AGENDA

COUNCIL MEETING

26TH FEBRUARY 2019

at 6:00 p.m.
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1999, the next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held in the Council Chambers, 19 Wilson Street Berri SA, on 26th February 2019 commencing at 6:00 p.m.

KARYN BURTON
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

21/2/2019
Opening: Council Prayer / Acknowledgement of Country

1: PRESENT:

2: APOLOGIES:

3: ADJOURNED ITEMS: Nil

4: MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

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6: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

7: PETITIONS:

8: QUESTIONS FROM THE GALLERY:

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9.2 Ms Kelsey Wade - Livvi’s Place

10: MOTIONS WITH NOTICE:
10.1 Defibrillators – Cr Winnall

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13.4 Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association - Minutes from
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13.5 Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association – Berri Barmera Council representation

13.6 Murray Darling Association – Region 5; Council support for funding

13.7 Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee - Inquiry into the Water Amendment (Purchase Limit Repeal) Bill 2019

13.8 2019 National General Assembly of Local Government, 16th – 19th June 2019, Canberra

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15: INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES:
15.1 Bus Stop Shelter – Vaughan Terrace Berri

16: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES:
16.1 Environmental Services and Major Projects – Building and Development Activity Report, January 2019
16.2 Proposed road closure under Section 10 of the Roads (Opening and Closing) Act 1991

17: QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE:

18: MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE:

19: CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS: Nil

20: CLOSURE:
Opening: Council Prayer / Acknowledgement of Country

1: PRESENT:

2: APOLOGIES:

3: ADJOURNED ITEMS: Nil

4: MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST:
   Elected members are required to:
   1. Consider Section 73 and 75 of the Local Government Act 1999 and determine whether they have a material, actual or perceived conflict of interest in any matter to be considered in this Agenda.
   2. Disclose those interests in accordance with the requirements of Section 74 and 75A of the Local Government Act 1999 on the approved form.

5: CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS CONSIDERATION:
   Elected Members request for additional information required for the ‘public interest test' for proposed confidential items in the Agenda.

6: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 22nd January 2019

   RECOMMENDATION:
   That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 22nd January 2019 be taken as read and confirmed.

7: PETITIONS: Nil

8: QUESTIONS FROM THE GALLERY:

9: DEPUTATIONS / ADDRESS:
   9.1 Mr John Comrie – Outgoing Independent Presiding Member, Berri Barmera Council Audit Committee (scheduled for 6:05pm)
   9.2 Ms Kelsey Wade - Livvi’s Place (scheduled for 6:20pm)
10: MOTIONS WITH NOTICE:
10.1 Defibrillators – Cr Winnall
Preamble:
The heart foundation has recently released mapped heart disease death data from across Australia. Local government areas of over 3000 population with the highest age-standardised-rate of death by heart disease in 2012-16 have been shown. The Berri Barmera council has been identified as the seventh highest rate of death by heart disease in South Australia.

St John Ambulance service advise that for every minute a person waits for defibrillation, the chance of survival decreases by 10%. St John collect and now share information about defibrillation device (AED) locations to the community. Currently the Berri Barmera area shows no listed locations on St John AED register. There are currently AEDs on council owned sites which can only be accessed when the facility is open to the public (behind locked doors at other times). Placing AEDs on the outside of buildings allows the public to have access to potentially life saving device, 24-7.

Communicating to the public the locations of any publicly accessible AEDs could also save lives as first aiders could identify a nearby device sooner than a paramedic arriving.

Links to further information:
http://aed.stjohn.org.au/

MOTION:
That the Berri Barmera Council:
1. show public defibrillator locations on future community guide maps
2. ensure any future defibrillator machines installed at properties owned or managed by Council be placed on the outsides of buildings so they can be publicly accessible 24-7
3. attempt to relocate any defibrillator machines not accessible 24-7 at council properties to prominent locations outside of buildings, if possible
4. register any public defibrillators with St John AED register
5. schedule an annual social media post advising of locations of publicly accessible defibrillators, as well as communicate any new locations as they become known.

11: QUESTIONS ON NOTICE:
11.1 Council Water entitlements – Cr Kassebaum
1. What is the volume of water held under license (CIT) by the Council?
Answer AMIS:
Barmera has 186.620ML. All of Barmera’s allocation has been used for the last three consecutive years and water has been transferred from Berri’s allocation.
Berri has 231.156ML

2. Does council have any third party agreements for access to the Council’s water infrastructure and water held under license?
Answer AMIS:
No formal agreement can be found in Council records.
3. If third party arrangements exists, what are the volumes of water being accessed and is this access detrimental to councils infrastructure?

Answer AMIS:

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4. Has the council the capacity to deliver the water volumes required by the third party’s?

Answer AMIS:

At this point we are currently supplying the maximum amount we can without it being to the detriment of council, however, if there are water restrictions in place we will not be able to deliver the amount required. There is no room for increased amounts being supplied to the Third Parties.

In a physical sense, to deliver the required amount of water to the Barmera Caravan Park, a domestic style pump and 25mm line running near constantly to fill their storage tank. There is no capacity to supply a larger amount to this facility.

5. Has council discussed with said third party’s to make other alternative water supply arrangements?

Answer AMIS:

Yes, contact has been made via email where a response was requested by November 23rd, 2018. At this time we are unable to find a reply, so will re-contact third party.
12: Elected Members Reports:

12.1 Mayor’s Report:

Recommendation:
That the Mayor’s Report be received.

12.1.1 Subject: Passing of Former Residents

Since the last meeting of Council held on 22nd January 2019 the following Deaths have been noted:
John Joseph (JJ) FUNDAK; Tullal ANDARY; Gregory James ALBRECHT; Alec (Alan) BUTTERWORTH; Margaret (Dite) KARPANY; Bethley (Beth) JOHN; Czeslaw (Chester) SAPINSKI; Lois CAMPBELL; and Kevin DEAKIN

12.1.2 Citizenship Ceremonies Held Since Last Meeting:
No Citizenship ceremonies have been held since the last meeting of Council.

12.1.3 Subject: Functions / Meetings attended since last meeting:
18 January  
Attended the CEO Selection and Performance Review Committee Meeting
21 January  
With the A/CEO attended the Murraylands & Riverland CEO Network Group Meeting in Karoonda
22 January  
Attended the Barmera Library’s Sensational Summer Reading Celebrations Competition and presented prizes
22 January  
Attended the Ordinary Meeting of Council followed by the Special Meeting of Council
26 January  
Attended the Australia Day Breakfast and Awards Ceremony on the Barmera Lakefront
26, 27 January  
Attended the USA V Australia Bad Boat Speed Spectacular on the Berri Riverfront
30 January  
With the D/Mayor & A/CEO attended the M&RLGA Meeting in Mannum
1 February  
Attended the SAROC Committee Planning Workshop in Adelaide
1 February  
Attended the Special Meeting of the Strategy, Assets and Major Projects Committee
7 February  
With Dave DeGrancy A/MIS and Harry Du, attended the M&RLGA Regional Transport and Assets Committee Meeting in Murray Bridge
8 February  
Attended the Riverland & Mallee Vocational Awards at the Berri Hotel. Two of our Council Trainees Breanna Freeman and Tyson Renshaw have done Council proud with their nominations into the various categories
11 February  
With the D/Mayor attended the GHS Student Leadership Induction Ceremony at the Middle Campus
12 February  
Attended the Strategy, Assets and Major Projects Committee Meeting
13 February  
With the D/Mayor and Cr. Fuller attended the 11th Anniversary Event - National Apology to the Stolen Generation on the Riverfront
18 February  
With Andrew Haigh MCS attended a meeting with Rosemary Gower President and Phil Turpin from the Riverland Country Music Festival Committee to hear of their proposed future directions for the Club
20 February  
Had an interview with the ABC during their week in Berri
12.2 COUNCILLORS / DELEGATES / REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS:

Cr Scott:

Cr Fuller:

Cr Winnall:
26 January  
Attended Australia Day Event at Lake Bonney
1 February  
Attended Strategy Asset and Major Projects Committee Meeting
4 February  
Met with community members to discuss their wishes for improved recreational spaces for children in Berri, attended also by Cr Scott
10 February  
Met with community members to discuss their wishes for improved recreational spaces for children in Berri
12 February  
Attended Strategy Asset and Major Projects Committee Meeting
13 February  
Attended “Part of Things” planning workshop with Alysha Hermann at Hawdon Chambers
18 February  
Attended Leases and Licenses Advisory Group meeting
18 February  
Met with Kelsey Wade to discuss “Livvi’s Place” inclusive play space

Cr Kassebaum:
22 January  
Attended the Ordinary meeting of Council.
25 January  
Attended a meeting with CQ consultants and Manager of Environmental and Major Projects, Myles Somers to discuss the progress of the Berri Solar Farm project. Meeting was held in Adelaide.
26 January  
Attended the Australia Day breakfast ceremony held on the shores of Lake Bonney. Elected members and staff were in attendance.
1 February  
Attended a meeting Accolade Wines to discuss the terms of a Power Purchasing Agreement with Berri Barmera Council (BBC). Partners of CQ consultants and Manager of Environmental and Major Projects, Myles Somers were in attendance.
1 February  
Attended the Special meeting of Council to discuss the progress of the Berri Solar Farm project.
4 February  
Attended the Monash and Lone Gum community committee meeting with Cr Little in attendance.
7 February  
Attended the Regional Development Australia Murraylands Riverland (RDAMR) board meeting held at Banrock Station.
8 February  
Attended the River Murray Advisory Council meeting held in the Berri NRM Wade street conference room.
12 February  
Chaired the Strategy, Assets and Major Projects committee meeting held at BBC.
14 February  
Attended the Riverland Fruit Fly Control (RFFC) working group meeting held at the Loxton Research Centre.
18 February  
Attended the Leases and Licences working group meeting held at BBC.
22 February  
Attended the Connecting Catchments and Communities, Menindee to the Murray Mouth public forum, held at the Renmark Hotel. The Murray Darling Association is the sponsor for several coming events to share information and connect Basin communities.

Cr Little:
22 January  
Attended ordinary meeting of Council; followed by special meeting re: CEO position.
26 January  
Attended Australia Day Breakfast and Ceremony at Lake Bonney.
23 January  
Attended Berri Barmera Landcare meeting as Council Liaison. Keen to be
involved with the Caring for Bonney Plan. Is there any assistance available to help with resurfacing/repairing the main entrance road to Wilabalangaloo?

1 February
Attended Strategy, Assets and Major Projects committee meeting in chambers; Solar Project.

4 February
Attended Monash Lone Gum Association as Council Liaison; Cr Kassebaum also attended. No quorum for general meeting; discussions for 2021 Centenary celebrations.

12 February
Attended Strategy, Assets and Major Projects committee meeting in chambers.

Cr Evans:
22 January
Attended Ordinary Meeting of Council
22 January
Attended Special Meeting re CEO position.
26 January
Attended Australia Day Ceremony at Barmera. Was pleased to be involved in singing in the Composite community choir, which also included my Great-Granddaughter, Chaniqua Possingham.

1 February
Attended Special Meeting of Strategic Governance, Assets and Major Projects Committee

12 February
Attended Special Meeting of Strategic Governance, Assets, and Major Projects Committee meeting.

Cr Sindos:
22 January
Ordinary Council Meeting
22 January
Special Council Meeting
26 January
Attended and helped setup Australia Day Breakfast held on the Lake Bonney Foreshore, great turnout for the morning walk and presentation Ceremony, all Councillors attended and Mayor Hunt. Received positive feedback from the public on the day.

1 February
Special meeting- Strategy, Asset and Major Projects Committee meeting
12 February
Strategy, Asset and Major Projects Committee Meeting
16 February
Attended the 20th anniversary of Riverland Crows supporter group at the Barmera Club.
Had lunch with Adelaide Crows General Manager Football Operations Phil Harper and discussed the possibility of having the next pre season camp in Berri.

Cr Centofanti:
18 January
CEO Selection and Performance Review meeting
22 January
Ordinary Council meeting followed by Special meeting
25 January
on behalf of Mayor Hunt attended a luncheon and meet the board hosted by SA Water Board
26 January
Attended the BBC Australia Day celebrations, leading the walk and the role of MC for the event. I received many positive comments from the community on a very well organised event. Congratulations to all who attended and assisted in anyway.

30 January
with Mayor Hunt and A/CEO attended the MRLGA meeting at Mannum
1 February
Attended a Special Meeting of the Strategy Assets and Major Projects
11 February
With Mayor Hunt attended the Glossop High School Leadership Induction Ceremony and presented certificates and badges to students elected as the 2019 Student Leadership Council

12 February
Strategy Assets and Major Projects committee meeting
13 February
With Mayor Hunt and Cr Fuller attended the Life Without Barriers - Anniversary event - National Apology to the Stolen Generation on the Berri Riverfront
18 February
Attended a meeting with A/CEO, Manager of Environmental Services and Mr Garry Cornish in regards to Pelican Point and surrounds
19 February  
Attended the Official Opening of the new PsychMed office that will facilitate the Methamphetamine Dependence Program (MATRIX) in Berri.
13: EXECUTIVE / CORPORATE SERVICES:

13.1 Executive and Corporate Services Activities Update

REPORT AUTHOR: ACEO, EA
RESPONSIBLE MANAGER: ACEO
RECORDS REF: N/A
STRATEGIC LINKS: Yes; Multiple
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Impact Nil
Budget Description Various
Allocation Various
Expenditure to Date N/A

SUMMARY:
This report provides an overview of relevant information, correspondence, activities and programs in progress within the Executive and Corporate Services Department.

REPORT:
Discussion:
Accommodation Review
- Grieve Gillet Architect (GGA) have been engaged to provide design services for the refurbishment of Council office accommodation at 19 Wilson Street, Berri
- A second workshop with the staff project working group occurred 13th February 2019.
- Plans for GGA to attend a Council workshop to present concept design and high level cost estimates in March 2019. The presentation is expected to prompt Council with further thought stimulus as to the mid to long term future of Council accommodation/Civic Centre provisions for the community.

Branding refresh
- Administration has been working for several months on a corporate branding refresh project. The aim of the project was to update and ensure consistent branding across the organisation, refresh the current Berri Barmera Council logo, and provide a style guide reflecting the refresh and use of the templates.
- The current logo was created in 2007, with only subtle, modernised changes made for the 2019 version for both print and digital use.
- The logo, templates and style guide are in the final stages of being completed, with in-house workshops for relevant staff to ensure the logo, templates and style guide are utilised for future Council branding and marketing.
- A copy of the current and refreshed logos are shown below.
Interim Audit –

- External Auditors Dean Newberry and Associates will be on site 4th March 2019 to conduct the Interim Audit, concentrating on Internal Financial controls.
- A report of the audit outcomes will be presented to the Audit Committee meeting scheduled 27th March 2019.

RDAMR Townships of the Future survey -

- The RDAMR have introduced a project entitled Townships of the Future. This project aims to identify the current and future vision of our region through the collection of data drawn from the townships, communities and remote locations within. The data will be used for stakeholders when planning strategies for the future.
- Surveys have been released encouraging community members and business owners to engage and provide information unique to their location.
- The RDAMR have requested Council support in promoting the project via Council’s social media network, website and other network channels.
- Please see the attached promotional flyer for further information and RDAMR contact details.

Media Training, 26th March 2019

- LGASA Commercial Solutions is offering a media training course, to provide both Elected Members and staff with techniques and strategies to help get Council’s messages out to the community.
- Delivered over a half-day workshop and facilitated by Georgina McGuinness, from McGuinness Media, Berri Barmera has grouped with Renmark Paringa and Southern Mallee Councils to bring this training to Berri at a reduced rate.
- Elected Members are asked to advise the Executive Assistant of their availability to attend the training.

Correspondence In

Mission Australia Youth Survey 2018 Results

- Regional Development Australia have forwarded on the Mission Australia Youth Survey 2018 Results, responses from the Murraylands and Riverland (SA) region
- Mission Australia has produced the Youth Survey for over fifteen years, which gives young people aged 15 to 19 a chance to speak up about the issues that concern them.
- A copy of the results is attached at Appendix for Members information

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council, having considered Report 13.1 titled “Executive and Corporate Services Activities Update” as presented to the Ordinary meeting of Council, receive and note the report.

ATTACHMENTS: Yes

List

Attachment 1 – Townships of the Future promotional flyer.
Attachment 2 – Mission Australia Youth Survey 2018 Results Murraylands and Riverland (SA) region
We need your help!

We need you to tell us about your towns and region.

- What are the strengths and weaknesses of your region?
- What draws people to visit?
- What would make them stay longer?
- What are the services like for you?
- Are there jobs in your region?
- What would attract people to relocate here?
- What do you buy from outside the region that you would like to see available here?

With this information we aim to produce a report unique to your region that can be used to promote, lobby and advocate for priority projects.

**Your input is valuable** Complete the survey today!

For more information or to request a paper copy
Phone: 8535 7170  Email: vliebelt@rdamr.com.au
Link to our online survey: rdamr.com.au
Responses from the Murraylands and Riverland (SA)
Summary

Demographic profile of respondents

- Of the 28,286 young people who responded to the Youth Survey 2018, 3,767 respondents were from South Australia, 239 of whom resided in the Murraylands/Riverland region (63.9% females, 35.3% males).
- A total of 8.1% of young people from the Murraylands/Riverland identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (compared with 4.0% of SA respondents). Similar proportions of females (7.2%) and males (8.8%) from the Murraylands/Riverland identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.
- A total of 4.9% of respondents from the Murraylands/Riverland stated that they were born overseas (lower than SA: 12.8%) and 7.2% reported speaking a language other than English at home (lower than SA: 18.0%).
- No respondents from the Murraylands/Riverland indicated that they had a disability.

