

Mid Murray Council

Newsletter

A Message from the Mayor

I hope you all had a happy and safe Christmas with your friends and family and wish you all the best for 2017.

Whilst there has been higher river flows, the Murray River still is and has been able to be enjoyed for boating and recreation pursuits during this time. We have liaised with various shack owners and Shack Owner Associations where access to shacks has been closed. In a small number of cases we have closed such roads where they would have been inundated as well as the Community Wastewater Management Schemes. Our primary concern in doing this has been the safety of residents and tourists.

Some of the projects and services we have undertaken over the last few months are as follows:

- Under the new Federal Government Building Better Regions Fund submitting an application for a wharf/mooring facility at Swan Reach and Hermanns Landing and upgrading of the Cambrai pool.
- A State Government Grant of \$15,000 towards the building of a replica of the Shearer Steam Carriage. The Mannum Dock Museum is pursuing fundraising for further monies needed to undertake this and the housing of the Carriage.
- Funding has been approved under the State's Black Spot Program for the upgrade of the Murray Bridge/Mannum Road Belvedere Road intersection. Work is expected to commence in April 2017.
- Council has accepted an offer of \$150,000 from the Local Government Association of South Australia to undertake the design and costing for shack areas requiring a Community Wastewater Management Scheme or other Waste Management options.
- Following a request from the Bowhill Progress Association, Council has recommended to the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure that the speed limit at Chucka Bend Road be reduced from 60km/h to 30km/h. Further, following receipt of a petition from the residents at Punthari, Council has recommended to the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure that the speed limit on Ridley Road be reduced to 80km/h.
- A Development Plan Amendment for the Local Heritage Southern Section of Council has been progressing. Consultation will commence shortly.

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- Following a request from the Pompoota Hall, Council has agreed to contribute \$4,000 towards the cost of painting of the exterior woodwork of the Hall.
- In principle support has been given to a storage facility for the Mannum Paddle Steamers Dragon Boat Club on Douglas Street (off River Lane) subject to a number of conditions.
- Council recognises the importance of mobile phone coverage throughout the Mid Murray Council and following a report on no coverage or poor coverage in a number of areas, we will continue to seek funding and advocate for better services to be provided.

Over the last few months, Council has been very successful in being recognised for various Awards.

- Swan Reach Country Music Festival for Murraylands and Riverland Regional Tourism Awards, received the Mayor's Choice Award.
- State and National Heart Foundation Award 2016 winner with population between 5,000 and 25,000.
- Mainstreet SA Award 2016 for the SA Truck and Ute Show by the Mannum Progress Association.
- The 2016 South Australian Tourism Award – Festivals and Events Award for Sounds By The River and Outstanding Contribution by an Individual, Deb Alexander (Mid Murray Council's Tourism Manager).
- Morgan Lions Rail to River Adventure Park KESAB Sustainable Communities Award for Appearance, Amenities and Facilities.
- A commendation for the 'Improving Planning Processes and Practices' category at the Planning Institute of Australia Annual Awards.

I would also like to thank and recognise all those involved in the 'All Steamed Up' Festival which was highly successful, the PW Mayflower which was recommissioned by the Governor of South Australia, Governor Hieu Van Le, the opening of the new reception building at the Mannum Caravan Park, and the Morgan and Mannum Christmas Pageants street parties and fireworks.



Mayor Dave Burgess

Free Green Waste Disposal Days

Council has set the following dates for the 2017 Free Green Waste Disposal Days:

28 & 29 January 2017
15 & 16 April 2017
15 & 16 July 2017
28 & 29 October 2017

For more information, including details of what material will be accepted, contact Council's Morgan office on 8540 0060 or visit Council's website.

Are you aware your local Ambulance Officers are volunteers?

To be able to provide the best service delivery to the community, your local ambulance station relies on volunteers to cover the roster. This volunteer could be you!

When volunteers are on call, they are free to go about their normal lives as long as they stay within the local town area. Our volunteers are in their twenties, thirties, forties, fifties, sixties and even seventies, and all learn life saving skills for life.

We know how busy you are, however if you could spare some of your valuable time to help your community please contact 1800 655 306 or email SAASvolunteer@sa.gov.au. Even if you only visit your shack or holiday home on the weekends, you can still make a difference.

Government of South Australia SA Health SA Ambulance Service

New Planning System - SA Planning Portal Now Open

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure has begun the implementation of the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016, with the first phase being the launch of the SA Planning Portal website. This new website will become the one stop shop for all things 'Planning & Development' in SA - www.saplanningportal.sa.gov.au

The Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 will be brought into effect over stages through the next five years. A transitions bill (Statutes Amendment (Planning, Development and Infrastructure) Bill 2016) has been prepared to facilitate the operation of the Act through this time. This Bill will be 'turned on' soon which means processes and frameworks under the current Act will start to be 'turned off'.

