

Mid Murray Council Newsletter

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A Message from the Mayor

It's hard to believe that just over a year ago our world was a very different place, with the beginning of the Covid19 pandemic significantly changing our lives and our operations as a Council.

As I reflect on that time – and all that's happened in our region since – it's heartening to see how adaptable and resilient both our community and our Council are.

There have been many positives over recent months, including the return of community events such as Sounds by the River and Anzac Day services, an influx of visitors over a busy Easter holiday period and the roll out of major projects such as the new deep mooring facility at Swan Reach.

In fact, as a Council we are continually adapting and changing to ensure we continue to meet the needs of our community.

At the heart of this is connecting with our community to hear your views about how we can improve our services, our policies and even our Council structure.

Thank you to all who have taken the time to provide feedback in our recent community consultation processes.

One of the largest of these was our recent Waste Management Review. Feedback from people across the Mid Murray district was instrumental in shaping the final report and decisions that will make our waste management systems fairer and more sustainable, and ensure they continue to meet the needs of our residents into the future.

Community input is also being sought to help shape our Council's future composition and ward structure. A representation options paper has been released outlining various options – from retaining three wards (albeit with updated boundaries) right through to abolishing wards entirely. Our community's contribution will help us decide on the best way forward to restructure representation in our district.

Thank you also to our residents who had their say during the Rates Review Public Consultation. Almost 60 submissions were received and these will assist staff in developing an updated Rates Review report for Council's consideration.

While our staff are working continually to improve our operations, they are also assisting in the delivery of significant projects across the Mid Murray region.

In good news for our district, it was recently announced that Council will receive \$1.55 million through the SA Government's Local Government Infrastructure Partnership Program to complete Stage 1 of a significant upgrade to Murraylands Road. These works will continue the sealing of the road surface, improving what is an important freight route for our primary producers and processors.

It's one of a long list of joint-funded major projects made possible through State and Federal Government grants that will be delivered in our region, with others including the recently opened Swan Reach Deep Mooring facility, and the upcoming Mannum Murray River and Heritage Tourism Project, Blanchetown Revitalisation Project and restoration of the PS Canally.

As our region recovers from uncertainty, there's much to look forward to.

Mayor Dave Burgess

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2020-2021 Projects & Infrastructure Update

Check out some more of the great work continuing throughout the Council area.

Caurnamont Camping Facilities

This project was funded by the **Drought Funding Round 2** program and is now completed. The new facilities offer a great location for all visitors and residents to enjoy, complete with BBQ and seating facilities.



Murraylands Road Stage 4 (Stott Highway north for approx 7kms)

Pavement construction has now commenced and below are some progress images of the works. **Special Local Roads Program** has funded this stage of the project.



Footpaths - Blanchetown, Keyneton, Truro, Mannum & Morgan

The asphalt footpath works have now commenced in the Mannum area, beginning at Adelaide Road and Neil Street with additional works to follow. The **Drought Funding Round 2** program funded this project.



Mary Ann Reserve Playground

This project was funded by the **Open Space and Places for People** grants in conjunction with Mid Murray Council, and is now completed. The new playground offers a great variety of equipment that caters for disability access and includes a climbing boat, swings, trampolines, sand pit and is now complete with a shade sail.



DOGS AND CATS ONLINE



Now is the time to review your dog and cat registrations on DACO.

Dog and cat owners are reminded that it is your responsibility to ensure all details recorded on DACO (Dogs and Cats Online) relating to your pets are current and correct, including contact details, preferred method of receiving registration renewal reminders, any new microchip numbers, desexing details etc. By doing this now, registration renewal reminders will be accurate.

Dog owners are reminded that registration of all dogs fall due on 1 July each year and the renewal of all expired dog registrations must be paid prior to 31 August each year. Failure to pay the registration fee by the due date will result in a \$10.00 late fee and an expiation fine of \$170.00 may be applied.

Cat owners who have registered the details of their cats on DACO, will also receive a registration renewal in the same method as dog owners. THERE IS NO FEE FROM COUNCIL ASSOCIATED WITH CAT REGISTRATION ON DACO. Cat owners are only required to check and update their personal details and the details of their cats annually.

Things you need to know are:

- Council no longer post dog registration renewals to dog owners. This is now undertaken by DACO via your nominated method of contact.
- Your dog will no longer receive a new disc/tag annually. The original disc/tag you received is your dog's disc/tag number for life. Replacement discs can be ordered on DACO or you can choose to purchase your own tag from a pet tag supplier.
- Since 1 July 2018, ALL dogs and cats must be desexed by 6 months and the details recorded on DACO. In addition, ALL dogs and cats must be microchipped before 12 weeks of age and the details recorded on DACO.
- When renewing your dog or cat registrations on DACO, should the microchip number not be provided, you may receive a fine for failing to do so.
- You can update your information on DACO at any time, this includes all new registrations, desexing or microchipping information, and if your dog or cat goes missing or passes away.
- Exemptions from microchipping your dog and cat can only be provided in writing by your vet.

Should you have any questions in relation to this information please feel free to contact Council's Animal Management Officers on 8564 6020.

Celebrate NAIDOC Week



Friday 9th July 2021
11.00am Mannum Council Office

SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S NEW PLANNING SYSTEM IS NOW LIVE

The State Government's new planning system has now officially launched.

From 19 March 2021, the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 replaced the Development Act 1993 bringing into effect a single source of state-wide planning rules for simpler, clearer and more consistent zoning policy via the Planning and Design Code and ePlanning platform.

The implementation of the Code across the entire State is a major milestone for planning and development in South Australia.

All South Australians can now lodge and track development applications online, search property zoning, find an accredited professional, review development rules, make payments, submit information and track major projects and development activity across the State from the comfort of their home, office or whilst on the go using their computer or mobile.

The new planning system delivers clear and consistent planning policies across the entire State of South Australia that are easily accessible and widely available.

To lodge a development application or to access the new planning system go to www.plan.sa.gov.au.



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Step 2: Create your account



Step 3: Register your property



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