

Mid Murray Growth Management and Housing Strategy – Community Service Analysis

Prepared for Mid Murray Council

1.1 Education

There are a total of eleven schools in the Mid Murray Council area, consisting of four preschools/kindergartens, five primary schools and two primary and secondary schools. Each of these schools are public and operated by the Department of Education. The below table provides an overview of the school's enrolments versus their capacity.

Although located outside the Mid Murray Council area, the Waikerie Children's Centre has been included in the table below due to its strong connections with the region. Additionally, it is noted that four private schools operate in Murray Bridge, providing options for parents who prefer to send their children to private education.

School Name	Preschool / Primary / Secondary	Enrolments 2024	Capacity 2024	Capacity % 2024
Cambrai Preschool	Preschool	< 5	48	< 10.4%
Mannum Kindergarten	Preschool	31	82	37.8%
Morgan Kindergarten	Preschool	5	58	8.6%
Swan Reach & Area Kindergarten	Preschool	8	30	26.7%
Waikerie Children's Centre	Preschool	41	82	50.0%
Blanchetown Primary School	Primary	16	84	19%
Cambrai Primary School	Primary	26	150	17.3%
Keyneton Primary School	Primary	23	80	28.8%
Mannum Community College (R-12)	Primary & Secondary	413	500	82.6%
Morgan Primary School	Primary	39	140	27.9%
Swan Reach Area School (R-12)	Primary & Secondary	76	170	44.7%
Truro Primary School	Primary	14	112	12.5%

