of the rivers edge has made it extremely difficult and dangerous for the passengers to disembark or board the vessel and has resulted in the operators reconsidering stopping at the town of Swan Reach.
B. Repairs to Swan Reach Wharf cont’d

Photograph showing closed river bank and existing sand bags

Photograph showing erosion from sand bags into the reserve and exposed sprinkler lines
B. **Repairs to Swan Reach Wharf cont’d**

**Conclusion**

Whereas Council's Reserve Management Advisory Committee at its 28 November 2011 meeting made a recommendation to Council relating to the boat ramp facilities at Swan Reach, the recommendation did not relate to maintenance of the Wharf Reserve, and immediate consideration should be given to the deteriorating condition of this reserve and to the safety of the rivers edge.

For consideration and direction.
C. Cascade Road – Adjacent to Waterfalls Reserve

**Reporting Officer**  Jon Fry

**Position**  Director – Infrastructure Services

A claim for flood damage was submitted for the extensive damage caused by unseasonal rains in December 2010. The total claim to reinstate the area to its condition prior to the rain event was approximately $1.413 million. Andrew Graham compiled a report and aerial over view which is attached. Council was successful in obtaining $1.2 million for damage caused within the Mid Murray Council area during this rain event.

The Works Department at present is not in the position to be able to perform this reinstatement construction work without compromising scheduled programmed works i.e. Roads to Recovery funding. Given the current work load and shortage of workers it would be best to tender the required work to contractors.

The tendering process could be either:-

- Engage an engineer to design the road, and supervise the successful tenderer.
- Advertise for contractors to design and construct a road. The design and the works could then be supervised by Council’s consultant engineer.

For consideration and direction.
D. Community Land Management Plans

**Reporting Officer**  
Kelvin Goldstone  
**Position**  
Director – Development & Environmental Services

In 2004 Council endorsed a suite of Management Plans for community land (78 in total).

The Plans were reviewed, updated and endorsed by Council in 2007.

All Plans are due for a further review with consideration needing to be given to:-

- revised performance target dates;
- implement of recommended actions
- funding.

Additional information will be provided at the meeting.
E. **Correspondence – Nildottie Progress & Soldiers Memorial Hall Association Inc.**

**Reporting Officer**  
Kelvin Goldstone

**Position**  
Director – Development & Environmental Services

Requesting facilities at Greenways Landing.

A copy of the correspondence is attached.

F. **Correspondence – R Chantrell**

**Reporting Officer**  
Kelvin Goldstone

**Position**  
Director – Development & Environmental Services

Re signage at Mary Ann Reserve, Mannum.

A copy of the correspondence is attached.

G. **Correspondence – V Hoare**

**Reporting Officer**  
Kelvin Goldstone

**Position**  
Director – Development & Environmental Services

Re Bolto Reserve, Mannum.

A copy of the correspondence is attached.