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MESSAGE FROM CEO MICHAEL SEDGMAN

WELCOME to the first edition of The Rural City of Murray Bridge community newsletter, delivered directly into letter boxes to ensure residents are kept informed about Council activities and what is happening in their communities.

Our community has every reason to be confident about the future of our great rural city, with initiatives being undertaken by the Council and the private sector to enhance our economy and lifestyle.

A lot of activity has taken place on the ground during the past 12 months and part of Council's focus has centred on creating more attractive town entrances – work has already started on the Adelaide Road Linear Park and Swanport Road revitalisations.

A new entrance sign is to be erected on the South Eastern Freeway, leading travellers down Adelaide Road and into each of our townships which will also benefit from wayfinding signs showcasing Council's new visual identity. Council will invest in a Bridge Street refresh and changes will be visible before the end of year. The Bridge Street upgrade project (developed in collaboration with Bridge Street traders) will complement the Sixth Street revitalisation to create a more vibrant and active city centre.

The private sector is also pulling its weight with significant investment at Big River Pork, Costa Mushrooms and the



Bridgeport Hotel contributing to an increase in ongoing employment opportunities for locals.

As part of our commitment to community engagement, Council has developed this newsletter to keep residents in touch with Council services, events, major projects and engagement opportunities. The newsletter will be distributed every three months to households and businesses within the Council area in January, April, July and October – you can also pick up a copy at the Local Government Centre or the Murray Bridge Library.

Get your information from the source at any time by visiting Council's website, Let's Talk or follow us on Facebook.



Register your interest to receive an electronic version of this newsletter and other Council communications via your inbox at letstalk.murraybridge.sa.gov.au/register

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**ARRIVALS TO MURRAY
BRIDGE WILL ENJOY AN
ATTRACTIVE ADELAIDE
ROAD LINEAR PARK**

WELCOME TO MURRAY BRIDGE

VISUALLY appealing town entrances and supporting infrastructure upgrades are creating inviting and attractive entrances for visitors to Murray Bridge and bolstering community pride.

Clean bright entrance signs along the South Eastern Freeway will introduce travellers to The Rural City of Murray Bridge. The big M reflects the design of the bridge we are famous for and this first taste of fresh local identity clues the driver in as they travel into town guided by signage with the same theme drawing them ever further in.

Travelling down Adelaide Road visitors are treated to fresh green lawns, manicured picnic areas, landscaped pathways and ample parking as they move through the Linear Park project showcasing the

wide open spaces we enjoy alongside the vibrant local business community.

Visitors entering via Swanport Road will travel through a green, tidy and inviting corridor, once the Swanport Masterplan takes shape over the next 12 months commencing before the end of this year.

Traffic treatments, kerbing works, native footpath plantings and a planned upgrade of Jubilee Park will transform this thoroughfare into an alluring avenue leading to the heart of town.

Arrivals in the centre of Murray Bridge will enjoy a refreshed Bridge Street this Christmas season.

In consultation with local businesses, Council has created a plan for affordable change over time that will declutter, revamp entrances and nodes (with new banner poles) and green the street.

The refresh will provide value for all without disruption to services and businesses that a complete reconstruction would entail.

New Christmas decorations are being installed that will showcase the Town Hall and beautify the main street, including rope lighting for significant gums – in time for the Christmas pageant.

Unique new wayfinding signage in town will create linkages drawing people out into our rural communities – enticing travellers to explore the treasures to be found there.

Corresponding entrance signage will announce each of our rural townships.

Signage consistency will make it easier for travellers to navigate their way around our great rural city by signalling an easy to follow network of trails and pathways.





AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Recognising unsung heroes like 2018 Murray Bridge Citizen of the Year Don Watts, who make a positive difference to our community, are what Australia Day awards are all about. Don has been a part of the fabric of our community for all of his life, contributing as a patron of the arts and supporting local artists.

He has been involved in Murray Bridge Players and Singers for 25 years, is Regional Coordinator of the Murraylands Primary Schools Choir, volunteers his time at the Murray Bridge Regional Gallery, Town Hall, with graffiti removal team and helps with concerts for many local schools.

Don's nominator described him as someone who epitomises civic pride, 'someone who always sees the good in others and is continually encouraging people to strive for better'.

