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MID MURRAY COUNCIL

AGENDA

MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2007
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MAIN STREET, CAMBRAI
COMMENCING AT 9-30 AM

1. PRESENT

2. COMMENCEMENT AND WELCOME: A M

The Mayor declared the meeting open and welcomed all present.

3. APOLOGY

Was received from

Cr moved that the apology be received.
Seconded Cr

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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Cr moved that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the
15 January 2007 be taken as read and confirmed.
Seconded Cr

5. MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES

5.1 MANNUM LEISURE CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Nil.

5.2 MANNUM CARAVAN PARK COMMITTEE

Nil.

5.3 MID MURRAY STED SCHEME MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Nil.

5.4 MID MURRAY COUNCIL RESERVES COMMITTEE

Nil.

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5.5 MID MURRAY BUILDING FIRE SAFETY COMMITTEE

Cr moved that the Minutes of the Mid Murray Building Fire Safety Committee meeting held on the 19 September 2006 be received.
Seconded Cr

5.6 WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Nil.

5.7 MID MURRAY COUNCIL OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SAFETY AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

Nil.

5.8 MID MURRAY AND KAROONDA EAST MURRAY DISTRICT COUNCILS PLANT COMMITTEE

Nil

5.9 MANNUM DRY ZONE WORKING GROUP

Nil.

5.10 MID MURRAY COUNCIL DISABILITY ACCESS REVIEW WORKING PARTY

Nil.

5.11 SOCIAL VISION WORKING PARTY

Nil

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5.12 MID MURRAY COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANEL

Cr moved that the Minutes of the Mid Murray Council Development Assessment Panel meeting held on the 29 January 2007 be received.

Seconded Cr

5.13 BLANCHETOWN RURAL TRANSACTION CENTRE COMMITTEE

Nil.

5.14 TRURO STREETScape ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Nil.

5.15 MANNUM AND CAMBRAI YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Nil.

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5.16 MANNUM DOCK MUSEUM BOARD

Cr moved that the Minutes of the Mannum Dock Museum Board meeting held on the 23 January, 2007 be received.

Seconded Cr

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5.17 MORGAN MUSEUM BOARD

Cr moved that the Minutes of the Mid Murray Council Morgan Museum Board Special meeting held on the 16 January, 2007 be received.

Seconded Cr

5.18 SWAN REACH COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE COMMITTEE

Nil.

6. BUSINESS DEFERRED

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7 MAYOR'S REPORT

Cr moved that the report be received.
Seconded Cr

Activity

Wednesday 17th January

I attended the first day of the Tour Down Under Festival and although numbers of visitors were below expectation in the early afternoon they built up to an estimated 5,000 for the Black Sorrows Concert. The reserve was well presented and well maintained over the two days and the quality of entertainment was high.

Thursday 18th January

I hosted the Council reception on the balcony of the Pretoria Hotel which was well attended with many invitees thanking me for the opportunity to observe the Tour Down Under spectacle. The Hotel Staff did an excellent job with the catering which was appreciated by all. I was on standby and almost got to start the race as Minister Lomax-Smith only just made it on time but the start proceeded smoothly and was followed by the Celebrity Race which generated a lot of fun. I would personally like to thank all involved in the Event as it was a huge success with Mannum winning the Best Dressed Town for the stage and overall.

Friday 19th January

My wife and I attended the Official Opening of the Morgan Houseboat Pump-Out Station by River Murray Minister Maywald. The Project was funded by the State Govt. and managed by Council and the Minister presented me with a symbolic cheque to cover the capital costs and an agreed maintenance fee for the use of our disposal site. The function was well attended by representatives from the Contractor, Govt. Departments, Boating and Sustainable Recreation Groups present.

Thursday 25th January

At 9.30 am I attended a meeting with a developer in Randell Street, Mannum who is considering a luxury accommodation facility which may require some overhang of the footpath that would need Council approval as distinct from the normal planning process that is managed by the Development Assessment Panel.

I then attended a meeting with SAPOL Superintendent Tom Reinerts that was organised by Mannum Progress Assn. and held at the Barn Complex. There were around fifty people present who expressed serious concern about the level of incidents occurring around the town generally late at night or early morning. It was agreed that further discussion take place in around three months time when the new Sergeant has been appointed to the Mannum Station.

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MAYOR'S REPORT CONT'D

In the early afternoon I attended the funeral of Dulcie Dunn, a local lady who was closely associated with lawn bowls at all levels.

At 3.30 pm I conducted a Citizenship Ceremony for Samantha Trewartha of Mannum who could not attend the Australia Day function.

