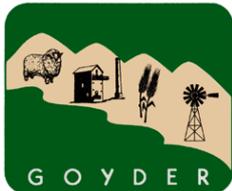


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Policy Statement

1. Leadership

The Council will clearly demonstrate leadership by:

- ❖ implementing and reviewing regularly the direction of this strategy;
- ❖ responsibly managing public open spaces in the long-term best interests of the community and the environment;
- ❖ planning and developing the district's open spaces in a manner which enhances the Council's image and the quality of life of the residents and visitors;
- ❖ optimising the utilisation of open space assets including the use of multi-use facilities;
- ❖ realising economic development and tourism opportunities associated with open space assets;
- ❖ analysing the need for, and establishing the priorities for the development of new and existing open space through research and analysis of relevant information, trends and the identification of open space users needs;
- ❖ providing a fair and transparent process for the disposal of unwanted open space in accordance with Council's "Tendering, Contracting and Disposal of Land and other Assets" Policy;
- ❖ promoting the design and development of open space that reflects local ambience, site characteristics, the need and aspirations of the user groups and creates safe environments; and
- ❖ establishing partnerships with community groups and other levels of government in the development and promotion of particular open space areas including recreational trails, National Parks and other reserves that provide opportunities for multiple recreational experiences and wildlife corridors.

2. Regulation

Council will monitor and apply the appropriate legislative provisions, conventions, codes and standards with regard to public open space.

Council will act in accordance with the requirements of relevant acts in terms of land acquisitions and disposal or adopting occupancy agreements (e.g. leasing, licensing and permits) with regard to community land.

Through the use of occupancy agreements (e.g. leasing, licensing and permits) Council will ensure that community users of facilities will contribute to the costs of the provision and use of the facility, and in commercial situations the terms of use shall be based on commercial considerations.

3. Community Support

Council will assess and support initiatives brought forward by the community directed toward enhancing open space through the provision of advice and exploring opportunities for funding and partnership arrangements, in accordance with resource availability.

Any funds generated by the disposal of open space will be used, in consultation with the community, for the funding of further open space acquisition and/or the development of open space areas.

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4. Advocacy

Under the terms of the present grant funding arrangements, Council will represent the specific needs of the local area to other spheres of government, wider networks and public forums, especially for adequate levels of open space services within the region.

Through the resources of the Community Projects Development Officer, Council will act and as advocate to attract appropriate development and events to suitable open spaces within the region.

5. Promotion

The Council will, with the assistance of such groups as the Tourism Working Party and community groups, promote the availability and use of open space throughout the region.

Council will have regard to relevant legislation and any other legal requirements in determining the terms and conditions under which it will make available information contained in its records, for the promotion of open spaces.

6. Service Provision

Council will provide, co-provide or facilitate service provision in relation to open space if it is of public benefit.

Council will decide whether it will provide services directly, in partnership with others or by engaging contractors.

Service provision will reflect established strategies and priorities for the development and management of each open space area which reflect community expectations.

Council will provide a level of service generally commensurate with the return on its investment.

Council's role in open space may change over time, through periodic reviews.

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Min 145/07 17.4.07

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to define the role of Council with regards to open space within the Council area. This policy has been adopted setting out the objectives that Council hopes to achieve within its area. Council recognises that it must achieve the standards set down in legislation and public liability requirements. When it strives to achieve standards greater than those required then Council's commitment is to endeavour to achieve those standards, subject to budget guidelines.

The commitments made by Council in its policy are not intended to be and should not be interpreted to be any more than a statement of Council's general position in relation to those matters, and to facilitate its aspirations however it is reasonable to do so.

Introduction

The Regional Council of Goyder has prepared a Community Strategic Management Plan, which has highlighted the need to develop open space areas as key priority area.

This plan was undertaken through extensive community consultation.

