



Mid Murray Council

Newsletter



A Message from the Mayor

Whilst we have a large Council area with 16 towns, we have a range of projects and services underway or recently completed throughout much of our area. Some of these have included various road works; Murraylands Road, Purnong Road, Belvedere and Mannum Road intersection, Cadell boat ramp and Morgan boat ramp just to name a few. We are ever conscious of submitting applications for funding for services and projects identified by the community. Funding recently received includes:-

- \$10,000 from the State Government to undertake advisory bicycle pavement markings on various Council roads in Mannum. Funding will be matched by Council.
- A road swap between Murraylands Road (from Blanchetown to Morgan) and Halfway House Road was agreed to subject to the payment of \$1 million being paid by the State Government to the Mid Murray Council over 5 years. The last payment was recently received by Council.
- \$350,000 will be received for Stage 1 of the Truro to Eudunda Road upgrade, costing \$1.79 million. Council will meet the balance of the cost.
- Council will receive \$190,000 for the upgrade of the Morgan boat ramp from the State Government. Council will meet 50% of the cost.
- The State Government has approved \$385,000 for a range of works for Mary Ann Reserve which will be matched by Council.
- Funding of \$402,263 will be received from the Federal Government under the Building Better Regions Fund for Len White Reserve including a mooring facility at Swan Reach, Hermanns Landing at Nildottie and the Darling Wharf at Mannum. Council will contribute \$402,264 towards these projects.

The Council has also worked with the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure regarding the redesign of the Sedan intersection and requested the Department to prepare detailed design and costings for our consideration. Council provided comment on the South Australian Boating Facilities Strategic Plan. We also provided \$25,000 to the Teal Flat Shack Owners Association following a request to upgrade their causeway. The Association will meet 50% of the cost for these works.

A new tourism route called the Mighty Murray Way will have signage installed by the State Government to promote and boost tourism through the Region. The Blanchetown Internet & Information Centre has been renamed the Blanchetown Community Hub to better reflect the range of services available to the public.

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A Message from the Mayor Cont'd

We always try to improve how we do business and a recent report indicated that automation of office processes, procurement savings and other improvements over the last two years has resulted in \$1.617 million in savings.

We also try to advocate for better services on behalf of our communities as best we can. We have requested that the State Government contribute funding to deal with damage done by corellas and have also advocated that councils should not be required to undertake any clean up of the carp fish kill. We have requested that the State Government and the National Carp Control Program consult individually with all affected councils to determine where they will release the virus and develop a mutually agreed clean up plan. A letter was also sent to the Prime Minister requesting an Independent Judicial Inquiry into the Murray Darling Basin Plan regarding allegations of water tampering and water theft. The Federal Shadow Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government has been advised that the Mid Murray Council's Top 3 Priorities are infrastructure, water security, health and wellbeing.

On behalf of the Council I would like to congratulate the Mannum Progress Association in being advised that the SA Truck and Ute Show will be inducted into the Mainstreet Hall of Fame. The Association is to be commended on achieving such a milestone. I would also encourage people to attend the Christmas Pageant, Street Party and Fireworks at Mannum on Saturday, 2 December 2017 and the Morgan and Community Christmas Fair & Pageant at Morgan on Saturday, 9 December 2017. The Mannum Progress Association and Morgan Community Development and Tourism Association do a fantastic job and we appreciate them organising and running these events. The Mannum Progress Association also organise fireworks on New Years Eve in Mannum.

As some may be aware, if the Liberal Government is elected they will implement rate capping. This is a policy put forward to win votes at the expense of councils and the services they provide. It refers to a percentage limit being placed on the amount Council can raise from their rates. It is considered that Rate Capping limits Council's ability to provide local services to our communities. Finally, I would like to thank all our volunteers, Progress Associations and other community organisations for how much they contribute to our community. I wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and New Year and I look forward to working with you in 2018.



Mayor Dave Burgess

Mid Murray Family Connections

The Mid Murray Family Connections (MMFC) Collective Impact Initiative formed in response to the 2012 Australian Early Development Census (AEDC). This census highlighted the Mid Murray region as having the second highest proportion of developmentally vulnerable children in South Australia – 1 in 3.

The Mid Murray Family Connections (MMFC) network is a group of members representing government and non-government agencies, community groups and concerned citizens living and working across the Mid Murray region. Our members work in schools, child-care settings, kindergartens, support agencies, churches, social and health services. Your community members might be the person living next door!

The MMFC network has worked tirelessly and systematically to ensure that 'Children in Mid Murray enjoy positive well-being and are emotionally mature'. The Australian Early Development Census undertaken in 2015 highlighted this hard work. The percentage of children classified as developmentally vulnerable dropped from 32.4% in 2012 to 18.8% in 2015.



The MMFC network has been awarded the 'National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect' Awards (NAPCAN) for South Australia in 2017. The MMFC network is one of two recipients of the Award in South Australia in 2017. Congratulations to our Strategic Leadership Group and all our partners who have been committed to securing positive outcomes for children in the Mid Murray region.

Southern Heritage Places Development Plan Amendment (DPA)

Council has recently undertaken public consultation on this proposed amendment to Council's Development Plan. In total over 30 submissions were received with a small number of people expressing their desire to be heard at a public meeting. The public meeting was held in Mannum on Monday 16 October 2017 where those who requested to be heard addressed the Committee in support of their submission. Council's heritage consultants and Committee need to consider whether any amendments to the DPA are required before finalising the DPA for submission to the Minister.



Did you know...

The **PS Marion** had her **120th birthday** this year. She celebrated with two milestone cruises back to her origins in Wentworth.

