

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## COUNCIL OFFICES AND OTHER FACILITIES CLOSED UNDER NEW COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Council offices, libraries, visitor information outlets and the Mannum Leisure Centre and Gym are among the Mid Murray Council facilities and services that have been closed or put on hold as a precaution following the latest Covid-19 outbreak.

In response to the latest restrictions imposed by the SA Government from 6pm, 20 July 2021, and in order to protect the public health and safety of Mid Murray residents, the following changes have been made.

## These measures are now in place until at least Tuesday, 27 July:

- Council offices closed from 4pm on Tuesday, 20 July.
- All Council-run **libraries** are closed.
- The Mannum Leisure Centre and Gym and the Morgan Activity Centre are closed.
- All Council volunteer programs and activities are on hold.
- All visitor information outlets and Council-run museums are closed.
- All cruising activities on the PS Marion and Mayflower have been put on hold.
- Cambrai Landfill and all transfer stations are closed to the public.

In line with the seven-day lockdown commencing at 6pm on Tuesday, 20 July 2021, all Council offices will close at 4pm. This will enable our staff to return home safely in order to comply with the newly announced stay at home order.

People will still be able to access Council services online or contact Customer Service staff over the next week via phone on 8569 0100 or email on <a href="mailto:postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au">postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au</a> for all non-urgent matters.

In addition, Council will continue to operate essential services including its Community Wastewater Management Systems, kerbside waste collection services and field and regulatory services incident response groups for response to urgent incidents.

Mid Murray Council Chief Executive Officer Ben Scales said Council has taken appropriate steps to ensure the safety of the community during this latest outbreak.

"The Government has made this decision based on expert health advice following the detection of the highly infectious delta strain in our community. For the next seven days we must stay at home and that's why we are prioritising the safety of all in our community by closing non-essential facilities and services at this time," Mr Scales says.

"We expect these measures will be in place for at least the next seven days. However, we will continue to review our operations over the coming week as more information and advice from the SA Government and SA Health is released.

"We're encouraging everyone in our community to do their bit by observing the restrictions currently in place and observing the stay at home order."

Council's COVID-19 working group will continue to review these measures in line with the latest SA Government advice and information and will keep the community updated about any changes via its <a href="website">website</a>, Facebook page and through local media.

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