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MID MURRAY COUNCIL MEETINGS GO VIRTUAL

The Mid Murray Council will move its April monthly meeting online to ensure the public can still watch proceedings despite current COVID-19 social distancing restrictions.

It will trial the new format at its next meeting on Tuesday, 21 April, with restrictions still in place in SA that prohibit gatherings of more than 10 people.

Elected Members will split themselves between the Mannum, Morgan and Cambrai offices, as well as remotely, and be connected virtually via the online video conferencing platform *Zoom*. Senior staff will also join the virtual meeting.

The public will get a front-row seat with a live stream on YouTube in real time.

Mid Murray Mayor Dave Burgess said the Council had moved quickly to adapt to the COVID-19 restrictions, while still ensuring public accessibility to the meeting.

“The current restrictions are a challenge for us all – and it’s no different for Council,” he says.

“Our staff have worked hard to find a solution that ensures we can still meet regularly and effectively to continue making important decisions in these uncertain times.

“We also want to ensure public access to our meetings continues – and going online will help. People will no longer be restricted from attending due to distance. Instead, they’ll have the flexibility to watch from home.

“We understand that not everyone has digital access, and this is certainly a barrier for some people. However, our focus remains on ensuring we meet the current gathering restrictions placed by the State and Federal Governments at this time to protect the health and safety of our residents, Elected Members and staff.

“If you can’t attend the meeting digitally, we encourage you to phone or email your local Elected Member to receive an update about any decisions made at the meeting.”

The next Council meeting will be held at 9.30am on Tuesday, 21 April. To watch online visit <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWTKSy4oW80Ge-QIPnfxMDg>.

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