

# Winter Newsletter

## A Message from the Mayor

After almost 7 years at Mid Murray Council we say farewell to Russell Peate and thank him for his contribution to Council during his time here. Russell engaged widely with all communities within the Council area and has been at the forefront of numerous improvements and projects during his time with Council. We wish Russell all the best at his new Council.

We welcome Ben Scales, former Chief Executive Officer of Netball South Australia and the Adelaide Thunderbirds, as Council's new Chief Executive Officer. Ben commenced with Council on 29th April 2019, bringing with him strong acumen in the areas of leadership, strategic thinking and community based engagement and development. Ben's broad set of skills will help Council to continue to grow opportunities into the future, driving a range of economic strategies and taking leadership on creating jobs and bringing people back to live and invest in the Mid Murray.

Over the last few months a number of works and projects have been completed:-

- Upgrade of Donhardts Road
- Reseal of Purnong Road
- Reseal of Billabong Road
- Resheeting of a number of unsealed roads
- Bowhill Transfer Station Upgrade
- Mannum Pontoon
- Mannum Darling Wharf

Numerous projects and works are being progressed – Upgrade of Eudunda Road (Stage 2), Upgrade/renewal of the Eudunda & Milendella Bridges, Mary Ann Reserve upgrade, Morgan Wharf, Nildottie-Hermanns Landing and Town Entry signs just to name a few.

Funding has been secured for two projects under the Murray-Darling Basin Economic Development Funding Program:-

- Murray-Coorong Trail (between Nildottie and Swan Reach)
- Nildottie and Swan Reach (mooring access and improvements)

During March and April many events were held throughout the district – Mannum Hot Rod Day, RMBOA River Ramble 2019, Mannum Rowing Regatta, Swan Reach Classic Car and Motorbike "Run to the Reach", Mannum Lion's Camp Quality, Black Dog Ride – Silent Ripples, Morgan and District Lions Easter Bazaar and Auction, St Martin's Lutheran Church Easter Sunday Breakfast, Anzac Day Services, Veteran and Vintage Motorcycle Club display at Mannum. The Mannum Riverside Markets continue to be held on the first Sunday of the month. I would like to thank the community for their time and efforts in organising and running these events, it is very much appreciated.



Ben Scales, Chief Executive Officer



Councillor Steven Wilkinson

Finally, it was with deep sadness that we farewelled Councillor Steven Wilkinson, respected Shearer Ward Councillor, after his sudden death as a result of a road accident.

Councillor Wilkinson was an Elected Member from 8 November 2014 and prior to this was a respected employee of Mid Murray Council from 24 January 2000 until 17 July 2014.

Councillor Wilkinson was an advocate for his electorate and always enjoyed looking after his ratepayers interests. He was actively involved with his community through the Mannum CFS, Mannum Bowling and Rowing Clubs, Mid Murray Landcare, pushbike riding and fishing.

*Mayor Dave Burgess*





## Eudunda Road - progress and completed sections



## Darling Wharf Upgrade

WR Randell's Darling Wharf was the only piece of infrastructure on the Murray River above Goolwa which Captain William Randell used to service his boats. These boats traded up and down the Darling River from which it can be assumed the wharf got its name, the 'Darling Wharf'. The Darling Wharf is situated directly behind the Mannum Dock Museum/Visitor Information Centre.



## Hermanns Landing Upgrade

The Landing at Nildottie was damaged by floods and has been rebuilt using sheet piling. This area will provide a new shelter, BBQ and a Pontoon for the Boat Ramp.





## Drought Communities Fund

Thirteen exciting community projects will go ahead or are underway in the Mid Murray Council area, thanks to \$1 million from the Australia Government Drought Communities Fund (DCF).

Three of the larger projects include an upgrade to the Cambrai Swimming Pool (\$256,000), Mannum Institute lower floor restoration (\$182,000) and construction of public toilets for Greenways Landing (\$125,000).

