



Photos courtesy of Dave Hartley,
Murraylands Photography

Mid Murray Council Newsletter



A Message from the Chief Executive Officer

The last few months continue to be busy with many projects throughout the Mid Murray Council area still being progressed. Some of these include the Truro to Eudunda Road, Dutton Bridge near Truro, Milendella Bridge near Palmer, completion of the Morgan Boat Ramp, the repair and upgrade of the Morgan Wharf, a new mooring facility at Swan Reach, the replacement of the landing at Hermanns Landing near Nildottie, the repair of the small Darling Wharf in Mannum and the completion of the Mannum Pontoon/Wharf in Mannum. Many of these have needed to be undertaken for a number of years and indeed some were in very poor condition or non-existent.

Some of the other projects that we are currently progressing include the review of the closed section of East Front Road to enable further consideration of the possibility of reopening the road, providing an interest free loan of up to \$20,000 to the Swan Reach Golf Club for the purchase of a mower, providing \$20,000 to the Mannum Men's Shed to enable the extensions to the southern and northern ends of their shed, allocation of \$15,000 for various works to enable the Cambrai Swimming Pool to open for the 2018/2019 season and partnering with Brenda Park Lease Holders Association for a program of works. In addition, following an extensive building report, Council has purchased the Mannum Institute and has conducted open days to receive feedback from the community for possible uses (refer Media Releases on the Council's website). It was great that the Mid Murray Family Connections network is only one of two initiatives from South Australia invited to speak at the National Collective Impact Conference in Queensland. We continue to partner with a range of organisations to progress development of vulnerable children's developmental programs and initiatives. We have continued to support a range of events over the last few months including the Palmer Hot Rod Street Party, the All Steamed Up River Festival on Saturday and Sunday 17-18 November 2018, the concert outside the Sedan Hotel from 6 pm on Saturday 2 February 2019, the Mannum Fun Run and Walk on Sunday 4 November 2018, the Model A Ford Club Lunch and Vehicle Display held on 4 October 2018, the Mannum and Morgan Christmas Pageants and Fireworks Displays and New Years Eve Fireworks in Mannum.

We also try to obtain services and facilities for our towns. This includes continuing to lobby for General Practitioner Services in Morgan and Cadell, better mobile phone coverage under the Federal Governments Mobile Black Spot Program Round 4, applications for funding under the 2018/2019 Black Spot Program, supporting RecFish SA for funding to continue stocking of 200,000 Murray Cod fingerlings into the Murray River in 2019 and forwarding a submission to the South Australian

November 2018

In this Issue

A Message from the Chief Executive Officer	1-2
Environmental Health Australia (SA) - Award for Excellence in Leadership	2
Summer Swimming	2
Fire Prevention Requirements	3
Preparation prior to commencement of the Fire Danger Season	3
What's on in Mid Murray	4
Protect yourself against Mosquito bites	4
Southern Heritage Places Development Plan Amendment (DPA)	4
Walker Avenue, Mannum Development Plan Amendment (DPA)	4
Contact Details	4



Find us on
facebook



Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board regarding the proposed Water Allocation Plan for the River Murray Prescribed Water Course and particularly the requirement to obtain a water allocation to cover evaporation losses from the River Murray for the Mannum Waters Marina.

We have also helped with applications for State Government funding for industry growth at Bowhill and accommodation for workers associated with the agriculture industry in Walker Flat, Swan Reach and Nildottie.

We have also received \$79,500 from the Federal Government to assist with the All Steamed Up Event in Mannum and have provided \$20,000 to the Mannum Dock Museum for slipping costs for the PW Mayflower. We have a lot of development throughout the Mid Murray Council and I would encourage people to read "Mid Murray On The Move – Economic Tourism And Development News" on our website. I also encourage people to vote in the forthcoming Local Government Elections. Ballot papers will be issued from the 22-26 October 2018 and voting closes at 5 pm Friday 9 November 2018.

We also wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. If travelling please drive safely. I look forward to working with you all again in 2019.



Russell Peate
Chief Executive Officer

Environmental Health Australia (SA) – Award for Excellence in Leadership

Mid Murray Council together with five Murraylands and Riverland Councils received an Excellence in Leadership Award at the 39th Annual State Environmental Health Conference on 20 September 2018.

