

MEDIA RELEASE

MID MURRAY COMMUNITY GRANTS TO OPEN EARLY

Community groups seeking funding through the Mid Murray Council's Community Grants program to create and deliver local events, programs and initiatives will need to get their applications in earlier this year.

The Council has brought forward the application period for the grants from August to May, to ensure grant funding is awarded prior to the local government elections later this year.

The application period for the grants will open on 2 May 2022 and close on 15 June 2022. Applications will then be assessed by Council's Community Grants Assessment Committee.

The annual program provides financial support that has assisted many local projects – from events to upgraded sports facilities, the purchase of potentially life-saving equipment and local history celebrations.

Three grant streams are available:

- **Small Community Grants** – Up to \$1,000 for projects that help community organisations provide a service to the community to encourage participation and social inclusion.
- **Community Event Grants** – Up to \$2,000 to assist with events and activities that encourage tourism, social inclusion, community participation and recreation. (Event organisers must show that event proceeds will remain in the Mid Murray Council district.)
- **Community Project Grants** – Up to \$5,000 for projects that allow community organisations to make a positive contribution through projects that develop and enhance their group's facilities.

Council also offers an Individual Sport and Cultural Grant program to support locals to attend sport, music, art or other cultural activities at a State, National and International level. This grant scheme is open year-round.

Mid Murray Mayor Dave Burgess says the Community Grants Program is a valuable initiative for the district's community organisations.

"We're fortunate to have so many active community groups in the Mid Murray whose work delivers a variety of benefits for our district – from fun and recreation, to economy-boosting events, local heritage, community safety and well-being," Mayor Burgess says.

"These grants allow Council to provide practical support to ensure these organisations can continue to offer the range of initiatives, projects and activities they are passionate about providing for our district.

"A grant might allow a local sports club to buy new equipment to improve their members' recreation experience – or it might purchase a life-saving defibrillator for a small community. In previous years, funds have supported community movie nights and major events, helped sports clubs upgrade their facilities to make them more comfortable, and assisted with necessary maintenance.

"Our community organisations do a lot for the Mid Murray – often on a shoestring budget or with proactive fundraising, and the commitment of many volunteers. Council's Community Grants program provides significant support in a way that allows these groups to continue the important work they do locally.

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"I encourage all of our local not-for-profit organisations to consider applying for a grant when applications open in May."



For more details, including eligibility criteria, visit www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/community/grants.

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