Parks, Gardens & Reserves

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Community Land Management Plan

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THE RURAL CITY OF MURRAY BRIDGE

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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Ngarrindjeri people as the traditional owners of this land on which we meet and work. We respect and acknowledge their spiritual connection as the custodians of this land and that their cultural heritage beliefs are still important to the living people today.

We recognise the living culture and combined energies of the Ngarrindjeri people our global pioneers and community members today for their unique contribution to the life of our region.

The Land

The Community Land Register identifies Council owned and managed parcels of land that this Community Land Management Plan applies to.

For land under the Council's care, control and management, the Community Land Register identifies the owner together with any trust, dedication or restriction which applies to the land.

A list of the parcels is provided at the end of this management plan.

Purpose for which the land is held by Council

The land is held to provide open space across the Council area to provide opportunities for play and leisure including but not limited to playgrounds, trails, formal gardens and memorials.

Council may at its discretion, approve the use of any part of the land for business purposes, provided that such business purpose is not inconsistent with this plan. Where appropriate permits, leases or licences may be issued over the land for both community and business activities including but not limited to events, filming, recreational activities telecommunications and food vans and in the case of Crown Land, in keeping with the dedicated purpose.

The land is also held for secondary purposes associated with Council's operational needs, including, but not limited to, environmental, urban design, heritage (cultural and built form), stormwater management requirements and amenities that serve the community.

These reserves support Council's goals for liveability, community wellbeing, inclusive recreation, cultural expression and connected public spaces.

Why is a management plan required?

The land has been, or is to be, specifically modified for the benefit and enjoyment of the public. The land may be occupied under a permit, lease or a licence.

Proposals for the management of the land

- Provide and improve accessible recreational open spaces for exercise, relaxation, social interaction and community events, including designated off-leash dog areas such as Kuchel Park, Tim Overall Reserve (western end), White Park and Johnstone Park.
- Protect, rehabilitate and enhance areas of environmental and biodiversity value, including wetlands, by introducing drought-tolerant plants, improving irrigation efficiency and implementing tree planting programs in public reserves to improve ecosystems and township amenity.

- Expand, upgrade and maintain open space assets including play equipment, playing surfaces, furniture, lighting, public art, structures and public toilets to provide safe, engaging and inclusive spaces for all.
- Develop and enhance the footpath and trail network along river corridors, through reserves and across key precincts, ensuring all-weather pedestrian access, improved signage, infrastructure, accessibility and connectivity, as well as linking reserves throughout the Council area.
- Integrate public art into reserves to celebrate cultural heritage, enhance community identity and create vibrant spaces for residents and visitors.
- Apply Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPED) principles in all public space and facility planning, and install amenities such as bicycle parking to promote safety, accessibility and sustainable transport.
- Installation and operation of telecommunications facilities under a lease granted by Council in circumstances considered by the Council to be appropriate and on terms reasonably satisfactory to the Council.

Objectives, Performance Targets and Measures

The following objectives each carry equal weighting and are subject to Council's budgetary and workload constraints.

Objective	Performance Target	Performance Measure
Tree planting program in public reserves to promote township amenity.	Tree planting program is implemented in line with Environment Action Plan.	Tree canopy coverage is increased year on year.
Upgrade play-spaces in accordance with the Play-space Strategy.	Follow the plan set out in the strategy.	Play-spaces are upgraded in line with the Play-space Strategy.
Increase pedestrian connectivity between reserves and the town centre.	Construct new footpaths.	New footpaths are constructed in line with the Asset Management Portfolio Plan 2024-2034.
Enhance community use and tourism appeal of council-owned spaces.	Increase reserve visitation year on year.	Visitor counts and community satisfaction surveys.
Celebrate cultural heritage and enhance the identity of reserves.	Commission new public artworks as the Council budget allows.	Community engagement and visitor feedback.

