MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MID MURRAY COUNCIL
RESERVES MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MAIN STREET, CAMBRAI,
ON MONDAY, 30 MAY, 2011

PRESENT:

Cr Kevin Myers (Acting Chairperson), Mayor Dave Burgess, Cr Peter Raison (from 10.35am), Mr Jon Fry and Mr Kelvin Goldstone

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Andrew Strauss, Works Supervisor
Mr Warren Couzens, Asset/Risk Management Officer
Mr Warrick Barnes, Project Officer – Mid Murray LAP
Mrs Melissa Marschall, Minute Secretary

COMMENCEMENT AND WELCOME: 10.30 AM

The Acting Chairperson declared the meeting open and welcomed all members.

APOLOGIES:

Cr Peter Milsom and Mr Rocky Warren

163/1 Mayor Burgess moved that the apologies be received.
Seconded J Fry.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

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163/2 Mayor Burgess moved that the Minutes of the Mid Murray Council Reserves Management Advisory Committee held on 25 February, 2011, be taken as read and confirmed.
Seconded J Fry.

RESERVES MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT:

See Minute Book pages 168 - 176.

164/3 Mayor Burgess moved that the report be received.
Seconded J Fry.

CARRIED.

10.35 AM Cr Peter Raison entered the meeting.
RESERVES MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT CONT’D:

Mannum RV Friendly Town Scheme – Haythorpe Reserve RV Park Project

10.35 AM Kevin Collins and Don Eldred from the Campervan & Motorhome Club of Australia Ltd addressed the Committee.

11.07 AM Mr Collins & Mr Eldred left the meeting.

11.07 AM The meeting adjourned.

11.20 AM The meeting resumed.

164/1 Mayor Burgess moved that it be recommended to Council:-

(i) that Council endorse the development of Haythorpe Reserve to accommodate recreational vehicles (RV’s); and

(ii) that Council endorse the rollout of the RV Friendly Scheme across the Council area in conjunction with the Campervan & Motorhome Club of Australia Ltd.

Seconded Cr Raison.

CARRIED.

164/2 Cr Raison moved that it be recommended to Council that $10,000 be included in the 2011/12 budget to implement the RV Friendly Scheme.

Seconded Mayor Burgess.

CARRIED.

Use of Council Land – Old Morgan Quarry

164/3 Mayor Burgess moved that it be recommended to Council that the application for Four Wheel Drive SA to allow the land (Old Morgan Quarry) to be used by their affiliated clubs, under the strict guidance of their Association, and in accordance with Council’s policies and guidelines for use of the land (such use will include the CFS and Armed Forces) be approved.

Seconded Cr Raison.

CARRIED.

Campfires of Council Reserves

164/4 Cr Raison moved that it be recommended to Council that in regard to campfires on Council land, Council resolve to:-

(i) maintain the status quo; and

(ii) review campfire clauses contained within Community Land Management Plans and amend where appropriate.

Seconded Mayor Burgess.

CARRIED.
RESERVES MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT CONT’D:

Motorbike Accidents – Milendella and Towitta

165/1 Cr Raison moved that it be recommended to Council that the budget allocation for trail bike signage be increased by $5,000 and endorse the continuation of Council’s trail bike control programme including ongoing negotiations with SAPOL, Crown Lands and Government Agencies.
Seconded J Fry.

CARRIED.

Correspondence

165/2 Mayor Burgess moved that the correspondence be received.
Seconded Cr Raison.

CARRIED.

Correspondence – G Smith

Re Haythorpe and Bolto Reserves.
A copy of the correspondence had been forwarded to all members.
Noted and a suitable response be forwarded.

Correspondence – Swanport CFS Group

Re fire ban signage at Haythorpe and Bolto Reserve.
A copy of the correspondence had been forwarded to all members.
Noted and a suitable response be forwarded.

Correspondence – M & J Merckenschlager

Seeking Council’s support for a Landcare project on road reserve at Borchardt/Caloote Roads, Caloote.
A copy of the correspondence had been forwarded to all members.

165/3 Cr Raison moved that it be recommended to Council that Council endorse the proposed Landcare project on road reserve at Borchardt/Caloote Roads, Caloote subject to consultation with Council’s Works Department in relation to proposed works.
Seconded Mayor Burgess.

CARRIED.
RESERVES MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT CONT’D:

Correspondence – Lions Club of Ridley

Seeking Council’s approval and assistance in relation to installing recyclable drink container bins at various locations.

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

166/1 Mayor Burgess moved that it be recommended to Council that support be given to the Lions Club of Ridley in relation to installing recyclable drink container bins at various reserves throughout the Council area.

Seconded Cr Raison.

CARRIED.

Correspondence – W Morony

Suggesting Council revisit the matter of the Punyelroo boat ramp and reconsider the construction of a new facility in a different location.

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

166/2 Cr Raison moved that it be recommended to Council that Mr Morony be advised comments in his correspondence dated 26 April 2011 will be further considered during the next review of Council’s Boating Facilities Strategy.

Seconded Mayor Burgess.

CARRIED.

Correspondence – Nildottie Progress & Soldiers Memorial Hall Association Inc.