The Environmental Health Officers (EHOs) from the six Councils, being Renmark Paringa Council, Berri Barmerra Council, District Council of Loxton Waikerie, Mid Murray Council, Rural City of Murray Bridge and Coorong District Council, achieved tremendous results over many years working together.

As a group of EHOs they have contributed to the development of the first Regional Public Health Plan in the State, development of a joint mosquito and surveillance program with the University of South Australia and SA Health, provide a shared service to neighbouring smaller Councils to fulfil their legal obligations, creation of a Murraylands and Riverland Regional Environmental Health Officer Group which has now formally been recognized as a Special Interest Group through Environmental Health Australia which covers a broad range of topics and will host the 2020 Environmental Health Australia (SA) State Conference at Tailem Bend. This small group of EHOs collectively cover an area of more than 36,000km² and over 71,000 ratepayers.



Rebecca Burton - Berri Barmerra Council, Caroline Thomas - Coorong District Council, Thomas McKellar - Mid Murray Council, Jeremy Byrnes - Rural City of Murray Bridge, Dara Frankel - District Council of Loxton Waikerie, Katrina Nikas - Renmark Paringa Council.

Summer Swimming

Consistent opening hours and a lowered temperature gives the community greater access to aquatic facilities in Mid Murray during the 18/19 summer season.

A long standing partnership between the Mid Murray Council, Mannum Community College and Cambrai Primary School is once again providing an opportunity for locals and visitors to cool off in a safe and supported environment.

It's full steam ahead with the 25 meter pool in Cambrai receiving minor works to its plant and equipment and the 17 meter pool in Mannum getting a new look with safety regulation signage. Our 8 lifeguards and 4 pool operators have been busy paddling away in training to refresh their skills and qualifications for the upcoming season opening on 1 December 2018.



Both pools are the perfect destination for water exercise, birthday parties or simply to bring the family down to cool off and enjoy a fun filled afternoon. The Cambrai Pool offers bbq facilities and a lawn area so be sure to pack your picnic basket and make use of this great community facility.

Cambrai and Mannum pools will operate from 1 December 2018 to 31 March 2019 everyday from 3.30 to 7.30pm when above 25 degrees, so grab your bathers and support the facility which supports you!

Fire Prevention Requirements

Residential or a Vacant Land under two hectares in area:

Reduce all grass, pest plants and undergrowth to a maximum height of 100mm (10 cm) over the whole block and maintain wall grass, pest plants and undergrowth to a maximum height of 100mm (10cm) over the whole block until the end of the fire danger season.

Residential or a Vacant Land over two hectares in area:

Establish a fuel break of at least a 4 metre wide strip (Fire Break) on which all grass, pest plants and undergrowth is reduced to a maximum height of 100mm (10cm) around the whole perimeter.

Land used for Agricultural purposes over two hectares in area:

- Establish a fuel break of at least a 4 metre wide strip (Fire Break) on which all grass, pest plants and undergrowth is reduced to a maximum height of 100mm (10 cm) around the whole perimeter.
- If a cereal crop is being grown for hay or seed the first cut of the crop or grass must be made at the outer edge of the crop to inhibit the spread of fire to a maximum height of 100mm (10 cm) and create a 4 metre wide strip (Fire Break).
- If stock is grazing the property an assessment must be made to ensure that the fuel load is low enough to inhibit the spread of fire onto and from the property, if not a 4 metre wide strip (Fire Break) is to be constructed to a maximum height of 100mm (10 cm).
- If the agricultural property borders with residential properties a 10 metre wide strip (Fire Break) is to be constructed between the crop/grazing land and the boundary of the residential fence line.

Reduction Zones around all buildings (including rural) over two hectares:

- Within 10 metres of any building reduce all grass, pest plants and undergrowth to a maximum height of 100mm (10 cm).
- Remove lower branches of trees up to a height of 2 metres above ground level.
- Prune shrubs so that their tops are well away from the lower branches of trees.
- Prune the lower branches of shrubs to separate the foliage from the surface fuels underneath.
- Rake and remove debris such as loose flaky bark, dead twigs, leaves or needles from within the branches and underneath of plants and trees.

Preparation prior to commencement of the Fire Danger Season

The Mid Murray Council wishes to remind all property owners and residents that the fire danger season is fast approaching. Now is the time to take pre-emptive action, if you haven't already done so, to ensure that your block (or land) is cleared prior to the start of the fire danger season and is maintained to the required standard for the duration of the season.