Provide safe, appealing and accessible open space and recreation facilities.	Maintain open space assets in fair or better condition.	Customer satisfaction surveys.
To ensure the land is used for purposes consistent with this plan and in accordance with any lease or licence issued by the Council.	Leases and licences clearly set out the responsibilities of each party.	Council is not notified of any breaches of the lease or licence and is not required to issue any notices of breach to agreement holders.
All leases and licences for a commercial use pay a market rent.	Generate revenue and investment that supports the sustainability of Council's assets, services and functions.	Commercially utilised properties contribute to the economic vitality and prosperity of the City.

Leases and Licences for the land

The current leases and licences for the Land (if any) are detailed in the Council's Community Land Register.

Leases or licences over the land may be granted by the Council including for business purposes, provided they are consistent with the uses envisaged on this land as identified in this Plan. In the case of Crown Land, the granting or renewal of leases and/or licenses must be in accordance with the relevant provisions of the *Crown Land Management Act 2009*.

Granting of a lease or licence will be done in accordance with the provisions set out in Sections 200 and 202 of the *Local Government Act 1999*. Leases and licences proposed for a term greater than 5 years or that are not otherwise authorised by this Plan will be subject to the Council's public consultation policy in accordance with the Act.

Permits

Permits may be issued for events and activities consistent with the purpose of the land and the relevant Council By-Laws.

Council Plans and Policies

Please note that Council's plans, strategies and policies are subject to change over time. Any updated or newly adopted strategic documents by the Council will supersede previous versions and serve as the current reference point.

Annual Business Plan & Budget 2025-2026

> *Outlines essential services and strategic projects—including infrastructure upgrades, stormwater and open space planning, footpath expansion, and support for libraries, reserves, community centres, and major events—to meet community needs and plan for future growth.*

Asset Management Portfolio Plan 2024-2034

> *Sustainably managing community assets, including roads, buildings, open spaces, stormwater systems, and water supply and wastewater infrastructure,*

to meet current and future community needs while addressing growth, environmental challenges, and financial constraints.

Animal Management Plan 2020-2025

Promotion of responsible dog and cat ownership including the exercising of dogs off leash on Council owned property.

Biodiversity Strategy 2015-2020

Protect, enhance, and sustainably manage native vegetation and biodiversity through strategic planning, community engagement, and coordinated land management practices.

By-law 2 – Local Government Land

Regulates the use, access and activities permitted on local government land under the Council's care, control and management to ensure safety, order and property use.

By-law 5 – Dogs

Outlines regulations for dog management and control, including restrictions on dog access to certain areas such as playgrounds and sports facilities.

Climate Change Adaptation Plan

Strategic actions to build resilience across infrastructure, emergency services, land use, and vulnerable communities in response to the region's increasing climate risks.

Community Gardens Policy

The Murray Bridge Community Gardens Policy supports the establishment of sustainable, community-driven gardens on council land by outlining council's enabling role, responsibilities of gardening groups, and criteria for best-practice management.

Community Safety Plan 2018-2024

Collaborative, community-based approach to improving safety and wellbeing through targeted priorities, partnerships, education, and inclusive engagement across key social issues.

Disability Access & Inclusion Plan

Four-year strategy to enhance equitable participation for people with disability by improving access to Council-managed services—including libraries, community centres, reserves, and public facilities—through inclusive infrastructure upgrades, staff training, community engagement, and culturally responsive planning.

Economic Development Strategy 2020-2032

Staged plan to transform the region into a vibrant, resilient economic hub by leveraging infrastructure investment, tourism, workforce development, and strategic partnerships across four phases of growth.

Environment Management Plan 2020-2024

Strategic framework to protect and enhance the region's natural assets—focusing on water, biodiversity, development, waste, and climate resilience—

through targeted action plans, community engagement, and sustainable infrastructure.

Event Management Policy

This policy establishes how the Rural City of Murray Bridge manages, supports, and regulates events held on council-owned land to ensure they are safe, inclusive, strategically aligned, and deliver community and economic benefits.

Footpath Strategy 2017

Structured plan to expand and upgrade the pedestrian footpath network—prioritising all-weather access, safety, connectivity to key destinations, and environmentally responsible design—through a financially sustainable program delivering up to five kilometres of new paths annually.