Save the date for the 2019 Australia Day Awards, citizenship ceremony and community breakfast at 7am Saturday 26 January 2019 at Sturt Reserve.

Australia Day Award nominations categories include:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Community Initiative of the Year
- Sports Person of the Year
- Young Sports Person of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year

More information about the Murray Bridge Australia Day Awards and community breakfast, and citizenship ceremonies can be found on Council's website www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au

Follow the Rural City of Murray Bridge Facebook event. We hope to see you there!

IN BRIEF

CCTV

Phase one of Council's CCTV upgrade is now complete with 13 additional cameras added to the existing six sites. Phase two will add further CCTV coverage to new locations as identified by SA Police.

GALLERY EXHIBITIONS

Don't miss the exhibitions on display at the Murray Bridge Regional Gallery on Sixth Street. Two exhibitions on display until 2 December are: Rotary Youth Art Prize and Ensemble Mark Kimber and Deborah Paauwe.

FIRE DANGER SEASON

Fire Danger Season began early this year on 1 November 2018. Council will not issue domestic burning permits during Fire Danger Season. For information visit www.cfs.sa.gov.au

HARD RUBBISH COLLECTION

To arrange your once yearly hard rubbish collection or 6x4 trailer tip pass phone Orana on 8375 2060 or go to hardwaste.orana.asn.au/portal

FOOTPATHS

Footpaths scheduled for construction in 2018/19 include sections of: Beatty Terrace, Caroline Street, Christian Road, Cooke Street, Cromwell Road, McHenry Street, Myall Avenue, North Terrace, Sturt Street, Thomas Street, West Terrace and Whitehead Avenue.

ROAD RESHEETING

Roads scheduled for resheeting in 2018/19 include sections of: Bremer Range Road, Dualat Bore Road, Launer Road, Otto Road, Rock and Roll Road, Rockleigh Road and White Hut Road.

ROAD RESEALING

Roads scheduled for resealing in 2018/19 include sections of: Brinkley Road, Ella Street, Elm Avenue, Gunn Road (full length), Hicks Road, Martin Road, McCulloch Road, Mulgundawah Road, Oak Avenue, Ramsay Street, Ridgeway Terrace, Ruth Street, Sherwood Road, The Point Road and Thiele Road.

ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

Roads scheduled for reconstruction in 2018/19 include sections of: Adelaide Road Service Road, First Street, Jarvis Road, Jose Street, Old Punt Road, Olympic Drive, Railway Terrace Service Road (full length), Rayson Street, Semmler Street (full length), Thule Drive and Verdun Road.

SERVICE REQUESTS

Have a footpath, road or street tree matter that needs attention? Phone Council's friendly customer service team on 8539 1100 to lodge a service request.

YOUTH CONNECTIONS

Young people are making music, forming connections and embracing opportunities provided by Council as fast as they can be provided in Murray Bridge.

A wide ranging program of arts, music, skating and skills development ensures there is always something on offer for our young people – either on stage or in the crowd.

Band Connections is a program for young musicians wanting to meet others, form bands, rehearse songs and perform. Youth are mentored by industry professionals every Wednesday during school terms at The Station.

Local youth were treated to a Hip Hop program run by industry professionals during the school holidays. Workshops helped develop lyric writing skills, making beats, stage craft and performance opportunities.

The Station is currently developing a Hip Hop program that will run weekly workshops featuring opportunities for recording tracks in the Bakehouse Studio.

Keep an eye on The Station Facebook page for details of new events as they become available.

The Murray Bridge Regional Gallery is hosting the Rotary Youth Art Prize 2018 exhibition featuring work produced by young artists aged 12 to 25 years.

Entries will be on display until Sunday 2 December.

Council is committed to providing support for our



local youth to achieve their goals in state and national sporting, academic or cultural pursuits. Youth Support Grants are available through the Council all year round and are capped at \$100 per person per year.

Council is eager to engage young people and give them a say in the development of their community.

The Youth Action Committee (YAC) is one avenue young people can use to make their voice heard.

Youth who want to be involved advocate of behalf of their peers about issues that affect them and make recommendations to Council.

COUNCIL IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR OUR LOCAL YOUNG PEOPLE

Leadership mentoring is being developed with the creation of the RCMB Youth Council. Representatives from local schools are exposed to local government process and model the full Council including appointment of their own youth Mayor.

