

MID MURRAY COUNCIL



May 2015

A Message from the Mayor

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The Mid Murray Council, together with most other Councils in the State, continues to push for the reinstatement of Pensioner Concession funding from both the Federal and State Governments. We believe that this is unfair, especially for the most vulnerable in our community. We are doing our best to try to have this re-instated.

Once again there are many projects and services throughout our towns in the Mid Murray Council area that we are progressing or have been completed. Some of these include the following :-

- Consultation and production of a Strategic Bicycle Plan for the Council area. This will help us to have a coordinated bike and walking path plan, so that we can apply for funding and stage the construction of these paths over the coming years.
- The Rockleigh School Building Restoration Project is progressing well and thanks go to the Mt Pleasant Mens' shed group and the local community for undertaking this work.
- An information session was held at Palmer on 2 February 2015 for interested persons regarding the Palmer Wind Farm development application process and information has been made available at the Council offices 2 weeks prior to the public notification of this development.
- We were pleased to host the Summer Fun for Kids school holiday project and a total of 696 participants enjoyed this.
- The Country Fire Service has advised that funding has been allocated in 2015/16 for the construction of the new Fire Station at Rockleigh.
- A contribution of \$11,500 has been included in the draft 2015/16 budget for the tennis court lighting upgrade undertaken by the Nildottie Tennis Club.
- Our appreciation goes to the Nildottie Progress Association and local community for the construction and installation of the John Gregory Memorial Playground with Council assistance and the official opening held on 3 May 2015.
- We were pleased to assist with the Keyneton Heritage Trail which was launched on 19 April 2015.
- An application has been submitted to Fund My Community to attract funding to address identified early childhood issues within the Mid Murray Council area.
- The repair of the Mannum Wharf has commenced and will be completed shortly at a cost of \$298,000 (with \$70,000 received from the State Government).

We have continued to highlight the importance of the ferry services throughout the Murray River to businesses, emergency services, community and tourism and the need for funding in the 2015/16 State Government budget for three additional new ferries to replace the remaining three timber hulled ferries. We are also continuing to advocate for the Cadell ferry to be replaced by one of the new steel hulled ferries.

We also continue to work with the Kapunda and Eudunda Medical Practice regarding their availability to provide additional General Practitioner services for Morgan and Cadell and we are meeting with representatives from Country Health SA in May to discuss community health nurse services provided by them to Morgan and Cadell.



A Message from the Mayor Cont'd

We allocated \$100,000 in 2014/15 to undertake building maintenance works on Collier Park Pavilion, Walker Flat Hall, Cadell Sporting Ground Clubroom, Sedan Hall and some toilets. We are trying to complete these by 30 June. We have included in the draft 2015/16 budget funding for the maintenance of the Keyneton Soldiers Memorial Institute Hall, Morgan Medical Centre, Blanchetown Golf Club Clubrooms, Cambrai Hall and Wall Flat Hall.

Some other projects that we have progressed or have completed are the following :-

- The Truro Community Wastewater Management Scheme.
- An interest free loan of \$50,000 to the Mannum Golf Club to assist with their infrastructure initiatives and a \$5,000 interest free loan to the Swan Reach Golf Club to assist with the purchase of solar power for their Clubhouse.
- The new Roadside Native Vegetation Management Plan for Council has been endorsed by the Native Vegetation Council.
- Closed circuit television in Mannum will be operational shortly after documentation, training and installation of CCTV signage has been completed.
- The State Recovery Office will work with Council to prepare a Recovery Plan in the event of a disaster.
- We are obtaining information on the capital cost for the installation of solar panels on Council buildings and properties and the estimated pay back period to ameliorate the capital cost.
- We continue to work with the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure and the Rural City of Murray Bridge to have new signage installed from the South Eastern Freeway to Mannum.
- We are seeking to open the currently closed section of East Front Road for walking, bike riding and horse riding.
- A survey will be sent to residents of Cadell regarding camping at Graeme Claxton Reserve and Hog Wash Bend and responses will then be considered by Council regarding various options for camping at these locations.

