



YOUR LETTERS

Still in legal wrangle

I refer to the article in last week's Murray Valley Standard: "Residents angry as wastewater plans go back to council" and wish to respond to a number of points made by Mr Seager.

Firstly, council and its legal team has been actively defending the Development Assessment Panel's (DAP) refusal of the wastewater treatment plant proposed for Callington.

To date, this has involved attending a number of conferences and directions hearings at the Environment Resources and Development Court to reinforce the DAP's position.

As part of this process, the court has ordered that the DAP consider a compromise plan which has recently been submitted by the applicant.

This will happen at the next meeting of the DAP on April 29.

Secondly, while the DAP meeting will be open to the public, the process set out under the Development Act for this situation does not provide an opportunity for people to speak.

This includes the applicant.

In fact, if DAP were to allow people to speak, any subsequent decision that it makes on the application could be dismissed by the court as invalid.

Finally, should the DAP decide to continue its opposition to the proposal, council and its legal team will continue to defend this decision in the court.

Peter Bond,
Chief executive officer,
Rural City of Murray Bridge.

Well handled

We would like to thank the Member for Hammond, Adrian Pederick MP and his staff for the tireless work and help provided to us and others recently when dealing the River Murray Eco Action Campaign's 'No Wash Zone' proposals.

Adrian's assistance in arranging meetings, providing sound advice,

and his strong and clear communication were much needed support for those in the community who opposed the proposal and didn't have a voice.

Adrian and his staff were instrumental in the decision by the Eco Action Campaign working group to no longer pursue the 'No Wash Zone' proposals.

The overturning of the proposal has opened the way for a community lead coalition to pursue a campaign of self regulation to ensure that recreational activities do not adversely impact on the riverine environment or other river users.

The way this was managed is a credit to Adrian and his staff who were always approachable, friendly and generous their time and skills, we encourage Adrian to continue helping his community in this pursuit.

The accolades from hundreds of people from the river are flowing including appreciation of Adrian's commitment and leadership on this matter and the achievement of a sensible outcome.

Georgina Sutton and David Banks
Representatives of Sunnyside,
Greenbanks, Willowbanks and
Murrawong.

Carers recognised

I read with interest a number of pieces of correspondence in your paper regarding the Carers Recognition Act.

The Act is currently under review and Carers SA has provided a response.

The Act refers to family carers in our community who support their loved ones without any financial reward.

Family carers are people who find themselves caring for someone with a person with a disability, chronic physical or mental illness or who is frail and aged.

Carers are from all cultural backgrounds and can be any age, including young people who maybe caring for a relative well before their high school years, and a per-

son in their eighties who maybe caring for a child or sibling.

The estimated replacement value of the \$2.6 million unpaid family care in Australia is a staggering \$40.2 billion annually.

The Carers Recognition Act 2005 is a State Act and is designed to recognise family carers.

The Act does not refer to people who get paid to be carers.

It is not an Act to address the financial consequences of caring.

The Commonwealth Government has a number of financial supports for carers and for many people this does not go far enough to help them in them in their day to day affairs.

If you are a carer and need support, advice, counselling, respite or information please contact Carers SA on 1800 242 636 for linkages to state-wide and local carer support services.

Rosemary Warmington,
Chief Executive Officer, Carers
SA.

Farewell to a leader

It is with considerable sadness that we announce the passing of Thomas Trevorrow at the age of 58 years from a heart attack at his office at Camp Coorong, Meningie.

Mr Trevorrow was a strong and proud Ngarrindjeri man and a leading advocate for Aboriginal Rights in Australia.

He worked throughout his life to better the relationship between Indigenous and non-indigenous people and to support the advancement and recognition of the Ngarrindjeri People.

With his wife Ellen, Tom worked for 30 years to develop program's like the Ngarrindjeri Lands and Progress Association and Camp Coorong that fostered and supported Ngarrindjeri culture, arts and tradition, such as weaving.

Tom shared with Ellen a commitment to enriching the life of the Ngarrindjeri community and ensured this focus was integral to the development of the Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority.

He worked closely alongside his brother, George Trevorrow and his

Ngarrindjeri brother, Mathew Rigney.

Tom Trevorror was highly respected by all for his wisdom and insight into Aboriginal matters and a key leader in advancing Indigenous issues.

His contribution to asserting the position of Aboriginal People and its proper relationship to governments and non-Indigenous people was significant at state and national levels.

His reputation as an Indigenous leader and educator was internationally recognised.

He was a sought after speaker by political leaders at all levels of gov-

ernment, by universities, local councils and community organisations.

Mr Trevorror was highly respected for his spiritual and cultural life.

He was a person of great honesty and personal integrity.

He will be sadly missed by many people.

Tom Trevorror believed strongly that the relationship between Indigenous and non-indigenous people needed healing.

He felt that the government did not consistently act in a meaningful or respectful manner in its dealings with Indigenous People.

This was particularly the case when issues of power and control of government were being challenged by Indigenous People.

Mr Trevorror believed that the original promises of a just settlement in the 1836 Letters Patent for South Australia needed to be followed through by the State Government and that a treaty needed to be negotiated between Indigenous People and the State Government.

He thought that a treaty would be a powerful healer of the pain felt by Aboriginal People in their daily lives and would provide justice to those who had passed without knowing it, and provide a proper platform for those Indigenous People living in the future.

Tom Trevorror was a highly respected Ngarrindjeri man.

He worked endlessly and tirelessly to advance Ngarrindjeri interests, whether this was as a group of people or for individual Ngarrindjeri people.

He was manager of Camp Coorong: Race Relations and

Cultural Education Centre and chair of the Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority.

He had a deep cultural understanding of his lands and waters, he knew that the lands and waters need not to be disconnected from the Ngarrindjeri People and he fought hard with governments to make them better understand.

He passes with the knowledge that the government does have a better understanding of these issues.

He passes knowing his beloved Ngarrindjeri People are strong and have a good base upon which to build their relationships.

Tom Trevorror will be sadly missed by many people but the work he did throughout his life will continue to influence people's lives into the future.

Our condolences to Tom Trevorror's extended family including his uncles and aunties, his brothers and sisters, his wife, Ellen and their children, Thomas, Frank, Bruce, Tanya, Joe, Luke and Hank and his grandchildren.

Margaret Sexton,
Chief operating officer,
Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority.

FOR THE FALLEN - by Laurence Binyon

**With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,
England mourns for her dead across the sea.
Flash of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,
Fallen in the cause of the free.**

**Solemn the drums thrill: Death august and royal
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres.
There is music in the midst of desolation
And a glory that shines upon our tears.**

**They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.**

**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.**

