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FEEDBACK SUBMISSION: GOYDER MASTER PLAN 2023-2038 V1

The Burra Community Management Committee thanks Burra elected members and the CEO of the Regional Council of Goyder for attending our recent meeting to discuss the Goyder Master Plan 2023-2038 V1.

The following information is based on the feedback gathered at a working group meeting of the Burra CMC on Thursday 22 February 2023 relating to the Regional Council of Goyder Master Plan 2023-2038 V1. Members of that working group were as follows:

- Deb Selway (Chair)
- Sue Ryan (Secretary)
- Bob Perry (Treasurer)
- Pip Edson; Jenny Loftes; Barbara Piscitelli (Burra CMC Members)

Our comments relate specifically to Burra projects listed in the Master Plan.

Burra Sports Hub

Addition of a Hydrotherapy Pool

The Burra CMC considers the sports hub upgrade of the Burra Swimming Pool to be a **high priority**. In this regard, we recommend that a **hydrotherapy pool** be included in the plans for upgrade (to be installed either at the sports hub or the swimming pool).

Currently many older Burra residents travel to the Valleys Lifestyle Centre in Clare regularly to use the hydrotherapy pool. To have a hydrotherapy pool in Burra would be of benefit to not only our aging population but also for people with disabilities and those with sporting/physical injuries. Mid North occupational therapists and exercise physiologists can and do recommend hydrotherapy for patients and provide supervised programs.

Burra Swimming Pool – Extended Access

In terms of health and fitness, Burra residents and others would benefit from the Burra Swimming Pool being available for extended periods of the year and for greater hours than at present. We recommend investigating solar heating so the pool may be used for a greater period over the year. While lifeguards may be difficult to source currently, the Burra CMC would be willing to work with Council on a recruitment and training drive to help train local lifeguards and supervisors to enable supervised extended access of the Burra Swimming Pool.

Disability Support Committee

The Burra CMC deems this project as a **very high priority** to be commenced immediately. It is imperative that many of the recommendations from Goyder's Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2020-2024 (GDAIPlan) be initiated. The Burra CMC is willing to assist in the update of the current GDAIPlan and to help instigate the first meeting of the Committee, including linking members to the Goyder Carers & Disability Support Group Facebook site: <https://tinyurl.com/Goyder-Care-Disability>

Nature Play Space Burra

The Burra CMC supports the upgrade of the play space at Thomas Pickett Reserve as a **high priority**. In particular, the BCMC recommends that an *All Abilities Play Space* be designed to ensure all children, regardless of age and ability, can enjoy the space. Specialist consultants are available to make recommendations on all abilities play spaces and we encourage Council to engage in this consultation process.

We note that children at the Thomas Pickett Reserve inevitably are drawn to play in the small stream behind the current playground. As such, we encourage Council to incorporate a *water play feature* in the design of an all abilities play space. Again, consultation on appropriate design with specialists is available. The water play feature would also act as a tourist attraction, particularly in summer. In this regard, we are not considering a full water play facilities (as that the Clare Caravan Park) but more like a simple, yet effective water play feature such as that which can be found currently at Henley Beach Square (see per photo below).



Reconciliation

A Goyder Reconciliation Action Plan is a **high priority** as it is long overdue. In terms of acknowledgement of Ngadjuri people, the Burra CMC recommends that the entrance signs to Burra also include signage stating: Ngadjuri Country or Ngadjuri Nation (after consultation with Ngadjuri Elders). It is a missed opportunity on entrance signage throughout the Goyder region to acknowledge Ngadjuri Country in this way.

Also, the Ngadjuri basket, now in place in Thomas Pickett Reserve (please update the Master Plan accordingly), needs signage to honour the artist and Ngadjuri story.

Town Hall Upgrades Burra - Please Add

We note that an item to upgrade the Burra Town Hall is not in the Master Plan. The Burra CMC would like the Burra Town Hall Upgrade to be included in the Master Plan to focus on the Red Cross Resilience Group - Burra's recommendation that shower facilities be built in the Burra Town Hall to ensure that the town hall then has all required facilities to be an Emergency Relief Centre during crises.

Art Trail Goyder Wide

The Burra CMC noted that the silo facilities in Burra were now sold/under contract to a local farmer. The Burra CMC would still like to pursue the possibility of a tourist projection display on the silos and urge Council to negotiate with the owner to see if that would be possible. We understand that silos, such as in Farrell Flat, operate both as active silos and tourist art attractions.

Streetscape & Beautification Burra

The Burra CMC queried the consultation process in the planning for beautification of Burra. In a recent windfarm funding round, the Burra CMC submitted a project application to beautify Burra's main square and entrances which was unsuccessful. However, this demonstrates our committee's eagerness to be involved in streetscaping and the beautification of Burra. The Burra CMC is also interested in the budget plan for this endeavour. It is recommended that Council refer to its current Disability Access and Inclusion Plan to ensure the incorporation of disability access into the streetscape and beautification plans.

Centre for Renewable Excellence

Centres of Excellence are research centres associated with the Australian Research Council (ARC) in collaboration with universities around Australia - see <https://www.arc.gov.au/funding-research/funding-schemes/linkage-program/arc-centres-excellence>. The concept of a Centre for Renewable Excellence for Goyder is wonderful and much needed. The Burra CMC recommends that Council collaborate with a

university/ies and the Australian Research Council to engage them in the proposed partnerships. Using the name "Centre for Renewable Excellence" now and into the future could well become a branding issue that needs to be addressed if collaboration with the ARC is not engaged with the project in its early stages.

