

Mid Murray Council Newsletter

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A Message from the Mayor

As I reflect on the past three months and everything our Mid Murray district has experienced, one thing stands out to me – our incredible community.

Never when I took up the role as the region's new Mayor back in November 2022 – just three short months ago – did I expect we would be heading into one of the worst flooding disasters our area has ever seen.

Over this time, the Mid Murray district has experienced more than its fair share of uncertainty, loss and grief. There would be few of us who haven't been impacted in some way – through the direct flooding of our homes and businesses, the loss of livelihoods, or the emotional strain of facing the unknown. The physical, financial and mental toll of this flood feels heavy for all of us right now.

And yet, we have also seen something truly special. Throughout this disaster, even in our toughest moments, our community has pulled together to look after its own. To fill and stack sandbags, to support our businesses first with purchases, and then with packing boxes when the time came to move as the waters rose. Donations of food, offers of accommodation. Neighbours looking out for neighbours.

In this role, I've also seen first-hand the dedication of our Council staff and my fellow Elected Members. Not only have they been on the ground supporting our communities since the river began rising, they've given up so much of their time and skills to keep our residents and businesses safe, and to advocate for what those communities need. I applaud their efforts – and those of our hard-working emergency services crews who have also been instrumental in responding to this crisis.

During my time as a Mid Murray resident and Councillor, I always knew our region was special. Our close-knit community is one of our greatest strengths. To see it in action, supported by other communities from across the State and Australia, has given us all hope as we face the huge task of recovery.

We have a long road ahead of us to clean up, rebuild and revitalise our flood-affected areas, but knowing our community remains strong, resilient and connected, I believe we will make it through this together. While most of our time and resources have been committed to our flood response, it was heartening to see people come together recently for the Sounds by the River concert (made possible by its relocation to the Mannum Golf Course) and the Council's annual Australia Day celebrations.

Council will be focused on the flood recovery efforts for some time, however, we are also looking forward to getting back to our priority projects for this financial year once the situation eases. Please continue to look out for each other in the months ahead as we move towards a brighter future together.

Simone Bailey, Mayor

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Projects & Infrastructure update

In the lead up to the anticipated River Murray flood peak, Council's Infrastructure and Field Services team continued with some minor projects and general maintenance works throughout the region.

Public conveniences

The Collier Park toilet refurbishment has been completed and is a continuation of a public conveniences refurbishment program being completed internally by the I&FS Maintenance team as resourcing allows.



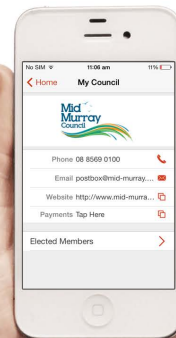
Mannum Lookout car park

The DDA carpark inclusion at the Crawford Crescent lookout in Mannum has been completed.



My Local Services

Mid Murray Council



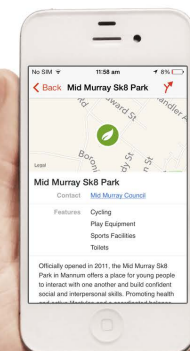
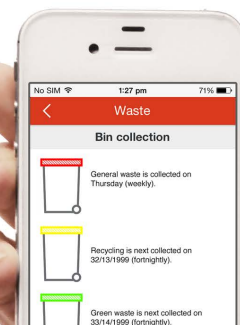
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Find your bin collection days and receive reminders.



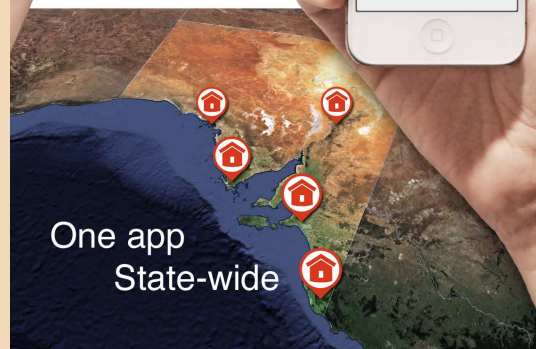
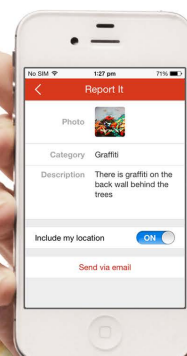
Find events in your local Council area or state-wide.



Find nearby parks, libraries and events.