My thanks also go to the organisers of the Mannum Hot Rod Show, Cadell Harvest Festival, Floatfest 2015, the Swan Reach Country Music Festival, the Morgan Living River Festival, True Grit at Cadell and the 100 year anniversary of laying the foundation stone for the construction of Lock 1 at Blanchetown. Well done to all those involved with Mid Murray Family Connections, which received a Highly Commended Award for the Community Partnerships and Collaboration category at the Local Government Performance Awards recently.

We are conscious of trying to keep our rates as low as possible, whilst providing a wide variety of services and projects for all of our towns throughout the Council area. Thank you especially to our many volunteers who help us in providing so much for our communities.

Mayor Dave Burgess



Commonwealth & State Government to Stop Pensioner Concessions

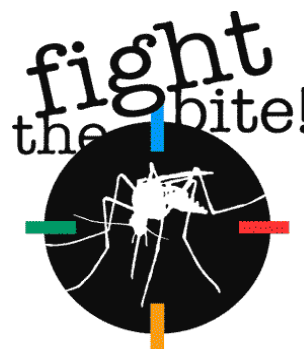
As you may be aware, following Federal cuts to a National Partnership Agreement which reduced financial support to a range of concessions, the SA Government announced it will pass on that cut and a further \$4.7m by entirely abolishing concessions on Council rates from 1 July 2015.

Mid Murray Council, along with other Councils throughout the State, are lobbying to retain and index State Government concessions on Council Rates.

The discontinuation of the concession will result in 1,240 concession holders in the Mid Murray Council being affected with a removal of \$237,719 in financial assistance. The concessions provided are on Council rates, effluent disposal and water services.

Council is opposed to the Federal cut and is also opposing the State Government's decision to abolish concessions on Council rates.

Fight the Bite & Stop the Spread



It's mosquito season so it's time to cover up and fight the bite of mosquitoes. We all know mosquitoes can be a nuisance, but some can spread serious diseases when they bite and there is currently NO CURE and NO VACCINE for mosquito-borne disease. The only way to protect yourself and your

family is to avoid being bitten. Cover up wearing long sleeved light coloured clothing, use a DEET based insect repellent and use mosquito coils when outside. Around your home fix up your flyscreen and remove stagnant pools of water – it's the perfect place for mosquitoes to breed. Fight the Bite!



Council now has free ongoing DrumMuster collection points located at the Cambrai Landfill site and the Mannum, Swan Reach and Cadell Transfer Stations. Up to 100 drums can be deposited during opening hours at any one of these sites. If you have more than 100 drums, contact the Cambrai Office on 8564 6020 to make a booking.

Keep Our Community Safe

Mid Murray Suicide Prevention Network

The Mid Murray Suicide Prevention Network, supported by Mid Murray Council, invites the community to attend a free community event - "Keep Our Community Safe". This event aims to raise awareness of and break down the stigma associated with suicide plus provide information on support available. Speakers will share their experience and stories of the people who support families and communities bereaved by suicide.

This event will be held in several locations across the Mid Murray region. Details are listed below -

Sedan Park	14 May 2015, 6-8pm
Morgan Institute	21 May 2015, 6-8pm
Truro Oval Complex	28 May 2015, 6-8pm
Mannum Community Hub	4 June 2015, 6-8pm

Registrations are essential - contact the Mannum Council Office on 8569 0100 or email postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au.

My Local Services App

The Mid Murray Council has implemented the **My Local Services App**. This is a great way to contact Council, receive reminders for bin collection days, find nearby parks, libraries, events, report issues and more.

Latest statistics indicate two thirds of Australia's population use a smart phone, therefore being involved in the My Local Services App is part of Mid Murray Council improving our customer service delivery on a mobile platform.

Over 35 Councils in South Australia have implemented the App, which has been the brainchild of the Local Government Association.

