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From: Simone Bailey <mayorbailey@mid-murray.sa.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 4 December 2023 3:43 PM
To: andrew
Subject: Re: Boundary change procedures

Hi Andrew,

Details of the procedure for a public initiated boundary review can be found here: <https://www.dit.sa.gov.au/local-government/boundaries-commission>

It was discussed last month at the Commission Presentation, the recording can be found here (watch from around the 1:37:00 mark): <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=vhPWA18VIHI>

It is my understanding that you need 10% support of the community for a public initiated review and that this form of review is at the State Governments expense. Council should be able to help you determine the number of supporters you will need if you let us know the defined area you are thinking of.

Personally, I would totally understand if some of our communities would want to move into a more sustainable Council area that is able to offer affordability, greater services and better facilities, especially if they are quite close to the border and use that Council area for a majority of their services. This hasn't been discussed at Council to date so I'm unsure of other Elected Members thoughts although "Explore boundary reform opportunities" has been added to our Draft Strategic Plan 2024-2028 which was endorsed by Council last week and will be out for public consultation shortly.

Hope this helps.

Kind regards
Simone

On 4 Dec 2023, at 14:55, andrew <ynoak@bigpond.com> wrote:

Hi Simone.

Could you please advise me the procedure to initiate council boundary realignment.

As i understand it should it be initiated by individuals, or council town committees, the costs incurred are born by state govt.

Could you also indicate to me via reply email if you would be supportive of the procedure starting. Is there anything else i need to know going forward.

Regards Andrew young.

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From: Simone Bailey <mayorbailey@mid-murray.sa.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 14 February 2024 12:49 PM
To: chair@truro.sa.au
Cc: Post Box
Subject: RE: INFO: Truro and District Community Association February meeting
Attachments: Re: Boundary change procedures (5.81 KB)

Hi Chris

I have spoken with Andrew many times since before the election. Every discussion, I let him know that I will support what the majority of Truro want. I certainly understand his argument, cheaper rates, more services, a financially sustainable Council with a large population to keep it that way, it totally makes sense.

Council doesn't have a position on this as it has never come to Council. If it goes to Council and we have a position, it would be at the cost of Council (and as you know, we don't have much in spare funds). As you noted, the Barossa Council have abandoned their proposed boundary realignment, and yes, the cost of the process could reach \$500,000.

I believe the way Andrew would like to go about it is to get agreement from 10% of those residents affected and then go to the SA Boundaries Commission as that group. That way the cost is shifted to the State Government and neither Council would have to fund the work done.

I have attached an email with our discussions late last year, I am not sure if this is what he means by my "brief paper".

It may be worth you watching the 6 minutes (from 1:37:00 to 1:43:00) of the Commissions briefing which I have outlined in the email to Andrew (<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=vhPWA18VIHI>)

I hope this helps.

Kind Regards,

Simone

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From: Truro Admin <info@truro.sa.au>
Sent: Thursday, 11 April 2024 1:45 PM
To: 'Treasurer@truro.sa.au'
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Council Boundary Realignment meeting

Members of the Board, Truro and District Community Association—

Please see the link below supplied by Barossa Council Mayor Bim Lange. A few copies will be available for your information at today's meeting.

Regards,
--Truro and District Community Association Admin



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From: Mayor Lange <mayor.lange@barossa.sa.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2024 1:37 PM
To: Truro Admin <info@truro.sa.au>; Simone Bailey <mayorbailey@mid-murray.sa.gov.au>; chair@truro.sa.au; secretary@truro.sa.au
Cc: Andrew Young <ynoak@bigpond.com>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Council Boundary Realignment meeting

Thankyou for your information. I have attached a link to Council's a Policy for your information regarding how Council determines its behaviour and business undertaking for the community. Pls note Strategic Item 4.

