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Mid Murray Council

Newsletter

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a message from the Mayor

The 2009/10 financial year has been a very active one for Council Members and Staff. The implementation of the budget was challenging but almost all capital works were completed on time.

The problems of low river levels below Lock One were again a great concern to Council with the threat of river bank slumping. This slumping has resulted in the closure of a section of East Front Road and the Walker Flat Houseboat Pumpout Station. Council has also had to restrict access to public areas at Caloote and considerable infrastructure both public and private deemed to be at risk.

Conditions for our rural sector were generally more favourable this year with irrigators eventually receiving a 62% allocation and an almost average rainfall for dryland farmers. This was tempered however by low commodity prices which resulted in farmers doing it "pretty tough".

We were again grateful to receive the Commonwealth Infrastructure Grant with an allocation of \$180,000 enabling projects to proceed including the Skate Park at Mannum.

Development has continued to flourish with Mannum Waters finally able to begin their massive earthworks and secure considerable interest in the release of Stage One blocks. Other greenfield sites have also experienced significant growth. Council is continuing to work on the completion of the many Development Plan Amendments that are in various stages of progress. The community's input to this process is valuable and appreciated.

Council is keen to preserve its connections to the community to fulfill its role as stated in our Strategic Plan to attain a strong economy with a vibrant community while preserving our built and natural environment.

Ian R Mann, OAM
MAYOR



WORKS PROGRAM 2010/2011

Council's Works Department has a busy year ahead to carry out a comprehensive Works Program to upgrade and maintain the district's roads and infrastructure.

Major Construction Projects -

- Sealing 1 km of Peters Road, Wongulla
- Sealing Bakers Hut Road, Hundred of Younghusband
- Sealing and drainage of Church Road, Palmer
- Sealing 1 km of Mackintosh Road, Cadell
- Sealing 1.4 kms of Centenary Road, Morgan
- Sealing 3 kms of Belvedere Road, Mannum
- Sealing Gass Road, Mannum

Works Programme -

- Resealing of 5.4 kms of bitumen road
- Resheeting of 30 kms of unsealed road
- Footpath construction at Truro, Tungkillo, Swan Reach and Mannum
- Streetscape Project in Truro
- Boat ramp upgrades
- Continuing rehabilitation of Cambrai and Mannum landfill sites

Riverbank Collapse

The Riverbank Collapse Hazard is the potential for riverbanks along the River Murray between Blanchetown and Wellington to collapse suddenly. This is primarily as a consequence of extreme low river water levels, and in doing so possibly causing harm to people or damage to property or the environment.

The extraordinary conditions which have led to this spate of riverbank collapse incidents are unprecedented and will not be alleviated until the severe drought across the whole of the southern Murray-Darling Basin breaks and River Murray flows to South Australia return to near average for several years in succession. In some locations, damage to soil structure may persist even after a return in water level, hence management of riverbank collapse incidents is anticipated to continue through and beyond a pool level recovery phase.

For detailed report go to:

www.dwlbc.sa.gov.au/assets/files/rbc_phase3_report_pt1.pdf

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Cr Marie Rudloff 0412 096 888

REEDY CREEK WARD

Cr Jeff Howie (08) 8569 7221

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Nominations for Council elections will open on Tuesday 7 September 2010 and close at midday on Tuesday 21 September 2010.

The term of office will be 4 years from November 2010.

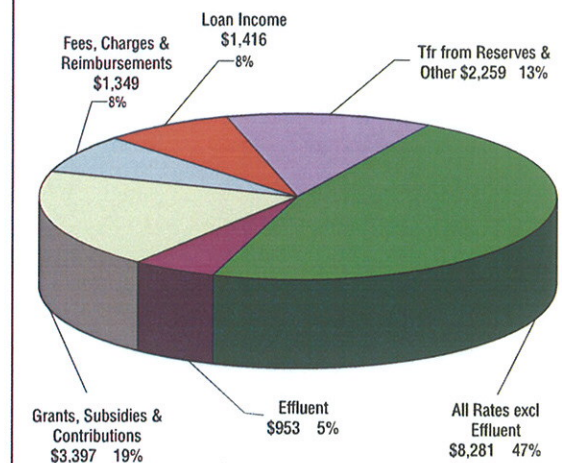
DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICY ISSUES

As mentioned last year progress is being made on Council's Development Plan Amendment (DPA) programme.

