

MID MURRAY COUNCIL



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A Message from the Mayor

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Council is still continuing to help as much as we can any affected land owners from the Eden Valley and Rockleigh bushfires. Over the last few months, the demand and need for a Relief Coordinator has decreased and therefore from 27 March 2014 the role of Relief Coordinator has ended. However, the Mid Murray and Barossa Local Recovery Committee, consisting of Council, community, volunteer and State agency staff will continue to provide coordinated responses to the issues involving the ongoing recovery. We are very conscious of the need to continue to provide assistance to families and those affected by the bushfires. Please contact our Council if you require any assistance.

I would like to congratulate Tony Pasin, the new Federal Member for Barker, Stephan Knoll, the new State Member for Schubert, Adrian Pederick, State Member for Hammond, Tim Whetstone, State Member for Chaffey, and Dan van Holst Pellekaan, State Member for Stuart, who all have been recently elected to Federal or State Parliament and whose electorates include the Mid Murray Council. We have a good working relationship with all of our Federal and State representatives and we continue to work with them in achieving and progressing various projects and services.

I would also like to acknowledge the Order of Australia Medals to Daniel McGurgan for services to the community of Cadell and Reg Munchenberg for services to the community of Truro and Districts.

Over the last few months, Council has had a number of events; the Cadell Harvest Festival, Swan Reach Country Music Festival, Morgan Easter Bazaar, True Grit at Cadell, Day on the Farm at Morgan and Floatfest in Mannum. Congratulations and thank you to all those who have been involved in making all of these events such a success. As a Council, we try to partner with the organising Associations, generally providing inkind assistance and promotion and marketing through our Events and Tourism Manager, Deb Alexander. We have also decided to make a contribution of \$10,000 to the 2014 Mannum Truck and Ute Show to cover road closures, traffic control, signage, rubbish collection services, advertising and promotion.

Through Link SA and Council's Community Passenger Network, a new service is being trialled for shopping to Tea Tree Plaza, IKEA, Harbour Town, Rundle Mall and Adelaide Central Markets (refer article for details).

A range of projects and services is underway or being planned as followed:-

- Some areas of the Mid Murray Council sustained minor flooding recently and Council is working with the State Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure to clear the culverts on State roads leading to Sedan. We are also undertaking stormwater drainage works in and around many of our towns to alleviate flooding in the future.
- A development application has been received for 114 wind turbines for the Palmer Wind Farm. Independent reports are being undertaken and the development application is expected to be advertised in 4-5 months time.
- \$10,000 has been received from the Dog and Cat Management Board for the establishment of an off leash recreation park at Mannum, with Council meeting \$5,500 to complete the project.
- A letter has been sent to all properties in and around Sedan encouraging property owners to improve their properties. Full details of a voluntary clean up program (which may include free dumping, collection and disposal of hard waste etc) will be provided to residents of Sedan in around 4 weeks.
- Staged repair works will be undertaken to the former Rockleigh school building with assistance from the Mount Pleasant Men's Shed group.



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- Council will progress 3 projects at Morgan Primary School, Truro Primary School and Mannum Community College involving the State's Way 2 Go program to encourage safer, greener and more active travel for primary school students.
- \$20,000 has been allocated by Council towards the establishment of Town Identity Statements and Council's Arts and Cultural Development Officer is working with the towns of Tungkillo, Bowhill, Truro and Swan Reach to create their own Identity Statements.
- SA Power Networks has recently advised of the progress for the upgrade of the electricity supplied to Mannum and a suitable location for a local sub station.
- The State Government has provided \$110,000 (including GST) to Council which must be matched by Council to undertake the following:
 - ◊ Repair of the Mannum wharf at Mary Ann Reserve (\$140,000)
 - ◊ Various works at Truro Pioneer Park (\$20,000)
 - ◊ Provision of barbecue, seating, shade umbrellas and repairs to change room facilities at the Cambrai pool and installation of barbecue and seating at Cambrai Park (\$40,000)
- Council is working with paddlesteamer boat operators and the Swan Reach Progress Association to improve the Swan Reach wharf for passengers disembarking.
- Council continues to progress a possible helipad at Mannum, near the Mannum hospital.
- The construction of the new Cascade Road to the Mannum Waterfalls is progressing well.
- Reconstruction of East Front Road by 2.2 kilometres from Hunter Road to the end of the existing bitumen seal is being undertaken.
- The Mid Murray Council, in partnership with Rural City of Murray Bridge and The Coorong District Council, has been successful in receiving a grant of \$25,000 from the Office for Recreation and Sport to produce a Feasibility Study/Master Plan for the development of a regional walking and cycling trail from Morgan to Salt Creek.
- Mid Murray Support Services, with assistance from Mid Murray Council, has been successful in obtaining HACC funding for transport in the upper Mid Murray region. This will cover the cost of leasing a wheelchair accessible vehicle to help fill the gaps in transport services for over 65s.
- A meeting will be held with the Palmer and Districts Community Association to progress their proposal for the old CFS shed to be used as an Information Centre, incorporating a welcome point for RVs and a small museum.
- A submission was forwarded to the Federal Government regarding their mobile coverage program highlighting areas of no coverage and poor coverage throughout the Mid Murray Council area.
- The Riverland Community Legal Service will provide a free service for residents in and around Morgan at the Morgan Medical Centre.
- We continue to improve our Financial Management reporting to Council including a monthly financial report and a review of the quarterly budget report.

