

MID MURRAY COUNCIL



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A Message from the Mayor

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We are trying to undertake many projects and services across the variety of towns throughout the Mid Murray Council area. These include the following:-

- Council is considering stabilisation remedial works at a cost of around \$159,000 for East Front Road, so that the road can be opened to traffic, possibly with a load limit. The State Government in their recent report recommended further geotechnical testing costing between \$60,000 and \$80,000 and options for works that would cost between \$800,000 and \$2.2 million.
- The new State Public Health Act will mean an increased workload and responsibilities for Council Environmental Health Officers. This will be highlighted to the State Government.
- Six Community Grants were approved. These being to the Swan Reach Soldiers Memorial Bowling Club, Blanchetown Internet and Information Centre, Morgan Cadell Golf Club, Friends of Younghusband River Care Inc, Morgan Community Gym and the Mannum Cricket Club.
- Council met with the State Minister for Transport to highlight the need for the full funding replacement of the five ageing timber hulled ferries. Council highlighted the importance of continuity of ferry services for our communities. The State Government provided funding for the provision of two replacement ferries to renew the oldest ferries in their recent State Budget.
- Council will seek support from the State Government in trying to deal with the continuing problem of corellas in some areas of our Council.
- We have hosted two Community & Council forums at Blanchetown and are continuing to progress various projects and services for Blanchetown.
- I would like to thank the organisers of the Mannum Truck & Ute Show, Swan Reach Country Music Festival and True Grit for their successful events.
- We are progressing the construction of a new Cascade Road (Mannum Waterfalls) with funding from the State Government.
- The Truro Streetscape Project has been adopted following public consultation and Council continues to seek funding for these works.
- The Truro Community Wastewater Scheme is continuing to be progressed.
- Applications for funding will be submitted shortly for the upgrade to recreational boating facilities at Cadell, Caloote, Morgan, Blanchetown, Swan Reach and Mannum.
- The State Government has required Council to inspect roof trusses of new buildings which is another additional requirement for Councils.
- The renovation works for the old Mannum Primary School to become a Community Centre are continuing and are expected to be completed by the end of September 2013.
- Following consultation, Council has recommended three Council wards and nine Councillors with a Mayor and this will be submitted to the State Government for approval.
- The Blanchetown Hall has been fully repaired and is operational following termite infestation.
- Council representatives will meet with the General Manager of Link SA to ascertain whether there are possibly better public transport services between Mannum and Adelaide and Mannum and Murray Bridge.



A Message from the Mayor Cont'd

- Conservation and restoration works have been undertaken on the old Morgan Railway Station and Stationmaster's Residence by sixteen participants in a training course. Council has allocated \$121,000 for further conservation works and the installation of a disabled toilet. A further \$55,000 has been allocated for stormwater drainage works associated with these buildings.
- The Mid Murray Council Community Services team won the South Australian Local Government Management Local Hero Award for Excellence in Community Services in April 2013.
- Through the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association, we have requested that Zero Waste SA be approached to implement a funded recycling collection service for Councils for used tyres, permaline posts and dripper line irrigation on a similar basis to drumMUSTER.
- A revised design for the retaining wall works along Randell Street, Mannum from Monument Corner to Trewartha Street has been prepared and is currently being costed in preparation for the works to be undertaken.
- Following the retirement of the Mannum Leisure Centre Manager, a new model has been developed for the operation of the Centre which will involve 24/7 access, gym supervision by a qualified fitness professional and popular health and fitness programs will continue.
- Electronic service delivery initiatives by Council Staff, through smart phones and/or tablets, in the field for customer service requests, fire prevention and dog inspections, as well as other online payments, are being progressed.
- Council has agreed with the Department for Transport to exchange responsibility of Halfway House Road and Murraylands Road (Morgan to Blanchetown), subject to the Department providing financial compensation of \$200,000 per year for five years to Council and the current over-dimensional status for Murraylands Road being retained.
- The Morgan library will become a stand-alone library with increased services for the community.
- An application to source funds under the Special Community Youth Grants program will be submitted to assist children and young people throughout our Council area to be supported in their communities.
- Following a period of Public Consultation regarding three concepts for a possible new logo for Council, Council has considered the responses and comments received and adopted a new logo. There will be no cost, as the new logo will only be used when, for example, stationery stock such as letterhead requires replacement.
- Council will receive \$470,650 from the Federal Government's Roads to Recovery program for 2013/14.
- The Federal Government has provided \$272,411 to Council under the Regional Development Australia Round 5 funding program and this has been allocated to the following projects:-

Swan Reach Town Hall Upgrade - \$120,000

Mannum Sporting Precinct Project Upgrade - \$90,000

Morgan Riverfront Precinct Project - \$62,411

I would encourage all voters to vote 'Yes' in the forthcoming Referendum to financially recognise Local Government in the Constitution; otherwise it is possible that the above Roads to Recovery funding and Regional Development Australia funding will not be received by Councils.