Regards
Bim

[Strategic-Policy-Platform-and-Expected-Behavioural-Norms-of-the-Council-and-its'-Elected-Members-2022-26.pdf](#)
([barossa.sa.gov.au](#))

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From: Truro Admin <info@truro.sa.au>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2024 3:04 PM
To: Simone Bailey <mayorbailey@mid-murray.sa.gov.au>; Mayor Lange <mayor.lange@barossa.sa.gov.au>; chair@truro.sa.au; secretary@truro.sa.au
Cc: Andrew Young <ynoak@bigpond.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Council Boundary Realignment meeting

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QUESTIONS ABOUT COUNCIL BORDER ALIGNMENT:

TO: BAROSSA COUNCIL

PUBLIC SAFETY:

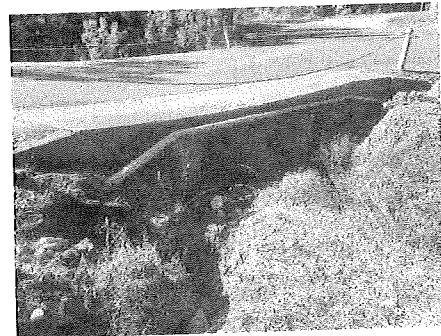
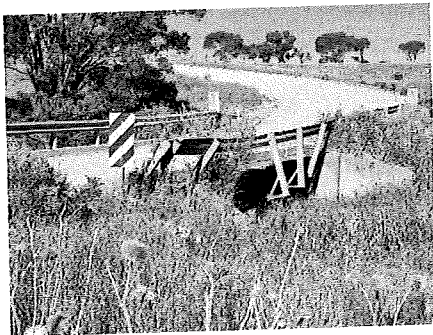
- WILL POLICE RESPOND TO TRURO AND DUTTON FROM THE NURIOOTPA STATION?

REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND LANDS:

- WILL COUNCIL JOIN OTHER REGIONAL COUNCILS IN PUBLICLY AND PERSISTENTLY ADVOCATING FOR RESTORATION OF FUNDING FOR THE TRURO FREIGHT ROUTE CONSTRUCTION?
- HOW WILL COUNCIL ASSIST LANDOWNERS IMPACTED BY HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION WITH ADAPTING TO LOSS OF GRAZING AND CROPPING ACREAGE?
- WHAT IS COUNCIL'S POSITION ON CREATION OF COMMUNITY RENEWABLE POWER GENERATION?

LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND LANDS:

- HOUSING IN DUTTON HAS BEEN GROWING STEADILY IN RECENT YEARS. DUTTON HAS NO MAINS WATER. WILL COUNCIL ASSIST IN PROVIDING MAINS WATER AND ACCESS POINTS FOR FIREFIGHTING AND ASSET PROTECTION?
- WILL COUNCIL PUT REPAIRS OF DEGRADED STORMWATER DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE IN DUTTON (PHOTO BELOW) AND TRURO (PHOTO BELOW)



ON AN EXPEDITED SCHEDULE?

- WILL COUNCIL MAINTAIN MOORUNDIE STREET IN TRURO AT A SAFE AND ACCEPTABLE LEVEL, AND WORK FOR APPROPRIATE CONTROL OF TRAFFIC SPEEDS PRIOR TO THE CREATION OF THE FREIGHT ROUTE?
- WILL COUNCIL MAINTAIN SEALED SIDE STREETS IN TRURO'S CENTRAL DISTRICT AND PROVIDE KERBING?
- HEAVY TRUCKS USING MCMAHON'S GRAVEL QUARRY ON DUCKPONDS ROAD DEGRADE THE DRIVING SURFACE ON DUCKPOND AND BASTIAN HILL ROADS.

