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MID MURRAY COUNCIL DELIVERS \$50,000 GRANT BOOST FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Projects ranging from New Year's Eve fireworks, to a history book, life-saving medical equipment and improved sports facilities are among initiatives from 23 Mid Murray organisations to benefit from \$50,000 in community grants.

The Mid Murray Council has awarded the grants to recipients for projects and initiatives including community events, sporting clubs, building upgrades and disability access and inclusion.

Mid Murray Mayor Dave Burgess said the funding would ensure many of the district's dedicated community groups could continue their valuable work locally.

"As a Council we are proud to partner with the many active and committed organisations who put in a significant amount of time, effort and passion to serve our district so well," Mayor Burgess says.

"These grants may not seem like large amounts, but we know they go a long way towards assisting these groups and their dedicated volunteers in the important work they do to support, inspire and connect others in our community."

This year's recipients include the Mannum Golf Club, which was awarded a \$1000 Small Community Grant to purchase a potentially life-saving defibrillator. Further, the history of the Sedan area will be captured in an updated local history book, thanks to a \$2000 grant.

Funds will also go towards improving sport and recreation facilities, including upgraded equipment for the Mannum Little Athletics Association, an improved timekeeper/coaches' box at the Sedan Cambrai Football and Netball Club and better road surfaces for the Southern Districts Car Club's competition races and junior development program.

Community events have also benefited, with \$2000 granted to organisers of the annual Mannum Hot Rod event and Mannum New Year's Eve celebrations.

"This year has been a particularly challenging one for event organisers and we look forward to supporting the Mannum Progress Association with its New Year's Eve fireworks. As a region, it's important for us to collectively welcome in 2021 and hope for a year ahead that will allow us to celebrate together, more often," Mayor Burgess says.

There was significant interest in this year's round of Council's Community Grants program. As a result, the Council will investigate possible funding options for 13 other community projects that were unsuccessful in securing a Community Grant.

Mid Murray Community Grant Recipients

Small Community Grants

- Angas Valley Recreation Hall and Tennis Club - \$1000 for a rainwater tank.
- Cadell Community and Tourist Accommodation - \$330 for tourist signage.
- Nildottie Progress and Soldiers Memorial Hall Association - \$1000 for the installation of a wheelchair and access ramp.
- Morgan Cadell Golf Club - \$1000 for the ladies' tee block upgrade.
- Mannum Golf Club - \$1000 for a defibrillator.

- Mid Murray Landcare SA River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve Subcommittee - \$800 for brochures for the River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve.
- Ponde Hall - \$1000 for door and window repairs to the old school building.
- St John's Lutheran Church, Forster - \$1000 for repairs in the Cambrai Cemetery.
- Mannum Little Athletics Association - \$983.80 to fund an equipment upgrade.
- Purnong District Hall - \$995 for a new gazebo.
- Mid Murray Homes for the Aged - \$927.90 for a community art mural.
- Mannum Rowing Club - \$484 to paint the club's concrete floor.

Community Event Grants

- Mannum Hospital Auxiliary - \$2000 towards the running of the Mannum Hot Rod event.
- Mannum Progress Association - \$2000 for New Year's Eve fireworks.

Community Project Grants

- Sedan Cambrai Football Netball Club - \$5000 to upgrade the timekeeper/coaches' box.
- Mannum Men's Shed - \$4700 to buy and install a solar system.
- SA Barefoot Waterski Club - \$5000 for an improved boat shed and storage facility.
- Keyneton Soldiers Memorial Hall - \$3937 for an air conditioner for the hall.
- Zadow's Landing Progress Association - \$5000 for the installation of new buoys.
- Sedan Progress Association - \$2000 to publish and launch an updated Sedan history book.
- Angas Valley Recreation Hall and Tennis Club - \$700 to replace hall/clubroom windows.
- Mannum RSL - \$4950 to level land at the site of the club's new facility.
- Southern Districts Car Club - \$5000 to improve roads for competition and the club's junior development program.

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