

## Mid Murray Council

# Newsletter

### A Message from the Mayor

I am always conscious of trying to balance the range of works needed to maintain or upgrade our roads, boat ramps, storm water drainage, buildings, provide important services like our parks and libraries and what our rate increase is to meet these costs. In preparing our 2017/18 Budget, we were mindful of the withdrawal of State and Federal funding from some services (OPAL and Community Passenger Networks), additional responsibilities imposed by the State Government (Litter and Nuisance Act, Dog and Cat Management Act and Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act). Therefore, Council has set a rate which requires an increase in general rates to the average ratepayer of 3.5% (or \$50 per annum).

Some of the works and services proposed in the 2017/18 Budget are kerbs and footpaths (\$325,000), roads (\$5.6M), stormwater management (\$133,000), repair of the Morgan Institute (\$120,000) and marine facilities (Morgan, Cadell boat ramp and Mannum houseboat mooring and floating pontoon) (\$671,300).

Some projects and services we have undertaken over the last few months are as follows:-

- Working with Mid Murray Landcare to progress the Dark Sky Accreditation near Cambrai and Sedan.
- Adoption of the Council's Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan and Mary Ann Reserve Master Plan, excluding the RSL Concept.
- Approval from the State Government for the abolition of the Proclaimed Shopping Districts for Mannum and Morgan which will ensure shops are operating legally within the hours required by legislation.
- Approval of a Select Tender process to enable the upgrade and repair of the Morgan wharf.
- Working closely with the Lyon Group and Downer in relation to the Morgan Solar and Battery Farm (\$1 Billion development). The Council and the Lyon Group jointly hosted two Community Information Sessions on 29 May 2017, which were well attended by the community.
- Still awaiting advice on Council's submission for the State Gas Fired Power Station to be located at Tepko, near Mannum.

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- Working with SA Water in relation to the significant upgrade of the Morgan Water Treatment Plant which is expected to commence later in 2017.
- New Optus Mobile Phone Base Station at Blanchetown and a Telstra 4G Low Impact Facility at the Blanchetown Telstra Exchange.

I would like to congratulate the Mannum Health Advisory Council and all of the community organisations and businesses that contributed towards the Mannum helipad. The helipad was officially opened by the State Minister for Regional Development on 12 May 2017 and is a valued facility for Mannum and surrounds.

In addition, my thanks goes to the Mannum Progress Association and Mannum Lions Club in progressing and constructing the Mannum Entrance Statement which was officially opened on 25 June 2017. We are awaiting the outcome of funding applications lodged for a mooring facility/wharf at Swan Reach, the rebuilding at Hermanns Landing at Nildottie, the 2018 All Steamed Up Festival in Mannum (including the official launch of the only working replica of Australia's First Steam Car built by the Shearer brothers of Mannum), Destination Mid Murray – Identity Building Project (58 Regional Entrance Statements and 10 Entry Signs in 12 towns) and applications under the Federal Bridges Renewal Program for the Eudunda and Milendella bridges.

Thank you again to all of the many volunteers and community organisations that assist us throughout the Council area.



*Mayor Dave Burgess*



### Mosquitoes

Remember to cover up and Fight the Bite! Council is continually monitoring mosquito numbers and treating breeding sites to control the numbers but we still need your help! Remember to cover up with loose fitting clothes, use a DEET or Picaridin based insect repellent, ensure that fly screens are in good condition and that all still water is removed from around your home. For more information check out the "Fight the Bite" website or contact Council.



### Free Immunisation Clinics

Council provides a free monthly immunisation service to vaccinate children aged 5 and under against numerous childhood diseases.

The clinics are held at the following locations:-

**Mannum** – First Wednesday of each month commencing 9:30am at the Mannum Medical Centre. Appointments are required and can be booked through the Medical Centre on 8569 0222.

**Cambrai, Swan Reach, Blanchetown, Morgan, Truro** (by appointment) – Third Tuesday of each month. For further information please contact the Cambrai office on 8564 6020.

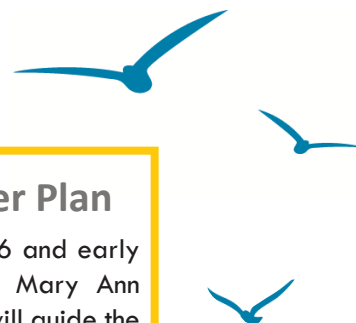
For any further information about Council's immunisation service please view the Mid Murray Council website under Public Health or contact Council on 8564 6020.





