



## Mid Murray Council meeting update

Council held its most recent meeting on Tuesday 28 November 2023 at which the following items were discussed or determined:

- The Monthly Financial Reports – October 2023 were received.
- The Financial Results 2022-23 Report comparing the actual financial results for the year ending 30 June 2023 with the original budget for the year 30 June 2023 was received and endorsed.
- The Budget Review September 2023 incorporating 2022-23 results report was received and adopted.
- The *Draft Bridge Asset Management Plan*, *Draft Footpath Asset Management Plan* and *Draft Kerb Asset Management Plan* were endorsed by Council for public consultation.
- Infrastructure & Field Services Summary Report – updates (below) were received for a range of projects:
  - **River Murray Flood Event** – Progress of remediation works
    - Mary Ann Reserve North, Mannum – irrigation, lighting and turf completed, playground and northern carpark open
    - Mary Ann Reserve South, Mannum – path to Murray Princess completed, table & bin concrete pads installed, lights installed, electrical connected to lights and power boxes and irrigation installed
    - Mannum Caravan Park – concrete kerbing complete
    - Arnold Park – lawn area completed
    - Morgan Carvan Park – removal of the southern end levee has commenced.
    - Morgan Riverfront – rejuvenation of lawn area
    - Graeme Claxton Reserve, Cadell – open\* and functional.
    - Blanchetown Riverfront – open\*
    - Len White Reserve, Swan Reach – facilities are open with exception of existing works for riverbank reclamation.
    - Tenbury Hunter Reserve – public toilet is open, campsite area may require re-sheeting (subject to funding)
    - Hermann's Landing, Nildottie – BBQ installed but not connected
  - \*open to public access however not to pre-flood condition.
  - **Kerbside Ben Collection Services Audit** – following an audit by Council's contractor, various anomalies have been identified and will be followed up.
  - **Blanchetown Oval Upgrade** – playground works have been completed and is now open for public use
  - **Blanchetown Rejuvenation Project** – planning design has commenced on an entrance statement and Main Street plantings

- **Len White Reserve Upgrade** – the riverbank reclamation works have been scheduled to commence in late November. The upgrade to the toilet facility has been completed and is now open.
- Mannum Football Club and Mannum Cricket Club have been granted approval (on condition that evidence of appropriate insurances is provided to Council prior to the event) to host camping at the Mannum Sporting Complex from the 18 to 21 January 2024 for the 2024 Sounds By The River event.
- Cr Kirsty MacGregor has been appointed Deputy Mayor.
- Council has consented to an easement over and associated infrastructure within Lot 6 Apold Road, Murbko as proposed for the purpose of providing water to Pine Village, subject to Pine Village Land & Services Management Association Incorporated obtaining development, planning and all other requisite approvals.
- A Select Committee of the Legislative Council has been established to inquire into the 2022-23 River Murray Flood Event including the preparation, response and recovery, with Council agreeing to request an extension of time for Council to provide a submission to the Select Committee.
- The *Mid Murray Council Annual Report 2022-2023* has been adopted by Council.
- A review of the PS Marion operations and price setting for cruises was undertaken, to improve the sustainability of PS Marion operations a new price structure was adopted by Council in addition to the previously adopted Fees and Charges for the PS Marion for the year ending 30 June 2024.
- Council endorsed the draft Strategic Plan for the period 2024-2027 for public consultation.
- The following Committee Minutes were received:
  - Mid Murray Heritage & Maritime Committee meeting held on 25 October 2023
  - Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 14 November 2023
  - Council Assessment Panel meeting held on 16 October 2023
- Councillor Forrester reported on his attendance at the recent Murray Darling Association 79<sup>th</sup> National Conference and AGM held in Murray Bridge from 25 to 28 September 2023.

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