PRESENT:
Mayor Ian Mann OAM, Cr Mick Morrissey, Cr Kevin Myers and Mr Kelvin Goldstone

IN ATTENDANCE:
Mr Rocky Warren – Senior Compliance Officer
Ms Aimee Linke – Project Manager, Mid Murray LAP

COMMENCEMENT AND WELCOME: 9.30 AM
The Mayor declared the meeting open and welcomed all members.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON:
108/1 Mayor Mann moved that Cr M Morrissey be appointed Deputy Chairperson of the Mid Murray Council Reserves Management Work Group. Seconded Cr Myers. CARRIED.

Cr Morrissey took the Chair.

APOLOGIES:
Cr David Burgess and Andrew Strauss
108/2 Mayor Mann moved that the apologies be received. Seconded Cr Myers. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:
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108/3 Cr Myers moved that the Minutes of the Mid Murray Council Reserves Management Work Group held on 27 July, 2009, be taken as read and confirmed. Seconded Mayor Mann. CARRIED.

109/1 Mayor Mann moved that the report be received. Seconded Cr Myers. CARRIED.

Blanchetown Progress Association

9.32 AM Mr Allan Smith and Ms Kate Bain representing the Blanchetown Progress Association attended the meeting.

Sign Replacement Programme

109/2 Mayor Mann moved that it be recommended to Council that Council support the sign replacement programme and endorse the supply of sign frames (15) at an approximate cost of $1,500. Seconded Cr Myers. CARRIED.

Heritage Walk/Old Ferryman’s Cottage

109/3 Cr Myers moved that it be recommended to Council that the Heritage Walk/Old Ferryman’s Cottage project be supported with Council supplying dolomite material for walk resurfacing. Seconded Mayor Mann. CARRIED.

109/4 Mayor Mann moved that the matter of the restoration/protection of the Old Ferryman’s Cottage building be further considered via a report to a future meeting. Seconded Cr Myers. CARRIED.

Welcome Wall

It was noted that the Development Application for the welcome wall would be activated following a satisfactory outcome to speed zone issues.

RV and Parking Areas

It was generally resolved the project would be further considered following an investigation and review of relevant issues.

Picnic Setting

109/5 Cr Myers moved that it be recommended to Council that Council supply and install a picnic setting at the Blanchetown casual houseboat mooring area. Seconded Mayor Mann. CARRIED.
RESERVES MANAGEMENT WORK GROUP REPORT CONT’D:

10.25 AM  Mr Smith and Ms Bain left the meeting.

Correspondence – P & A Fraser

Regarding work done on the waterfront reserve at Younghusband.

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

It was generally resolved that the Deputy Chairperson would contact Mr & Mrs Fraser to discuss difficulties associated with their request.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Nil.

LATE CORRESPONDENCE:

Peter Tonkin

Requesting a commemorate plaque at Len White Reserve, Swan Reach for his parents Allen & Shirley Tonkin.

A copy of the letter was distributed to all members.

110/1 Mayor Mann moved that the request be referred to the Swan Reach Progress Association for comment.
Seconded Cr Myers.

CARRIED.

NEXT MEETING:

To be advised.

CLOSURE:

10.35 AM  The Acting Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

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ACTING CHAIRPERSON

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DATE
Report for the Meeting of the Mid Murray Council Reserves Management Work Group, to be held in the Council Chambers, Main Street, Cambrai, on Wednesday, 7 October, 2009

A. Blanchetown Progress Association

Reporting Officer: Kelvin Goldstone

Members would recall Allan Smith from the Blanchetown Progress Association presented the concept of the Blanchetown Tourism Precinct to a previous meeting of the Reserves Management Work Group (a copy of the presentation is attached).

At the July Work Group meeting correspondence from the Association was tabled requesting assistance in relation to a couple of tourism precinct projects namely an advertising sign replacement programme and restoration of the Old Ferryman’s Cottage as part of the Heritage Walk (copy of correspondence attached).

The Work Group resolved that a report on the proposed Blanchetown Tourism Precinct be provided in due course and that a separate report on the sign replacement programme be tabled following the attainment of additional information.

