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A Message from the Mayor

We have adopted our 2014/15 Budget which has been a difficult process given recent federal funding cuts to our roads and loss of funding for OPAL services. We have the second largest road length of Councils in SA which is made up of 3073 km of unsealed roads and 306 km of sealed roads, so a loss of almost \$380,000 in general purpose and road grants has affected us greatly.

We have adopted a general rate increase for 4.88 % (on average) mainly because of the need to maintain our roads, footpaths, stormwater drainage, our waste management costs, continuation of the provision of services to the 17 towns within our Council area, maintenance of our buildings and continued costs with increasing legislation. We have approved an additional \$1m loan for capital works.

However, I believe that we cannot continue to take out additional loans to provide capital works. Whilst our loan borrowings are manageable, we have embarked on a program to identify improvement, costs savings, efficiency gains and income generation initiatives to result in a net \$2m reduction of costs for Council over the next 2 financial years. We will be receiving a report every 6 months on how this is being achieved.

Information on the 2014/15 Budget and Services being provided is being sent to the various Progress Associations and via community newsletters.

A range of projects and services are underway or have been undertaken as follows:-

- The construction of the new Cascade Road to the Mannum Waterfalls is complete and directional and interpretative signage is being designed and ordered and will be installed shortly.
- Quotations are being sought to repair the Mannum wharf.
- Letters have been sent to all residents in and around Sedan Township encouraging and assisting property owners to improve property conditions and this will continue to be progressed.
- An allocation of \$11,000 was provided for the extension of the Sedan Men's Shed and an additional \$2,000 allocated in the 2014/15 Budget for equipment.
- An interest free loan of \$10,000 was approved for the Cambrai Sports Club to assist in financing the supply and installation of a split reverse cycle air conditioning system.
- Council is continuing to work with the Mannum Health Advisory Council and Mannum Hospital on a design option for the Mannum Hospital Helipad.
- The Mid Murray and Barossa Local Bushfire Recovery Committee continues to meet bimonthly to progress recovery works and provide assistance to affected land owners.
- Randell Street retaining wall works in Mannum are being undertaken.
- Council's Youth program received \$4,000 from the State Government to celebrate National Youth Week and activities undertaken included; Junk Art Bike Racks in Cambrai and Keyneton, 3 professional performances and workshops by Onepoint618 at Mannum, Cambrai and Swan Reach Area Schools, Gulp Art and Mid Murray Skate Park Jam and local live music.

A Message from the Mayor Cont'd

- The provision of free public WiFi covering the Mary Ann Reserve, Mannum Main Street, Mannum Caravan Park and Visitor Information Centre for 1 hour each day, as well as the Riverfront area in Swan Reach will be operational shortly.
- The Federal Minister for the Environment has advised that the Federal Government does not have resources to assist with repair works for the Mannum wharf. However, Council will submit funding applications when available to undertake these repairs.
- All approvals have now been issued for the Blanchetown Free Range Chicken Farm and works have commenced onsite.
- Council continues to progress the proposed Community Wastewater Management Scheme at Truro and it is expected that a public meeting will be held shortly.

One of the most important services to any community is General Practitioner and Health services. Following a public meeting at the Morgan Institute on 8 April 2014, regarding the lack of General Practitioner services in Morgan, we have met with representatives from the Waikerie Medical Centre and Kapunda and Eudunda Medical Practice to discuss potential additional General Practitioner services at the Morgan Medical Centre. We will also be approaching Country Health SA to see whether a Nurse Practitioner can be provided for the Morgan Medical Centre when General Practitioner services are not provided.

Council has recognised the generous sponsorship from Robert O'Callaghan and Pam O'Donnell for the purchase and restoration of the PW Mayflower.

Council has noted that the restoration, maintenance and operational costs for the PW Mayflower will be met by the Mannum Dock Museum and any income generated from cruises will be retained by the Mannum Dock Museum for such costs, so that there is no financial impact on Council. Council recognises the benefit of the purchase to the Mannum Dock Museum, Council and Mannum.