Friday 26th January

I co-hosted the Australia Day Breakfast held on the riverfront at Mannum. A record crowd of over 600 assembled for the Lion's breakfast and to watch the presentation of the Council and Lions Awards which was complimented by a Citizenship Ceremony for the Clarkson Family and excellent entertainment. I observed many Councillors present and thank you for your support, also to Chief Executive Officer, Dean for presenting the material to me in an orderly fashion. I believe that this Lions/Council Australia Day function was the best we have held and congratulate all involved.

Tuesday 30th January

In the morning I attended the presentation of the Tour Down Under Awards function held on the Mary Ann Reserve at Mannum. Dick Olesinski (KESAB Special Projects Consultant) Rose Gaserowski (Best dressed Town Co-ordinator – Events SA) and Peter Wadewitz (Peats Soils & Garden Supplies) presented awards and prizes to the Mannum Community in recognition of Mannum being awarded the Best Dressed Town for the TDU both in the stage and overall sections. A good number of our volunteers attended and the Peats Soil prize of a load of mulch was awarded to Mannum Community College for their outstanding contribution to the TDU Event.

In the afternoon I visited David Townsend in the Mount Pleasant Hospital and presented him with his Certificate of Recognition and gifts for his service to Council. In the last Council David was the longest serving member having served for nineteen years firstly for Mannum and later Mid Murray, he is being treated for bowel cancer and on Council's behalf I wished him a speedy recovery.

Wednesday 31st January

I attended the South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils Meeting held at LGA House, Adelaide. Guest speaker was Claus Schomfeldt, Director NRM Support DWLBC who presented on NRM Funding (or lack of) into the future. While this is not Local Govt. core business there is concern for our communities who may blame us if the levies suddenly rise as we are the collection agency. Other Agenda items included Revised Criteria for Reclassification of Roads, Rural Property Addressing, Water Licensing, and Regional Broadband.

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MAYOR'S REPORT CONT'DThursday 1st February

I attended the Local Govt. Assn. State Executive Meeting held at LGA House Adelaide. Numbers were down due to some post election appointments not being finalized. Agenda items included Strengthening Local Govt., Website Charges, Election Review, Parliamentary Bills and funding for School Based Immunization Programs. Guest Speaker was Chris Campion who presented on his Project "Sustainable Communities" as it relates to Asset Management. A DVD was launched which will be made available to Councils in due course. Mayor Kym McHugh was elected to fill the vacant Country Vice President Position.

Friday 2nd February

I attended the Murray and Mallee LGA Meeting held at Karoonda. Agenda items included Impounding Act Review, Cancellation of Nowingi Waste Project, Reports from Officers and Delegates, Regional Drought Committee, Transport Strategy, Regional Broadband, and a Strategic Planning Workshop.

Monday 5th February

Senior Staff and I met with Nigel Johns from Telstra Countrywide to discuss possible Telecommunication opportunities for Council.

Tuesday 6th February

I attended the Council Tour of our northern region.

Wednesday 7th February

I attended the Council workshop on Waste Management held at Cambrai.

Ian R Mann OAM
MAYOR

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8. ELECTED MEMBERS' REPORTS

A copy of the Elected Members' Reports received is attached.

Cr moved that the elected members' reports be received.
Seconded Cr

9. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE – COUNCILLORS

Rules per Regulations -

- Questions and replies are not entered in the minute book unless expressly required by resolution.
- No debate shall be allowed on any question or the reply to any question.
- If required by the Mayor, such questions shall be put in writing.
- The Mayor may direct that a reply be given at the meeting.

10. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE – COUNCILLORS

Rules per Regulations –

- These questions must be in writing and given to the Chief Executive Officer five (5) clear days prior to the meeting.
- Chief Executive Officer shall place these items in the agenda.
- They shall be answered by the Mayor at the meeting.

Questions and replies shall be entered into the minute book.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

12. DEPUTATIONS

Murraylands Regional Development Board

1-00 P M The Mayor reported that Mr Brenton Lewis, Chief Executive Officer, Murraylands Regional Development Board, would attend the meeting to address Council on the Board's activities.

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13. PETITIONS

Petition to Mid Murray Council to investigate a property containing citrus trees at Swan Reach.

The petition states:

“We the citizens of Swan Reach are concerned that the citrus orchard on Nildottie Road, south of Gameau Road, is a potential fire hazard. We are aware that the orchard has had a tidy up, but trees appear to be dead and therefore an extreme fire hazard, also an embarrassment to the town. We would like the trees removed or some other action taken.”

The petition contains 138 signatures.

A copy of the petition and the covering letter is attached.

