



COMMUNITY DISTRICT ACTION PLAN

MANNUM & SURROUNDS

The Community District Action Plan is a collaboration of projects focusing on priorities for individual townships to provide specific direction and to identify opportunities for future implementation.

This collaboration is also about the partnership approach between Council and the Community to work together to implement "Our Plan" to achieve a greater outcome for sustainability, growth and prosperity in all our townships.

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Mannum is the largest town in the Mid Murray Council area with 2,537 residents in 2021 (based on Australian Bureau of Statistics data). In addition, there were 289 unoccupied dwellings on Census night which could represent a further 700 or more people. Mannum is a functioning town with a range of age groups, businesses and interests. The community places a strong focus on sport and recreation and the town provides quality sport and recreation facilities and spaces including a large sports ground, an indoor leisure centre and developed and natural riverfront open spaces.

Mannum is located on the Murray River and provides unique riverfront settings including Mary Ann Reserve and Arnold Park. Large river boats and houseboats can moor in the centre of the town and the riverfront provides opportunities for a range of water based activities (boating, skiing, wakeboarding, jet skis, rowing, canoeing, swimming, fishing etc). The main street of Mannum incorporates a number of heritage buildings and features including the Mannum Dock Museum. Whilst the main street faces away from the river there is a move towards better connecting the main street and the town to the river (visually and physically). A new development at Mannum Waters provides another opportunity to connect residents and visitors to the river, including through a quality boat ramp and houseboat moorings. Mannum and the surrounds is also a key location for the Murray Coorong Trail, which is likely to draw visitors to the District.

The other localities in the District include Younghusband, Bowhill and Purnong to the north and Ponde and Wall Flat to the south. These localities all connect to the Murray River and tend to attract temporary residents and holiday makers interested in water sports and activities. They include shack areas and holiday houses as well as some permanent residences. The other localities reinforce the river and water activity character of the District.

The District has a strong visitor and tourism focus and the town of Mannum is also an important regional centre and event opportunity for permanent residents and visitors across the Mid Murray Council area. The District covers an area of 878 km².

Our Project Register

The Mid Murray Council Community Plan committed to establishing and maintaining a Project Register to manage and drive internal and external organisational projects. Regular consultation with the Community through project specific forums, feedback & meetings will maintain this register and indicate any gaps that need to be addressed. It will also allow a better understanding of project roles and responsibilities, eg, if it is a Council or Community run venture.

Top Priority Projects for 2023

Project	Town
No priority projects lodged	Mannum
No priority projects lodged	Younghusband
Bowhill Riverfront Remediation	Bowhill
Community Postal Agency Service Restoration	Bowhill
Storage Shed	Purnong
Adventure Playground	Caurnamont
No priority projects lodged	Pompoota
No priority projects lodged	Zadows Landing
No priority projects lodged	Caloote

Other Projects

Project	Township
Teal Flat Causeway Widening	Teal Flat
Open Space Entry & Welcome Signage Proposal	Council Wide



Caurnamont Ferry Reserve Shelter and BBQ

Funded Projects

Project	Township
Mannum Southern Catchment Stormwater Upgrade (Ramm Road)	Mannum
Asset Management Plan Valuations	Various
Road Sealed Programs	Various
Unsealed Road Programs	Various
Review of Council’s Strategic Plan	Council Wide
Implementation of Council’s Reconciliation Plan	Council Wide
Mid Murray Council Growth Strategy	Council Wide
Implementation of the Astro Tourism Strategy for the River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve	Younghusband, Bowhill Purnong, Caurnamont
Mannum Murray River Heritage Tourism Project	Mannum
Mannum Waters Boat Ramp	Mannum
Golf Club Kitchen Facilities Upgrade	Mannum

Potential Open Space Projects

Mannum

Topic	Opportunity	Priority	Potential Projects
Murray River and Riverfronts	<p>Create Mary Ann Reserve as a major riverfront destination using the Mary Ann Reserve Master Plan to guide improvements. In doing so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade of the old Toilet Facilities • Establish unique and innovative play opportunities • Improve boat ramp and mooring facilities • Maintain natural spaces for fishing and recreation use of the river • Undertake riverbank erosion management • Continue to support rowing and other compatible water sports at the site (including potential shared-use of the building) • Improve physical and visual connections between the main street and the riverfront 	High	1