Information Technology Asset Management Plan 2021-2025

Strategic framework to manage and renew IT assets—including CCTV networks and infrastructure supporting systems like pumps—by enhancing lifecycle planning, service reliability, and integration with smart city technologies.

Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan 2026-2028

The Rural City of Murray Bridge Innovate RAP 2026–2028 sets out a two-year framework to strengthen reconciliation by embedding respect, relationships, opportunities, and governance with Ngarrindjeri and wider Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Kungun Ngarrindjeri Yunnan Agreement

The Rural City of Murray Bridge and the Ngarrindjeri Tendi Incorporated jointly signed the Kungun Ngarrindjeri Yunnan Agreement on 17 March 2008. The Kungun Ngarrindjeri Yunnan Agreement is a commitment by both parties to seek ways to work together to uphold Ngarrindjeri rights and to advance Ngarrindjeri interests when decisions are being made about their traditional country, lands and waters. The parties are committed to working together to advance harmonious community relations and promote the interests of the whole community and commit to develop greater community understanding of Ngarrindjeri traditions, culture, laws and spiritual beliefs in the Council area.

Leasing and Licencing Policy

This policy guides how the Rural City of Murray Bridge leases and licenses council-owned land and buildings to ensure fair access, consistent terms, compliance with legislation, and responsible asset management.

Murray Bridge Swimming Centre Masterplan

Staged redevelopment strategy to transform the ageing facility into a year-round aquatic and leisure hub—featuring upgraded pools, water play areas, gym spaces, and improved accessibility—while enhancing community health, environmental integration, and urban connectivity.

Murraylands River Trail Feasibility Study 2015

Collaborative plan by three councils to develop a 450 km walking and cycling trail along the River Murray, Lakes, and Coorong—emphasising community

access, cultural heritage, tourism, environmental sustainability, and staged infrastructure investment.

Ngarrindjeri Murrundi Management Plan No. 1

Culturally grounded vision to protect, rehabilitate, and develop the Pomberuk (Murray Bridge Railway Precinct and Hume Reserve) through partnership with government and community—emphasising Ngarrindjeri spiritual connection, heritage, education, and sustainable land use.

Playspace Strategy 2017-2027

Long-term framework to guide the design, management, and equitable distribution of playspaces—emphasising inclusive access, age-appropriate play, community feedback, and strategic investment across local, neighbourhood, district, and potential regional classifications.

Public Art Policy

This policy requires that all public art located on council-owned land in the Rural City of Murray Bridge be strategically commissioned, managed, and maintained to high artistic standards, ensuring cultural, historical, and community relevance while integrating into the built and natural environment.

Public Art Strategy 2019-2024

Framework to embed high-quality, community-responsive public art across parks, urban precincts, and rural townships—celebrating Ngarrindjeri culture, enhancing civic identity, and supporting local artists through strategic funding and integrated planning.

Public Realm Style Guide 2019

Framework for the consistent design, upgrade, and management of public spaces—covering materials, landscaping, lighting, furniture, pathways, and signage—across urban and rural areas to enhance liveability, heritage integration, and community wellbeing.

Public Toilet Strategy 2017-2022

Plan to improve the accessibility, safety, cleanliness, and environmental sustainability of public toilets—emphasising strategic upgrades, asset management, and inclusive service provision across parks, transport hubs, and community precincts.

Riverfront Strategy 2016

20-year plan to rejuvenate the Murray River corridor by enhancing residential, recreational, and environmental opportunities, improving connectivity, promoting tourism, and fostering economic development while balancing conservation and community engagement.

Sport, Recreation & Open Space Strategy Part 1 2013 – Introduction & Overview

Establishes the strategic framework, objectives, and methodology for guiding sport, recreation, and open space planning across the Rural City of Murray Bridge.

Sport, Recreation & Open Space Strategy Part 2 2013 – Sport & Recreation Strategy

Identifies current and future needs for sport and recreation facilities—based on demographic trends, participation data, and stakeholder input—to inform targeted investment and service delivery.

