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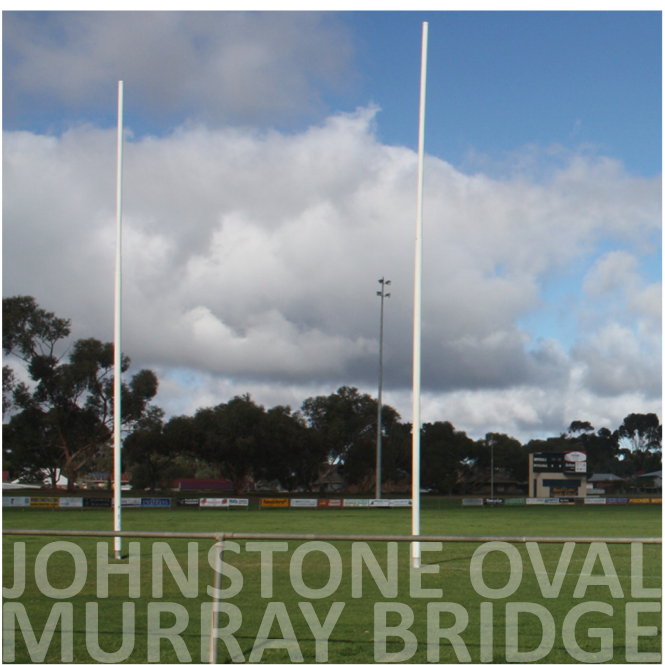
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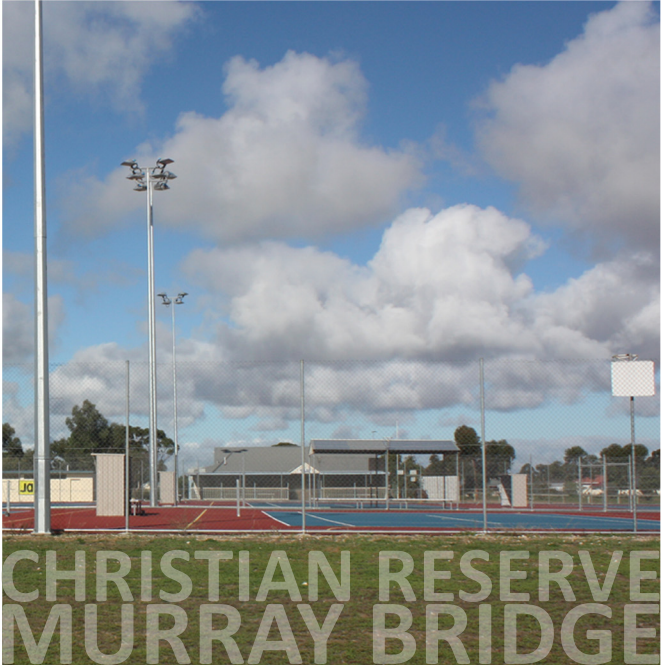
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1. Introduction

1.1 Strategy Format

In preparing the Murray Bridge Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy (MBSROSS) four separate volumes have been compiled. They are:

1. *Volume I: Introduction & Project Overview*
2. *Volume II: Sport & Recreation Strategy*
3. *Volume III: Open Space Strategy*
4. *Volume IV: Literature Review, Consultation Findings & Evidence Base*

It is recommended that all four volumes are read in conjunction with each other. *Volume IV* provides background information relating to the Literature Review and compiles the key findings from the extensive consultation process and evidence base.

2. Facility Inventory and Classification

2.1 Facility Inventory

An inventory of sport and recreation facilities in the Rural City of Murray Bridge area was undertaken as part of this study. Information was drawn from Council records and former strategic documents, from sporting and recreational groups, and from community members. Whilst every effort has been made to ensure that the inventory is accurate and complete, there will inevitably be those facilities that have not been listed in the initial inventory. They can be added as implementation of the strategies moves forward.

The review has focused on Council owned facilities and key community owned facilities. It is not intended to identify small, single purpose facilities either privately owned or which service a small user base, although these will be listed if identified.

2.2 Facility Classification

To assist in the planning of sport and recreation facilities, it is common practice to define facilities under a facility classification hierarchy. This is particularly important when assessing service levels for each class of facility and also in obtaining external funding, as many of the funding programs are aligned to one or more facility classes.