The undertaking of any strategic planning will provide the following benefits to both the Council and the community:

- It focuses efforts of Council, staff and the community on how they want the various elements of the region to develop;

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- Ensuring a coordinated approach to planning, with clear priorities;
- Making the most effective use of limited resources;
- Guiding Council's decision-making process;
- Providing an overall policy against which to monitor actions;
- Providing long-term directions for Council; and
- Informing the community, government agencies and investors of Council's position on a range of issues.

This report documents the key open space areas within the region and recommendations as to the future development of these areas. It provides an integrated approach to the design and management of Goyder's Public Open Space Areas.

Guiding Principles:

There are several guiding principles which underpin the plan:

1. Flexibility – the need for a responsive planning system that allows for the changing priority needs of the community
2. Integration – the recognition of the inter-relationship of social, economic, environmental, political and governmental objectives for achieving sustainable community goals
3. Access and Equity – a commitment to a diverse community in which all people, regardless of race, culture, religion, age, gender, disability or sexual orientation have access to the public open space areas within the Council area
4. Community Involvement – the recognition that all people have the right to participate in community life and influence the decisions that affect their lives

Background

The Council has recognised the high level of importance that the local residents place of the need for accessible open space environments. This not only applies to country people concentrating around sporting facilities, but the need to provide travellers and residents with passive recreation areas.

The State Government planning legislation allows that new residential land divisions provide for open space or monetary compensation to be later used for open space development.

Planning SA has recognised the need for public spaces and assists Councils with funds through the "Places for People" grants.

Department of Environment also provides funds to Councils to provide a system of interconnected private and public open space (*Regional Open Space Grants*) which is set aside for existing and future generations.

Open space functions in many ways which include active and passive recreation, landscape amenity or character, preservation of bio-diversity, creating a sense of place, buffering incompatible uses and performing a drainage and/or water quality function.

Much of Council's resources are tied up in open space assets along with ongoing maintenance and management issues. The specific options highlighted in this document include management options, reserve rationalisation, development of various areas and the investigation of user pays schemes.

The several statutory requirements which Council must comply with or administer in relation to open space include *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988; Development Act 1993; Disability Discrimination Act 1992; Environment*

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Protection and Bio-diversity Conservation Act 1999; Local Government Act 1999; Native Vegetation Act 1991; Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare Act 1986 and the Water Resources Act 1997.

The Council's Strategic Management Plan refers to a number of key strategies for the region and include:

1. To facilitate appropriate economic development which builds on our existing assets of primary industry, tourism, manufacturing and transport.
2. To facilitate a coordinated approach to providing services to meet the community's needs in an efficient and effective manner.
3. To engage with our community to build a shared sense of responsibility for achieving mutual goals.
4. To protect our environment from harm through appropriate development and management practices.
5. To identify opportunities for restoration and enhancement of the natural environment.
6. To ensure investment in infrastructure provides measurable benefits to the community.
7. To improve and maintain our road network.
8. To make the most efficient use of public funds.
9. To ensure that all expenditure is directed towards achieving identified strategic goals.
10. To build a strong sense of unity within and across the Council.

Definition

"Open Space" in its fullest sense includes land or areas in public or private ownership including public squares and water bodies that are open in character. For the purposes of this policy, open space will refer largely to public reserves and the facilities therein (except buildings) that come under the care and control of the Council.

Policy Objectives

- To place emphasis on the significant role of volunteers and their contribution to open space.
- To outline Council's role in planning for an supporting the development and management of a range of quality open space experiences within the region.
- To create an awareness of relevant legislation, standards, conditions and strategies relating to open space provisions.
- To recognise, protect and enhance for current and future generations the unique and diverse open space environment within the Council area.

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Public Open Space Listing

All open space has been retained by Council as "community land" which, under the terms of the Local Government Act 1999 is subject to extensive community consultation prior to Council revoking its classification or dealing with the land in any other manner.

The following specific areas have been recognised as public open spaces within the region.