Sport, Recreation & Open Space Strategy Part 3 2013 – Open Space Strategy

Provides a detailed assessment of open space provision, hierarchy, and gaps, recommending improvements to accessibility, connectivity, and environmental integration.

Strategic Plan 2024-2028

Four-year commitment to deliver community-driven priorities—focusing on inclusive growth, environmental sustainability, infrastructure investment, and enhanced access to Council services such as reserves, libraries, and community centres.

Structure Plan 2024

Strategic framework to guide future urban growth—identifying land for residential, employment, commercial, and community development; forecasting a $10 billion investment and 75% population increase by 2041; and emphasising coordinated infrastructure, inclusive planning, and enhanced access to Council services such as reserves, libraries, and community centres.

Sturt Reserve Master Plan Design Development 2021

Culturally inclusive, environmentally sensitive redevelopment strategy that enhances connectivity, recreation, heritage interpretation, and community engagement across precincts linked to the Murray River and town centre.

Tourism Development Plan 2016-2020

Strategies and actions to enhance tourism by leveraging the region's natural, cultural, and historical assets, fostering collaboration, improving visitor services, and creating a unique identity as a family-friendly river-based destination near Adelaide.

Trail Strategy 2017 Parts 1 & 2

Planning, development, management, and promotion of a sustainable, accessible, and integrated trail network to enhance recreational opportunities, community well-being, tourism, and economic development in the region.

Use of Council Reserves and Fitness Groups and Personal Trainers Policy

This policy governs how fitness groups and personal trainers may use council-owned reserves, requiring permits, qualifications, and insurance to ensure safe, equitable, and community-focused access.

Volunteer Policy

This Volunteer Policy sets out how the Rural City of Murray Bridge manages, supports, and safeguards volunteers engaged in programs on council-owned land, ensuring compliance with legislation, safe practices, and community benefit.

Walking and Cycling Masterplan and Concept Design 2018

10-year plan to enhance walking and cycling infrastructure, improve connectivity between the town centre, riverfront, and key attractions, and

promote safe, accessible, and sustainable transportation through strategic planning, network development, concept designs, cost estimates, and a maintenance strategy.

Water-Based Recreation Management Plan 2021

Strategies to balance increased recreational use of the Murray River with environmental protection, infrastructure development, and community engagement through new hubs, zoning, and improved facilities.

Wayfinding and Network Strategy Parts 1 & 2

Wayfinding and signage strategy for Murray Bridge, addressing existing issues, proposing a cohesive signage suite, and detailing implementation, costs, and maintenance to enhance navigation and connectivity for residents, visitors, and tourists.

Youth Action Plan 2022-2027

Community-driven framework to support youth wellbeing, education, leadership, and inclusive spaces through coordinated programs, partnerships, and active engagement.

Relevant Land

This Community Land Management Plan covers the parcels listed below. More details about each parcel are available in the Community Land Register which can be found on Council's website. It is expected that this list will change over time as Council acquires new parcels of land, disposes of surplus property, or as title references are amended. Please refer to the Community Land Register on Council's website for an up-to-date list of parcels governed by this Community Land Management Plan.

Common Name	Address	Title_ID	Lease / Licence	Lessee / Licensee
Anne Street Reserve	Sec 421 Anne St Murray Bridge	CT2093/48	No	
Apex Park & Ridge Road Reserve	65 Ridge Rd Murray Bridge	CT5632/657	No	
Apex Park & Ridge Road Reserve	Lot 203 Ridge Rd Murray Bridge	CT5553/458	No	
Diamond Park	Sec 1044 Bridge St Murray Bridge	CR5986/59	No	