Keep your ear to the ground for a major youth event coming up in the new year for SPLASH involving live music, rock climbing wall, free barbecue and smoothies - a scooter workshop will also be held in January at Sturt Reserve.

To find out more about what's happening in the local youth space please contact Council's Youth Officer Paul Ankersen on 8539 1157.



THE SUMMER SEASON IS OPENING

PACK A BAG WITH BATHERS, TOWEL AND SUNSCREEN, AND GET READY TO ENJOY A GREAT SUMMER AT THE POOL



SUMMER fun is just around the corner and there is lots of fun to be had at the Swimming Centre!

Murray Bridge is lucky to host one of the few full size Olympic swimming pools in regional South Australia and people travel from far and wide to enjoy our excellent facilities.

The introduction of the Supaslide and Water Play Park last year guarantees kids (and the young at heart) will be lining up to have fun at the pool this summer.

The Murray Bridge Swimming Centre opened on Saturday 3 November 2018.

Hours are 6.30am until 7pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 6pm on weekends.

Due to additional staffing requirements the Water Play Park and 48 metre Supaslide are open 12noon to 5pm on weekends, public holidays and during school holidays or 3.30pm to 6.30pm on school term weekdays.

Cost of Supaslide use is included in pool entry so thrill seekers can go wild and enjoy as many runs on the slide as they can manage during opening hours.

The Water Play Park has been specially designed to provide safe enjoyment for younger children and features a giant tipping bucket, four smaller water slides, mushroom shaped water elements and a water fountain play section for toddlers.

Shade sails provide plenty of cover to escape the heat in the water play park, but people are reminded to cover up with plenty of sunscreen and protective clothing to shield themselves from the sun.

Lush green lawns and shaded areas in the grounds make an ideal setting for family picnics and use of gas barbecues at the centre is free. A disability swing at the centre ensures everyone in the community can access the pools to escape the heat and seniors over 65 years enjoy free entry.

A masterplan guiding future evolution of the Swimming Centre to meet our growing community's needs and expectations is being developed. Council will keep the community informed as this progresses.

So pack a bag with bathers, towel and sunscreen, and get ready to enjoy a great summer at the pool – the countdown is on!

Families passes are only \$20 with general admission \$6 and children under 3 years free. The complete package of fees is available at www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au or by phoning 8532 2924.



TRAILS

DISCOVER hidden treasures in our own backyard by exploring one of the local trails that put you in touch with the natural beauty of our region.

Whether it's walking, running, cycling or driving that interests you there is something here to suit everyone.

The Murray Bridge Discovery Trail is a leisurely one and a half hour walk around Murray Bridge that allows walkers to experience indigenous culture, railway heritage, fantastic river views and discover hidden treasures.

The trail begins in front of the Local Government Centre with a tribute to the traditional owners of the land – the Ngarrindjeri people. Interpretive signs guide walkers around the trail and provide information on selected heritage sites.

For people who like a little more adventure, the Kinchina Conservation Park located just off Maurice Road contains a network of trails including Jailbreak Trail and Rocky Gully Link Trail that can be combined into loop trails: Getaway Car Loop and Jailhouse Rocks Loop. These trails connect with the Lavender Federation Trail, a 325 kilometre long trail designed for walkers that stretches from Sturt Reserve Murray Bridge all the way through to Clare. Swanport Wetlands features a great small loop trail with sections of boardwalk extending over the water providing opportunities to view native birds and river based wildlife in the natural environment.

NATURE LOVERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TRY THE NEW NATURE TRAIL AT WELLINGTON'S MURRUNDI RESERVE

Nature lovers are encouraged to try the new nature trail at Wellington's Murrundi Reserve that will eventually form part of the planned 450 kilometre Murray Coorong Trail.

Trails are important community assets that preserve open space, attract people and support healthy lifestyles, while also providing economic benefit.

To extend and enhance the trail experience in the rural city the creation of a new discovery trail in Mypolonga is underway, following successful delivery of the discovery concept in Murray Bridge. Council is working with the Mypolonga community to develop consistent signage to encourage further exploration within the region.

Find out more about the great trails available, contact the Visitor Information Centre on 8539 1142 or visit Council's website at www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au



JUMP INTO JANUARY



GET READY for a ripping great time this summer with the Murray River SPLASH month long festival of events at Sturt Reserve.