Caravan Parking Burra

The Burra CMC initiated discussions with Council for Burra to become a RV Friendly Town. That status has now been achieved. Further consideration is now needed regarding planning for where Caravans/RVs can park in Burra while visiting. Unfortunately, now that the RAA has put an electric car power station in the middle of a parking space that was under consideration as an RV parking area (e.g., behind the BP across the bridge and Burra Creek), there remains very limited space for RV/Caravan parking close to town.

The Burra CMC questions the placement of RAA's power station and asks what, if any, permissions were given to the RAA by Council and HeritageSA for the placement of that station. This will be an issue that the Burra CMC will follow up on with relevant authorities in March/April 2024.

The Burra CMC looks toward Council collaborating on consideration for parking for Caravans and RVs to ensure tourists and businesses experience optimum benefits.

Burra Heritage Passport Upgrade

With the potential of World Heritage looming, it is imperative that the Burra Heritage Passport and its sites be upgraded as outlined in the plan. The passport experience could benefit from a review/evaluation and a contemporary reinterpretation of Burra's significance to Australia.

It is also recommended by the Burra CMC that Council include the Bon Accord Museum site in the passport key tour. It has been reported to the Burra CMC that volunteers/staff at the site have regularly been verbally abused by visitors because they are required to pay an entry fee, as the site is not currently on the passport trail. This anomaly needs to be rectified for the benefit and convenience of visitors and for the health and safety of volunteers/staff at the Bon Accord Museum.

The Burra CMC highly recommends that Council liaise with the National Trust and the Burra History Group to rectify this anomaly and broaden the passport to embrace the Bon Accord Museum. In so doing, it is likely to increase customer ease of entry (under the passport key), their experience and overall satisfaction with their visit.

Solar PV Town Halls: Burra

The Burra CMC appreciates that the Burra Town Hall is a priority for solar power under this Master Plan. We note that solar panels should comply with Heritage Standards and avoid visibility from the public realm.

Climate Change

The Burra Revegetation Group & Nursery (a sub-committee of the Burra CMC) is keen to protect the rare species of grasses and plants of the Goyder region, in collaboration with Friends of Burra Parks, Landscape Board SA, Burra National Trust, Regional Council of Goyder and the general Goyder community. To this end, the Burra Revegetation Group & Nursery will apply for collaborative grants to help revegetate parts of Goyder with native species. The Burra CMC is keen to support this collaborative effort and work with RCOG to assist with this vital work, especially in times of climate change, with some species under threat.

Heritage Walking & Biking Track Burra

The Burra CMC is curious as to why text in the first four paragraphs of the Master Plan is crossed out in the section on walking/biking tracks. The Burra CMC looks forward to Burra's Heritage Walking & Biking Track being completed (as part of the \$100,000 Commonwealth Governments Drought Funding Initiative given to Council). The Burra CMC is willing to be consulted on the planning of these walking and biking trails that will add benefit for the local population as well as tourists.

Conservation Management Plan Projects

Now that the Burra CMC has a representative on the Burra Conservation Management Plan Committee, we look forward to keeping up to date with developments.

In particular, the Burra CMC would like to see the Burra Railway Station and the Burra Regional Art Gallery be priorities under this planning initiative. We also request that budgeting be considered for the Significance Assessment of Burra's historical assets, as outlined in our recent report to Council regarding the need for Significance Assessment considering the World Heritage bid.

Unicorn Brewery Upgrade

Paragraph two of this entry is also crossed out and the Burra CMC is curious as to why. The Burra CMC considers the Unicorn Brewery as one of the best passport site experiences and supports Council's endeavour to upgrade the site for tourists and as an event facility site.

Miners Dugouts & AR Experience

The Burra CMC is keen to see the Miners Dugouts and AR experience as a priority that needs continued upgrade. The Committee encourages Council to liaise with the BCMC's Burra History Group and the Burra National Trust, to form a subcommittee of delegates to help bring this project to life. The Burra CMC is interested to know of the project's budget, partnerships and timeline for completion.

Waste Transfer Stations

The Burra CMC recommends that Council offer free dumping at the Burra Transfer Station a minimum of four times per year. That initiative alone would assist locals to clean up their yards, particularly when the current fee per car/trailer load (approx. \$25) is a deterrent to many on low wages/social security.

The Burra CMC is looking forward to the supply of green waste bins for local residents.

Community Leases & Licences

The Burra CMC has liaised with Council over the past two years to consider the lease of Burra's Leisure Activity Centre being transferred back to the community, under the BCMC, for use by those engaged in community projects and as a meeting place for Burra's many volunteer groups. We understand this lease is currently under negotiation and we look forward to hearing the outcome of our request so that we can begin to apply to appropriate granting bodies to help initiate projects in the Centre.

World Heritage Centre

The Burra CMC appreciates being included in consultation regarding the World Heritage Centre and look forward to hearing further updates on the project.

Progress Updates Online

The Burra CMC noted that the overall Master Plan needs additional information on each project, including information about Funding, Partners, Timeline and Progress Charts.

RCOG Master Plan 2022-2037 V1 (Current Plan)

This attached document highlights recommendations and considerations given to information in this version current version of the Master Plan. This analysis was undertaken by Dr Barbara Piscitelli on behalf of the BCMC prior to the presentation of the updated *Goyder Master Plan 2023-2038 V1* as tabled by RCOG at the BCMC's meeting 12 February 2024.

Thank you for seeking this feedback from the Burra Community Management Committee.

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Attachments to this report:

Significance Assessment - Dr Barbara Piscitelli - BCMC
RCOG Master Plan 2022-2027 V1 (Current Plan) Considerations - BCMC