

# MID MURRAY COUNCIL



## Newsletter

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### A Message from the Mayor

Much has been achieved since the last newsletter issue in November 2012. Some of these are as follows:-

- Council received formal approval for the designation of Mannum as an RV Friendly town and signage will be installed at the town entrances.
- Council approved maintenance grants for the Nildottie Progress & Soldiers Memorial Hall Association, Wall Flat Progress Association and Walker Flat Progress Association.
- The Cadell Revitalisation project to return underutilised irrigation areas in and around Cadell to full production is progressing well.
- Council hosted forums in Mannum on Thursday 22 November regarding the planning and roll out of the National Broadband Network. A network extension request for the rollout of NBN has been submitted for Cambrai and Blanchetown.
- We are re-assessing the stormwater management studies undertaken previously for Mannum and other towns with a view to seeking funding to try to rectify long standing stormwater drainage and management issues.
- Discussions will be held with representatives of the Mannum Health Advisory Council and other stakeholders following a request to assist in developing plans for a helipad at the Mannum District Hospital.
- Public consultation and feedback has been requested on the proposal for the upgrading of the streetscape on Moorundie Street, Truro.
- A report on the repairs necessary to the Palmer Pavilion was considered by Council and repair works recommended will be undertaken.
- Council has developed a list of projects and services to enable discussions to be held with State and Federal Ministers and Opposition State and Federal Ministers, prior to the next State and Federal Election. Some of these include the Morgan Riverfront Precinct Development, upgrading of recreational boating facilities including boat ramps, stormwater drainage, management and reuse, restoration of the PS Canally and a possible helipad at the Mannum District Hospital.
- Council will highlight to the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association the "Ready for Tomorrow" and "Regional Growth Fund" in Victoria for Regional and Rural Victorian towns and Councils with a view to similar funding programs being potentially in South Australia for regional and rural towns and Councils.
- Council continues to work with the Truro and District Community Association and the Local Government Association Community Wastewater Management Scheme in progressing the investigation and design of a Community Wastewater Management Scheme at Truro.
- Discussions will be held with Crown Lands SA to progress the various approvals for the possible establishment of a Murraylands Regional Dry Dock facility near Mannum.

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## A Message from the Mayor cont'd

- The Federal Government's Natural Disaster Resilience Program has awarded \$20,500 to Council to provide power continuity for the Mannum Council office and Mannum Country Fire Service through a new generator system and battery backup.
- Quotations have been sought for consultation with community representatives, design plans and estimated costs to upgrade boat ramps and associated facilities at Cadell, Caloote, Morgan, Blanchetown and Mannum and applications for funding submitted to the South Australian Boating Facility Advisory Committee.
- An application for funding for a cycling/walking track from the number 2 ferry in Mannum along Hunter Road, East Front Road to the road closure sign has been submitted.
- Council has received \$4,000.00 in funding from the State Government Department for Communities and Social Inclusion for National Youth Week events and activities from 5<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> April 2013. Events will include 'Make Your Mark' Aerosol Art Program and four separate African Drumming Workshops in Mannum, Swan Reach, Truro and Cambrai.
- Council and Community Forums will be held at Sedan, Cambrai, Palmer and Keyneton in March 2013 to enable Council to be informed of the projects, services, facilities and issues that these Communities wish to see progressed in partnership with Council.
- The extension of the Morgan library opening hours from 8am to 11am on Saturday morning has been approved on a permanent basis.
- Council considered a report on possible entrance statements for Mannum and other towns in the Mid Murray Council area and have requested a report from Council's Art and Cultural Development Officer with input from Council's Events and Tourism Manager, Director, Community Services and Councillor Jennings on proposed entrance statements for all Council towns.
- Repair and upgrade works for Johnson Hill, Mannum, are underway and expected to be completed in late March, early April.
- Council has noted a Heritage Management Plan for the Morgan Railway Station and Station Master's Residence. Some preliminary restoration works will be undertaken in April 2013 in conjunction with a training course for apprentices.

I would also like to particularly thank the Mannum Progress Association and the Morgan Community Development and Tourism Association and all those involved in organising and conducting the Mannum and Morgan Christmas Pageants.

Council was also awarded the prestigious Channel 7 2012 Medibank Community Healthy Participation Award and was a finalist in the Channel 7 2012 Rural Doctors Workforce Agency Rural Community Health and Wellbeing Award. We were the only Council in the State to receive an Award or be a finalist.

Once again a lot of these projects and services that we provide could not be done without the assistance of our volunteers and Progress Associations. My thanks goes to all of those who continue to work tirelessly on behalf of our respective communities.

**Mayor Dave Burgess**

## EDIBLE SCHOOL GARDENS A REALITY IN 2013

This year, the OPAL team will collaborate with the SA Murray Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board to roll out a new *Sustainable Edible Schools Garden Grants* scheme. This project will offer funding, resources, educational support and professional development for staff to all schools and early childhood centres across the Mid Murray district.



Truro Primary School students use some of the new gardening equipment donated by OPAL to tend to their veggie patch

The aim of the scheme is to support schools to establish new, or develop existing, edible fruit and vegetable gardens which can be used as an educational and practical resource for local children to gain a better understanding of nutrition and where their food comes from.

The scheme will be launched in Term 1, 2013, with Mid Murray school staff, governing councils and student representatives encouraged to contact the OPAL team for more information on 8569 0100.



