

Mid Murray Council Newsletter

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2022 NAIDOC Week march, Mannum
Picture: Sam Lowe, Murray-Valley Standard (ACM)

A Message from the Mayor

As the new financial year begins, Council is looking forward to delivering its planned projects, services and priorities to take our region into the future.

Council's recently adopted 2022/23 Annual Business Plan and Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan 2022-23 to 2031-32 set out our path for the next 12 months and beyond to assist in building a strong regional economy, maintaining financial sustainability, delivering improved community facilities and services and increasing the Mid Murray's tourism potential. There's plenty to be excited about.

Council is also proud to have partnered with Mannum Aboriginal Community Association Inc and Mannum Community College to deliver the successful Mannum Family Fun Day for NAIDOC Week early in July. This year's theme – Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! – is timely given Council's priority to continue the work we began in 2021/22 to build stronger and more meaningful relationships with Mid Murray's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

The appointment of Council's first Mid Murray Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee in May was an important first step. One of the Advisory Committee's key roles will be to assist Council in implementing its inaugural Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan – which we hope will be endorsed by Reconciliation Australia soon.

Recently, Council completed a review of its waste services and made the decision to reinstate dump vouchers. During 2022/23, Council will offer free hard waste disposal vouchers to non-commercial, residential properties with a kerbside service or Transfer Station Access Card allowing two free level 8' x 5' trailer loads of waste to any of Council's Waste Transfer Station Facilities. Vouchers will be available by online application only and further information can be found in the article on page 3 of this newsletter and on Council's website.

If you've ever wanted to get involved in Council, the upcoming Local Government elections are the ideal time. Nominations for candidates seeking election open on 23 August 2022 and close on 6 September 2022 – it's a great way to represent your area and have a say on decisions that affect the lives of those in your community – and it's also incredibly rewarding. Good decision making requires the right mix of skills, as well as diversity of thought and experience, so if you are interested and believe you have the skills and passion to make a positive difference, I encourage you to consider nominating.

Council will run candidate briefing sessions in August prior to nominations opening, and more information is available on Council's website at: <https://www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/council/Elections>

Not ready to nominate? You can also make a difference by getting to know the candidates in your local Ward and voting when voter packs are sent out in October.

Vote or nominate – either way, make a difference.

Mayor Dave Burgess

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Projects and Infrastructure update

Mary Ann Reserve upgrade – Stage 1 (Open Space & Places for People)

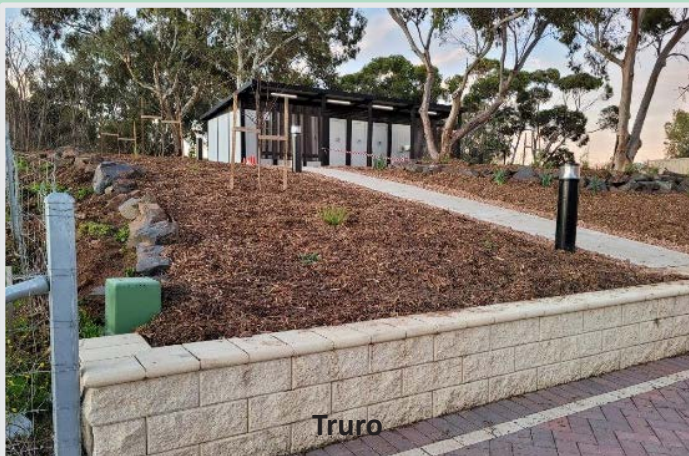
The River Boat Captains interpretive sign pole artwork has been installed, completing the Stage 1 upgrade.



Public conveniences

The Truro toilet upgrade, which was funded by the Drought Funding Program - Round 2, has now been completed. The finishing touch was the completion of the landscaping which has given the whole area an overall facelift.

Toilet block refurbishments at Walker Flat Ferry, Swamp Hen Reserve, Hettner Landing and Sedan have all been completed as well. This work included a new paint colour scheme and interior replacements.