- Council has approved and supported the proposal for the relocation of the RSL Memorial to ANZAC Park Reserve, Swan Reach.

I would like to congratulate Mid Murray Support Services on the official opening of the Mannum Community Hub on Saturday 12 April 2014. The Hub will provide a range of programs and services for the communities in and around Mannum and we have been pleased to fully restore the Old Primary School. We will be meeting with the State Minister to see if the 2 allotments at the rear of the primary school can be gifted to Council for open space and community use.

Thank you again to all of our volunteers that assist us in helping to provide so many services to our communities throughout the Council.

Mayor Dave Burgess



The Election Process - Nominating and Voting

To nominate as a candidate for Council and be eligible to vote in Local Government elections, you must either be on the State Electoral roll for the Council area or the Council Voters roll prior to the closing date of both rolls.

If you are on the State Electoral roll for the Council area you will automatically be sent ballot papers and will not need to enrol on Council's roll unless you have property in more than one ward.

The Local Government (Elections) (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act 2009 amended the Local Government (Elections) Act 1999, so that the Council voters roll now expires on the 1 January each year in which a periodic election is held. This means that if you are enrolled on the Council roll you will need to lodge a new application for enrolment prior to the closing date of Council's roll (Friday 8 August 2014).

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

Close of Rolls	Friday 8 August 2014
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



Murray Transport Connections is a central point of contact for transport information and coordination of services in Mid Murray Council and the Rural City of Murray Bridge. We can help with information about local buses, taxi, coach and community transport services, including information about fares and ticketing, subsidies and concessions, areas serviced, timetables and routes, wheelchair access and eligibility.

A new service we are currently trialling is -



Matinee Series

Out of the Square is a network of suburban theatres in South Australia who bring high quality arts and entertainment experiences to regional South Australia. In our region, the shows will be held once a month on a Thursday at the Murray Bridge Town Hall. Murray Transport Connections are working together with Murray Mallee Aged Care Group to provide the opportunity to attend these shows.

Murray Transport Connections is able to offer "transport as a last resort" for eligible residents. If you are unable to access public transport, unable to drive yourself and unable to access another person to transport you, we can assist by providing free transport to these social events.

This service is currently being offered to transport disadvantaged residents in Sedan, Cambrai, Black Hill, Swan Reach, Nildottie and Walker Flat. For more information about the shows and to make a booking please contact Karyn Baker or Natalie Davis on 1300 190 869.

Murray Transport Connections is a Community Passenger Network service funded by the Commonwealth Home and Community Care program and the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion. The program is being delivered by Mid Murray Council in partnership with the Rural City of Murray Bridge.

Disabled Access Incentive Scheme

Council has 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.

Mannum Shopping Tour Programme 2014



Murray Transport

Connections has received a small grant from Mid Murray Council to help with providing "Transport as a Last Resort". Utilising some of this transport funding from Council, we are pleased to announce that we are partnering with Link SA, and partly subsidising a brand new transport service for residents of Mannum, Palmer and Tungkillo.

The tours available are -

Tuesday 2nd July - Ikea & Harbor Town

Tuesday 9th September - Rundle Mall & Central Markets

Tuesday 10th December - Tea Tree Plaza Shopping Centre

If you do not drive into the city any more, but would love the opportunity to have a great day out, the subsidised cost for these trips is \$25.00 per person. For more information or to make a booking, phone Link SA: 8532 2633.

