

Mid Murray Council Update of Works, Services and Projects

Council held its last meeting on Tuesday 10 November 2015 at which the following were discussed or determined:-

- The State Government has proposed a Transport System for Agriculture following consultation throughout the State. The Council supports the implementation of the Restricted Access Vehicles (RAV) routes or first/last mile issues and agrees that this can be added to the RAV network on State roads only. However, Council does not support the implementation of the Restricted Access Vehicle routes for first/last mile issues until necessary roadworks and other infrastructure improvements are made to allow such vehicles to operate safely.
- Following a letter from a resident of Pine Village requesting to seal a small portion of Apold Road, Council has agreed to consider funding the project on a shared cost basis and this will be considered in the 2016/17 financial year.
- Due to some of the Council Welcome and Farewell signs in towns being worn or vandalised, Council has obtained tenders for the replacement of the 45 signs. The total cost is \$157,500, excluding installation. A further tender will be obtained for the signage, additional designs and consideration will be given to this in the 2016/17 budget.
- Council received \$160,000 from the State Government for the Morgan Riverfront Development and with assistance from the Morgan Community Development and Tourism Association has matched this funding. The works, including a paddle boat replica playground are expected to be completed by 12 December, 2015, with the likely opening ceremony on the day of the Morgan Christmas Pageant.
- Works on the renovation of the Morgan Station Masters House is also continuing and additional funds of \$87,600 will be allocated to finalise the installation of a small kitchen, heating/cooling, electronic building security, floor polishing and IT connectivity. The restoration works are scheduled to be completed and operational by 12 December, 2015.
- An application will be submitted under the 2016 SA Recreational Fishing Grants Program for a floating pontoon at Mary Ann Reserve and Council will support and assist other town's applications under this Program.
- Following a petition from Younghusband residents regarding the erosion of the ski beach and recreational area, Council representatives have met on site and are awaiting suggested solutions from the residents. Council will consider matching funding for the suggested solution submitted by the residents.
- Since the Mid Murray Council Facebook page has gone live, we have 392 likes to date. Council is running a competition to help boost numbers. Once 500 likes has been reached, all names will go into a draw to win a kobo e-reader.
- Council is still progressing the Recharge Scheme for electric mobility scooters and wheel chairs. The implementation has commenced in Mannum, Blanchetown, Sedan and Cambrai. Recharge locations will display stickers on front windows and above the recharge point. All participating businesses and Council owned buildings will be listed on the Recharge Scheme Australia website. Murray Transport Connections of Council will be visiting Morgan, Cadell, Palmer and Tungkillo in the next few weeks and the remainder of Mid Murray Towns by the end of the year.
- The significant benefit of OPAL (Obesity Prevention and Lifestyle) is recognised by Council. The Federal Government has previously withdrawn funding and the State Government may withdraw funding at the end of this financial year. Council is considering the various options in relation to the continuity of this program.
- A lease between Council and the Morgan Pharmacy (in the Morgan Internet Resource Centre) has been completed.

- An agreement has been completed for the use of a portion of Council land surrounding the Tungkillo Waste Transfer Station for the grazing of sheep by Mr P Rolland.
- Council noted a report on the achievements and savings by the Barossa Regional Procurement Group which includes the Mid Murray Council. Following this, Council agreed to continue to fund the Barossa Regional Procurement Group for a further 2 years from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2018 at a cost of \$22,000 and \$25,000 respectively.
- Following the submission of an expression of interest for the purchase of land at 38 – 56 Walker Avenue, Mannum (Old Mannum Primary School land fronting Walker Avenue), Renewal SA (on behalf of the State Government), have advised that they have accepted another offer for the land.
- In relation to the Palmer Wind Farm development application, Council has authorised the Director – Development & Environmental Services and Director – Infrastructure Services to continue to negotiate and finalise the Deed of Agreement relating to covering the interests of Council's infrastructure (road network) during the construction, maintenance, operation and decommissioning of the project with the applicant. A briefing session on the Deed of Agreement with Elected Members will be scheduled. The final draft of the Deed of Agreement will be presented to a Special Council meeting for adoption. Legal advice indicates that this Agreement must be undertaken prior to the presentation to the Development Assessment Panel, as it relates to works outside of the land for the development.

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