

MEDIA RELEASE

MID MURRAY COMMUNITY GRANTS NOW OPEN

Applications are now open for Mid Murray community groups seeking funding to create and deliver community events, programs and initiatives.

The annual Mid Murray Council Community Grants Program has supported countless local projects from the district's community groups in recent years.

It provides funding for initiatives that enhance the Mid Murray community, such as events, improved sports facilities, new equipment for community organisations, and more.

The 2021/22 Community Grants Program is now accepting applications until 5pm on 15 September 2021.

Mid Murray Mayor Dave Burgess says the program is an important funding stream for community organisations across the district.

"We have a large number of community groups across the Mid Murray who do so much for our communities," Mayor Burgess says.

"From organising popular events to looking after our sporting facilities so we can participate in a range of activities, the work they do is diverse and highly valued by residents and Council.

"These grants are a way for Council to directly offer support in the form of funding to initiatives, projects and activities that have substantial benefits for our area. That might include attracting visitors to our towns to increase tourism and economic activity, or it might be in keeping our communities active, happy and socially connected.

"I encourage all of our local not-for-profit and incorporated organisations to consider applying now for a grant to help them achieve their goals for our community in the year ahead."

There are three grant streams groups can apply for:

- **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.

Council also offers an Individual Sport and Cultural Grant program to support locals to attend sport, music, art or other cultural activities at a State, National and International level. This grant scheme is open all year round.

For more details, including eligibility criteria, visit www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/community/grants.

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