PRESENT:
Cr Peter Milsom (Chairperson), Cr Kevin Myers, Cr Peter Raison, Mr Jon Fry, Mr Rocky Warren and Mr Kelvin Goldstone

IN ATTENDANCE:
Mr Russell Peate, Chief Executive Officer
Ms Aimee Linke, Project Officer – Mid Murray LAP
Mr Warren Couzens, Asset/Risk Management Officer
Mrs Melissa Marschall, Minute Secretary

COMMENCEMENT AND WELCOME: 1.00 PM
The Chairperson declared the meeting open and welcomed all members.

APOLOGY:
Mayor Dave Burgess

208/1 Cr Myers moved that the apology be received.
Seconded Cr Raison.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:
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208/2 Cr Raison moved that the Minutes of the Mid Murray Council Reserves Management Advisory Committee held on 27 February, 2012, be taken as read and confirmed.
Seconded Cr Myers.

RESERVES MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT:
See Minute Book pages 212 - 222.

208/3 R Warren moved that the report be received.
Seconded Cr Myers.

CARRIED.
RESERVES MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT CONT’D:

Use of Truman’s Landing Reserve

209/1 R Warren moved that it be recommended to Council that it be confirmed that Truman’s Landing Reserve is Crown land not under the care and control of Council and that all future complaints and/or enquiries to be directed to Crown Lands SA. Seconded Cr Raison.

CARRIED.

Secured Off Leash Dog Park

209/2 Cr Myers moved that it be recommended to Council that the provision of a secured off leash dog park be investigated further with an area or areas being explored and that costings be obtained with a view to submitting a funding application with the Dog and Cat Management Board and/or other sources. Seconded Cr Raison.

CARRIED.

Camping Permit System
- Haythorpe Reserve, Mannum

209/3 Cr Myers moved that it be recommended to Council that the camping permit system be implemented at Haythorpe Reserve, Mannum. Seconded Cr Raison.

CARRIED.

RV Friendly Scheme

209/4 Cr Raison moved that it be recommended to Council that the report on the RV Friendly Scheme be received. Seconded Cr Myers.

CARRIED.

Use of Vacant Land at Part Section 949, Hallam Terrace, Cowirra

209/5 Cr Raison moved that the matter be deferred pending a decision on the development application being tabled at the July Development Assessment Commission meeting and that H & J Van Der Meer be advised accordingly. Seconded J Fry.

CARRIED.
RESERVES MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT CONT’D:

**Correspondence – Riverland West Landcare**

Regarding issues at Hogwash Bend and requesting assistance to block an access road and install 'no motorbike signs'.

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

The Director – Development & Environmental Services to check if Crown land and road are gazetted and report back to next meeting.

**Correspondence – Tungkillo Landcare Group**

Information regarding a project at “Brophy's Scrub” requesting Council’s in kind assistance associated with a possible grant to improve fencing.

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

The Director – Development & Environmental Services advised members that the Group are waiting on the outcome of a funding application. Once outcome known a further report will be provided.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**BMX Track – Blanchetown**

The Project Officer – Mid Murray LAP advised members of a revegetation project to be undertaken at the site of the BMX track at Blanchetown and requested in kind support from Council.

210/1 Cr Myers moved that it be recommended to Council that in kind support be given to the Mid Murray LAP for the revegetation project being undertaken at the site of the BMX track at Blanchetown.

Seconded Cr Raison.

CARRIED.

**Lake Bywaters – Walker Flat**

The Project Officer – Mid Murray LAP advised members of grant application recently lodged for interpretative signage and possible boardwalk at Lake Bywaters.

**Risk Management Review**

The Asset/Risk Management Officer advised members of the need to annually undertake risk management reviews of each reserve.

**LATE CORRESPONDENCE:**

Nil.
NEXT MEETING:
To be advised and co-ordinated with an inspection of reserves.

CLOSURE:
1.50 PM The Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

.CHAIRPERSON

.DATE
A. Use of Truman’s Landing Reserve

Reporting Officer  Rocky Warren
Position  Manager – Regulatory Services

Report Purpose

To address complaints received by users of Truman’s Landing Reserve relating to restricted access to the reserve and seeking clarification if the area is open to the public.

