Mid Murray Council Meeting Update

Council held its most recent meeting on Tuesday, 20 October 2026 at which the following items were discussed or determined:

Reports received by Council

- Monthly Financial Reports for September 2026.
- An overview of Infrastructure & Field Services monthly activities, with the report including an update on the following projects:
  - Roadside Waste & Recycling Services – Commencement of– stage 1 rollout of waste and recycling bins will occur from 4 November 2026 for expansion areas of Mannum.
  - – Stage 2 - Consultation of proposed extended services for both Urban and Rural properties commences 22 October.
  - Fire Prevention – Council Roadsides and Properties – Council is undertaking slashing and mowing and/or spraying along Council sealed roads and Council properties.
  - EV and Battery Car Charging Station (proposal) – Blanchetown – SAPN has investigated Council proposed road reserve sites in Blanchetown and has proposed a site visit with RAA and Council staff to explore a suitable location for a Battery storage and EV charging station.
  - Haythorpe Reserve, Mannum - toilet replacement funding – a Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) grant of $60,000 and a pending insurance claim will support project scoping and replacement of the facility.
  - Sealed Road – maintenance - Infrastructure and Field Services teams are undertaking specific sealed road repairs, including pothole repairs, while external contractors are completing preventive maintenance to address seal deterioration. Patching and crack-sealing works are continuing across various locations.
- An update on the progress of the Morgan Community Project/s (Downer) was received.
- An update on Council's Corella Control program was received this included an overview of a report prepared by PIRSA and the LGA, *A New Bait for Pest Birds of the Grains Industry*.
- A report on the Regional Leaders Summit (RE-Alliance) was received. This report provided key insights from the RE-Alliance Regional Leaders Summit, including lessons from regional leaders managing large scale renewable energy development.

Motions passed by Council

- Council adopted the amended Register of Fees & Charges Register, reflecting changes made to the cemetery fees as a result of increased contactor costs.
- Council approved the following events:
  - 2026 Mannum Christmas Pageant, Street Party & Fireworks – 5 December 2026.
  - 2026 Morgan Christmas Pageant – 5 December 2026.
- Council provided in-principle support for the Mannum Progress Association to hold the SA Truck & Ute show on the 12 & 13 June 2027.
- The River Murray International Dark Sky Board – the term of the Appointed Director has been extended until the end of the current term of Council.

- Council adopted the revised Disability Advisory Group Terms of Reference.
- Council adopted the updated Caretaker Policy.
- Council revoked the existing Public Consultation Policy. This Policy was replaced by the Community Engagement Policy that was adopted by Council on 14 July 2026 and came into effect on 14 October 2026.
- The Chief Executive Officer has been authorised to finalise Council's submission to the Remuneration Tribunal of South Australia in response to the proposed Local Government Major Emergency and Disaster Allowance.
- Council endorsed the draft Identified Local Roads Grant submission to the Local Government Grants Commission.
- Council has consented to the requested improvements to the Morgan Riverside Caravan Park subject to obtaining all requisite approvals and execution of the addendum to the Lease Agreement.
- Council adopted the Mid Murray Council Annual Report 2025-2026.
- The 2026 LGA President Candidates and Election Report was received. Council chose their preferred order of candidates for the purpose of completing and submitting Council's ballot to the Local Government Association of South Australia.
- Council endorsed Mayor Bailey's nomination as one of the Local Government Representatives on the Local Government Finance Authority Board of Trustees.
- The Local Government Finance Authority of SA - Elections for the positions of Representative Members of the LGFA Board of Trustees report was received. Council determined their vote for the two representative Board Member positions of the Local Government Finance Authority.

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