- THE FORMER RAIL YARDS IN THE CENTRE OF TRURO NOW BELONG TO THE STATE. TDCA HAS ORGANISED MOWING OF THE EMPTY LANDS FOR FIRE SAFETY WITH A YEARLY PAYMENT (CURRENTLY \$2,474,25 WITH ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION) FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE. WHAT WOULD BAROSSA COUNCIL CHANGE ABOUT THIS ARRANGEMENT? WILL COUNCIL CONSIDER ENTERING INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE STATE FOR TRANSFER OF THE RAIL LANDS TO LOCAL CONTROL? WILL COUNCIL ASSIST WITH RENOVATING THE MOSTLY DISUSED STOCK MARKET NOW PRIVATELY LEASED INTO A FUNCTIONING MARKET AREA?
- WILL COUNCIL ASSIST WITH CREATING A MULTI-USE TRAIL FROM STOCKWELL TO TRURO USING THE FORMER RAILWAY LINE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO ENCOURAGE CYCLING AND WALKING TOURISM IN THE TOWN? WILL COUNCIL ASSIST WITH DEVELOPING A CYCLE HUB?

LOCAL ECONOMY:

- WHAT WILL COUNCIL DO TO PROMOTE THE MAIN STREET OF TRURO AS AN ATTRACTIVE AREA FOR BUSINESS, RECREATION AND ARTS?
- HOW WILL COUNCIL WORK TO REMOVE THE FINANCIAL PENALTY THAT PROSPECTIVE HOUSE BUYERS OR BUILDERS CURRENTLY PAY IN MORTGAGE NEGOTIATIONS?
- WHAT'S IS COUNCIL'S VISION FOR GROWING AND MAINTAINING TRURO AND DUTTON AS A DIVERSE, INCLUSIVE AND PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY?

COUNCIL REPRESENTATION:

- WILL TRURO AND DUTTON HAVE ELECTED MEMBER REPRESENTATION ON BAROSSA COUNCIL? WILL ANY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL ATTEND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETINGS?

TRURO AND DISTRICT TOWN PLAN 2023 – 2028

The Truro and District Town Plan builds on the community consultation process undertaken in 2022. Each of the Strategic Pillars has Objectives with Activities to form the basis of relevant prioritised Action plans over time. Actions are keyed to Themes, Strategic Goals and Key Activities in Mid Murray Council's Strategic Plan 2020-2024. The Plan was approved in April 2023 and may be modified by the board of the Truro and District Community Association from time to time.

STRATEGIC PILLARS + A VISION FOR TRURO

Vision: *Truro is a vibrant town that is socially connected, environmentally sustainable and prosperous. It is a place where residents and visitors to the region enjoy natural beauty, heritage and a great rural lifestyle.*

Key Strategic Pillars:

Town activation:

Develop and enhance the local economy, innovation, business renewal and tourism.

Advocacy and leadership:

Focus on the Truro community's capacity to influence decision makers, form partnerships and attract investment.

Social Connectedness:

Ensure that Truro is resilient and that people in the town and district feel supported and connected and can access the necessary services.

Town Pride:

Focus on heritage preservation and beautification of the town – public art, green space, recreation and sport.

Environment:

Preserve, protect and enhance our natural environment and assets for our benefit and that of future generations.

First Nations heritage and culture: *Listen, learn and engage with First Nations peoples to enhance understanding and strengthen relationships.*

	<p>Press for demolition and of derelict building at United Petroleum service station and investment in the site. Enlist the help of MP Hurn and MP Pasin.</p> <p>Explore development of vacant council block at water standpipe. Get fibre cable to premises.</p> <p>Work to create tourism contact point/office in town</p> <p>Work to develop bicycle/walking/horse riding path between Truro and Stockwell on old railway lands</p> <p>Create cycle hub for cycle tourists with shower and secure storage.</p> <p>Explore creation of camping facility at Crown Lands on Dutton Creek</p> <p>Work on developing Farm Stay connection network for camping on private lands in the area.</p> <p>Develop regional brand of "Barossa Hills" in concert with other communities such as Moculta, Keyneton, Sprintgon, Mt McKenzie, Eden Valley and Mt Pleasant</p> <p>Align Town Plan with Council, State and Federal strategic goals</p> <p>Work closely with MP Hurn on Town Plan and other issues as they arise</p>
<p>Advocacy and Leadership</p>	<p><i>Work to influence decision makers</i></p>

Work on creating fire-fighting water storage and CFS equipment shed in Dutton

Town Pride

Focus on heritage preservation

Renovate and put to use former Truro Council building

Develop renovation plan for Town Hall with salt damp treatment, accessible toilets, updated kitchen and space for town museum.