Beginning on New Year's Day families will find something new and amazing to do every single day in January culminating with Australia Day celebrations on the 26th.

Council is SPLASHing out on fun, entertainment and adventure, for local families.

Sturt Reserve, our jewel in the crown, will come alive playing host to an inflatable water playground Slip 'n' Dip, family carnival day, silent discos, outdoor theatre, come and try activities and so much more.

Obstacool and nature play will attract the younger kids, while hanging out with friends by the river enjoying movies and music in a safe space will appeal to those a little older.

Families frolicking on the foreshore can enjoy picnics together on the lush green lawns or take pleasure in preparation free feasting from food trucks supplying a range of food and drinks at reasonable prices.

Most activities will be free allowing local families plenty of fun and affordable entertainment throughout the summer, with something to suit everyone on offer.

So SPLASH out and plan to spend quality time with your family and friends enjoying this new riverfront festival in January.

Go to murraybridge.com.au/splash to keep up to date on all the events taking place.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



MURRAY BRIDGE CHRISTMAS CAROLS BY THE RIVER

Don't miss Christmas Carols by the River from 6pm until 9pm on Sunday 9 December 2018. Bring a picnic rug or fold out chair and join us on the grassy Sturt Reserve foreshore for this family friendly community event.

Ensemble Mark Kimber and Deborah Paauwe

26 October – 2 December
Murray Bridge Regional Gallery
www.murraybridgeregionalgallery.com.au

Rotary Youth Art Prize

26 October - 2 December
Murray Bridge Regional Gallery
www.murraybridgeregionalgallery.com.au

The Honeybees

22 November
Murray Bridge Town Hall
www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au

National Speedway Classics

24 November
Murray Bridge Speedway
www.murraybridgespeedway.com

Super Series Cycling

26 November
Murray Bridge
www.cyclingsuperseries.com.au/round-9-murray-bridge

Ultimate Pink Night

1 December
Murray Bridge Speedway
www.murraybridgespeedway.com

Swanport Hotel Christmas Cup

2 December
Murray Bridge Racing Club
facebook.com/murraybridgeracingclub

Sunday Sessions - Dan The Man

9 December
Murray Bridge Library
www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au

Christmas Carols by the River

9 December
Wharf Hill Murray Bridge
www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au

Band of the SA Police Christmas Show

13 December
Murray Bridge Town Hall
www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au

Murray Bridge Christmas Festival

14-16 December
CFC Church Murray Bridge
www.christianfamilycentre.com.au

Bowls SA Championship

14-17 December
Murray Bridge Bowling Club
www.bowlssa.com.au

King of the Bridge

15 December
Murray Bridge Speedway
www.murraybridgespeedway.com



World Series Sprintcars

26 December
Murray Bridge Speedway
www.murraybridgespeedway.com

FX FJ Nationals 2018

28-31 December
Show & Shine, Murray Bridge Racecourse
www.fxfnats.com.au

SPLASH Slip 'n' Dip

1-26 January
Sturt Reserve
www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au/splash

SPLASH The First Wave Concert

5 January
Sturt Reserve
www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au/splash

SPLASH Family Fishing

6 January
Sturt Reserve
www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au/splash

SPLASH Treasure Hunt Tuesday

8 January
Sturt Reserve
www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au/splash

SPLASH Circus Workshop

9 January
Sturt Reserve
www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au/splash

SPLASH Art in the Park

10 January
Sturt Reserve
www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au/splash

SPLASH Outdoor Cinema and Climbing Wall

11 January
Sturt Reserve
www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au/splash

LITTLE SPLASH Family Carnival

12 January
Sturt Reserve
www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au/splash

River Raid Marathon

13 January
Sturt Reserve
www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au/splash

SPLASH Obstacle

14-18 January
Sturt Reserve
www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au/splash

SPLASH Treasure Hunt Tuesday

15 January
Sturt Reserve
www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au/splash

SPLASH Sand Art with Mr Oopy

16 January
Sturt Reserve
www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au/splash

SPLASH Date Night Outdoor Cinema

18 January
Sturt Reserve
www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au/splash

THE BIG SPLASH

19 January
Sturt Reserve
www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au/splash