Council’s Senior Planning Officer, Geoff Parsons, and myself met with Allan and representatives of the Association onsite and further clarification of a number of issues was obtained at a brief meeting held on 18 September 2009.

This report focuses on the sign replacement programme and a couple of tourism precinct projects whilst a full report on the overarching tourism precinct project will be tabled at a future meeting.

Sign Replacement Programme

As alluded to in the Association’s correspondence dated 22 June 2009 the sign replacement programme basically comprises:-

- the replacement of a number of signs scattered throughout the town, both on private and public land, with new signs of a consistent design;
- Council to supply sign frames;
- Progress Association will install, maintain and be responsible for sign advertising.

Attached are details of the proposed sign provided by the Association and details on sign locations.
A. **Blanchetown Progress Association cont’d**

Of the fifteen signs seven are on private property i.e. not on road reserve including:-

- Blanchetown Sporting Complex, Onslow Street
- Blanchetown RSL, corner Merivale & Egerton Streets
- Blanchetown Medical & Aged Care Centre, corner Merivale & Egerton Streets (north east corner)
- Blanchetown Post Office, corner Merivale & Egerton Streets
- Blanchetown Hotel, Egerton Street
- Blanchetown Golf Club, Pistol Club & Cemetery, corner McPhee Avenue & Sunset Boulevard
- Cemetery, Sunset Boulevard.

The Association indicates most of the businesses, institutions and clubs within the area are in favour of the concept.

The construction of freestanding signs as proposed is development under the Development Act and as such Development Approval is required regardless of whether signs are on road reserve or not. Additionally of course the consent of the land owner, including Council and Department for Transport, Energy & Infrastructure for road reserve sites, is also required. In this regard if Council endorses the project it is envisaged that one application could cover all road reserve sites (eight) with the remaining seven sites requiring individual applications. In relation to required applications Council may use its prerogative to waive associated fees. The cost to Council in providing the fifteen sign frames amounts to approximately $1,500.

Members need to give consideration to a recommendation of support or otherwise for the project to Council, keeping in mind the Associations wish to programme works in December of this year.

**Heritage Walk/Old Ferryman’s Cottage**

The Association again as alluded to in their correspondence intend to reinstate the Blanchetown Heritage Walk. Included in the walk is the Old Ferryman’s Cottage for which the Association is querying the availability of funds for ongoing protection and display.

Attached is an excerpt from the recently completed heritage review which summarises the heritage value of the structure.

The site is Crown land under Council’s care and control and has recently been bunted off to prevent access due to the dangerous condition of the structure.

Council has no funds allocated in the current budget for the structures restoration/protection.
A. **Blanchetown Progress Association cont’d**

An application for funding through Heritage SA may be possible and is currently being investigated. The Association is programming the reinstatement of the heritage walk in January 2010.

**Welcome Wall**

The Association lodged a development application in June of this year for a welcome wall to be constructed on the corner of the Sturt Highway and Egerton Street, Blanchetown. Details of the proposal are attached.

Unfortunately such an application is non-complying primarily due to the fact the site is within a 110km speed zone.

Members would be aware of a proposal to reduce the speed limit from 100km/hr to 80km/hr which if successful will result in the application being able to be assessed as a merit application. The Association has agreed to defer the project pending an outcome to the speed zone issues. The welcome wall project is programmed for March 2010.

**RV and Parking Area**

Another project contained within the Tourism Precinct proposal is the establishment of a recreational and general vehicle parking area on a site adjacent to the existing waste water treatment plant (site details attached).

The land is Crown land under Council’s care and control.

Full details of the sites development have not been provided however as a relatively small project it could be considered for investigation and review.

The Blanchetown Progress Association will be represented at the meeting at which additional information relating to the projects will be available.

For consideration.
B. **Correspondence**

**P & A Fraser**

Regarding work done on the waterfront reserve at Younghusband.

A copy of the letter is attached.

**Blanchetown Progress Association**

Requesting Armco railing be installed along the roadside down into the car park area of the casual houseboat mooring and picnic area.

A copy of the letter is attached.

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Kelvin Goldstone,
DIRECTOR, DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES