

MEDIA RELEASE

COMMUNITY TO HAVE THEIR SAY ON PLAN TO INCREASE USE OF MORGAN SPORTS COMPLEX

The Mid Murray Council is seeking community input on a proposal that could open up new use opportunities for the Morgan Sports Complex.

The Morgan Sports Complex is available for hire, however, is used only sporadically. The complex, which is located on land owned by the Crown, is also subject to a restrictive Community Land Management Plan that was last reviewed in 2007. Under that plan, the complex can only be leased to the Morgan Cadell Tigers Sports Club – a club that was disbanded in 2009.

The Council wants to increase opportunities for the use of the complex. This includes requesting that the Crown rededicate the land to a more suitable land use, and that the Community Land Management Plan be changed to include the option for leasing and licensing to community groups.

The proposal is currently open for community feedback, and the Council will also consult with the Crown as the current landowner.

Mid Murray Mayor Dave Burgess said updating the Community Land Management Plan, and asking the Crown to rededicate the land, would make it easier for the complex to be used in a range of ways.

“We would like to support the Morgan community by increasing the use of the Morgan Sports Complex, through leasing arrangements with community groups,” Mayor Burgess says.

“It’s a shame to have a community facility sitting there underutilised. Our aim is to find ways to increase that use – to bring more people into the area to use the complex, to increase local access to the facility and to potentially even find ways to attract visitors to the town, which has additional benefits for the local community.

“Council has already successfully updated similar restrictive community land management plans applying to other public facilities across our district, which have opened up the potential of these sites to increase use.”

Importantly, if the changes do go ahead, further community consultation would still be required if the Council receives any proposals to lease the complex.

Written submissions can be made until 5pm 8 September 2021. When making a submission, people can also indicate if they wish to address Council in person.

For more information visit www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/community/public-consultation.

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