A copy of a plan of the reserve is attached. Refer Appendix A.1.

Introduction/Background

Lot 102 of DP48692, Section 775, Hundred of Younghusband is a riverfront Crown land reserve on East Front Road, Younghusband. In 2003, a recommendation from Council’s Reserves Committee, was adopted by Council relating to a road rent to Lou Truman.

Reserves Committee Minutes

85/4 Mayor Mann moved that it be recommended to Council that the issue of Mr Truman maintaining the lawned area of road reserve adjacent to his property, be reviewed at the time Mr Truman is no longer able to maintain the area. Further that a note be placed on file indicating that the road rent not be transferred to future owners. Seconded Cr Burgess.

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7256/6 Cr Taylor moved that the recommendations from the Minutes of the Mid Murray Council Reserves Committee meeting held on 16th September, 2003 be adopted, excluding recommendation number 86/4 and subject to the word “may” being added after the words “road rent” in recommendation number 85/4. Seconded Cr Rothe.

Mr Truman continued to manage and maintain the reserve until unfortunately passing away in 2008. In January 2009, Council received several complaints from members of the public who had in the past used the reserve, complaining that access to the area had been restricted and that private property signs had been erected on the reserve boundaries.
A. Use of Truman’s Landing Reserve cont’d

At the meeting of Council held on 10 August, 2009 the following resolution was adopted:

11384/3 Cr Myers moved that the following recommendation from the meeting of the Mid Murray Council Reserves Management Work Group held on the 27 July 2009, be adopted by Council –

Usage and Maintenance of Truman’s Reserve

101/1 Mayor Mann moved that it be recommended to Council that the annual road rent permit for the riverfront area known as “Truman’s Reserve” on East Front Road be terminated and the area be made available for use by the general public.

Seconded Cr Morrissey.

subject to the words “Further resolved that a sign be erected that prohibits overnight camping on the reserve and that a bin be provided at the reserve” being added after the end of the recommendation.

Seconded Cr Rudloff.

At a meeting of Council’s Reserves Management Advisory Committee on 29 August, 2011, concerns were raised by ratepayers relating to the restricted access to Truman’s Landing Reserve. As a result, at the meeting of Council held on 12 September 2011, the following recommendation from the Reserves Management Committee was adopted:

Use of Truman’s Landing Reserve

178/1 Cr Raison moved it be recommended to Council that Truman’s Reserve be placed on the reserve management program, previously approved signage be erected including a sign identifying the reserve as Truman’s reserve, all unapproved signage, locks and gates be removed from the land and a Community Land Management Plan be developed.

Seconded Cr Myers.

Discussion

In December, 2011, Council received correspondence from Mrs Ann Truman who advised since the passing of Lou Truman, she had held the lease of the Crown Land and that she and her family had continued to maintain the Crown land reserve.

Conclusion

Truman’s Landing Reserve is a Crown land reserve and Council no longer has any care and control of the land or lease to occupy it (this has been confirmed by Crown Lands SA). Further enquiries with Council’s Director – Corporate and Financial Services revealed that a small portion of the reserve encroaches upon Council’s road reserve which has caused confusion in recent times.

Given Council’s lack of authority in terms of use or management of the reserve (excluding the road reserve encroachment) all future issues/complaints etc. should be forwarded to Crown Lands SA.
A. **Use of Truman’s Landing Reserve cont’d**

**References**

Strategic Plan  Natural and Built Environment  
Goal 1.0 – An orderly and sustainable planning, management and development approach to all aspects of our natural and built environment.

Budget  No impact.


For discussion.
B. **Secured Off Leash Dog Park**

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

**Report Purpose**

To table correspondence requesting Council consider the provision of a secured off leash dog area and to provide relevant information.

A copy of the correspondence is attached. Refer Appendix B.1.

