

MEDIA RELEASE

MID MURRAY COUNCIL DELIVERS \$46,234 GRANT BOOST FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Community projects ranging from life-saving medical equipment to a Family Fun Day, improvements to a popular cycling trail and new sports equipment are among the 24 recipients sharing in almost \$46,234 in grant funding.

The Mid Murray Council has awarded the grants for projects and initiatives including community events, sporting clubs, facility upgrades and mental health and wellbeing support.

Mid Murray Mayor Dave Burgess said the grants would help many of the district's active community groups deliver meaningful outcomes for their areas.

"The Community Grants Program is a positive partnership between Council and our many community organisations, sports clubs and local groups who provide many great programs, initiatives and events across the Mid Murray," Mayor Burgess says.

"Each year Council is impressed and inspired by the work these groups undertake to improve local facilities, enhance safety and wellbeing for their communities, and deliver events, places, and programs that foster fun, social interaction, healthy lifestyles and connection."

This year's recipients include the South Australian Recreation Trails Inc (SARTI) with a \$5,000 grant to improve navigation and safety signage along the Lavender Cycling Trail. A further \$5,000 will go to the Nildottie Progress and Soldiers Memorial Hall Association to upgrade hall plumbing and water tanks, and install ambulant toilet facilities.

The Mid-Murray Suicide Prevention Network will receive \$4,998.81 to run its upcoming program, From Policy to Grassroots Action: Mental Health First Aid in the Mid-Murray, to support mental wellbeing in the district.

Two new defibrillators will be installed thanks to the grants – one at the Angas Valley Recreation Hall and Tennis Club, and another at the Morgan Returned and Services League (RSL).

Funds will also go towards improving sport, community and recreation facilities, including new tennis nets at the Cambrai Tennis Club, establishing a community garden at Caurnamont and a community place at Rockleigh, and improving Purnong District Hall, Prosser Park at Niltottie and maintaining the Younghusband reserve.

Local events have also benefited, with \$2,000 each going to the Southern Districts Car Club for the 2022 Australian Khanacross Championships, the Lions Club of Morgan and Districts for the Morgan 2022 Christmas Fair and Pageant and the Purnong, Caurnamont and Districts Progress Association for a Family Fun Day.

Council currently allocates \$50,000 each financial year to its Community Grants program. The remaining \$3,766 for 2022/23 will be set aside for any Individual Sport and Cultural Grant applications received throughout the year.

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Council also supported an increase of \$30,000 for the Community Grants Program for next financial year, when the total funding pool will rise to \$80,000.

To find out more about the Community Grants Program, including how to apply for future rounds, visit <https://www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/community/grants>.

Mid Murray Council 2022/23 Community Grant Recipients

Small Community Grants

- Purnong District Hall - \$1,000 for floor restoration works
- Sedan Historical Enthusiasts Den - \$1,000 towards a Sedan and surrounds information brochure
- Mannum Men's Shed - \$100 to buy a new belt sander
- Swan Reach Soldiers Memorial Bowling Club - \$830 for a bar hot water system
- Mannum and District History Association - \$699 to establish operation of the Mannum & District History Association
- Returned and Services League Sub Branch Blanchetown - \$900 to buy two collapsible marquees
- Friends of Younghusband River Care - \$495 for the maintenance of the Younghusband reserve and frog pond
- Cambrai Tennis Club - \$1,000 to replace tennis nets
- Angas Valley Recreation Hall and Tennis Club - \$1,000 to buy a defibrillator
- Blanchetown District Hall - \$1,000 for new supper room tables
- Rockleigh Progress Association - \$800 for a Rockleigh community place
- Nildottie Progress and Soldiers Memorial Hall - \$1,000 for the Prosser Park repair and safety upgrade
- Cambrai Agricultural Museum - \$921 for cordless equipment upgrade
- Purnong, Caurnamont and Districts Progress Association - \$1,000 for a Caurnamont community garden

Community Event Grants

- Southern Districts Car Club - \$2,000 for the 2022 Australian Khanacross Championships
- Purnong, Caurnamont and Districts Progress Association - \$2,000 for a Family Fun Day
- Lions Club of Morgan and Districts - \$2,000 for the Morgan 2022 Christmas Fair and Pageant
- Mannum Rowing Club - \$400 for the Mannum Rowing Club Annual Regatta 2023

Community Project Grants

- Cadell Pistol Club - \$535 towards a concrete safety wall
- South Australian Recreation Trails Inc (SARTI) - \$5,000 for Lavender Cycling Trail Signage for Navigation and Safety Project
- Nildottie Progress and Soldiers Memorial Hall Association - \$5,000 to upgrade hall plumbing and water tanks, plus installation of ambulant toilet facilities
- Mid Murray Suicide Prevention Network - \$4,998.81 to run From Policy to Grassroots Action: Mental Health First Aid in the Mid-Murray
- Mannum Progress Association - \$5,000 for a signage trailer.
- Cambrai Sports Club - \$5,000 for an oven upgrade and netball changeroom development
- Returned and Services League (Morgan) - \$2,555 for a defibrillator and wall mounted medicine cabinet.

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