Report issues with attached images and location data.



One app
State-wide





Waste UPDATE

Waste collections

Just a reminder, if you are living in a closed road area please bring your bins to the nearest dry point along the collection route outside the road closure. You can even form a little “bin bank” with your neighbours in a dry location, so Council’s contractor can continue to collect your rubbish. Unfortunately, if it’s flooded, Council’s contractor will not be able to get the collection truck to you and your rubbish will be unable to be collected due to difficulty of access, and for safety reasons. The garbologists are good, but they’re not miracle workers!

Council and its waste collection contractor (Solo Resource Recovery) will endeavour to maintain existing collection schedules for as long as possible and as near to current schedules as practical.

Scheduled collections and collection days for properties on the eastern side of the river may also be effected by ferry closures. As an example, this may mean that bins normally collected on a Wednesday on the eastern side of the river normally accessed via ferry crossing, may need to be rescheduled for collection on another day that week to allow Solo sufficient time to complete collection services. Bins should be left at the collection point to enable Solo collection that week. Please contact Solo on 8295 5077 for confirmation of collection day(s).

Other bin FAQs

My bin wasn’t emptied this week? If your bin wasn’t emptied on its collection day please contact SOLO Resource Recovery on 8295 5077 on the day of collection and they will contact the truck driver to come back and empty your bin.

Who do I call if my bin is damaged? If your bin is damaged, please ring SOLO Resource Recovery on 8295 5077 – your replacement part or bin will be ordered through SOLO.

Who do I call if my bin has been stolen? A police report number is required before a replacement bin can be delivered. Once you have reported your stolen bin to the police, contact SOLO via phone on 8295 5077, online or in person and provide the report number and your replacement bin can be ordered.

Waste Transfer Station operations

Due to ferry closures, Council’s transfer station operators will not have direct access to facilities located on the eastern side of the river, impacting Transfer Station operations.

UPDATE OF BOWHILL & SWAN REACH TRANSFER STATIONS OPENING HOURS – EFFECTIVE 12/12/2022 & UNTIL NORMAL SCHEDULED OPERATIONS ARE POSSIBLE VIA FERRY ACCESS

- **Swan Reach Transfer Station** operating days and hours will remain as per normal which is every Tuesday (8.30am – 9.30am) and every Saturday (1.30pm – 3pm).
- **Bowhill Transfer Station** operating hours will remain as per normal every Thursday (10.30am – 11.30am) but will unfortunately be closed on Sundays.



Maintaining your property to be bushfire ready

Council's Fire Prevention Officers have undertaken their initial inspections of properties across the Council area to ensure landowners have reduced any fire hazards on their land in accordance with Fire & Emergency Services Act. With the current weather conditions proving to be favourable for the plants, we are asking people to continue to maintain their properties throughout the summer period to reduce any potential fire risks.

Remember to be bushfire ready this season and prepare and practice your bushfire safety plan! You need to be prepared to leave quickly! It is your life, property and the wider community you are protecting.

Tips to maintain your property during the Fire Danger Season

Around your property

- Mow or slash ground vegetation
- Remove any fallen branches
- Move flammable piles away from dwellings and sheds
- Manage all fuel loads on your property
- Regularly inspect your property

Around your home

- Clean your gutters
- Clear underfloor areas
- Check vents, crevices and anywhere debris can gather

SWIMMING POOLS

MANNUM COMMUNITY COLLEGE & CAMBRAI

OPEN 3:30PM - 7:30PM*

DAILY PASS:
CONCESSION \$3.00
ADULT \$5.00

* If the weather is forecast to be 25C+ on WillyWeather the pool will be open

PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY FROM MOSQUITOES



MOSQUITO BITES CAN CAUSE SERIOUS DISEASES
THAT CAN MAKE **YOU VERY SICK.**

DO THESE THINGS TO PREVENT MOSQUITO BITES:



**WEAR LONG, LOOSE-FITTING,
LIGHT-COLOURED CLOTHING.**



**USE AN INSECT REPELLENT CONTAINING
THE CHEMICAL DEET, PICARIDIN OR OIL
OF LEMON EUCALYPTUS (PMD).**



**REMOVE WATER AROUND YOUR HOUSE
TO STOP MOSQUITOES BREEDING.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
VISIT WWW.SAHEALTH.SA.GOV.AU/FIGHTTHEBITE



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