A commonly used hierarchy, based on State Government standards, is to classify sport and recreation facilities in one of the following four (4) classes:

- State
- Regional
- District and
- Local

The definitions of each of these classifications are provided below and facilities identified within the inventory have been classified using these definitions.

It is important to note that a facility may cross over several classifications, in this instance it will be considered as the higher classification, for example if a sporting complex is capable of hosting District competitions but is also used for regular Local sporting fixtures then it will be classified as District not Local.

State Level Facilities

These are the facilities that meet the requirements of nominated sport or recreation peak bodies to conduct training at a State level or hold a State 'Open' event and/or a facility that meets the requirements of nominated sport or recreation peak bodies to conduct training or an event at a National level or under National rules. They may also be a recreation facility that has a unique/high profile attraction that attracts people from wide catchments including interstate and overseas.

Characteristics include:

- a range of large scale higher standard facilities(i.e. elite level sporting facilities, grandstands)
- attracts large numbers of patrons from outside the Council area

- high usage by a range of clubs/users
- high spectator numbers
- capable of catering for state, national and/or international level events
- Incorporates a unique quality, feature or facility that draws people from wide catchments including interstate and/or overseas.

These facilities attract users and visitors from within and outside the State and all are managed by State Government or private industry. They are predominantly recreation based.

Regional Level Facilities

A facility is Regional if it attracts users from a substantial part of the Council area as well as outside of the Council area. They tend to cater for large numbers of people, teams or individuals beyond a local area e.g. a multi-court indoor recreation centre, and an outdoor sporting complex of a high standard. Characteristics include:

- Substantial facilities e.g. large club rooms, high number of courts, high standard lighting suitable for night competitions
- Usage by a range of clubs/users
- Features a specialised single purpose facility
- More than one playing/competition area
- Generally attracts patrons from within and outside the Council area
- May have significant infrastructure such as sealed car parking and substantial fencing.

District Level Facilities

District facilities have a wider catchment than just a small number of towns or settlements, however they do not have the level of infrastructure that a regional facility has. Features include:

- Range of facilities e.g. club rooms, changerooms, multiple tennis/netball courts, sports lighting suitable for training (minimum)
- Used by a large club or significant number of users



- At least one reasonably high quality playing/competition area
- Generally attracts patrons from within, but possibly outside the Council area for special events
- Infrastructure such as adequate car parking and fencing.

These range from outdoor sporting complexes that cater for sports such as football, tennis, netball and cricket to specialist facilities for activities such as shooting and equestrian.

Local Level Facilities

Local recreation and sport facilities cater for activities primarily targeted at the population of a township or settlement. Characteristics include:

- Basic facilities e.g. toilets, shelter
- Possibly small clubrooms and/or changerooms
- Used for low-level competitions, junior, casual and social activities
- Generally attracts patrons from only within the local community
- Caters for local club activities but not district and higher level competitions

The majority of facilities provided within the Rural City of Murray Bridge Council area are of a local standard. These include:

- playing grounds (ovals and pitches) and associated amenities used primarily for the football codes, cricket and school sport
- tennis and netball courts
- halls which provide a range of recreation activities such as yoga, martial arts, kindergym, dance and fitness
- bowling clubs
- playgrounds
- walking, bike and horse trails
- fitness centres
- equestrian facilities

3. Sport & Recreation Planning Principles

Tredwell Management have developed the following sport and recreation planning principles to guide Council on the planning and management of recreation services and facilities that they are responsible for:

- Provide a diverse range of recreation and sport opportunities relevant to the targeted needs of the community that are accessible by all of the community
- Manage recreation facilities professionally, effectively and equitably
- Provide safe recreation facilities and services
- Maximise use of existing facilities
- Encourage multi-use of facilities
- Encourage community involvement in the planning, design and funding of recreation facilities
- Environmentally sustainable facility provision
- Financially responsible facility development and club management
- Remove facilities that are redundant to future needs
- Council and community owned facilities will be serviced equally
- Council will focus on delivering local and district level facilities as a priority and facilitate the development of regional facilities, alongside other tiers of government
- Support, promote and advocate for recreation and sport providers and the community in relation to recreation issues
- Establish partnerships with the private sector, the community and other tiers of government to provide recreation and sport services and facilities



