

Play Our Way Project – Site Location for the New Female Sports Facility

Submissions Summary Report

October 2025

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Introduction

On 27 August 2025 Council publicly notified the Site Location for the New Female Sports Facility and invited submissions (See **Appendices 1 – 4**).

Two (2) submissions were received at the close of the engagement period.

Council prepares a Submissions Summary Report. Council's summary essentially lists the main points made by each submitter, and what outcome they seek from Council's decisions. All non-confidential submissions are available in **Appendix 5**.

Where amendments have been sought by a submitter, red underlined text has been used to indicate recommended additions to the provision and red strikethrough to indicate recommendations for the removal of the proposed text.

It should be noted that the Response and Action columns are draft recommendations presented to Council as part of the decision-making process. Consequently, Council may resolve to accept them with or without amendments in the final document.

Privacy

Please note that only the name and location of each submitter is detailed in the report. All personal details in the original submission contained in the appendices are redacted to maintain privacy.

Any commentary that is considered defamatory or inappropriate have been redacted.

Submission Summary and Response

Lin Kalms, RSL Mannum Sub Branch, Mannum

Submission#/Point #	Provision	Submission Point Summary	Decision Sought	Response	Action
1.1	General	Agrees with site location of new facility.	Nil	Noted	No amendment.
1.2	General	Seeks clarification on whether there are two separate wastewater projects or one wastewater project which includes the new changeroom facility, RSL, Cricket and public toilets.	Nil	Noted. Point raised not directly related to proposed location of changeroom. Council Administration has responded to RSL providing up to date information on the wastewater routes and what site connections are being included.	No amendment.

Airlie Keen, Independent for Hammond, Murray Bridge

Submission#/Point #	Provision	Submission Point Summary	Decision Sought	Response	Action
2.1	General	Agrees with site location of new facility.	Nil	Noted	No amendment.
2.2	General	Seek clarification as the design of the wastewater system	Nil	Noted. Point raised not directly related to proposed location of changeroom. Council Administration have responded to provide additional clarity on the broader project and what	No amendment.

				will be delivered as part of the project.	
2.3	General	Seek clarification if the RSL Sub-Branch's Memorial Hall is to be connected to proposed wastewater system.	Nil	As above	No amendment.

Appendix

Appendix 1 - Public Notice

Published in The Murray Pioneer and Leader Newspaper on 27 August 2025 and Murray Valley Standard 28 August 2025



Council is currently seeking feedback on the following:

New Female Changeroom Facility at the Mannum Oval Complex and Showgrounds

Council has secured funding through the *Play Our Way* program to fund a new Female Changeroom Facility at the Mannum Oval Complex and Showgrounds.

The project scope has identified an appropriate site for the new Female Changeroom Facility that benefits the main user groups at the Mannum Oval Complex and Showgrounds.

The Mannum Oval Complex and Showgrounds is located on Community Land with a current Community Land Management Plan. Council is required under the *Local Government Act 1999* and the Community Land Management Plan to consult with the community on any proposal that may alter the use of the land.

Council is seeking your feedback on the proposed site location of the new Female Changeroom Facility.

Consultation begins on Wednesday 27 August 2025.

Where to obtain further information

A Fact Sheet containing details on proposed site location is available for inspection on Council's Your Say www.engagement.mid-murray.sa.gov.au or at Council Offices located at Mannum, Cambrai, Morgan or Blanchetown.

How to provide feedback

Written submissions are invited on the proposed site location and can be received through the following means:

- Mid Murray Your Say feedback form www.engagement.mid-murray.sa.gov.au;
- Letter addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Mid Murray Council, PO Box 28, Mannum SA 5238; or
- Email postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au.

Submissions will be received until 5pm Friday 19 September 2025.

For more information, contact Executive Assistant – Development and Community Services, Melissa Marschall on 8569 0100.

Ben Scales
Chief Executive Officer

Appendix 2 - Social Media Posts

Posts published on 27 August 2025 and 15 September 2025

New Female Changeroom Facility - Proposed Location

The proposed site for the new changeroom facility is behind the playground and in line with the existing Football Clubrooms, and close proximity to the netball / tennis courts. This area is equally accessible to both the football club and netball / tennis clubs. The central location of this site is a high player usage area for the sporting clubs who have an interest in utilising this facility.

For more information, please visit Council's Your Say page at - <https://engagement.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/play-our-way-project>

Feedback is welcome and written submissions, will be accepted until 5:00pm, 19 September 2025.



