

Council Newsletter

November 2019



A Message from the Mayor

As the Spring weather becomes warmer, we welcome visitors to our area, whether it is to enjoy our many community events, our nature-based experiences or take in the picturesque region of the Murraylands and Riverland.

Much has been achieved throughout the Mid Murray area over recent months. Council has continued to progress the resealing and resheeting of roads and we are endeavouring to implement numerous initiatives, while being mindful of our financial means and resources. A list of some of the achievements include -

- Completion of work on the Morgan Wharf and Darling Wharf, Mannum
- Ongoing works at Hermanns Landing at Nildottie, PS Canally restoration, Murraylands Road (section Angas Valley Road to Black Hill Road), Dutton Bridge replacement and Mary Ann Reserve Upgrade Stage 1
- Electronic payment facilities to be implemented at Council Transfer Stations and the Cambrai Landfill Facility. The facilities will provide an efficient, user friendly payment method for customers into the future.

The Len White Reserve Master Plan Report – Draft August 2019 was endorsed by Council at the October meeting and this now out for public consultation. Council were successful in receiving a grant fund to the amount of \$62,500 for the Swan Reach Riverfront Master Plan and Len White Reserve Development Project. This grant is a 50/50 contribution with a total project cost of \$125,000. The first part of the project is to develop a Master Plan for the riverfront which explores how best to activate the area and provide improved linkages to the town centre. \$40,000 of the grant has been allocated to this portion of the project as part of the funding agreement.

As part of Mid Murray's vision and commitment to building a long term, healthy community, the Mannum Leisure Centre is currently working to identify the need for outreach health and fitness programs across the region. A series of consultation methods will be conducted throughout December/January to form the strategic direction for future outreach service delivery.

Council has been working closely with nominated community organisations in the five zones across the district to identify priority projects since the creation of its Community Plan 2016-2020 four years ago. Meetings have recently been held with these groups to discuss the needs and objectives of their local community, and the priorities for the next 12 months. These discussions will inform Council's budgeting process for the next Financial Year. The current District Action Plans are available to view by going to <https://www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/page.aspx?u=1007>.

The thirteen community projects funded from the Australia Government Drought Communities Fund (DCF) have been welcomed by the relevant communities. In the midst of what has been a devastating drought for the district's people and local businesses, these projects have been able to bring some welcome respite and positivity. On top of the DCF program, Council will continue to work with local community groups to help attract more external grant funding for small-scale projects which it believes can support positive community outcomes.

As the festive season approaches, I would like to encourage you to attend the Christmas Pageant, Street Party and Fireworks at Mannum on Saturday, 7 December 2019 and the Christmas Fair & Pageant at Morgan on Saturday, 14 December 2019. The Mannum Progress Association and the Morgan and District Lions Club do a fantastic job and we appreciate them organising and running these events.

Recognising the influx of visitors to the area during the holiday season, and to create an alcohol free family friendly evening, Council has endorsed short term dry areas for New Year's Eve for the following locations - Morgan Riverfront, Cadell Riverfront, locations in and around Mannum - Randell Street, Arnold Park, Shearer Car Park, Anna Street, Mary Ann Reserve, Bolto Reserve and Haythorpe Reserve. The approval of New Year's Eve short term dry areas complement the continuous long term dry areas that already exist in Mannum and will provide for similar social outcomes in the Morgan and Cadell areas.

Finally, I would like to thank all our volunteers, Progress Associations and other community organisations for how much they contribute to our community. I wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and I look forward to working with you in 2020.

Mayor Dave Burgess

Defibrillators in Cadell



The Cadell Community and Tourist Association have been busy installing Defibrillators. These are located outside Barnett's General Store, Cadell Op Shop, Cadell Pistol Club, Cadell Institute and the Cadell Oval.

Jason Lucas (CCTA Chair) and Lin Petros (owner) outside Barnett's General Store



Drought Communities Funding Program

Regional Investment was recently given a major boost by the Federal Government's Drought Communities Funding Program.

In early 2019, Council was awarded \$1 Million in grant funding as part of the Drought Communities Funding Program. The Drought Communities Program supports communities in the most drought affected regions of Australia and builds on more than \$7 billion in additional Australian Government drought support measures already committed.

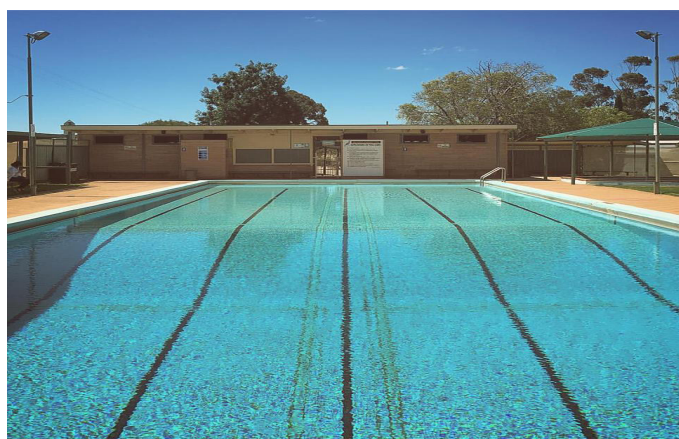
As part of the funding agreement Council committed to undertaking 13 projects across the region to support local infrastructure and other projects for communities and businesses who have been impacted by drought.