- **Mannum Township DPA** - Completed and submitted to the Minister for authorisation
- **Mannum Waters Marina and Residential Development DPA** - To be submitted to the Minister at the conclusion of public exhibition
- **River Murray Zone Minor Amendments DPA** - Draft completed and submitted to Minister for endorsement and public exhibition
- **River Murray Zone & River Settlement Minor Amendments DPA** - Completed and consolidated into Council's Development Plan
- **Township & Settlements Boundaries DPA** - To be submitted to the Minister at conclusion of public exhibition
- **Cadell Horticultural Policy Area DPA** - Commenced
- **Heritage Places DPA** - Commenced
- **Minimum Development Unit DPA** - To commence in 2010/2011

2010/2011 BUDGET

Budget Income 2010/2011
(in '000)

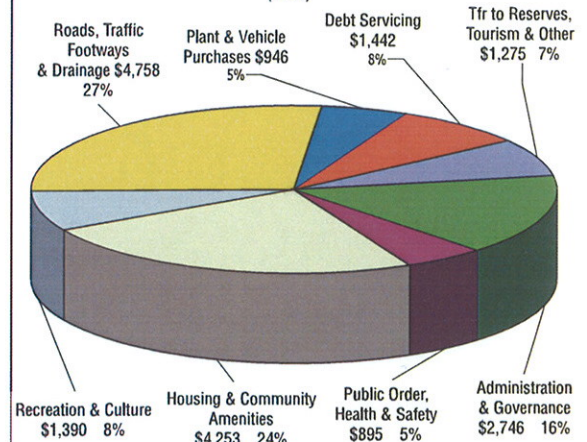


Total Budget Income includes loans received and reserves transfers is \$17,654,310

Fees, Charges & Reimbursements includes income received from Rents, Hire Fees, Private Works, Building and Planning fees

Transfers from Reserves & Others includes Transfers from Reserve Accounts, Mannum Caravan Park Income, Interest Received and Sale of Plant

Budget Expenditure 2010/2011
(in '000)



Total Budget Expenditure includes debt servicing and reserves transfers is \$17,706,625

Administration & Governance includes Information Technology, Public Liability Insurance, General Administration and Council Members' Expenses

Housing & Community Amenities includes Street Lighting, Public Conveniences, Sanitation & Garbage and Effluent Drainage Schemes

Transfers to Reserves, Tourism & Other includes Mannum Caravan Park Expenditure & Development, Tourism, Depot Upgrades, Building Control and Reserve Account Transfers

DOG REGISTRATIONS DUE 31 AUGUST

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 will apply.

Any questions 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



YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Council is increasing its focus on the needs of youth in the district and in the process is establishing Youth Advisory Committees (YAC's) throughout the area. So far YAC's have been created in Truro, Swan Reach and Mannum. YAC's are groups of young people aged 12-25 who want to have a say and make a difference to their community.

The Swan Reach YAC is looking to establish a youth drop in centre and a social after school sports and activity program.

The Truro YAC is focusing on some BMX dirt jumps in the short to medium term with a view to creating some street skate elements in the longer term.

The Mannum YAC is looking at a range of local issues including events for youth and programs associated with the skate park.

MANAGING WOODLAND COMMUNITIES

Under the Woodlands Bushbids Program managed by the South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board, a total of 6799 hectares of private land was placed under conservation land management contracts by landholders within the Murray Plains and Rangelands.

Woodland BushBids five year contracts will improve the condition of threatened native vegetation including Black Oak and Peppermint Box grassy woodlands and remnant Mallee vegetation, along with habitat for woodland birds and the Southern Hairy Nosed Wombat.

SKATE PARKS

Skate Parks continue to be popular with youth throughout the region.

Council has purchased a 'Mobile Fun Box' to travel throughout the district on a roster basis. The Fun Box is built on a large trailer and will be placed in towns throughout the Mid Murray area for the enjoyment of youth.

The Mannum Skate Park has been designed in consultation with young people and Council hopes to open it before Christmas 2010.

YOUTH BUS

Council is leading the way to create a fun and funky 'Youth Bus' with partners from throughout the Murraylands. In what is thought to be a first for South Australia, a large passenger service bus will be converted to a mobile youth centre packed full of computers, large screen TV's, computer games, sound equipment, sport and recreation activities, chill out spaces and much more. The bus will roll into towns near YOUth and provide a fun place for young people to hang out and access services, programs and activities.

