

Mid Murray Council Supports RSL Plans for Showgrounds Site

A proposal by the Mannum Returned Services League (RSL) Building Committee to build the new RSL Club premises at Mannum Showgrounds has the full support of Mid Murray Council.

The location of the new facility has been the subject of debate among the community of Mannum following an initial proposal to build a premises at Mary Ann Reserve, a popular recreational site on the banks of the River Murray.

However, after extensive community consultation showed strong opposition to the proposal, the committee has moved ahead with plans for the building to be located within the Mannum Showgrounds and Oval complex, on Council land.

Mid Murray Council Chief Executive Officer Russell Peate says the new plan is a good outcome for both the RSL committee and for the community.

“There has always been a lot of support for the Mannum RSL to build a new premises, there has just been some conjecture regarding where it was to be located,” he says.

“The showgrounds complex is a great location for the new RSL Club and Council fully supports the move, and will assist and support the committee in moving forward.”

Mr Peate also commended committee members for their efforts in continuing to progress plans, despite an exhaustive consultation process last year.

“It’s a big job to get such a significant building project up and running and the committee have shown a real determination to see the project through, whilst taking in the views and concerns of the community,” he says.

“The RSL committee are to be commended for progressing the plans to the next level.”

There are three potential sites at the showgrounds where the club premises could be built, with the committee declaring a preference towards land situated between the Skate Park and Mannum Riding Club.

Council will now conduct consultation with all organisations within the showgrounds complex to determine their thoughts on the proposal.

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