Council has supported and is working with the Country Fire Service (CFS) for the establishment of a new CFS Station at Rockleigh funded by the CFS. There are many projects and services that we are progressing or working on and we appreciate the contribution of all of our communities, Progress Associations and volunteers in undertaking and assisting with these services.



Mayor Dave Burgess

Waste Transfer Station Gate Fees

2014/15

Please be advised of the change of fees at Council's Waste Transfer Stations, effective from 1 July 2014.

Changes also include the addition of the equivalent amount of one single 240 litre bin (3-4 bags) and a minimal fee for green waste to assist with material processing (grinding/mulching).

Description/Type	Light loads		Heavy loads	
	Level	Cage	Level	Cage
Domestic Waste				
Single 240 Litre bin	\$8			
Car Boot /Station Wagon	\$15			
Ute/Trailer 6X4	\$45	\$55	\$50	\$60
Trailer 8X5	\$50	\$65	\$65	\$70
Truck up to 5 Tonne GMV are accepted at Transfer Stations	\$180		\$430	
Clean Green Waste				
Less than trailer 6X4	\$5			
Trailer 6X4	\$5	\$10		
Trailer 8X5	\$10	\$15		
Large trailer		\$30		

- Asbestos accepted at Cambrai only – by appointment only – must be wrapped and sealed in accordance with Environment Protection Authority (EPA) guidelines - \$150 per Tonne. Contact Cambrai Office 8564 6020.
- Tandem trucks and semi-trailers of mixed waste to Cambrai only - \$100 per Tonne. Contact Morgan Office 8540 0060.
- Clean fill and clean unmixed construction & demolition waste (all concrete or all timber) can be disposed of at \$34 per Tonne to Cambrai only.
- Trucks greater than 5 Tonne GMV to Cambrai only.

For further information regarding waste transfer gate fees please contact the Morgan Office on 8540 0060.



It's all about the Kids in Mid Murray

By offering community groups the use of our new look program **Create a Playground**, the Mid Murray Council is proud to be investing into the future of our young people. This initiative is presented at no cost to the community on a rotation/borrowing system.

What is Create a Playground? This innovative playground equipment system transforms any indoor or outdoor space, encouraging learning, social development, movement and above all fun.

Child development experts have long known that unstructured free play and block play help children in all areas of development: intellectual, social, physical and emotional.

Unlike toys and other playgrounds which often are limited in the number of ways you can play with them, blocks are open-ended. Children are empowered to use their imagination to build their own world, rather than inhabit one we create for them. They try new things and stretch their abilities. They experience their own triumphs and accomplishments. They make their own mistakes and learn their own lessons. And they love doing it.

Benefits of Create a Playground:

Creativity - The blocks spark imagination and creativity in children of all ages.

Social interaction - The blocks are designed to encourage instant sharing and collaboration. They are deliberately oversized, so kids will be more likely to help each other with them.

Increased activity - The large foam blocks make it easy for children to build big. They can build structures to stand on, walk on and enter. Lifting, balancing, carrying, stacking and placing blocks encourages full body movement, helps exercise gross motor skills and helps develop muscle strength.

Increased confidence - Whether it's a two year old building a simple tower or a six year old inventing the story of a rocket trip to Mars, children get a sense of accomplishment. The blocks enable children to have experiences that contribute to the development of their self-confidence.

For further information please contact Amy Loechel, Community Development Officer, on 8569 0100 or aloechel@mid-murray.sa.gov.au or visit www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au

Australia Day Awards

This is your chance to recognise the most deserving members of our community. Your nomination could lead to someone special being recognised with an award at the Council's Australia Day celebrations.

Nominations will open in October – you can download a nomination form from our website www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au in October.

If you have any questions or require assistance phone 8569 0100 or email postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au

Nominations close in November 2014.

