

**MEDIA RELEASE**

## **\$42,812 BOOST TO MID MURRAY COMMUNITY THROUGH ANNUAL GRANTS PROGRAM**

Nineteen community groups across the Mid Murray district will share in \$42,812.36 in Community Grants to support projects including local events, new equipment and upgraded facilities.

The annual Mid Murray Council Community Grants Program supports organisations with funding to run events, programs and other community, cultural and recreational initiatives.

This year's grants include money to renew flood-damaged signage, upgrading dragon boat seating, purchasing equipment such as a first aid kit, flagpole, fridge, building walls and fencing, and upgrading kitchens and offices in community facilities.

Events are also supported through the program. The Mannum Agricultural Society will receive \$2,000 for the 2024 Mannum Show, with \$2,000 also going to the Lions Club of Morgan and Districts for the 2023 Morgan Christmas Pageant and Fete and to the Morgan Small Bore Rifle Club for its Mid Murray Championship competition.

Mid Murray Mayor Simone Bailey said the Community Grants Program provided an important source of funding for valuable community projects.

"We have many active community groups across the Mid Murray who deliver valuable events, sport, recreation, cultural, and history programs and services to our community," Mayor Bailey said.

"Council's Community Grants Program is a way we can support these groups to continue the great work they do – often while relying on volunteers and fundraising to keep running.

"These grants will ensure that these organisations have access to the equipment and standard of facilities they require so our community can enjoy the benefits of these events and programs into the future."

The Council offers the grants annually across three main funding streams – Small Community Grants (up to \$1,000), Community Event Grants (up to \$2,000) and Community Project Grants (up to \$5,000).

An Individual Sport and Cultural Grant program also runs year-round, supporting locals to attend sport, music, art or other cultural activities at a State, National and International level. This grant has a sliding scale of contribution amounts including \$100 for events in SA, \$200 for interstate events and \$400 for international activities.

For more information about the Council's Community Grants Program, visit <https://www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/community/grants>.

**The 2023 Community Grant recipients include:**

- South Punyelroo Progress Association - \$500 to renew flood-damaged signs
- Mannum and District History Association - \$956.94 for an office upgrade
- Morgan Bowling Club - \$1,000 for a lawnmower hydrostat drive
- Mannum Dragon Boat Club - \$780 to upgrade of boat seating
- Angas Valley Recreation Hall and Tennis Club - \$740 to buy an upgraded first aid kit and gazebo
- Caloote Landing Progress Association - \$1,000 for community enrichment and engagement

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- Walker Flat and Districts Community Hall - \$1,000 for a new display fridge
- Mannum Bowling Club - \$465 for a replacement flagpole
- Lions Club of Morgan and Districts - \$2,000 for the Morgan 2023 Christmas Pageant and Fete
- Morgan Small Bore Rifle Club - \$2,000 for the Mid Murray Championship
- Swan Reach Soldiers Memorial Bowling Club - \$4,870.97 for kitchen cupboard replacement
- Mannum Golf Club - \$5,000 to upgrade kitchen facilities
- Keyneton Lindsay Evans Memorial Park - \$3,300 for the removal of aged pine trees along a boundary
- Blanchetown District Hall - \$2,364 for a retaining wall
- Morgan Small Bore Rifle Club - \$3,000 for building renovations and safety fencing
- Blanchetown Combined Sporting Body - \$4,835.45 for a skippy fence
- Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) - \$2,000 for the Mannum community pantry
- Lutheran Church Cambrai - \$5,000 for an access ramp to the church hall
- Mannum Agricultural Society - \$2,000 for the Mannum Show 2024.

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