

# MID MURRAY COUNCIL



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## A Message from the Mayor

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I trust that people had a happy and safe Christmas and New Year with friends and family. Well done to those who organised the Mannum and Morgan Christmas Pageants. I understand that they were fantastic, especially the fireworks.

I would like to welcome the new Councillors to the Mid Murray Council; Steve Wilkinson, Kelly Kuhn, Adriaan Sakko and Brenton Schmitt. I would also like to thank those previous Councillors who served their community and Council for the last 4 years; Jeff Howie, Peter Milsom, David Peake, Inez Bormann and Kerry Yeates. Your contribution is appreciated.

Some of the projects and activities that we are progressing include the following:-

- Council has received \$107,000 funding for the resheeting of 5kms of Bower Boundary Road under the Special Local Roads Program. The works are expected to commence in March/April 2015 and be completed by 30 June 2015. The funding application for the sealing of 4km of Murraylands Road and reconstruction of 800 metres of Purnong Road were unsuccessful.
- A funding application has been submitted to the South Australian Boating Facility Advisory Committee for Ngaut Ngaut Conservation Park mooring facility. The funding application is for \$15,000 which will allow the larger boats to tie onto pylons and to undertake stabilisation works to the river bank. Additional pylons will be installed for houseboat moorings to encourage people travelling along the river to stop at this location.
- SA Power Networks has advised that the undergrounding of power lines, associated trenching and backfill for the proposed Mannum Hospital Helipad site is \$70,000. The estimated cost for the closure for a section of Parker Street and amalgamation with the adjoining Hospital land is \$7,340 and the formal design of the Helipad is estimated to be \$5,250. In addition, the estimated costings for the project including earthworks, concrete pad, retaining wall, landscaping, pathways, pavement and sealing, lighting and accessories, is estimated at \$178,665. The Development Application lodged by the Mannum Health Advisory Council with Council will now be assessed and progressed and potential funding sources for the project will be investigated by Council.
- Following investigation of all options for the collection and disposal of wastewater at Truro, the holding of a community information evening and surveys sent to landowners; the Council, having considered all submissions, has decided to proceed with the proposed Community Wastewater Management Scheme at Truro, based on the option of utilising the already constructed treatment plant and storage lagoon at Stockwell in a cost sharing arrangement with The Barossa Council. Tenders have been called for the construction of the Scheme.
- The registration of the business names for the River Boat Hall of Fame and River Boat Hall of Fame Visitor Centre for Morgan have been received.

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- Following a request from the Swan Reach Progress Association for a contribution of \$6,377 to complete the Swan Reach Town Hall project upgrade and taking into account that the Progress Association has received external funding, have raised funds and that the cost of the upgrade is estimated to be \$246,000, Council approved the contribution.
- Following the submission of 14 areas within Mid Murray Council that have poor, very poor or no mobile phone coverage to the Federal Government, all of the locations have been included in the Government's Mobile Black Spot Program for consideration of funding.
- Council will continue to progress actions to be undertaken in relation to unsightly, unsafe or unhealthy premises at Sedan.

The Council assisted evacuees and those affected by the Sampson Flat fire by providing accommodation where possible at the Mannum Caravan Park at no cost, worked with the Mannum Football Club for people to be able to evacuate/stay there and through Councillor Jennings, the Sedan Progress Association made the Sedan Recreation Park available and also assisted in coordinating the supply and delivery of fodder to those affected. We were pleased to be able to assist in a small way.

The State Government has announced that the concessions on Council rates will cease as of 30 June 2015. The funding for pensioner concessions from the State Government that goes to this Council totals around \$238,000. We are continuing to lobby through the Local Government Association of South Australia and the Federal and State Governments for the reinstatement of these important pensioner concessions.

The Development Application for the Palmer Wind Farm by Trust Power will be advertised shortly and Council has held two information sessions for interested members of the public to provide information on the development application process prior to the commencement of the formal public notification period for the proposed development.

The Federal Government will be introducing the Work for the Dole Program from 1 July 2015 and Council is preparing possible projects and liaising with the Federal Department for Employment regarding such works being undertaken.

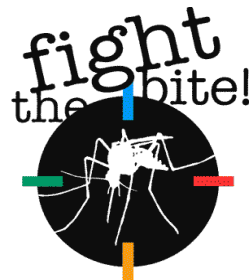
I look forward to working with the various Community Organisations, Clubs and Progress Associations in 2015.

**Mayor Dave Burgess**



## Free Immunisation for Under 5 Year Olds

Did you know that Council runs a free monthly immunisation clinic to the Mannum, Cambrai, Swan Reach, Blanchetown, Morgan and Truro townships? Council provides the Childhood Immunisation program for 0 to 5 year olds making it easier for all parents to access this excellent health initiative. There are no booking fees making the clinics free for all users. Want further information? Contact the Cambrai Council Office on 8564 6020.