At this time of year vegetation can become overgrown, creating fire hazards. The Council requires landowners to reduce the flammable fuel on their land as per the "Fire Prevention Requirements" provided within this newsletter.

The fire danger season for the Murraylands and Riverland Fire Ban Districts commenced on 1 November and will go through until 15 April 2019.



Are you
bushfire
ready?

During October and November Council Fire Prevention Officers will be inspecting all properties within the Mid Murray Council District. In accordance with the provisions of the Fire and Emergency Service Act 2005, Council can issue a legal notice requiring the clearing of land if there is a fire hazard or where the land has the potential to become a fire hazard. It is with this in mind Council encourages all land owners or occupants to ensure their land is prepared for the fire danger season.

The responsibility to have your land cleared rests with you as the owner or occupier of the land and, if necessary, you should contact an appropriate service provider to assist in reducing the hazards on the land. Please remember to maintain your property throughout the fire danger season as additional clearance may be required.

If you have any questions regarding this information or would like any further assistance please contact our Compliance Officers on 85646020.

What's on in Mid Murray

Mannum Riverside Markets - 4 November
Mannum Fun Run & Walk - 4 November
All Steamed Up River Festival - 17 & 18 November
Tungkillo Country Music Night - 24 November
Mannum Christmas Tree Festival - 30 November

Mannum Christmas Pageant & Fireworks - 1 December
Mannum Riverside Markets - 2 December
Morgan Christmas Pageant - 8 December
Mannum Carols By The River - 8 December
Mannum New Years Fireworks - 31 December

Mannum Riverside Markets - 6 January
Mannum Sounds by the River - 12 January

Sedan - Greg Hart performing "The John Lennon Show" - 2 February
Mannum Riverside Markets - 3 February

****Please contact the Mannum Visitor Information Centre on 8569 1303 to be included on our calendar of events and website information****

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 diethyl toluamide (DEET) or Picaridin.

Try to avoid going outside during dusk and dawn as this is when the mosquitoes are most active.

Check around your home to ensure there are no pools of stagnant water in places such as pot plant saucers, bird baths, wading pools, gutters, septic tanks, rainwater tanks (paraffin oil can be put into the rainwater tanks), old tyres, ponds and dams. Check fly screens 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 or check out the "Fight the Bite" website at <http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/healthy+living/protecting+your+health/yourself/fight+the+bite>

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.



Southern Heritage Places Development Plan Amendment (DPA)

Following extensive public notification, this DPA was endorsed by Council and submitted to the Minister for Planning for approval, along with a copy and summary of all the submissions received, in December 2017.

The Minister sought the advice of the State Planning Commission, and the Commission, through a panel of experts, heard further submissions on 24 April 2018 from several property owners and considered those prior to making a recommendation to the Minister. The Minister subsequently authorised the DPA in accordance with recommendations of the Commission, which included the removal of 3 proposed Local Heritage Places from the DPA. The Minister's amended DPA was subsequently endorsed by the Environment, Resources and Development Committee of the Parliament and gazetted on 16 August 2018.

The final 128 Local Heritage Places in the southern part of the Mid Murray Council area are now identified in the Development Plan consolidated on 23 August 2018.

Walker Avenue, Mannum Development Plan Amendment (DPA)

This DPA is a rezoning of the existing Horwood Bagshaw site in Mannum. Public consultation has already been undertaken with technical studies occurring simultaneously. Current investigations are being finalised and it is envisaged that the proposed rezoning for residential land (whilst maintaining the existing industrial operation at the front of the site) will be presented to Council for endorsement in the coming months.

CONTACT DETAILS

All Correspondence to -

Mid Murray Council

PO Box 28, Mannum SA 5238

email: postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au | website: www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au

Principal Office/Administration

49 Adelaide Road, Mannum, SA
 Telephone: (08) 8569 0100
 Facsimile: (08) 8569 1931

Development & Environmental Services

Main Street, Cambrai, SA
 Telephone: (08) 8564 6020
 Facsimile: (08) 8569 1931

Morgan & Districts Community Hub

Cnr Fourth & Eighth Street, Morgan, SA
 Telephone: (08) 8540 0060
 Facsimile: (08) 8569 1931