Post published on 8 September 2025

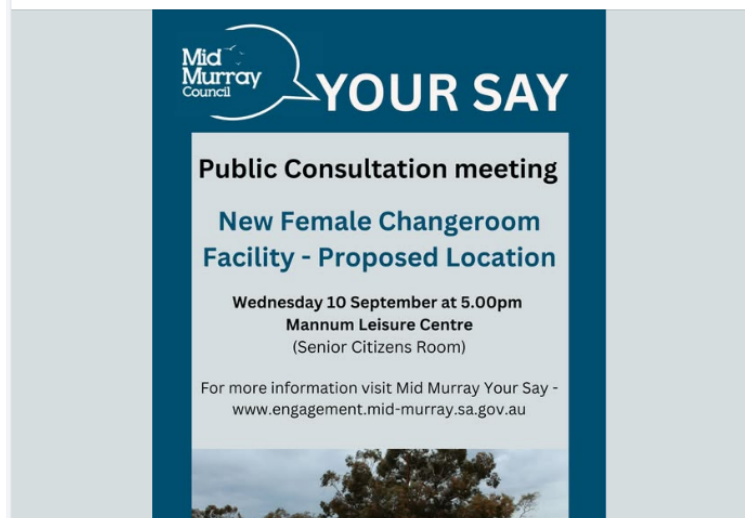
New Female Changeroom Facility - Proposed Location

Public Consultation meeting - Wednesday 10 September, 5.00pm at Mannum Leisure Centre (Senior Citizens Room)

The proposed site for the new changeroom facility is behind the playground and in line with the existing Football Clubrooms, and close proximity to the netball / tennis courts. This area is equally accessible to both the football club and netball / tennis clubs. The central location of this site is a high player usage area for the sporting clubs who have an interest in utilising this facility.

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Appendix 3 – Email to Stakeholders

Sent: Wednesday, 27 August 2025 9:17 AM
Subject: Public Consultation - New Female Changeroom Facility at the Mannum Oval Complex and Showgrounds
Attachments: Fact Sheet - Final.pdf

Dear Stakeholder,

Council, via *Play Our Way* grant funding is building a new female changeroom facility at the Mannum Oval Complex and Showgrounds. Part of the project scope is to identify an appropriate site for the new female changeroom facility that benefits the main user groups. As this site is Community Land, Council is required to undertake public consultation.

To date, stakeholder consultation has taken place with some Mannum Oval users giving key considerations to the following principles:

- Accessibility and Proximity
- Orientation and Aesthetics
- Soil Conditions and Drainage
- Safety and Security
- Utilities and Services.

This has resulted in a preferred site being selected for the new changeroom facility. Please find attached a Fact Sheet detailing the preferred site.

By conducting this public consultation process, we are seeking to:

- inform community of the development and the proposed location for the new building;
- to gauge public sentiment towards the proposed location and request feedback;
- to identify any issues with the proposed location.

Consultation begins on Wednesday 27 August 2025.

For further information on the proposed site location please visit Council's [Your Say](#).

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Kind regards,

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FACT SHEET

Proposed Site – New Female Changeroom Facility



Proposed Site Consultation

Council administration has held stakeholder meetings with the Mannum Netball, Football, Cricket and Tennis Clubs regarding proposed site locations for the new facility. All Mannum Oval Complex and Showground user groups were invited to participate in initial consultation. As a result of stakeholder engagement, a proposed site for the new facility is outlined below.

Key Considerations for Site Location

Accessibility and Proximity: The facility should be easily accessible to all users, including those with disabilities. A key decision is whether to prioritise a location close to a specific sports field (like a football oval) or a more central location that serves multiple groups (like netball, tennis, and a playground). A centralised location may offer broader community value but could be less convenient for some users.

Orientation and Aesthetics: The facility's orientation should be carefully planned. This includes considering how the building is positioned relative to the sun to maximise shade and minimise glare, as well as its visual impact on the area. The building's design should also complement existing facilities and preserve scenic views.

Soil Conditions and Drainage: The chosen site must have suitable soil conditions to support the building's foundation and ensure proper drainage. Poor soil can lead to costly foundation issues, while inadequate drainage can cause water damage and mould growth.

Safety and Security: The location should be well-lit and easily visible to the public to discourage vandalism and enhance the safety of users, especially in the evenings.

Utilities and Services: The site needs to have ready access to essential utilities such as water, power, and wastewater to minimise construction costs and ensure the facility can be maintained easily.

Proposed Site

The proposed site for the new changeroom facility is behind the playground and in line with the existing Football Clubrooms, and close proximity to the netball/tennis courts.

