

# Mid Murray Council Newsletter

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## A Message from the Mayor

With 2022 well under way, there's no doubt that life is looking very different for our community. However, despite the current COVID-19 pandemic, there is still much to be optimistic about.

One of the highlights so far this year has been Council's Australia Day celebration. It is important to acknowledge the date of our national celebration can be a source of discomfort and sadness for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Locally, Council's event was a valuable opportunity for all of us to come together as one, recognise our area's Traditional Owners and rich cultural heritage, and reflect on the many aspects that make life in Australia – and especially in our district – extra special.

It is also an opportunity to publicly recognise some of the most dedicated and generous people in Mid Murray – namely our volunteers. I congratulate all our Australia Day winners and nominees and thank them for their continued efforts in creating a safe, vibrant and connected community.

Our focus on thanking and recognising our district's volunteers will continue throughout the year, with Council returning to hosting four Mayor's Receptions during 2022 to coincide with National Volunteers Week.

Another way Council continues to assist our community is through our Community Grants program. Almost \$50,000 in funding was distributed among 21 groups who were the successful recipients of Council's grants in November 2021. These grants will go a long way towards supporting a variety of community activities, programs and facilities.

It is with great sadness that I pay tribute to our respected colleague, Councillor Dennis McCarthy, who passed away in October 2021. Cr McCarthy was a valued member of our Council and a stalwart of the Sedan and Cambrai communities. He will be greatly missed.

Council is required under legislation to conduct a supplementary election to fill the vacant Eyre Ward seat, and this process is now under way. I encourage everyone in that area to participate in the postal ballot to elect their newest representative.

I also encourage everyone to have their say on Council's Draft Buildings, Land and Structures Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan which is currently open for community consultation. The plan sets out important steps to manage Council's assets such as its offices, community halls, sport and recreation facilities, tourism sites, waste management facilities, works depot, and cemeteries – which are collectively valued at more than \$85M.

Despite the challenges the current pandemic brings, there is much to be grateful for. Council will continue to focus on working for our community and delivering the services, programs and infrastructure that contribute to our district's enviable quality of life.

Best wishes, *Mayor Dave Burgess*

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## Projects and Infrastructure update

### Waste Management: Cambrai Landfill

Investigative ground works for construction of landfill cell 2 - geotechnical investigation includes drilling and material test holes. Images below:



### Swan Reach houseboat mooring facility (Funded by Murray Darling Basin Economic Development Program)

The connective footpath and mooring poles at the Swan Reach houseboat mooring facility is now complete. The completion of this project has seen the area transformed for locals and visitors to enjoy.



### Mary Ann Reserve, Mannum: toilet repainting

Recently, the Mary Ann Reserve (North) toilet had a face lift, both inside and out, including a complete colour scheme and lighting upgrade. Similar treatments have been provided to the other public convenience and two gazebos within Mary Ann Reserve.





## Murraylands Road stage 4 upgrade (Funded by Special Local Roads Program)

The Murraylands Road upgrade from Stott Highway to 7kms north has now been completed.



## Truro roads stabilisation

Various sections of roads within Truro have been reconstructed through stabilisation. Images below:



## Community input encouraged to shape plan for future management of public facilities in Mid Murray

Mid Murray residents are being asked to have their say on a proposed plan for the future management of the district's many public buildings and facilities – including an option to sell or remove some assets that are no longer used or present a risk to the community.

Council has released a Draft Buildings, Land and Structures Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan for community feedback. The plan sets out important steps to manage Council's assets such as its offices, community halls, sport and recreation facilities, tourism sites, waste management facilities, works depot, and cemeteries – which are collectively valued at more than \$85.8M.

The plan is critical to assist Council in managing and prioritising the operations, maintenance, renewal and upgrade of its existing assets.

A combination of aging assets requiring replacement, increasing maintenance costs and reduced use of some assets has meant Council's current funding levels cannot continue to provide existing service levels over the medium term. It's estimated Council would need to spend \$40.57M over the next 10 years on asset management – while it's anticipated that available funding for the same period will only be \$31.46M - indicating a funding shortfall of \$9.11M over 10 years for the operations, maintenance and renewals.

Through the plan, Council has identified some assets ranging from disused sport and recreation facilities to fencing, sheds, toilets, a car park with stair path access that are recommended for sale or removal because they are underutilised and/or a risk to the public.

Other asset management approaches outlined in the plan include:

- Improving efficiency in operating, maintaining & replacement of assets, optimising life cycle costs;
- Reviewing the cost of service levels to ensure that the community receives best value;
- Consult with the community to ensure services and costs are affordable;
- Developing partnership with other bodies, where available, to provide services; and
- Seeking additional funding from governments and other bodies to fund services.

Consultation on the Draft Buildings, Land and Structure Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan is now underway and closes at 12pm on 25 February, 2022. To read the plan and have your say, visit Council's website.



## 2021 Community Grants

21 community groups have had a helping hand through Mid Murray Council's Community Grants program. Ranging from local Progress Associations to Sporting Clubs, Council has assisted in a wide variety of upcoming projects and events across Mid Murray.

The Swan Reach Golf Club will be building a new pergola for their club rooms, the Tungkillo Progress Club will be updating their security system and South Punyelroo Progress Association are installing a defibrillator....just to name a few! Please see below a full list of grant recipients for 2021.

- Stonefield Aviation Association
- Teen Challenge SA, Mannum
- Cadell Pistol Club
- Angas Valley Recreation Hall & Tennis Club
- Mannum Dragon Boat Club
- Friends of Younghusband River Care
- Swan Reach Golf Club
- South Punyelroo Progress Association
- Swan Reach Soldiers Memorial Bowling Club
- Riverland West Chamber of Commerce
- Mannum Agricultural Society
- Keyneton Soldiers Memorial Hall
- Morgan Small Bore Rifle Club
- Lions Club of Morgan & Districts
- Younghusband Hall
- SSAA Mannum & District Pistol & Shooting Club
- Tungkillo Progress Club
- Morgan Cadell Golf Club
- Langs Landing Association
- St Peters Lutheran Church, Bower
- Murray Mallee Field Archers

### Rates payment options to minimise face to face contact

We ask that where possible, people consider accessing our services online or via the phone to minimise face to face contact. If you are attending one of our offices, please wear a mask. Ratepayers and residents who need to access a service, have an enquiry or pay a bill can do so online, over the phone on 8569 0100 or by email [postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au](mailto:postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au)

Rates may be paid via:

- **BPoint** - Online Rate Payments: Payments via Council's website
- By **Telephone** - call one of our Council offices or call 1300 BPOINT (1300 276 468) to make your payment using credit card (Mastercard or Visa)
- By following the **BPay** directions located on the rate notice
- By post to PO Box 28, Mannum SA 5238
- **Direct Debit** (weekly/fortnightly on Friday or quarterly/yearly): application form available on our website or by phoning 8569 0100



### FIGHT *the* BITE

★ COVER UP. REPEL. ELIMINATE. ★

#### Protect yourself against mosquito bites!

- Remember to cover up to protect yourself against mosquito bites.
- Repel mosquitoes with insect repellent containing DEET or Picaridin.
- Eliminate mosquito breeding sites by removing any pooled water and covering up your rainwater tank.
- Protect your home - check your fly screens to make sure they are free of holes.

For more information google SA Health **Fight the Bite.**



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