Vacant Land/Reserves

Valuation No:	Hundred	Nearest Town/Area	Description	Crown Land
4207046004	Ayers	Booborowie	Land	N
4207063007	Ayers	Booborowie	Reserve	Y
4207077003	Ayers	Booborowie	Reserve	Y
4207081002	Ayers	Booborowie	Reserve	Y
4207535000	Ayers	Booborowie	Land	N
4207540002	Ayers	Booborowie	Land	Y
4207577008	Ayers	Booborowie	Land	N
4207584005	Ayers	Booborowie	Water Reserve	Y
4207606008	Ayers	Booborowie	Water Reserve	Y
4207608003	Ayers	Booborowie	Water Reserve	Y
4207678008	Ayers	Booborowie	Land	N
4207686001	Ayers	Booborowie	Stone Reserve	Y
4207687004	Ayers	Booborowie	Stone Reserve	Y
4207696007	Ayers	Booborowie	Water Reserve	Y
4206001007	Kooringa	Burra	Land	N
420600200*	Kooringa	Burra	Reserve	N
4206025009	Kooringa	Burra	Land	N
420609600*	Kooringa	Burra	Water supply	N
4206179008	Kooringa	Burra	Reserve	N
4206181001	Kooringa	Burra	Land	N
420618400*	Kooringa	Burra	Land	N
4206196000	Kooringa	Burra	Reserve	N
4206197003	Kooringa	Burra	Reserve	N
4206198006	Kooringa	Burra	Land	N

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4206199009	Kooringa	Burra	Reserve	N
4206202001	Kooringa	Burra	Land	N
4206230002	Kooringa	Burra	Land	N
4206231005	Kooringa	Burra	Reserve	N
4206267008	Kooringa	Burra	Land	N
4206331006	Kooringa	Burra	Water Supply	N
4206332105	Kooringa	Burra	Water Supply	N
4206349003	Kooringa	Burra	Reserve	N
4206368001	Kooringa	Burra	Land	N
4206405001	Kooringa	Burra	Lawn Cnr Kangaro	N
4206430004	Kooringa	Burra	Creek Reserve	N
420643155*	Kooringa	Burra	Creek Reserve	N
4206460000	Kooringa	Burra	Water Supply	N
4206466007	Kooringa	Burra	Lawn Reserve Cha	N
4206503007	Kooringa	Burra	Water Supply	N
420650400*	Kooringa	Burra	Water Supply	N
4206530005	Kooringa	Burra	Reserve	N
4206540000	Kooringa	Burra	Park	N
4206549507	Kooringa	Burra	Land	N
4206552503	Kooringa	Burra	Land	N
4206591000	Kooringa	Burra	Land	N
4206591502	Kooringa	Burra	Land	N
4206703009	Kooringa	Burra	Reserve	N
4206714007	Kooringa	Burra	Reserve cnr Smelts	N
4206742008	Kooringa	Burra	Supply	N
4206744003	Kooringa	Burra	Res Creek	N
420775350	Baldina	Burra	Land	Y
4208125505	Kooringa	Burra	Land	N
4208133003	Kooringa	Burra	Land	N
42081430096	Kooringa	Burra	Recreation Reserve	N
4208178009	Kooringa	Burra	Land	Y
4208191000	Kooringa	Burra	Land	Y
4208201002	Kooringa	Burra	Water Reserve	Y
4208202005	Kooringa	Burra	Land	Y
980015173*	Neales	Eudunda	Reserve	N
9800412012	Neales	Eudunda	Land	Y
9800432515	Neales	Eudunda	SupplyXMeas	Y
9801291048	Dutton	Eudunda	Water Reserve	Y
9801291064	Dutton	Eudunda	Water Reserve	Y
9801315425	Dutton	Eudunda	Water Reserve	Y
980131545*	Dutton	Eudunda	Water Reserve	Y