Study and training

- 87.0% of respondents from the Murraylands/Riverland were studying full-time, while 5.0% reported not studying.
- The majority of the Murraylands/Riverland respondents were studying at school (95.6%). A minority reported studying at TAFE (3.5%) or at University (0.9%).
- Two thirds (66.0%) of young people from the Murraylands/Riverland reported that they were very satisfied (15.6%) or satisfied (50.4%) with their studies (compared with 71.2% from SA).
- A higher proportion of females from the Murraylands/Riverland felt very satisfied/satisfied with their studies (70.0% compared with 59.2% of males).
- 88.3% of respondents who were still at school planned to complete Year 12 (lower than SA: 95.9%).
- Over one in ten respondents did not intend to complete Year 12 (11.7%). A much higher proportion of males (21.1%) than females (6.7%) reported they did not plan to complete Year 12.
- Go to university was the most frequently reported post-school plan for young people from the Murraylands/Riverland (42.9% compared with 63.7% of SA). A higher proportion of females (46.3%) than males (35.4%) from the Murraylands/Riverland indicated they planned to go to university after school.
- Close to half of respondents from the Murraylands/Riverland indicated plans to get a job (48.4% compared with 36.8% of SA). A greater proportion of females (51.5%) than males (43.0%) reported plans to get a job.
- Around one in five respondents indicated travel/gap year plans after finishing school (22.6% compared with 28.7% of SA). A greater proportion of females (28.7%) than males (11.4%) reported travel/gap year plans.
- Compared with SA, a higher proportion of the Murraylands/Riverland respondents reported plans to go to TAFE or college (19.8% compared with 14.8% of SA). A much higher proportion of females (25.0%) than males (11.4%) reported plans to go to TAFE or college after school.
Over one in eight Murraylands/Riverland respondents planned to get an apprenticeship (13.8% compared with 9.1%) and fewer than one in ten planned to join the defence or police force (7.4% compared with 8.3% of SA).

Almost half (48.8%) of Murraylands/Riverland respondents reported feeling extremely/very confident in their ability to achieve their study/work goals after finishing school (compared with 50.1% of SA).

A higher proportion of males from the Murraylands/Riverland indicated they felt extremely/very confident in their ability to achieve their goals after school (55.9% compared with 43.8% of females).

Around one in eight Murraylands/Riverland respondents indicated they felt slightly/not at all confident in their ability to achieve their post-school goals (12.0%); the proportion was higher for females (14.6%) than males (7.8%).

**Employment and barriers to finding work**

Over four in ten respondents from the Murraylands/Riverland reported working part-time (41.4% compared with 39.4% of SA).

Close to four in ten young people from the Murraylands/Riverland reported that they were currently looking for work (38.4% compared with 37.8% of SA respondents).

A higher proportion of females were in part-time employment (43.8% compared with 36.1% of males) and a higher proportion of females indicated they were looking for work (41.4% compared with 33.3% of males). Double the proportion of males were neither in paid employment nor looking for work (29.2% compared with 14.8% of females).

Close to half (48.7%) of Murraylands/Riverland young people reported that they felt there were barriers impacting upon them finding work (compared with 40.4% of SA), with a notably higher proportion of females (53.5%) than males (40.5%) citing the presence of barriers.

For young people from the Murraylands/Riverland, the most commonly cited barriers to finding work were where you live (20.3%), transport (18.5%) and lack of skills/experience (18.5%) (compared with 9.1%, 13.1% and 14.7% of SA respectively).

Much higher proportions of females from the Murraylands/Riverland cited lack of skills/experience (24.6% compared with 7.3% of males), transport (23.2% compared with 11.0%), lack of jobs (21.8% compared with 11.0%), school responsibilities (21.1% compared with 7.3%) and mental health (20.4% compared with 8.5%) as barriers impacting upon them finding work.

**Barriers to moving out of home**

For young people from the Murraylands/Riverland, the three most commonly cited barriers to moving out of home were housing costs (e.g. rent, utilities) (63.0%), financial stability (55.1%) and availability of housing (36.1%). The proportions of the Murraylands/Riverland responses for each of these top three barriers were higher than SA (67.4%, 61.7% and 39.2% respectively).

Much higher proportions of females from the Murraylands/Riverland cited financial stability (57.7% compared with 48.8% of males), security/safety (30.3% compared with 12.2%), and lack of family support (11.3% compared with 1.2%) as potential barriers to moving out of home in the future.
Concerns – personal and national

Issues of personal concern

Respondents were asked to indicate how personally concerned they were about a number of issues. Responses were rated on a 5 point scale, ranging from extremely concerned to not at all concerned. The figures below and the following table details the summed responses for extremely concerned and very concerned for each item.

- The top three issues of personal concern for young people from the Murraylands/Riverland were coping with stress, mental health and school or study problems and (43.7%, 33.0% and 32.3%). The proportions of the Murraylands/Riverland responses for each of these top concerns were comparable to SA (45.5%, 31.1% and 33.9% respectively).
- The top issue identified by females and males living in the Murraylands/Riverland was coping with stress. Significantly, females’ reported levels of concern around this issue were much higher than males’ (57.6% compared with 20.0%).
- Much higher proportions of females reported high levels of concern about body image, mental health and school or study problems (44.5%, 43.6% and 41.0% compared with 5.0%, 14.8% and 16.1% of males respectively).

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Most important issue in Australia today

Young people were asked to list the three issues they considered were the most important in Australia today. The information provided was categorised and listed in order of frequency in the following table.

- Around four in ten (38.1%) respondents from the Murraylands/Riverland cited alcohol and drugs as a key issue in Australia (compared with 27.9% of SA respondents).
- Around one third of young people from the Murraylands/Riverland rated mental health (33.7% compared with 40.1% of SA) as an important national issue.
- Higher proportions of females from the Murraylands/Riverland rated mental health (37.4% compared with 27.0% of males), bullying (22.6% compared with 17.5%), equity and discrimination (20.9% compared with 15.9%) and crime, safety and violence (13.0% compared with 9.5%) as important issues in Australia.
- Conversely, a greater proportion of males indicated alcohol and drugs (39.7% compared with 38.3% of females) and the economy and financial matters (19.0% compared with 7.0%) were important national issues.

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Sources of support

- The top three sources of help for young people living in the Murraylands/Riverland were their friend/s, parent/s or guardian/s and relative/family friend (80.0%, 73.2%, 61.6% respectively) (85.9%, 77.3%, 62.1% for SA). These were also the top three sources of help for females and males (79.8%, 74.0% and 60.0% compared with 79.5%, 73.4% and 65.4% respectively).
For the first time in 2018, young people were asked if they had used the internet for help with important issues in their lives and to indicate which sources of support they had accessed from a list of services/sources.

- Around one quarter of young people from the Murraylands/Riverland indicated they used the internet to source information about specific issues (25.1% compared with 29.3% of SA).
- Around one in five Murraylands/Riverland respondents reported using the internet to chat one-on-one with someone who has had a similar experience (19.4% compared with 17.5% of SA) or for information about available services (18.1% compared with 16.1%).
- Much higher proportions of females from the Murraylands/Riverland reported using the internet to source information about specific issues (31.0% compared with 15.9%), for information about available services (23.9% compared with 7.3%) and to chat one-on-one with someone who has had a similar experience (23.9% compared with 9.8%).

Family’s ability to get along

- Close to half (47.5%) of young people from the Murraylands/Riverland rated their family’s ability to get along as excellent (20.5%) or very good (27.0%) (compared with 28.1% and 31.9% of SA respectively).
- Yet nearly one quarter (24.2%) of respondents from the Murraylands/Riverland rated their family’s ability to get along as either fair (12.6%) or poor (11.6%), which was higher than SA (18.2%).
- A higher proportion of males from the Murraylands/Riverland rated their family’s ability to get along as excellent/very good (51.9% compared with 45.1% of females), yet a slightly higher proportion of females rated their family’s ability to get along as fair/poor (24.8% compared with 22.8% of males).

How happy are young people and how do they feel about the future?

- A total of 54.7% of young people from the Murraylands/Riverland felt either happy/very happy about their lives as a whole (compared with 60.4% of SA respondents).
- A slightly higher proportion of males than females indicated feeling either happy/very happy about their lives as a whole (56.3% compared with 53.5%).
- More than one in ten young people from the Murraylands/Riverland indicated feeling very sad/sad with their life as a whole (12.1% compared with 10.0% of SA respondents).
- Over half (52.3%) of young people from the Murraylands/Riverland felt either very positive or positive about the future (notably lower than SA: 61.8%).
- A total of 14.6% of respondents from the Murraylands/Riverland reported feeling negative or very negative about the future (compared with 9.8% of SA).
- A higher proportion of males from the Murraylands/Riverland indicated they felt very positive or positive about the future (57.0% compared with 49.3% of females).
- A higher proportion of females than males reported feeling negative or very negative about the future (15.6% compared with 11.4%).
13.2 Strategic Planning Process

REPORT AUTHOR: ACEO
RESPONSIBLE MANAGER: ACEO
RECORDS REF: N/A
STRATEGIC LINKS: Yes; Strong Internal Capability & Capacity; Objective 3
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

| Impact | Yes |
| Budget Description | Future Planning |
| Allocation | $20,000 |
| Expenditure to Date | $4,882 |

REPORT:

Background:
It is a requirement under the Local Government Act 1999 (Act) that Council undertake a comprehensive review of its strategic management plans within 2 years after each general election of the Council.

Discussion:
The CEO’s of the Riverland Councils have been working together to appoint a consultant to assist in the review and development of the Strategic Plan for each Council. The idea being that the three councils collaborating with the one consultant will allow common themes to be recognised and brought to focus within our own Strategic Report. This will allow responses to shared matters of importance such as the environment, tourism and economic development be identified and the focus and attention for improvement in these areas be on a regional basis.

In addition, working collaboratively with the other Councils provides for the cost of the exercise to be greatly reduced.

The Strategic Plan will form the basis for Council staff to develop a corporate plan for Council’s approval, this being the response to how the delivery of the goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan will be achieved. The 2019/2020 Budget preparation has commenced with linkages to the current Strategic Plan 2015-2020. Administration’s intent is that the review of the Strategic Plan will commence February/March in conjunction with neighbouring Councils, as proposed, with a thorough public consultation process being undertaken before moving onto the development of the corporate plan and review of other plans as required by the Act. Commencing the process now will allow staff appropriate time to thoroughly complete the process of developing and reviewing of all plans for Council’s approval prior to the commencement of the 2020/2021 Budget process.
Current Strategic Plan process

- **Strategic Plan**
  - 2015 - 2020

- **Long Term Financial Plan**
  - 2018-2028

- **Infrastructure Asset Management Plans**

- **Annual Business Plan 2019/2020**
A diagram showing the proposed development and timing of the Strategic and Corporate plans and the relationships with other plans such as budgets and master plans follows:

A proposal has been submitted to the three Riverland Councils by Strategic Matters to work with each council individually as well as collaboratively.

For this project they have nominated the following personnel:
- Leanne Muffet (Managing Director, Strategic Matters Pty Ltd) to undertake the majority of the work, including the client liaison, council workshops, overseeing the process and writing the reports;
- Dr Katherine Hodgetts (Analyst & Researcher, Strategic Matters Pty Ltd) to oversee and coordinate the survey designs, survey hosting, collating of online material and analysis of both online and hard copy (should this be required) content.

Please see the attached proposal noting in particular the **8 Step Approach** and anticipated costing.

The total cost for the project is $14,570 ex GST, or for each council a cost of $4,856.67 ex GST and fits well within the budget allocation for Future Planning indicated above.
RECOMMENDATION:
That Council:
1. having considered Report 13.2 titled “Strategic Planning Process” as presented to the ordinary council meeting, receive and note the report.
2. supports the engagement of Strategic Matters to assist in the development of a Strategic Plan for the Council.

ATTACHMENTS:
Yes

List
Attachment 1 – Strategic Matters – proposal for Strategic Planning process for 1 or 3 regional councils.
24 January 2019

David Beaton
Chief Executive Officer
Loxton Waikerie Council
29 East Terrace, Loxton SA 5333
via email: dbeaton@loxtonwaikerie.sa.gov.au

Dear David

**Strategic Planning process for 1 or 3 (regional) councils**

Thank you for your phone call while I was on leave and the subsequent opportunity to submit a proposal to work with you on this project.

The Loxton Waikerie Council is seeking services to prepare the Strategic Plan/Community Plan section of your suite of plans review following your elections in November 2018.

Preliminary discussion has also occurred across the region with the three Riverland Councils: *Loxton Waikerie, Berri Barmera and Renmark Paringa* who recognise that working in collaboration could strengthen regional positioning, funding and outcomes. Accordingly, this proposal offers both an approach to work with the Loxton Waikerie Council and / or all three councils to undertake this work.

Strategic Matters’ projects are grounded in transparent practices and methods. We have a proven track record of creating collective buy in and traction on projects. Our successful project outcomes include:

- The [Berri Barmera Strategic Plan](#)
- The South Australian Museum’s [State Fossil Emblem](#)
- The Public Library of SA network (whole of the state) new vision and strategic plan: *Tomorrow’s Libraries*
- The City of Adelaide’s [Carbon Neutral Adelaide Action Plan](#)
- The University of SA’s Review of the Science degree
- The City of Marion’s Community Development re-positioning process
- The City of Prospect’s ELT business planning
- The CFS’s Strategic Plan (due for completion April – May 2019)

**Project context**

A Strategic Plan represents the highest level of strategic planning undertaken by a local council. All other plans developed by the council form part of an integrated planning and reporting framework. Strategic planning establishes overall mid – longer term business goals and develops a plan to achieve them.
Effective strategic planning articulates not only where a council is going and the actions needed to make progress, but also how it will know if it is successful.

For this project, Strategic Matters offers to both:

- Run workshop(s) with each of the council’s Elected Members, and
- Design, host and analyse a concise online survey for each of the councils (NOTE: it is envisaged that the councils will publicise and promote the surveys via hyperlinks)
  - NOTE: Should hard copies of the survey be required (positioning in library foyers and the like), it is anticipated that the councils will oversee this process working closely with the Strategic Matters team.

**Workshop(s) with Elected Members**

Strategic Matters is available to facilitate a workshop (or workshops) with the incoming Councillors of each of the three councils in early 2019 (late February to mid-March - subject to alignment of council meetings). The purpose of the workshops will be to introduce the newly formed Councillors to the strategic planning process and obtain their input to shaping the planning of their region.

It is likely that the workshop(s) will be based around open ended strategic planning processes and outcomes including:

- Envisioning the future over the coming 3 – 15 years,
- Defining the organisation’s long-term goal / strategic priorities,
- Assessing the current operating environment (using a pestel),
- Developing strategies and activities to move ideas forward
- Articulating some measures of success

**Community on line survey(s)**

Strategic Matters can design, host and analyse one - three concise community surveys, the purpose of which will be to collect community ideas and input into your community plans. Strategic Matters has Survey Monkey capability and proficiency in using this as a survey platform.

Questions are likely to focus on issues such as:

- What the council needs to retain
- What the council needs to let go
- New ideas for the future
- Preference for future Social Development
- Preference for future Economic development
- Preference for future Environmental development

**OUR APPROACH and Anticipated Costing**

Working closely with the client, we propose the following activities / tasks and outcomes:

1. **Project start up phone meetings** with each of the councils (or combined) to discuss project expectations, governance issues, process, local and regional opportunities, likely pressure points, timing and outcomes
2. **Development of three agendas for the council workshops.** While we envisage a similar process for each of the councils, it is possible that the process for each will be tailored for local conditions
3. **Development of three online surveys,** including discussion and agreement on timing, distribution channels, key communication messages and (if hard copies are offered), the best way to collate hard copy survey information.
4. Run the three workshops
5. Extrapolate workshop themes
   • across each council
6. Distribute / upload the surveys
7. Close surveys and collate findings
   Note: if hard copies are collected, we will need on ground staff to oversee the mechanics of this process, including distribution channels, collection points and first cut collation of material that can be forwarded to Strategic Matters.
   *Findings would ideally be put into an Excel spreadsheet by a staff member.
8. Prepare Executive Summary / key recommendations for
   • each council and
   • the region

## Indicative Costing

Please find our indicative costing below. We are open to reviewing this if it does not meet your needs.

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| 8. Prepare Executive Summary / key recommendations for
   • each council (5 hrs each council) and
   • the region (8 hrs)                                                 |                   | 28  | 23   | 5,060|

| Sub total                                                             | 100              | 83  | 14,570 |
| + GST                                                                 |                  |     | 1457    |
| TOTAL                                                                 |                  |     | 16,225  |

**Managing Director**: charge out $220 per hr plus GST  
**Analyst & research specialist**: $90 per hour plus GST

**FINANCIAL NOTES** It is assumed that:

- Should an overnight stay be required, the client will cover the cost of accommodation
- The client will book and cover the cost of venue hire and refreshments for the session
- Strategic Matters charges .66c per km for regional travel or 30% or travel time (which ever is **better priced for the client**)
- Strategic Matters charges 25% of the fee upon commencement of work
- Should work be required after this initial block, we anticipate negotiating this with you

The budget allocation is illustrated over the page.
Budget Allocation

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Skills and Team

Our skill set offers you the following experience and expertise:

- Strategic, business and corporate planning
- Communication and analysis
- Strategy and governance
- Stakeholder engagement
- Behavioural theory and cognitive psychology
- Change management & team dynamics
- Survey design, hosting and analysis
- Report writing

Leanne Muffet [Managing Director, Strategic Matters P/L]

Company Director Leanne Muffet, is a strategist, a social scientist, a project manager, and an actively sought facilitator. Her work has been described as transformative.

