



## Mid Murray Council meeting update

Council held its most recent meeting on Tuesday 19 September 2023 at which the following items were discussed or determined:

- The Monthly Financial Reports – August 2023 were received.
- Infrastructure & Field Services Summary Report – updates (below) were received for a range of projects:
  - A submission for the Growing Regions Program – Round 1 EOI has been lodged seeking \$6.73M as a 90% contribution towards the Mid Murray Community Infrastructure Project to rebuild community infrastructure affected by the River Murray Flood Event.
  - Remediation works continue in Morgan and Mannum, where the levees were installed and subsequently removed.
  - Following wet weather over winter there has been increased silt contamination on the unsealed road network, with various treatments being considered. The sealed road network has experienced some failures and sealing works are scheduled to be undertaken in due course.
  - Pellaring Flat and The Rocks CWMS are scheduled to be recommissioned in late September early October.
  - It has been proposed that Council and Developers of a housing development on Walker Avenue, Mannum, undertake a joint stormwater project to accommodate all stormwater on property flows and prevent property flooding issues.
  - Solo Resource Recovery are currently in the process of a data cleansing audit of the pickup service, and have noted unauthorised bins within townships and rural areas, in an effort to ensure that only approved MMC bins are being collected.
  - Blanchetown Rejuvenation Project – funding from Southern Cross Poultry (Murraylands Road, Blanchetown) has been provided to enable a flying fox facility within the playground, which will enhance the greater amenity of the recreational area.

Planning design has commenced on an entrance statement and main street plantings on Egerton Street, from West Terrace to Meade Street and linkage to the Blanchetown Primary School, on a portion of Merivale Street from Egerton Street. The RSL and Medical Centre (minor garden works) also formed part of the rejuvenation project and this streetscape will complement the main street entrance enhancement.
  - Len White Reserve Upgrade – the playground has now been completed and is open for the public. The riverbank reclamation work has been suspended, due to the current high flow, and will recommence upon the recession of current water levels. The toilet facility is expected to be completed in late September.
  - Repairs to the Cadell playground have been completed and it is now open to the public. Some repairs have also been undertaken to the Morgan playground, with further repair works to be undertaken in due course, once additional funding is obtained.
  - Remediation works at Haythorpe Reserve have begun with the removal of fallen trees, levelling out the site and covering the exposed tree roots, before the warmer weather impacts them further.
  - Mannum southern catchment (from Ramm Road), Mannum Stormwater Project (LRCIP Phase 2) – installation of the main underground stormwater pipework is near completion.

- Council granted approval for Ultimate Motorsports Events, subject to all compliance requirements and road repairs being met and authorised, including public consultation, to hold the 2023 Adelaide Hills Rally at various locations throughout the Council district on Sunday 15 October 2023.

The following roads will be closed to traffic on Sunday 15 October 2023:

**Talbot Stage – 7:20am to 11:20 am & 1:00pm to 5:00pm**

- 1 Talbot Road to 754 Talbot Road, Rockleigh

**Kubenk Stage – 7:30am to 12:00pm**

- 1784 Black Heath Road to 921 Kubenk Road, Palmer
- 921 Kubenk Road to 37 Kubenk Road, Palmer

**Pine Hut Stage – 9:30am to 3:10pm.**

- Gerschwitz Road, Sedan & Pine Hut Road, Keyneton

**The Gap Stage – 10:15am to 3:45pm**

- From Groth's Road to 575 Davenport Road, Mount Pleasant
- From Davenport Road to 253 Gap Road, Milendella

- The Palmer Events Association has been granted permission to hold the Hot Rods, Classic & Customs Street Party event in Palmer on Sunday 1 October 2023, subject to the general conditions of Council's Major Event Permit, with the following roads closed to traffic for the event:
  - Adelaide (Randell) Road, from Reedy Creek Road up to Olive Grove/Lindner Avenue, Palmer, from 8.00am until 5.00pm
- The Lions Club of Morgan & District has been granted permission to host their Annual Santa Bag Fundraiser event on the Morgan Riverfront Reserve on Saturday 28 October 2023, subject to the general conditions of Council's Major Event Permit.
- An update was received on the progress of the Mannum Waters Boat Ramp Redevelopment Infrastructure Agreement between Tallwood Pty Ltd and Mid Murray Council, pertaining to the South Australian Boating Facilities Advisory Committee's grant and to finalise the Infrastructure Agreement.
- The Department for Environment and Water (DEW) is undertaking a River Murray Constraints Project, with the objective of delivering targeted river access at high flows, and environmental solutions to the river's health and backwater wetlands.

Through DEW, the Federal Government will provide 100% funding, with all preliminary engineering works undertaken by the DEW appointed engineering firm, Jacobs

Council endorsed the lodgement of the following projects for planning and development and the signing of an agreement with DEW for the projects:

- Bowhill – natural riverfront environment - houseboat mooring zone
- Swan Reach – boat ramp upgrade
- South Punyelroo – community wastewater management system upgrade
- Scotts Creek – road access (design only)

- Council endorsed the following list of projects and the lodgement of a submission to the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 4 grant funding:
  - Street light replacement transition to LED
  - Council Playgrounds and Open Space.
  - Township cemeteries - beautification

- River Vessel Mooring – Riverfront Morgan
- Road survey and design – Keyneton to Moculta Road (1.375kms to boundary from end of current seal)
- Street lighting (supplements lights)
- Pedestrian safety – Anna Street Walkway footpath, Mannum
- Road safety – Zadow Road (guard rail)
- An overview and update on the following Community District Action Plans was provided:
  - Central River District Action Plan
  - The Range District Action Plan
  - Upper River District Action Plan
  - Mannum & Surrounds District Action Plan
  - The Plains District Action Plan
- Public consultation has now concluded for the following, and endorsed by Council:
  - Mobile Food Vendor Location Rules Policy (Version 3) – setback has been reduced to 250 metres and access allowed to Council Reserves outside of the setback area.
  - Community Land Management Plan (CLMP) for Section 44 & Lot 412 Sunset Boulevard, Blanchetown – the updated CLMP reflects the requirements of the current legislation and the potential issuing of leasing arrangements within the parcel.
- Council's delegation framework was reviewed with new delegations to come into effect on 23 October 2023, once all sub-delegations are finalised.
- An updated report from Destination Riverland to the Riverland Local Government Forum for the period July 2022 to June 2023, was received.
- The following Committee Minutes were received:
  - Dark Sky Committee meeting held on 22 August 2023
  - Mid Murray Heritage & Maritime Committee meeting held on 11 September 2023

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