Cr moved that the petition be received.
Seconded Cr

14. REPORTS BY OFFICERS

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14.1 WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT

Cr moved that the report be received.
Seconded Cr

14.1.1 Works Construction Gangs

Strategic Plan Reference
Infrastructure, Assets & Facility Management
Goal 4.1.2

Update of Works Construction Gangs has been prepared.

A copy of the monthly update is attached.

14.1.2 2007 South Australian Local Government Roads & Works Conference

Strategic Plan Reference
Infrastructure, Assets & Facility Management
Goal 4.1.1

The annual South Australian Local Government Roads and Works Conference will be held on Thursday 30th and Friday 31st August 2007 at Sunset Cove (formerly Wirrina Resort).

A copy of the flyer is attached.

For members' information.

14.1.3 Speed Controls

Strategic Plan Reference
Infrastructure, Asset and Facility Management
Goal 4.1.1

The introduction and alteration of speed controls for traffic is carried out in accordance with *Australian Standard AS 1742.4-1999* which includes the Manual of uniform traffic control devices *Part 4: Speed Controls*.

Australian Standards are set so that throughout Australia criteria for Speed Controls are uniform.

The objective of speed management is to contribute to road safety, mobility and amenity on public roads by providing a credible system of speed limits which are compatible with the speed environment.

Most importantly these principles shall be observed when determining speed limits:-

- The speed limit shall not be so low that a significant number of drivers will ignore it.

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14.1 WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT CONT'D**Speed Limits cont'd**

- Speed limits shall not be applied for the purpose of compensating for isolated geometric deficiencies.

The criteria to be considered:-

- Road function
- Existing traffic speeds
- Speed environment
- Road crash history

The above mentioned criteria are not simple, for example, the speed environment includes such topics as:-

- Roadside development (urban/rural, residential, commercial, industrial, special uses, and density of development)
- Road characteristics (standard of design, type and frequency of intersections, type and frequency of accesses from abutting development, speed environment on adjoining sections of road and parking provisions and activity)
- Traffic characteristics (traffic volume and pattern, traffic composition).

In total the Australian Standard *AS 1742.4-1999* is a 31 page document, and to understand how to implement the document requires a considerable amount of skill. So much so that only the State Government has total control of the limits.

When first establishing a speed zone a complete study of the area is performed by experts in this field, and the positioning of the signs is documented in the Government Gazette.

The Works Department has contacted The Department of Transport, Energy and Infrastructure regarding members concerns on the speed zones in Cambrai and Walker Flat. They are more than familiar with both areas and see no need to change the existing zones, as the criteria for the zone has not changed. It is important that speed zones are set by standard rather than unqualified opinions.

To explain the justification in both cases:-

Cambrai, the development in Cambrai has justified a 60 km/hr zone; it is a requirement in the Standard to have a buffer zone of a certain distance with an 80 km/hr zone, this is the situation at present. The narrow bridge and corner are isolated geometric deficiencies and do not justify extending the zone. The fact that a school bus stops at the intersection before the bridge and is causing a possible dangerous situation is not a Council concern; the bus driver has a duty of care to stop in appropriate places and is protected by a 25 km/hr limit when doing so.

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14.1 WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT CONT'D**Speed Limits cont'd**

Walker Flat, the development in Walker Flat justifies an 80 km/hr zone, the corner before the ferry is an isolated geometric deficiency and does not justify a separate zone, people walking from youth camps have certain legal requirements on the road, and traffic travelling along the road when people are present are not entitled to go 80 km/hr if it is not safe to do so.

Comment: Enforcement and education of speed zones is another issue.

Recommendation:

Moved _____ Seconded _____
that no further action be taken in this matter.

14.1.4 Works Correspondence for Information

Strategic Plan Reference
Community
Goal 2.1.5

Summary of correspondence replied to during the period between Council meetings for January 2007/February 2007 has been prepared.

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

For members' information.

14.1.5 Correspondence – JL & JC Harris

Strategic Plan Reference
Natural and Built Environment
Goal 1.1.8

Asking Council to consider the relocation of the Bowhill wheelie bin bank.

A copy of the letter is attached.

For members' information.

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14.1 WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT CONT'D

14.1.6 Correspondence – EH & LC Andriessen

*Strategic Plan Reference
Natural and Built Environment
Goal 1.1.8*

Asking Council to address the problems at the McBeans Pound wheelie bin bank.

A copy of the letter is attached

For members' information.

14.1.7 Correspondence – S & C Krollig

*Strategic Plan Reference
Natural and Built Environment
Goal 1.1.8*

Voicing concerns regarding the refuse at Bowhill especially the wheelie bin area.

A copy of the letter is attached

For members' information.