Leanne has twenty years' experience working at the forefront of strategy and business partnership development. This includes managing multi-dimensional projects, and facilitation across a range of environmental, planning and social issues. She capably combines strong analytical skills with effective communication to align data to the big picture objectives. Her work is grounded in strong intellectual flexibility, values and imagination, as well a deep commitment to ‘leave the system better than it was found’.

Leanne’s strong people, engagement and pragmatic skills have been employed to work at executive and senior levels, chair national and state policy and planning committees and Boards and lead teams. From 2002 – 2005 she reported to the Deputy Prime Minister’s office while managing the Playford Salisbury Sustainable Regions Programme.

With a natural affinity for project management and leading teams, Leanne’s skills have been publicly recognised with three Awards of Commendation from the Royal Australian Planning Institute (now
Planning Institute of Australia - PIA) from 1997 – 2010. In 2015, her work has been commended by International Association for Public Participation (IAP2).

Leanne’s qualifications include an award winning Social Sciences Honours degree (Geography and Psychology), graduation from the Governor’s Leadership Foundation (2004) and a Diploma of Sustainability (2013). In 2007 she was awarded the prestigious Leader’s Institute SA Hudson Award. In 2018 she successfully completed a Blockchains Strategy program through RMIT University (Melbourne).

**Katherine Hodgetts [Analyst & Researcher, Strategic Matters P/L]**

Dr Katherine Hodgetts is a qualitative analyst specialist, whose expertise includes survey design and development, interviewing and report writing. She and Leanne have successfully designed and overseen the implementation and reporting of surveys and interviews for three years, including for high profile projects with the SA Museum and the state environment department.

Katherine currently works with the University of Adelaide in the public health unit as a health policy and societal researcher. Her expertise includes survey design and development, interviewing, analysis and report writing.

**Project Referees**

Project referees are listed below

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Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any queries and or would like to refine the proposed project approach.

We look forward to the opportunity to work with you.

Yours sincerely,

Leanne Muffet,
Managing Director,
Strategic Matters P/L
24 January 2019
the business of Strategic Matters

**Strategic Matters**


We are strategists, facilitators, project managers, presenters, social scientists and critical thinkers. Inclusive by nature; strategy, behaviour and sustainability are at the core of what we do.

Strategic Matters is an award winning strategic planning and engagement business.

- we design and facilitate strategic and business planning
- we create vision then translate it into practical and regenerative outcomes
- we build teams and organisational capacity via intentional practices
- we motivate communities
- we work in partnership with our clients to understand values that drive decisions
- our processes and tools navigate multi-dimensional projects and stakeholders
- our work has been commended by IAP2 and the Planning Institute of Australia

We have been delivering tangible and sustainable outcomes, teams and communities across Australia since 2005.

**contact details & insurance**

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13.3 Committee Presiding Member Allowance

REPORT AUTHOR: ACEO
RESPONSIBLE MANAGER: ACEO
RECORDS REF: N/A
STRATEGIC LINKS: Yes; Confident and Contributing Community, Objective 1
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:
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**REPORT:**

**Background:**
At the Council meeting of 27th November 2018 Terms of Reference for various committees and sub committees were adopted by Council.

**Discussion:**
The Terms of Reference for the following committee and sub committees allows that a community member who is a member of the committee or sub committee be elected as Presiding Member of the Committee.
- Barmera Improvement Committee (6 meetings per annum)
- Cemetery Advisory Committee (as required)
- Friends of Bonney Theatre. (4 meetings per annum)

The Determination of the Remuneration Tribunal regarding allowances for Elected Members for a Council within the Council Group 3 band states –

An additional allowance in the form of a sitting fee is payable to a councillor….. who is the presiding member of a committee, that is not a prescribed committee, at the following rates:

b. Where the councillor is a member of a council in Group 2 or Group 3, an allowance of $170 per meeting limited to an aggregate amount of allowance of $1,020 per annum."

The Remuneration Tribunal has jurisdiction to determine the allowance payable to elected members of Local Government Councils but not that of a community member acting in the role of Presiding Member.

A community member who is undertaking the role of Presiding Member of a s41 Committee would essentially be treated as an independent member of a Committee and therefore it is for Council to determine the amount of allowance to be paid.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:
1. having considered Report 13.3 titled “Committee Presiding Member Allowance” as presented to the ordinary council meeting, receive and note the report.
2. set the allowance for community members undertaking the role as Presiding Member on s41 Committees and Sub Committees of Council at $xx per meeting limited to an aggregate amount of allowance of $xx per annum.

**ATTACHMENTS:** No
SUMMARY:
This report provides to members the Minutes of the Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association (MRLGA) from the meeting held 30 January 2019.

REPORT:
Discussion:
The Minutes of the Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association meeting held 30 January 2019 are attached at Appendix for members’ information. The meeting was attended by Berri Barmera Council representatives Mayor Peter Hunt, Deputy Mayor Rhonda Centofanti and Acting CEO Karyn Burton (as observer).

Please note report following Report 13.5 in relation to Council representation for the MRLGA due to Mayor Hunt’s role as MRLGA President.

The next Murraylands and Riverland LGA General meeting is scheduled for Friday 5th April 2019 at Karoonda commencing at 9.30am.

RECOMMENDATION:
That Council:
1. having considered Report 13.4 titled “Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association - Minutes from meeting held 30 January 2019” as presented to the ordinary Council meeting, receive and note the report.
2. receive the Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association’s Minutes from meeting held 30 January 2019.

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
Attachment 1 – Minutes of the Murraylands & Riverland Local Government Association meeting held 30 January 2019
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
THE MURRAYLANDS & RIVERLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
HELD AT
MID MURRAY COUNCIL OFFICES, 49 ADELAIDE ROAD, MANNUM
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MRLGA PRESIDENT’S WELCOME

The President, Mayor Peter Hunt opened the meeting at 9:30am and welcomed Delegates, Councils Members, CEO’s and Guests for their attendance. Mayor Hunt thanked the Mid Murray Council for the use of their facility and Brand SA for arranging catering.

1. PRESENT

1.1. MRLGA Board Delegates

Cr Rhonda Centofanti, Deputy Mayor, Berri Barmera Council (Proxy)
Mayor Paul Simmons, Coorong District Council
Mayor Caroline Phillips, District Council of Karoonda East Murray
Mayor Leon Stasinowsky, District Council of Loxton Waikerie
Mayor Dave Burgess, Mid Murray Council (Vice President)
Mayor Brenton Lewis, Rural City of Murray Bridge
Mayor Neil Martinson, Renmark Paringa Council
Mayor Andrew Griege, Southern Mallee District Council

1.2. Council Members (Proxy Delegates)

Cr ‘Tank’ Arthur, Deputy Mayor, Coorong District Council
Cr. Sharon Bland, Coorong District Council
Cr Trevor Norton, Deputy Mayor, District Council of Loxton Waikerie
Cr Kevin Myers, Deputy Mayor, Mid Murray Council
Cr Peter Hunter, Deputy Mayor, Renmark Paringa Council

1.3. MRLGA Representatives, Guests and Observers

Mayor Peter Hunt, Berri Barmera Council, MRLGA President
Peter Bond, CEO & Minute Taker
Mayor Sam Telfer, LGA President
Andrew Haste, Chief Executive Officer, LGA Procurement
Jo Podoliak, CEO, RDA Murraylands & Riverland
Sharon Starick, Presiding Member, SA MDB NRM Board
Karen Raffen, CEO, Brand SA
Chelsea Bowring, Brand SA
Alex Chalupa, Biosecurity SA
Lisa Osborn, Executive Manager, Centacare
Lynne Thorpe, Manager Centacare
Lyall Willis, Family Support Practitioner, Centacare
Cr Kevin Burdett, District Council of Karoonda East Murray
Karyn Burton, Acting CEO, Berri Barmera Council
Vincent Cammell, CEO, Coorong District Council
Matthew Morgan, CEO, District Council of Karoonda East Murray
Russell Peate, CEO, Mid Murray Council
Michael Sedgman, CEO, Rural City of Murray Bridge
Jason Taylor, CEO, Southern Mallee District Council
2. **APOLOGIES**

Tony Pasin, MP, Member for Barker  
Adrian Pederick, MP, Member for Hammond  
Senator Anne Ruston  
The Hon. John Dawkins, Member of the Legislative Council (MLC)  
The Hon. Tim Whetstone, MP, Member for Chaffey  
Mike Williams, Regional Director, DEW  
Alex Hart, Office of Local Government  
Superintendent James Blandford, SAPOL, Murray Mallee LSA  
David Beaton, CEO, Berri Barmera Council  
Tony Siviour, CEO, Renmark Paringa Council

RPC Moved  
“That the apologies be accepted”

Seconded by DCLW and CARRIED

3. **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Nil

4. **MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

4.1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the MRLGA Special Meeting held at Murray Bridge on Wednesday 5th December 2018.

RCMB Moved  
“That the Minutes of the MRLGA Special Meeting held at Murray Bridge on Wednesday 5th December 2018 be accepted as a true and correct record of the proceedings at that meeting.”

Seconded by CDC and CARRIED

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.**

Business arising from the Minutes of the Special Meeting held at Murray Bridge on Wednesday 5th December 2018.

5.1. **Review of legislative Requirements for Section 41 Committees of Council and Informal Gatherings.**

**Agenda Report**  
At the meeting of the Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association (MRLGA) Board held on Friday 12th October 2018 the Mid Murray Council provided a Notice of Motion that was supported by the Board that the MRLGA request the Local Government Association of South Australia to undertake a review of the Legislative requirements for meetings and discussions on projects, services and matters relating to Council involving Councillors, Council staff and community or business representatives.

The Mid Murray Council noted with interest the information paper produced by the Local Government Association regarding committees and corporate structures which can be established by Council. It is considered that the present Legislative requirements are restrictive, costly and impractical for Councils.
Advice received indicates that where there is any meeting/event involving Councillors that includes a matter that is intended to be part of the agenda for a formal meeting of the Council, it is an Informal Gathering in accordance with the Legislation.

Examples of this include any briefing session for Councillors before a Council meeting, inspection of a heritage building with Councillors and Council staff or any other discussions on a project or matter involving Councillors and Council staff.

Further, advice indicates that the only mechanism to enable for example a Working Party to be established to consider Economic Development or Main Street initiatives must be a Section 41 Committee of Council. This requires Agendas, Minutes, Conflict of Interest provisions and a range of other requirements.

It is considered that these Legislative requirements should be reviewed to ensure that there are better, less costly and more practical mechanisms for discussion on projects, services and matters involving Councillors and Council staff.

This matter has been referred on to the LGA by way of formal correspondence requesting the above review. The letter will leave it to the discretion of the LGA CEO as to the appropriate passage for the review.

5.2 Changes to the Native Vegetation Act

Agenda Report

At the meeting of the Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association (MRLGA) Board held on Friday 12th October 2018 the Coorong District Council provided a Notice of Motion that was supported by the Board that the MRLGA engage with the State Government regarding alterations or exemptions to the Native Vegetation Act 1991 when the removal of trees or vegetation is required to access rubble, giving Councils the ability to mine for rubble and then be responsible for reinstatement and revegetation of the areas involved.

The intent of this motion is to remove the current requirement to engage with the Native Vegetation Unit when undertaking maintenance or construction activities. This will require changes to the Act to exempt Councils’ mining activities from the current provisions of the Act, when Councils open a new pit for the purpose of sourcing material. This would also require the defining of the provisions around vegetation of any affected areas by the legislation directly, rather than through a separately negotiated agreement.

The LGA has been formally requested to have this matter listed as a SAROC Agenda item.

5.3 Amending the Local Government Elections Act 1999

Agenda Report

At the Special Meeting of the MRLGA Board held in December 2018, it was resolved to support a Mid Murray Council notice of motion for the MRLGA to refer to the SA Regional Organisation of Councils and the Local Government Association Board consideration for amending the Local Government Elections Act 1999 to provide for a deposit on nominations to stand for local government elections which is refundable based on achieving more than 4 percent of the formal first preference votes cast in the election.

This matter has been referred on to the LGA by way of formal correspondence.
MMC Moved

“That further to the advice already sought from the LGA requesting amendment to the Local Government Elections Act 1999, the MRLGA also seek a review of voting preferences related to local government elections through SAROC.”

Seconded by CDC and CARRIED

5.4. Representation - MRLGA Committees, Working Parties and Outside Organisations.

Agenda Report:
The MRLGA's Charter provides for the Subsidiary to review its representation on Committees and Working Parties at an Annual General Meeting for an ensuing 12 month period. Since its inception, the Subsidiary has formed a number of Committees and Working Parties to address specific and topical issues and opportunities, most of which have been addressed through our strategic planning process.

Some of these Committees are external to the Subsidiary, but never-the-less require MRLGA representation to ensure an informed voice for our regional issues. The following is the current list of Delegates and appointments to Committees and Working Parties, both internal and external. Constituent Councils are urged to review their representation on these bodies to ensure they are up to date and relevant.

At the MRLGA Special Meeting held in December 2018 variations to representation of MRLGA Committees and Working Parties was determined.

The following listing outlines representation on the MRLGA Regional Transport and Asset Committee and MRLGA Regional Public Health & Wellbeing Committee along with amended representation as proposed by Mid Murray Council and Coorong District Council.

MRLGA Regional Transport and Asset Committee:

- Mayor Neil Martinson, Renmark Paringa Council, Chair
- President, Mayor Peter Hunt, Berri Barmera Council (ex-officio)
- Mayor Dave Burgess, Mid Murray Council
- Peter Bond, CEO MRLGA
- Vacant, Berri Barmera Council
- Harry Du, Berri Barmera Council
- Mayor Paul Simmons, Coorong District Council
- David Mosel, Coorong District Council
- Tim Tol, Renmark Paringa Council
- Geoff Meaney, Renmark Paringa Council
- David Hassett, Mid Murray Council
- Matthew Morgan, District Council of Karoonda East Murray
- Greg Perry, District Council of Loxton Waikerie
- Heather Barclay, Rural City of Murray Bridge
- Matt James, Rural City of Murray Bridge
- Matthew Sherman, Southern Mallee District Council
- Jarrod Bielby, Regional Development Manager, RDA
MMC Moved

“That the MRLGA Board:
1. endorse the amendment for representation to MRLGA Committees, Working Parties and Outside Organisations as outlined.”

Seconded by BBC and CARRIED

6. GENERAL MEETING

6.1. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

6.2. MRLGA PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Agenda Report
I am very pleased to present my President’s Report to January 2019.

The Presidents report is summarised as follows;

New LGA Board Member - SAROC has appointed Whyalla Mayor Clare McLaughlin to fill a casual vacancy on the LGA Board. Clare was elected as a Councillor for the Whyalla City Council in 2014, and then as Mayor last November.

2019 Council Best Practice Showcase - The 2019 Council Best Practice Showcase will be held at Adelaide Entertainment Centre on 11 April 2019.

Showcase your Council at the 2019 Best Practice Showcase. Does your Council have a best practice project, service or initiative from which other Councils can learn? The LGA is calling for expressions of interest for Councils to participate in the LGA’s 2019 Best Practice Showcase.

Reforming Natural Resources Management - Following three months of engagement on NRM reform across the State, a consultation report including all community feedback has been released.

This report covers 250 written submissions, 26 community forums, 23 engagement sessions and discussions gathered during consultation. A report summary and appendices are also available to download here.
Waste update - The LGA continues to represent members on the Green Industries SA (GISA) China Import Bans Working Group, and receive updates on the multitude of reviews, projects and developments currently underway in the waste space.

GISA is making good progress through the sustainable procurement and recycling education subcommittees, and a new state-wide recycling education campaign material using the “Which Bin?” brand is expected to be rolled out early in 2019.

In relation to the Container Deposit Scheme, the State Government is currently conducting reviews on the regulation of single use plastics in SA and the Container Deposit Scheme. The LGA is offering an information session on the morning of Monday, 11th February 2019, to ensure that the local government sector has a strong voice in the review processes.

RPC Moved

“That the MRLGA President’s Report be received”

Seconded by DCKEM and CARRIED

6.3. COMMITTEES OF THE SUBSIDIARY

6.3.1. MRLGA CEO Network Group

Agenda Report

The notes of the CEO MRLGA Network Group meeting held Monday 21st January 2019 at Karoonda were provided attached.

RCMB Moved

“That the notes from the CEO MRLGA Network Group meeting held on Monday 21st January 2019 be received and the recommendations listed below be endorsed by the MRLGA Board with the following amendments and notations;

• Item 4.2 2018/19 Work Plan be amended to read “RPC Moved That the 2018/19 MRLGA Work Plan be received and noted. Seconded by CDC and CARRIED”;
• That the MRLGA Subscription Model be endorsed “in principle” subject to a consultation process with member Councils prior to roll-out in the 2019/20 financial year;
• Endorsed recommendations relating to Items 3.1 and 6.2 as follows;

1. That the report relating to Roadside Vegetation Planning be received and that it be recommended to the MRLGA Board that the task of developing a regional roadside vegetation management plan (RVMP) be pursued through open tender.
2. That the MRLGA CEO Network Group recommend the Subscriptions Model as detailed below in Table 1 to the MRLGA Board for adoption and implementation commencing the 2019-2020 budget year.”

Seconded by MMC and CARRIED

Refer APPENDIX 1 – AMENDED MRLGA CEO NETWORK GROUP MINUTES
### 6.4. GENERAL REPORTS

#### 6.4.1. SAROC Meeting

**Agenda Report**
The minutes of SAROC Meeting held on Wednesday 19th December 2018 in Adelaide were provided attached.

**MMC Moved**

“That the MRLGA receive and note the SAROC minutes for meeting held on Wednesday 19th December 2018.”