Table 1: List of existing schools and capacities

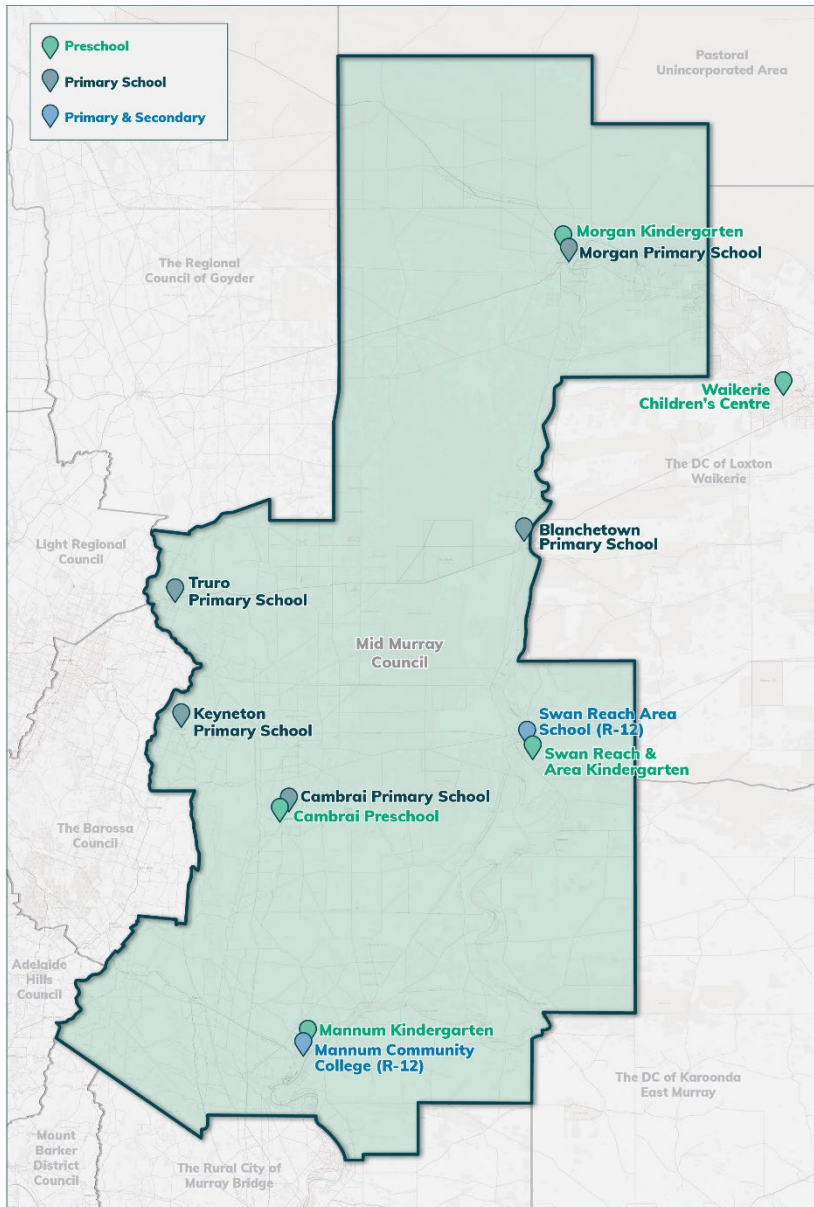


Figure 1: Mid Murray Schools

The nature of education and childcare facilities and their population trigger points is set out in Table 2 below. The schools in the Council area generally have significant capacity, with most operating at less than a third of their potential. Mannum Community College is an exception, maintaining a healthy student population.

Infrastructure Item	Definition	Trigger Point
Government B – 12 school	Department of Education administered school providing educational services from preschool through to completion of the SA Certificate of Education (SACE) ¹	1 per 20,000 -25,000 people ²
Government B – 6 Primary School	Department of Education administered school providing educational services from preschool through to completion of year 6	1 per 6,500 people ³
Kindergarten/Pre-school	Educational services catering for children aged 4-5 years prior to commencing school	1 x 60 place kindergarten for every 10,000 people ⁴
Child Care (0 – 4 years)	Long day care providing places for 90 – 120 children.	1 centre for 9,000 people. ⁵

Table 2: Education and Childcare Services Trigger Points

TAFE SA is South Australia's largest vocational education and training provider, providing job-focused training across various industries. While there are no TAFE SA campuses operating the Mid Murray Council area, there are campuses available in the Barossa, Berri and Murray Bridge. The spread of campuses supports residents in different locations across the Council area.

Council provides library services at Morgan, a depot service at Blanchetown, and contributes to joint service provision at Swan Reach, Cambrai, and Mannum. The State Government assists this valuable service through grant funding.

1.2 Health and Emergency Services

The Mid Murray community is part of the broader regional network provided by SA Health, known as the Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network. This network serves approximately 70,000 people across the Riverland, and the River Murray, Lakes, and Coorong areas of South Australia, extending east to the Victorian border.

Within the Mid Murray Council area, the only facility is the Mannum District Hospital, which offers a range of acute services. These include in-hospital care for adults and children provided by local general practitioners, as well as outpatient services and aged care beds. The hospital also provides mental health emergency services.

Several other hospitals are located just outside the Council area but still serve the community, including:

¹ Department of Education, 2021, *New School and Major Upgrades* < <https://www.education.sa.gov.au/parents-and-families/enrol-school-or-preschool/new-schools-and-major-upgrades/aldinga-payinthe-college>>

² Elton Consulting, 2013, *City of Playford, Social Plan for Services and Infrastructure*

³ Elton Consulting, 2013, *City of Playford, Social Plan for Services and Infrastructure*

⁴ Elton Consulting, 2013, *City of Playford, Social Plan for Services and Infrastructure*

⁵ Australian Social & Recreation Research Pty Ltd, 2008, *Planning for Community Infrastructure in Growth Areas*

Local Hospitals	Location
Mannum District Hospital	Parker St, Mannum SA 5238
Angaston and District Hospital	29 North St, Angaston SA 5353
Eudunda Hospital	40 Ward St, Eudunda SA 5374
Karoonda and District Soldiers' Memorial Hospital	3 Stokes Rd, Karoonda SA 5307
Mount Pleasant District Hospital	28 Hospital Rd, Mount Pleasant SA 5235
Murray Bridge Soldiers' Memorial Hospital	96 Swanport Rd, Murray Bridge SA 5253
Waikerie Health Service	1 Lawrie Terrace, Waikerie SA 5330

