

Mid Murray Council Newsletter

August 2021



A Message from the Mayor

As we begin a new financial year, it's timely to reflect on the priorities and vision for Mid Murray over the next 12 months, and into the longer term.

In line with Council's Strategic Plan, *Our Plan 2020-24*, Council has set some strong goals for the year ahead to continue to support our community, encourage economic growth and create new opportunities.

Our 2021/22 Annual Business Plan and Budget will guide our activities over the coming year and includes spending on improving roads, footpaths and community infrastructure, as well as major projects such as the substantial upgrading of Murraylands Road, building a 20km stretch of the Murray Coorong Trail, and riverfront improvement projects in Blanchetown and Swan Reach.

We're also investing in health and wellbeing programs and services for our community, developing a Mid Murray Reconciliation Action Plan and implementing recommendations from our Disability Access and Inclusion Plan.

Our investment in infrastructure, developing strategies such as an Economic Growth Strategy and continuing to seek out new opportunities to grow our diverse industries are essential to keep our economy strong as our region recovers from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions on businesses and travel.

We're also working to increase our procurement of goods and services through local suppliers and contractors to further support our local business owners and encourage jobs growth in our region.

Improvements to our rating system made following an extensive process and community consultation also come into effect this financial year. This will introduce changes to make our system fairer, including a new Waste Management Charge for households receiving our waste collection service. Those who don't have access to the service will no longer contribute to the cost of it through their general rates and won't be charged the levy, while those who are located further away from their bin collection points will pay less in acknowledgement of the distance they need to travel.

Importantly, Council has listened to community feedback about the best way to implement these changes to reduce the impact on our most vulnerable residents and those whose properties will be most affected by changing the differential rating system to land use only. We're increasing our rate capping rebate to 15% for the first two years to support eligible ratepayers that may have significant increases to their rates bill.

More detail on the changes to our rating system can be found with the "Changes in Rates 2021-22" supplement provided.

We are also considering a revised model of Council governance with our Representation Review process. Council has sought community feedback on its preferred option – to either retain the district's three wards with updated boundaries and reduce the number of elected members from nine to eight, or abolish the ward structure and reduce the number of elected members to seven. Council will make the decision after public consultation feedback has been considered, with the decision implemented for the new term of Council which commences in November 2022.

Best wishes, *Mayor Dave Burgess*

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Projects & Infrastructure Update

Bike rack installations

The installation of two bike racks at Mannum and Morgan are now complete along with the installation of bollards. Adjacent image of the completed bike rack installation at Mary Ann Reserve, Mannum. This project was funded by the **State Bicycle Fund**.



Stormwater

Council has recently received funding through the **Local Roads Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP) phase 1 and 2**. The below locations are funded for stormwater upgrades:

Brinkworth Road, Tungkillo (LRCIP phase 1)

- Survey has been completed
- Design has been received
- Tender scheduled for July/August

Olive Grove Road, Palmer (LRCIP phase 1)

- Survey has been completed
- Design has been received

Eighth Street, Morgan (LRCIP phase 1)

- Survey has been completed
- Design has been received and further detailed design to commence
- Tender scheduled July/August

Ramm Road, Mannum (LRCIP phase 2)

- Survey & Geotech has been completed
- Design currently being developed

Mary Ann Reserve upgrade (Interpretive signage)

Totem poles with detailed riverboat history will be installed adjacent to a concrete pathway connecting the newly installed playground to the Bowling Club wharf. This project is jointly funded under **Open Spaces and Places for People** grant funding and **Council**.



Footpaths

The Swan Reach walkway has now been completed with mooring posts being installed. This enables pedestrian access from the houseboat mooring area to the township. This project was funded by the **Murray Darling Basin Program Funding**.



Truro toilet upgrade

Offsite building fabrication has commenced with onground site preparation works for the new facility upgrade occurring. This project was funded by the **Drought Funding Round 2** program. The new toilet facility will consist of six toilet cubicles including two DDA compliant toilets. The current anemity will be demolished to provide DDA parking areas. Adjacent image of final design.