*Seconded by BBC and CARRIED*

#### 6.4.2. MRLGA Chief Executive Officer’s Report

**MMC Moved**

“That the MRLGA CEO’s Report be received and noted with the resolution relating to Item 3 as follows and contained within the report endorsed;  

1. That the MRLGA Board endorse the MRLGA CEO’s attendance at the Murray Darling Association’s 2019 Strategic Planning Workshop to be held at Echuca/Moama from Friday, February 1 to Monday, February 4, 2019, inclusive of reasonable associated costs being reimbursed;  
2. That the CEO seek clarity from the LGA regarding the State Governments position in relation to the enforcement of the legislative regime beyond 1st February 2019 for the Labour Hire Act.”

*Seconded by BBC and CARRIED*
6.4.3. Local Government Association of SA

**Agenda Report**

LGA President Mayor Sam Telfer and Andre Haste, CEO, LGA Procurement were in attendance at the meeting and provided a verbal report in relation to the LGA Topical Report and other related matters to the meeting. The LGA President presented on the following matters;

- Importance of the LGA President visiting the regions;
- Importance of a good relationship with the State Government and how there is now a good relationship with the Minister for Local Government;
- LGA focus on the Code of Conduct for Elected Members;
- The Supplementary Road Funding Agreement expires mid-year and the LGA are pushing for it to be renewed as part of the election process;
- Boundary Reform - Chair is Bruce Green ex-Mayor of Port Lincoln City Council;
- Planning legislation - State Government optimistic about the timing of reforms;
- Landscape SA - LGA has met with Minister David Speirs, Minister for Environment and Water, who believed there are exciting times ahead for the regions with the new legislation designed to cut through red tape and streamline the NRM Boards;
- The LGA is ensuring it is representing its members and avoiding surprises through improved communication with member Councils.

Refer APPENDIX 2 – LGA TOPICAL REPORT

**DCLW Moved**

“That the LGA Topical Report be received and noted.”

Seconded by BBC and CARRIED

6.4.4. Office of Local Government

**Agenda Report**

The Manager of the Office of Local Government, Alex Hart was an apology for the meeting.

6.4.5. Murray Darling Association (MDA) – Activity Update Reports

**Agenda Report**

The Minutes of the MDA Region 5 meeting held on Monday 10th December 2018 at Renmark were provided attached.

**DCLW Moved**

“That the MRLGA Board;

1. Note the minutes of the MDA Region 5 meeting held on Monday 10th December 2018;
2. Requests a summary report to be provided to the MRLGA Board at its next meeting on the findings of the Murray Darling Royal Commission.”

Seconded by MMC and CARRIED
6.5. OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS AND COMMITTEES

6.5.1. Regional Development Australia Murraylands and Riverland

Jo Podoliak, Chief Executive, RDA Murraylands and Riverland was present and provided the following feedback on RDA MR activities and points of interest;

- **Designated Migration Agreement** – provided as an attachment;
- **Townships of the Future** - program to be launched in February 2019 following the development of a pilot with SMDC;
- **Murray River Alliance SA** - URPS report in relation to transitioning to the new Planning Code has been circulated to member Council CEO’s;
- **Infrastructure Audit** - to be released at the end of January 2019 and will identify Greenfield sites for key industries;
- **Regional Employment Fund** - A win for the region in gaining $1 million in funding through this program to create jobs in the Murraylands and Riverland.
- **Mission Australia** - have released their Youth Survey Report 2018 and RDA will circulate a copy to Mayors and CEO’s in early February 2019.

Refer APPENDIX 3 – DESIGNATED MIGRATION AGREEMENT

6.5.2. SA MDBNRM Board

Sharon Starick, Presiding Member, SA Murray Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board was present and highlighted the following;

- **MDB Plan** - there is water efficiency funding available for on farm activities as well as for industrial initiatives;
- Submissions in relation to the River Murray WAP were reviewed by the Board in December 2018 and are currently with the Minister;
- Provided an update on the new Landscape SA Bill;
- **Fruit Fly** - involved with PIRSA in terms of the eradication of host plants;
- **SAMDB NRM Business Plan** - looking for a CPI increase in levy for next year and currently receiving submissions.
- Sharon advised this was her last meeting as Presiding member as her term finishes on 23 February 2019.

SAMDB NRM Communiques are available on the following weblink;


6.5.3. Murray Mallee Local Service Area, SAPOL

Superintendent James Blandford or proxy was an apology for the meeting.

6.5.4. Regions SA

Barb Cowie, Regional Coordinator, Regions SA was an apology for the meeting, but did provide a written report to the meeting a copy of which is provided attached.

Refer APPENDIX 4 – PIRSA REGIONS SA REPORT
RPC Moved

“That MRLGA receive and note the reports as presented by RDA MR, SAMDB, NRM and Regions SA and extends its appreciation to the presenters for taking the time and effort to attend and present at the MRLGA meeting.

Seconded by DCKEM and CARRIED

6.5.5. Riverland Local Government Forum (RLGF)

The notes of the Riverland Local Government Forum held on Thursday 13th December 2018 at Berri are provided attached at the request of the Riverland Councils.

MMC Moved

“That the notes from the Riverland Local Government Forum held on Thursday 13th December 2018, as presented be noted.”

Seconded by RPC and CARRIED

6.5.6. Murray River Alliance SA Meeting

The notes of the Murray River Alliance SA meeting held on Friday 16th November 2018 at Murray Bridge are provided attached.

MMC Moved

“That the notes from the Murray River Alliance SA meeting held on Friday 16th November 2018, as presented be noted.”

Seconded by RCMB and CARRIED

6.6. STRATEGIC MATTERS

6.6.1. MRLGA Draft Charter

Agenda Report

As an update for delegates, the draft MRLGA Charter was tabled at the April 2018 meeting of the MRLGA Board. The document has received ongoing legal review by Suzie Inat, Minter Ellison. At that meeting it was resolved;

RPC Moved

“That the MRLGA Board;

1. Endorse the actions of the CEO MRLGA in engaging Minter Ellison at a fee of $2,000 to $3,000. (Capped at $3,000 GST exclusive), to carry out the legal review of the revised MRLGA Charter,

2. Lays the revised MRLGA Charter on the table until the MRLGA AGM scheduled for July 2019.”

Seconded by DCLW and CARRIED
The finalisation of the MRLGA Charter has since been deferred for a number of reasons pending the impact of the new LGA Constitution, a subscriptions model determination and the appropriate branding of the Subsidiary.

The branding issue and impact of the new LGA Constitution have since been dealt with and Council subscriptions was a topic of discussion at the recent CEO Network Group meeting held on Monday 21st January 2019. The outcomes from that meeting will be presented to this MRLGA Board meeting.

To provide some background, the original draft of the MRLGA Charter did undergo significant revision as a result of feedback from Board delegates and CEOs. Changes were made:

1. To ensure compliance with the requirements in section 43 and schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 1999 (and associated Regulations) regarding regional subsidiaries;

2. To ensure compliance with the broader provisions of the Local Government Act 1999 insofar as they are applicable and referenced in the Charter. For example provisions regarding notice of and provision of agendas and documents to Board (and non-Board) Members, and the application of s90 of the Act to Board proceedings; and

3. Arising out of the above review to ensure consistency and particularly repetition of issues, but that are inconsistent.

Also worthy of noting was that:

4. There are requirements in the Local Government Act 1999 regarding the provision of information. It was recommended that the Charter include clauses in the Charter that reflect the requirements in the Act, being:
   a. Where a constituent Council provides a written request for information or records in the possession or control of the Subsidiary, the Subsidiary must provide those documents; and
   b. In providing information under (a), the Board may advise the relevant Council that the information provided should, in the Subsidiary’s opinion, be treated as confidential, and the reasons for that opinion being held by the Subsidiary.

MinterEllison also reviewed the strategic plan provided against the purpose, objectives, powers and functions in the Charter document. They were satisfied that the strategic plan is consistent with the Charter document for that purpose.

It was also noted by MinterEllison that joint procurement activities undertaken by Councils can give rise to competition compliance risks under the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth) (CCA), specifically where there is any contract, agreement or understanding between Councils as to price (including price review mechanisms).

Recent amendments to the CCA in November 2017, simplify the cartel conduct provisions and better target them at anti-competitive conduct. Relevant to the Subsidiary, the joint venture exception for cartel conduct was expanded to include joint ventures for the acquisition of goods and services (not only production or supply of goods or services, which was the former position). This means that the joint venture exception is now available in respect of joint procurement activities.
The change in law has provided the opportunity for regional subsidiaries to structure its arrangements to fall within the exception, and avoid the risks of cartel conduct for future procurements.

There are conditions upon the application of the exception, such as:

1. there must be a joint venture, which may be incorporated or unincorporated;
2. the joint venture is carried on by the parties to the contract; the cartel provision must be for the purposes of the joint venture;
3. the cartel provision must be reasonably necessary for undertaking the joint venture; and
4. the joint venture must not be carried on for the purpose of substantially lessening competition.

The amendments to the objects and purposes of the Charter are intended to make provision for joint procurement, with a view to ensuring that the Subsidiary is clearly a joint venture of the Constituent Councils and one of the purposes of such a joint venture is procurement.

This will help to ensure that some of the requirements for benefitting from the joint venture defence are satisfied within the Charter.

**CDC Moved**

“That the MRLGA Board retains the current provisions for the President’s voting rights at MRLGA Board meetings as outlined in the MRLGA Charter being:

Voting 4.8.1 - Unless stipulated otherwise in this Charter, questions arising for decision at meetings of the Board will be decided by a simple majority of eligible votes on the basis of one (1) vote per Board member present at the meeting. The Chairperson shall not, in the event of equality of votes, have a second or casting vote. In the event of equality of votes the matter will lapse.”

*Seconded by RPC and CARRIED*

**6.7. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**6.7.1. Profit and Loss Statement, Balance Sheet, Bank Reconciliation and Operating Budget**

**RCMB Moved**

“That the MRLGA Board receives the Profit and Loss Statement, Balance Sheet, Bank Reconciliation and Operating Budget Report as at 31st December 2018.”

*Seconded by RPC and CARRIED*
6.8. GENERAL BUSINESS. (including DISCUSSION ITEMS etc.)

6.8.1. General Business

6.8.1.1. Fish Kills at Menindee

Agenda Report
Federal Agriculture Minister David Littleproud has recently called for an emergency meeting of water managers, and a proposal for investment in a Native Fish Management and Recovery strategy.

The Minister has also proposed a review of Federal and state environmental watering priorities to see if adaptation is needed.

Following the devastating fish kills last week, and news that further events are likely the MDA and Councils across the Barwon Darling called for a collaborative meeting with the NSW Minister for Regional Water, Niall Blair, along with representatives from his department and from the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage, the MDBA, and the Commonwealth Environmental Water Office to discuss the immediate issues, and to consider long term strategies for the overall health of the Barwon-Darling system.

The Minister’s office has responded and will host the meeting in Sydney on the 23rd January 2019, with participants also able to attend by teleconference.

This matter has been raised for discussion as the upstream impacts of such a massive fish kill could have potential consequences to downstream communities.

6.8.2. Around the Table

- **Deputy Mayor Trevor Norton, DCLW** is the MRLGA Boards representative on the QFly Steering Committee. Trevor updated the Board on current developments related to Fruit Fly as follows;

  - Fruit Fly outbreaks can have negative impacts on the economy and community lifestyle;
  - South Australia is currently Fruit Fly free because of the ongoing trapping program;
  - The Fruit Fly program is a $15-million State Government initiative designed to protect a $200-million horticultural industry;
  - The current outbreak at Loxton has caused major logistical problems. If no further Fruit Fly are found, the area should receive Fruit Fly Free status in April 2019;
  - Local Government can assist through education of visitors, by supporting State Government initiatives and by reviewing policy in relation to street tree plantings to ensure street trees are not contributing to the problem.

- **Mayor Dave Burgess, MMC** paid tribute to Russell Peate who has resigned as CEO of Mid Murray Council effective 15th February 2019 to take up as similar role with the Copper Coast Council. Before Mid Murray Council, Russell was the Chief Executive Officer of the District Council of Grant and prior to that the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Rockhampton City Council. Russell Peate has been a long standing advocate for the MRLGA and has been very active in promoting collaborative opportunities across the region.
MMC Moved

“That the MRLGA Board extend it thanks and appreciation to Russell Peate, CEO, Mid Murray Council for his service to the region and pass on its best wishes for his future at Copper Coast Council.”

Seconded by RCMB and CARRIED

6.8.3. Opportunity for Members of Parliament to Present on topical issues

Nil

6.9. CORRESPONDENCE

6.9.1. Correspondence for Information - Inwards and Outwards

Correspondence Register to 31st December 2018.

Many of these correspondence items will have been received directly by member Councils.

Should any delegate wish to access any correspondence items listed, but not included with this agenda, they can be made available by contacting the MRLGA Chief Executive Officer.

RCMB Moved

“That the MRLGA Board notes the correspondence from the Hon. Stephen Wade, Minister for Health and Wellbeing.”

Seconded by RPC and CARRIED

RCMB Moved

“That correspondence as outlined in the Correspondence Register to 31st December 2018 be received and noted by MRLGA Board with the exception of those items that carry their own resolution.”

Seconded by RPC and CARRIED

6.10. GUEST SPEAKERS

6.10.1. Alex Chalupa

Alex Chalupa is the Senior Biosecurity Officer, Aquatic Pest Response Biosecurity SA, PIRSA provided delegates with an update on the progress of the National Carp Control Plan.

A copy of the presentation is provided attached.

Refer APPENDIX 5 – NATIONAL CARP CONTROL PRESENTATION
6.10.2. **Lisa Osbourne, Lyall Willis and Lynne Thorpe**

Centacare are looking to work with Councils to provide an outreach service to members of the community. Depending on need the service could include a Playgroup/ contact point for community members to connect/ look to build community capacity and resilience and where appropriate provide a support service.

Centacare representatives attended the January 2019 meeting to explore options for an outreach service.

Centacare's Relationship Support Services Executive Manager, Lisa Osborne, Lyall Willis, Family Support Practitioner, Centacare and Lynne Thorpe, Manager Centacare Catholic Family Services, attended the meeting and presented their proposal to delegates.

Essentially Centacare are looking for a broader program with a wider catchment to enable their operation to bring a greater range of services to isolated communities under an outreach program

6.10.3. **Karen Raffen, Brand SA**

Karen Raffen, CEO, BrandSA requested the opportunity to host a lunch following the MRLGA Board meeting. Karen was extended the opportunity to present during the meeting on topical matters relating to BrandSA activities. A copy of the presentation is provided attached.

*Refer APPENDIX 6 – BRAND SA PRESENTATION*

6.11. **OTHER BUSINESS**

6.11.1. **Recognition of past MRLGA Delegates**

The MRLGA Board wanted to pass on its appreciation to outgoing Mayors Jaensch and Burdett for their commitment and support to the region as delegates to the Board up to December 2018. The following bio for Neville and Kevin was read out to the Board at the meeting in recognition of that service.

**Neville Jaensch**

Neville Jaensch was in 2018 awarded his 20 years of service to the Local Government Association.

Neville Jaensch’s time in the district’s local government began in 1987 with the previous District Council of Meningie before he transitioned to the Coorong District Council where he served as an elected member for 17 years.

He served as deputy chairman as part of the inaugural Coorong District Council from 1997-2000, as Mayor from 2003-2006, Deputy Mayor from 2010-2014 after which he was re-elected as the current Mayor.

**Kevin Burdett**

Kevin Burdett has always considered himself an ordinary person doing ordinary things in a special community.
Kevin Burdett has had an extraordinary honour placed upon him, receiving a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in June 2015.

As then Karoonda East Murray Council Mayor, Kevin received the medal for his service to local government and to the communities of Karoonda and East Murray.

Kevin is a Vietnam veteran and has been involved with the Council for 24 years, including 18 years as mayor, and has been a member or representative of many projects, task forces and boards, including the MRLGA.

In the community, he has volunteered for more than 38 years through sporting associations and clubs at Karoonda, Perponda and Copeville, including the Country Fire Service, Uniting Church, Lions, and the Karoonda Farm Fair.

In their time as Mayors, both Neville and Kevin contributed significantly to the MRLGA Board as voting delegate. The MRLGA Board thanked them both for their loyal service to the region.

6.12. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Section 83(5) of the Local Government Act states that the Chief Executive Officer may indicate on a document or report provided to members of a Subsidiary under subsection (4) (or on a separate notice) any information or matter contained in or arising from a document or report that may, if the MRLGA Board so determines, be considered in confidence under Part 3, provided that the Chief Executive Officer at the same time specifies the basis on which an order could be made under that Part.

6.12.1. Confidential Item - Quotation to Develop a Regional Road Hierarchy Plan

Recommendation to exclude the public

SMDC Moved

“That pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 the MRLGA Board hereby orders that the public be excluded from attendance at this meeting with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer and Constituent Council Chief Executive Officers currently in attendance at the meeting in order to consider;

A Report from the CEO MRLGA in relation to a quotation to Develop a Regional Road Hierarchy Plan for the MRLGA

The MRLGA Board is satisfied that pursuant to Section 90(3) (k) of the Local Government Act 1999, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to agenda item 6.11.1 is:

(i) information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information relating to tenders for the supply of goods, the provision of services or the carrying out of works.”

