

MEDIA RELEASE



Subject: **Boat Ramps and Reserves Reopening**

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BOAT ramps at three popular Murray Bridge and Wellington riverfront reserves will reopen just in time in for the long weekend.

Launching facilities at Sturt Reserve, Long Island Reserve and Baker Reserve will reopen at 12noon Friday 10 March 2023.

Long Island and Baker Reserves will also reopen, while access to the majority of Sturt Reserve was restored just over two weeks ago.

The Rural City of Murray Bridge Chief Executive Officer Michael Sedgman welcomed residents and visitors making use of the boat ramps over the long weekend, but urged caution on the water.

“People have been eager to get back on the river and Council has been diligently working to repair the ramps and restore access, in line with expert advice, as quickly and safely as possible,” he said.

“Once water receded to pool level, expert advice identified stabilisation works were needed to ensure public safety.

“Minor repairs to the end of the ramps was undertaken and after some final cleaning the boat ramps will reopen at 12noon Friday – just in time for everyone to enjoy our riverfront reserves over the long weekend.”

Mr Sedgman said it was important boating enthusiasts remained aware of lingering dangers on the River Murray post-flood.

“Although water levels are now at pool level, the water remains fast flowing and many hidden dangers washed downstream still lurk below the surface of the water, changing the traditional landscape of the river,” he said.

“It's important to be aware of these dangers and exercise caution on the water at all times.”

As more roads and reserves reopen during the flood recovery period, a full list of Council services and facilities impacted is available on The Rural City of Murray Bridge website and updates will be posted to the [Council's Facebook page](#).

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