JP Fry
WORKS MANAGER

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14.2 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

Cr moved that the report be received.
 Seconded Cr

14.2.1 Disability Access Review Working Party

Strategic Plan Reference
Community
Goal 2.1.2

Reporting Officer: Kelvin Goldstone

In accordance with the resolution of Council (minute 9446/2, 22/11/2006), expressions of interest were called to fill three vacant community representative positions. Expressions of interest were received from:-

Mr Glen Virgin, Mannum (existing member)
 Ms Christine Smith-Rowe, Mannum (past member)
 Ms Sue Dixon (existing member)
 Ms Jan Bock, Mannum (past member)
 Mr Graham Barlow, Swan Reach.

Traditionally Council has had difficulty in attracting interest in terms of community representation consequently it is recommended all those who have submitted an expression of interest should be appointed.

Recommendation:

Moved _____ Seconded _____
 that Mr Glen Virgin, Ms Christine Smith-Rowe, Ms Sue Dixon, Ms Jan Bock and Mr Graham Barlow be appointed community representatives on the Mid Murray Disability Access Review Working Party.

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14.2 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CONT'D

14.2.2 STED Scheme Maintenance Committee

*Strategic Plan Reference
Natural and Built Environment
Goal 1.1.7*

Reporting Officer: Kelvin Goldstone

In accordance with the resolution of Council (minute 9448/2, 22/11/1006), expressions of interest were called to fill a vacant position of shack area representative on Council's STED Scheme Maintenance Committee. Submissions were received from:-

Jeff Hall/Don Hannam	Bowhill
Stephen McArthur	Pelican Point
Michael Parkinson	Scotts Creek
Greg Enthoven	Greenways Landing.

Copies of submissions are attached.

For members interest current shack area representatives are:-

Ms Dawn Prust, Teal Flat
Mr Bill Fraser, Blanchetown
Mr Bob Peters, Brenda Park.

Council can appoint one, (or more if felt necessary) from those persons who have submitted an expression of interest or request the STEDS Committee recommend the appropriate appointment.

For consideration.

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14.2 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CONT'D**14.2.3 I & D Tuckey – Roadside Sign**

Reporting Officer: Kelvin Goldstone

A Development Application has been lodged by I & D Tuckey seeking consent to erect an advertising sign 1800mm wide x 900mm high on Council road reserve, Egerton Street (Swan Reach Road), Blanchetown. Copies of details are attached.

Council approval as the landowner is required separate to any approval issued under the Development Act.

Traditionally Council has not supported commercial roadside advertising, approval of the application will possibly result in similar requests from other businesses within and around Blanchetown.

Recommendation:

Moved _____ Seconded _____
that the application from I & D Tuckey to erect a roadside sign at Blanchetown be refused.

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14.2 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CONT'D**14.2.4 Section 30 Review**

Reporting Officer: Kelvin Goldstone

Council's Senior Planning Officer has provided the attached draft timetable in relation to proposed Plan Amendment Reports emanating from the recently completed Section 30 Development Plan Review.

The endorsed Section 30 Review document, which has been forwarded to the Minister, incorporates Council's proposed Plan Amendment Report programme.

For member information the previous Council endorsed Plan Amendment Reports focussing on:-

- a) Heritage Places
- b) Selected Township Boundaries and General Policy issues
- c) Minimum Development Unit Review and Rural and Rural Living Zones Policy Review
- d) River Murray Zone townships, settlements plus General Policy Review (low priority).

Although a large proportion of work associated with the Plan Amendment Report's will be done in house there will be substantial costs involved. In total, costs in the order of \$90,000 can be anticipated for items a) to c). The current budget has an allocation of \$9,000.

Council has a number of options including of course the postponement of all Plan Amendment Reports until sufficient funds are allocated in future budgets.

The following recommendation while not completely budgeted for allows for Council to proceed with the Development Plan Amendment Programme which will run over the next eighteen months or so.

Recommendation:

Moved _____ Seconded _____

- (i) That Council proceed with the proposed Heritage Places Plan Amendment Report at an anticipated cost of \$45,000.
- (ii) That an appropriate allocation be made in the 2007/2008 budget to undertake a Residential, Selected Townships & Settlements and General Policy Review Plan Amendment Report together with a review of Minimum Development Unit policy.
- (iii) That an appropriate allocation be made in the 2008/2009 budget to undertake a River Murray Zone townships, settlements plus General Policy Review.

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14.2 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CONT'D**14.2.5 Correspondence – Walker Flat and Districts Holiday Homes Association**

Seeking Council's views on a proposal to construct and seal Rob Loxton Road, Walker Flat as part of the STEDS project.