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9801315505	Dutton	Eudunda	Water Reserve	Y
9801492501	Neales	Eudunda	Land	N
9801510503	Neales	Eudunda	Land	N
9801687405	Neales	Eudunda	Land	Y
980263695*	Bundey	Eudunda	Stone Reserve	Y
4207265004	Hanson	Farrell Flat	Reserve	Y
420727500*	Hanson	Farrell Flat	Land	N
4207276002	Hanson	Farrell Flat	Land	N
4207277005	Hanson	Farrell Flat	Land	N
4207278008	Hanson	Farrell Flat	Land	N
4204205057	Hallett	Hallett	Refuse Depot	Y
4204252152	Hallett	Hallett	Reserve	Y
4204253104	Hallett	Hallett	Water Reserve	Y
4204253120	Hallett	Hallett	Water Reserve	Y
4204253147	Hallett	Hallett	Water Reserve	Y
4204253163	Hallett	Hallett	Water Reserve	Y
420425318*	Hallett	Hallett	Water Reserve	Y
4204253200	Hallett	Hallett	Water Reserve	Y
4204253243	Hallett	Hallett	Water Reserve	Y
420425326*	Hallett	Hallett	Water Reserve	Y
4204264241	Hallett	Hallett	Water Reserve	Y
4204271054	Hallett	Hallett	Water/Stone Reserve	Y
420431400*	Hallett	Hallett	Land	N
4207763011	Hanson	Hanson	Quarry	Y
4207765017	Hanson	Hanson	Reserve	Y
4207791012	Hanson	Hanson	Plantation	Y
4207813015	Hanson	Hanson	Reserve	Y
4207826000	Hanson	Hanson	Land	Y
4207827003	Hanson	Hanson	Land	Y
4207828006	Hanson	Hanson	Land	Y
4207829009	Hanson	Hanson	Land	Y
420783000*	Hanson	Hanson	Land	Y
9801474303	Julia Creek	Julia	Reserve	Y
9801485002	Julia Creek	Julia	Water Reserve	N
4208088003	Kingston	Mt Bryan	Land	Y
4208115008	Kingston	Mt Bryan	Land	Y
4208116000	Kingston	Mt Bryan	Stone Reserve	Y
9802115708	English	Robertstown	Land	N
9802390152	Apoinga	Robertstown	Water Reserve	Y
9802434311	Apoinga	Robertstown	Land	Y
9802434354	Apoinga	Robertstown	Land	Y

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980243440*	Apoinga	Robertstown	Water Reserve	Y
9802434426	Apoinga	Robertstown	Water Reserve	Y
9802434434	Apoinga	Robertstown	Water Reserve	Y
9802434506	Apoinga	Robertstown	Water Reserve	Y
9802434522	Apoinga	Robertstown	Water Reserve	Y
9802434557	Apoinga	Robertstown	Reserve	Y
9802434573	Apoinga	Robertstown	Water Reserve	Y
980243459*	Apoinga	Robertstown	Water Reserve	Y
9802434637	Apoinga	Robertstown	Water Reserve	Y
9802434653	Apoinga	Robertstown	Land	Y
9802447737	Apoinga	Robertstown	Water Reserve	Y
9802447753	Apoinga	Robertstown	Water Reserve	Y
9802543059	Bright	Robertstown	Land	N
9802570006	Bright	Robertstown	Land	N
9802604237	Bright	Robertstown	Water Reserve	Y
9802604261	Bright	Robertstown	Slaughter Reserve	Y
9802904758	English	Robertstown	Reserve	Y
9802913582	English	Robertstown	Land	Y
4204336102	Terowie	Terowie	Arid Lands	N
4204338001	Terowie	Terowie	Arid Lands	N
4204339258	Terowie	Terowie	Arid Lands	N
4204532103	Terowie	Terowie	Stone Reserve	Y
4204541309	Terowie	Terowie	Land	N
4204661802	Terowie	Terowie	Water Reserve	Y
4204668836	Terowie	Terowie	Land	Y
4204668908	Terowie	Terowie	Parklands	Y
4204668959	Terowie	Terowie	Parklands	Y
4204669185	Terowie	Terowie	Land	Y
4204723209	Whyte	Whyte Yarcowie	McCulloch Square	Y
4204820308	Whyte	Whyte Yarcowie	Parklands	Y
4204820455	Whyte	Whyte Yarcowie	Quarry Reserve	Y
4204121208	Anne	Willalo	Water Reserve	N

The open spaces referred to herein are generally under the care and control of the Council and, although access is available to the public, access in many cases is not possible.