Focus on beautification of the town and district

Develop vacant Golden Grill/Mogas Site with market area, performance and gathering space, playground, historical displays and other attractions

Beautify town cemetery with plantings, interment wall and contemplation shelter.

Work for kerbing and better road surfacing on side streets throughout town

Work to provide public art

Explore possibilities of mural art on local buildings

Provided attractive historical signage on trails and walks through town

Work with farmers on “Silo art” on mobile grain bins and develop art trail in the district

Work to develop and enhance green spaces

Renovate Hero’s Park with new gazebo/gathering place, native shrub garden and recreation facility

Work to develop and enhance recreation

Work with Cricket Club on new nets

Exploration of Council Boundary Realignment for Truro District

Meeting 1 held Thursday 11/04/24 at Truro Oval at 5:30pm

Welcome: TDCA Chair Liz Giles welcomed all present.

Attendance: Sally Fox, Chris Fox, Wendy Holmes, Andrew Young, Sam Brown, Liz Giles, Mid Murray Council Mayor Simone Bailey, The Barossa Council Mayor Bim Lange and Duane Boerth (17:48).

Apologies: Darryl Sherwood, Phil Holmes, Andrew Philpott

Thanks to Chris for compiling the list of items which was emailed along with the 'Town Plan' to the TDCA board, Andrew Young and Mayors Bailey and Lange. Chris spoke to the list he had compiled which is based on the town plan strategy.

Some topics of concern:

Lease agreement for specific properties

Camping reserve at oval

Op Shop – income stream for TDCA

What type of things might change with a change to the boundary?

Bim:

Visions for the Barossa. Barossa operates using volunteers from the community.

Lease arrangements, bookings etc.

Congratulates TDCA and MMC on having a Town Plan and Vision - good starting point

Met with Dave Burgess (MMC) and Bill O'Brian (Light Council) when he became mayor

Barossa GI (Geographical Indications) includes Truro but not Dutton

Conversations and appetite for change

Improve services into the community

Asset management – ensure assets are maintained

Prioritise projects on merit

Total Barossa – events to spill into the community

Creative industries at Tanunda

26,000 people housing development in Concordia rates will help finance development plans

Mount Pleasant – caravan park upgraded

Former railway corridor connects Stockwell to Truro

Simone:

Boundary realignment of Truro and Dutton has not been discussed in MMC chamber

Large area with small population

If Truro moves, MMC loss of \$600,000 in rates

Andrew:

"Lead to believe that if a submission goes through proper channels that the state government will fund the transfer."

Simone:

Boundaries commission will fund if the submission is from the town / community.

Exploration of Council Boundary Realignment for Truro District

Bim:

Truro already has a town plan. Asset management plans and maintenance

Footpaths, drainage

Prioritising

Sam:

How long would the process take?

Simone:

Depends if we can get the premier on board

Bim:

Aim could be next election. Could be sooner than 5 years.

Barossa don't have wards – accountable for the whole area not just your ward.

Andrew:

Oval as a Last Resort for Fire?

Sally:

Truro Oval does not qualify as a place of last resort.

Bim:

Section 4 authorisation to have this type of conversation

Andrew:

How do we maintain momentum, what is our next step?

Simone:

10% of the population

Truro - 400 ratable properties = 40 properties

Dutton – 110 ratable properties = 11 properties

St Kitts – 1 ratable property

Chris:

Talk to small groups

Andrew: What is the deficit Level?