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Sports Grounds	Support improvements to the Mannum Sport and Showground Complex including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oval lighting upgrade Clubroom Facility modernisation Oval irrigation upgrade (efficient, controls) 	Medium	2
Recreation & Sports Facilities	Undertake improvements to the Mannum Leisure Centre including a redesign of the centre and possible expansion over time subject to cost and feasibility. A design concept that aims to improve building flexibility and quality should be developed.	Medium	3
Town Parks	Review the design, and Town Park function and profile of Arnold Park and the adjoining Mannum Dock Museum (including improved visual and physical connections).	Medium	4
Trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to plan for and achieve the Murray Coorong Trail in partnership with adjoining river Councils to support active and healthy lifestyles. Investigate the potential for a riverfront walk and viewing areas along the river (ideally from Mary Ann Reserve to the caravan park). This could be a longer term initiative that is subject to feasibility assessment, grant funding and support from land owners. Create a network of trails and pathways around the town and linked to the riverfront, the oval, key facilities and Mannum Waters to support safe, accessible and enjoyable opportunities for walking and bike riding. 	High	6
		Low	
		Low	
Main Streets	Undertake improvements to the main street and other streetscapes including tree planting, lighting, seating, art work and interpretation. This includes promoting the heritage of the town through the streetscapes and heritage promotion (trails, interpretation).	High	5
Natural Areas and Settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider opportunities for enhancing the appeal and usability of Mannum Waterfalls, whilst maintaining the unique natural environment. A concept plan should be developed for the site in consultation with community groups including Aboriginal representatives. Protect and maintain Hermann Gass Reserve, whilst allowing walkers to continue to use the reserve. This includes improving access to the reserve from the caravan park and managing use of the site. Maintain and strengthen the natural character of Haythorpe Reserve and Bolto Reserve. 	High	7
		High	
		Medium	
Heritage	Enhance and promote heritage facilities and features including the Mannum Dock Museum.	High	8
Entry Statements & Signage	Create unique entry statements at the main entry points through signage, art work and landscapes. In addition, enhance directional and promotional signage and interpretation around the town.	Medium	9
Tourism	Design and manage Haythorpe Reserve and Bolto Reserve to better support visitors and river activities whilst protecting and strengthening the natural landscape. This includes improving amenities and investigating opportunities to extend the reserves and camping areas.	Low	10

Other Opportunities

Other potential opportunities are listed below for future consideration.

Township or Area	Potential Projects and Actions
Bowhill	Improve Bowhill riverfront area including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defined grassed recreation area • Picnic settings and tracks • Improved mooring space • Trimming of willow trees
Purnong	Undertake improvements to the riverfront reserve near the boat ramp including tree planting for shade and picnic settings. Maintain the boat ramp
Younghusband	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake riverbank erosion management • Undertake improvements to the riverfront with a strong focus on maintaining and strengthening the natural environment (which may include removal of reeds in some areas). • Improve pathways around the township
Other Boating Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain boating facilities and river access around the river area south of Mannum • Assist with improvements to Noa Noa Landing (north east of Mannum) including toilet facilities, boat ramp, bins and small parking area.
Natural Areas	Create a nature based recreation destination at Mannum Waterfalls following the development of a concept plan and in consultation with the community and interest groups. The reserve could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking and bike tracks (defined to avoid and protect natural vegetation and Aboriginal sites) • Mountain bike areas • Other outdoor and adventure opportunities (rock climbing) • Picnic settings and amenities
Riverfront Landscapes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake a tree planting program along the riverfront (as part of planning for future river red gum replacement) focussing on the main towns, camping areas and destinations. • Consider opportunities for kayak mooring and entry points along the riverfronts (including improvements to existing landing points).

Completed Projects

Project	Township
Solar Panels on Hall	Wall Flat
Painting of existing Shed	Younghusband
Sted Extension	Younghusband
Sewerage Holding Tank for Younghusband Hall	Younghusband
WAB Indigenous Garden	Bowhill
Roof over Rubbish Compound	Caloote
Ferry Reserve Shelter & BBQ	Caurnamont
Zadows Landing Beautification	Zadows Landing
Cabin Reinstallation at Caravan Park	Mannum

Completed Projects - Council & Community

Project	Township
Pump Installation for watering Mannum Oval during flood	Mannum
Purnong Road Access Track repair	Purnong
Victoria Street Repair	Mannum
Adelaide Road Repair	Mannum
Mannum Township Reseals	Mannum
Randell Street Bollard Removal & Paving Installation	Mannum
Footpath Repairs/Replacement	Mannum
Mannum Dock Shed underground stormwater drainage	Mannum
DDA Carpark inclusion at Crawford Crescent Lookout	Mannum
Mary Ann Reserve Remediation Works	Mannum
Mary Ann Reserve Playground Upgrade	Mannum
Mary Ann Reserve Toilet Upgrade	Mannum
Cemetery Fence & Gate Replacement	Bowhill
Indigenous Garden at WAP Reserve	Bowhill
Mannum Entrance Statement	Mannum
Wall Flat Historical Signage	Wall Flat
Tree Inspection	Zadows Landing
Pathway & Adult Exercise Equipment Installation	Bowhill
Tree Clearance	Zadows Landing
Gass Reserve Tree Removal	Mannum
Purnong & Caurnamont Toilet repaint	Purnong & Caurnamont
Shearer Carpark Toilet Refurbishment	Mannum
East Front Road & Shack Reseals	Younghusband
Southern Catchment Stormwater Project	Mannum
Mannum Oval Toilet Block Refurbishment	Mannum
Tree Trimming	Council Wide
Flood Recovery Demands	River Areas
Temporary Levee	Mannum
Caurnamont Boat Ramp signage	Caurnamont
Removal of Asbestos Cladding from toilet block at Hall	Younghusband
Purnong District Hall Floor Restoration	Purnong
Signage trailer for community use	Mannum
Purnong District Hall Gazebo	Purnong
Mannum Men's Shed Solar System	Mannum

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Zadows Landing Picnic Setting