**Introduction/Background**

Section 26A(1) of the Dog & Cat Management Act, 1995, requires every Council within South Australia to prepare a plan relating to the management of dogs and cats within its Council district.

Section 26A(2) makes it a requirement for all Animal Management Plans to include the provisions for parks where dogs may be exercised off leash and for parks where dogs must be under effective control by means of physical restraints.

**Discussion**

In 2007 Council adopted its Animal Management Plan which included a number of off leash exercise areas. These included:-

- Mannum  Gass Reserve, Purnong Road, Mannum
- Palmer  Collier Park, Adelaide Road, Palmer
- Cambrai  Cambrai Bridge Reserve, Cambrai
- Truro  Truro Oval, Railway Terrace, Truro
- Morgan  Old Football Oval, Oval Road, Morgan
- Blanchetown  Old Football Oval, McPhee Avenue, Blanchetown
- Swan Reach  Hotel Riverfront Reserve, Swan Reach
- Cadell  Cadell Oval, Dalzell Road, Cadell
- Nildottie  Greenways Oval, Greenways.

Recently Council received correspondence from Linda Hunter, a resident of Mannum, requesting Council to consider developing a secure area where dogs may be exercised off leash, similar to other parks developed by metropolitan Councils within South Australia.

**Conclusion**

Extensive work has been undertaken throughout Australia by Local Government in developing consistent standards relating to secured off leash areas, in which Council’s Manager - Regulatory Services has been actively involved. As a result of these developed standards, should Council consider implementing a secured off leash area, the current off leash area in Mannum would be deemed inadequate to accommodate the minimum standards and substantial funding would need to provided within Council’s budget to develop an alternative secured off leash park.
B. **Secured Off Leash Dog Park cont’d**

In this regard minimum standards require a secured fenced area with the provision of water, shelter, signage etc. and it would not be unreasonable to expect a set up cost in the vicinity of $50,000 +.

**References**

Strategic Plan Natural and Built Environment
Strategy 1.4 – Protect and manage sensitive environments by establishing criteria for sustainable access and use of reserves.

Budget No provision in current budget, will require allocation.


**Recommendation**

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that it be recommended to Council that Council not pursue the provision of a secured off leash dog park and that LJ Hunter be advised accordingly.
C. **Camping Permit System**  
- Haythorpe Reserve, Mannum  
- Tenbury Hunter Reserve, Swan Reach

**Reporting Officer**  
Kelvin Goldstone

**Position**  
Director – Development & Environmental Services

**Report Purpose**

To list for consideration the matter of the possible expansion of the camping permit system to include Tenbury Hunter Reserve, Swan Reach and Haythorpe Reserve, Mannum.

**Discussion**

Members would be aware that a casually monitored camping permit system was applied to Bolto Reserve, Mannum in April 2011.

Originally the intention was to commence the permit system at Bolto Reserve and subsequently roll it out to other priority recreation/camping reserves including Tenbury Hunter Reserve at Swan Reach and Haythorpe Reserve at Mannum.

From a physical perspective there appears no reason why the permit system could not be applied to the additional reserves. In saying this it is accepted a number of issues both positive and negative have surfaced following its introduction at Bolto Reserve, including that relating to policing and receipt of increased complaints by Council’s Regulatory Services staff.

The matter is listed on today’s agenda to enable discussion leading to a position (and possible recommendation to Council) on whether to introduce the camping permit system on the two additional reserves.

**References**

Strategic Plan  
Natural and Built Environment  
Goal 1.0 – An orderly and sustainable planning, management and development approach to all aspects of our natural and built environment.

**Budget**

- Signage and permit containers required (minimal cost accommodated in reserve management budget)  
- Monitoring costs  
- Permit fee income.

Legislation  

For discussion.
D. **RV Friendly Scheme**

**Reporting Officer**  
Kelvin Goldstone

**Position**  
Director – Development & Environmental Services

**Report Purpose**

To provide an update on the RV Friendly Scheme including the installation of wastewater dump points and the declaration of townships/areas as RV Friendly.

**Introduction/Background**

Both the Reserves Management Advisory Committee and Council have received and discussed previous reports on the issue of the RV wastewater dump point installation project and the RV Friendly scheme.