Table 3: Local Hospitals

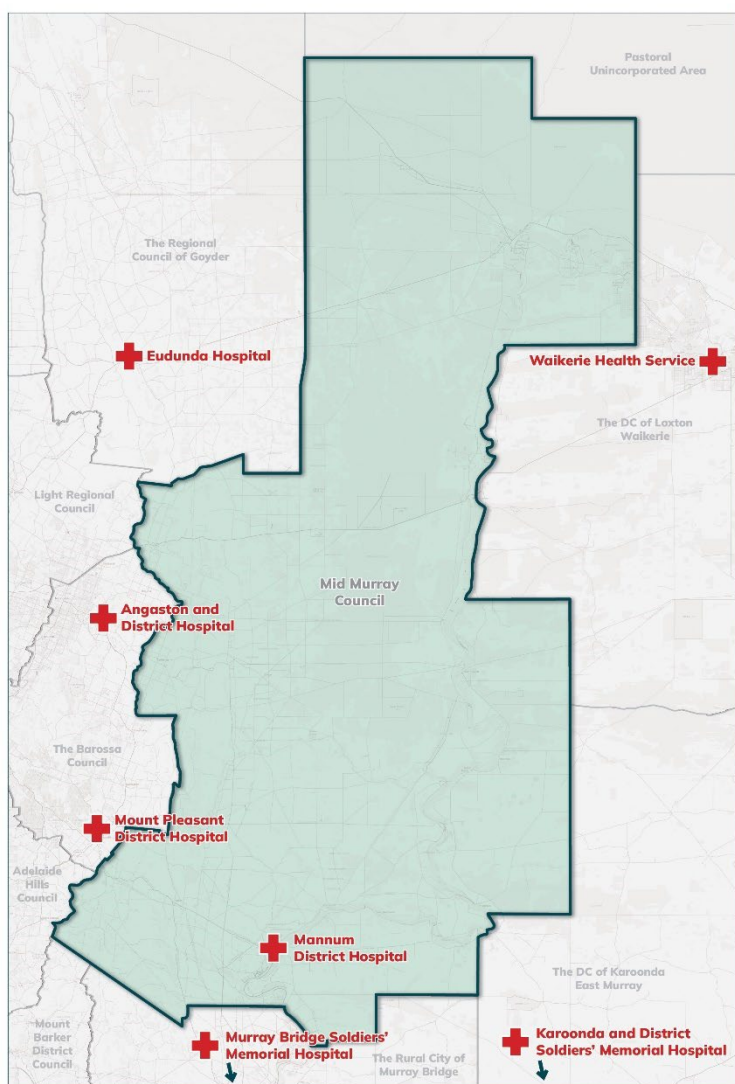


Figure 2: Local Hospitals

The Mid Murray Council area has one medical centre, the Mannum Medical Centre, located within the Mannum Hospital. This facility offers on-site accident and emergency services, including a newly equipped triage and treatment room, and provides 24-hour access to General Practitioners (GPs). Four GPs operate out of the Mannum Medical Centre. It's noted a new Medical Centre is currently being built away from the hospital.

Additionally, there are other medical clinics in the region, just outside the Mid Murray LGA boundary, that also serve the community. Nearby GP clinics are available in Angaston, Eudunda, Karoonda, Mount Pleasant, and Murray Bridge. Clinics across these towns contain a further 92 (approx.) GPs, with the largest concentration (58) being in Murray Bridge.

It is generally recommended to have 1.1 GPs per 1,000 people. Based on this guideline and acknowledging that further in-depth analysis is needed, it appears that the area has an adequate supply

of GPs to meet the needs of the local population (refer to Table 4). Noting feedback suggested there is a lack of community health services nearby, resulting in residents having to leave the Council area to access such services.

Infrastructure Item	Definition	Trigger Point
Community Health Service	Community health services for a municipality or wider, as well as specialist services. Provides a range of programs and services including outpatient clinics, maternal and child health, oral health, social work, counselling and information and referral. ⁶	1 for every 100,000 – 200,000 people ⁷ (Note: whilst not at a District Level as identified above, it is important to identify the threshold for the provision of this service).
General Practitioners	Private clinics and facilities providing general medical care, support and referral	1.1 GP's per 1,000 people ⁸

Table 4: Health Facility Trigger Points

⁶ Elton Consulting, 2013, *City of Playford, Social Plan for Services and Infrastructure*

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