This exciting regional project has the support of many different Councils, Government and non-Government agencies. Support is also being sought from funding organisations through grants. Service Clubs, community groups and local businesses are also being encouraged to 'get on board' the project and help make it happen.

RURAL ADDRESSING

Rural Property Addressing is a joint State and Local Government initiative aimed to provide all occupied rural properties in South Australia - home and businesses - with a nationally consistent numbered address.

This initiative will provide a distance-based road number (based on the national standard) for the road access point to occupied properties that will assist emergency services and other service providers to find homes and businesses in regional South Australia with certainty, quickly and easily.

For detailed report go to:

www.landservices.sa.gov.au/1Online_Services/56Rural_Property_Addresssing/

Just a Reminder — PLUMBING INSPECTIONS

You need to contact the Environmental Health Officer at least one business day prior to work being undertaken for underfloor inspections, connections to STED/sewer schemes or installation of septic tank and aerobic systems. Phone the Cambrai office on 8564 6020.

DRUMMUSTER

Rinse 'em out, Round 'em up and Run 'em in

DrumMuster is the national collection program for farm chemical and farm animal health containers that have a DrumMuster logo on them. Collection is free.

Cadell Transfer Station

Monday 20 September 2010
11.30am to 2.00pm

Truro Transfer Station

Tuesday 21 September 2010
8.00am to 11.00am

Cambrai Waste Depot

Tuesday 21 September 2010
12.30pm to 4.00pm

Swan Reach Transfer Station

Wednesday 22 September 2010
8.30am to 11.30am

Bowhill Transfer Station

Wednesday 22 September 2010
1.00pm to 4.00pm

Mannum Waste Depot

Thursday 23 September 2010
8.00am to 12noon

For further details contact Council's Manager, Health Services, Caroline Thomas on 8564 6020.

GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS

Truro Stormwater Management Plan

Part funded by the SA Murray-Darling Basin NRM Board and the Stormwater Management Authority, a detailed Stormwater Management Plan for the Truro township has been completed. The Stormwater Management Plan will form the basis for on-ground works to address recognised stormwater management deficiencies.

Pioneer Park – Truro

Grant funds obtained from the Department of Planning & Local Government have enabled works to commence on the development of Pioneer Park in Moorundie Street, Truro. It is anticipated funding for Stage Two will see completion of the project during 2010/2011.

Bolto Reserve – Mannum

Grant funds obtained from the Department of Planning & Local Government have resulted in an upgrade of Bolto Reserve at Mannum.

Integrated Water Management Plans

Council has recently been successful in obtaining funding from the Federal Government's Strengthening Basin Communities Program for the following projects:-

- The preparation of Integrated Water Management Plans (IWMP) for Blanchetown, Cadell, Morgan, Swan Reach and Mannum
- Preparation of a River Murray Zone Development Plan Amendment
- The development of an Integrated Water Management Development Plan Policy Module

IMMUNISATION CLINICS

Council continues to provide free vaccinations as part of the childhood and school immunisation program. Council holds clinics at the following locations every 3rd Tuesday of the month except December.

Location	Time
Cambrai Council Office	9:00 – 9:30 am
Swan Reach Area School Library	10:30 – 11:00 am
Blanchetown Medical Centre	12:00 – 12:30 pm
Morgan Medical Centre	2:00 – 2:30 pm
Truro Primary School	By appointment only

For information and bookings please contact the Cambrai office on 8564 6020.

Clinics are also held at the Mannum Medical Centre every 1st Wednesday of the month except January and bookings are essential. Bookings can be made by contacting Council's Mannum office on 8569 0100.

DISABLED ACCESS INCENTIVE SCHEME

Council has again endorsed a scheme that provides grants of up to \$500 to assist the private sector in improving access for people with disabilities.

The scheme is an example of Council's commitment to its Disability Access Action Plan which endorses the principle of equal access.

Information on the grants can be obtained by contacting Council's Director, Development & Environmental Services, Kelvin Goldstone at the Cambrai office on 8564 6020.



MUSEUM ENTRANCE VOUCHER FOR ONE (1) ADULT

Mannum Dock Museum of River History

*in appreciation of the support of the Mid
Murray community, is offering free admission to the
Museum, including inspection of PS Marion
on presentation of this voucher.*

Please present this voucher at the admission sales point for the Museum at 6 Randell Street, Mannum.

Museum opening times

Monday to Friday 9.00 am to 4.30 pm
Saturday & Sunday 10.00 am to 3.30 pm
Phone (08) 8569 1303

Valid to 30/6/11