

MEDIA RELEASE

COUNCIL FACILITIES REOPEN, SERVICES RESUME UNDER NEW COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Mid Murray Council facilities will reopen and a number of services will resume as SA moves into a reduced level of COVID-19 restrictions from 12.01am on Wednesday, 28 July 2021.

Following the SA Government's announcement that the current lockdown will end, and in line with the latest SA Health advice, the Council will make the following changes to its restriction measures:

These measures will be in place from 12.01am, Wednesday, 28 July for the next seven days:

- Council offices will reopen as per their usual hours.
- All Council-run libraries and visitor information outlets will reopen as per their usual hours.
- The Mannum Leisure Centre and Gym, Cambrai Landfill and all transfer stations will reopen.
- Morgan Activity Centre, Old Wharf Craft Shop and Council-run museums will reopen, subject to volunteer availability.
- All Council volunteer programs and activities will resume.
- All **cruising activities on the PS Marion and Mayflower** will resume from this week in line with set cruising schedules.
- Mannum Riverside Markets will go ahead this Sunday, 1 August.

While restrictions are set to ease, Council reminds the community that a number of measures are still in place and will need to be observed in Council facilities and while accessing Council services, including:

- Mandatory mask wearing in indoor public places.
- Varied capacity limits at specific venues such as the Mannum Leisure Centre and Gym, Morgan Activity Centre, libraries, aboard cruises, at visitor centres, in offices and museums.
- All food and beverage consumption to be while seated.
- Observe social distancing requirements in place.

While Council's offices will reopen, people are encouraged to consider conducting their business online or over the phone where possible to minimise face-to-face contact. Customer Service staff can be contacted via phone on 8569 0100 or email on postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au for all non-urgent matters.

Mid Murray Council Chief Executive Officer Ben Scales said the current situation in SA was encouraging, but urged the community to continue to observe restrictions in place for at least the coming week.

"While it's positive news that SA is in a position to be able to come out of lockdown, we still all need to be cautious to minimise the risk of this highly-infectious Delta strain from spreading into our community," Mr Scales says.

"We are reopening many of our facilities and resuming some services including our volunteer and tourism programs. However, we are urging everyone to adhere to the new restrictions, particularly in relation to mandatory mask wearing, observing social distancing and sticking to capacity limits in indoor venues.

"We remind our community that wearing a mask in indoor public places is now a mandatory requirement, both for their protection, and the protection of our staff and volunteers.



"At this stage, we expect that these measures will be in place for at least the next seven days. We will continue to monitor the latest information and advice from the SA Government and SA Health and continue to update our community if there are any further changes.

"As we've seen interstate, there is significant potential for this virus to spread rapidly. Council encourages everyone in the Mid Murray community to continue to do their bit to protect each other by adhering to the latest protection measures."

Council will keep the community updated about any changes via its <u>website</u>, Facebook page and through local media.

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