PRESENT
Cr J W Hall, Acting Chairman, Cr S P Wilkinson and Cr B J Taylor.

IN ATTENDANCE
Mr R J Peate, Chief Executive Officer,
Mr G Hill, Director, Infrastructure Services,
Mr N Cook, Waste Management Coordinator,
Mrs C L Budarick, Minute Secretary.

COMMENCEMENT AND WELCOME  1-00 P M

APOLOGIES  Were received from Mayor Burgess, Cr Raison and Cr Schmitt.
226/1 Cr Wilkinson moved that the apologies be received.
Seconded Cr Taylor.
CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
(Page 220 – 24/9/2015)

226/2 Cr Wilkinson moved that the Minutes of the Mid Murray Council Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting held on 24 September 2015 be taken as read and confirmed.
Seconded Cr Taylor.
CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Hard Waste Collection Trial
A copy of the Collection report had been provided to all members.

1-01 P M  Michael Berndt from Finding Workable Solutions attended the meeting and provided members with details of the Hard Waste Collection Trial.

1-16 PM  Michael Berndt left the meeting.
MEETING WITH WALKER FLAT HOLIDAY HOME ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES

The Waste Management Coordinator reported on a meeting held with Walker Flat Holiday Home Association Representatives, where the following items / requests were discussed:-

- Free trailer vouchers – can current vouchers accumulate if not used and carry over to the following year
- Kiosk Drive residents – request for bin bank facilities
- Trial operation for Walker Flat Transfer Station to operate on a Sunday

227/1 Cr Taylor moved that a report / audit be presented to the next Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting on providing a kerbside rural pickup for putrescible waste and recycling for shack areas and that the report to include reviewing Waste Transfer Stations hours of operation.
Seconded Cr Wilkinson.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS

Financial Report for Waste Management

A copy of the detailed income and expenditure statements for the period to end of September 2015 had been provided to all members at the meeting.

227/2 Cr Wilkinson moved that the financial reports for Waste Management be received.
Seconded Cr Taylor.

CARRIED.

EPA Reforming Waste Management Discussion Paper

A copy of Council’s response to the EPA and discussion paper “Reforming Waste Management – creating certainty for an industry to grow” had been provided to all members.

227/3 Cr Taylor moved that Council’s response to the Environment Protection Authorities “Reforming Waste Management – creating certainty for an industry to grow” discussion paper be received and noted.
Seconded Cr Wilkinson.

CARRIED.

Rural City of Murray Bridge – Draft Waste Management Strategy & Draft Waste Policy

Being email, together with the draft Waste Management Strategy and draft Waste Policy, from the Rural City of Murray Bridge advising that the community engagement process will commence from 19 October to 13 November 2015 and welcomes Council’s comments. A copy had been provided to all members.

The Waste Management Coordinator reported that a strategy for the next cell at Cambrai will need to be commenced.
BUSINESS CONT’D

Changes to Waste Fees & Operating Times Schedule

A copy of the new Waste Fees & Operating Times Schedule, including changes to total fire ban day operations, had been provided to all members.

Received and noted.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

WASTE MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR’S REPORT

See Minute Book Pages 231 – 233.

228/1 Cr Wilkinson moved that the report be received. Seconded Cr Taylor. CARRIED.

Groundwater Monitoring Program – Mannum Landfill

228/2 Cr Wilkinson moved that

(1) The report regarding the Mannum Landfill Groundwater Monitoring Program, the Environment Protection Authority Review & recommendations and recommendations from Golder Associates, be received.

(2) Options regarding the Mannum Landfill Groundwater Monitoring Program and EPA requirements be discussed and a suitable resolution be made to address future monitoring requirements which satisfy the Environment Protection Authority Review.

(3) Tenders be called for the additional wells and monitoring of the wells for the next 5 years, including the monitoring of existing wells.

Seconded Cr Taylor. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

228/3 Cr Wilkinson moved that the correspondence be received. Seconded Cr Taylor. CARRIED.

Solar Bins Australia, Connect by BigBelly

Being an email and various attachments providing information on BigBelly Solar Compacting rubbish bins.

A copy of the email and attachments had been provided to all members.

Received and noted.
CORRESPONDENCE

Advertiser Article – Waste Levy Can Boots SA Jobs

Being article from 23 September 2015 Advertiser regarding the Australian Council of Recycling to double the waste levy in South Australia.

A copy of the article had been provided to all members.

Received and noted.

Local Government Association of SA

Being Media Release “Doubling levy not the answer”.

A copy of the media release had been provided to all members.

Received and noted.

Salvage Shed Proposal – Mannum

Details of a proposal from Joy White regarding Council setting up a Salvage Shop in Mannum had been provided to all members. Joy has been advised that Council is currently working with a not for profit group, who have exclusive rights to materials for salvage.

Received and noted.

Local Government Association of SA

Being Circular No. 46.5 – LGA Environment Portfolio Update October 2015.

A copy of the circular and update had been provided to all members.

Received and noted.

Release of South Australia’s Waste Strategy 2015 – 2020

Being an email thanking Council for their submission on the Strategy and providing a link to the Summary of Stakeholder Consultation.

A copy of the email and summary had been provided to all members.

Tyre Stewardship Australia

Being letter advising that Tyre Stewardship Australia is a not for profit company, established by the Tyre Industry in Australia, to deliver the national Tyre Product Stewardship Scheme. Stating that the Scheme aims to ensure best practice management of waste tyres in Australia and inviting Council to begin the accreditation process. A copy of the letter had been provided to all members.