Simone: Debt level of 7 million. If MMC did everything then MMC would be 21 million. Deficit for 5 years. 12 years of deficit prior.

Sam: What is required?

Require 50 signatures and send to Boundaries Commission, MMC and Barossa Council.

Chris:

Guidelines – reasons why, business case

Boundaries Commission would take over the operation / process of the realignment.
This could be a catalyst for the commission to look at boundaries across the state.

Sedan and Cambrai need to be considered.

Bim left at 7:06

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From: DIT:Boundaries Commission <DIT.BoundariesCommission@sa.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 29 April 2024 10:41 AM
To: treasurer@truro.sa.au
Cc: chair@truro.sa.au; secretary@truro.sa.au; Wendy Holmes
Subject: RE: Query re Guideline 6

OFFICIAL

Good morning Christopher,

Thank you for your email and your question relating to the eligible elector requirements for a publicly initiated council boundary proposal.

In response to your question, 'electors' may be individuals who live in, or own property in, a council. As defined in the Boundaries Commission *Guideline 6 – Proposals Initiated by Members of the Public*:

"An elector is a person, body corporate or group of persons enrolled on the voters roll for a council - this means people who can vote in a council election because they live or own property in that council."

As described above, an 'elector' is a *person, body corporate or group of persons* – not a collective household. If you are a person eligible to vote in a council election, you are deemed to be an 'elector'. A single dwelling, or household as it were, may have any number of eligible electors living there that count as individual 'electors'.

The exception to this is a body corporate or group of persons that are considered as one entity and so only count as a single 'elector'.

I trust this helps clarify the situation. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact us further.

Regards,

Doug Roberts

Senior Policy Officer Boundaries
Office of Local Government



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From: giles86@bigpond.com
Sent: Tuesday, 7 May 2024 4:59 PM
To: Liz - Yalumba
Subject: FW: Boundary Commission Guidelines
Attachments: Boundary Commission.zip

From: footprint3d <chris.fox@footprint3d.com>
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2024 4:20 PM
To: Wendy Holmes <whereswendy14@hotmail.com>; Sam Brown <kennelectrics@gmail.com>; Liz Giles <giles86@bigpond.com>; Andrew Young <ynoak@bigpond.com>; Duane Boerth <duaneboerth@hotmail.com>; Sally Fox <sally.g.fox@bigpond.com>
Subject: Boundary Commission Guidelines

Hi, folks who attended the meeting with Bim and Simone last night—

Attached please find a zip file containing the SA Boundary Commission Guidelines. We will need to know a number of them thoroughly and follow their points completely. Guideline 6 covers Proposals Initiated by Members of the Public. I'll copy in a few of the important points:

Who can make a public initiated proposal?

A public initiated proposal may be referred to the Commission by at least 10% of 'eligible electors' in respect of a proposal.

An **elector** is a person, body corporate or group of persons enrolled on the voters roll for a council - this means people who can vote in a council election because they live or own property in that council.

Eligible electors are defined in section 27(1) of the Act, however, in general terms, they are—

- in the case of a proposal to move an area of one council to another council; electors in the area proposed to be moved or in the council that would receive the area;

For the purpose of determining the prescribed percentage, each group or body corporate entered onto the voters roll is one elector.

Stage 1 — Initial consideration of a potential proposal

1. Determine whether a proposal is the best way to proceed

This is the first step in the process. Discuss your concerns with as many people as possible within your community to determine whether there is sufficient support for a proposal to proceed.

You must contact your council to discuss the reasons why you feel making a proposal is necessary. As previously stated, making a proposal for boundary change to the Commission is not an avenue to express dissatisfaction with the services or representation your council provides. Talking to your council in the first instance may resolve any issues you have.

As proposals must be made by at least 10% of eligible electors, you should also contact your council to confirm the required number of eligible electors with respect to a proposal. (This confirmation from the Council Chief Executive Officer must be included in the proposal to the Commission).

