

**MEDIA RELEASE**

# **VOTE NOW TO CHOOSE YOUR LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES ON MID MURRAY COUNCIL**

Mid Murray residents, property owners and business owners are being urged to have their say in choosing Elected Members to guide the district's future over the next four years.

Voting will soon get under way in the SA Local Government elections and, while it's not compulsory, the Mid Murray Council is encouraging locals to take part.

Voters will decide who will become Mid Murray's Mayor, as well as determining who will fill four Ward Councillor seats – two in the Murray Ward and two in the Eyre Ward. Four Elected Members have already been elected unopposed into the Shearer Ward. They are Kelly Gladigau, Victoria Hammond, Kirsty MacGregor and Mandy Toczec McPeake.

Voting packs will be mailed to eligible, enrolled voters between Friday, 14 October and Thursday, 20 October 2022. Voting closes at 5pm on Thursday, 10 November 2022, with the count to be held from 9am on Saturday, 12 November 2022.

Mid Murray Council Chief Executive Officer Ben Scales says voting is an effective way to ensure communities across the district are given a voice in Council's important future decision-making processes.

"We encourage everyone who is eligible and enrolled to vote to do so – it's an easy way to make a meaningful contribution to deciding who will lead and guide the district over the next four years," Mr Scales says.

"Importantly, you don't have to live in the district to vote, as long as you meet other criteria such as owning a property or business in the district.

"Council delivers many important services from maintaining our roads and vital community infrastructure, to running programs and initiatives that create connected communities, grow our economy, support our environment, or assist those in need.

"Over the past term, Council has achieved much it can be proud of such as implementing our first Reconciliation Action Plan, supporting the establishment of the River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve, and securing millions of dollars in grant funding to deliver major road, recreation and tourism infrastructure projects.

"Our Elected Members play a vital role in determining Council's priorities for the future, so it's essential the community has a say to help decide who will represent them and effectively bring their views and needs to the table."

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

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