

MID MURRAY COUNCIL



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A Message from the Mayor

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We are trying to undertake a range of projects and services for our residents throughout all of the towns in our Council area. Last year we had almost \$18 million in development compared to \$15 million the previous year and this included over \$11 million for dwellings. This augers well for the building industry and our communities. The Mannum Waters Marina continues to progress with housing developments and houseboat moorings sales/interest. We approved community grants to 11 community organisations, have agreed to a trial to extend the Morgan Library opening hours from 8 am – 11 am on Saturday mornings, have approved the purchase of playground equipment and shelter for the Nildottie JKG Memorial Playground with the Progress Association and Lions contributing a majority of costs for the project and we are working with the Murraylands and Riverland Regional Development Australia to produce new Invest Murraylands marketing material "Ready for Business and Place to Live".

Council has appointed a new Arts and Cultural Development Officer, Ms Tis Milner-Nichols, and we welcome Tis on board to the Council team and look forward to this partnership with Country Arts SA increasing interest and participation in arts and cultural development throughout our Council area. We continue to work with the Mid Murray Support Services to upgrade the old Mannum Primary School and have issued a lease for the building as a Community Centre. Council has adopted a Tourism Policy and Tourism Action Plan 2012 – 2014 to continue to progress tourism initiatives and projects and received \$100,000 in seed funding to undertake the investigation and design of the Truro Community Wastewater Management Scheme. We are also undertaking the resealing of 12 kms of bitumen road and the resheeting of 30 kms of unsealed roads during this financial year. Council has also assisted in the production of the cycle trek between Mannum and Sedan and have amended the Morgan Community Bus Policy so that children from Morgan and Cadell can participate in football, netball and basketball in Waikerie using this bus.

Council's congratulations go to Brett Stapleton who was named as the Australian Animal Management Officer of the Year, in recognition of excellence and professionalism within local government animal management. I would also like to congratulate Council's Community Development Manager Shane Thompson, Amy Loechel, Community Development Officer (Youth, Sport & Recreation) and Team for winning the State Local Government Risk Management Award for the Fun 4 YOUTH Project. Council received \$20,000 as the State winner for this Award.

A lot of the projects and services that we provide throughout the Council area could not be done without the assistance of our volunteers and our progress associations. Many thanks to all those involved and I look forward to continuing to work with you.

Mayor Dave Burgess



MID MURRAY COUNCIL'S BRETT STAPLETON WINS NATIONAL AWARD

The Mid Murray Council is pleased to announce that at the recent Australian Institute of Animal Management Annual Conference held in Penrith, New South Wales, Council's General Inspector, Brett Stapleton was awarded the Australian Animal Management Officer of the Year. This follows Brett being awarded the 2012 South Australian Management Officer of the Year in May.

The National Award recognises Brett's outstanding achievement in individual excellence and professionalism and animal management initiatives undertaken. Mid Murray Council's Chief Executive Officer, Russell Peate said "I am particularly proud of Brett's achievement for both himself and Council in recognition of his dedication to the job and initiatives implemented."

The National Award was presented to Brett by Dr Dick Murray, OAM, President of the Australian Institute of Animal Management.



ELECTRONIC WASTE (E-WASTE)

Due to environmental and legislative requirements along with the recent conversion of analogue television to digital service, Mid Murray Council is undertaking a proactive approach in relation to dealing with electronic waste (e-waste). As of September 2013, E-waste will be banned from all South Australian landfill sites.

As part of Council's commitment to providing a service to residents and ratepayers, E-waste will be received free of charge at all waste transfer stations and resource recovery sites. Proof of residence may be required at the collection point.

E-waste consisting of household appliances including fridges, freezers, stoves, microwaves (whitegoods etc) will continue to be received as metal/steel waste products and disposed of accordingly as scrap steel/metal.

FIRE DANGER SEASON

The Fire Danger Season for those properties in the Murraylands and Riverland Fire Ban Districts extends from 15 November 2012 to 15 April 2013.

It has reached that time of the year where residents and visitors in the Mid Murray Council area must consider the requirements of the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005 when lighting fires.

It will be necessary to obtain a permit for any fires in the open during the Fire Danger Season. Permits will not be issued for burning off before 1 February 2013.

Residents and visitors are reminded that Police Officers and Council Fire Prevention Officers are empowered to issue 'on the spot' fines for certain breaches of the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005.

Information regarding the lighting of comfort fires and barbecues can be obtained from Council's Fire Prevention Officers at the Cambrai office on 8564 6020.

