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THE RIVERFRONT at Murray Bridge is transforming into a showpiece and world class leisure destination, following the completion of Stage 1 of a detailed plan bringing community aspirations for river activation and connection to life.

Stage 1 of the Sturt Reserve Redevelopment- the Recreation Precinct is now complete and was officially opened by Federal Member for Barker Tony Pasin and Mayor Brenton Lewis this morning.

The Recreation Precinct includes the Murray Bridge Regional Rowing Centre, surrounding landscaping, shared paths, lighting, the pontoon, the Murray Cods Memorial, Trail Head and a new community shelter.

Works on the precinct were completed on time and on budget prior to Australia Day. The precinct is the first stage of the Sturt Reserve Redevelopment. It is a part of the \$34million Riverfront Redevelopment long term project, which will be rolled out in stages over the coming years.

Mayor Brenton Lewis said the redevelopment of the riverfront will transform the heart of our Rural City and establish Murray Bridge as a destination of choice to live, work, invest and play.

"The Riverfront Redevelopment is the result of extensive research, public engagement and planning. For years our community has dreamed of a vibrant riverfront and now, in partnership with Federal and the State Governments, the Rural City of Murray Bridge is in a position to put its vision into action."

"The redevelopment of the riverfront at Murray Bridge will see Sturt Reserve transform, become a centre of activity and a powerful source for community pride. The completed works will set the scene for the significant transformation of Murray Bridge and establish it as a destination of choice to live, work, invest, do business, study and holiday."

Federal Member for Barker Tony Pasin said the federal investment would deliver better facilities and economic opportunities for the region.

"This \$3 million Sturt Reserve Recreation Precinct Project was supported by the Federal Government via a funding grant of \$1.35 million from the Federal Government's Building Better Regions Fund."

"This project delivered economic benefits through the use of local suppliers and contractors and delivered important employment outcomes, supporting 16 jobs during construction, and another four ongoing jobs." Mr Pasin said.

"I pride myself on being able to deliver projects that make the Murraylands an even better place to live, work and raise a family."

"The riverfront at Murray Bridge truly is transforming into a first-class leisure destination. I look forward to seeing further projects completed this year." Mr Pasin said.

The project was funded with support of the BBRF (Building Better Regions Fund) Infrastructure Projects Stream. The Next stage of the Sturt Reserve Redevelopment is developing the History & Tourism Precinct.