Mid Murray Council

Newsletter

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A Message from the Mayor

As I continue to travel around visiting so many community groups in our Council area, I am always amazed to see all of the work that these hard-working volunteers contribute to make our region such a wonderful place to live.

Council continues to advocate on your behalf on a number of issues. These include ensuring a fair distribution of the Financial Assistance Grant, ensuring equitability in the rating of energy generators, and a landscape levy that is consistent across the State. Council has also continued its endeavours to not only see the dangerous potholes repaired on Ridley Road, but to see a major upgrade to the road to make it safer for everyone with wide pavements, overtaking lanes and better pathways through our towns to cater for the ever-increasing heavy vehicles using this road.

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A significant amount of activity continues to occur through the Council area including the replacement of softfall to playgrounds throughout the region, maintenance of a number of parks and reserves, edging repairs to Murraylands Road, progressing the Swan Reach CWMS to funding stage, boat ramp cleaning undertaken prior to the October long weekend, commencement of township verge mowing and weed control, and commencement of the planning and implementation of Council's 2026/27 Capital Works Program.

Council secured funding through a State Government election commitment to progress the automation of the Tungkillo Standpipe, including consideration of its potential relocation. Council can now commence work on delivering this project and undertake the required notification to the community.

A reminder that Local Government Elections, previously scheduled to be held in November this year, will now occur in April 2027. Key dates for the election are now as follows:

- **Roll close:** Monday 4 January 2027
- **Nominations open:** Tuesday 26 January 2027
- **Nominations close:** Tuesday 9 February 2027
- **Close of voting (Polling Day):** 5pm, Wednesday 7 April 2027
- **Scrutiny and count:** 9am, Saturday 10 April 2027

If you haven't already done so, now is a great time to check if you're enrolled to vote, even if you don't live in Mid Murray, you may be eligible to be included on Council's Supplementary Voters Roll. You also may wish to consider nominating to play a role in determining the future of the region as an Elected Member. A rewarding role, that can make a real difference to the community. Details on the council election are available at https://www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/council/council-elections



Simone Bailey, Mayor

Infrastructure updates

Open Space

Funded under the Community and Recreational Asset Restoration Program (CRARP), shelter remediation works and turf installation at the Blanchetown playground facility has been completed, image below. Additional fencing was completed by Council to delineate the recreation area around the shelter.



Annual replenishment of softfall at various playgrounds throughout the region has been completed, some images below:







Roads

The reconstruction and sealing extension of St Kitts Road, Dutton has been completed. Progression images below:







Marine

Funded by CRARP, boat ramp remediation with rock base replenishment in the submerged areas of marine access has now also been completed at Swamp Hen Reserve, Greenways Landing, Big Bend, Punyelroo, Morgan, Blanchetown, Graeme Claxton Reserve, Beaumonts and Hermanns Landing boat ramps.







Waste and Recycling Services Review

Help shape the future of waste and recycling services in Mid Murray.



Mid Murray Council is seeking community feedback on the potential expansion of waste services across the region, including recycling and green waste collection.

The survey is open to anyone who lives in, owns property in, operates a business in, or has a connection to the region.

Your feedback will help inform future planning, operational considerations, and recommendations to Council.

Scan the QR code or visit **Mid Murray Your Say** to complete the survey and share your thoughts.

Survey opens Thursday 22 October and closes Thursday 19th November 2026.

Spatial Mapping Tool for Mid Murray Growth Management & Housing Strategy

MidMap
Map. Decide. Invest.

The Mid Murray Growth Management and Housing Strategy provides a framework for guiding land use planning, infrastructure investment, and service provision throughout the Mid Murray Council area. Central to this approach is 'MidMap', a spatial mapping tool developed to support Council operations, developers, and investors.

Purpose and Functionality

- Identifies potential development sites within the Council area.
- Analyses the availability of hard and soft infrastructure.
- Highlights sensitive environmental and cultural considerations.
- Supports detailed analysis of infrastructure requirements for selected sites, helping determine the investment required to commence a project.

MidMap is designed to support strategic investment decisions and promote sustainable growth and development across the Council area.

Shipping Containers

If you plan to place a shipping container temporarily on a road reserve, footpath or other Council land within the Mid Murray Council area, you may be required to obtain approval from Council before doing so. Council approval helps ensure public safety, protects Council assets and minimises impacts on pedestrians, motorists and neighbouring properties.

Shipping Containers on Public Land

Where a shipping container is proposed to be placed on a Council road reserve, including a carriageway, footpath or verge, authorisation under Section 221 of the Local Government Act 1999 must be obtained before the container is placed. For other Council owned or managed community land, applicants will be required to complete Council's *Activity on Community Land Application Form*, available on Council's website.

Applications will be assessed based on the proposal's location, duration and potential impacts.

Shipping Containers on Private Land

A shipping container may be placed on private land for a maximum period of 30 days without the need for development approval. However, where a container is intended to remain on a property for an extended period, development approval may be required.

What information may be required?

Depending on the location and duration of the proposed container, Council may require:

- Details of the proposed location;
- Dimensions of the container;
- A site plan showing where the container will be located;
- Evidence of public liability insurance where required; and
- Payment of any applicable fees in accordance with Council's Fees and Charges Schedule.



Need more information?

Contact Council before arranging delivery of a shipping container to confirm any approval requirements.



Council elections in South Australia are held every four years. They give local communities the opportunity to elect a Mayor and council members to represent their area and make local decisions. Here are the key dates for the upcoming Council Election:

Enrol to vote by 5pm Monday, 4 January 2027

Candidate Nominations Open on Tuesday, 26 January 2027

Candidate Nominations Close at 12pm Tuesday, 9 February 2027

Voting packs will be mailed out between Thursday, 11 March – Wednesday, 17 March 2027

Voting closes at 5pm Wednesday, 7 April 2027

For more information visit www.councilelections.sa.gov.au



The Cambrai Pool is set to reopen on Wednesday 2 December 2026, ready for another season of summer fun!

To better align opening times with community demand, Council has reviewed attendance patterns from previous seasons and made some adjustments to pool operations.

This season, the pool will open when the forecast temperature reaches 27°C or above, an increase from the previous threshold of 25°C. The change follows consistently low patronage on cooler days and will help focus resources on periods when the pool is most used by the community.

Council is also introducing a new hot weather arrangement. When the temperature is forecast to reach 38°C or higher, the pool will open regardless of the day of the week, subject to lifeguard availability. This change aims to provide residents and visitors with greater access to a safe place to cool off during extreme summer conditions.

We encourage the community to keep an eye on Council's Facebook page and website throughout the season for the latest opening updates, special activities, and events at the pool.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another fantastic summer at the Cambrai Pool!

For opening updates and pool information, visit the Mid Murray Council website or follow us on Facebook.





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