Seconded by DCKEM and CARRIED
MMC Moved

“That the MRLGA Board resolve to;

1. receive the report;

2. appoint HDS Australia Pty Ltd to develop the MRLGA Regional Road Hierarchy Plan at a cost of $24,700 (GST Excl.);

3. Propose that 50% of the cost for the development of the MRLGA Regional Road Hierarchy Plan be borne by the MRLGA ($12,350), and 50%, be apportioned across the MRLGA participating Councils, as follows;

- The Rural City of Murray Bridge. $1,543.75
- Mid Murray Council $1,543.75
- District Council of Karooonda East Murray $1,543.75
- Southern Mallee District Council $1,543.75
- District Council of Renmark Paringa $1,543.75
- Berri Barmera Council $1,543.75
- District Council of Loxton Waikerie $1,543.75
- Coorong District Council $1,543.75"

Seconded by BBC and CARRIED

RCMB Moved

“That having considered agenda item 6.11.1 Report from the CEO MRLGA in confidence under Section 90(2) and Section 90(3) (k) of the Local Government Act 1999, the MRLGA Board, pursuant to Section 91(7) of that Act orders that the documents and/or minutes related to agenda item 6.11.1. be retained until released by the MRLGA Board with the exception of the resolution and that this order be reviewed every 12 months in duration or such lesser period as may be determined by the Chief Executive Officer.”

Seconded by DCKEM and CARRIED

6.13.CLOSE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The President thanked all those who attended the meeting and the Mid Murray Council for the provision of meeting facilities and declared the meeting closed at 12:40 pm.

Minutes taken as read and confirmed this day of April 2019.

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PRESIDENT      CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The next MRLGA General Meeting is to be held on Friday 5th April 2019 at Karoonda commencing at 9.30am.

Acceptances and apologies to MRLGA Chief Executive Officer Peter Bond Phone 0411 406799 or Email ceomrlga@outlook.com
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13.5 Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association – Berri Barmera Council representation

REPORT AUTHOR: EA
RESPONSIBLE: ACEO
RECORDS REF: N/A
STRATEGIC LINKS: Yes; Confident and Contributing Community; Objective 8
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Impact No
Budget Description N/A
Allocation N/A
Expenditure to Date N/A

REPORT:
Background:
At the November 2018 meeting of Council, it was reported for members information via Report 15.12 titled “Other Committee Representation and Membership” that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are Council’s representatives to the Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association (MRLGA), with the CEO in a proxy position.

Mayor Peter Hunt was elected as President of the MRLGA as an outcome of the appointment process at the December 2018 MRLGA meeting and will hold office until the MRLGA AGM in July 2019.

Discussion:
Correspondence has been received from MRLGA CEO Peter Bond, advising the following:

At the meeting of the MRLGA Board held on 9th December 2015 to following resolution was passed; Moved: BBC Seconded; DCKEM
“That the MMLGA endorse the deferral of the delivery of the Strategic review outcomes report until their February 2016 meeting and approve the implementation of the following by the 1 January 2016;
o Change of name from the Murray & Mallee Local Government Association to the Murraylands & Riverland Local Government Association,
o Proceed to quarterly meetings of the MMLGA Board based on a schedule of dates outlined later within this agenda,
o Proceed to establish regular CEO Network meetings as well as forming a Murraylands G5 Forum to parallel that formed in the Riverland,
o Reduce voting representation at MMLGA Board meetings to one vote per Council (being a total of eight voting delegates). All voting delegates shall be the Mayor of each Council and proxy representatives shall be Council Members with CEO’s encouraged to attend as observers,
o To convene all meetings of the MMLGA at Karoonda unless otherwise resolved by the MMLGA Board, and
o Following the adoption of the Strategic Review Outcomes in February 2016, effect any necessary changes to the Boards Charter as is necessary to comply with the directions of the MMLGA Board.”

CARRIED
Based on that resolution, Berri Barmera Council will only need to nominate one voting delegate to the MRLGA Board and that delegate must be the Mayor. Proxy representatives can be nominated from your elected Council. The CEO will have no status as a delegate of proxy based on the resolution."

Whilst differing from the practice of past presidents, Mayor Hunt can vote if he so chooses, this being in line with the Charter. However following the advice from Mr Bond, his recommendation is that a second proxy representative from Berri Barmera Council is to be appointed whilst Mayor Hunt holds the MRLGA’s Presidency.

RECOMMENDATION:
That Council:
1. having considered Report 13.5 titled “Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association – Berri Barmera Council representation” as presented to the ordinary council meeting, receive and note the report.
2. Appoint Cr ............... as proxy to Cr Centofanti as Berri Barmera Council’s voting representative to the Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association whilst Mayor Hunt holds the office of MRLGA Presidency.

ATTACHMENTS: No
SUMMARY:
Cr Peter Hunter as Chair of Region 5, Murray Darling Association (MDA) has provided to Council information based on Murray Darling Association Inc. Chief Executive Officer Emma Bradbury’s advice; asking for Council’s to support the MDA’s drive to gain ongoing funding support from government – in particular the Federal Government.

REPORT:
Background:
Cr Peter Hunter has put forward a Notice with Motion to the Renmark Paringa Council for consideration at their upcoming Ordinary meeting and advised Region 5 members that the Mid Murray Council have supported the MDA’s request.

Discussion:
Cr Hunter has provided the following information for all councils to add their support, for the Federal Government to see the unique position and value the MDA can offer, by providing ongoing funding.

Objective:
We need to secure adequate recurrent funding from State and Commonwealth governments to enable local government through its national peak body the Murray Darling Association (MDA) to provide and enhance its service as a reliable, independent and trusted conduit through which Basin governments and agencies can engage effectively and directly with Basin communities through their local representatives.

Key Arguments:
The Murray Darling Association (MDA) is seeking recurrent funding from State and Commonwealth governments to continue to provide and enhance services as a reliable, independent and trusted conduit through which Basin governments and agencies can engage effectively and directly with Basin communities through their local representatives.
Effective representation of local government and communities at state and federal level in the development of policy and the management of Murray-Darling Basin resources is essential to the effective implementation of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan, and the equitable management of our Basin water resources, without which the social, economic and environmental sustainability of Basin communities is compromised.
The absence of effective collaboration with local communities has seen trust eroded, communities fractured, investments and initiatives undermined, governments compromised, and the entire Basin Plan put at risk.
Local government as a sector has the capacity, expertise, and local knowledge (including respect at the local community and industry level) required to understand, balance, plan for, and serve the various and often competing needs and interests that exist within and across our local communities. By extension, the MDA carries forward this as the singular peak Local Government representative group for the Basin. The absence of effective collaboration with local communities has seen trust eroded, communities fractured, investments and initiatives undermined, governments compromised, and the entire Basin Plan put at risk.

In this environment, Local Government across the Basin has united under the leadership of an experienced national peak body. Local representatives have provided stability and a calming voice across communities, have provided leadership and good governance. Councils have worked tirelessly, through the MDA to provide an effective, responsible and constructive conduit across and between communities, states, governments, agencies and political parties. Detailed local knowledge, informed advocacy and a means for governments to engage directly with communities through their local representatives will be essential to ensure

- Integrated delivery of the package of supply measures
- Adequate community consultation to underpin the water resource plans
- Delivery capacity and constraint issues associated with changes in water use and trade
- Ensure supply projects offer value for money
- Strategy for recovering the additional 450GL
- Processes for coordinating event based watering decisions
- Assistance to communities suffering adverse impacts from water recovery

Services provided by the MDA ensure that state and federal governments have a trusted and reliable ‘single point of contact’ for accessing information and engaging with councils at the Basin scale, at the regional level, and individually.

Provision of this service requires capability and resourcing, the cost of which should be borne by local, state and federal governments. Failure to adequately resource the capability is an exercise in cost shifting, undermining the financial sustainability of the local government sector and the Murray-Darling Basin Plan.

**Background**

The Murray Darling Association is a membership-based peak representative organisation representing local government and the communities we serve across the Murray-Darling Basin since 1944.

Built on strong foundations of good governance and high standards of accountability and integrity, the performance of the MDA compares favourably with our LGA peers across the sector, and with other levels of government.

The MDA works with and for member councils engaging also with National and state based local government associations, Regional Organisations of Councils, Joint Organisations and other local government affiliations.

Operation of the MDA is parliamentary in nature, having the executive power vested in a board composed of members of the regions, individually and collectively responsible to the membership, and each of whom are democratically elected.

The MDA includes membership of councils form all 4 Basin states and has a focus solely on Basin related issues. The MDA has a unique capacity to bring a “whole of Basin” perspective to planning matters and community engagement, while also contributing a wealth of local knowledge and solutions to Basin wide issues.

**Financials**

The MDA is currently funded solely through membership fees and income from the National Conference. Membership fees are charged to member councils calculated on a sliding scale based
on population. The 2018/19 fee schedule is $0.32 cents per head of population, capped at $6,334.50 (plus GST). Total income from 2017/18 was $282,000.

Through an extensive and representative Strategic Planning session held at Moama on 1 – 3 February 2019, it is clear that the ability and will is there to continue to drive the MDA forward to assist the State and Federal Governments in continuing to improve Basin outcomes. However, the current financial model does not allow the resources to be able to effectively increase the outputs of the MDA. Given the State and Federal Governments look to and respect the MDA as the key Local Government reference group, at the Basin level, and that the Basin plan is ultimately the responsibility of the Federal Government, it is considered reasonable that the MDA should be able to access recurrent funding from the State and Federal Governments. The increased resourcing will only further the ability of the MDA to assist in more acceptable outcomes to communities across the Basin.

The MDA is currently finalising a business case seeking funding of 5 million dollars over 4 years for submission to the 2019 federal budget. Further details of the financing projections will be in the business case.

Conclusion:
N/A

RECOMMENDATION:
That Council:
1. having considered Report 13.6 titled “Murray Darling Association – Region 5; Council support for funding” as presented to the Council meeting, receive and note the report.
2. supports the Murray Darling Association (MDA) in its bid to secure recurrent funding for the provision of effective consultation and engagement with councils & Murray-Darling Basin communities through their local representatives.
3. write to Mr Tony Pasin MP and Mr Tim Whetstone MP, urging them to support the Murray Darling Association’s need for recurrent funding by contacting their relevant State and Federal ministers to show strong support for our MDA funding application.

ATTACHMENTS:  No
The Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee are seeking submissions for Inquiry into the Water Amendment (Purchase Limit Repeal) Bill 2019.

**REPORT:**

**Background:**

N/A

Discussion:

Correspondence has been received from Murray Darling Association Inc. Chief Executive Officer Emma Bradbury advising that the MDA has been invited to make submission to the Inquiry into the Water Amendment (Purchase Limit Repeal) Bill 2019. Submissions are required to be lodged by 27 February 2019.

"The outline to the legislation explains that the Water Amendment (Purchase Limit Repeal) Bill 2019 (the Bill) proposes to amend the Water Act 2007 (the Act) to repeal the statutory limit of 1,500 gigalitres on Commonwealth purchases of surface water across the Murray-Darling Basin. In 2016 the Act was amended to limit water buybacks to 1,500 gigalitres based on the Government’s Water Recovery Strategy for the Murray-Darling Basin.

The limit on buyback was not part of the original Murray-Darling Basin Plan. Removing the limit will mean that if a review of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan, or of the 605 gigalitre ‘supply projects’, demonstrates the need for more water purchases then there is no legislative barrier to being able to achieve that policy.

The legislation means the Government has options in regard to any advice of the independent Murray-Darling Basin Authority that recommends that more water is required to return the system to health, or if the ‘supply projects’ won’t deliver the expected environmental outcomes.

The recent fish kills in the Murray-Darling Basin, the Productivity Commission review of the Murray-Darling Basin and the South Australian Royal Commission all highlight that as many options as possible are required to restore the system to health. Removing the cap on buybacks adds this option should it be required.

Council is asked to provide Ms Bradbury with council’s position if it has one, and any key priorities that the MDA should be mindful of in drafting a submission for consideration.
Further information on the Bill can be found via

https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Bills_LEGislation/Bills_Search_Results/Result?bId=s1188

Conclusion:
N/A

RECOMMENDATION:
That Council having considered Report 13.7 titled “Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee - Inquiry into the Water Amendment (Purchase Limit Repeal) Bill 2019” as presented to the ordinary Council meeting, receive and note the report.

ATTACHMENTS: No
SUMMARY:
The 2019 National General Assembly (NGA) will be held from 16 - 19 June at the National Convention Centre, Canberra.

Discussion:
This year marks the NGA’s 25th anniversary, with a theme of Future Focused, celebrating past achievements whilst firmly focused on the future. Mayor David O’Loughlin, ALGA President welcomes Councils to attend stating that “The NGA is the only event on the local government calendar that truly brings councils, staff and industry together nationwide to advocate, network, celebrate, learn and build strategic relationships that, collectively, will position participants at the forefront of local governance in Australia.”

Registration for the NGA is now open online. Cr Scott and Cr Fuller attended the Conference in 2018. Registration fees start at $989 per delegate (early bird registration) with additional costs for airflights and accommodation.

Attached for members information is the NGA Registration Brochure with program details, business agenda and associated events.

RECOMMENDATION:
That Council:
1. having considered Report 13.8 titled “2019 National General Assembly of Local Government, 16th – 19th June 2019, Canberra” as presented to the Council meeting, receive and note the report.
2. endorse Cr/s ............................ attend the 2019 National General Assembly in Canberra from 16-19 June 2019.

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
Attachment 1 – NGA Registration Brochure for 2019 conference
Great Benefits of NGA

Experts and influencers
— Meet experts and influencers face to face.

60+ exhibitors
— Encounter over 60 exhibitors with innovative and new solutions specifically to address Local Government issues.

Largest national conference
— for Local Government held in Australia with over 870 delegates.

140+ motions debated
— Over 140 motions debated and used to engage with 24 Ministers and Federal portfolios.

15+ networking hours
— Over 15 hours available to network with other local Government leaders.
Dear Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to invite you to the 2019 National General Assembly of Local Government at the National Convention Centre in Canberra on 16 to 19 June.

This year we are Future Focused as we mark the NGA’s 25th anniversary, celebrating past achievements whilst firmly focused on the future. Our theme this year acknowledges that change is constant - and we know you want your council to be positioned to seize the opportunities and reap the rewards for your communities.

Change is everywhere be it digital transformation, community activism, ageing demographics, population policies, planning overlays, voice recognition, artificial intelligence and even self-driving cars are just around the corner. Layers of complexity are added by attitudes to climate change, energy generation, cost shifting and tax distributions. Not to mention increasing community expectations about the level and types of services and infrastructure provided by councils.

It is up to each and every council to understand these developments, work through the challenges, and find the best way to shape their response to their communities. The NGA this year will consider what councils can do today to get ready for the challenges, opportunities and changes that pave the path ahead. As part of our exciting program, delegates can look forward to hearing from leading politicians; receiving deep insights from nation-leading experts; be inspired by keynote speakers at the forefront of community engagement and crowd-powered communities; and concurrent sessions exploring housing affordability and density pressures, community harm and waste. Together we will ignite thought-provoking discussions about what can be expected as we look to the future.

Previous NGAs have provided participants with experiences, inspiration, information and an abundance of tools and techniques to take back and apply in their councils. This year will be no exception.

This year’s NGA will also be held just after the next federal election. Before the dust settles, join us to make sure the incoming government is focussed on the future of our sector, and the future prosperity and wellbeing of our communities. When we come together, the power of our collective voices working to sustain vital funding and programs for local government cannot be denied - it is an unmissable opportunity for your council’s voice to be heard.

The NGA is the only event on the local government calendar that truly brings councils, staff and industry together nationwide to advocate, network, celebrate, learn and build strategic relationships that, collectively, will position participants at the forefront of local governance in Australia.

Are you Future Focused?

Mayor David O’Loughlin
ALGA President

Key Dates:
Submissions of Motions for Debate
By 11:59pm Friday 29 March 2019
Early Bird Registration
On or before Friday 10 May 2019
Standard Registration
On or before Friday 7 June 2019
Late Registration
After Friday 7 June 2019
KURT FEARNLEY
Paralympic Champion
An incredible story of drive and courage who will also provide insights into the opportunities to improve services for the disabled.

KYLIE COCHRAN
Community Engagement Specialist
A fantastic presenter that makes understanding community engagement a pleasure through practical examples and humour.

GRETEL KILLEEN
TV Personality
Gretel’s knack for humorous story telling draws on her family farming background and varied TV hosting experiences.

KAREN MIDDLETON
Political Commentator
The ins-and-outs for Local Government post-election.

STEVE SAMMARTINO
Australian Futurist, Author, Technologist and Speaker
Futurist, whose energy and passion will challenge current thinking and what to anticipate in the future.

NATALIE EGLETON
CEO — Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal
Natalie works with philanthropists, business and government to strengthen rural, regional and remote communities.

DR ERIN LALOR
CEO — Alcohol and Drug Foundation
Providing insights on how councils are achieving great outcomes in reducing drug and alcohol use in their communities.

DR JÓN SIGHFÚSSON
Drug Prevention in Iceland
An international perspective on how to tackle youth drug use.

Karen Middleton
Political Commentator
The ins-and-outs for Local Government post-election.

2019
Speakers

Keynote Speakers

Berri Barmera Council-Agenda for Ordinary Council Meeting to be held 26 February 2019
## Provisional Program

### 2019 National General Assembly
16—19 June

National Convention Centre
Canberra

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25 Years of NGA

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General Registration

Registration Fees — Early Bird
Payment received by Friday 10 May 2019 $989.00
— Attendance at all General Assembly sessions
— Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea as per the General Assembly program on that day
— General Assembly satchel and materials

Registration Fees — Standard
Payment received up to and including Friday 7 June 2019 $1,099.00
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Registration Fees — Late
Payment received after Friday 7 June 2019 $1,199.00
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION FEES Monday 17 June 2019 $529.00
— Attendance at all General Assembly sessions on the day of registration
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Tuesday 18 June 2019 $249.00
SUNDAY REGIONAL FORUM REGISTRATION FEES
Forum Only — Sunday 16 June 2019 $445.00
NGA Delegate Delicate attending the Regional Form and the NGA are entitled to be discounted $249.00

ACCOMPANYING PARTNERS REGISTRATION FEES
Accompanying Partners Registration Fee $280.00
— 1 Ticket to the Welcome Reception — Sunday 16 June
— Day Tour ‘Pottery and Wine Experience’ — Tuesday 18 June
— Lunch with General Assembly Delegates — Wednesday 19 June

Notes: If paying via EFT you must quote your transaction reference number on the registration form.