Advantages

- **Accessibility for Netball and Tennis:** This location is the **preferred option for netball and tennis** because it makes the changerooms more accessible. This direct proximity would be highly beneficial for players, reducing the distance they need to travel to and from the courts.
- **Central Location:** Placing the facility in line with the Football Clubrooms creates a central hub for multiple sports, which could foster a more integrated sporting community.

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FACT SHEET

Proposed Site – New Female Changeroom Facility



Disadvantages

- **Not Ideal for Football:** This site is not seen as beneficial for football spectators and players watching games on the oval. The positioning may obstruct views and make it inconvenient for football-related activities.

Utilities and Aesthetics

There is access to water and power at this site, and a proposed new wastewater route will incorporate this new facility.

This option maximises functionality and the aesthetic appeal for the various user groups. After careful consideration, the Football Club and all parties agree that the proposed site is the optimal location for the new Female Changeroom Facility, ensuring the best outcome for the entire complex. This option balances the priorities of netball and tennis with those of football.



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Appendix 4 – Public Consultation Meeting

Flyer promoted on Council's Website for period 27 August 2025 to 19 September 2025



Public Consultation meeting

New Female Changeroom Facility - Proposed Location

Wednesday 10 September at 5.00pm
Mannum Leisure Centre
(Senior Citizens Room)

For more information visit Mid Murray Your Say -
www.engagement.mid-murray.sa.gov.au



Appendix 5 - Submissions

19 September 2025

Mid Murray Council

Email: postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au

Re: Community Consultation on the New Female Changeroom Facility – Proposed Location

Congratulations on the Council receiving funding through Play Our Way Program Grant.

The construction of a new female change room facility at the Mannum Oval Complex Showground will be a wonderful project and outcome for sports people in Mannum.

The position of the new female change room facility appears to be very central and the new wastewater system will include these new change rooms for netball, Cricket Club, the public toilets and the Mannum RSL Sub-Branch as per [REDACTED] email to me on 7 September 2025. This email from [REDACTED] does not seem to be taking the whole complex to account. [REDACTED] states “the sewer mains remain as individual projects or joint project”. In your Fact Sheet you state “ensuring the best outcome for the entire complex”. This email from [REDACTED] leaves the users of the complex unsure with the outcome of the wastewater system.

There was also a meeting with Ben Scales, David Hassett, Steve Stevenson, Lin and Eric Kalms and Bob Lewis at 12.00pm on 5 December 2024 – where it was stated by Ben Scales “the RSL need not worry about the sewer as the Council had won a grant and the sewer for the RSL was included.”

Yes, the RSL understands that the grant is especially incorporating a new female changeroom facility and we do hope this option balances the priorities of NOT only netball, tennis and football but the whole Showground users.

I note that the Play Our Way Program contributes to the Department of Health and Aged Care’s Outcomes and “create new and innovative opportunities for the community to come together”.

I would like to know when the outcome for the consultation is expected to be reached. When will this project commence, after the consultation is completed, and especially when the “new wastewater route” will be disclosed. I also request the grant’s time lines with reporting on milestones, due dates and final acquittal of the grant.

I think this is a wonderful outcome for our town and the surrounding areas and I hope there is a positive consultation outcome.

Lin Kalms

RSL Mannum Sub Branch

[REDACTED]



19 September 2025

Mr Ben Scales
Chief Executive Officer
Mid Murray Council

Via email: postbox@mid-murray.sa.gov.au

Dear Mr Scales

RE: Community Consultation on the New Female Changeroom Facility – Proposed Location

I write to express my strong support for the proposed location of the New Female Changeroom Facility at the Mannum Showgrounds.

I also commend Mid Murray Council on being successful in your grant application to the Federal Government's Play Our Way - Stream 1 Facilities Grant (the **Grant**) securing \$1,162,758 million to provide amenities for women and girls.

Council's Project Fact Sheet includes advice that: "**the proposed new wastewater route will incorporate this new facility**". Would Council kindly provide the plan and design drawings for the proposed "**new wastewater route**", along with the floor plan for the new changeroom building.

Concerningly, the **Mannum RSL Sub-Branch's Memorial Hall** (the **Hall**) (now nearly 3 years old) remains unconnected to the adjacent septic tank or any other sewerage system. This continues to cause considerable distress for RSL members and the community. I would welcome Council's advice on whether the Hall will be connected to the "**new wastewater route**" and be fully-funded through this Grant. If not, are there any alternative plans (including designs, costings, funding breakdown and timeframes) for that connection to occur?

I would appreciate this information being provided as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

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