

Mid Murray Council Newsletter

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A Message from the Mayor

Following a hectic and disrupted start to 2022, it has been nice to relax and enjoy all our district has to offer during the recent breaks for Easter, Anzac Day and the school holidays and it has been pleasing to see an influx of visitors to our area. During this period, another successful Sounds by the River event has been held and to be able to attend Anzac Day Services across the district again to show respect to our fallen Soldiers has been a positive.

At Council things are busier than ever, with the complexities that continue to be present creating a challenging operating environment for all.

Council staff continue to work across several major projects that will deliver future benefits for Mid Murray.

Planning continues for the construction of the Sturt Highway Truro Bypass, with Council providing input and advice to the State Government throughout this process. While this is a significant change, it also presents an opportunity for the Truro community to plan for the future to create an improved visitor experience that can also support a strong local economy.

In a first for Council, a Reconciliation Action Plan is being developed to guide meaningful actions to support reconciliation with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. As part of this process Council will be appointing a Mid Murray Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee to oversee the implementation of the plan, and work with Council more closely to ensure the voices of our Traditional Custodians are heard, respected and considered in our planning and decision making.

Council also welcomed our newest Elected Member, Deb Brokenshire, who took up her role in the Eyre Ward following the recent supplementary election. Congratulations Deb and welcome aboard.

If you've ever wanted to represent your community, nominating for Council at the next SA Local Government elections in November is a great opportunity to serve and play a significant part in shaping the district's future. If you are interested please contact Council's governance team for further information.

Council has recently sought feedback on its hard waste service and the operation of its transfer stations as part of a six month review of the changes implemented as a result of the Waste Services review that was undertaken last year. Thank you to those who took the time to provide your feedback.

Consultation is currently being held on a proposed separate rate for Mannum Waters ratepayers to cover the cost of water needed to offset evaporation losses in the marina. A discussion paper on the proposal was considered at the April Council meeting and details on this proposal have been provided to ratepayers and the community to seek their feedback. Please refer to our website for details.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, Council's focus remains on making decisions in the best interests of the continued health and safety of our community and staff. While restrictions are easing, I urge you to continue to observe measures that have kept us safe so far, including social distancing and not attending our offices or other facilities when unwell.

Keep safe, Mayor Dave Burgess

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Projects and Infrastructure update

Roadworks

Asphalt works and give way markings have been completed at Anzac Avenue, Swan Reach and the junction of Victoria Street. Rehabilitation works have also occurred on North Terrace, Barton Road, Truro Road and George Street, Truro. Reseal works have also been undertaken in Blanchetown.



Public conveniences

The Purnong and Curnamont toilet facilities have been updated with the addition of a splash of colour, as a follow on from previous upgrades on Mannum toilets.

Mid Murray Bike Plan

Council, through the Mid Murray Council Local Area Strategic Bicycle Plan (Plan) as developed and adopted by Council, has implemented strategies of the Plan for facilities, safe interaction and awareness between cyclists and motorists. Painted bike sharrows on roadways are one of many strategies within the Plan and identify cohesive zones where cyclists and motorists may be using the same road corridor, with the objective of encouraging safe interactions between cyclists and motorists. As a bike safe initiative Council, through the Government funded program, has installed bike racks at both the Morgan and Mannum playgrounds and, in consultation with the Mannum Community College and the Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT), installed road painted sharrows to provide awareness and interaction within road corridors. All aspects of the implementation works for the Plan have been referred and approved by DIT and works within Mannum are also being undertaken in conjunction with the DIT "Way to Go" school accessibility program for student's own road safety.



DOGS AND CATS ONLINE



Now is the time to review your dog and cat registrations on DACO

Dog and cat owners are reminded that it is your responsibility to ensure all details recorded on DACO (Dogs and Cats Online) relating to your pets are current and correct, including contact details, preferred method of receiving registration renewal reminders, any new microchip numbers, desexing details etc. By doing this now, registration renewal reminders will be accurate.

Dog owners are reminded that registration of all dogs fall due on 1 July each year and the renewal of all expired dog registrations must be paid prior to 31 August each year. Failure to pay the registration fee by the due date will result in a \$10.00 late fee and an expiation fine of \$170.00 may be applied.

Cat owners who have registered the details of their cats on DACO, will also receive a registration renewal in the same method as dog owners. THERE IS NO FEE FROM COUNCIL ASSOCIATED WITH CAT REGISTRATION ON DACO. Cat owners are only required to check and update their personal details and the details of their cats annually.

So, log into DACO today and check that both your and your pets' details are correct. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact Council's Animal Management Officers on 8564 6020.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2022

ENROL NOMINATE VOTE

Council Periodic Elections are to be held November of this year. Voting is open to all eligible residents and ratepayers in the Mid Murray Council area. Voting in Council elections is by postal ballot.

Enrol to Vote - The voters roll closes 5pm Friday, 29 July 2022

State Electoral Roll: If you are enrolled on the State Electoral Roll for the Mid Murray Council area, you do not need to re-enrol, you will automatically receive ballot papers through the post. To check your enrolment details, visit the Australian Electoral Commission website: <https://check.aec.gov.au>

Council Supplementary Voters Roll: If you are not enrolled on the State Electoral Roll you may be eligible to register on the supplementary roll if you are:

- a resident or a non-Australian citizen who has lived at your residential address for one month or more
- an owner of an organisation or business
- an owner of a holiday home
- a sole owner or group of owners of a rateable property
- a sole occupier or group of occupiers of a rateable property
- a landlord of a rateable property

Council must purge the supplementary roll 1 January of an election year, therefore if you were registered on the Council Supplementary Voters Roll for previous elections, you are required to re-enrol to be eligible to vote in the upcoming election.

Enrolment forms for the Council's Supplementary Voters Roll are available for downloading from Local Government SA website www.lga.sa.gov.au/council-elections/enrol, Council's website www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/council/elections or call Council on 8569 0100 to have one posted to you. Completed forms can be returned to Council via post to PO Box 28, Mannum SA 5238 or by dropping it into any Mid Murray Council Office.

For further information visit Council's website, www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au or call Council on 8569 0100.



We all know mosquitoes can be a nuisance, but some can spread serious disease. The most common diseases spread by mosquitoes in South Australia are Ross River Virus, Barmah Forest Virus, Murray Valley Encephalitis and now recently, Japanese Encephalitis. There are no cures for these viruses and the only way to protect yourself is to avoid being bitten.

As we head into the winter months, this is a good reminder to start mosquito proofing your home to reduce the risk of mosquito bites in the Spring and Summer months.

- Make sure the insect mesh on your windows and doors have no holes in them.
- Maintain your roof gutters and remove leaves and debris from them.
- If you have a pond, place some Australian native fish in it to eat any mosquito larvae.
- Check your rainwater tank to make sure that all openings have mosquito proof coverings.
- Monitor where there may be pools of water laying around your yard and clean up before spring.

By preparing your property now, this will help to reduce the risk of mosquito breeding.

Celebrate NAIDOC Week



Tuesday 5th July 2022
10.00am Mannum Council Office

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