Kim Smithson, Diem Luong, Mayor Dave Burgess, Bianca Gazzola and Courtney Blacker accept the 2012 Medibank Community Healthy Participation Award

## STRENGTH FOR LIFE COMES TO MID MURRAY

Healthy Murraylands has worked together with local fitness instructors and COTA (Council on the Ageing) to bring Strength for Life classes to the Mid Murray area. Strength for Life is a fitness program that promotes health and wellbeing amongst people over 50 years through strength training. The program encourages older South Australians to attend training sessions by promoting the benefits of strength-based exercise.



Mannum Leisure Centre Manager and qualified Strength for Life Instructor, Pam Cutjar, assists local gym user Trevor Paech, with his weights

Over the past 12 months, Healthy Murraylands has supported new Strength for Life programs to start right across the Murraylands. Strength for Life participants have reported better strength, coordination and balance, with many finding day-to-day activities easier to manage.

The first Mid Murray town to reap the benefits of this great program was Morgan, when classes started in late January. "It was very exciting for the town to be able to host the program in the newly established Morgan Community Gym," Healthy Murraylands Coordinator Bianca Gazzola said. "The program has generated so much interest that classes are at capacity and hopeful, extra participants are now signing up for the waiting list." The program sessions run Wednesdays from 10am – 11am for an initial 10 week period.

Mannum will be the second Mid Murray town to gain Strength for Life, with this program to be launched on Tuesday 16 April. Classes will be run twice weekly (Tuesdays & Thursdays) for an initial 10 week block at the Mannum Leisure Centre, commencing in late April. Healthy Murraylands is now taking expressions of interest for the Mannum Strength for Life launch and program.

For more information about either the Morgan or Mannum program, please contact Healthy Murraylands on 8569 0182 or visit [www.healthymurraylands.com.au](http://www.healthymurraylands.com.au). Similarly, if you would like a Strength for Life program to run in a town near you, please contact Healthy Murraylands.

## COMMUNITY GRANTS

Council is pleased to offer a range of Community Grants to provide support to develop, grow and implement a range of exciting initiatives at a local level. The new grants program offers a broader range of opportunities for Council to work with motivated community groups to help make things happen at a local level. The grants available include:

**Small Community Grants Program** – in line with the existing grants program, groups will be able to continue to apply for small grants of up to \$500 using the same application, notification and acquittal process as they have for a number of years. Organisations who meet the eligibility criteria in the existing program will automatically qualify for these small grants.

**Community Projects & Events Grants** – will allow community groups to work with Elected Members and Council to develop and deliver important projects and events in the district. Grants will be capped at \$2,000 and will require matching contribution through cash and/or in-kind support. If this part of the grants program is oversubscribed a sub committee will assess the applications.

**Individual Youth Sports & Cultural Grants** – will support individual achievements of young people selected to represent their State in national or international sporting or cultural pursuits, subject to meeting the eligibility criteria outlined in the policy. Young people who write to Council demonstrating their selection will be able to access one grant per year.

For further information please contact Council on 8569 0100 or email [postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au](mailto:postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au) or Shane Thompson for further assistance.



More than 200 participants and over 50 volunteers took part in the Mannum Fun Run & Walk held on 16 December 2012

## BMX & SCOOTER WORKSHOPS HIT CAMBRAI AND MANNUM

Cambrai and Mannum children played host to BMX, scooter and skateboard workshops held late last year, where they were put through their paces using Council's Mobile Fun Box and the new Mid Murray Sk8 Park.

Thanks to the OPAL and Fun 4 YOUTH programs, more than 50 children, between the ages of 5 and 15 years took part in sessions run by teenage leadership group the Playford Riders Committee.

These sessions helped local students learn new tricks and skills on their wheels. It also gave them an understanding of how to ride on the road safely, and gave them ideas on how they can be a part of working with the Council to deliver projects for youth in the district.



*Cambrai Area School student Jessy Slade tests out some of his BMX skills at the workshop.*

## ARTS & CULTURE

With community input arts and culture is building in the region. "Jimmy and the Mirrors" regaled a large audience with a free concert on a glorious evening on the banks of the Murray at Swan Reach.

Driving past Cambrai Library you might notice some colourful, quirky windsocks, a giant inflatable creature or paper lanterns as some of the art made by locals at community workshops in January.

Young people stay tuned for upcoming African drumming and an opportunity to work with a professional artist to create artwork for the Morgan bike track in April as part of Youth Week. Expressions of interest are being sought for getting involved to create a community rural art trail.

If you are interested in putting your details on an artist registry, need support with ideas or a project or getting creatively involved in your community please contact the Arts and Cultural Development Officer on 8569 0100 or email [postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au](mailto:postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au)



## COMMUNITY PASSENGER NETWORK

Murray Transport Connections has been open for business for 6 months now, and as a new service we like to keep you informed about what we can do:

- We provide **information** on transport services in our region (Mid Murray & Rural City of Murray Bridge)
- We help **coordinate transport services**
- We have a dedicated **transport website** that you can visit for transport information in the Murray Mallee region.

**Did you Know?** We can arrange for a guest speaker to come and talk to your community group about transport options in your local region.

Please give either Karyn or Natalie a call if you have any questions about how to get where you want to go!

### Contact details for Murray Transport Connections:

**Karyn Baker / Natalie Davis**

Mid Murray Council in partnership with Rural City of Murray Bridge

49 Adelaide Road (PO Box 28) Mannum SA 5238

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Website: [www.murraymalleetransport.com.au](http://www.murraymalleetransport.com.au)

**Murray Transport Connections** is a **Community Passenger Network service** funded by the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion and the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure. The program is being delivered by Mid Murray Council in partnership with the Rural City of Murray Bridge.



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