A copy of the letter is attached.

Comment

Discussions have been held with various shack/land owners on Rob Loxton Road regarding this issue and there does seem to be overall support for the road to be constructed/sealed as part of the proposed STED scheme installation project.

The STED scheme is anticipated to be installed during 2007 and will involve considerable excavation of the existing road surface.

Recommendation:

Moved _____ Seconded _____
that the Environmental Services Manager, Works Manager, Cr Milsom, Cr Burgess and Corporate Services & Finance Manager consider the alternatives available to finance the sealing of Rob Loxton Road and report back to Council.

Kelvin Goldstone
MANAGER, ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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14.3 CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT

Cr moved that the report be received.
Seconded Cr

14.3.1 Financial Report

14.3.1.1 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31 January 2007

*Strategic Plan Reference
Finance & Administration
Goal 6.1.1*

The Bank Reconciliation Statement as at the above date is attached.

Recommendation:

Moved _____ Seconded _____
that the bank reconciliation statement as at 31 January 2007 of \$2,972,347.43 credit be received.

14.3.1.2 Review of Investments

*Strategic Plan Reference
Finance & Administration
Strategy 6.2.4*

Council is required to review its investment strategy each year to ensure that it is achieving the best outcomes for Council.

Like the majority of Councils throughout South Australia, Mid Murray Council invests its funds with the Local Government Finance Authority. As well as providing competitive interest rates the Local Government Finance Authority also gives each Council an annual bonus based on the amount of business it carries out with the Authority, for both investments and loans and the fees charged by the Authority are also minimal in comparison to other institutions.

An analysis of Council's investments for 2006/2007 is attached for members.

Recommendation:

Moved _____ Seconded _____
that the Review of Investments for the period 1 July 2006 to 31 December 2006 be received and that Council continue to invest its funds with the Local Government Finance Authority.

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14.3 CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT CONT'D**Financial Report Cont'd**

14.3.1 3 Budget Review Statement

*Strategic Plan Reference
Finance & Administration
Strategy 6.2.4*

A copy of the Budget Review Statement for the period 1 July 2006 to 31 December 2006 is enclosed for members.

Recommendation:

Moved _____ Seconded _____
that the Budget Review Statement be received.

Business Arising from Budget Review Statement**Issues for Consideration:**

Adjustments to Budget

Administration:

An additional expenditure allocation of \$31,500 has been included in the budget review to cover revised allowances for elected members. (Proposed adjustment in this report)

Works:

Additional works expenditure of \$160,464 to cover undergrounding of power in Truro. This will be financed from transfers from reserve of \$77,000 and the balance from loan funds \$83,464. The loan will be taken out later in the financial year. (Proposed adjustment in this report)

Economic Affairs:

Income from the sale of 1956 Flood Event books and wine has been higher than budgeted, and this income has been used to offset increased expenditure for the 1956 Flood Event. (Proposed adjustment in this report)

Other Purposes NEC:

Investment Income Local Government Finance Authority. Increase income by \$30,000 as we will receive more income than budgeted. Reduce income from banks by \$7,500 as Bank SA has considerably reduced the interest they are paying on our account balance. (Proposed adjustment in this report)

Planning Review Consultants – Heritage Places Plan Amendment Report

The Budget Review does not include any increase in the allocation of \$6,000 for consultancy work. The cost of this work has been estimated to be \$45,000.

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14.3 CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT CONT'D

Financial Report Cont'd

Business Arising from Budget Review Statement

Recommendation:

Moved _____ Seconded _____
that the Budget Review Statement for the period 1 July 2006 to 31
December 2006 be adopted.

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14.3 CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT CONT'D**14.3.2 Proposed Contract with Trans Tasman Energy Group (TTEG) for Public Lighting Services**

*Strategic Plan Reference
Finance & Administration
Strategy 6.2.4*

In June 2003 the LGA Public Lighting Committee noted a number of public lighting (street lighting) issues for Local Government.

These concerns were related to service charges:

- Distribution use of System (DUOS – provided by ETSA Utilities to Local Government at a cost of \$2.5 million p.a.)
- Street Lighting use of System (SLUOS – provided by ETSA Utilities to Local Government at a cost of \$14 million p.a. [Operation and Maintenance, Provision and Replacement of street lighting assets (poles, standards, brackets, lanterns etc)].

The Local Government Association decided to challenge the service charges being levied on Councils by ETSA Utilities, with the assistance of consultants Trans Tasman Energy Group (TTEG).

In November 2004, 63 Councils indicated a commitment to the engagement of TTEG as an advocate to represent Local Government in challenging the fees and charges levied by ETSA Utilities. The Department of Transport Energy and Infrastructure also confirmed their interest in joining with Local Government.