### Fight the Bite and Stop the Spread

It's mosquito season so its time to cover up and fight the bite of mosquitoes. We all know mosquitoes can be a nuisance, but some can spread serious diseases when they bite and there is currently NO CURE and NO VACCINE for mosquito-borne disease. The only way to protect yourself and your family is to avoid being bitten. Cover up wearing long sleeved light coloured clothing, use a DEET based insect repellant and use mosquito coils when outside. Around your home fix up your flyscreen and remove stagnant pools of water – it's the perfect place for mosquitoes to breed. Fight the Bite!

## Food Safety Training - Do You Need an Update?

Do you need to update your skills in food safety? Or maybe you just need a refresher? Mid Murray Council in conjunction with TAFE SA are running food safety courses at Mannum, Swan Reach and Morgan in 2015 so contact the Cambrai Council Office for more detail. If you can't make these sessions, jump on the Council website and undertake the free 'I'm Alert' Food Safety online training. Once completed, you receive a certificate for your records. If you need more information about any of the training please contact the Cambrai Council Office on 8564 6020.



Council now has free ongoing DrumMuster collection points located at the Cambrai Landfill site and the Mannum, Swan Reach and Cadell Transfer Stations. Up to 100 drums can be deposited during opening hours at any one of these sites. If you have more than 100 drums, contact the Cambrai Council Office on 8564 6020 to make a booking.

## Elected Members

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**The School Holiday Calendar** has been a huge hit over the summer break, with over 400 children and youth engaging in a range of positive activities, events and workshops.

With an array of free activities on offer, including surfing lessons, canoeing workshops, Create a Playground and kite making, junior basketball clinics, lantern making, pool snorkelling and more, this first time project has received an overwhelming response.

Led by Mid Murray Council's Youth, OPAL and Arts and Cultural Development programs, in partnership with 15 local service providers, the contribution to the project exceeds \$30,000.

The feedback from community has reiterated the importance of initiatives such as this; some of the testimonials are as follows:

***"Just wanted to say a big thankyou for organising the Surfing trip. It is wonderful that kids in the Murraylands can be exposed to things that they may not have had the opportunity to do before. Your school holiday program looks fantastic so another big thanks for all the work with different activities and the coordination with other agencies as well. You are all doing an amazing job with looking after our young people in the region."***  
Jo Heward, mother of 2.

***"Thanks so much for the sessions, hopefully we can get them back again next year."*** – local father of 1.

***"The kids had a great time, thanks again for organising it [canoeing workshops]."*** – local mother of 2

***"I think all of these programs that you guys are running are great for local kids."*** – local mother of 1.





## Pumpkin Pizzas the Taste of Cadell Harvest Festival

This Easter Saturday, it will be gourmet pumpkin pizzas filling the stomachs of those attending the Cadell Harvest Festival.

OPAL Mid Murray, in conjunction with the Cadell Harvest Festival Coordinating Committee will bring Amore Woodfired Ovens to the festival for pumpkin cooking demonstrations and of course for tastings as well.

The key ingredient of the pizzas will be (... you guessed it) ... pumpkin!

The pizzas will have a focus on good nutrition, but also fantastic gourmet tastes as well. Local producers will also be asked to contribute some of their produce to help bring the pizzas to life with some colour!

For more information on the event, check out the website: <http://www.cadell.org.au/html/pumpkin-competition.html>



Paris from Amore Woodfired Pizza cooking up healthy pizzas at a recent community fair

## Community Grants

Council is pleased to offer a range of Community Grants to provide support to develop, grow and implement a range of exciting new initiatives at a local level. The grants include:

### Small Community Grants Program

(Applications close 31 January & 31 July each year) - up to \$500 in line with the existing grants program.

### Community Projects & Events Grants

(Applications close 31 March & 30 September each year) - up to \$2,000, will allow community groups to work with Elected Members and Council to develop and deliver important projects and events in the district.

### Individual Youth Sport & Cultural Grants

(Applications ongoing) - up to \$400 to support individual achievements of young people selected to represent their State in national or international sporting or cultural pursuits.

For more grant information contact Shane Thompson on 8569 0100 or visit [www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au](http://www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au).

## New OPAL Officer Alex Hits the Ground Running

Council is pleased to welcome the newest Mid Murray OPAL team member Alexandra Day, who began working with us in January 2015.

As a recent graduate from Flinders University, with qualifications in Health Science, Nutrition and Dietetics, Alex brings with her a wealth of knowledge and skills.

As the daughter of two early childhood educators, Alex has a passion for working with children to support their long term health. Alex has experience in working with both OPAL and Local Government. In 2014, she undertook work experience with the Council's Healthy Murraylands and OPAL programs, helping to run Eat a Rainbow workshops, setting up healthy menu options in local restaurants and supporting a regional Council to establish a Healthy Eating Policy.

Alex will be out and about in the Mid Murray community for the next 18 months delivering programs, events and other initiatives which support OPAL's goals of increasing physical activity and healthy eating for local families.



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