Other successful projects were:

- Black Hill swing bridge upgrade (\$65,500)
- Blanchetown Reserve upgrade (\$51,000)
- Cadell Institute roof restoration and ceiling replacement (\$59,500)
- Sedan Park upgrade and history walking trail (\$38,700)
- Keyneton park clubrooms upgrade (\$12,000)
- Cambrai park fence and playground shade sails (\$66,100)
- Palmer nature play area (\$57,500)
- Morgan's Pendle's Tea Room deck and ceiling replacement (\$60,000)
- Cambrai/Sedan Drought Support Dinner Event (\$11,850)
- Tungkillo playground (\$15,000)



Mid Murray Council is pleased to be able to support local businesses during a difficult period.



**The Federal and State Government On-Farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate scheme offers farmers in drought affected regions in South Australia a one-off 25% rebate up to \$25,000. Visit the SA PIRSA website: <http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/onfarm-water-rebate>**

## Single Farm Enterprise 2019-2020

- Are you a farmer?
- Do you have 2 or more pieces of rateable land in the area that is not adjoining?
- Are these pieces of land all used as farm land/primary production?
- Are these pieces of land owned or occupied by the same person/s?
- Have you subdivided, purchased or sold land this financial year?

If you answered "YES" to the above questions – you may be eligible to apply to have your farm classified as a "Single Farm Enterprise". This would mean a minimum amount may only be imposed against one of the pieces of land.

If a single farm enterprise application has previously been approved and no changes as listed above have been made throughout this financial year, a new application is not necessary.

Applications will need to be received by the **10 June 2019** to be considered for inclusion in Council's 2019/2020 rating year. The single farm enterprise provision only applies after an application has been made to Council and granted.

If you believe you are eligible for the single farm enterprise or have any queries, please contact Julie Caire, Rates Assessment Officer at the Council office on 8569 0100. Application forms are available from Council's website [www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au](http://www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au) or can be requested by telephoning the Council office.



## Caloote School Reunion

A reunion of past students and friends of Caloote Primary School was held on Sunday 24th March 2019, at the Palmer Oval complex. Students from as early as 1932 attended through to those enrolled up to the schools closure in December 1965. Over 80 people enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon swapping stories of the past and rekindling friendships. Numerous past students travelled long distances from as far away as Perth, Victoria and the South East. Some had not seen each other since the school closed 54yrs earlier and for a few it had been nearly 70yrs.



## Food Safety Training

On 7 March 2019, Council's Environmental Health Officers Julie Savill and Tom McKellar conducted a food safety training session for the Tungkillo Progress Association at the local Soldiers Memorial Hall. The session was well attended and participants were guided through the world of food safety, from food storage and temperature control, to food processing and contamination of food. Foodborne illness was discussed, as well as hygiene of food handlers and general cleanliness.

Sessions can be tailored to suit specific needs, are interactive and engaging, and are conducted in an informal and casual manner.

Julie and Tom are happy to conduct food safety training sessions for your community group or Progress Association. For more information please contact the Cambrai office on 8564 6020.



## SA Youth Week

Well over 100 Mid Murray Youth celebrated SA Youth Week 2019 in style, with kayaking sessions along the Murray River and an abundance of skill, tricks and fun at the annual Skate Jam!

To kick off SA Youth Week, the annual Skate Jam competition was held on Friday 12th April. This was a major skate competition with local Tim Towie coordinating the competition, demonstration riders, music by The Emu Tree and food provided by Mannum Lions Club.

Through a partnership with Canoe Adventures Riverland, we concluded our celebrations by providing a kayaking experience in the townships of Morgan and Swan Reach. The activity was held during the recent April school holidays. This experience allowed the youth to discover different aspect of the river and wildlife.

SA Youth Week 2019 provided a platform to create the opportunity for local youth to engage in local activities inline with this year's theme, 'Participate and Celebrate'.



**For more information on community events in your area, head to Council's webpage**



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