Challenge of the SLUOS is an important initiative for Councils as a successful outcome will provide cost savings and establish the basis for all future SLUOS charges.

It is proposed that TTEG are to be engaged on a performance fee structure which provides for TTEG to receive 20% of the savings delivered to Councils. No savings to Councils means no payment to TTEG, ie TTEG have opportunity to achieve savings between the period 2005 to 2010 and should they be successful are to be paid 20% of the savings achieved with Councils to retain the remaining 80% of cost savings.

A general overview of the contract and draft pro-forma Council resolutions have been prepared by Norman Waterhouse Lawyers.

A copy of the letter from the Local Government Association and the General Overview of the Consultancy Agreement is attached.

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14.3 CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT CONT'D**Proposed Contract with Trans Tasman Energy Group (TTEG) for Public Lighting Services****Recommendation:**

Moved _____ Seconded _____

that the Council resolves:

1. Pursuant to Section 37(b) of the Local Government Act 1999 to appoint the Local Government Association of South Australia as an agent authorised by the Council to sign the Consultancy Agreement with Trans Tasman Energy Group Pty Ltd (in the form tabled at this meeting and generally in accordance with the General Overview of Consultancy Agreement also tabled at this meeting) on its behalf.
2. In exercise of the power contained in Section 44 (2)(d) of the Local Government Act 1999 the powers and functions of the Council under the Consultancy Agreement with Trans Tasman Energy Group Pty Ltd are hereby delegated to [*insert name of officer and office held*] and to any person occupying the office of [*insert office held*].

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14.3 CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT CONT'D**14.3.3 Community Grants***Strategic Plan Reference**Community**Goal 2.1.5*

In accordance with Council policy the following 8 applications had been received as at 31 January 2007.

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>
Blanchetown Combined Sporting Bodies	Mowing of the Blanchetown Oval	\$500.00
Blanchetown District Hall Inc	Extension of concrete access between carpark and building	\$500.00
Friends of Younghusband River Care Inc	Maintenance, petrol/oil for ride on mower	\$500.00
Keyneton Lindsay Evans Memorial Park Inc	Painting of main pavilion and toilet building	\$500.00
Mannum Mini Movers	Hire of Mannum Football Clubrooms for fundraiser	\$180.00
Mannum Show Society	Band music for young talent quest and walk-up artists	\$500.00
Morgan District Lions	To build Lions Club storage shed	\$500.00
Mannum Rowing Club	Replace Rowing Club signage	\$418.00

A copy of the above applications are attached to this report.

Recommendation:

Moved _____ Seconded _____
that Council make the following Community Grants available:

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>
Blanchetown Combined Sporting Bodies	Mowing of the Blanchetown Oval	\$500.00
Blanchetown District Hall Inc	Extension of concrete access between carpark and building	\$500.00
Friends of Younghusband River Care Inc	Maintenance, petrol/oil for ride on mower	\$500.00
Keyneton Lindsay Evans Memorial Park Inc	Painting of main pavilion and toilet building	\$500.00

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14.3 CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT CONT'D**Community Grants Cont'd****Recommendation Cont'd:**

Mannum Mini Movers	Hire of Mannum Football Clubrooms for fundraiser	\$180.00
Mannum Show Society	Band music for young talent quest and walk-up artists	\$500.00
Morgan District Lions	To build Lions Club storage shed	\$500.00
Mannum Rowing Club	Replace Rowing Club signage	\$418.00

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14.3 CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT CONT'D

14.3.4 Correspondence – Local Government Association of South Australia

Strategic Plan Reference

Governance

Strategy 5.2.1

2007 New Council Members' Residential Seminar – Change of Date and Venue – Circular 3.12

The 2007 Residential Seminar for New Council Members will now be held from Thursday 8 March through to Saturday 10 March 2007 at the Barossa Weintal Resort, Tanunda (please note the change of date and venue from that originally advertised). Councils are urged to register delegates for the seminar by cob Wednesday 28 February 2007. Please note that accommodation bookings need to be made separately direct with the venue.

A copy of the circular and registration form is attached.

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14.3 CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT CONT'D

14.3.5 Correspondence – Local Government Association of South Australia

Strategic Plan Reference

Governance

Strategy 5.2.1

Financial Sustainability and Asset Management Training – Circular 4.10

A series of training courses will be provided in regional and metropolitan locations this year for Council Members and Staff as a consequence of the recommendations of the 2005 inquiry into the Financial Sustainability of Local Government. Councils are urged to register Council Members and staff for relevant courses.