Please note: Link SA requires a minimum of 20 passengers per trip, bookings are essential, and a wheelchair accessible vehicle is available on request (conditions apply).

If you have a general enquiry about transport, or you would like to know how you can get to where you want to go, please contact Murray Transport Connections:

Karyn Baker or Natalie Davis

Mid Murray Council
49 Adelaide Road (PO BOX 28)
Mannum SA 5238

T: 1300 190 869 (cost of a local call – calls from mobile phones are charged at applicable rates)

Email: kbaker@mid-murray.sa.gov.au

Community Grants

Council is pleased to offer a range of Community Grants to provide support to develop, grow and implement a range of exciting new initiatives at a local level. The grants include:

Small Community Grants Program (Applications close 31 January & 31 July each year) - up to \$500 in line with the existing grants program.

Community Projects & Events Grants (Applications close 31 March & 30 September each year) - up to \$2,000, will allow community groups to work with Elected Members and Council to develop and deliver important projects and events in the district.

Individual Youth Sport & Cultural Grants (Applications ongoing) - up to \$400 to support individual achievements of young people selected to represent their State in national or international sporting or cultural pursuits.

For more grant information contact Shane Thompson on 8569 0100 or visit www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au.

Free Immunisation Clinics for 0-5 year olds

Council currently runs a free immunisation service for the Childhood Immunisation Program. Clinics are held every third Tuesday at the Cambrai Office, Swan Reach Library, Blanchetown Medical Centre, Morgan Medical Centre and Truro (by appointment). Contact the Cambrai office for more information on 8564 6020.

Mannum clinics are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Mannum Medical Centre. Bookings are made through the Mannum office on 8569 0100.

drumMUSTER



Did you know that Council has an ongoing DrumMuster collection now?

Collections are held during opening hours at the Cambrai Waste Station, Mannum Resource Recovery Centre, Cadell Transfer Station and Swan Reach Transfer Station. Up to 100 drums are collected at any time and

bookings are required for more than 100 drums. Contact the Cambrai Office for more information.

Mid Murray Finding Treasure

Mid Murray locals of all ages and abilities are finding hidden treasure in the form of geocaching. Geocaching is a fun activity families can do together to get to know their local area better, visit places they may not have been before or simply to enjoy the great outdoors. There are thousands of caches hidden all across the Murraylands and the OPAL team are encouraging all families to give it a go. Last school holidays, Geocaching SA together with OPAL held introductory workshops at six library locations including Morgan, Blanchetown, Truro, Swan Reach, Cambrai and Mannum where families could find out more about how to get on board the bandwagon.

For some, it was their first time geocaching and for others it was a great opportunity to pick up new tricks from the visiting experts.

To help get you started, OPAL will be donating three GPS kits for local libraries to loan out to families. Depending on popularity, there might be more to come. For more information about geocaching, view our youtube video online http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dje3_8hvXqg or to find out which libraries are stocking the GPS kits, contact the OPAL team on 8569 0100 or email opal@mid-murray.sa.gov.au.



Children picking up hot tips on Geocaching from the Experts at a Workshop in Truro on Tuesday 15 April.

Are you Eligible to Vote in Council Elections this year?

Council Voters Roll

Council Elections are held every four years in accordance with the Local Government (Elections) Act 1999. **From the 1 January 2014, all landlords, business lessees and resident non-Australian citizens will be removed from the Council voters roll and must re-enrol.**

If you can answer **Yes** to any of the following questions you may be eligible to be included on the Council voters roll.

- You are a sole owner/occupier of rateable property
- You are NOT an Australian Citizen but you have been a resident at your current address for one month
- You are a landlord for rateable property
- You are an organisation/business owner or occupier of rateable property
- You are a group of owners or occupiers of rateable property

State Electoral Roll

If you are on the State Electoral roll for the Mid Murray Council area you will automatically receive ballot papers.

You do not need to enrol on the Council roll unless you have property in more than one ward.

School Immunisation Program

Is your child at High School? Have they been vaccinated? The 2014 School immunisation program is well underway and we will be running catch up sessions for children who have missed their first session. If you haven't received your child's consent form or you want more information about the program please contact the Cambrai office on 8564 6020.

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