

## MEDIA RELEASE

# MID MURRAY TRANSFER STATION HOURS EXTENDED TO ASSIST WITH FLOOD RECOVERY

As part of the flood recovery process, the Mid Murray Council has extended opening hours at seven of its river-based Waste Transfer Stations.

The additional opening times will provide more opportunities for affected property owners, businesses and residents impacted by the flood to dispose of waste materials during their clean-up.

The Council has also put on hold previous plans to reduce opening hours at some of its Transfer Stations as part of a district-wide waste management review. Those changes were set to come into effect in February 2023, but will now be deferred until July 2023 to allow the community time to manage the flood recovery process.

While waters are receding, Mayor Simone Bailey says the Council's and the community's focus is now firmly on assessing the level of damage and assisting with the clean-up.

"Although the recovery period will be challenging, Council is doing everything it can to make this process easier for the community," Mayor Bailey said.

"Extending the opening hours of seven out of 10 of our Waste Transfer Stations, in river-based locations, and deferring the planned changes, is one small way Council can make recovery and clean up that little bit simpler.

"This has been a significant disaster for all affected. We must continue to respond to the community's needs as they arise, and I believe this is one example of how we are doing so."

The following extended weekend schedule will be implemented from Saturday, February 25 and is anticipated to continue until Friday, June 30, 2023. Transfer station opening hours during the week remain unchanged and can be found [here](#)

### Extended weekend transfer station opening hours:

<i>Transfer Station</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
Mannum	8am to 12pm	8am to 11.30am
Morgan		10am to 1:00pm
Blanchetown	2pm to 5pm	
Bowhill		2:30pm to 5pm
Cadell		2pm to 4:30pm
Swan Reach	1:30pm to 4:30pm	
Walker Flat	9:30am to 1pm	

Council is reminding all property owners, residents, holiday home and shack owners, businesses and non-profit organisations affected by the floods to register for a free structural and clean-up assessment by calling 1800 302 787.

The cost of the clean-up of waste identified through these assessments will be funded by the State and Federal Governments. (Find out more at [www.greenindustries.sa.gov.au/flood-disaster-waste-management](http://www.greenindustries.sa.gov.au/flood-disaster-waste-management)). You can register for the assessment now, even if your property is still inundated or not yet accessible.

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“Getting that assessment done is a really important step because it connects people with that assistance to cover the cost of the waste disposal once they’re able to get in and clean up their property,” Mayor Bailey said.

Flood-affected property owners can also apply for five free disposal vouchers for local transfer stations for flood-affected materials. To qualify, people must have a client ID, which is available by calling 1800 302 787.

Only flood-affected, water damaged materials will be accepted – and no asbestos can be disposed of through this scheme.

For more information on how to access the vouchers, visit:  
<https://www.greenindustries.sa.gov.au/disposal-voucher-fags>

A list of participating transfer stations List of transfer stations (which is also on the page above to put it all in one spot)  
<https://www.greenindustries.sa.gov.au/transfer-stations-flood-affected-material>

For the latest information on the Council’s response to the flood situation, visit [www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/council/latest-news/sa-river-murray-high-flow-advice](http://www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/council/latest-news/sa-river-murray-high-flow-advice).

This initiative is a collaboration between the State Government (Green Industries SA) and the Mid Murray Council.

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