Comment

The courses have an initial session and then a follow up session to provide further assistance.

A regional course suited to elected members and senior managers has been programmed for Karoonda on:

19 March and 30 May – 9.30 am to 4.30 pm

A copy of the circular and the course Registration of Interest form is attached.

For discussion.

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14.3 CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT CONT'D

14.3.6 Correspondence – Local Government Association of South Australia

*Strategic Plan Reference
Finance & Administration
Goal 6.1.1*

Budgeting for Increase in EPA Solid Waste Levy – Circular 2.1

The recent state budget announced a doubling of the waste levy charges payable on disposal of solid waste to landfill, effectively increasing the amount collected by the State Government by \$10 million per annum. The attached letter from the Hon Gail Gago MLC, Minister for the Environment and Conservation in mid December 2006 suggests Councils factor a twofold increase in the levy for budgeting purposes.

Comment

The waste levy charge for Mid Murray Council for 2006/2007 is \$19,000.

A copy of the circular and correspondence from the Minister is attached.

For members' information.

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14.3 CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT CONT'D**14.3.7 Correspondence – Local Government Association of South Australia***Strategic Plan Reference**Governance**Goal 5.1.1*

Changes to Water Licensing Arrangements - Circular 3.3

The State Government is making changes to water licencing arrangements as part of its commitment to the National Water Initiative (NWI). In order to meet the requirements under the NWI for interstate water trading the Government seeks to make legislative changes. This circular contains information about the proposed changes.

Under the changes existing licences will be separated into their main components:

- a Water Access Entitlement
- a Water Allocation
- a Site Use Approval
- a Works Approval and
- a Delivery Share

A copy of the circular and the Information Paper is attached.

For members' information.

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14.3 CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT CONT'D

14.3.8 Correspondence – Blanchetown Progress Association

*Strategic Plan Reference
Community
Goal 2.1.5*

Writing to ask Council to recognise their Association by the appointment of a Council representative.

Comment

At present Council does not have an appointed Council representative on the Blanchetown Progress Association, whereas it does have Council appointed representatives on progress associations and community associations in other towns.

A copy of the letter is attached.

Recommendation:

Moved _____ Seconded _____
that Councillor _____ be appointed as Council's
representative to the Blanchetown Progress Association.

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14.3 CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT CONT'D

14.3.9 Correspondence – Truro & District Community Association Inc

*Strategic Plan Reference
Community
Strategy 2.2.4*

Re: Truro Cemetery

Asking Council to consider the purchase of 100 rose bushes for planting in the Truro Cemetery.

Comment

The Association has discussed the matter with Council's Works Supervisor, Andrew Strauss, who supports the request because the Association has offered to plant and maintain the rose bushes.

A copy of the letter is attached.

Recommendation:

Moved _____ Seconded _____
that Council fund the purchase of 100 rose bushes for the Truro Cemetery on the understanding that the rose bushes will be planted and maintained by the Truro & District Community Association Inc.

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14.3 CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT

14.3.10 Correspondence – Bear Rock Rodders Association

*Strategic Plan Reference
Community
Strategy 2.2.4*

Applying for permission to hold the 2007 Mannum Hot Rod Day on the southern end of Mary Ann Reserve on Sunday 11 March 2007, from the boat ramp car park to the southern end of the reserve. They seek Council permission to use temporary fencing, as was done last year, to close off the southern end of the reserve and the section of River Lane from Trewartha Street to the southern end of the Mary Ann Reserve.

A copy of the letter is attached.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act Council is responsible for declaring the event and making an order for exemptions from some of the Australian Road Rules.

Recommendation:

Moved _____ Seconded _____

- (1) that approval be granted to enable the Bear Rock Rodders Association 2007 Mannum Hot Rod day to be held at the southern end of the Mary Ann Reserve on Sunday 11 March 2007, subject to the general conditions applicable to the Council's Special Event permit.
- (2) that Council grant permission for the Bear Rock Rodders Association to use temporary fencing to fence off the southern end of Mary Ann Reserve and the section of River Lane from Trewartha Street to the southern end of Mary Ann Reserve.
- (3) that pursuant to section 33(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1961, Council declares that the event described below ("Event") that is to take place on the roads described below ("Road") is an event to which section 33 of the Road Traffic Act 1961 applies; and pursuant to section 33(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Act 1961, makes an order directing that the road on which the Event is to be held and any adjacent or adjoining roads specified below, be closed to traffic for the period from 10-00 a m until 5-00 p m on Sunday 11 March 2007.

Roads: That section of River Lane from Trewartha Street to the southern end of the Mary Ann Reserve.

