

MID MURRAY COUNCIL



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A Message from the Mayor

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I would like to particularly thank the Country Fire Service Volunteers, farmers and all that assisted and were involved with fighting the recent bushfires at Rockleigh, Eden Valley and the Riverland. Your commitment, dedication and assistance in preventing loss of lives, homes and property damage was exceptional. Thank you very much for what you have done in assisting our communities. A thank you must also go to the volunteers, scouts and businesses who donated their time and goods to provide food and drinks to the CFS Volunteers and Police.

To those property owners that have lost their homes, stock, fencing, farm equipment and experienced other property damage, I am very sorry. As a Council, we will do all we can to assist you to re-establish your livelihood.

We established a relief centre at the Cambrai Hall, appointed a Relief Coordinator, Harry Seager, who has met with affected landowners to advise what assistance Council, the State Government and the community can provide and have established a joint Local Recovery Committee with the Barossa Council.

Both myself as Mayor, Ward Councillors (where the Eden Valley fire occurred), Councillors Mardi Jennings and Inez Bormann, Bushfire Relief Coordinator, Harry Seager, and Chief Executive Officer, Russell Peate, visited premises on Thursday 23 January 2014 to hear from affected property owners, their issues and concerns. The email below is used with the approval of the landowner whose son sent this to them.

Hi Mum and Dad,

Before I get started on paperwork tonight, I just need you both to know stuff.

I am feeling gutted at the moment for the both of you.

I know how incredibly hard both of you have worked, blood, sweat and tears, over the last 27 years or so to get "The Farm" to where it was 5 days ago.

I can only imagine how you both feel and then it would only be the tip of the iceberg.

I am so sorry that this catastrophe has been borne upon you, you are the last people on earth that need to be kicked in the guts like this.

I remember pulling stone from the paddocks as a family, fencing through the middle of the property to the rear stone wall, planting umpteen thousand trees, building the hay sheds, ploughing paddocks with the Nuffield and Zetor tractors, running the pipeline to the top tank and a whole myriad of other things.

I can't say this on the phone or to you face to face because I know I'll end up in tears, like I am now.

I am so proud of you both and all that you have strived for and achieved in my lifetime let alone yours. You have provided for all of us without question and then some.

You do not deserve to have nearly all of it stripped from you.

I am glad that you are accepting help in the many different ways that it may come, it is time to take a bit back as payback for all that you have given.

Remember I love you both very much and I will help out wherever I can.

This demonstrates what affect the bushfire has had on some property owners and as a Council we will do all we can to assist.



A Message from the Mayor Cont'd

I would like to particularly thank those involved in organising the Mannum and Morgan Christmas Pageants, as well as the Murraylands Apex Fun Run and Walk on Sunday 24 November 2013. Congratulations to the Council's Community Services Team (OPAL, Healthy Communities and Fun 4 YOUth) in winning the State and National Heart Foundation Healthy Community Awards and to the finalists and winners in the Regional SA Awards (Healthy Murraylands, Caudo Vineyards, Mid Murray Support Services, Willow Produce, Sounds by the River and Mannum Dock Museum).