The Waste Management Coordinator advised that a report on the Scheme will be submitted to the next Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting.
CORRESPONDENCE CONT’D

Local Government Association of SA

Being Circular No. 47.3 – Parliamentary inquiry into the South Australian waste management industry.

A copy of the circular and advert calling for submissions had been provided to all members.

Received and noted.

LATE CORRESPONDENCE

Sims Metal Management

Advising that Sims Metal are closing their Murray Bridge yard.

Received and noted.

OTHER BUSINESS

Garage Sale Trail

The Waste Management Coordinator provided a verbal report on the recently held Garage Sale Trail and that a full report will be submitted to the next Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting.

NEXT MEETING

To be held at Mannum at 1-00 p m on Wednesday 27 January 2016.

2-21 PM The Acting Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

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8. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

8.1 WASTE MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR’S REPORT

Cr moved that the report be received.
Seconded Cr

8.1.1 Funding Initiatives

Report Purpose

To update members regarding a recent recommendation that the Waste Management Coordinator endeavor to ascertain funding initiatives available through the Office of Green Industries SA

Summary

Recent discussions and correspondence with Zero Waste SA/Green Industries SA regarding current and future initiatives and availability of funding confirms that at this stage they have no opportunities to announce and that they are hopeful of some development in the coming months that may see a change in tempo and greater support to Councils in the coming years.

Advice is that at this stage there is no funding for release before the end of June 2016.

Attached to this report is the Zero Waste SA 2015-16 Business Plan which includes reference to how the current budget of $4.1 million is to be allocated.

The Waste Management Coordinator will continue to liaise with staff at ZWSA/GISA regarding future funding initiatives.

Refer Appendix 8.1.1

For the information of members.
8.1 WASTE MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR’S REPORT CONT’D

8.1.2 Groundwater Monitoring Program – Mannum Landfill

**Background**

As part of the closure of the Mannum Landfill facility, Council is required to undertake groundwater monitoring of the site in accordance with the approved closure plan for the Landfill (Mannum Closure Plan - AWE 2009).

Since 2013 Council has engaged the services of Golder Associates to undertake the groundwater monitoring program. Two (2) rounds of monitoring are undertaken each year and reports are provided to Council and the EPA. Recommendations are also provided by Golder as part of the reporting process.

Since Golder commenced the groundwater monitoring program, they have recommended that further monitoring wells be installed to provide an accurate groundwater flow direction and to identify potential contaminants.

**EPA Water Quality Branch – Review of Groundwater Monitoring at Mannum**

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has recently undertaken a review of the groundwater monitoring program at the Mannum Landfill Facility.

Attached to this report is a copy of the letter received from the EPA on October 2, 2015. Within the letter are a summary of the EPA’s findings along with recommendations made by the EPA Water Quality Branch designed to address concerns regarding groundwater flow direction and contamination.

The EPA has identified that current monitoring does not sufficiently identify groundwater flow direction and that several potential contaminants have been detected which exceed the assessment criteria. The EPA has recommended that additional wells need to be incorporated into the monitoring program and Council are required to provide a Detailed Site Investigation (DSI). The EPA groundwater review letter references existing offsite wells located at the Mannum Waters development site which may be an option for Council to use, provided they are viable and located in the same aquifer as the contamination. The offsite wells would need to be able to provide the information required and satisfy the EPA review criteria.

Council has previously resisted recommendations by Golder Associates to install additional wells as it has not been a requirement of the EPA. Council has undertaken groundwater monitoring in accordance with the requirements of Mannum Closure Plan - AWE 2009 and as directed by the EPA in its letter to Council on 14 September 2012, to monitor and report on 3 wells.

The October 2015 EPA groundwater monitoring review confirms that there are areas which Council need to address regarding future groundwater monitoring at the Mannum landfill facility. Of most concern are the insufficient determination of groundwater flow direction and the presence of groundwater contaminants.

**Council Correspondence With Golder Associates**

Golder Associates have provided recommendations from the most recent monitoring report conducted in September 2015.
8.1 WASTE MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR’S REPORT CONT’D

8.1.2 Groundwater Monitoring Program – Mannum Landfill cont’d

Council’s Waste Management Coordinator forwarded a copy of the EPA Groundwater Review to its groundwater consultant, Golder Associates, on 19 October 2015. Attached to this report is correspondence between the Waste Management Coordinator and Golder staff, including further options from Golder as requested by Council.

Summary

Golder have supplied Council with various options. It is clear that further options need to be explored which will address the concerns of the EPA Mannum Groundwater Review. In particular, to identify groundwater flow direction, source of groundwater contaminants and to provide a Detailed Site Investigation in accordance with the National Environment Protection (Assessment of Site Contamination) 1999. As previously identified in this report, Council have not implemented changes previously recommended by Golder Associates as it has not been a directive or requirement from the EPA. The recent Groundwater Monitoring review by the EPA does, however, identify areas where Council are required to take action and implement necessary changes.

While Golder Associates have provided Council with various options to satisfy the requirements of the recent EPA review, there may be other options which should first be discussed prior to making a final decision.

Refer Appendix 8.1.2

Recommendation

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________ that

(1) That the report regarding the Mannum Landfill Groundwater Monitoring Program, the Environment Protection Authority Review & recommendations and recommendations from Golder Associates, be received.

(2) That options regarding the Mannum Landfill Groundwater Monitoring Program and EPA requirements be discussed and a suitable resolution be made to address future monitoring requirements which satisfy the Environment Protection Authority Review.

Neil Cook
Waste Management Coordinator