It is important to keep accurate records of any consultation and/or correspondence relating to your proposal. It is suggested that copies are kept of all correspondence, and minutes recorded at meetings held. This will help you when you come to prepare your proposal.

If you feel that making a proposal to the Commission is the best way forward, it's a good idea to contact the Commission at this point to talk through what needs to be included in the proposal, and the following process.

Exploration of Council Boundary Realignment for Truro District

Meeting 2 held Tuesday 07/05/24 at Truro Oval at 5:00pm

Attendance: Sally Fox, Chris Fox, Wendy Holmes, Andrew Young and Liz Giles

Review of "Council Boundary change Proposals Guideline No. 6".

Discussion regarding who is an elector was confirmed via email by Doug Roberts, Senior Policy Officer, Boundaries.

- Wendy will contact MMC to obtain the number of eligible electors

Discussion regarding whether to include Keyneton

- Contact progress committee and Steve Henschke, Henschke Wines
 - Andrew will contact Steve Henschke
 - Wendy will contact Phil Graetz, Progress Association
 - Sally & Andrew offered to visit Keyneton to start a conversation

Reasons to Move to The Barossa Council:

- Financial sustainability of MMC. MMC has no room to move financially. Even if MCC sell assets, it will not be viable into the future
- Police response – from Nuriootpa rather than Swan Reach / Blanchetown / Morgan
- Services Truro & Dutton residents use are located in the Barossa region:
 - Shopping
 - Medical
 - Health – physiotherapy, gyms
 - Sport
 - School – Kindergarten and Secondary
 - Public and private
 - Aged Care
 - In home care
 - Residential care
 - Church
- Issues obtaining disability services through MMC and can't be provided by Barossa Council as we're not residents
- Banks view lending more favourably in the Barossa region i.e. Truro compared to Moculta which is located 7km away
- Couriers – reluctant to deliver to Truro / charge more

Sally will provide a discussion template which will include:

- Financial sustainability of MMC and how it will impact on our community
- Services provided
- Community

Next Meeting: May 28th at Truro Oval at 5:00pm

Meeting closed: 06:00pm

Exploration of Council Boundary Realignment for Truro District

Meeting 3 held Tuesday 28/05/24 at Truro Oval at 5:00pm

Attendance: Sally Fox, Chris Fox, Wendy Holmes, Andrew Young, Susan Schilling and Liz Giles

Wendy contacted MMC to obtain the number of eligible electors. We need to define the boundary area to determine the numbers.

Discussion regarding whether to include Keyneton

- Andrew contacted Steve Henschke – Steve's keen but the community have other issues on the horizon.
- Wendy contacted Phil Graetz, secretary and treasurer of Progress Association – concerned about increase in rates if moving to The Barossa Council (TBC).
 - Open for Keyneton want to contact us.

Sally has had discussions with various members of the community - initial resistance - change, rates,

The community need to consider the infrastructure we're missing out on.

Wendy has spoken with people 'on the boundary' between Barossa and MMC boundaries and they're happy to move.

Discussion:

MMC Draft long term financial plan – 2-3 year process to improve financial situation

- if assets are sold they're gone

The town requires basic infrastructure that MMC can't provide e.g. playgrounds

The community is disadvantaged by isolation of MMC - head office is in Mannum

There are people who don't want to be part of the growing Barossa community

Antidotally, less scrutiny by MCC compared to TBC

Susan – environmental footprint and logistics – travel from Mannum to Truro for works etc.

- Less travel required by MMC

Boundary change is inevitable, we should be at the forefront of change and engaging in the change

The Truro community have been through this process in 19XX (Wendy or Andrew to provide)

The proposed boundary needs to be determined for number of eligible ratepayers required for the petition

- Andrew will contact Steve Hentschke re boundary on that side.
- Baldon road to east boundary

Wendy will email MMC rates department

Next Meeting: 18th June at Truro Oval at 5:00pm

Meeting closed: 06:10pm

Questions and discussion points for possible Council Boundary change.