Council has previously endorsed both the installation of the dump point units (via grant funding co-ordinated by the Campervan & Motorhome Club of Australia) and the roll out of the RV Friendly scheme across the Council area.

**Discussion**

Having obtained funding (approximately $20,000) dump easy units have been installed at the following locations:-

- **Blanchetown** – at the lower Blanchetown Oval adjacent to the public toilets, connection to the Blanchetown CWMS;
- **Haythorpe Reserve** – adjacent to the public toilets, connection to the Bolto Reserve CWMS;
- **Morgan** – adjacent to the Oval, Morgan Sporting Complex, connection to septic tank system;
- **Swan Reach, Tenbury Hunter Reserve** – adjacent to the public toilets, near houseboat pump out station, connection to the river vessel waste disposal station treatment plant.

The installation of the units and their location will be promoted via the Campervan & Motorhome Club of Australia through their website and monthly national magazine the “Wanderer”. Photographs of installations are attached. Refer Appendix D.1.

In regard to the RV Friendly town/location status, applications are soon to be submitted seeking the following designations:-

- Mannum, RV Friendly Town
- Blanchetown, RV Friendly Destination
- Morgan, RV Friendly Destination
- Swan Reach, RV Friendly.

**Conclusion**

The RV Friendly programme is progressing in accordance with previous resolutions of Council and should be finalised this calendar year.
D. **RV Friendly Scheme cont’d**

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**Recommendation**

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________

that it be recommended to Council that the report on the RV Friendly Scheme be received.
E. **Use of Vacant Land at Part Section 949, Hallam Terrace, Cowirra**

**Reporting Officer**
Neil Cook  
**Position**
Compliance Officer  

**Report Purpose**
To determine future use of vacant land under Council’s care and control at Part Section 949, Hallam Terrace, Cowirra, Hundred of Younghusband.

A copy of a plan of the reserve is attached. Refer Appendix E.1.

**Introduction/Background**

The land has previously been used and cared for by residents at the southern end of Cowirra township. The land is owned by The Crown and Council is the custodian. For the last approximately 15 years residents of Cowirra have used the site and maintained it for leisure activities. There are several permanent and semi-permanent structures on the land. Photos and audit are attached. Refer to Appendix E.2

Several Crown licenses are issued on the land for water purposes.

**Discussion**

As a result of complaints and queries regarding the use of this land, Council should determine the future use of the land.

A copy of a letter received from H & J Van Der Meer is attached. Refer Appendix E.3.

**Conclusion**

Currently the land is open to and able to be accessed by the general public. No parties have exclusive rights to use the land. At the moment it may appear as though there is not general access to the land.

**References**

Strategic Plan  Natural and Built Environment  
Goal 1.0 – An orderly and sustainable planning, management and development approach to all aspects of our natural and built environment.

**Budget**  
Staff time only.

**Legislation**  

**Recommendation**

Moved __________________ Seconded __________________  
that it be recommended to Council that action be taken to remove unauthorised structures from the land and Council’s Regulatory Services staff continue to monitor the site.
F. **Correspondence – G Smith**

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

Thanking Council for the erection of signage at Haythorpe and Bolto Reserves.

A copy of the correspondence is attached. Refer to Appendix F.1.

G. **Correspondence – M & L Lucas**

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

Providing positive comments on the condition of Tenbury Hunter Reserve.

A copy of the correspondence is attached. Refer to Appendix G.1.

H. **Correspondence – Riverland West Landcare**

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

Regarding issues at Hogwash Bend and requesting assistance to block an access road and install 'no motorbike signs'.

A copy of the correspondence is attached. Refer to Appendix H.1.

I. **Correspondence – Tungkillo Landcare Group**

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

Information regarding a project at “Brophy’s Scrub” requesting Council’s in kind assistance associated with a possible grant to improve fencing.

A copy of the correspondence is attached. Refer to Appendix I.1.

Kelvin Goldstone,  
**Director - Development & Environmental Services**