Other projects, services and initiatives undertaken are as follows:-

- A submission was sent to the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure regarding their review of rural speed limits on Council and arterial roads. Council strongly believes that no application of the default speed limit of 100km/h on Council and arterial roads listed in the review should be undertaken without further consultation and statistics on road accidents and their contributory factors.
- Council has requested that the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association highlight the economic benefits of regional SA to the State and the need to ensure investment through a Royalties For Regions or similar scheme to the Premier, State Minister for Regional Development, Opposition Leader and Opposition Spokesperson for Regional Development to ensure the building of strong and vibrant regional and rural communities that are desirable places to live.
- Following the release of the Premier's Local Government Stimulus Program Council has submitted 3 projects as follows:-
 - Morgan Railway Station and Station Master's Residence Restoration Project
 - Mid Murray Council Community Halls Upgrade (Swan Reach, Keyneton Institute and Palmer Pavilion)
 - Mid Murray Council Regional Play Space Upgrade Mannum (Wharf and Mary Ann Reserve), Truro (Pioneer Park) and Cambrai (swimming pool and Cambrai Park).
- Council has assisted the Cadell CFS to establish a Regional Training Facility.
- I, together with CEO, Russell Peate, met with State MPs to highlight the need for an additional 3 ferries to replace the ageing 3 timber hulled ferries.
- Council's insurance assessors and salvage experts have refloated the PS Canally and Council and volunteers are undertaking the repair works necessary.
- Work is continuing on the construction of a new Cascade Road with significant earthworks being undertaken.
- The proposed Truro Community Wastewater Management Scheme is being progressed and design preparation is underway.
- The State Minister for Transport & Infrastructure has approved the exchange of Halfway House Road for Murraylands Road (from Morgan to Blanchetown) subject to the payment of \$1.0 million to Council over five years.
- Council has noted the continuation of the roll-out of satellite, wireless and fibre to towns throughout the Mid Murray Council area by the National Broadband Network.
- A meeting will be held with representatives of Council, Truro & District Community Association and Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure to discuss the initial planning for the proposed arterial road bypass of Truro as outlined in the State Integrated Transport and Land Use Plan.
- A letter has been sent to the State Minister for Planning highlighting Council's disappointment that it received no notification regarding the approval of the Pacific Hydro wind farm project near Keyneton.
- Council has submitted Murraylands Road, Purnong Road, Milendella Road and Bower Boundary Road to the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association for consideration for Special Local Roads Funding.
- The Sydney-London Classic Marathon Rally road closure for a portion of Pine Hut Road and Murray Road within the Council area has been approved, subject to a number of conditions. The rally will be held on 16 April 2014.
- The Mid Murray Council outlined a number of matters to the State Government for inclusion as conditions should the Keyneton Wind Farm application be approved. None of the eight reserved matters of Council in the Decision Notification Form of approval issued by the State Planning Minister have been included. Reserved matters include requirements of Council relating to traffic management, stormwater management and other requirements. Council will outline its disappointment to the State Planning Minister and liaise with the developer, Pacific Hydro, regarding Council's requirements being undertaken for the wind farm development.
- Approval has been issued for \$4,000 in-kind sponsorship assistance for the True Grit event at Caudo Vineyards, Cadell on 26 and 27 April 2014, subject to a number of conditions including making sure that Cadell is recognised on websites and other event information regarding the True Grit event and a Sponsorship Agreement being prepared between Council and True Grit.
- The Chief Executive Officer and Director of Corporate and Financial Services will prepare a brief for a Strategic Financial Sustainability Review of Council operations for consideration by Council.
- The State Minister for Education will be requested to 'gift' Allotments 9 and 10 of the old Mannum Primary School land to Council as a partnership between the State Government, Mid Murray Council, community (Mid Murray Support Services – Mannum Community Hub, Community Garden and Men's Shed) and potential private developers for community use and open space.
- Further input will be sought from relevant stakeholders to finalise the concept plans for boat ramps and facilities at Morgan, Cadell, Blanchetown, Swan Reach, Mannum and Caloote and an opportunity will be provided to any interested persons to comment on the final designs.
- The Mid Murray Council will seek to become a member of Region 5 of the Murray Darling Association and has advised Region 6 of this decision.

Thank you again to all those that assist Council in providing our services and facilities to residents.

Mayor Dave Burgess



Fun 4 YOUth Developing our Community

The Fun 4 YOUth program has been in existence since April 2011 and has provided unique activities and events to over 10 000 young people and community members in the Mid Murray district.

Are you a not-for-profit community group in the Mid Murray Council? Have you thought about using the Fun 4 YOUth Van and equipment at one of your activities or events? Fun 4 YOUth offers community groups a unique opportunity to use these services on a loan basis. The facilities include:

- A mobile van with Wii console for interactive fun and games, sound system and lighting to provide a mobile disco and PA, large flat screen TV, roof mounted DVD player and screen and laptop connection facilities.
- A trailer full of sport and recreational equipment including Sumo Suits, giant chess and checkers, bowling, quoits, hoops, soccer, hockey, giant checkers, giant snakes and ladders, tennis, badminton and more!

These facilities are not only a great way to engage young people and families, but also provide positive ways to be healthy and active.