Ellendale Avenue Reserve	21 Ellendale Ave Murray Bridge	CT4362/824	No	
Fifth Street Park	Lot 106 Third St Murray Bridge	CR6229/782	No	
Homburg Drive Drainage Reserve	Lot 506 Homburg Dr Murray Bridge	CT5740/464	No	
Irene Hughes Park	Lot 1 Green St Mypolonga	CR5759/652	No	
Irene Hughes Park	Lot 2 Green St Mypolonga	CR5759/652	No	
Irene Hughes Park	Lot 3 Green St Mypolonga	CR5759/652	No	
Irene Hughes Park	Lot 4 Green St Mypolonga	CR5759/652	No	
Johnstone Avenue Reserve	Lot 14 Fraser Av Murray Bridge	CT5546/446	No	
Johnstone Avenue Reserve	Lot 1 Fraser Av Murray Bridge	CT5349/820	No	
Jubilee Park	Lot 41 Swanport Rd Murray Bridge	CT6116/315	No	
Jubilee Park	Lot 150 Swanport Rd Murray Bridge	CT5551/746	No	
Knight Street Reserve	20-22 Knight St Murray Bridge	CT5819/882	No	
Kuchel Park	Lot 524 Lachlan Avenue Murray Bridge	CT5541/798	Yes	Telstra Corporation
Lienert Reserve	Lot 26 Eucalypt Rd Murray Bridge	CT5673/100	No	
Local Government Centre	Lot 102, 2 Seventh Street Murray Bridge	CR6229/782	No	

Magpie Drive Lot 194	Lot 194 Owl Dr Murray Bridge	CT5552/398	No	
McNamara Park	80-84 McHenry St Murray Bridge	CT5709/266	No	
Murray Park	Lot 100 Thomas St Murray Bridge	CR5458/538	Yes	Thinxtra
Murray Park Cemetery	Sec 918 Thomas St Murray Bridge	CR5759/638	No	
Myrtle Avenue Reserve	17 Myrtle Avenue Murray Bridge	CT1992/38	No	
Newbridge Entrance Reserve	A1005 Newbridge Parade, Murray Bridge	CT6258/129	No	
Newbridge Golf Course Walkway Reserve	Lot 1004 Smeaton Avenue Murray Bridge	CT6290/300	No	
Newbridge Parade Reserve	A1001 Newbridge Parade, Murray Bridge	CT6258/128	No	
Newbridge Parade Reserve	A1002 Newbridge Parade, Murray Bridge	CT6274/419	No	
Newbridge Smeaton Avenue Reserve	Lot 1003 Smeaton Avenue Murray Bridge	CT6290/299	No	

Oak Avenue Reserve	Lot 222 PS 76 Oak Ave Murray Bridge	CT1250/107	No	
Parish Crescent Reserve	Lot 22 Parish Crescent Murray Bridge	CT6298/797	No	
Parish Crescent Reserve	Lot 42 Parish Crescent Murray Bridge	CT2896/123	No	
Pathways Reserve	32-36 Parkview Dr Murray Bridge	CT6012/157	No	
Pathways Reserve	22-30 Parkview Dr Murray Bridge	CT5988/725	No	
Phillips Street Lot 801	Lot 801 Phillips St Murray Bridge	CT5792/357	No	
Pine Park	Lot 100, 1-9 South Terrace Murray Bridge	CR6229/782	No	
Rollond Reserve	Lot 158 Monash Tce Murray Bridge	CT6306/613	No	
Schubert Street Reserve Lot 514	Lot 514 Schubert St Murray Bridge	CT5541/797	No	
Steele Road Reserve	61-63 East Tce Callington	CR6188/99	No	
Thespian Court	Lot 47 Thespian Court Murray Bridge	CT5967/671	No	

Tim Overall Reserve	Lot 41 Janice St Murray Bridge	CT2093/47	No	
Torrens Road Reserve	Lot 147 Sec 150 Torrens Rd Riverglades	CT5518/989	No	
Uplands Drive Reserve	3-15 Uplands Dr Murray Bridge	CT6049/719	No	
War Memorial Playground	Lot 50 PS 1045 Mannum Rd Murray Bridge	CR6182/223	Yes	MB Pre-School Kindergarten
Wattle Street Reserve	A221 Wattle St Murray Bridge	CT1250/107	No	
White Park	16-22 Gladstone St Murray Bridge	CT 6300/93	Yes	Lions Club of Murray Bridge - Lease
Wynnes Reserve	Lot 41 North Bokara Rd Woodlane	CT5622/215	No	

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