The projects were as follows:

Cambrai Pool upgrade, Black Hill swing bridge upgrade, Blanchetown Reserve upgrade, Cadell Institute roof restoration and ceiling replacement, Sedan Park upgrade and history walking trail, Keyneton Park clubroom upgrade, Cambrai park fence and playground shade sails, Palmer nature play area, Morgan's Pendle's Tea Room deck and ceiling replacement, Cambrai/Sedan Drought Support Dinner Event, Tungkillo playground, Greenways Landing Public Toilet and Mannum Institute internal restoration works.

The Mid Murray Council would like to thank the Federal Government and in particular Local Federal Member, Tony Pasin MP for their assistance with the program.

Cambrai Pool upgrade



Morgan Pendle's Tea Room deck replacement



Palmer Nature Play area



Black Hill swing bridge upgrade



Tungkillo playground



Cambrai playground shade sails





Morgan Wharf Upgrade

The Morgan Wharf upgrade is complete. Perfect timing as well with the summer months fast approaching, what a better way to spend it with family enjoying the River Murray. This will be open to the public soon. Keep an eye out for the new signs. The Building Better Regions Funding received by Council enabled this upgrade to take place and by the photos below, what an upgrade this is!

Before



After



Milendella Bridge

The upgrading of the Mildendella Bridge has commenced as part of the Bridges Renewal Program



Greenways Amenity Block

Funded by the Australian Government's Drought Communities Program the Greenways Amenity Block is now complete. Greenways Landing and Nildottie are becoming an increasingly popular destination for camping and recreation, this permanent facility will help keep the site clean and is more inviting for visitors and locals alike all year round.



Mary Ann Reserve

Works have commenced as a part of Stage 1 of the Mary Ann Reserve Master Plan. Current works, will include roadways (traffic directional change) and soon landscaping and play equipment. So watch this space in the near future for the completion of these exciting upgrades for the family of all ages! Check out the progress images below.



Council is continually monitoring mosquito numbers and treating mosquito breeding sites but mosquito numbers can only be controlled to a certain degree. There is currently no cure and no vaccine for mosquito-borne disease such as Ross River virus so it's most important to "Fight the Bite" and be proactive in the fight against mosquitoes!

For further details please contact one of the Environmental Health Officers at the Cambrai office on 8564 6020 or check out the "Fight the Bite" website at <http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/healthy+living/protecting+your+health/yourself/fight+the+bite>

Spring Fun for Kids!

Life is definitely brighter outdoors, which is why we collaborated with Nature Play SA to hold a school holiday program to 'Get exploring with Nature' as part of the 2019 Nature Play Festival.

This event took place during the October school holidays at the recently constructed Palmer Nature Play Space.

Over 150 kids and adults braved the warm and windy conditions to get outdoors, explore through our giant scavenger hunt, create with nature craft, and play on the play space. The kids let their imaginations go wild to create some nature inspired artistic masterpieces.



Palmer Nature Play Space

The Palmer Nature Play space was a partnership initiative between Mid Murray Council and the Palmer Collier Park Community Association, with the aim of encouraging positive childhood development.

Through the Australian Government's Drought Communities Fund, Council successfully secured funding to enable the execution of this project.

The play space is providing a platform for children to develop resilience, self-confidence and creativity, while also creating a central meeting place for families.

The Nature Play space was officially opened on 30 August with over 150 community members in attendance.



Preparation prior to commencement of the Fire Danger Season

The Mid Murray Council wishes to remind all property owners and residents that the fire danger season is fast approaching. Now is the time to take pre-emptive action if you haven't already done so, to ensure that your block (or land) is cleared prior to the start of the fire danger season and is maintained to the required standard for the duration of the season.



The fire danger season for the Murraylands and Riverland Fire Ban Districts commences on 15 November, each year, however with a drier than normal season this year, this is likely to change to an earlier date. Council will advise if this occurs.

During October and November Council Fire Prevention Officers will be inspecting all properties within the Mid Murray Council District. In accordance with the provisions of the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005, Council can issue a legal notice requiring the clearing of land if there is a fire hazard or where the land has the potential to become a fire hazard. It is with this in mind Council encourages all land owners or occupants to ensure their land is prepared for the Fire Danger Season.

The responsibility to have your land cleared rests with you as the owner or occupier of the Land, and if necessary you should contact an appropriate service provider to assist in reducing the hazards on the Land. Please remember to maintain your property throughout the fire danger season as additional clearance may be required.

If you have any questions regarding this information or would like any further assistance please contact our Regulatory Services Officers on 8564 6020 or head to our webpage for further requirements.

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