CWMS and utilities

The Bolto/Cowirra Community Wastewater Management Scheme (CWMS) pump stations have had the required security gates installed at relevant sites to ensure safety of the public and CWMS infrastructure.



Footpaths

The footpath in the main street of Cambrai required a much needed revamp as the asphalt was beginning to become cracked due to tree roots. The required asphalt footpath works have been completed.





FREE HARD WASTE *Disposal Voucher*

In 2022/2023, Council will offer Free Hard Waste Disposal Vouchers to eligible ratepayers within the Mid Murray Council area.

Free Hard Waste Disposal Vouchers are available to non-commercial, residential properties who receive a kerbside collection service/Transfer Station Access Card and allows ratepayers to dispose of two free level 8' x 5' trailer loads of waste to any of Mid Murray Council's Waste Transfer Station Facilities.

Hard rubbish, also known as hard waste, are your rubbish items that don't fit into or are not accepted in your general waste bins, including Household Furniture and Waste, Building Material and Green Waste.

Excluded Materials: Asbestos, Tyres, Mattresses/Ensembles and Contractor's Waste. These waste items attract additional charges and will be charged separately.

Free Hard Waste Disposal Vouchers will be available from 1 July 2022 and are by online application only. To apply for your Voucher, or for further information, visit the council's website.



We all know mosquitoes can be a nuisance, but some can spread serious disease. The most common diseases spread by mosquitoes in South Australia are Ross River Virus, Barmah Forest Virus, Murray Valley Encephalitis and now more recently, Japanese Encephalitis. There are no cures for these viruses and the only way to protect yourself is to avoid being bitten.

As we head into the spring season, its now time to start cleaning up your yard and mosquito proofing your home to reduce the risk of mosquito bites:

- Make sure the insect mesh on your windows and doors have no holes in them.
- Maintain your roof gutters and remove leaves and debris from them.
- If you have a pond, place some Australian native fish in it to eat any mosquito larvae.
- Check your rainwater tank to make sure that all openings have mosquito proof coverings.
- Monitor where there may be pools of water laying around in your yard such as car tyres, wheel barrows, tarps, pot plant saucers and remove the water.

Remember to cover up and apply insect repellent to reduce your chances of being bitten!



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 are also reminded that all cats over 3 months of age must be desexed (if born after July 2018), microchipped and registered on DACO. There is no fee associated with cat registrations on DACO. Cat owners are only required to check and update their personal details and details of their cats annually.

Should you have any questions or require assistance with registering your dog or cat please contact Council's Animal Management Officers on 8564 6020.



Nominate

Council Periodic Elections are to be held November of this year. If you are eligible to vote, you may be eligible to stand for a position on Council.

Nominations open 23 August 2022 and close 12 noon 6 September 2022

Holding a position on Council presents the opportunity to influence local directions and create long term positive outcomes within your community.

You may be eligible to nominate for Council if you are:

- Eligible to vote in the Mid Murray Council elections
- An Australian citizen
- An elector for the Council area by the close of roll
- The designated person of a body corporate or group which has its name on the voters roll for the area

If you are in doubt as to whether you are eligible to nominate for a position on Council, contact Council on 8569 0100, visit Council's website: www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/council/Elections or visit Electoral Commission of SA's website: www.ecsa.sa.gov.au/parties-and-candidates/council-candidates.

Vote

Voting in a Council Election is done entirely by post, if you are enrolled to vote you will receive your ballot papers through the post between Friday 14 October and Thursday 20 October 2022. Close of voting is 5:00pm Thursday 10 November 2022.

Participating in your local Council election is one of the most effective ways you can make a difference to everyday life in your community, please make your vote count in 2022.

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Last month we saw the launch of artwork on the Mannum to Adelaide Pipeline, celebrating the region as Australia's first Dark Sky Reserve. SA Water, in collaboration with the Murray River, Lakes and Coorong Tourism Alliance, Council and Palmer's Collier Park Community Association, saw South Australian Artist Jack Fran paint a 50m section of the pipeline. To find out more about this project check out the article in Council's economic, tourism and development newsletter "Mid Murray on the Move!" which can be found on Council's website.

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