

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

# **MID MURRAY COMMUNITY GRANTS OPEN SOON**

Mid Murray non-profit groups planning local events, programs and other community, cultural or recreational initiatives can apply for a funding boost to help get their projects off the ground.

Applications for the Mid Murray Council's Community Grants program **open on 1 May 2023 and close on 15 June 2023**.

Council is offering grants across four categories – from events and community projects to individual sport and cultural grants – with a total funding pool of \$50,000.

The annual program has financially supported many local projects and enabled groups to run valuable programs and events, upgrade facilities or purchase essential equipment.

Grants available include:

- **Small Community Grants** – Up to \$1,000 for projects that help community organisations provide a service to the community to encourage participation and social inclusion.
- **Community Event Grants** – Up to \$2,000 to assist with events and activities that encourage tourism, social inclusion, community participation and recreation. (Event organisers must show that event proceeds will remain in the Mid Murray Council district.)
- **Community Project Grants** – Up to \$5,000 for projects that allow community organisations to make a positive contribution through projects that develop and enhance their group's facilities.

There's also an Individual Sport and Cultural Grant program that supports locals to attend sport, music, art or other cultural activities at a State, National and International level. This grant scheme is open year-round, with a sliding scale of contribution amounts including \$100 for events in SA, \$200 for interstate events and \$400 for international activities.

Mid Murray Mayor Simone Bailey says the Community Grants Program provides tangible support for the district's community groups and their important work.

"Across the Mid Murray we have many active and innovative community groups delivering a range of initiatives such as running events that create a vibrant atmosphere and attract visitors, delivering sporting and recreational pursuits for our residents, as well as protecting our local history, and promoting community well-being," Mayor Bailey says.

"These groups are often very self-sufficient, but offering this Community Grant Program allows Council to deliver practical support when these organisations need assistance. That might be to help pay for new sports equipment or to upgrade facilities, or it could be to help cover the costs of running an event.

"I encourage all of our local not-for-profit organisations to consider applying for a grant to assist with their upcoming projects that deliver community, cultural or recreational activities for our area."

Applications will be assessed by Council's Community Grants Assessment Committee, before a final decision on the successful applicants is made by Council.

For more details, including eligibility criteria, visit [www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/community/grants](http://www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/community/grants).

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