

MID MURRAY COUNCIL



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Community Facility Upgrades (RLCIP)

Mid Murray Council has secured \$183,000 in Regional Local Community Infrastructure Program funding to work with the community in upgrading facilities throughout the district. A total of nine projects will be funded during 2011. The Wongulla Shed will be extended, connected to rainwater tanks and solar panels will harness the sun's energy. The Palmer Hall kitchen will be upgraded and an outdoor barbecue will be installed for use by the community and visitors. The Younghusband Hall will have its kitchen upgraded while Sedan Park will have the verandah extended and rainwater tanks installed. Morgan will receive a new riverfront playground and have a BMX track to help keep the young people fit and busy. Access to the Mannum Leisure Centre will be improved through the inclusion of a ramp to comply with current standards and the Blanchetown Kart Club have received a contribution towards their new clubrooms extension. This third round of funding over recent years will see over 20 projects funded and community facilities upgraded representing an outstanding investment by the Commonwealth Government, Council and the community working in partnership.

Works Programme 2011/2012

Major projects to be undertaken in 2011/2012 are –

Repairs to Eudunda Road, completion of sealing of Belvedere Road, resealing sections of the roads at Nildottie, Herrmanns Landing, Bowhill and 1 km of Purnong Road, Mannum.

Extensive resheeting of unsealed roads will include sections of Murraylands Road, Diagonal Road, Pat Hyde Road, Paech Road, Rail Road, Depot Road, Bolt Road, Kluge Road and Black Heath Road (formerly Tepko/Mt Torrens Road).

Rehabilitation of existing waste transfer stations and the conversion of the Mannum Landfill site to a waste transfer station to meet legislative requirements will be undertaken over the next two years. Estimated total cost is \$1,900,000.



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'HEALTHIE' Murraylands Communities

HEALTHIE Murraylands Communities aims to achieve the vision by reducing the prevalence of overweight and obesity by improving nutrition and increasing the level of participation in physical activity in the Murraylands. The program targets people predominantly not in the paid workforce through the implementation of healthy lifestyle programs in a variety of settings.

The coordination of networks, promotion, establishment of supportive environments and education and training opportunities will increase the Murraylands communities' capacity to engage in healthy lifestyle behaviour beyond the life of the program.

'HEALTHIE Murraylands Communities' will operate alongside and complement other local, state and national healthy lifestyles programs to provide a comprehensive suite of services, programs and policies catering for the entire Murraylands population.

This proactive intervention is needed in a region suffering levels of disadvantage including low levels of, income, educational attainment and participation in physical activity combined with high levels of unemployment, overweight, obesity and chronic disease.

A strong and proven partnership between five Local Government Authorities (Coorong District Council, District Council of Karoonda East Murray, Mid Murray Council, Rural City of Murray Bridge and Southern Mallee District Council), the local Murray Mallee Division of General Practice, Regional Development Australia and the Murraylands 'be active' program will ensure outstanding outcomes. A management committee of partners will oversee the project which will be operated by an experienced project manager.

'HEALTHIE'

Helping
Encourage
Active
Lifestyles
Through
Holistic
Innovative
Engagement

Australia Day Awards

This is your chance to recognise the most deserving members of our community. Your nomination could lead to someone special being recognised with an award at the Council's Australia Day celebrations.

Nominations are open now – you can download a nomination form from our website www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au.

If you have any questions or require assistance phone 8569 0100 or email postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au.

Nominations close on 18 November 2011.

Please return completed form to PO Box 28, Mannum SA 5238 or email to postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au.

Community Plans

Given the sparse geographical landscape of the Mid Murray Council area and the number of small towns/communities, Council has decided to facilitate the development of localised 'Community Plans' rather than one whole of Council document. As a result, all communities in the Mid Murray area have the opportunity to develop their own plan. This model helps empower each community, build their capacity and give them ownership over their plan. The plans have enough commonality to fit within and add value to other Council planning (Strategic and Business) and processes (Budget), yet be unique to each community. The plans are professionally presented as an easy to read four page brochure. They will contain consistent headings (such as vision, values, strengths, opportunities, strategic plan references) yet local content around the history and future of each community. Naturally the needs, actions and success measures will be very localised. The first plan facilitated at Sedan attracted over 40 people to the first workshop out of a small community of less than 200 people. 'Quick wins' have been identified and prioritised by the community allowing them to see almost instant outcomes from the process.



Dog Registrations

Now Due

Council encourages responsible dog ownership and the registration of dogs is a key step to being a responsible dog owner. Registering dogs provides Council with early identification of wandering dogs and reduces the number of dogs impounded.

Council sends out Dog Registration Renewal Notices every year, as a friendly reminder to residents with registered dogs. As a responsible dog owner, your commitment to your pet makes your neighbourhood a better place to live and Council congratulates you. All payments must be received by 31 August or an additional late payment fee of \$10.00 per dog will apply.

Any information in relation to the registration of dogs can be obtained by contacting the Council office or by contacting Council's General Inspector, Brett Stapleton on 0429 999 641.



