



Photos courtesy of Dave Hartley,
Murraylands Photography

Mid Murray Council Newsletter



A Message from the Mayor

More than \$5 Million will be invested into the Council's 3,000km Road Network in the recently adopted 2018 -19 Budget. We recognise that maintaining our roads and infrastructure is important for all of our communities, tourists and residents. There will also be funding for bridges, footpaths, upgrades to waste management and improvements to infrastructure in a number of our towns. Some of these include bridges at Dutton (near Truro) and Milendella (near Palmer), the introduction of an individual waste collection service for rural residents and site specific waste collection service for holiday home areas in the northern section of Council and various footpaths projects. We are also continuing to progress a range of capital projects including the Truro to Eudunda Road, Morgan Wharf, Swan Reach Deep River Mooring Facility, Hermann's Landing (near Nildottie) Mooring Facility as well as maintaining our public infrastructure. The Truro to Eudunda Road Stage 1 (4kms) was estimated to cost \$1.8 Million with \$232,000 from the State Government. All of the capital projects we have undertaken in most cases have attracted Federal or State funding. A lot of these were in a significant state of disrepair and a focus to maintain and upgrade these infrastructure items was required – for example, Mannum Wharf, Morgan Wharf, Cadell boat ramp, Morgan boat ramp, Truro to Eudunda Road and others. Because we have been able to obtain Federal and State funding, these assets have now been upgraded and maintained. However, it has meant that there is a 50% contribution in funding from Council in most cases and this has increased our level of debt. The maximum level of debt that we will be at is equivalent to one year of our income.

In addition, we continue to invest in projects, initiatives and partnerships which enhance the wellbeing of our community. Not only do we provide direct support to local community groups including Progress Associations and sporting bodies, but also deliver a series of community services including child development, youth, recreation, health, libraries, community centres, aged care, playgrounds, parks and gardens and more. There are many projects and services that we continue to provide. Some of these include the following:-

- An upgrade to Mary Ann Reserve Stage 1 (with funding from the State Government)
- Morgan Wharf, Swan Reach Deep River Mooring Facility, Hermann's Landing Mooring Facility, Dutton bridge, Milendella bridge and Darling Wharf (Mannum)
- The Palmer Wind Farm development has been appealed to the Full Court of the Supreme Court and we are awaiting the outcome of this. We will not participate in this Court process.

August 2018

In this Issue

A Message from the Mayor 1-2

Voting in Council Elections 2

Community Grants 2

New Dog Registration Laws 3

Fresh Frenzy 3

Winter Heating Guide 3

What's on in Mid Murray this Spring 4

Free Immunisation Clinics 4

Development Plan Amendment (DPA) Updates 4

Wind Farms 4

Contact Details 4

Find us on
facebook



A Message from the Mayor Cont'd

- The Keyneton Wind Farm, which received State Government approval, is progressing and works are expected to commence in the first quarter of 2019. It is understood that this development is for 42 turbines at a cost of \$240 Million and will be constructed over an 18 month period with a construction work force of over 500. The project will generate enough power for approximately 60,000 homes. We are working with the proponents to ensure that roads used are upgraded and maintained, as well as other infrastructure. We will also work with the proponents in relation to their Community Investment Fund for community projects.
- We will also assist with the purchase of a camel lifter for Morgan, Cadell and Blanchetown shack areas for use by the Morgan SA Ambulance.
- We are also assisting the Palmer Collier Park Community Association in the development of a Nature Playspace. The South Australian Tourism Commission will be installing a WiFi hotspot at Morgan.
- We continue to advocate to the Federal Government for the permanent extension of the Supplementary Local Roads Program for South Australia, given the inequity of road funding for South Australia. If this funding does not continue, we would lose \$324,000 per annum.
- We also have highlighted to the State Government the 13% increase in the solid waste levy payable in 2018/19 and funds of around \$100 Million held by the State Government that could be used to implement waste initiatives for communities.
- We have estimated that there are \$1.853 Million State Government compliance costs that Council will incur in 2018/19 with most of this on an annual basis and we have requested a review of this so our costs can be decreased.
- We continue to work with the Mid Murray Landcare Group to progress the international accreditation for the Dark Sky Project between Cambrai and Blanchetown.
- We continue to plan and develop Stage 1 of the Murray Coorong Trail through State Government funding of \$280,000 and Council funding.
- I would like to congratulate the Mannum Progress Association for holding another successful SA Truck and Ute Show on Sunday 10 June 2018. I also look forward to the Palmer Hot Rod Show on 30 September 2018, the Games Obsession Expo in Mannum on Sunday 5 August 2018 and the All Steamed Up Event on Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 November 2018. Once again I would like to very much thank our volunteers who without them we would struggle to provide the range of services, projects and facilities that we do for our communities.