Further information can also be obtained from the CFS hotline on 1300 362 361 or website www.cfs.sa.gov.au.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANTS

This December the Mid Murray OPAL and Fun 4 YOUTH teams will bring some extra fun and excitement to the Morgan (8th) and Mannum (1st) Christmas Pageants with Cobba the Corn tagging along for both events.

Cobba the Corn is a lively and friendly giant character from the Crunch Bunch who will help the OPAL team promote healthy ideas for barbecues, including getting more vegetables on the grill this summer.

Cobba the Corn made plenty of young friends at the Mannum Teddy Bears' Picnic and is looking forward to meeting more local families at the pageants.

E-waste comprising televisions, computer components, printers, scanners and stereo/radio equipment, toasters etc will be received at the Council collection points free of charge and will be stored at the Mannum Resource Recovery Centre and Cambrai Landfill Site. To qualify as a recyclable product, televisions and computer monitors must **not** be broken when deposited at the collection point. When a sufficient quantity of E-waste has accumulated at these sites, it will be transported to other approved facilities where it will be further processed and recycled.

The public will be encouraged to dispose of fluorescent tubes and globes at any of the participating approved disposal facilities available. Please refer to Zero Waste SA website for further details. www.zerowaste.sa.gov.au

CAMPING PERMIT SYSTEM

HAYTHORPE RESERVE & TENBURY HUNTER RESERVE

Council is introducing an overnight camping permit system for Haythorpe Reserve, Mannum and Tenbury Hunter Reserve, Swan Reach. The permit system will commence on 1 December 2012.

The system comprises:-

- a permit fee of \$10.00 per vehicle per night
- a maximum camping period of five consecutive days
- a minimum four week break in camping period.

The aim of the permit system is to ensure that there is a small fee which will contribute to ongoing maintenance and upgrading of the reserves for the benefit of users.

DISABLED ACCESS INCENTIVE SCHEME

Council has again endorsed a scheme that provides grants of up to \$500 to assist the private sector and community bodies in improving access for people with disabilities.

The scheme is an example of Council's commitment to its Disability Access Action Plan which endorses the principle of equal access.

Information on the grants can be obtained by contacting Council's Director – Development & Environmental Services, Kelvin Goldstone, at the Cambrai office on 8564 6020.

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The offices of Council will close at 12 noon on Monday 24 December 2012 and re-open at 9 am on Wednesday 2 January 2013.

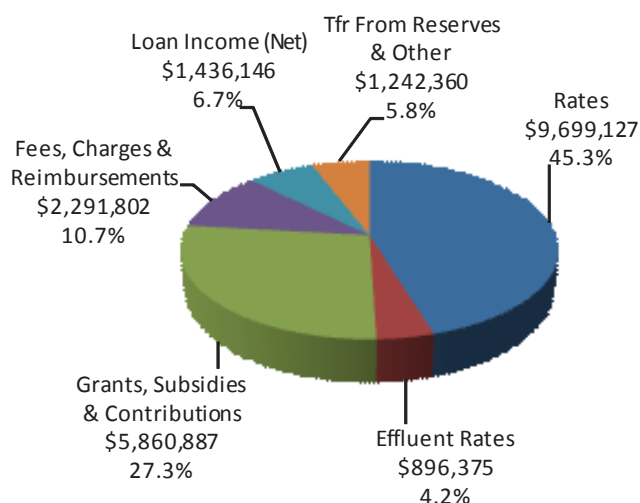
All waste disposal sites will be closed on Christmas Day, New Years Day and on Fire Ban Days.

General household and Recycled waste collections over Christmas and New Year will take place one day later.

Normal collection dates	Christmas/New Year collection dates
Tuesday 25 th December	Wednesday 26 th December
Wednesday 26 th December	Thursday 27 th December
Thursday 27 th December	Friday 28 th December
Friday 28 th December	Saturday 29 th December
Tuesday 1 st January 2013	Wednesday 2 nd January 2013
Wednesday 2 nd January	Thursday 3 rd January
Thursday 3 rd January	Friday 4 th January
Friday 4 th January	Saturday 5 th January

2012/2013 BUDGET

BUDGET INCOME 2012/2013

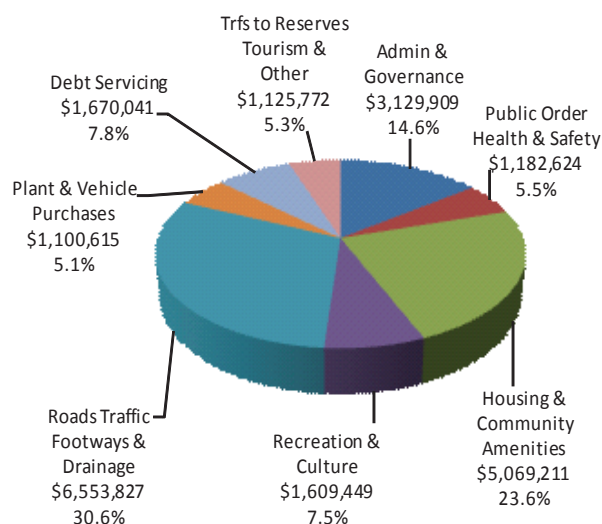


Total Budget Income includes loans received and reserves funds transfers is \$21,426,697