I would like to particularly thank all of our volunteers and Progress Associations for the work that they put into the services that they provide to our communities. It is appreciated.

Mayor Dave Burgess

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 must be received by the 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.



WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU?

We provide **information** on transport services in our region.

We work closely with local transport providers to help **coordinate transport services** for eligible residents in our region.

We can also coordinate ad-hoc **transport as a last resort** where no other transport is available in the region, and when resources are available (see Good News Flash below for more information!).

We have a dedicated **transport website** that you can visit for a wide range of transport information in the Murray Mallee region — please visit: www.murraymalleetransport.com.au

Good News Flash!

Mid Murray Council has approved \$5,000 in this year's budget for Murray Transport Connections, to help provide **transport as a last resort** for residents of Mid Murray who are transport disadvantaged (and where no other transport services are available). Please contact Karyn or Natalie to find out how we may be able to help get you to where you need to go!

Contact details for Murray Transport

Connections (Community Passenger Network):
Karyn Baker / Natalie Davis — 49 Adelaide Road (PO Box 28) Mannum SA 5238

T: 1300 190 869 (cost of a local call — calls from mobile phones are charged at applicable rates)

Email: kbaker@mid-murray.sa.gov.au



New Logo for Mid Murray Council

Council undertook consultation on 3 concepts for a new logo through newspaper advertisements, articles in newspapers, local newsletters and our website.

Council is grateful to the many residents, business owners, volunteers, staff and other interested parties for providing their opinions on the three logo options put out to public consultation during May and June 2013.

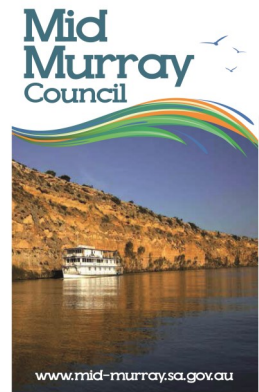
We received 44 submissions on the proposed concepts. The Council at its meeting on 8 July 2013, considered all of the submissions and comments received at this meeting.

Mid Murray Council endorsed a new logo at this meeting that is considered to be more representative of all towns and communities throughout the Council area and that has a more contemporary look and feel.

The move comes after 15 years use of the pelican and hills logo. Council also saw this opportunity as timely, given the adoption of a new brand for South Australia launched in March 2013. The preferred choice was the pictured logo with a working title of 'Flow', with 81% chosen via the online survey, and 89% via emailed comments.

The new logo was inspired by representation of our region's unique selling point – the river. Other elements include the cliffs, nature in general and the region's land and agriculture. The colours of the logo are earthy and can be easily adapted to suit various scenes from various parts of the region. An example of how the logo can be used is pictured here in a banner design.

The new logo will be utilised on the website, in social media properties and other Council products. A small internal working party of Council staff has been established to ensure the roll out phase will be achieved at no cost. This means not all Mid Murray Council communications will bear the new logo immediately, rather when stock such as letterhead are depleted they will be replenished, and other Council products when they require replacement (signs, flags, etc). Therefore, a mix of the old and new logos will be seen for some time into the future.



Waste Transfer Station Gate Fees 2013/14

The State Government recently announced an increase in the Solid Waste Levy as part of the 2013 State Budget. The Solid Waste Levy was increased by a further 12% for both metropolitan and regional Councils and came into effect on 1 July 2013.

Every tonne of waste that goes into landfill attracts the Solid Waste Levy, set and imposed by the State Government, collected by Councils and paid directly to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA). It is expected that further increases will be introduced by the State Government in coming years.

Council Transfer Station gate prices have been adjusted due to the increase in the Solid Waste Levy.

Please be advised of the change of charges at Council's Waste Transfer Stations, effective as at 12 July 2013.