During 1996 the State Government decided that it would be appropriate to dispose of all unwanted reserves. This strategy, however, did not prove cost effective due to surveyor's fees and title transfer fees.

However, with updates in legislation it is now possible to undertake certain land transfers without exorbitant costs and Council should investigate the possibility of disposing of the unwanted land, in cooperation with the Department of Environment, Heritage and Aboriginal Affairs.

Council's policy "Tendering, Contracting and Disposal of Land and other Assets" Appendix 9 of the Regional Council of Goyder Policy Manual applies.

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Active Recreational Facilities

Open spaces throughout the district generally used for sports and recreation pursuits include:

- a) Robertstown
Includes the football/cricket oval, change-room, toilets, bowling club, netball/tennis club courts, clubroom and toilets.
The lease of this area is currently under negotiation but will be managed by the local committee.
A management plan needs to be drawn up for the future management and development of the open space.
- b) Point Pass
The oval at Point Pass is no longer in use but still contains change-rooms and toilets.
This area is under the control of the Point Pass Hall Committee who are considering future uses which would attract visitors to the area.
- c) Eudunda
The main sporting complex houses the golf club, BMX track, hardcourt sports, swimming pool, football and cricket oval, a small playground and is also used by the school for various activities. Other groups such as the Eudunda Agricultural Society also make use of it throughout the year.
This area is operated by several committees. Research needs to be undertaken as to how the best manage the facilities with the interests of the community paramount.
- d) Burra
The main Burra oval contains a complex which provides facilities for the playing of football, cricket and netball.
It houses a toilet block and small playground.
Events such as Merino sheep field days are held on the grounds periodically.
The area is managed by a community committee and the terms of lease are currently under review. Part of the review should include future development of the site.
- e) Aberdeen Oval
This area provides grounds for a part of the golf course, the Leighton Cricket club, the Burra tennis clubroom and courts and the Burra Dog Obedience Club.
Four separate committees operate their own portions of the area. As it is a main entrance to the Burra Township from the north it provides excellent opportunities for future development and the Council should promote this.
- f) Farrell Flat
The Farrell Flat Golf Club operates from the parklands in Rassam Street. This reserve also houses the tennis courts and a small playground.
Council will rely on the local committees to promote any future development of this site.
The former oval on South Terrace, being section 485, is operated by the Farrell Flat Management Committee. Its current usage includes for development of this area and the pro-active local committee is currently reviewing this.

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g) Booborowie

The Booborowie Recreation Ground Committee manage the entire site on North Terrace which includes tennis/netball courts, swimming pool, toilets, playground, hall, clubrooms, bowling club and an oval only being used for cricket at this time, and some minor events (school sports etc).

The local committee have successfully managed the area over a considerable period of time and Council encourages it to continue in this manner.

h) Mt Bryan

The Mt Bryan Oval is no longer used for sporting activities. The only structure left, the grandstand, has been attacked by vandals.

The Mt Bryan Progress Association crop the area as a local fundraiser and, considering the funds that this committee have contributed into the Wilkins Park, should be supported by the Council.

i) Hallett

The recreation reserve in the Hallett Township includes the golf course, tennis courts and clubrooms, an oval being used only for cricket, clubrooms, grandstand, tea-room and bowling club which is operated by a separate committee.

The Hallett Community Management Community operates the remainder of this area through a system of sub-committees.