## Mary Ann Reserve Master Plan

Following extensive consultation in 2016 and early 2017, Council recently endorsed the Mary Ann Reserve Master Plan. This Master Plan will guide the future development of the Reserve and allows for reclamation of the riverbank, improved carparking, a more user-friendly trailer parking area, improved entrance spaces and the development of new playgrounds. Further consultation about replacement public toilets, as well as a potential idea of the RSL being situated in the Reserve, will occur with the broader community in coming months.



## Southern Areas Heritage Development Plan Amendment

Council has recently received permission from the South Australian Planning Minister, the Hon John Rau, that Council can proceed with public consultation on this proposed amendment to Council's Development Plan. This will involve additional guidelines to protect and enhance heritage places, and will also introduce a list of 'Local Heritage Places'. Consultation will occur over a 2 month period in August/September, and will be well advertised. It should be noted that investigations into heritage matters in the northern half of the Council will commence within the next 12 months.

## Building Notifications and Inspections - Important Information

Council is actively undertaking inspections of building work to improve the standard of construction work within the Council area. As an "owner builder" or "builder" it is your responsibility to notify Council at least one business day prior to the intended completion of a relevant stage. Council encourages you to read your Development Approval decision notification form as this will specify the inspection stages required to be notified to Council.

To assist in making notifying easier a building inspection notification form is available on Council's website. For any further information about building inspection notifications please contact Council on 8564 6020.

## River Murray Zone Development Plan Policy Changes

An amendment to Council's Development Plan was recently approved by the State Government. This change allows for residential development at the southern end of Rob Loxton Road, Walker Flat; rezoning of some allotments at the northern (town end) of Marks Landing, Swan Reach, to allow for residential development and rezoning in the Younghusband area to allow for more recreational and tourism activities.



## Mid Murray Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan

This Plan has recently been endorsed by Council and is available for the community to view on Council's website under the Development menu tab. Alternatively, a hard copy can be obtained through visiting a Council office or through phoning the Cambrai office of Council on 8564 6020. This Plan sets out a plan for future open space, recreation and public realm projects within the Council area. Maps are also provided to assist in interpreting where projects will be located. Commencing later in 2017, consultation will occur between Council and local communities to determine priority projects and to start planning for on-ground works.



## Dog Registrations Now Due

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 for dog renewals must be received by 31 August or an additional late payment fee of \$10.00 will apply.

Any information 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.

## Home Energy Costs and Usage

Want to save more on your energy costs?

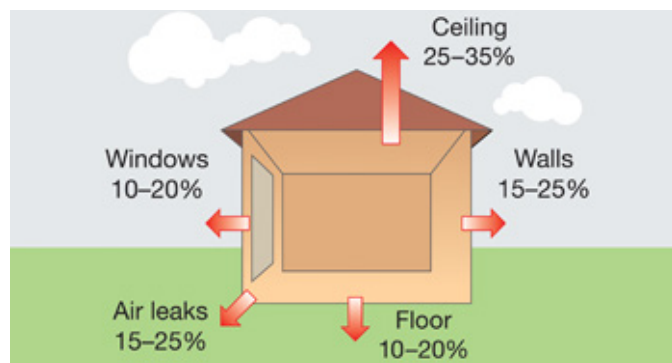
Heating and cooling can account for about 40% of your energy use. The typical South Australian home uses more energy for heating than cooling. Heating your home efficiently can help save on heating costs.

Council can help you. We have signed up to the Energy Partners Program which provides resources and education on how you can save money on household energy costs.

Mid Murray Council Libraries have a Home Energy Toolkit that can be borrowed free of charge for you to undertake your home energy audit.

Mid Murray Libraries are located at Blanchetown, Cambrai, Mannum, Morgan and Swan Reach.

Please visit Council's website for more information.



*In winter, up to 60% of your heating could be lost through your ceilings and walls if you don't have insulation.*



*Have you ever considered how everyday life is improved by the many services councils provide?*

Are you a dog lover? Next time you walk your furry friend take a moment to think about some of the council services that make the experience a whole lot more enjoyable - footpaths, street crossings, walking trails, dog parks, and even special bags for Rover's business!

As well as providing special dog-off-leash parks, South Australian councils manage hundreds of local parks and playgrounds, and maintain thousands of kilometers of walking trails. In 2014/15 SA councils invested approximately \$171 million (9% of their combined annual budget) in public parks and gardens, and \$341 million (17% of their combined budget) on maintaining and renewing roads, footpaths and kerbing.

Councils also offer programs to encourage responsible pet ownership, including microchipping days.

Pet registration enables us to quickly identify lost animals and reunite them with their owners. Last year SA councils returned over 8,000 animals to relieved families.

For more information go to our website or follow us on social media.

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- of your -  
EVERY  
DAY.*

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