Fees, Charges & Reimbursements includes income received from Rents, Hire Fees, Private Works, Building and Planning fees

Transfers from Reserves & Others includes Transfers from Reserve Accounts, Mannum Caravan Park Income, Interest Received and Sale of Plant

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY 2012/2013



Total Budget Expenditure includes debt servicing and reserves transfers is \$21,441,448

Administration & Governance includes Information Technology, Public Liability Insurance, General Administration and Council Members' Expenses

Community Amenities & Waste Services includes Street Lighting, Public Conveniences, Sanitation & Garbage and Effluent Drainage Schemes

Transfers to Reserves, Tourism & Other includes Mannum Caravan Park Expenditure & Development, Tourism, Depot Upgrades, Building Control and Reserve Account Transfers

MOSQUITOES

Try to avoid going outside during dusk and dawn as this is when the mosquitoes are most active. If you are having a BBQ for tea burn some citronella candles upwind.

Check around your home to ensure there are no pools of stagnant water in places such as pot plant saucers, gutters, septic tanks, rainwater tanks (paraffin oil can be put into the tanks), old tyres, ponds and dams. Check fly wires on your doors and windows – they don't need a big hole to get in.

Council is continually monitoring mosquito numbers and treating mosquito breeding sites but mosquito numbers can only be controlled to a certain degree so it's most important to cover up when going outside. Nobody deserves a mosquito bite!

For further details please contact one of the Environmental Health Officers at the Cambrai office on 8564 6020.



COMMUNITY GYMS SUPPORTING LOCALS TO BE ACTIVE

Earlier this year the opportunity came about for Council to relocate gym equipment from the Mannum Leisure Centre, to Cambrai and Morgan communities to support and help to establish two local community gyms. Pam Cutjar, Mannum Leisure Centre Manager and Healthy Murraylands have helped with the equipment transfer and development of gym protocols to encourage new members and participants to join the gym.

The Sedan Cambrai Football Netball Club had earlier set up a basic gym with a range of second hand equipment, mostly used by local sport teams. The committee welcomed the arrival of six additional pieces of equipment and with a building touch up including new paint, the gym was relaunched in March as the Cambrai Community Gym. For anyone wanting to know more about the Cambrai Community Gym, open times and how to join, contact Dawn Stewart on phone number: 8564 6020.

In Morgan, the community has started from scratch to set up the local gym, however the opening of the Community Gym isn't too far away! The Morgan Community Gym open times and membership details are being finalised and it's hoped the gym will be up and running by the end of the year. If you are interested in finding out more about the Morgan Community Gym, contact Rudite McWaters on phone number: 8540 0060.

In 2013 Healthy Murraylands will be supporting qualified fitness instructor sessions at both gyms, for session information go to www.healthymurraylands.com.au.

NEW TRANSPORT WEBSITE

A new website www.murraymalleeettransport.com.au has been set up for the Murray Mallee region, funded by Murray Mallee Aged Care Group Inc. (MMACG), as a collaborative project with the two Community Passenger Networks (CPNs) in the Murray Mallee region (Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme, and Murray Transport Connections).

The main purpose of the Murray Mallee Transport website is to provide a 'one stop shop' of transport information, including links and resources in the Murray Mallee region and beyond.

The website also aims to help connect people who require transport with those who provide transport.

The website also includes a Calendar of Events, in recognition of the important role of access to transport in helping to reduce the risk of social isolation, and to encourage members of our community to seek transport services to get to where they wish to go.

We have focused on keeping the website as user-friendly as possible, with options to enlarge the text size on every page, and a print-page function. We think we have achieved a fresh, easy to read, attractive website that our community members, their families, and service providers, will wish to visit often!

You can access information about public, community, medical and private transport services, as well as transport subsidies, information for older drivers and Veterans, and much more!

For more information, please contact:

Karyn Baker or Natalie Davis
Phone: 1300 190 869



FLAMMABLE UNDERGROWTH

Property owners are reminded to remove flammable undergrowth from all blocks within townships and shack areas. Flammable undergrowth should be controlled on blocks throughout the year, not just during the Fire Danger Season.

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