The operation of this area is currently being reviewed as a part of the lease process.

j) Terowie

The Terowie recreation reserve houses a disused oval, the CFS shed and netball courts.

The Terowie Citizen's Association manages the area and Council would be reliant on the advice of that committee as to the future development of the area.

The Council has established a sub-committee to review all of these public areas with the aim of setting up a strategy that development is achievable and that management by the Council is equitable subject to income derived from the area and usage, both present and future.

Significant Public Open Space Areas

The areas discussed herein have been identified as having some significance for the district's future development and are targeted for development and/or substantial management techniques.

a) Burra Creek (World's End) Gorge

The Burra Creek Gorge is located approximately 20 kilometres north of Robertstown, 150 kilometres from Adelaide, and is approximately 46.6 hectares in size.

The area is zoned as open space within the Goyder Development Plan amendment report. There has been a management plan adopted for the reserve and it encompasses a range of goals including:

- a range of activities and uses available to the general public;
- rehabilitation, including control of soil erosion and re-establishment of native vegetation;
- conservation of the total area as a unique part of South Australia;
- exclusion zones to preserve sites of heritage, cultural and historic interests;

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- enhancement of community appreciation through various promotions; and
- multiple use opportunities for flora, fauna, Aboriginal heritage, topography and geology.

Key priority works have been undertaken and maintenance such as pest plant control and slashing are ongoing.

b) Burra Creek

The Burra Creek bisects the township of Burra and extends from Burra north through to the cemetery in the south then onwards toward the Murray River. The creek enhances each of the major tourism interest points of the town and forms a natural backdrop to Market Street, providing opportunities for picnicking and family events and the opportunity for nature walks along its full length.

In 1994 a concept plan was adopted for the creek and its surrounds. In 2003 a development and management plan was adopted by the Council which addressed strategies such as:

- extending public use and access;
- interpretative signage;
- focus on the heritage significance of the area;
- exploring the remnant dugout areas;
- water quality and quantity;
- future development; and
- several other aspects.

The strategic management plan is a working document and indicates the funding required for staged development.

c) Market Square/Best Place

Market Square and Best Place are key commercial and civic centres in the Burra Township.

Both spaces are characterised by:

- connections with surrounding streets that radiate from each area;
- important views of surrounding areas;
- a strong sense of place and connection with nearby streets;
- relationship with Burra Creek; and
- historic buildings.

In 1998 a report which proposed an integrated approach to the design and management of these areas was undertaken by Flightpath Architects.

A development plan based on the recommendations of that report has been prepared by the Council. It allows for staged development over the next three years.

d) Eudunda Gardens (Gunn Street extension)

The Gunn Street extension road construction was completed in March 2003. It was a project commenced by the District Council of Eudunda when the rail was closed in 1991.

The garden project, which allows for a major attraction in the township providing a visual recognition as well as an attractive comfort stop, can now proceed.

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In June 2003 a concept plan was drawn up and presented to the Council for adoption. The plan provides for staged development over a two-year period and encompasses the current small garden and an area of railway yard, with the remainder of the railyard being occupied by the AusBulk facility.

There is a strategy to screen that area.

e) Robertstown Railway Yards

The disused railway yards in Robertstown were transferred to Council in April 2003.

The Robertstown community have set up a Gardens Working Party to undertake development of the site.

A formal lease needs to be put into place and a management plan drawn up for the development and maintenance of the reserve.

f) Burra – National Trust Sites

The following sites are leased to the National Trust, Burra Burra Branch:

- Morphet's Engine House Museum – including toilet and surrounds;
- Burra Mine Site – including maintenance of roads, pest plants etc;
- Brewery Cellars – including external garden areas;
- Smelts Paddock – through to the Burra Creek; and
- Hampton – the township area.

These sites form an integral part of the Passport Key tour sold to tourists at the Burra Visitor's Centre.