Marine Facilities

Reed clearance has been completed at Bowhill (a small section was left due to a nest being discovered, once the nest is empty the small section left will be removed), Blanchetown and Caurnamont boat ramps. Completed images below:



Bowhill



Blanchetown



Caurnamont



Now is the time to renew your dog and cat registrations on DACO

Dog owners are reminded that registration of all dogs fall due on 1 July each year and the renewal of all expired dog registrations must be paid prior to 31 August each year. Failure to pay the registration fee by the due date will result in a \$10.00 late fee and an expiation fine of \$170.00 may be applied.

Cat owners who have registered the details of their cats on DACO, should have also received a registration renewal in the same method as dog owners. **THERE IS NO FEE FROM COUNCIL ASSOCIATED WITH CAT REGISTRATION ON DACO.** Cat owners are only required to check and update their personal details and the details of their cats annually.

Things you need to know are:

- Council no longer post dog registration renewals to dog owners. This is now undertaken by DACO via your nominated method of contact. If you did not receive your renewal notice please contact Council's Animal Management Officers on 8564 6020.
- Your dog will no longer receive a new disc/tag annually. The original disc/tag you received is your dog's disc/tag number for life. Replacement discs can be ordered on DACO or you can choose to purchase your own tag from a pet tag supplier.
- Since 1 July 2018 ALL dogs and cats must be desexed by 6 months and the details recorded on DACO. In addition ALL dogs and cats must be microchipped before 12 weeks of age and the details recorded on DACO.
- When renewing your dog or cat registrations on DACO, should the microchip number not be provided, you may receive a fine for failing to do so.
- You can update your information on DACO at any time, this includes all new registrations, desexing or microchipping information, and if your dog or cat goes missing or passes away.
- Exemptions from microchipping your dog and cat can only be provided in writing by your vet.

Should you have any questions in relation to this information please feel free to contact Council's Animal Management Officers on 8564 6020.

Free Hard Waste Disposal Days 2021-2022

For the 2021/2022 financial year, Council will implement Free Hard Waste Disposal days at selected Waste Transfer Station facilities. The introduction of Free Hard Waste Disposal days is in response to feedback received as part of Council's Service Level Review – Waste Management Services, completed in March 2021. The Transfer Station Free Hard Waste Disposal days will replace the Free Waste Transfer Station Voucher system previously provided by Council (vouchers were previously received with your first Rates Notice).

This service is available only to residents/ratepayers of Mid Murray Council; proof of eligibility may be required at the time of disposal (ie. rates notice, drivers licence).

The Free Hard Waste Disposal service is for domestic waste only and excludes asbestos, tyres, mattresses/ensembles and commercial & contractors waste. Disposal is limited to rubbish bins (or similar container), car boots/station wagons and utes or trailers up to level 8 x 5, or equivalent. Trucks will not be accepted. Please contact Council if you have any queries regarding eligibility or acceptable materials for disposal.

The first of Council's Free Hard Waste Disposal days is scheduled for September 2021 as follows:

Transfer Station	Date	Time
Cambrai	Sunday 5 September 2021	12:30pm – 2:30pm
Blanchetown	Saturday 11 September 2021	3:30pm – 5:00pm
Mannum	Saturday 18 September 2021	8:00am – 12:00pm
Morgan	Sunday 26 September 2021	11:00am – 1:00pm

Free Hard Waste Disposal days will be advertised on Council's website and through the social media network, town magazines and signage at Council Waste Transfer Station facilities. Future Free Hard Waste Disposal days are proposed to be scheduled throughout 2022 and will be advertised accordingly prior to the event.

Free Green Waste disposal days will also be scheduled for 2022 and will be advertised prior to the event. For further information, please visit Council's website.

SAVE THE DATE

Mannum Fun Run & Walk 2022

Sunday 27th February 2022



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