Cancellation Policy:
All alterations or cancellations to your registration must be made in writing and will be acknowledged by email. Notification should be sent to:
Conference Co-ordinators PO Box 4994 Chisholm ACT 2905
Facsimile: 02 6292 9002 E-mail: conference@confco.com.au

An administration charge of $110.00 will be made to any participant cancelling before Friday 10 May 2019.

Cancellations received after Friday 10 May 2019 will be required to pay full registration fees. However, if you are unable to attend, substitutes are welcome at no additional cost.

By submitting your registration you agree to the terms of the cancellation policy.

Coaches Transfers:
Welcome Reception and Exhibition Opening — Sunday 16 June 2019 Coaches will collect delegates from all General Assembly hotels (except Crowne Plaza Canberra) at approximately 4:45pm. The return coaches will depart at 7:00pm.

Daily Shuttles to and from the National Convention Centre A shuttle service between all General Assembly hotels (except Crowne Plaza Canberra) and the National Convention Centre will operate between 8:00am and 8:30am. Return shuttles will depart the National Convention Centre at 5:30pm.

Networking Dinner: Australian War Memorial — Monday 17 June Coaches will collect delegates from all General Assembly hotels at approximately 4:45pm. A return shuttle service will commence at 10:15pm.

General Assembly Annual Dinner: To be announced — Tuesday 18 June Coaches will collect delegates from all General Assembly hotels at approximately 4:45pm. A return shuttle service will operate between 10:30pm and 11:45pm.

Car Parking:
Parking for delegates is available underneath the National Convention Centre for a cost of approximately $13.00 per day. Alternatively, voucher public parking is available 300m from the Centre at a cost of approximately $15.70 per day. The voucher machines accept either coins or credit cards (Visa or MasterCard).

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During the National General Assembly there will be a contracted photographer; the photographer will take images during the sessions and social functions. If you have your picture taken it is assumed that you are giving consent for ALGA to use the image. Images may be used for print and electronic publications.

Privacy Disclosure:
ALGA collects your personal contact information in its role as a peak body for local government. ALGA may disclose your personal contact information to the sponsors of the event for the purposes of commercial business opportunities. If you consent to ALGA using and disclosing your personal contact information in this way, please tick the appropriate box on the registration form.

Important: your name may also be included in the General Assembly List of Participants. You must tick the appropriate box on the registration form if you wish your name to appear in this list.

Canberra Weather in June:
Winter days in Canberra are characterised by clear sunny skies but the days are cool at around 12-15C and temperatures do drop to 5c on average in the evenings, so be sure to bring a warm jacket. Mornings can be foggy so keep this in mind when booking flights. It is best to avoid early arrivals or departures in case of delays due to fog.
Social Functions

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1 Binara Street, Canberra
The Crowne Plaza is adjacent to the Convention Centre.
Twin option at the hotel consists of two double beds.
Superior Room $325 per night — Single/twin/double
Deluxe Room $375 per night — Single/twin/double

Avenue Hotel
80 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra
The Avenue Hotel is one of the newest options in Canberra and offers guests both studio and apartment style rooms. The hotel is a 15-20 minute walk from the Convention Centre.
Twin option at the hotel consists of two king singles.
Superior King Rooms: $280 per night — Single/twin/double
1 Bedroom Apartments $330 per night — Single/double

Waldorf
2 Akuna Street, Canberra
The Waldorf is only a five minute walk from the National Convention Centre.
Twin option at the hotel consists of two single beds.
1 Bedroom Apartment $230 per night — Single/twin/double
2 Bedroom Apartment $299 per night — Single/double

Medina Apartment Hotel
74 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra
The Medina Apartments Hotel James Court is approximately a 15-20 minute walk from the National Convention Centre.
Twin option at the hotel consists of two single beds.
Note: Reception operates between the hours of 06:30am and 11:00pm
1 Bedroom Apartment $225 per night — Single/twin/double
2 Bedroom Apartment $269 per night — Single/double

GT Hotel
1 London Circuit, Canberra
GT Hotel is a modern hotel with boutique style furnishings, central to the city and a 10 minute walk to the National Convention Centre.
Twin option at the hotel consists of two single beds.
Standard Room $249 per night — Single/twin/double

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Registration:
Online: nga19.com.au

Hard copy registration forms and PDF versions are available by emailing:
NGA@confco.com.au

Debate on Motions:
To assist in identifying motions for the 2019 NGA, a discussion paper has been prepared and is available at: ALGA.asn.au

Submission of motions can also be accessed at: ALGA.asn.au

16—19 June 2019. Canberra National Convention Centre
13.9 Status of Resolutions, February 2019

REPORT AUTHOR: CEO
RESPONSIBLE MANAGER: CEO/SMT
RECORDS REF: N/A
STRATEGIC LINKS: Yes; Strong Internal Capability and Capacity; Objective 2
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

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SUMMARY:
The "Status of Resolutions" document detailing the progress of resolutions passed at previous meetings of Council is attached for information of Members.

RECOMMENDATION:
That Council, having considered Report 13.9 titled “Status of Resolutions, February 2019” as presented to the Council meeting, receive and note the report.

ATTACHMENTS:
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<td>Council Signage for Facilities/Projects</td>
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<td>Installation has been completed for all but two signs. Glossop sign on Accolade site progressing. Winkie directional (finger) sign location approved by Council at August Council Meeting. Winkie town sign locations under investigation with report to be tabled when suitable location identified (significant underground services impacting this process). Council’s Infrastructure Team managing final installations.</td>
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<td>Car Park at Rear of Council Building and On Street Parking</td>
<td>4041/15</td>
<td>13.3</td>
<td>Assessing stormwater disposal. Reviewing Wallbridge &amp; Gilbert Coneybeer Street stormwater investigations which may impact carpark construction. Project dependant on future of RSL location as discussed at Strategic Gov. &amp; Asset Committee (10/11/15) As per discussions at Strategic Gov. &amp; Asset Committee (9/2/16) Refer to 2018/2019 budget process when stormwater upgrade is completed. 2019/2020 budget considerations Project on hold until decision is made in regards to RSL building</td>
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- Old Sturt Highway Rocks – Aboriginal Art  
  That the Story of the Rainbow Serpent be acknowledged on a plaque and installed on site. | 4573/16    | 16.4             | Awaiting favourable weather conditions to finalise painting, meeting scheduled on site with artist for 26/2/2019 |
| 22 May 2018    | CEO / MCD   | Exec          | Martin Bend Recreation Area Committees – 12 December 2016 & 13 February 2017  
  That Council’s Manager of Infrastructure is requested to investigate and plan for a solution for the stabilisation of the riverbank adjacent the marina | 4990/18    | 13.4             | Meeting on site with Geofabrics engineer to discuss options and pricing. For 2019/20 budget considerations. |
| 28 August 2018 | CEO         | Exec          | Strategic Planning and Asset Management – Cr Centofanti  
  That a Strategic Planning Day be held with the newly elected council and senior leaders in the 2019 new year to discuss, review and prioritise all council projects. | 5060/18    | 10.1             | To be a part of Strategy, Asset and Major Projects Committee meeting scheduled for 12 February 2019  
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<td>MOTIONS WITH NOTICE: Disabled Parking – Denny Street, Cr Centofanti That Council investigate the need for designated disabled parking spaces within the CBD of Berri.</td>
<td>5098/18</td>
<td>10.1</td>
<td>To be included in 2019/20 Budget provisions. Budget Bid being prepared.</td>
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<td>Council Accommodation Review Council identifies a preferred solution to its short-term office accommodation needs as remodelling existing accommodation and instructs staff to engage a suitable architectural or interior design firm to develop scope, plans and cost estimates for further consideration by Council prior to progressing.</td>
<td>5075/18</td>
<td>16.2</td>
<td>Grieve Gillet Architect have been engaged to provide design services for the refurbishment of office accommodation at 19 Wilson Street. A workshop is proposed with both staff and councillors to explore space function requirements to guide the design team in Q4, 2018. Concept design and cost estimates expected to be presented to council for consideration in April 2019.</td>
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<td>Honouring of Mr Brian Caddy OAM – Crs Fuller and Waterman That council endorse the naming of the section of the Lake Bonney/Barmera foreshore, from the eastern boundary of the Sue Fieldhouse boat ramp extending to the Bluebird Cafe, the ‘Brian Caddy Reserve’ and that Council undertake appropriate actions to acknowledge and commemorate the naming of this public space.</td>
<td>5061/18</td>
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<td>Council staff to meet with Councillors post-election to action naming and commemorative activities. Infrastructure Staff have met with Crs Fuller and Waterman in relation to signage and plinth. Quotes to be sought for both.</td>
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<td>Barmera Town Beautification Committee – Minutes from meeting held 11 October 2018</td>
<td>5109/18</td>
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<td>Shelter ordered from Stratco on 30 October 18 Waiting on availability of volunteer to erect shelters</td>
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  - Berri Improvement Committee  
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  - Environment and Sustainability Committee have been advertised.  
  Berri Improvement Committee requires further membership to meet Committee’s Terms of Reference. Administration to continue to work on recruitment. |
|                |         |       | Item 5.2 That a 3rd Stratco shelter including awning at the cost of $5,660 inc GST, be erected on the Lakefront. | | | |
|                |         |       | Item 5.4 That the Barmera Town Beautification Committee recommend to Council the installation of proposed shelter 2 and 3 approximately 40m & 88m east of the existing shelter as marked on the below plan, with exact siting having regard to irrigation points. | | | |
|                |         |       | Item 4. That Council:  
  - seek expressions of interest from members of the public who would like to be considered as an independent representative on the Environment and Sustainability Committee.  
  - invite Department of Environment and Water, Berri Barmera Landcare and Crown Lands to nominate a representative and proxy to be a member of the Environment and Sustainability Committee.  
  - receive a report at the completion of the expression of interest process to confirm and endorse the non-elected members of the Environment and Sustainability Committee. | 5136/18 | | |
|                |         |       | Item 3. That Council:  
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| 27 November 2018 | CEO     | Executive | MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE: Council area image library – Cr Kassebaum  
1. That the CEO obtain the minimum resolution standard acceptable for image selection for town entry signage.  
2. That the Community be invited to participate in creating action images suitable for town entry signage. | 5158/18 | 12.2 | COMPLETED |
| 18 December 2018 | MIS     | Infrastructure | Seating Request for Link SA Bus users  
That Council:  
2. Council installs a bench seat on the Vaughan Terrace footpath under the veranda of the former Retra Vision store to provide seating to the users of the Link SA bus service.  
3. Council shift the current Bus Stop at the bottom of Vaughan Terrace and move it approximately 40m north.  
4. Monitor the use of the bus stop to see if a dedicated bus shelter is needed and include for budget consideration in the 2019/20 financial year. | 5177/18 | 15.2 | Installation of bench and moving of bus stop to be undertaken by end of January 19. New report for Feb 19 meeting |
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| 18 December 2018 | MIS     | Infrastructure | Calvary St Catherine’s – request for ambulance parking  
That Council:  
2. agrees to a dedicated ambulance car park on Coneybeer Street, Berri  
3. agrees to mark two parking spaces on McIntosh Street, Berri | 5178/18 | 15.3 | Line marking to be undertaken when weather permits.  
Line marking has been undertaken.  
**COMPLETED** |
| 18 December 2018 | MES/MP  | Environmental | Riding For The Disabled Association SA Inc., Riverland Branch  
That Council:  
2. finalise the new lease with riding for the Disabled Association SA Inc., to include the area of the extension.  
3. authorise the Mayor and Acting Chief Executive Officer to sign and attach the Council seal to the new lease. | 5181/18 | 16.3 | Lease to be finalised following public notification commencing week of January 14th 2019.  
Anticipated finalisation mid February.  
Lease ready for signing |
| 21 December 2018 | MCD     | Community | Citizen and Community Awards Selection Panel  
That Council:  
3. endorses the Citizen and Community Awards Selection Panel recommendation to request that staff develop a budget bid proposal for Honour Boards to be created for public display. | 5182/18 | 3.1 |  |
| 22 January 2019 | MCS     | Corporate | New vehicle and equipment purchasing - Cr Trevor Scott  
1. That the Procurement (Contracting and Tendering) Policy be reviewed and presented for endorsement at the next Audit Committee of Council.  
2. That the Procurement (Contracting and Tendering) Policy be amended to include the following statement – USE OF LOCAL GOODS AND SERVICES  
Wherever appropriate, local suppliers are to be given the opportunity to tender and quote for the supply of goods and services. With regard to all other the matters set out in this Policy and when deciding on the purchase of goods and services, consideration to the following priority will be given: | 5188/19 | 11.1 | Audit Committee meeting scheduled for 27 March 2019 |
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That Council:
3. Endorse Renmark Paringa Council to submit an expression of interest on behalf of all three Riverland Councils for funding for a full time two year contract role through the Office of Recreation, Sport and Racing STARCLUB Field Officer Program.
14: **COMMUNITY SERVICES:**

14.1 Community Development Activities Update

**REPORT AUTHOR:** MCD  
**RESPONSIBLE MANAGER:** MCD  
**RECORDS REF:** Report – Comm  
**STRATEGIC LINKS:** Yes; Confident and Contributing Community: Objectives 1,2,3,6; Smart Infrastructure: Objectives 2,3,5; Diverse Economy: Objectives 8  
**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** Impact N/A  
**Budget Description:** Various  
**Allocation:** NA  
**Expenditure to Date:** NA

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**SUMMARY:**
To provide an update of community development department activities and support requests received from the previous month.

**REPORT:**

**Community Support Requests**
- The following community support requests were received this month, and have been approved by Manager Community Development as per the delegated authority under the Grant Implementation Guidelines 2018/19.
  - C Ebert – $100 - to participate in the 2019 CFSA Australian National Titles in Brisbane in October 2019
- Community Development Grants program
  - Round 2 opens on 12 March 2019, with applications closing on 23 April 2019.
  - To provide assistance for completing the applications, a workshop will be held on 3 April 2019.
  - Applications will be available from our website and Customer Service Desks

**Community Activities**
- Australia Day
  This year’s event in Barmera with crowd estimates down on previous years. The citizen and community award winners were well received as was special vocal performances by Trick and the Motley Crew Choir. A special thanks to all staff and Elected Members who were able to assist on the day and to Barmera Lions Club and Barmera Scouts for their volunteers.

  Amongst the local suppliers an extra mention should go to Nippy’s, Neverfail, Woolworths Berri and Barmera Bakery who all donated goods or services at no charge to this year’s event. Other organisations providing some support included Glenview Poultry and the Barmera Primary School.
• Tourism Services Review
  Destination Riverland is finalising its report for Council and it will be tabled next meeting.
• StarClub Project
  o Facebook Group Established can be found via Council's Facebook Page.
  o A report on activities will be available for next Council Meeting.
• Other Support
  o Riverland Indigenous Sports Carnival Request for support has been received and currently under discussion.
  o Riverland Country Music Festival has commenced support discussions for 2019 and 2020 events.
  o Transport issues/requests have been raised by 3 separate groups and discussions with State and local providers have been commenced.
  o Liaison regarding Berri Football and Cricket Clubs change room project is continuing.
  o Barmera Netball Club’s Outdoor courts project support continues as the court surface is nearing completion and should be ready for games to commence as scheduled for the start of the season.
  o NAIDOC week activity planning has commenced, more detail next month.

Council Electronic Communications
• Facebook postings for the month of January.
  o Council’s primary Facebook page remains near 2,600 followers, with 48 posts last month
  o Lost & Found Pet’s remains as a highly valued service with 969 followers and a highly engaged community that supports many lost animals finding their way home
  o The combined Library Services page continues to rebuild after shutting down the two individual pages to create the combined service with a current following of 239
• The highest engagement posts for the month of January on the Primary page were varied but community orientated:
SUMMER IN FULL SWING — our parks and gardens are a great place to spend time with your family or to seek a little natural solace. Why not plan your next visit soon!

CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNITY — come and join us on Saturday 26 January from 6.45am for our Australia Day Breakfast. Kick start the morning with a community walk, followed by breakfast, entertainment by 'Trick', kids activities topped off with our community awards.

With something for everyone, we look forward to seeing you there.

AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, 26 JANUARY 2019
LAKE BONNEY FORESHORE
6.45am Community Walk
7.00am Breakfast
8.00am Award Ceremony

TIMES ALMOST UP to help guide on how our Tourism Information Services are delivered. To have your say please complete the survey which is available either in hard copy at our offices in Berri or the Barmera Library. Alternatively, you can complete an online version at: visit our website https://www.berribarmera.sa.gov.au/tis

Don't forget, you only have until 2:00pm on Friday 1 February 2019 to let us know.

HAVE YOUR SAY
CLOSING SOON
VISITOR INFORMATION SERVICES REVIEW
• My Local Services
  o Continued strong growth in our districts downloads of the App (see table below)
  o An issue with the bin notifications continues not to work correctly for a section of the community in the rural section between Glossop and Loveday. The LGA is continuing to research a solution
  o The ‘Report It’ function is receiving a consistent 10 customer requests per month.
  o Staff continue to improve the integration of events and ‘places of interest’ into the app.
  o An extra focus on using the notifications function will be a focus for the next quarter

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RECOMMENDATION:
That Council, having considered Report No. 14.1 titled “Community Development Activities Update” as presented to the Council meeting, receive and note the report.