The National Trust maintains the sites in a first class conditions and the lease arrangement should continue.

g) Smelts Road Development – Scroop Park

This area of land is Lot 113 and situated in two parts divided by the Goyder Highway. The section on the northern side is low lying and should remain as a wooded lot and slashed regularly.

The section to the south is approximately five hectares in size. It contains disused tennis courts, a small playground and a public toilet block which is recommended for demolition. The park is overgrown with "self-sown" pine trees.

Council has considered a formal report to sub-divide the area into housing allotments and this is subject to a further report.

In January 1996 Transport SA presented a concept plan to provide a new entrance to the town from the newly constructed Morgan Road. This was never acted upon.

The area is one of the main entrances into the Burra Township and could be landscaped into an area of high visual impact.

A management plan is currently being developed to determine the future of the area.

h) Terowie Arid Lands Botanic Gardens

In October 1991 a group was established to develop vacant lots 526, 529 and 530 in the main street of Terowie.

The land was formally transferred to the Council and the management of the area was undertaken by the Terowie Citizen's Association.

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REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOYDER OPEN SPACES POLICY

In April 1903 the Minister for Environment, the Honourable Kym Mayes, officially opened the park.

The area houses over 450 plants and more than 200 species, including eighteen rare or endangered species.

To this day the Terowie Citizen's Association still maintains the park which now has the largest range of arid zone plants that can be found in one collection.

i) Mt Bryan – Wilkins Park

In 1993 the Mt Bryan Progress Association saw the need to beautify the town, particularly the disused railway line and station area immediately adjacent to the Barrier Highway.

A formal management plan was drawn up and the area substantially developed with landscaping, including tree planting, a playground, gazebo, barbecue and public toilets.

The development and maintenance work undertaken by the committee is ongoing. The lease of the area from Transport SA is held by the Council.

j) Disused Railway Corridors

All disused railway corridors in the region are under the care and control of Transport SA and include:

- Burra to Hallett

The infrastructure on this line has been removed except for the ballast. There may be a commercial use of this material although there is some indication of arsenic contamination.

- Hallett to the northern Council boundary

With the exception of the Terowie Station Yards has been leased by the Council from February 1995 for tree planting purposes.

A local group has undertaken to set up a plan for development of the reserve and, with the assistance of some external funding, have vegetated a large part of it.

- Robertstown/Eudunda/Hampden

Parts of this line are being illegally grazed and/or cropped by adjoining landholders. Local residents have also indicated the need for more attention to pest plant control.

The Eudunda Community Business and Tourism Association have had some discussion as to the reserve between Eudunda and Hampden becoming a walking trail.

k) Heysen/Mawson Trails

These two trails are operated by the Department of Sports and recreation and, in the main, utilise public roads.

There are a few "Friends of the Trail" committees operating at a local level, and seek assistance from Council from time to time.

The trails do attract a number of visitors to the area and should remain managed as a State/Local government partnership.

l) Part Section 123 Eudunda

In October 1982 the area of land above was sub-divided under the Planning and Development Act and zoned as residential. Twenty-three building blocks were created along with 4250m² of reserve.

A concept plan drawn up at that time indicated space for a further seventy-eight building blocks, 1050 metres of road and 9500 m² of reserves.

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A committee of Council has been established to provide recommendations to Council as to the future use of this land, including the need for further housing development in that area.

m) Parklands – Other

There are numerous other parklands, recreation reserves and open space areas throughout the district that have no major significance for any uses apart from visual impact.

A maintenance schedule needs to be drawn up for these areas to ensure that a level of maintenance is kept up.

Summary

Under the terms of Section 196 of the Local Government Act it is necessary for Council to set up a community lands register and provide management plans for lands identified as community. These plans would serve a purpose in providing sound management principles for land which has value to communities locally and regionally.

It must also be recognised that the Act further requires that, before a Council can adopt a management plan under the Act, Council is required to carry out consultation in accordance with its public consultation.

This process has commenced.

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