Council will again be holding the annual drumMUSTER collection at the following locations:

Cadell Transfer Station – 19 September 2011 from 11.30am – 2.00pm

Truro Transfer Station – 20 September 2011 from 8.00am – 11.00am

Cambrai Waste Depot – 20 September 2011 from 12.30pm – 4.00pm

Swan Reach Transfer Station – 21 September 2011 from 8.30am – 11.30am

Bowhill Transfer Station – 21 September 2011 from 1.00pm – 4.00pm

Mannum Waste Depot – 22 September 2011 from 8.00am - 12 noon.

Mosquitoes

After a bad season Council will be continuing our mosquito trapping and surveillance program throughout the winter season to identify and treat potential breeding sites. The aim is to reduce the amount of mosquito larvae before we enter the spring & summer season.

Remember to cover up, wear a DEET or Picaridin based repellent and remove all stagnant water from around your home. For further information please contact the Environmental Health Officer or google "Fight the Bite".



Has your food business recently changed ownership?

Remember to complete an amended Food Business Notification form which can be found on the Council website.



The Triple Zero (000) service is the quickest way to get the right emergency service to help you. It should be used to contact Police, Fire or Ambulance service in life threatening or emergency situations.

Calls to Triple Zero (000) are free and can be made from mobile phones, home or work phones or pay phones.

www.triplezero.gov.au

Highs & Lows of the River

After dealing with the effects of many months of record low river levels, Council and particularly holiday home owners have recently had to face a challenging time coping with the impact of high river levels. River levels not seen during the past 20 years have affected quite a few holiday home areas throughout the district with the biggest impact being in the area downstream of Morgan. Some 300-400 holiday homes were directly affected either by flooding or through access roads being cut.

With water levels decreasing, holiday home owners obviously need to review the extent of any damage to buildings, pumps and river structures and be mindful of the need to obtain approval for certain repair work.

Holiday home owners are encouraged to contact Council to discuss any works they propose to undertake prior to such work commencing.

Community Passenger Transport Network

Mid Murray Council has been successful in securing \$100,000 in funding to research and establish a viable and sustainable Community Passenger Transport Network (CPN). Transport has long been identified as a major issue for ratepayers throughout the Council area. The funding will provide a full time coordinator, trainee/part time administrative support role and a small admin budget to deliver the project in three stages. The funding for the first two stages (12 months) has been secured and if successfully implemented will result in regular grants under a service agreement on a rolling 12 month contract basis (dependant on Government funding cycles). The first stage will take place over the first six months of the 2011/2012 financial year and will review other CPN's, audit what transport options are already available, identify gaps and develop a viable and sustainable model for the district. The second stage over the second half of the financial year will be to set up and establish the model. The third stage will be the ongoing delivery of the service. This will be funded on an annual basis like the 12 other CPN's around South Australia.

Council is interested in hearing from residents who have transport issues during the first stage of the project. Please contact the Mannum office on 8569 0100 or email postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au to register your interest in this project or to provide feedback.

Fun 4 YOuth

The Mid Murray Council 'Fun 4 YOuth' project is a custom fitted KIA Carnival that provides a mobile entertainment unit to engage and interact with young people throughout the Council district. The Carnival has heaps of features including a Wii console for interactive fun and games, sound system and lighting to provide a mobile disco and PA, large flat screen TV ideal for watching DVD's and TV plus being linked to a computer to run various programs. Other features include computer and internet access through laptops, roof mounted DVD player and screen, tows a trailer full of sport and recreation equipment to engage youth in physically active fun, seats 8 people so will be valuable for transporting young people (and others), has an eye-catching vehicle wrap to draw attention to the machine on route and at the destination. The 'Fun 4 YOuth' van will visit towns in the Mid Murray Council area on a regular rotational basis, visit the Mid Murray Council website for details. It can also be booked for community events.

Fun 4 YOuth is coming to a town near YOuth very soon!

Free Immunisation Clinics

Council provides a free monthly immunisation service to vaccinate children aged 5 and under against the numerous childhood diseases.

The clinics are held at the following locations:-

Mannum – First Wednesday of each month commencing 9:30am at the Mannum Medical Centre. Appointments are required and can be booked through the Council office on 8569 0100.

Cambrai, Swan Reach, Blanchetown, Morgan, Truro (by appointment) – Third Tuesday of each month. For further information please contact the Cambrai office on 8564 6020.

For any further information about Council's immunisation service please view the Mid Murray Council website under Environmental Health or contact Council on 8564 6020.

HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE COLLECTION DAYS

MONDAY	Cambray, Sedan, Tungkillo, Keyneton, Palmer, Morgan, Truro, Dutton.
TUESDAY	Purnong, Greenways, Nildottie.
WEDNESDAY	Mannum.
THURSDAY	Blanchetown, Cadell.
FRIDAY	Swan Reach.

Wheelie bins are required to be placed on the roadside by 6:00 am on collection days and returned to your property as soon as practicable after collection.

NOTE: Garbage collections are carried out on Public Holidays as if it were an ordinary day.

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