

MEDIA RELEASE

ENROL NOW TO HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD IN MID MURRAY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Want to make a real difference to the future of the Mid Murray? Then it's time to make sure you're enrolled to vote in the upcoming local government elections.

The Mid Murray Council is urging all residents and ratepayers to check their enrolment status to ensure they're ready to have their say in the November elections.

Importantly, it's not only residents who should enrol to vote, but also those who own properties or run businesses in Mid Murray, but who may live outside the district.

Mid Murray Mayor Dave Burgess says the grass roots level of local government means it's the closest tier of government to the community, and it impacts people's everyday lives by delivering meaningful services, projects and initiatives.

"Local government is closely involved with the day-to-day functioning of our community, providing many of the services, programs, infrastructure and support that our residents rely on," Mayor Burgess says.

"That means your vote can have a significant impact on the future of our district by determining who represents our community for the next four years.

"I strongly encourage everyone in our district – from residents to property owners – to make sure their name is on the electoral roll and to vote in the election this November.

"It's also important that property owners who don't live in our district – such as our large contingent of holiday home owners – as well as business owners and operators are aware that they also have the right to vote in the upcoming Council elections and should also take steps to check their enrolment eligibility."

People who are already enrolled on the State Electoral Roll for the Mid Murray Council do not need to re-enroll. You can check your enrolment status here: <https://check.aec.gov.au/>

Those who aren't on the State Electoral Roll may still be eligible to register to enrol on the Council Supplementary Roll. That includes people who:

- have been a resident at their current address for one month and are not on the State electoral roll
- are a sole owner/occupier of rateable property
- are not an Australian citizen but have been a resident at their current address for one month
- are a landlord for rateable property
- are an organisation/business owner or occupier of rateable property
- are a group of owners or occupiers of rateable property.

Importantly, the Council Supplementary Roll is wiped clean each year on 1 January – so if you were previously enrolled, you'll need to make sure you enrol again if you intend to vote in the November elections.

Enrolment applications are available from the Council's website: www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/council/Elections These must be completed, witnessed and returned by **5pm Friday 29 July 2022** to be eligible to vote.

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Council is also encouraging anyone who is interested in contributing to the Mid Murray Community to consider nominating for a position on Council.

Nominations for positions will open on Tuesday, 23 August 2022 and close at 12pm, Tuesday, 6 September 2022. A candidate briefing session for interested people will be held closer to the nomination period.

For updates and further information about the local government elections, visit www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/elections.

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