Seeking approval and letters of support for the installation of a playground and outdoor gym equipment.

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

166/3 Mayor Burgess moved that it be recommended to Council that a letter of support for the installation of a playground and outdoor gym equipment at Nildottie be given to the Nildottie Progress & Soldiers Memorial Hall Association Inc. Further that in kind support be given subject to the Association liaising with the Works Department.

Seconded Cr Raison.

CARRIED.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Tree Planting & Removal Policy

The Director – Development & Environmental Services advised members that due to workload that the review of the Tree Planting and Removal Policy will be tabled at the next meeting.
OTHER BUSINESS CONT’D:

Swan Reach Boat Ramp

The Director – Development & Environmental Services advised members that a report regarding the Swan Reach boat ramp will be tabled at the next meeting.

LATE CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil.

NEXT MEETING:

To be held in the Council Chambers, Main Street, Cambrai on Monday, 29 August, 2011 commencing at 10.30 am.

CLOSURE:

12.20 PM The Acting Chairperson declared the meeting closed.
A. **Use of Council Land – Old Morgan Quarry**

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

**Report Purpose**

To address the large number of requests and complaints relating to the closure of the Council owned land known as the Old Morgan Quarry.

**Introduction/Background**

For several years, Council has had an issue with the use of off road vehicles on the portion of land located at Lot 9, Pieces 2 & 3, Section 476, Hundred of Eba. In the past, the land has been used by four wheel drive clubs, CFS and the Armed Forces for off road driver training, and indiscriminately used by other off road vehicles. Council has recently completed fencing off this portion of land to restrict the uncontrolled use of the land.

**Discussion**

The fencing of this land was recently completed and since then Council has received questions relating to the future use of the land, and the availability of the land for use by four wheel drive users.

The South Australian Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs Inc. operates as Four Wheel Drive SA and it was established by like minded clubs to represent the interests of recreational four wheel drivers in SA. Four Wheel Drive SA also recognised that it had a role to promote and educate club members as to the responsibilities accompanying the pleasure of four wheel driving as a recreation. It is the governing body for four wheel drive clubs within South Australia and provides through its members comprehensive liability insurance through TCIS insurance brokers. Four Wheel Drive SA has approached Council commending it for the initiative in fencing the land identifying similar concerns identified by Council relating to the use of the land.

**Conclusion**

Council’s Manager - Regulatory Services met with the Executive Committee of Four Wheel Drive SA and they are seeking permission from Council to allow the land to be used by their affiliated clubs, under the strict guidance of their Association, and in accordance with Council’s guidelines for use of the land.
A. **Use of Council Land – Old Morgan Quarry cont’d**

The Reserves Management Advisory Committee’s consideration of the request by Four Wheel Drive SA and its affiliated clubs to use the land is sought. The Committee’s options in terms of a recommendation to Council include:-

- Reject the application by Four Wheel Drive SA and close access to the land for all off road users; or

- Approve the application by Four Wheel Drive SA to allow the land to be used by their affiliated clubs, under the strict guidance of their Association, and in accordance with Council’s policies and guidelines for use of the land, and such use will include the CFS and Armed Forces.

For consideration and direction.
A. **Mannum RV Friendly Town Scheme – Haythorpe Reserve RV Park Project**

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

Discussions have been held with representatives of the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia (CMCA) in relation to two possible linked projects in Mannum.

Firstly the idea of developing Haythorpe Reserve, or part of it, to accommodate recreational vehicles and secondly to have Mannum declared an RV Friendly Town under CMCA’s RV Friendly Town Scheme.

**Haythorpe Reserve**

Haythorpe Reserve is listed for future upgrading and could be done so to accommodate RV vehicles. The CMCA are willing to be involved and provide advice in terms of the development of the reserve i.e. design and layout.

**Friendly Town Scheme**

The Friendly Town Scheme is an initiative of CMCA that promotes RV tourism related services across Australia. The CMCA’s website provides the following information:

*By promoting the partnership between the RV tourist and small towns, we encourage expansion of tourism related infrastructure and services and promote the economic advantage to small towns of providing RV tourist specific amenities.*

*Put in basic terms, an RV Friendly Town is one that happily provides amenities and services for the mobile traveller. Some of these services include:*-

- access to 24 hour medical and pharmacy services;
- parking within close proximity to the general shopping area with groceries & fresh produce;
- service centre for basic vehicle repairs;
- a Visitor Information Centre (VIC) and town map with essential services;
- access to potable water;
- access to a Dump Point, within 50km of the town;
- provision of short term (24/48/72+hour) parking;
- provision of longer term parking with 5-20km of town centre, at a reasonable rate;
- “RV Friendly Town” signs to be erected within the town environs.

Mr Don Eldren and Mr Kevin Collins, representatives of the CMCA will be in attendance at the meeting to provide input into discussion on the merit or otherwise of both projects.

For consideration.
C. Campfires on Council Reserves

**Reporting Officer**  
Kelvin Goldstone

**Position**  
Director – Development & Environmental Services

**Introduction/Background**

The issue of campfires on Council reserves has been raised in correspondence from members of the public and discussed at previous Committee meetings. At the February 2011 meeting it was resolved that a report be tabled for discussion at this meeting.