ATTACHMENTS: No
14.2 Riverland Trail Strategy

REPORT AUTHOR: Andrew Haigh/Myles Fauser
RESPONSIBLE MANAGER: MCD
RECORDS REF: Report – Comm
STRATEGIC LINKS: Yes; Confident and Contributing Community: Objectives 1,2,3,6; Smart Infrastructure: Objectives 2,3,5; Diverse Economy: Objectives 8
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:
Impact For 2019/2020 Budget Consideration
Budget Description Riverland Trail Project (Proposed)
Allocation NA
Expenditure to Date NA

SUMMARY:
To seek Councils consideration to include the Riverland Trail Project in the 2019/20 Annual Business Plan and Budget to develop a Riverland Trail Strategy.

REPORT:

Discussion
The Riverland Trail Concept plan is a current project of the G3 and is pending endorsement from this committee after the most recent meeting was cancelled. However Renmark Paringa Council, as the lead on the project, has suggested that the request for support for the next phase of the project be sought now so that the project is in a position to meet funding application timetables.

Riverland Trail Strategy
Background
Currently there are approximately 90 kilometres of disconnected walking trails across the Riverland at destinations such as Chowilla, Banrock Station, Murray River National Park (Katarapko, Lyrup Flats), Loch Luna, and Martin Bend, as well as those in and around the major towns. Many of these trails, including those throughout the Berri Barmera District, are not only disconnected, but often do not meet user needs, failing to offer the journey and connection that people seek, and in some cases, are not accessible. Therefore, they are generally underutilised, and many areas do not receive the visitation that they could have.

It is well recognised that access to trails plays a significant role in encouraging participation in outdoor recreation and driving economic growth through nature-based and adventure tourism. In addition, using trails can assist communities to realise important health and wellbeing benefits, to make social and cultural connections and to enhance environmental outcomes.

As a result, there has been continued investment into South Australia’s walking trails. In recent times this has contributed towards the establishment of two major multi-day walking trails in SA, the Kangaroo Island Wilderness Trail, and the Walk the Yorke Trail. The Kangaroo Island Wilderness Trail is predicted to directly contribute $1.8 million in total visitor expenditure by 2020. In addition, related expenditure will contribute an additional $4.4 million by 2020 and support 46 new jobs on Kangaroo Island.
The Walk the Yorke is projected to initially contribute at least $1 million to the local economy; with significant increases in future years as the trail receives more recognition and publicity.

The economic benefits of trails in South Australia are also reflected in the Clare Valley, where in 2004 it was estimated The Riesling Trail contributed approximately $1 million revenue to the area each year. In Western Australia, the Munda Biddi Trail attracts 21,000 people annually, with the majority of visitors staying for three days along the route. This trail has led to a demand in cycle hire, food, transport and accommodation in the towns located along the route, estimating a benefit of $13 million in 2013 into the South West and Great Southern communities.

Local Opportunity

There is an opportunity to link Riverland tracks, trails and iconic sites to form one continuous trail from near Waikerie to Renmark surrounds following the Murray River, bringing the economic, social and environmental outcomes achieved by other icon trails to our region.

This project, the Riverland Trail, aims to develop and deliver a new iconic Australian tourism experience that attracts visitors, generates substantial economic benefits, increases recreational opportunities, enhances conservation, and makes a significant contribution to the lifestyle, health and social wellbeing in our communities.

It is proposed that the Riverland Trail will be a long-distance walking trail which will showcase approximately 200 kilometres of the stunning natural environment of South Australia’s Riverland. The trail will pass through and link National Parks and conservation areas, local attractions and towns, whilst connecting a strong number of existing tracks and trails scattered across the region.

The Riverland Trail will feature diverse changing landscapes of ochre-coloured cliffs, Mallee bushland, river floodplains and wetlands that will provide the ideal platform for nature-based tourism in the Riverland. There will be many opportunities along the way to explore delicious local produce, world class wineries, and a host of nature and water-based activities.

Benefits to the Riverland community

Social, Economic and Environmental benefits to local communities include:

- Foster natural resource stewardship in communities.
- Promote and enhance indigenous and First People’s culture and community understanding.
- Create opportunities for volunteerism and conservation efforts.
- Enhance international, Australian and South Australian tourism opportunities.
- Grow the Riverland as an eco-tourism destination.
- Inspire and bring communities and people together.

Alignment with Council and Regional Strategic Goals and Targets

The project would deliver outcomes meeting the following BBC Strategies:

- **Diverse Economy Objective 8**: We will support tourism.
- **Smart Infrastructure Objective 2**: We will continue to invest in sports, recreation and lifestyle infrastructure working to partner with businesses when appropriate.
- **Smart Infrastructure Objective 4**: We will provide non-structured recreational facilities, locally and regionally to promote participation, well-being and aesthetic landscape quality.
- **Valued Natural Environment and Resources Objective 3**: We will promote and encourage eco-tourism. We will invest in the provision of high quality tourism facilities, services and
The project also addresses two key strategies of the 2020 Riverland Tourism Plan, which has a key focus on driving demand and creating a collaborative culture. The major alignments in these priority areas include:

- **DA7: Destination Riverland (DR)** to encourage new regional tourism products.
- **CA3: DR** to facilitate innovative partnerships between industry sectors that benefit tourism.

The State Planning Strategy through the Murray and Mallee Region Plan promotes the enhancement of the trail network through the improvement of existing trails and by identifying opportunities for new trails\(^1\). This project is consistent with the Strategy by identifying new trails to link to a small number of short existing trails to create a major trail along the River Murray in the Riverland.

- **Principle 7: Reinforce the region as a preferred tourism destination**
  - 7.1 Protect, enhance and promote the assets that attract tourists and are of value to the community, including open space and walking and cycling trail networks, including potential trails along the River Murray and former rail corridors.
  - 7.4 Increase visual access to the riverine environments by establishing lookouts, walking trails, picnic areas and interpretive signage in appropriate locations.

The initiative also aligns with the Crown Lands Program, which has a strong focus on disposing Crown Land in support of regional development strategies that achieve social, economic, and environmental outcomes. This Program is aligned with new government priorities and the 2036 Vision which both aim to:

- **Unlock the potential of our natural environment to contribute to the economic development and prosperity of the state.**
- **Provide readily available opportunities for physical activity, like walking and cycling\(^2\).**

South Australian Case Studies
The preliminary research has been conducted on existing South Australian long-distance tracks and trails to evaluate viability and provide data to key stakeholders. All evidence suggests that the project would be highly viable, and lead to strong social, economic, and environmental outcomes. This evidence is further substantiated by a University of South Australia study evaluating whether formalised trails and networks will increase cycling and walking participation, promote tourism, and encourage economic growth in the Riverland Region. This research concludes that “it is predicted that formalised trails and networks will increase cycling and walking participation, promote tourism, and encourage economic growth in the Riverland Region”\(^1\). Please see Table 1 below for more information.

Figure 1: Riesling Trail tracker data from 2011 to 2017.

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The Proposal

Renmark Paringa Council approached the G3 at the December 2018 meeting to request support to further develop the Riverland Trail Concept Plan. This recommendation was endorsed, and it was suggested that this Concept Plan would be required by the end of February to ensure that it could be included in the 2019/20 Annual Business Plan process to support the development of a Riverland Trial Strategy.

A preliminary Riverland Trail Steering Committee was established to guide the development of the Riverland Trail Concept Plan. This Committee contributed towards the development of the Concept Plan (attachment 8.3a). This committee will be formalised once funding has been committed to a Riverland Trail Strategy in the 2019/20 Annual Business Plan and budget, and a terms of reference will be adopted by the G3 (attachment 8.3b).

A Riverland Trail Strategy would allow for the investigation and development of a business case, an economic analysis, a project management plan and procurement management plans as well as provide an opportunity to undertake community consultation and develop a full concept plan that includes a surveyed trail route. An amount of between $80,000 to $120,000 has been identified as the approximate cost for the Riverland Trail Strategy to be developed based on the Yorke Peninsula Councils 500km “Walk the Yorke” project.

The Yorke Peninsula Council engaged PIRSA Rural Solutions to develop a Concept Plan for the project in 2008, which included many of these elements and amounted to $50,000. The Council

Table 1: SA trail case studies.

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then engaged consultants to develop a business case, and economic analysis at a later date in order to make a stronger case for the Walk the Yorke in grant applications which cost in the range of $25,000-$35,000.

The Riverland Trail Strategy will integrate all of these necessary elements in one body of work, therefore the total cost has been estimated to be $100,000, and we will negotiate with prospective tenderers to ensure it remains within budget.

To assist in progressing the project Councils are being asked to consider funding the Riverland Trail Strategy upfront, as seeking funding for the strategy will prolong the project by approximately two years. In addition, funding for strategies can be difficult to come by. However, funding opportunities such as the Planning and Research Program through Office for Recreation Sport and Racing will be investigated and applied for in an effort to reduce the overall Riverland Trail Strategy cost over the three Councils.

It is anticipated that the Riverland Trail Strategy Project will commence in July 2019 and will be completed in September 2019. This will allow for the opportunity for construction to be funded through Building Better Regions Infrastructure Stream, which has been identified as the most appropriate funding source. We are seeking to develop this Strategy so that we are construction ready by 1 July 2020, or once the funding is announced. Furthermore, this timeline will allow for additional funding opportunities to be explored following the 2019 Australian federal election.

**Conclusion**

The opportunity to develop an Iconic Riverland Trail will provide strong tourism, partnership and social benefits for our region. With trail development being strongly supported financially, in recent years, at both Federal and State levels the opportunity to access funding is seen as positive but potentially time sensitive and as such the working group is requesting a commitment from the Riverland Council to co-fund the elements of the project plan. Although the project team will work to secure additional funding towards the project plan development, they are requesting an upfront commitment from Berri Barmera Council for a maximum contribution of $33,000 in the 2019/2020 budget. With the proposed benefits, timeframes involved for other funding and involvement as a working party member, it is recommended that Council supports the project as requested.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

1. having considered Report No. 14.2 titled “Riverland Trail Strategy” as presented to the Council meeting, receive and note the report.
2. notes the attached Riverland Trail Concept Plan
3. subject to G3 endorsement and co-contributions from the Renmark Paringa Council and District Council of Loxton Waikerie, considers a contribution of up to $33,000, to develop a Riverland Trail Strategy, during its 2019/20 financial budget deliberations.

**References**

3. KPMG. *Economic Analysis of Preferred Kangaroo Island Walk Option*.; 2014.


ATTACHMENTS: Yes
Attachment 1 - Riverland Trail Concept Plan
Attachment 2 - Group Terms of Reference
The Riverland Trail concept outlines a 200 kilometre walking and cycling trail, navigating some of the region’s most stunning and iconic natural Murray River landscapes. It will pass through national parks, conservation areas, local attractions and towns, while connecting another 50km of existing tracks and trails scattered across the region. It’s anticipated this trail will boost regional visitation by thousands of people each year, with the aim to become one of the world’s greatest eco-tourism assets and bolster economic growth upwards of $1 million per year.
It’s becoming well recognised that access to trails plays a significant role in encouraging participation in outdoor recreation and driving economic growth through nature-based and adventure tourism. In addition, using trails can assist communities to realise important health and wellbeing benefits, to make social and cultural connections and to enhance environmental outcomes.

As a result, there has been continued investment into South Australia’s walking trails. In recent times this has contributed towards the establishment of two major multi-day walking trails in SA, the Kangaroo Island Wilderness Trail, and the Walk the Yorke trail.

The economic benefits of trails in SA are also reflected in the Clare Valley, where in 2004 it was estimated The Riesling Trail contributed approximately $1 million revenue to the area each year (see graph below) and a report from the University of South Australia noted this figure was estimated to have reached almost $6.5 million in 2015. In Western Australia, the Munda Biddi Trail attracts 21,000 people annually, with the majority of visitors staying for three days along the route. This trail has led to a demand in cycle hire, food, transport and accommodation in the towns located along the route, estimating a benefit of $13 million in 2013 into the South West and Great Southern communities.

The Kangaroo Island Wilderness Trail is predicted to directly contribute $1.8 million in total visitor expenditure by 2020. In addition, related expenditure will contribute an additional $4.4 million by 2020 and support 46 new jobs on Kangaroo Island. The Walk the Yorke is projected to initially contribute at least $1 million to the local economy, with significant increases in future years as the trail receives more recognition and publicity.

Fun, fitness, discovery

Locally, nationally and globally there are billions of people who use trails. Whether it’s for fitness, adventure, nature exploration or general recreation, multi-use trails are becoming one of the world’s greatest tourism assets. We expect the Riverland Trail (once complete) to attract the following people:
A RIVERLAND WALKING AND CYCLING TRAIL TO ATTRACT THOUSANDS

The Riverland is rich in natural and built features, and is home to iconic sites across almost 10,000 square kilometres along South Australia’s Murray River – including the growing Riverland wine industry and nationally credited fruit bowl.

There is in excess of 90km of established walking trails scattered across the region at locations such as Chowilla, Banrock Station, the Murray River National Park, Wilalabalingaloo, Paringa Paddock, Hart Lagoon and Maize Island Lagoon Conservation Park. These trails and many others are not connected to one another, and evidence suggests that they have not been well promoted, do not meet user needs, have failed to attract external consumer interest – and in some cases, have not been accessible. For these reasons, our trails are underutilised and are not delivering on regional visitation capacity.

The Opportunity

There is an opportunity to link Riverland tracks, trails and iconic sites along one continuous trail from near Waikerie to Renmark and surrounds, following the Murray River, bringing diverse social, economic and environmental outcomes to the region.

This idea aims to develop and deliver a new iconic Australian tourism experience which attracts visitors, generates substantial economic benefits, increases recreational opportunities, enhances conservation, and makes a significant contribution to the lifestyle, health and social wellbeing in our communities.

The proposed Riverland Trail route will follow the Murray River from near Waikerie to Renmark and surrounds, featuring diverse changing landscapes of ochre-coloured cliffs, Mallee bushland, river floodplains and wetlands, an ideal platform for nature-based tourism. Along the route visitors can explore delicious local produce, world class wineries, and a host of nature and water-based activities. It’s hoped the trail will one day link up with neighboring trails, including the Murray Coorong Trail, which will span from Salt Creek to Cadell. This connection will help create an international icon in Australia.

The Riverland Trail will be designed as a multi-use trail to cater for both the enthusiast walker or rider looking to tackle the whole trail, and for the day walker who might choose short walks along different sections. Further, a variety of information and education opportunities will be available to enhance the experience.

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THE BENEFITS ARE ENDLESS.
New infrastructure for community recreation, a chance to attract thousands more visitors each year, expanded opportunities for nature-based tourism, more jobs, environmental awareness and education. The list goes on – but here’s our favourite predictions.

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WHY WILL A 200km RIVERLAND TRAIL WORK?
**AN ECONOMIC WIN**

Similar projects recently delivered in regional SA tell an economic story of success. The Kangaroo Island Wilderness Trail is predicted to directly contribute $1.8 million in total visitor expenditure by 2020. In addition, related expenditure will contribute an additional $4.4 million by 2020 and support 46 new jobs on KI. The Walk the Yorke is projected to initially contribute at least $1 million to the local economy, with significant increases in future years as the trail receives recognition and publicity.

The economic benefits of trails across SA are also reflected in the Clare Valley, where in 2015 it was estimated the Riesling Trail contributed approximately $6.5 million revenue to the area (and this figure is still growing). In Western Australia, the Munda Biddi Trail attracts 21,000 people annually, with the majority of visitors staying for three days along the route. This trail has led to a demand in cycle hire, food, transport and accommodation in the towns located along the route, estimating a benefit of $13 million in 2013 into the South West and Great Southern communities.

Imagine the possibilities a trail aligned with our iconic Murray River landscapes could bring. The benefactors would be our wine industry, our existing tourism operators, all accommodation/real estate businesses, cafes, hotels, construction companies, food and beverage operators. Not to mention the opportunity to enterprise for new business (think bike hire, tour guides, travel concierge and more. The trail will be designed to run through major Riverland towns, with the influx of overnight stays from trail tourists valued at anywhere between $100 - $500 per person, per night. The trail would also give walking, cycling, running and birdwatching enthusiasts a reason to visit outside of peak tourism season (as trail season is typically May – September).

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY**

The best way to instill a passion for the Murray River environment is to immerse people in it. We will provide a free-to-use walking and cycling trail through our beautiful eco-system and encourage people to learn and engage with it along the way. Bushwalking folk are generally conservationists and some of the most sensitive when it comes to caring for our environment. We expect a trail of this capacity to help grow this affinity and advocacy for the Murray River environment. We expect this a trail of this capacity to provide opportunities for indigenous interpretation, heritage conservation and help grow this affinity and advocacy for the Murray River environment. Local Councils already understand the value of our natural environment, and now we want to connect the wider national interest to this.

As a part of the trail development, it is also hoped that opportunities will emerge for volunteers, schools, and community members to be involved in natural resource management through conservation and rehabilitation.

**A NETWORK OF TRAILS**

The linear 200km trail will link our existing scattered trails, creating spurs and loops connecting major townships, all three Riverland Councils, and our neighbours. Keen bushwalkers and cyclists are looking for a reason to move from region-to-region – this trail will provide a reason to carry on to ours.

The trail concept includes interpretative and way-finding signage and print/digital collateral, which consumers can use to choose their trail length/route, based on fitness, desire, and interests.