Mayor Dave Burgess

Council Elections Are Coming Soon

Participating in your local Council election is one of the most direct ways you can make a difference to everyday life in your community. Consider for a moment how everyday life is improved by the many services that Councils provide. Imagine your community without street lighting, rubbish collection, footpaths, libraries, playgrounds and sports club facilities, community halls, seniors' services – and the list goes on.

Decisions about Council services, policies and projects are made by people just like you, who represent the views of local residents.

We would also like to put a special call out to the women of Mid Murray - Do you aspire to make a difference? Do you want to be a part of the decisions that impact you, your family and community? You are great and you CAN make a difference. Your voice can help lead our region. It's time to take that step and nominate to become one of our new Elected Members. It is a fact that women are underrepresented, but you can change that by going to our website for further information and support on how to nominate for the upcoming elections in November.

Key Dates To Remember;

Enrol to vote – Open now

Close of Voters Roll – Friday 10 August 2018, 5:00pm

Nominations open – Tuesday 4 September 2018

Nominations close – Tuesday 18 September, 12:00 noon

Mail out of voting materials – October 2018

Close of voting – Friday 9 November 2018, 5:00pm

Mid Murray Council will also be holding Community information sessions so please keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for these details.



Community Grants

Council recently reviewed its Community grants policy and procedure to better explain criteria and to align the application closing dates.

We offer a variety of community grants so don't forget to go to our website to find the details regarding the small community grants up to \$1k; the Community event grants up to \$2k and the Community project grants up to \$5k. We also have the individual youth, sport & cultural grant available all year round, with the amount available dependent on the location (eg within SA; interstate or international).

New Dog Registration Laws Introduced from 1 July 2018

From 1 July 2018 the new provisions of the Dog & Cat Management Act, 1995 relating to mandatory microchipping and desexing of dogs and cats was enacted.

- Legislation requires that all dogs and cats, regardless of age, must be microchipped. It will be an offence to own a dog or cat that is not microchipped. If you are unsure if your pet is microchipped, you can attend any office of Council, where your dog or cat can be scanned for a microchip and the microchip number can then be uploaded on DACO.
- All new generation dogs and cats (those born after 1 July 2018) must be desexed prior to the age of 6 months of age or within 28 days of the owner taking possession of the dog or cat. Exemptions are available for breeders, legitimate working dogs or from a Vet providing medical reasons for this not to occur. It will be an offence to own a dog or cat born after 1 July 2018 that is not desexed.
- All dog registrations and renewals are now co-ordinated by the Dog and Cat Management Board. Current registered dog owners should have received their dog registration renewals in the mail around the second or third week of July, along with their new dog registration tag. This is a lifetime tag and number. You may choose to purchase your own metal tags and engrave this number on it if you wish. You will not receive a new tag or number in future years.
- All new dog registrations and registration renewals will now be undertaken online. Within the dog registration renewal notice dog owners have received, there is information on how to renew your dog's registration on the new electronic 'Dogs and Cats Online' system (DACO), with a fact sheet explaining the steps dog owners must follow. For dog owners that do not have access to the internet, or for dog owners having problems following the electronic dog registration process, assistance can be provided at any office of Council, or subsidiary.

Penalties

These legislative amendments have been introduced by the State Government in an effort to reduce the ever increasing number of unowned stray dogs and cats that are euthanised annually in pounds and shelters.

Along with these new laws, the State Government have introduced greater powers to authorised Officers and greater penalties for breaches of the Act.

Any information in relation to these new laws can be obtained by contacting any of the Council offices or by contacting Council's General Inspector, Brett Stapleton on 0429 999 641.

Changes to dog and cat laws from 1 July 2018.

Dogs and Cats Online will be the central database for microchipped and registered dogs and cats*, registration payments and breeder registration.

New laws require dogs and cats to be microchipped and desexed. Exemptions apply.

To enter or update your dog or cat's information, visit dogsandcatsonline.com.au

For more information on dog management in SA, visit gooddogsa.com.au

**DOG AND CAT
BOARD**

*if applicable

Fresh Frenzy

Fresh Frenzy is a 4 week Healthy Nutrition Program which has recently been rolled out through Mid Murray schools, it aims to:

- empower students to become role models for promoting healthy eating in their school.
- improve healthy eating attitude, knowledge and behaviour.
- strengthen students confidence in leadership skills in promoting healthy eating.

