

**MEDIA RELEASE**

## **LOCAL EVENTS, SPORTS CLUBS, COMMUNITY GROUPS SHARE IN BOOST THROUGH MID MURRAY GRANTS**

Projects to enhance sports clubs, support local events and upgrade community facilities will share in almost \$49,000 in funding from the Mid Murray Council.

The Council's Community Grants program will assist 23 groups right across the district including sports clubs, an environment group, local progress associations and event organisers.

The annual program provides a range of grants categories in order to support a variety of community activities, programs and facilities each year.

Among this year's projects are \$5,000 towards a refurbishment of the clubrooms and kitchen at the SSAA Mannum and District Pistol and Shooting Club, and a further \$5,000 for a new pergola at the Swan Reach Golf Club's clubrooms.

Potentially lifesaving equipment will also be funded, with grants to the South Punyelroo Progress Association and Langa Landing Association to install defibrillators, while the Mannum Dragon Boat Club will receive \$1000 towards the replacement of life jackets.

Community events have been given a boost, including \$1,000 for a movie night on the Morgan riverfront, \$2,000 towards the Mannum Show and \$788.30 towards the Keyneton Hall's 150th anniversary open day.

Mid Murray Mayor Dave Burgess said the Community Grants program allowed Council to support a diverse range of events and initiatives across the district.

"Our sports clubs, community groups and event organisers do a fantastic job in developing, co-ordinating and offering a wide range of programs and activities," Mayor Burgess says.

"Through Council's Community Grants program, we are able to give these organisations a boost to improve their facilities, update equipment, create events that draw people to our region, and provide sport and recreation opportunities that offer wellbeing and connection for our residents.

"Many of these groups work hard to fundraise towards their own projects, but we understand that can be a challenge, particularly for smaller organisations, or those in more remote locations. Offering our annual grants program is a tangible way in which Council can provide meaningful support across our community."

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## **Community Grants Recipients**

### ***Small Community Grants***

- Stonefield Aviation Association - \$1,000 to install air-conditioning in the airfield clubhouse.
- Teen Challenge SA (Mannum) - \$1,000 for program support to buy a TV screen for programs and training.
- Cadell Pistol Club - \$895 for a new sun shade.
- Angas Valley Recreation Hall and Tennis Club - \$1,000 to buy a new fridge and freezer.
- Mannum Dragon Boat Club - \$1,000 to replace life jackets.
- Friends of Younghusband River Care - \$525 for maintenance of the Riverside Reserve and Frog Pond.
- Swan Reach Golf Club - \$1,000 to replace chairs in the clubrooms.
- South Punyelroo Progress Association - \$1,000 for an automated external defibrillator.
- Swan Reach Soldiers Memorial Bowling Club - \$1,000 for maintenance equipment.

### ***Community Event Grant***

- Riverland West Chamber of Commerce - \$1,000 for a movie night on the Morgan riverfront.
- Mannum Agricultural Society - \$2,000 towards the Mannum Show.
- Keyneton Soldiers Memorial Hall - \$788.30 for the Keyneton Hall 150th anniversary open day.
- Morgan Small Bore Rifle Club - \$2,000 for the Mid Murray Championship.
- Lions Club of Morgan and Districts - \$2,000 for the Morgan Community Christmas Fair and Pageant.

### ***Community Project Grants***

- Younghusband Hall - \$4,895 for cladding removal.
- SSAA Mannum and District Pistol and Shooting Club - \$5,000 to refurbish clubrooms and kitchen.
- Tungkillo Progress Club - \$2,196.13 to update security system.
- Morgan Cadell Golf Club - \$1,000 for a shed extension.
- South Punyelroo Progress Association - \$5,000 to rejuvenate the community shed.
- Langs Landing Association - \$2,850 to install a defibrillator.
- Swan Reach Golf Club - \$5,000 towards a new pergola for the clubrooms.
- St Peters Lutheran Church Bower - \$2,000 towards the repainting of church roof and walls.
- Murray Mallee Field Archers - \$4,700 for a portable toilet.

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