Have you also heard about the Mobile Fun Box? This portable skate and BMX facility visits townships throughout the district on a rotation basis, offering fun and exciting opportunities for our community. Over the next few months, the Mobile Fun Box will be visiting the following towns:

Town	Location	Dates
Cadell	Cadell courts	11/2/14 – 24/2/14
Morgan	Riverfront Reserve	25/2/14 – 10/3/14
Blanchetown	School courts	18/03/14 – 31/03/14
Truro	Oval tennis courts	1/4/14 – 14/4/14
Sedan	Rear former Institute	15/4/14 – 28/4/14

These are just some of the many programs on offer, so for further details please access www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au or contact Amy Loechel, Community Development Officer, at the Mid Murray Council.



It's all about team work when launching the Parachute in Bowhill

Pioneer Park Development Commendation Award



The development of Pioneer Park, Truro, continues as a staged project.

Members of the Truro & District Community Association went to Adelaide on 15 November 2013 to accept a KESAB Sustainable Communities Commendation Award for 2013. Ross Dawkins, Reg Munchenberg, Kristin Falkenberg and Mick Anderson were nominated by Council for their "commitment, drive and hard work at Pioneer Park and many other projects in Truro".



L-R: Award winners Ross Dawkins, Mick Anderson, KESAB representative and Kristin Falkenberg (absent: Reg Munchenberg).

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 Council office on 8569 0100.

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 Environmental Health or contact Council on 8564 6020.

Protect Yourself Against Mosquito Bites!

It's mosquito season again and Council is asking all residents to cover up by wearing long loose fitting clothing and using an insect repellent containing DEET or picaridin.

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.

The **Mid Murray Council** supports the South Australian government and SA Health in the promotion of the **Fight the Bite** mosquito awareness campaign this summer.



Australia Day Awards

Congratulations to the following 2014 Mid Murray Council Australia Day Award recipients:-

Citizen of the Year

Glynnis Burrows of Tungkillo
Robert 'Bob' Nelmes of Nildottie

Young Citizen of the Year

Emma Grieger of Swan Reach
Chloe Schellen of Cowirra
Narelle Simons of Mannum
Jeremy Strauss of Mannum

Community Event of the Year

2013 Swan Reach Country Music Festival

Community Grants

Council is pleased to offer a range of Community Grants to provide support to develop, grow and implement a range of exciting new initiatives at a local level. The grants include:

Small Community Grants Program (Applications close 31 January & 31 July each year) - up to \$500 in line with the existing grants program.

Community Projects & Events Grants (Applications close 31 March & 30 September each year) - up to \$2,000, will allow community groups to work with Elected Members and Council to develop and deliver important projects and events in the district.

Individual Youth Sport & Cultural Grants (Applications ongoing) - up to \$400 to support individual achievements of young people selected to represent their State in national or international sporting or cultural pursuits.

For more grant information contact Shane Thompson on 8569 0100 or visit www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au.

Subsidised Healthy Murraylands Programs Continue for School Term 1

Over the last two and a half years the Healthy Murraylands project has developed easy, affordable ways for adults to enjoy healthy eating and physical activity. Residents have enjoyed opportunities to undertake subsidised training and community gyms, gardens and pools have been established and promoted to see more local use and participation.

The Commonwealth Government funding which supports Healthy Murraylands is due to expire at the end of May this year. Until this time and including school term 1, the favourite subsidised programs will continue with a few new programs still to come. New participants are always welcome and it's best to join now to make the most of the Healthy Murraylands subsidised fees of \$3 per session per participant.

Regular programs for adults on offer in the Mid Murray region include:

Mannum Strength for Life, Mannum Leisure Centre,
Tues and Thurs 11am – 12pm

Morgan Strength for Life, Morgan Community Gym,
Wed and Fri 10am – 11am

Cambrai gym circuits, Cambrai Community Gym,
Friday mornings, 9am-10am high intensity,
10am – 11am lower intensity programs

Mannum Heartmoves, Mannum Leisure Centre,
Mon and Thurs 2:30pm – 3:30pm

Heart Foundation walking groups, Mannum golf course Mon 10am, Mannum Council office Tues 7:30am – 8am and Thurs 12:30pm – 1pm FREE

Mannum Community gardening Wed 4:00pm FREE

New programs to look out for while it's warm are aqua aerobics as well as Pilates and Yoga. Healthy Murraylands is gathering project feedback as well as exploring ways to keep subsidised programs for adults ongoing beyond May. If you're keen to join a program or interested to find out more about Healthy Murraylands check out www.healthymurraylands.com.au or contact Bianca on 8569 0178.

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