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## **MANNUM LOOKOUT NAME TO REMAIN UNCHANGED**

The Mid Murray Council has decided not to rename the Mannum Lookout, following community feedback on a recent naming proposal.

The Council sought community input in July on a proposal to name the popular Crawford Crescent lookout in memory of the late Councillor Steve Wilkinson, who died following a road accident in 2019.

Of the 25 responses to that proposal, nine submissions were in favour of the new name, while 15 did not support the change, with many instead preferring alternative naming suggestions. As a result of the feedback, Council has decided not to rename the Mannum Lookout.

Mid Murray Mayor Dave Burgess said Cr Wilkinson would continue to be remembered within the Mannum community for his dedication and service, and the Council would retain the Mannum Lookout's name in line with the community's wishes.

"Council received the proposal to rename the Mannum Lookout after Cr Wilkinson in good faith and with the intention of determining whether there was community support for such a change," Mayor Burgess says.

"The loss of Cr Wilkinson in 2019 was devastating for his family, friends, the Mannum community and all of us at Council. We are heartened by the overwhelming sense of respect for Cr Wilkinson shown by those who responded during our last consultation period in July.

"The Mannum Lookout is a prominent visitor location and one that many in our community feel a deep connection to. This is evident in the responses we had to the renaming proposal – and it's why Council has chosen not to change the lookout's name."

The Mannum Lookout is located at the end of Crawford Crescent and offers sweeping views over the historic town and the Murray River. It's a favourite place for visitors to watch the town's iconic paddle steamers pass by and take in the natural beauty of the area's rich river environment.

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