

Mid Murray Council Update of Works, Services and Projects

Council held its last meeting on Tuesday 19 January 2016 at which the following were discussed or determined:-

- An application will be submitted under the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Programme for the Truro to Eudunda Road and Sedan Intersection upgrade.
- Applications for funding will be submitted under the State Safer Streets program for public lighting around the Koerabko units in Morgan occupied by elderly or disabled residents and CCTV cameras at the Mannum Skate Park.
- A further funding application will be submitted for a further 6 months under the Work for the Dole Program for various projects in and around Mannum.
- Special event applications have been approved for the Mannum Hot Rod Show to be held at the southern end of Mary Ann Reserve in Mannum on Sunday 13 March 2016 and the Mannum Rowing Regatta at the northern end of Mary Ann Reserve on Saturday 2 April 2016.
- Two appeals have been lodged with the Environment, Resources and Development Court in relation to the approval by the independent Development Assessment Panel for the Palmer Wind Farm development application.
- The State Government's Local Nuisance and Litter Control Bill will mean significant extra work and costs for the Mid Murray Council.
- An update was provided regarding the actions taken with the landowners of unsightly premises within the Sedan township.
- Quarterly information reports were provided for the Blanchetown Internet and Information Centre, Morgan Library, OPAL, Fun 4 YOUth, Murray Transport Connections, Mannum Leisure Centre and Mid Murray Family Connections.
- The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure have advised that as a result of the accident on the Swanport Bridge, Murray Bridge in 2015, the Department permanently reduced the speed limit to 80 km/h on the bridge and is currently investigating the implementation of Active Traffic Management at Swanport Bridge and its approaches using Intelligent Transport Systems to improve traffic management. As a result, the Department advised that a scoping study for a possible bridge over the River Murray at Mannum is not considered warranted at this time. The Council will write to the State Minister for Transport with a copy to the Shadow Minister for Transport highlighting that Council considers that there is still a need for a scoping study.
- The State Government has introduced the payment of royalties on rubble by Councils and Council will incur costs of \$38,000. Council will apply to the Minister for this amount of the royalty to be waived.
- Council will not be submitting an Expression of Interest for the 2017 Tour Down Under.
- A letter from the Federal Member for Barker, Tony Pasin, outlining the progress of the National Mental Health Commission's review of Mental Health Programs and Services and what this means for regional and rural communities was noted.
- The Australian Local Government Association's National State of the Assets Report was received.
- A report on the progress of the restoration of the Mannum and Morgan Wharves with Federal funding was noted.

- Quotations will be sought for annual inspections of trees in high public use reserve areas by a qualified person for maintenance to be undertaken in the event of tree limb failure due to heat stress.
- Council will provide assistance to the Mannum History Group for their project focusing on the history of small Schools in the Mannum area.

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