4. Existing Sport & Recreation Facilities

4.1 Murray Bridge

Showgrounds – Regional Facility

- 1 football / cricket oval (baseball & rugby)
- Clubroom
- 2 cricket nets
- Motorcycle training area
- 1 equestrian area
- Multi-purpose animal area/pavilion
- Straight track Greyhound Track
- 3 indoor basketball courts
- Clubroom/amenities/office space
- 1 trotting track (adjoining Showgrounds)
- 1 pavilion (table tennis)



Photo 1: Showgrounds

Murray Bridge Bowling & Croquet Club – Regional Facility

- 4 lawn bowling greens (3 synthetic, 1 turf) + clubroom
- 2 croquet greens + clubroom



Photo 2: Bowling & Croquet Club

Johnstone Park – District Facility

- 1 football / cricket oval
- Clubroom facilities
- 3 netball courts
- 3 cricket nets
- Dog Obedience area and clubroom
- Pigeon Club clubroom
- Toilet block



Photo 3: Johnstone Park - oval



Photo 4: Johnstone Park – MB Pigeon Club



Christian Reserve – *District Facility*

12 netball / tennis courts (asphalt)
Clubroom facilities



Photo 5: Christian Reserve

Murray Bridge Olympic Swimming Pool – *District Facility*

50 metre swimming pool
Program pool
Toddler pool
Amenities



Photo 6: Murray Bridge Swimming Pool

Sturt Reserve – *District Facility*

22 lawn tennis courts
Rowing Club
Clubrooms



Photo 7: Sturt Reserve

Le Messurier Oval – *Local Facility*

1 football / cricket oval
Clubroom facilities, grandstand & toilet block
3 cricket nets
2 netball courts



Photo 8: Le Messurier Oval

Jaensch Oval / Homburg Oval – *Local Facility*

1 soccer pitch
1 cricket oval



Photo 9: Jaensch Oval / Homburg Oval



Schools:

Murray Bridge High School

2 ovals
1 hockey field
Long jump pits
1 indoor court
2 outdoor basketball courts
6 tennis courts
2 netball courts

Unity College, Murray Bridge

1 oval (primary)
1 oval (secondary)
2 indoor courts

Fraser Park CPC/7 School

1 oval
1 indoor hall

Murray Bridge Christian College

No facilities

Murray Bridge North Schools

2 small ovals
3 multi-use courts

Murray Bridge South Primary School

1 oval

4.2 Outlying townships

(Local-level Facilities, unless otherwise stated)

Brinkley

4 tennis courts (asphalt)

Amenities



Photo 10: Brinkley tennis courts

Callington (facilities located within DC Mount Barker)

1 football / cricket oval + clubroom

2 cricket nets

1 netball court / 2 tennis courts

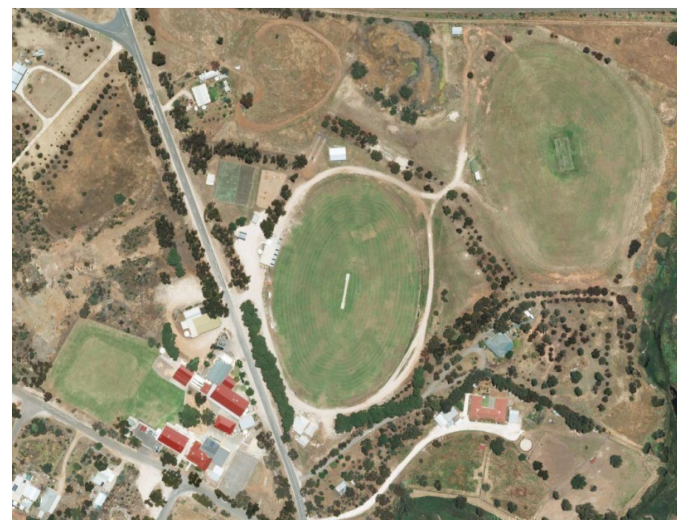


Photo 11: Callington oval

Jervois

1 football / cricket oval

Clubroom

3 netball / tennis courts (+ club facilities)

Jervois Bowling Club – 1 green

(community owned)