“IT IS PREDICTED THAT FORMALISED TRAILS AND NETWORKS WILL INCREASE CYCLING AND WALKING PARTICIPATION, PROMOTE TOURISM, AND ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE RIVERLAND REGION.”

*University of South Australia, study on evaluating formalised trails’ economic impact*

**A HEALTHY, CONNECTED COMMUNITY**

The local community will also have a free new recreational facility to use. We would hope to see new walking and cycling groups emerge as the trail encourages people to move more and activates the community in other ways as well (think fun runs, mountain biking trail events and more).
Of our Australian tourists who visit the Riverland, 14 per cent take part in an activity that includes bushwalking. This equates to an average of 54,000 visitors per year. When compared to other regions in South Australia, it’s about average – however, Kangaroo Island, with its focus on eco-tourism and the new Wilderness Walking Trail, is dominating the landscape with more than 40 per cent of visitors taking part in bushwalking.

Positively, bushwalking in the Riverland has been on an upward trend (as shown in the graphs below), peaking at 57,000 in June 2018. This shows the activity has become more popular. However, as a region we have not yet responded to this growth opportunity in terms of on-the-ground construction, marketing or tourism capacity building.
A TRAIL BUILT ON PARTNERSHIPS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT
The Riverland Councils are driving the Riverland Trail project and coordinating efforts across the region with key groups and organisations. Renmark Paringa Council, Berri Barmera Council and District Council of Loxton Waikerie formed an alliance in July 2013, to be known as the Riverland G3 Alliance.

This Alliance has a strong history in managing and coordinating region-wide initiatives and projects through a consultative and collaborative approach. The Alliance framework and existing relationships means it can call upon a range of expertise, knowledge, support and advocacy from state and national sources to ensure the project’s success.

LANDCARE PARTNERSHIP
The Riverland Landcare organisations (Renmark Paringa Landcare, Riverland West Landcare, Loxton District Landcare, and Berri Barmera Landcare) are uniquely placed to facilitate and partner on the Riverland Trail project with individual organisations having proven success in developing and coordinating similar projects within their regions.

These organisations are community based and have established credibility for conservation and eco-tourism projects.

Further, they have a connection to more than 150 local groups and organisations. It’s anticipated the Landcare organisations will work closely with all three Councils to ensure the project’s success.

CRITICAL CONNECTIONS
Both the Councils and Landcare organisations will collaborate extensively with key proposed trail project partners. These include, but are not limited to, the SA Murray Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board, First Peoples Groups, Crown Lands, Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing and Department for Environment and Water.

STRATEGIC SUPPORT
Other State Government agencies the trail leadership group will look to gain support from include the South Australian Tourism Commission, SA Water, Department for Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, plus the relevant Ministers’ offices. We will also look to our State and Federal MP’s for leadership advocacy in the project’s early development phase.

Regionally, the trail project will engage Regional Development Australia Murraylands and Riverland, plus Destination Riverland as key supporters. Both agencies have strong strategic linkages through this project through their long term business plans.

PRIVATE PARTNERS
Throughout the community consultation phase, and during ongoing trail development, the Riverland Trail Steering Committee will also look to develop partnerships with private businesses and industry organisations. Understanding the long-term benefits of the trail to many local businesses (created by increased visitation) there may even be opportunities for private financial sponsorships on the project. We expect industries such as houseboats, caravan parks, wineries, fruit growers, cafes, retail shops, hotels and gyms to all be engaged and interested in this project.

COMMUNITY CAPACITY
Community support and engagement is vital to the project’s success. Throughout development there will be opportunities to create mutually beneficial partnerships with not-for-profit organisations such as sports and recreation clubs, volunteer organisations (ie. Lions, Men’s Shed etc), conservation groups, birdwatching clubs and more.

ALREADY ON BOARD
Thank you to the agencies that have contributed to this concept plan already, they are – Destination Riverland, Natural Resources South Australia Murray Darling Basin, Regional Development Australia Murraylands, Australian Landscape Trust and Riverland, Renmark Paringa Landcare, Riverland West Landcare, Loxton District Landcare, and Berri Barmera Landcare.
For more information, contact:
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Environmental Officer
📞 (08) 8580 3000
✉️ council@renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au
Riverland Trail Steering Committee

Draft Terms of Reference

1. OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMITTEE

1.1 Support the development and implementation of the Riverland Trail project to ensure that it contributes towards social, environmental and economic outcomes in the region.
1.1 Provide guidance on trail planning, development, construction, management, promotion and use.
1.2 Provide strategic guidance for the project including opportunities for collaboration and funding.
1.3 Provide regular updates to key stakeholders on the project development.
1.4 Provide advice on any issue that has major implications for the project.
1.5 Promote and facilitate effective community and stakeholder communication and engagement through listening to community concerns, providing advice and active support, and where possible collaborating with stakeholders for enduring solutions.

2. MEMBERSHIP

2.1 Elected Member – Nominated by the G3 (Chair)
2.2 Myles Fauser – Environmental Officer (RPC)
2.3 Stephanie Coughlin – Community Development Team Leader (RPC)
2.4 Andrew Haigh – Community Development Manager (BBC)
2.5 Gordon Thompson – Director Corporate and Community Services (LWDC)
2.6 Caroline Phillips – General Manager (Destination Riverland)
2.7 Bruce Mellett – Regional Development Capability Manager (RDA)
2.8 Jodie Woof – Senior District Officer (NR SAMDB)
2.9 Julie Robertson – Associate Director (Australian Landscape Trust)
2.10 Karen Bishop – Project Officer (Riverland West Landcare)
2.11 Sharon Schrapel – Business Manager (Berri Barmera Landcare)
2.12 Rosalie Auricht – Business Manager (Renmark Irrigation Trust)

3. MEETING FREQUENCY

3.1 The Committee will meet bimonthly or as required.

4. COMMITTEE CONTINUITY

4.1 The group will cease if the Riverland Trail project ends or an alternative governance structure is established.
14.3 Library Services Monthly Report

REPORT AUTHOR: LM
RESPONSIBLE MANAGER: LM
RECORDS REF: Report - Comm
STRATEGIC LINKS: Yes; Community 2 & 3
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Impact No
Budget Description Various
Allocation $ Expenditure to Date $

SUMMARY:
To provide an update of Berri Barmera Library Services with statistics for the last 3 months, and activities and projects for the month of January 2019.

REPORT:
Discussion:

BERRI LIBRARY

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**Holiday Activities**
- Extra summer holiday craft activities for children at both libraries were scheduled this month.
- At Barmera Library, children made Australian animal collages and decorated their own calico library bags, make curious creatures for the Summer Reading competition, performed their own puppet shows, played with blocks and read lots of books!
- Special guests at Barmera Library these holidays were Sue, Kay and their dogs from Riverland Dog Training & Kennel Club, Face Painting by Emma Schiller and a special Brain Sprouts session run by Miriam and Nikki from Relationships Australia.
- At Berri, as well as our holiday craft sessions, we implemented a number of different activities to attract more participants over the summer holiday period with the Thursday adult colouring sessions and walk-in anytime games room attracting new customers. Our games room was particularly successful with at least 67 people accessing the room to play a variety of old style games like chess, space invaders, slot cars, battleships, monopoly and jenga.

**Summer Reading Club**
- Mayor Peter Hunt visited the Barmera Library as a special guest on 22\textsuperscript{nd} January to announce the winners of our Summer Reading competitions. Hannah Whateley was one of the young readers who successfully borrowed and read ten or more library books and she was the lucky winner of the Drone. Ethan Schmock, Tayla Douglass and Zoe Drogemuller were the winners of the Curious Creature crafts, each receiving a prize pack of books and Summer Reading Club merchandise.
- Lukas Rapisarda was the lucky winner of the Berri Library Summer Reading Club prize of a Google Home mini. Although Lukas is just 6 years old, his mother tells us he is a voracious reader!
- All children at both libraries are to be congratulated on their efforts at reading extra books over the holidays and for making such creative and clever craftworks.
Digital Literacy and the Be Connected Program

- Both Berri and Barmera Libraries joined the Be Connected Network in January. Be Connected is an Australia wide initiative empowering all Australians to thrive in a digital world. They have a range of useful online learning resources as well as a Network of community partners who offer support and allow members to improve their digital skills and confidence. Be Connected also offer small activation grants and both our libraries have applied for these in January.
- The Berri Library has released its new Tech Savvy program for February to July 2019 and has included some new topics that will hopefully be of interest, including using smart speakers like Google Home and the Amazon Echo, virtual reality, how to use the My Local Services and Libraries SA apps and Netflix and Amazon Prime streaming services.
- Keeping up with Digital Knowledge is a necessity in today’s rapidly growing technology world and with this in mind two Barmera staff members travelled to Renmark Library on 30th January to learn more about their Robotics program and gain insight into how libraries can make the most of technology to bring more people of all ages into the library system.

Courier Transition for SA Public Libraries

- A state-wide courier system is managed by SA Public Library Services to enable the efficient delivery of library materials to all public libraries. The service incorporates the delivery of new materials from library suppliers, as well as the movement of materials between libraries. Presently, the courier contract is currently transitioning from TOLL to a new provider which is Australia Post and this is impacting deliveries and collections across the network.
- The speed of delivery of items placed on hold by our customers has suffered at our libraries because of this planned courier transition in January 2019. Customers may have been further impacted by the restriction on holds delivery that occurred in the lead-up to Christmas and library closures over the Christmas to New Year period.
- Staff at both our libraries have noticed the impact on customers caused by these public library network changes and we hope that services can return to normal in February 2019.

Libraries Board tour dates announced

- The Libraries Board of South Australia is a statutory authority operating under the provisions of the Libraries Act 1982, and is responsible for library policy and administration of the State Library and Public Library Services. The Libraries Board has a scheduled program which facilitates visiting every region in South Australia over a five to six year period.
- The Libraries Board of SA Regional Tour to the Riverland has been finalised and the Board will be visiting the Barmera Library for afternoon tea between 3.05pm - 3.30pm, and the Berri Library between 4.00pm - 4.30pm on the Monday 18th March. We invite the CEO, Mayor, and Elected Members to meet the Board at either of these times.

RECOMMENDATION:
That Council having considered Report No 14.3 titled “Library Services Monthly Report” as presented to the ordinary Council meeting, receive and note the report.

ATTACHMENTS: No
15: INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES:

15.1 Bus Stop Shelter – Vaughan Terrace Berri

REPORT AUTHOR: PA-MIS
RESPONSIBLE MANAGER: CEO / A-MIS
RECORDS REF: I181129-3173, I190121-122, I190123-11
STRATEGIC LINKS: Yes; Smart Infrastructure; Objective 2
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

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SUMMARY:
To return bus stop to its original location adjacent to the vacant land on Vaughan Terrace Berri and to install a bus shelter with seating.

REPORT:

Background:
At the December 2018 Ordinary Council meeting a report was presented and adopted to move the bus stop 40m north along Vaughan Terrace to utilise existing verandah shelter with a seat to be installed for bus users.

(MOTION: (5177/18)

2. Council installs a bench seat on the Vaughan Terrace footpath under the veranda of the former Retra Vision store to provide seating to the users of the Link SA bus service.

3. Council shift the current Bus Stop at the bottom of Vaughan Terrace and move it approximately 40m north.

Discussion:
Council has received a complaint from a local business in relation to the new location as well as further information from local bus service Bus Biz as to their requirements and those of other coach services that visit Berri ie: frequency, number and length of buses which now makes the new site unsuitable and parts 2. and 3. of Motion: 5177/18 will need to be revoked.

Part of the motion that was adopted (point 4.) at the December meeting that the bus stop be monitored and that if a shelter was needed it be included in the 2019/20 budget considerations.

With the new details that have been provided in relation to the bus stop usage it is now warranted that a shelter be provided at the original location adjacent to the former BP Service Station. The approximate cost of the shelter (including installation) would be $15,000 and funds within the footpath maintenance budget could be utilised to undertake the installation this financial year if the shelter can be ordered in the coming weeks.

The shelter would be the same design as the one located in Barfield Street, Berri although the seating will be the full length of the shelter. This allows more room for users of the shelter.

Conclusion:
That the bus stop return to its original site and a shelter (including seating) be erected for the patrons using the bus stop.

RECOMMENDATION:
That, the decision (5177/18) made at the Ordinary Council meeting on 18 December 2018 to relocated bus stop on Vaughan Terrace and install seating be revoked.
RECOMMENDATION:
That Council:
1. having considered Report 15.1 titled “Bus Stop Shelter - Berri” as presented to the Council meeting, receive and note the report.
2. a bus shelter (including seating) be installed at the bus stop located adjacent vacant land on Vaughan Terrace Berri utilising funds from the current budget.

ATTACHMENTS:
Yes
List
Attachment 1 - Vaughan email
Attachment 2 - Statnickas letter
Attachment 3 – Bus shelter design
To whom it may concern,
Re; Bus Zone Today (23.01.2019) I arrived at work to see that three of the six car parks in front of or adjacent to our shop at 7 Vaughan Terrace, Berri have been allocated to a bus zone. To my knowledge the has been no consultation with me or adjacent businesses regarding this change and feel that this change will have devastating implications to our customer parking and so to our business. I ask respectfully that this decision be reversed and our customer car parking be reinstated ASAP.

This is an automated message, please do not reply.
Greetings. My sincerest thanks to everyone of you representing Berri Council. It’s refreshing to know that somebody listens. That somebody cares.

And the speed in dealing with this matter took all of us by surprise. Phil Christian, the link–Sa driver, the passengers, and most of all, myself. Must confess I expected a bit of an arm–wrestle and delays with “red tape”, and so forth. “Oh ye of little faith”, that’s me. Or, rather, that was me.

Now, I’m a born again believer. Now, I’ll be the first to sing your praises. You have converted me. Hooray.

cheers

M. Statnickas
P.O. Box 301
BLANCHETOWN
S.A.
5357
STANDARD PRODUCT

ESPLANADE SINGLE-SIDED SHELTER

Dimensions (mm):
- Overall: 3580W x 2275D x 2450H
- Internal: 3000W x 700D x 2010H
- Seat Length: 1800

Features:
- Expanded mesh panels
- Colorbond roof
- Free-standing seat
- Bolt to surface

Optional extras:
- Glass wall panels
- Long windbreaks
- LED lighting (mains or solar)
- Concealed footings

Finishes:
- Powder Coated Aluminium Frame
- Refer to Dulux Powder Coat colours

STODDART INFRASTRUCTURE
16: **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES:**

16.1 Environmental Services and Major Projects – Building and Development Activity Report, January 2019

REPORT AUTHOR: MES/MP  
RESPONSIBLE MANAGER: MES/MP  
RECORDS REF: N/A  
STRATEGIC LINKS: Yes; Strong Internal Capability & Capacity; Objectives 2 & 4  
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Impact No  
  Budget Description: Various  
  Allocation: $ various  
  Expenditure to Date: $ multiple

**SUMMARY:**
The following represents the Building Rules and Development Plan consents that were undertaken by Environmental Services and Major Projects Team over the January 2019 period.

**REPORT:**
Discussion:

**Building Rules Consents:**
The following table provides statistics for development approvals to the end of January 2019.

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**TOTAL:** 5 $42,550 5 $42,550
Development Plan Consents:
The following applications were granted development plan consent in January 2019.

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<td>AQUILA DEVELOPMENTS PTY LTD TA HAND BUILT HOMES</td>
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<td>Single-storey detached dwelling with garage under main roof domestic outbuilding (shed) and associated landscaping and rainwater tanks.</td>
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<td>MATTHEW JOHN MIN</td>
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<td>Variation to DA752/115/10 for partial excavation of below ground floor level to create a basement level to an existing shed.</td>
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RECOMMENDATION:
That Council having considered Report 16.1 titled “Environmental Services and Major Projects – Building and Development Activity Report, January 2019” as presented to the ordinary Council meeting, receive and note the report

ATTACHMENTS: No
16.2 Proposed road closure under Section 10 of the Roads (Opening and Closing) Act 1991

REPORT AUTHOR: PO
RESPONSIBLE MANAGER: MES/MP
RECORDS REF: LIAISON-GOV, A6105, I170714-1433
STRATEGIC LINKS: N/A
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:
- Impact: No
- Budget Description: N/A
- Allocation: $-
- Expenditure to Date: $-

SUMMARY:
The Department of Environment and Water (formally DEWNR) are proposing to proclaim Sections 1165 and 146, Berri Irrigation area as well as the portion of Public Road Reserve adjacent to sections 1781, Q4 D23536 and Section 130, in the Berri Irrigation Area as additions to the Murray River National Park.

REPORT:
At the January 2019 ordinary meeting of council the following motion was carried:

MOTION: (5206/19)
1. That Council agrees to the revocation of the dedication to Council, of Sections 1165 and 146, Berri Irrigation Area, Crown Record Volume 5754 Folio 939.
2. That Council agree to the closure of the portions Eckerts and Draper Road as shown on the attached map, adjacent to Sections 1781, Q4 D23536 and 130.
3. That the Acting Chief Executive Officer sign the road process order and the final plan

Crs Fuller/Scott CARRIED

An additional motion to motion 5206/19 is required, to authorise the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to sign and affix the common seal to the road process order and final plan.

RECOMMENDATION:
That Council:
1. having considered Report 16.2 titled “Proposed road closure under Section 10 of the Roads (Opening and Closing) Act 1991” as presented to the ordinary Council meeting, receive and note the report.
2. authorise the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to sign and affix the common seal to the road process order and the final plan of the closure of the portions Eckerts and Draper Road as shown on the attached map, adjacent to Sections 1781, Q4 D23536 and 130.

ATTACHMENTS: No
17: QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE:

18: MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE:
19: **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS:** Nil

20: **CLOSURE:**