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**MEDIA RELEASE**

## **GRANTS NOW OPEN TO SUPPORT MID MURRAY EVENTS AND COMMUNITIES**

Community organisations with plans for programs, services, events and projects that will benefit the Mid Murray district can now apply for between \$1000 and \$5000 in extra funding support.

Applications are open for groups to share in funds through Round 2 of the Mid Murray Council's Community Grants program for 2019/20.

Over recent years, the scheme has supported organisations to design and deliver popular events, create services and programs to better connect communities, and pay for improvements to local facilities.

Mid Murray Mayor Dave Burgess said the Community Grants program offered financial support to help develop, grow and implement exciting initiatives in the district's local communities.

"Across our district we have countless organisations and clubs which work hard to bring a range of opportunities into their communities," Mayor Burgess says.

"These can range from organising local events that boost tourism and the district's economy, or developing services that gather people together, through to maintaining facilities that provide places of meeting, connection and recreation for residents."

"We are fortunate to have such community-minded people whose efforts significantly enhance the livability and vibrancy of our district, contributing to the wellbeing of local people.

"Council recognises the work and dedication these people put in, and the multiple benefits their initiatives deliver locally. We also understand that often all that's needed to launch or support a great service or event is some financial help – and that's where our Community Grants program can assist."

Council is currently seeking applications for its *Small Community Grant*, *Community Events Grant*, and *Community Project Grant* funding streams.

*Small Community Grants* offer up to \$1000 to community groups and clubs that make a positive contribution to community and cultural life. It helps these organisations to provide a service to the community that encourages participation and social inclusion.

*Community Events Grants* provide funding for innovative events and activities that promote tourism, social inclusion, community participation or recreation, with up to \$2000 available per successful application to assist in developing the events.

*Community Project Grants* are open to eligible community groups and clubs for projects to develop and enhance their group's facilities. Applicants could receive up to \$5000 to assist with projects such as landscaping, or upgrading or improving facilities and signage.

Applications for all three programs close 31 March 2020.

For individuals who need support to pursue sport, music, art or cultural events and activities at a State, national or international level, the Council also offers assistance through its *Individual Sport and Cultural Grant* fund. Applications for these grants are open all year-round.

Full details including application forms and criteria can be found on the Council's website at: [www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/community/grants](http://www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/community/grants).

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