Swing Bridge Refurbishment Project Clarification

In light of the recent media story (this week) and queries raised by Elected Members as a result of the same, the following information is provided;

The Swing Bridge Refurbishment has been deemed a refurbishment due to the heritage nature of the swing bridge. While major work is required, importantly significant pieces of the existing structure are retained and reused and any required new elements have been designed to be complementary to the original design to ensure the heritage value of the swing bridge in maintained.

The wording chosen and included in the recent media story (this week) was somewhat incorrect and Council would like to use this opportunity to clarify.

In particular the wording in the recent media story viz; "decommission" and "replace", should have been "dismantle" for "refurbishment" to substantially extend the useful life of the heritage asset for both Councils

By way of background to this refurbishment project, both Councils executed a Deed - the Gilberton Swing Bridge Deed of Refurbishment and Maintenance in January 2016 for the pending swing bridge refurbishment and ongoing maintenance upon project completion.

Within the Deed the following is noted;

- The structure is heritage listed by the councils due to its history, structural form, the importance of its location, and its prominence in the area. Therefore alternation works need to be sympathetic to the heritage value of the asset.
- The design of the refurbishment of all elements of the swing bridge to substantially extend the useful life of the whole of this asset by treatment, replacement or combination of both on all elements associated with it.
- Definition: 3.5 Bridge Refurbishment Works means the refurbishment works described in the documentation attached the Deed;
- Refurbishment of the St Peters / Gilberton Swing Bridge. Proposed refurbishment works include;
  - Replacement of all flat bar support straps
    - Replacement of the marine ply deck and supporting ply joists with an environmentally sustainable fibre board composite.
    - Replacement of all bolts, nuts and screws.
    - Replacement of the eight wire ropes
    - Retain existing cast iron anchor support frames, break away existing concrete foundations beams, clean and then repaint with an acyclic elastomeric coating.
    - Recast anchor support frames into new reinforced concrete foundation beams with screw piles to resist lateral and vertical loads.
    - Add a flexible wire mesh the balustrade.
    - Upgrade western approach staircase by recasting the reinforced concrete staircase with balustrades on both sides, tactile grip indicators and non-slip nosing’s.
    - Upgrade the eastern abutment by clearly delineating the approach footpath from the footpath that travels through Linear Park.

To facilitate the refurbishment and extend the useful life of this asset, the bridge needs to be firstly dismantled (to facilitate the anchor and wire ropes works), and then re-erected, with some elements being replaced and some being retained. Upon completion, the bridge will look substantially the same as it does now, and be located in the same position (as required by Heritage approvals).
Program for schools on local government and council meeting procedures

Two Wilderness Year 6 classes attended the Civic and Community Centre to take part in a mock Council meeting and learn about local government

Mayor Ray Grigg and CEO, Kiki Magro ran the meeting in the Council Chambers as a normal Council meeting. The students were provided with three reports written by Administration that they discussed and voted on.

This is a new program being offered to local schools as part of our community development and engagement portfolio.
Fund My Neighbourhood

The 2017-18 State Budget includes a new $40 million Fund My Neighbourhood program, which will give South Australians the power to devise how they want to improve their streets and suburbs.

CLICK HERE to read the media release from Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis.

The State Government would like local residents to suggest ideas that will improve their neighbourhoods. Ideas could be small scale infrastructure upgrades or events or activities that build neighbourhood resilience and connections.

Six categories have been developed:

- **Open space, sport and recreation**
  For example: playground and park upgrades (e.g. equipment, bathrooms, bbq, shade shelter etc), urban landscaping, walking trails, outdoor gyms, soccer nets, bocce or basketball court etc.

- **Mobility, transport and safety**
  For example: universal access (e.g. beach access mats, wheelchair access ramps), smart lighting (e.g. for footpaths, transport stops), safety crossings and pedestrian refuges.

- **Health, wellbeing and inclusion**
  For example: community gardens, skill share programs, neighbourhood exercise programs, walking school bus, street party or neighbourhood event.

- **Arts and culture**
  For example: street art, murals and sculpture, neighbourhood performance, cultural inclusion workshops and activities.

- **Environment and sustainability**
  For example: tool share library, repair cafes and recycling programs, urban environment regeneration.

- **Innovation and technology**
  For example: community solar energy sharing, neighbourhood sharing economy initiatives, digital solutions and apps.

Ideas must meet the objectives of the program (improve local neighbourhoods) and meet the following criteria:

- Ideas must be feasible. That means that they can be delivered with the funding available ($10,000 to $150,000 plus GST) and can be delivered within 12 months. Some infrastructure upgrades may require development or planning approval. This process can take several months so needs to be considered in the project timeframe.

- Ideas will only receive one-off funding. If ongoing funding is required you must demonstrate how this will be obtained.

- Ideas must be generally accessible to the broader community. That means that they cannot have a participation cost or be behind locked gates etc.

For more information on Fund My Neighbourhood or to create an idea, CLICK HERE.