Useful information:

In April 2017 (approximately) the New State Planning Commission will commence, which will eventually assume the responsibilities of the following Commissions and Committees:

- Development Assessment Commission (DAC)
- Building Rules Assessment Commission (BRAC)
- Development Policy Advisory Committee (DPAC)

In July 2017 (approximately) there will be changes made to Development & Regional Assessment Panels – Council Development Assessment Panels may be required to elect new members depending on their current make up of representatives to conform with new membership requirements.

For more information please see www.saplanningportal.sa.gov.au

River Murray Zone Development Plan Amendment

As reported in the last newsletter, Council has been reviewing the zoning provisions for the River Murray Zone. This Zone covers an area of 1-2 kilometres either side of the River Murray and includes Shack Settlements, however, it excludes townships. Of specific interest to some residents might be the changes to the zoning in Swan Reach and Walker Flat (Rob Loxton Road). Council had hoped for the amendments to be adopted by the end of 2016, however, this has not occurred and therefore Council will be pursuing this matter further with the State Government.

For more information please contact the Cambrai office of Council on 8564 6020 or via email postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au

Free Immunisation Clinics

Council provides a free monthly immunisation service to vaccinate children aged 5 and under against numerous childhood diseases.

The clinics are held at the following locations:-

Mannum – First Wednesday of each month commencing 9:30am at the Mannum Medical Centre. Appointments are required and can be booked through the Medical Centre on 8569 0222.

Cambrai, Swan Reach, Blanchetown, Morgan, Truro (by appointment) – Third Tuesday of each month. For further information please contact the Cambrai office on 8564 6020.

For any further information about Council's immunisation service please view the Mid Murray Council website under Public Health or contact Council on 8564 6020.

Protect Yourself Against Mosquitoes

It's mosquito season again and Council is asking all residents to cover up by wearing long loose fitting clothing and using an insect repellent containing DEET or Picaridin.

Try to avoid going outside during dusk and dawn as this is when the mosquitoes are most active. If you are having a BBQ for tea burn some citronella candles upwind.

Check around your home to ensure there are no pools of stagnant water in places such as pot plant saucers, gutters, septic tanks, rainwater tanks (paraffin oil can be put into the tanks), old tyres, ponds and dams. Check fly wires on your doors and windows – they don't need a big hole to get in.

Council is continually monitoring mosquito numbers and treating mosquito breeding sites but mosquito numbers can only be controlled to a certain degree so it's most important to cover up when going outside. Nobody deserves a mosquito bite!

For further details please contact one of the Environmental Health Officers at the Cambrai office on 8564 6020.

The **Mid Murray Council** supports the South Australian Government and SA Health in the promotion of the **Fight the Bite** mosquito awareness campaign this summer.

what do **you** want in your **community?**

Most people are surprised when they learn how much councils actually do.

Imagine your town without rubbish collection or the maintenance of pavements, roadways, street trees and verges. Imagine no playgrounds or local parks, libraries, sports club facilities, community halls or seniors' services. What might happen without food inspections at local restaurants, rescue of stray animals, or provision of volunteer support programs?

And this list represents only a small proportion of what councils provide!

have **your** say...

Each year Council has to make important decisions about how to allocate ratepayer funds to the vast range of programs and services it provides.

The formal consultation process on the Draft Annual Business Plan takes place around May each year. This Plan, along with details of how to get involved in the formal consultation process, will be available on Council's website (www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au).

You can also tell us what you want from Council by contacting your local Councillor (contact details are on the website), emailing Council directly (postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au) or messaging us on Facebook.

We want to know what **you** want from your **Council!**



Open Space, Recreation & Public Realm Plan Update

Council has been working hard with the community over the last 6 months to draft the Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan. This has included community engagement sessions throughout the Mid Murray Council area as well as a specific Mary Ann Reserve Masterplan public 'drop-in' consultation day on 6 November 2016. These sessions provided ideas and direction to Council on how communities see their public spaces developing in the future. Council has collated the information and drafted the Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan which was presented to the Council on 13 December 2016.

Council is seeking to further engage the community on the final draft of the Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan through the month of February 2017 with the aim to complete this Plan by March/April 2017.

When the Plan is completed, Council will be working with community groups to meet key district directions listed in the Plan. For more information please contact, Meridee Jensen – Strategic Development Planning Projects Officer, or Joel Taggart – Manager Development Services, at the Cambrai office of Council on 8564 6020 or via email postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au

Stolen Generations Reparations Scheme

Mid Murray Council would like to advise that the Stolen Generations Reparations Scheme is currently open.

Applications for Individual Reparations close on 31 March 2017. Please contact - Maria Atkins on (08) 8463 6533 or 0466 451 651.

Expressions of Interest for the Community Reparations Fund will open soon. Please contact - Brendan Moran on (08) 8463 6519 or 0466 501 132.

For more information please visit www.statedevelopment.sa.gov.au/stolengenerationscheme

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