Updated Council Website Goes Live

Council is pleased to have launched its new responsive design website. The branding of the new Council logo has been reflected in the upgraded website. The home page features the current weather and forecast for local Mid Murray townships, along with an improved 'Latest News' component. The greatly expanded tourism information titled 'Experience', promotes an event calendar and YouTube boating video.

Visit the updated Mid Murray Council Website at www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au

OPAL to stay in Mid Murray

The OPAL program has secured funding from the State Government and Mid Murray Council to continue its positive work in children's health throughout 2014/15. This follows recent uncertainty of the program's original 5-year timeframe, following the Federal Government's cut of more than \$7 million to the program State-wide. Our Council and State Government however, have seen first hand the healthy changes the program has been making in local communities and have been heartened by the incredibly positive feedback from schools, families, business and community who want to keep the program running.

The new and limited program budget however, will mean OPAL will operate differently to its original structure, which began for Mid Murray back in late 2011. The details of this are currently being finalised and we will soon notify all of our key stakeholders.

In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding the OPAL program, please phone Mid Murray OPAL Program Manager Courtney Blacker on 0418 668 376 or email cblacker@mid-murray.sa.gov.au



Town Identity Statements

Every town in the Mid Murray Council area has a unique history, identity and dreams for the future, all its own.

As part of a Mid Murray Council program to provide opportunities for its citizens to express that unique identity and dream, the Arts and Cultural Development Officer offered a challenge grant of \$5,000 to each of 4 towns - Truro, Tungkillo, Swan Reach and Bow Hill, specifically to employ an artist to help each town clarify their vision for how its identity may be creatively represented and then work alongside the community to bring it to fruition. Some funds may also be used for material costs.

The grants need to be matched with a commitment of in-kind contribution such as materials (rocks, metal, fabric, paint, cement), accommodation (an artist may be undertaking workshops) and labour (community participation) before the funds can be granted. A project may be a forest of message poles, a stone labyrinth, welcome flags, decorated doors or metal junk art for example.

All four towns have taken up the challenge with gusto and all projects have different timelines.

Tungkillo, for example, derives its name from the Peramangk word Tainkila, meaning the chrysalis of the local ghost moth, and has employed local artist Malcolm Reynolds to develop a sculpture plus two silhouette entry signs and to guide local families through limestone sculpture workshops to create a piece for the, yet to be developed, village green. It is expected to be installed by the end of the year.

Council has made a further commitment towards four towns this year and it is anticipated that all twelve population centres will be offered the same opportunity over the next 2 years.

A decision will be made soon as to which towns will be offered the grant next.

Council Elections 2014

Key election dates for the November 2014 Local Government elections are as follows:

Nominations for standing as a candidate in Local Government elections open	Tuesday 2 September 2014
Nominations close	12 noon Tuesday 16 September 2014
Mail out of ballot packs	Monday 20 October - Friday 24 October
Close of voting	5pm Friday 7 November 2014

Dog Registrations Now Due

Council encourages responsible dog ownership and the registration of dogs is a key step to being a responsible dog owner. Registering dogs provides Council with early identification of wandering dogs and reduces the number of dogs impounded.

Council sends out Dog Registration Renewal Notices every year, as a friendly reminder to residents with registered dogs.

As a responsible dog owner, your commitment to your pet makes your neighbourhood a better place to live and Council congratulates you. All payments must be received by the 31 August or an additional late payment fee of \$10.00 will apply.

Any information in relation to the registration of dogs can be obtained by contacting the Council office or by contacting Council's General Inspector, Brett Stapleton on 0429 999 641.



Disabled Access Incentive Scheme

Council has again endorsed a scheme that provides grants of up to \$500 to assist the private sector and community bodies in improving access for people with disabilities.

The scheme is an example of Council's commitment to its Disability Access & Inclusion Action Plan which endorses the principle of equal access.

Information on the grants can be obtained by contacting Council's Director – Development & Environmental Services, Kelvin Goldstone, at the Cambrai office on 8564 6020. Grant application forms are also available on Council's website at www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au

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