

**MEDIA RELEASE**

# **NOMINATE NOW TO BE THE VOICE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY AS A MEMBER OF MID MURRAY COUNCIL**

Are you passionate about your community? Nominate now for the upcoming Local Government elections and you could make a difference for your area.

The Mid Murray Council is encouraging people to consider nominating for Council when nominations open on Tuesday, 23 August 2022 and close at 12pm on Tuesday, 6 September 2022.

Positions available include the role of Mayor, four Councillors in the Shearer Ward, two in the Murray Ward and two in the Eyre Ward.

Mid Murray Council Chief Executive Officer Ben Scales says serving on Council is an effective and rewarding way to contribute to creating a positive future for the district.

“Elected Members make a significant contribution to the Mid Murray community by creating the strategy and vision that guides the continued development and prosperity of our district, as well as through determining priority Council projects and initiatives, and setting the future focus through developing policies and guiding plans,” Mr Scales says.

“They are instrumental in representing the wider Mid Murray community and being a voice to advocate for and support all areas of our district.

“Local Government is the closest tier of government to the community and our decisions impact on the daily lives of everyone in our area, so having strong representation is critical to ensuring that all areas of the Mid Murray are represented and included in our decision-making.

“Serving as an Elected Member is an incredibly rewarding opportunity for people who are community-minded, who want to make a real difference to lives locally and who enjoy working as a team for the benefit of our district as a whole.

“The Mid Murray is a diverse region and we encourage people of all ages, genders, backgrounds and experience levels to consider nominating to ensure there’s a wide range of voices and representation on Council into the future.

“It’s also important for people to remember that Council’s ward boundaries have changed since the last election – so if you’re thinking of nominating, check our website to find the most up to date information about our wards.”

People interested in nominating for Council can learn more about the process and responsibilities of Elected Members at a briefing session for candidates, with three to be held across the district.

**Candidate briefing sessions will be held at:**

- **Mannum Leisure Centre (Stadium), 49 Adelaide Road, Mannum:** Monday, 15 August 2022, 6:30pm to 8:30pm
- **Cambrai Council Chambers, Main Street, Cambrai:** Tuesday, 16 August 2022, 6:30pm to 8:30pm

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- **Morgan Activity Centre, 7 Third Street, Morgan:** Thursday, 18 August 2022, 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Voting in the Local Government elections is voluntary and is conducted by postal vote. Voting material will be mailed to eligible, enrolled voters from 14-20 October 2022, with the close of voting at 5pm on Thursday, 10 November.

Find more details on Council's wards, including boundary maps, here: [www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/council/council-wards](http://www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/council/council-wards).

For updates and further information about the local government elections, visit [www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/council/Elections](http://www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/council/Elections).

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