A major factor is that Mid Murray Council is not financially viable without significant additional Federal funding which has not been forthcoming. They will have to sell off assets in order to provide services.

Pros for the change.

Many services used by Truro & Dutton residents are located in the Barossa region:

- *Shopping*
- *Medical*
- *Health – physiotherapy, gyms*
- *Sport*
- *School – Kindergarten and Secondary*
- *Employment*
- *Libraries*
- *Aged Care*
- *In home care*
- *Church*
- *Social and community networks*
- There are issues obtaining disability services via MMC. They can't be provided by Barossa Council as we're not residents
- Banks view lending more favourably in the Barossa region i.e. Truro compared to Moculta which is located 7km away. Would need to verify if this would change for Truro. Our postcode would not change. Would banks even pay attention to a change of council area?
- Couriers are reluctant to deliver to Truro and typically charge more.
- Police response would likely change, and be from Nuriootpa rather than Swan Reach / Blanchetown / Morgan. This has not been verified.
- Probable increased services such as rural rubbish pickup, green bins.
- Barossa Council is very successful in receiving large grants for improving amenities.

Cons

- Barossa Council can be stricter in enforcing rules for development etc. A significant number of people want to be left alone and would resent greater oversight.
- Loss of local identity.
- Barossa does not allow camping outside of campgrounds. (We would need to negotiate that with them.)
- Could mean a lot more development in this area.

Barossa Council may decide that they do not want us.

Exploration of Council Boundary Realignment for Truro District

Meeting 4 held Tuesday 18/06/24 at Truro Oval at 5:00pm

Attendance: Chris Fox, Wendy Holmes, Andrew Young, Susan Schilling and Liz Giles

Apology: Sally Goers Fox

Discussion:

Andrew contacted Bim who advised that we don't become overburdened about the boundary but go ahead and get signatures.

Andrew contacted Simone to ask whether MMC are aware that we are exploring boundary realignment - they are aware.

Wendy spoke with Tony Pasin who is aware of our group regarding the boundary realignment.

School – Barossa council better for education?

Wendy will email MMC rates department.

Boundary

- down Moculta road
- Baldon road to east boundary

The Truro community have been through this process in the mid 1990's

Find opportunities to 'present' the petition

- Egg & Bacon rolls
- Sausage sizzle

Take to meeting on Thursday night.

To get signatures approach:

Op Shop

Truro Agencies

Letterbox drop to promote event and petition

Opportunity to have a say before we can't and get 'told'

Next Meeting: 16th July at Truro Oval at 5:00pm

Meeting closed: 05:50pm

Exploration of Council Boundary Realignment for Truro District

Meeting 5 held Tuesday 16/07/24 at Truro Oval at 5:00pm

Attendance: Wendy Holmes, Susan Schilling and Liz Giles

Apologies: Chris Fox, Sally Goers Fox and Andrew Young

Andrew contacted Chris with his apology and several points to be noted:

- Bim suggested that we contact Ashton Hurn
- Steven Hentschke has requested the list of our reasons for realignment
- Minister is aware that we're investigating the realignment. Liz to find out from Andrew.

Wendy has been sending multiple emails to MMC rates department to obtain the number of voters.

Wendy has received a message from Phil Graetz on 24/06/24: "The Keyneton Progress Association decided that they will not be joining the council realignment group."

Boundary map has been outlined. Wendy to email to Liz.

Discussed the Council Realignment Document and made additions.

Presentation of the petition on Saturday 27/07/24 outside of Craneford

- Open at 9:00am – 12:00 noon
- Ask Chris Parker if we can use the Craneford area – Wendy rang Chris and this area is not available
- Egg and bacon sandwiches, tea and coffee
- Advertise on social media, in the Post Office, Truro Agencies, Op Shop, Alma and Anne, Moculta Hall / Post Office

Poster to include details and map.

Liz will contact Kylie Doering from Dutton to promote the petition within the Dutton community.

