



## Mid Murray Council Update of Works, Services and Projects

Council held its last meeting on Tuesday 8 September 2020 at which the following items were discussed or determined:

- A update report was provided relating to the Deep River Mooring Facility at Swan Reach and the consultation occurring in relation to defined zones adjacent to the facility with direct access to Swan Reach for the mooring of private vessels (houseboats).
- Following endorsement of the Animal Management Plan 2020–2025 at the May Council meeting, the Plan was submitted to the Dog and Cat Management Board for review and approval. The Board approved the Plan, with no amendments, for a period of five years on 19 August 2020 in accordance with Section 90(5) of the Act. The Plan comes into effect immediately. Council staff will commence implementation of the Plan and report to Council annually on the outcomes.
- A report providing Council with Development and Environmental Services statistical information for the 2019/20 financial year reporting period was received and noted.
- A report providing the results of the public consultation recently undertaken on whether or not to apply to the Minister to be a non-Genetically Modified (GM) designated area was considered. Council authorised the Chief Executive Officer to write to the Minister advising of its support for the lifting of the GM Crops Moratorium.
- The recommendation from the Open Space and Recreation Committee that the Draft Mid Murray Council Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2020-2024 be endorsed as the Final Plan, was adopted by Council.
- An update report on the progress of the mental health funding through the Fay Fuller Foundation, Our Town Grant was received. The new financial partnership and resourcing of a Project Coordinator will strengthen the whole of community response to improving mental health and wellbeing in the Mid Murray region.
- A report on the program developments, gym membership increase and new fee structure at the Mannum Leisure Centre was received. This year a combined Aquatic/Gym membership is being trialled to promote use of the Mannum Leisure Centre and both Cambrai and Mannum swimming pools. It is hoped this membership will increase revenue for Council through use of these facilities and provide a more cost effective option for our residents. This membership will be available once the pools open in December 2020.
- Council adopted the following categories for the 2021 Australia Day Awards -
  - Citizen of the Year Award
  - Young Citizen of the Year Award
  - Community Event of the Year Award
  - Youth Achievement Award (Mid Murray Council Award)

Nominations for the Awards will open in October 2020.

- An updated draft Strategic Management Plan was considered by Council and endorsed for Stage 2 community consultation. Stage 2 community consultation will occur over the next month prior to an updated Plan being presented to Council for further consideration and endorsement.