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MID MURRAY AWARDS \$3500 FOR MANNUM EVENTS, SWAN REACH SPORTS CLUB

The Mid Murray Council has awarded an additional \$3,500 in community grants this month, supporting two upcoming community events and a community sports facility upgrade.

The annual Mannum Rowing Regatta and Mannum Hot Rod Show are some of Mid Murray's emerging community events which help bring more visitors to the district, but often lack the funding to grow and develop. This grant funding will ensure they can go ahead.

The Swan Reach Bowling Club has also received funding to upgrade its shed floor and repair walls, making the space more usable for its members.

Mayor Dave Burgess says the community grants help local volunteers bring positive projects and events to life, which not only help to grow the local economy, but also encourage positive social interactions locally and support wellbeing.

"The financial support we provide for community projects is enough to provide a small leg-up on things like maintenance, development and upgrades to facilities for sports clubs in rural and remote areas – many of which act as a social hub for people who might otherwise be isolated.

"When it comes to events, things like the annual Rowing Regatta and Hot Rod Show in Mannum can bring a whole new group of visitors to our towns who are likely to spend money with our local businesses. There's also the chance they might like what they see, and then hopefully come back for a longer stay next time or tell their friends and family about our beautiful little town.

"The Mannum Hot Rod Show specifically is an example of a key event which brings in visitors from right across the State each year, and most often results in overnight stays in our hotels, holiday rentals and money spent along our main street. It's also a chance for people to explore our River history by visiting the Mannum Dock Museum, or PS Marion."

These three will be the last grants awarded for Round One of the Council's Community Grants Program. Round Two is currently open and closes on March 31.

"I'd encourage all community groups, with a positive project or event, to apply for the next round of Community Grants and take advantage of the financial support from Council," Mayor Burgess says.

A breakdown of the recent grants are as follows:

- **Mannum Rowing Club:** Annual Regatta - \$500.
- **Mannum Hospital Auxiliary:** Mannum Hot Rod Show - \$2,000.
- **Swan Reach Bowling Club:** Shed floor and wall repairs - \$1,000.

For more information on the Council's community and events grants, visit: mid-murray.sa.gov.au.

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