**Discussion**

The following information is provided to aid in discussion on the issue of campfires on reserves, hopefully assisting in the formation of a position that can be relayed to Council by way of a recommendation for consideration.

Council either owns or has under its care and control a number of reserves throughout the district. Community Land Management Plans have been prepared and endorsed for the majority of reserves. The Community Land Management Plans list a number of objectives for the management of the land in question and contain a number of policies, performance targets and performance measures. Originally adopted in 2003, all plans were reviewed in 2007. Samples of Community Land Management Plans for Bolto and Haythorpe reserves are attached.

Campfires are mentioned in the Community Land Management Plans and are either allowed (controlled) or prohibited. In this regard it should be mentioned the Community Land Management Plans themselves do not have any legislative weight. Any management controls are policed via Council’s By-laws made under the provisions of the Local Government Act. Two By-laws are relevant those being By-law No. 4 – Local Government Land and By-Law No. 8 – Caravans and Camping (copies attached).

*Clause 2 of By-law No. 4 states:*-

2. **Activities Requiring Permission**

   A person must not, without permission, undertake any of the following activities on any Local Government Land:

   2.20 **Fires**

   Subject to the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005 light any fire except –

   2.20.1 in a place provided by the Council for that purpose;

   2.20.2 in a portable barbeque, as long as the barbeque is used in an area that is clear of flammable material for a distance of at least 4 metres.
C. **Campfires on Council Reserves cont’d**

*Clause 3 of By-law No. 8 states*

3. **Camping Reserves**

   *No person shall on a Camping Reserve:*

   3.6 **Fires**

   *Light any fire on any Park, Reserve, Road or other Local Government Land being used as a campsite except:*

   3.6.1 *in a public place provided by the Council for that purpose;* or

   3.6.2 *in a portable barbeque as long as the barbeque is used in an area that is clear of flammable material for a distance of four metres; and*

   3.6.3 *in accordance with the provisions of the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005.*

Campfires as open fires are obviously prohibited on total fire ban days during the fire danger season.

In short Council can either allow and control campfires (by the provision of campfire rings etc.) on reserves or prohibit them. Council has legislative power to act on the issue of unauthorised campfires i.e. as a breach of Council’s By-law/s. In saying this Council needs to be mindful of policing/enforcement implications.

**Summary/Conclusion**

As mentioned Council has the authority if it wishes to allow and control or prohibit campfires on Council reserves. A number of reserves such as Bolto Reserve have had Sustainable Recreation Plans developed which incorporate the provision of designated campfire rings. A number of Community Land Management Plans also allow or prohibit campfires.

Options open for the Committee’s consideration could include:-

(i) maintain the status quo;

(ii) review campfire clauses contained within Community Land Management Plans and amend where appropriate;

(iii) consider prohibition.

For consideration/discussion.
D. **Rockleigh School Project**

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

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee and subsequent resolution of Council, an application for funding for the Rockleigh School project has been lodged with the Department of Planning and Local Government (copy attached).

Applications lodged will be considered by the Department in the 2011/12 financial year.

For information.
E. **Motorbike Accidents – Milendella and Towitta**

**Reporting Officer**  
Kelvin Goldstone

**Position**  
Director – Development & Environmental Services

Information will be provided at the meeting in relation to two serious accidents involving trail bikes on Crown land and road reserve at Towitta and Milendella. The accidents have again raised the issue of the control/unauthorised bike use on road and other reserves throughout the district.

For discussion.
30/5/2011

F. Correspondence – G Smith

Reporting Officer  Kelvin Goldstone
Position  Director – Development & Environmental Services

Re Haythorpe and Bolto Reserves.

A copy of the correspondence is attached.

G. Correspondence – Swanport CFS Group

Reporting Officer  Kelvin Goldstone
Position  Director – Development & Environmental Services

Re fire ban signage at Haythorpe and Bolto Reserves.

A copy of the correspondence is attached.

H. Correspondence – M & J Merckenschlager

Reporting Officer  Kelvin Goldstone
Position  Director – Development & Environmental Services

Seeking Council’s support for a Landcare project on road reserve at Borchardt/Caloote Roads, Caloote.

A copy of the correspondence is attached.

I. Correspondence – Lions Club of Ridley

Reporting Officer  Kelvin Goldstone
Position  Director – Development & Environmental Services

Seeking Council’s approval and assistance in relation to installing recyclable drink container bins at various locations.

Note: Council received the correspondence at a recent meeting and resolved the request be referred to the Reserves Management Advisory Committee.

A copy of the correspondence is attached.
J. **Correspondence – W Morony**

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

Suggesting Council revisit the matter of the Punyelroo boat ramp and reconsider the construction of a new facility in a different location.

A copy of the correspondence is attached.

K. **Correspondence – Nildottie Progress & Soldiers Memorial Hall Association Inc.**

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

Seeking approval and letters of support for the installation of a playground and outdoor gym equipment.

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Kelvin Goldstone,  
*Director - Development & Environmental Services*