

What's on in Mid Murray this Winter

Morgan Living River Weekend - 14th May

South Australian Truck and Ute Show - 12th June

Sedan Swap Meet - 19th June

Game Obsession Expo - 7th August

Mannum Craft Fair - 13th August

Morgan Camp Oven Cook Off - 21st August

For more information on upcoming events visit www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au

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.

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Mid Murray Council

Newsletter

A Message from the Mayor

The Mid Murray Council, like other Councils, is having to deal with a range of State Government Legislation that may require additional costs and resources from Council to meet these requirements. Some of these include the Local Nuisance and Litter Control Bill, Planning, Development & Infrastructure Legislation and the Dog & Cat Management Amendment Bill. This, together with the increased costs that Councils have to pay for royalties for rubble (\$40,000 for Mid Murray Council), means that it is financially more difficult to maintain our roads and provide services. Further, the proposal by the Liberal Party to put a cap on rates will make this even harder.

Some of the projects and services we have undertaken over the last few months are as follows:-

- An application has been submitted to the State Government for funding for road signage and pavement marking for Mannum for bicycle users and various works to Burr Street at Truro which will result in a safer passage for students on entering and leaving the Truro Primary School.
- A partnership has been undertaken with the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, the Mannum Community College and Council for the installation of Stop, Look, Listen and Think signage and a possible Koala crossing as part of the Way2Go Funding Program to ensure safer pedestrian, vehicle, bicycle and scooter movements in and around the Mannum Community College.
- Information is available for any landowners or interested persons on the various options available for a riverbank retaining wall, the preferred methods and the development application process. Anyone interested should contact the Council office at Cambrai.
- Council has allocated \$74,510 to 13 buildings for maintenance throughout the Council area for 2016/17.
- We continue to lobby to have the next steel hulled ferry to be at Cadell.
- Council has worked with a specialist to identify 4 sites/cluster sites for possible funding under the Federal Government's Round 2 Mobile Phone Black Spot program for base stations to improve mobile phone coverage.

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A Message from the Mayor Cont'd

- The Council appreciated the State Government funding for the new Almond Processing Plant in Swan Reach and new Free Range Chicken Broiler Farm near Swan Reach.
- An interest free loan of \$4,000 has been made to the Swan Reach Soldiers Memorial Bowling Club to purchase a mower.
- Council has agreed to a lease agreement with the Morgan Fitness and Wellbeing – Morgan Community Gym involving a boxing club.
- A targeted management approach for the control of little corellas continues to be developed and strategies will be implemented in 2016.
- Information is being obtained to submit a nomination for the Mannum Institute to be State Heritage listed.
- A business proposal from the new owners of the MV Barrangul to be moored overnight in Morgan to enable boat tours to be undertaken has been approved subject to a number of conditions.
- We have indicated to the Australian Local Government Association our support for doubling of the Roads to Recovery funding, a proposal for community infrastructure funding for \$300 million per annum over the next four years and a restoring of indexation to the Federal Financial Assistance Grants, fairer local roads funding for South Australia and increasing Federal Financial Assistance Grants for Local Government to be at least 1% of Commonwealth tax revenue.



Above: Minister Geoff Brock congratulating Costa Bro Operations Manager, Tony Costa, on the successful State Government funding for the new Almond Processing Plant at Swan Reach.

The Council also recently hosted volunteer receptions at Cadell, Palmer, Sedan and Nildottie in appreciation of the work that the volunteer organisations and members make to our communities throughout the Council area. Without your commitment and involvement, our services would cost a lot more. This is a small way of indicating our appreciation to you.

Mayor Dave Burgess

Morgan Pharmacy

The new Morgan Centre Pharmacy was officially opened on Monday 25 January 2016. The Pharmacy is housed in the previous Morgan Internet and Resource Centre building and is leased by Jignesh and Amita Patel. The Pharmacy operates 5 days a week from 9 am to 5 pm and Saturday mornings 9 am to 12 noon.

Pictured outside the Pharmacy is Russell Peate, Chief Executive Officer, Di Hausler, Morgan Heritage and Tourism Coordinator, Sharon Hankins, Chairperson, Morgan Community Development and Tourism Association and Jignesh and Amita Patel.



Mid Murray Family Connections

Improving the wellbeing of children 0-8 years in the Mid Murray Council by focusing on building emotional maturity.

The Mid Murray Family Connections (MMFC) network formed in 2013 as a result of a National survey (Australian Early Development Census) of children in their first year of school. The census highlighted that the proportion of children in the Mid Murray region who were vulnerable in a range of domains, was considerably greater than children in most other council areas. The MMFC network was formed as a collaboration of community leaders, state and local government, non-government service providers and educational institutions and has met regularly to work on a framework for action across the region.

Mid Murray Council realised the importance of its key role to support our children and families and was successful in seeking funding for three part-time positions. Kiran King was appointed as the Coordinator for the group in November 2015. In February 2016 Jane Barnett was appointed as a Family Participation Worker. Both Kiran and Jane are qualified Social Workers with many years' experience in human services and have a good understanding of child development and the needs of families.



Frances Eltridge, a social researcher, who was previously the 'Leader, Planning and Performance' with the Country South SA Medicare Local, has recently been appointed to the part-time 'Research and Data Officer' position. The MMFC team is also hosting Bao Luo, a Master of Social Work student in his final placement. Bao has been providing research advice and developing infographics for better data visualisation, a much appreciated tool for presentations to the network.

At this stage Mid Murray Family Connections continues to develop partnerships to focus on child development from conception to age 8. It is hoped that the framework will be completed in the next few months and the network will focus on coordinating action(s) across the region. If community members would like more information or would like to join the network they can contact Kiran King, Coordinator, on 8569 0100.

Safe Use of Public Wi-Fi

In this new age of connectivity that sees our lifestyle dominated by smartphones, tablets and other mobile devices, Mid Murray Council is proud to supply Free Public Wi-Fi in the townships of Mannum, Morgan and Swan Reach. Whilst convenient, using public networks does present some risks that users should be aware of. Here are some tips to stay safe whilst using Public Wi-Fi -

- Never use websites or apps that require a username or password
- Do not use banking or financial services
- Assess whether the hotspot is operated by a reliable source
- Turn off all sharing services