The **PS Canally** is only slightly younger than the Marion, celebrating her **110th birthday** this year also.

Both paddle steamers will be in Morgan for the **Morgan Living River Weekend on 18 & 19 November** for their official birthday celebrations.

Home Energy Costs and Usage

There are many ways to reduce cooling costs and cool homes efficiently. Make your cooling more effective. You can reduce the amount of energy you use to stay cool by making a few simple and practical changes.

- Wear light, loose clothing made of breathable fabrics, like cotton.
- Set your airconditioner's thermostat to 24-27°C or as high as you feel comfortable with. Every degree higher may help reduce the running costs by up to 10%.
- Choose the best cooling appliance for your needs based on the size of the area you need to cool. A specialist can help you with this decision.
- Keep out unwanted heat by shading north and west sides of your home.
- Only cool the areas you need by closing doors to rooms you aren't using.
- If it's cooler outside, turn off your airconditioner and open doors and windows to allow cool air to flow through.

If you would like to learn more about how to manage your home energy costs and use visit www.sa.gov.au/energysmart or information brochures are available at council offices and your local library.



Summer Swimming

A partnership between Mannum Community College, Cambrai Primary School and Mid Murray Council gives public access to the Mannum and Cambrai swimming pools during the summer months.

The Cambrai pool is a 25 meter pool with four lanes and is great for lap swimming! The Mannum pool is a 17 meter pool and is excellent for cooling off and doing some water exercise. The pools are opened and supervised by qualified staff. The pool will be open from Monday 20th November 2017 until Sunday 25th March 2018.

Mannum Swimming Pool Hours: If the temperature is over 28°C, from 4pm – 6pm week nights and 2pm – 6pm on weekends and school holidays. If the temperature is 38°C or over, from 4pm until 8pm. Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and when Nine News of the previous night forecasts Murray Bridge temperature to be under 28°C.

Cambrai Swimming Pool Hours: If the temperature is over 28°C, from 3:30pm – 6pm week nights and 2pm – 6pm on weekends and school holidays. If the temperature is 38°C or over, from 3:30pm until 8pm. Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and when Nine News of the previous night forecasts Murray Bridge temperature to be under 28°C.

Mannum TV Reception

Prior to 2012, Mid Murray Council operated and maintained an analogue TV repeater near Baker Hut Road, Cowirra. During August 2012, information sessions regarding an upgrade to Digital Only service were run in Mannum by the Federal Government Digital Ready Taskforce for the information of all residents. The Cowirra TV repeater was upgraded to Digital Only service on 18 September 2012 by TX Australia Pty Limited (TXA) on behalf of the TV broadcasters. At this time TXA assumed the responsibility for the operation and maintenance of this facility.

TXA is a joint venture company owned equally by the three commercial metropolitan television networks, Seven, Nine and Ten. Free-to-air digital TV viewers are able to provide TXA with feedback on reception difficulties.

Should residents have poor reception or no reception, it is suggested that they contact the following TV Stations:-

Channel 7: 08 8342 7777

Channel 9: 08 8267 0111

Channel 10: 08 8225 1010

ABC: 13 99 94

SBS: 1800 500 727

Residents may also wish to check the SA Power Networks website for current power outages in the Cowirra region which will affect the repeater site. Be aware that although the power may be fine in Mannum, there may be an outage in Cowirra. Check for outages at <https://outage.apps.sapowernetworks.com.au/OutageReport/OutageSearch>.

What's on in Mid Murray this Summer

Mannum Riverside Markets - 5 November
Murraylands Apex Mannum Fun Run & Walk - 12 November
Morgan Living River Festival - 18 & 19 November
Mannum Christmas Tree Festival - 24 November
Mannum Christmas Pageant & Fireworks - 2 December
Mannum Riverside Markets - 3 December
Morgan Christmas Fair & Pageant - 9 December
Mannum Carols by the River - 9 December
Sounds by the River - 13 January
Australia Day Celebrations - 26 January

Flammable Undergrowth

Property owners are reminded to remove flammable undergrowth from all blocks within townships and shack areas. Flammable undergrowth should be controlled on blocks throughout the year not just during the Fire Danger Season. Property owners and residents are



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asked to play their part in keeping our community safe, so please ensure that fire prevention work required on your property is undertaken. If you require more information in relation to Fire Prevention please contact a Fire Prevention Officer at Council on 8564 6020.

Fire Danger Season

It has reached that time of the year where residents and visitors in the Mid Murray Council area must consider the requirements of the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005 when lighting fires.

It will be necessary to obtain a permit for any fires in the open during the Fire Danger Season. Permits will not be issued for burning off before 1 February 2018.

Residents and visitors are reminded that Police Officers and Council Fire Prevention Officers are empowered to issue 'on the spot' fines for certain breaches of the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005.

Information regarding the lighting of comfort fires and barbeques can be obtained from Council's Fire Prevention Officers at the Cambrai office on 8564 6020. Further information can also be obtained from the CFS hotline on 1300 362 361 or website at www.cfs.sa.gov.au

Habitat Stepping Stones Program Launched

Mid Murray Council together with Mid Murray Landcare SA recently launched the Habitat Stepping Stones program and is the first to do so in South Australia. This initiative is a community engagement environmental program that encourages residents to create habitat stepping stones for local wildlife.

A habitat is an animal's surrounding physical environment. All animals, from the smallest bug to the largest mammal (including us), need certain things within their habitat to survive and to thrive. Providing habitat stepping stones between existing wildlife corridors enables animals to move through the landscape and is one of the most important factors in maintaining biodiversity. For further information and/or to pledge your support, go to the Habitat Stepping Stones website at www.habitatsteppingstones.org.au or Council's website at www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au



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