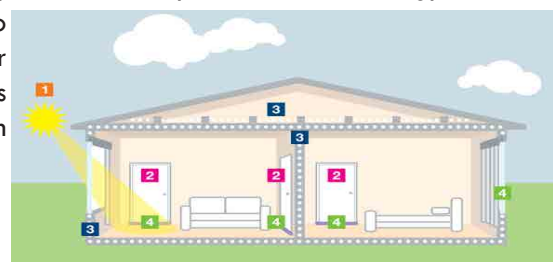
This program was designed by our OPAL Program Manager Amy Loechel, in conjunction with local dietitian Bianca Gazzola. The program is timely, after recent studies have shown more than 1 in 4 Australian children are classed as overweight or obese.



Natalie Davis, OPAL Project Officer
with Morgan Primary Students

Winter Heating Guide

No one wants to spend more than they need to when heating their home. Before turning your heater on this winter, make sure your home is well-insulated, draught-proofed and that you are only heating the areas you need: 1 - Let the sun shine into your home, 2 - Only heat the areas you need, 3 - Insulation, 4 - Draught proofing. If you would like to learn more about how to manage your home energy costs and use visit www.sa.gov.au/energysmart. You will find information on how to check and reduce your energy use, information on how much your household appliances and other energy users are costing you, how you could make your home more energy efficient, how to read your meters and much more.



What's on in Mid Murray

Mannum Riverside Markets - 5 August

Games Obsession Expo - 5 August

Mannum Craft Fair - 11 August

Mannum Riverside Markets - 2 September

Come back to Cambrai - 22 September

Palmer Hot Rod Show - 30 September

Mannum Riverside Markets - 7 October

Morgan Swap Meet - 7 October

Mannum Riverside Markets - 4 November

Mannum Fun Run & Walk - 4 November

All Steamed Up - 17 - 18 November

Mannum Christmas Tree Festival - 30 November

****Please contact the Mannum Visitor Information Centre on 8569 1303 to be included on our calendar of events and website information****

Free Immunisation Clinics

Council provides a free monthly immunisation service to vaccinate children aged 5 and under against numerous childhood diseases.

The clinics are held at the following locations:-

Mannum – First Wednesday of each month commencing 9:30am at the Mannum Medical Centre. Appointments are required and can be booked through the Medical Centre on 8569 0222.

Cambrai, Swan Reach, Blanchetown, Morgan, Truro (by appointment) – Third Tuesday of each month. For further information please contact the Cambrai office on 8564 6020.

For any further information about Council's immunisation service please view the Mid Murray Council website under Public Health or contact Council on 8564 6020.

Development Plan Amendment (DPA) Updates

Council is currently undertaking two amendments to the local Development Plan. The first one is a rezoning of the existing Horwood Bagshaw site in Mannum. Public consultation has already been undertaken, with technical studies occurring simultaneously. Current investigations are being finalised and it is envisaged that the proposed rezoning for residential land (whilst maintaining the existing industrial operation at the front of the site) will be presented to Council for endorsement by September 2018.

A Heritage DPA has also been ongoing for the last two years and the DPA was submitted to the State Planning Commission for approval in December 2017. It is understood that the State Planning Commission will make a decision upon this DPA in the coming weeks.

Wind Farms

Keyneton Wind Farm – In December 2017 the developer had an extension granted from the State Government to substantially commence the development. As such, the developer must commence works by November 2019 and have the project completed by November 2021. It is understood that the developer is progressing the development and early works have commenced.

A project schedule can be viewed at <http://www.pacifichydro.com.au/files/2018/05/180315-KEY-Indicative-project-schedule.pdf>

Palmer Wind Farm – The Environment, Resources and Development Court (ERD Court) finalised and delivered its decision on the matter with a judgement and formal orders on 7 March 2018, which is now available to the public. The judgement can be viewed at <http://www8.austlii.edu.au/cgi-bin/viewdoc/au/cases/sa/SAERDC//2018/15.html>. The decision of the ERD Court has since been appealed to the Full Court of the Supreme Court and as such, the matter remains ongoing. No on site works can or will commence until the matter has been resolved.

CONTACT DETAILS

All Correspondence to -

Mid Murray Council

PO Box 28, Mannum SA 5238

email: postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au | website: www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au

Principal Office/Administration

49 Adelaide Road, Mannum, SA

Telephone: (08) 8569 0100

Facsimile: (08) 8569 1931

Development & Environmental Services

Main Street, Cambrai, SA

Telephone: (08) 8564 6020

Facsimile: (08) 8569 1931

Morgan & Districts Community Hub

Cnr Fourth & Eighth Street, Morgan, SA

Telephone: (08) 8540 0060

Facsimile: (08) 8569 1931