



Bridge to Opportunity

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A typical constructed wetland system

The *Murray Bridge Stormwater Management and Reuse Scheme* is now in the delivery phase. The scheme will decrease the City's reliance on the River Murray and reduce its potable water demand by up to 172 megalitres per year.

The scheme will also improve the water quality in the River Murray by reducing pollutant loads discharged into the river, and improve the performance of Council's existing stormwater drainage system.

The Scheme is being delivered by Council, in partnership with the Australian Government, the Murray Bridge Racing Club and the Gifford Hill Joint Venture. The Scheme has a total budget of

\$14.23mil and is supported through funding from the Australian's Government's *National Urban Water and Desalination Plan*, and co-contributions from the Scheme partners.

The Scheme will include a number of infrastructure projects that will be delivered across the City over the next two years to June 2016, to enable harvested stormwater to be used for the irrigation of parks and sports fields. Council have appointed Southfront as the Scheme Project Manager to assist in the delivery of this important infrastructure.

Council have recently awarded a contract to BJ Jarrad for the construction of the Gifford Hill Lagoon, a 110 megalitre lined storage facility for harvested stormwater at the Gifford Hill development site. The lagoon construction works will be commemorated with a turning of the sod event in June 2014.

Council has also recently appointed Leed Engineering and Construction to develop the detailed design of the stormwater collection and distribution infrastructure for the scheme. Council staff will be working closely with Leed and other project stakeholders over the coming months as they develop the designs.

Further information is available via Council's website at www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au or by collecting a Project Fact Sheet from the Local Government Centre at 2 Seventh Street, Murray Bridge. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Council by telephoning 8539 1160.

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