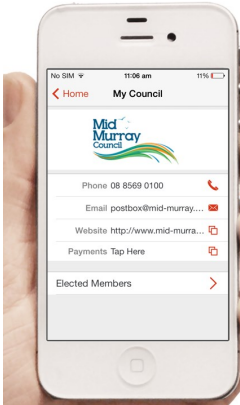
Please download this useful App, and encourage your neighbours, family and friends to do so too!




Search 'My Local Services' in the App store on an iPhone, or in Google Play on an Android.

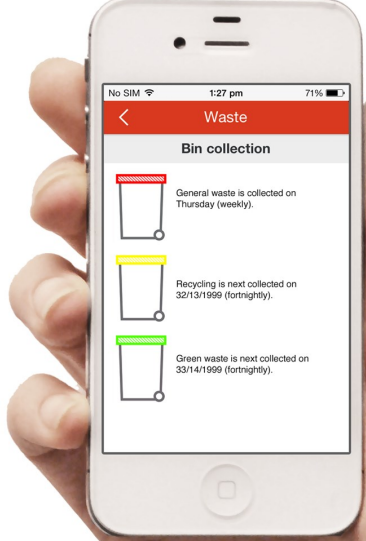
Further information can be found online at www.lga.sa.gov.au/mylocal



My Local Services

Mid Murray Council



-  Contact your Council and members.
-  Find your bin collection days and receive reminders.
-  Find events in your local Council area or state-wide.





Free Immunisation for Under 5 Year Olds

Did you know that Council runs a free monthly immunisation clinic in the Mannum, Cambrai, Swan Reach, Blanchetown, Morgan and Truro townships? Council provides the Childhood Immunisation program for 0 to 5 year olds making it easier for all parents to access this free health initiative. There are no booking fees making the clinics free for all users. Want further information? Contact the Cambrai Office on 8564 6020.

Food Safety Training - Do You Need an Update?

Do you need to update your skills in food safety? Or maybe you just need a refresher? Mid Murray Council, in conjunction with TAFE SA, are running free food safety courses at Swan Reach and Morgan in 2015 so contact the Cambrai Council Office for more detail. If you can't make these sessions, jump on the Council website and undertake the free 'I'm Alert' Food Safety online training. Once completed, you receive a certificate for your records. If you need more information about any of the training please contact the Cambrai Office on 8564 6020.

Community Grants

Council is pleased to offer a range of Community Grants to provide support to develop, grow and implement a range of exciting new initiatives at a local level. The grants include:

Small Community Grants Program

(Applications close 31 January & 31 July each year) - up to \$500 in line with the existing grants program.

Community Projects & Events Grants

(Applications close 31 March & 30 September each year) - up to \$2,000, will allow community groups to work with Elected Members and Council to develop and deliver important projects and events in the district.

Individual Youth Sport & Cultural Grants

(Applications ongoing) - up to \$400 to support individual achievements of young people selected to represent their State in national or international sporting or cultural pursuits.

For more grant information contact Shane Thompson on 8569 0100 or visit www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au

Draft Annual Business Plan & Budget for 2015-16

The Council has prepared a draft Annual Business Plan and Budget for the 2015/2016 financial year which sets out the works and projects that the Council proposes to undertake during the coming financial year. The public is welcome to view this document at the Council Offices at Cambrai, Mannum and Morgan during normal office hours or to view the document on Council's website, www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au

Written submissions are invited on the draft Annual Business Plan and Budget and will be received by the Chief Executive Officer, Mid Murray Council, PO Box 28, Mannum SA 5238 or via the feedback form on Council's website or email to; postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au until 5pm Tuesday 9 June 2015. Persons should indicate whether they wish to speak in support of their written submission prior to 5pm Monday 8 June 2015.

The Council will also provide the opportunity for the public to attend a meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday 9 June 2015 in the Council Chambers, Main Street, Cambrai, between 9-30am and 10-30am for the purpose of asking questions and making a verbal submission or speaking in support of their written submission on the draft Annual Business Plan and Budget.

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