Wendy will contact Greg Koch from Moculta to promote the petition.

Letterbox drop to promote event and petition.

"Dear Truro and District residents,"

"Exploring"

"Come and hear about, opportunity to sign,"

Place the petition documents in the Op Shop and Truro Agencies

Next Meeting: TBC

Meeting closed: 6:00pm

Dear Truro and District residents,

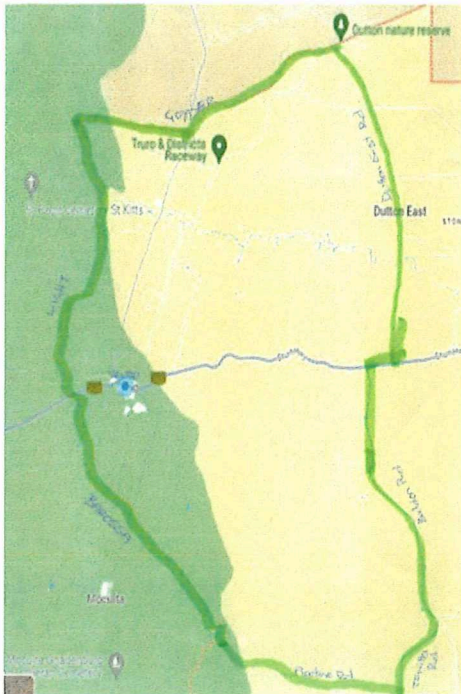
We are investigating the possibility of council boundary realignment for the Truro district. The realignment would take a portion of the Mid Murray Council and align it to The Barossa Council. Please refer to the map below.

The group have discussed the following reasons for council boundary realignment:

- Mid Murray Council is not financially viable without significant additional Federal funding which has not been forthcoming.
- Truro and Dutton require basic infrastructure that MMC can't provide without grant funding e.g. playgrounds, toilets.
- The community is disadvantaged by the isolation as the head office is in Mannum.
- The environmental footprint and logistics involved to travel to between Mannum and Truro for works etc.
- Truro and Dutton residents do not have access to the numerous MMC Community services including transport for disadvantaged residents to drive them to non-urgent medical appointments and activities. This service cannot be provided by the Barossa Council because we are not their residents.
- Many services used by Truro and Dutton residents are in the Barossa region. These include employment, shopping, medical, banking and financial services, health including physiotherapy and gyms, aged care and in home care, sport, schooling including Kindergarten and Secondary, libraries, church, social and community networks

The Process:

We require 10% of the ratepayers of the realignment area to sign the petition. Only Mid Murray Council ratepayers who are enrolled to vote in the Truro and District realignment area are eligible to sign the petition. Please refer to the map below. The petition and supporting documents will be lodged with the boundary commission who will review and proceed if they deem it appropriate. The petition is just the first step and does not guarantee that the realignment will occur.



On **Saturday 27th July**, the petition will be launched in Pioneer Park / former Craneford site (depending on the weather). Please come along between **9:00am and 12:00 noon** to **sign the petition** and enjoy a **free egg and bacon sandwich** supplied by The Truro and District Community Association. There will also be an opportunity to sign the petition in the Op Shop and Truro Agencies.

Kind Regards,

Liz Giles, Andrew Young, Chris Fox, Sally Goers Fox, Wendy Holmes, Susan Schilling.

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AS OF JUNE 30 2024 – MID MURRAY COUNCIL IS \$14.7 MILLION IN DEBT

MID MURRAY RATES

2024/2025 INCREASE OF 6.83%

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RATES OVERVIEW

HOUSE WITH COUNCIL VALUE OF \$400,000 2023/2024

BAROSSA \$2297.87

MID MURRAY \$2899

HOUSE WITH COUNCIL VALUE OF \$700,000 PROPOSED FOR 2024/2025

MURRAY BRIDGE \$3884.21

MID MURRAY \$3177.26

BAROSSA \$2647.42