	Light loads		Heavy loads	
	Level	Cage	Level	Cage
Car/Boot	\$12			
Station Wagon	\$22			
4X4 and Vans	\$33			
Trailers 6x4	\$40	\$50	\$45	\$55
Trailers 7x5	\$44	\$55	\$55	\$60
Trailers 8x5	\$45	\$60	\$60	\$65
Trailers (Large)	\$60	\$75	\$65	\$85
Trucks (Single Axle)	\$150		\$390	

Disability Discrimination Act Access and Inclusion Action Plan

Council has recently completed a review of its Disability Discrimination Act Access and Inclusion Action Plan resulting in an updated version being endorsed and lodged with the Human Rights Commission. The Plan contains a range of strategies and actions to make the Mid Murray Council region more accessible by people with disabilities. A copy of the Plan is accessible via Council's website at www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au



drumMUSTER

Council is now trialing an ongoing, permanent collection at the following transfer stations:-

Cadell -	Sunday: 2.00pm - 3.00pm Wednesday: 12.30pm - 2.00pm
Cambrai -	Sunday: 12.30pm - 2.30pm Thursday: 3.00pm - 5.00pm
Swan Reach -	Saturday: 1.30pm - 3.00pm Tuesday: 8.30am - 9.30am
Mannum -	Tuesday: 3.00pm - 5.00pm Wednesday: 8.00am - 10.00am Friday: 3.00pm - 5.00pm Saturday: 8.00am - 12.00pm Sunday: 8.00am - 11.30am

Collections will be held during opening times with up to 100 drums being accepted at any one time. For collections over 100 drums, a booking must be made through the Cambrai Office on 8564 6020.

Increased Building Inspections and Notifications

Important Information for Builders and Owner Builders

In 2002, the collapse of a portion of roofing at the Riverside Golf Club claimed the lives of two people and injured many others. An inquest by the Coroner was subsequently undertaken and a Ministerial Taskforce on Roof Trusses established.

As a result, changes to legislation, in the form of the Development (Trusses) Variation Regulations 2011 have come into effect and relate to structural design, approval, manufacture, handling and inspection of roof trusses.

This legislation places responsibility on **You** as follows:

Mandatory Notification

One business days notice of:

- Commencement of building work.
- Placing of concrete in any footing or other structural member that transfers load directly to a foundation.
- The completion of wall and roof framing.
- Fire wall and masonry.
- The completion of building work.
- Pool safety fencing and safety provisions.
- The completion of building work.

Special Mandatory Requirements for Roof Frame Construction

Provision of Truss Information

A roof framing checklist as required by Schedule 5 of the South Australian Development Regulations must be provided to Council and the licensed building supervisor responsible for the building work prior to the commencement of the work.

A person who fails to comply with this requirement is guilty of an offence and may be liable to pay an expiation fee of \$315 or be liable to a maximum penalty of \$5,000.

One Business Days Notice of Roof Frame Completion

One business days notice of the completion of all roof framing including bracing, tie downs and restraints.

A person who fails to comply with this requirement is guilty of an offence and may be liable to pay an expiation fee of \$500 or be liable to a maximum penalty of \$10,000.

Roof Framing Must Not Be Concealed

After giving notice of roof frame completion, the roof framing must not be concealed until after the expiry of two business days.

A person who fails to comply with this requirement is guilty of an offence and may be liable to pay an expiation fee of \$500 or be liable to a maximum penalty of \$10,000.

Supervisors Checklist

A completed Supervisors Checklist, signed by the relevant registered Building Works Supervisor who has undertaken required training, must be provided to Council within one business day after giving notice that the roof framing is complete.

Exemptions

Notification of roof frame completion, Supervisors Checklists and roof concealment do not apply to:

- Class 10 buildings i.e. carports and verandahs etc. other than where the Class 10 building is attached to any part of the roof of a building of another class.
- Transportable buildings.

More Information

Should you require further information please contact Council's Building Department 8564 6020.

Australia Day Awards

This is your chance to recognise the most deserving members of our community. Your nomination could lead to someone special being recognised with an award at the Council's Australia Day celebrations.

Nominations will open in October – you can download a nomination form from our website www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au in October.

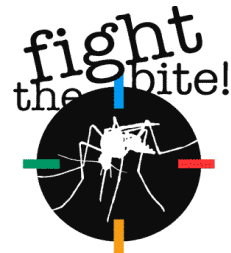
If you have any questions or require assistance phone 8569 0100 or email postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au.

Nominations close in November 2013.

Please return completed form to PO Box 28, Mannum SA 5238 or email to postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au.

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.

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