Event: 2007 Mannum Hot Rod Day

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14.3 CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT CONT'D

Correspondence – Bear Rock Rodders Association Cont'd

- (4) that pursuant to Section 33(1) (b) of the Road Traffic Act, 1961 Council makes an order directing that persons taking part in the Event be exempted, in relation to the Roads, from the duty to observe the Australian Road Rules specified below and attaching to the exemption -

Australian Road Rules Exemptions

Rule 230: Crossing a road – general;

Rule 238: Pedestrians travelling along a road; (except in or on a wheeled recreational device or toy);

- (5) that Council employees be authorised to erect the necessary road signs and barricades.

Robin S Bourne
CORPORATE SERVICES AND
FINANCE MANAGER

12/2/2007

14.4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Cr moved that the report be received.
 Seconded Cr

14.4.1 Riverland Tourism Association - Funding Agreement

Strategic Plan Reference
Economy
Goal 3.1.4

In 2004, this Council in conjunction with the three Riverland Councils, entered into a three (3) year funding Agreement with SA Tourism Commission and the Riverland Tourism Association.

In the three years of that Agreement, each Riverland Council contributed \$10,000 annually, with Mid Murray Council contributing \$3,600 and the SATC \$156,250.

That Agreement expires as at 30 June 2007 and requires all parties to consider entering into a new three year funding Agreement.

It has been proposed that the local government contributions increase by CPI annually. This would mean that Mid Murray Council would contribute \$3,726 in 2007/08 with the other three councils contributing \$10,350. The SATC would contribute \$156,250 annually for the term of the Agreement.

This wording of this Agreement is very similar to the one Council has recently signed for the Murraylands Region. I consider that Council should support the proposed new three year funding Agreement.

A copy of the Agreement is attached.

Recommendation:

Moved _____ Seconded _____
 that the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be authorised to sign and seal the Agreement between Riverland Tourism Association, SA Tourism, Mid Murray Council, Renmark Paringa Council, Berri Barmera Council and Loxton Waikerie Council.

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14.4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT CONT'D**14.4.2 Local Government Association - General Meeting 2007**

Strategic Plan Reference
Governance
Goal 5.1.1

The 2007 General Meeting of the LGA will be held on Friday, 13 April at the Adelaide Convention Centre. The General Meeting will be held in conjunction with the LGA Conference which will be held on 11 -13 April. Further details regarding the Conference will be forwarded shortly by the LGA.

Nominations are being called for the position of LGA President. To be eligible, a nominee must be a serving member of a Council and must have served at least one year as a member of the LGA State Executive Committee. The term of office is two years.

The Returning Officer must receive all nominations by 5.00pm on Friday, 23 February 2007.

At the October 2005 LGA Annual General Meeting, the LGA Constitution was amended to reflect a long standing protocol that the position of President alternates between metropolitan Councils and country Councils every two years. As the current President (Cr John Rich) is from a metropolitan Council (Walkerville), nominees must be eligible members of a country Council.

For member's information.

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14.4.3 Resource Recovery & Waste Forum

Strategic Plan Reference

Governance

Goal 5.1.1

The LGA in conjunction with Zero Waste SA (ZWSA) are conducting a Resource Recovery and Waste forum on Friday 9 March at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre.

The purpose of the forum is to present and discuss outcomes from 2006/07 resource recovery and waste research & development programs and key issues affecting Councils and the wider industry.

The forum agenda is attached. If any elected member wishes to attend, could they please indicate at the Council meeting.

Dean H Gollan
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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15. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

15.1 State Electoral Office

Enclosing election cost detail schedule for the conduct of the Council elections, which totals \$34,034.00.

Thanking Council staff for their assistance throughout the election period.

A copy of the letter is attached.

15.2 Mental Health Activity and Learning Centre (The MHAL), Mannum

Providing an update on the activities at MHAL.

A copy of the letter is attached.

15.3 Friends of Mannum Walking Trails

Being copy of Friends of Mannum Walking Trails newsletter.

A copy of the newsletter is attached.

15.4 "Snippets Plus"

January 2007, Edition 10. Being document compiled using information from the Australian Water Association, Murray Darling Association, FarmOnline and various other sources including various printed media and presentations attended by Peter R Smith OAM, SA Vice President Murray Darling Association.

A copy of "Snippets Plus" has been provided to the Murray Darling Association Region Six representatives.

Cr moved that the above correspondence be received and noted.
Seconded Cr

16. OTHER BUSINESS

16.1 Action Sheets

Action Sheets have been forwarded to all members.

17. NEXT MEETING

To be held at Cambrai at 9.30 am on Tuesday 13 March, 2007.

18. CLOSURE