Jervois Primary School – small field



Photo 12: Jervois oval and clubroom



Monarto

2 cricket ovals

2 tennis courts (asphalt)

Monarto GoKart Club (private) – *District Facility*

Monarto Shooting Complex (private on State Gov. land) – *Regional Facility*

- Rifle ranges
- Pistol ranges
- Clay targets

Murray Bridge Motocross Facility – *Regional Facility*

Adelaide Model Aerosport Flying Field – *District Facility*

Radio-controlled cars – *District Facility*

Monarto Equestrian Centre (PCASA)

SA Large Scale Off Road Club – *District Facility*



Photo 13: Monarto Model Aerosport

Mypolonga

1 football / cricket oval

1 cricket oval

Clubroom

3 netball courts

5 tennis courts

(above listed facilities are all community owned)

Mypolonga Primary School – 1 small oval



Photo 14: Mypolonga oval and clubroom

Wellington

2 tennis courts



Photo 15: Wellington tennis courts

4.3 Other facilities within the region:

Murray Bridge 18 hole Golf Course



Photo 16: Murray Bridge Golf Course

Existing Racecourse, Murray Bridge



Photo 17: Existing Racecourse, Murray Bridge



Gifford Hill – The Murray Bridge Equine & Village Development - Racecourse (under development)



Photo 18: Gifford Hill development

Murray Bridge Speedway (private)



Photo 19: Murray Bridge Speedway

Murray Bridge Sailing Club



Photo 20: Murray Bridge Sailing Club

Murray Bridge Rowing Club (Sturt Reserve)



Photo 21: Murray Bridge Rowing Club (Sturt Reserve)

Fitness facilities

- Curves Gym
- EFM Health Club Gym (at Unity College)
- PUMPT Fitness Gym
- Snap Fitness
- Total Fitness

Hospital

- Heated Pool & Spa Centre

Murray Bridge Airport

- Murray Bridge Gliding Club
- Adelaide Hills Soaring Group



Photo 22: Murray Bridge Airport



Halls (supporting community/recreation activities)

- Murray Bridge Scout Hall
- Murray Bridge Guide Hall
- Brinkley Hall
- Jervois Hall
- John Dohler Hall
- Monteith Public Hall
- Mypolonga Institute Hall
- Red Cross Hall
- Woods Point Community Hall



5. Key Issues Summary

Four strategic focus areas have been developed, informed by the literature review, consultation process and sport and recreation facilities survey to address current issues relating to existing facility provision:

1. **Facility Provision**
2. **Participation**
3. **Programs and Services**
4. **Cooperation and Communication**

Table 1 summarises the issues identified against the four strategic focus areas:

Strategic Focus Area	Key Issues
1. Facility Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Large number of local and district facilities• Regional/state level facilities not generally Council owned/managed• Ageing facilities – including clubrooms, toilets, catering, lighting, car parking, playing surfaces and playgrounds• Demand for indoor sporting and recreational facilities – wet/dry• Basic provision of facilities that in some cases are not fit for purpose.
2. Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Barriers to accessing opportunities – transport, geographical• Lack of awareness of existing services• Most popular unstructured activities - walking, fitness, cycling• Most popular sports - tennis, football, netball, junior soccer, cricket

Strategic Focus Area	Key Issues
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Young People<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have diverse recreational interests• Lack of transport, other commitments, motivation, availability of services & climate were major barriers to participation• Prefer higher quality and more challenging regional facilities compared with basic local facilities• People with a Disability<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limited disability access to facilities• Recreation is a high priority• Difficult to find appropriate recreation and sport services• Lack of transport• Need for community awareness and education within sport and recreation organizations
3. Programs and Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Large scale special events supported• Limited opportunities for regional events due to lack of facilities including accommodation• Clubs have difficulty accessing grant funding• Need for additional training and development opportunities in officiating, administration, and coaching• Club and Volunteer Management<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clubs appear to be well managed overall

Strategic Focus Area	Key Issues
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legislative & risk management requirements are increasing• Difficulty recruiting & retaining volunteers• Difficulty sustaining membership in smaller communities• Difficulty fundraising• Increasing club operating costs• Security and safety are priorities
4. Cooperation and Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lack of regional cooperation• Some communication issues between Clubs and Council• Lack of awareness of programs in particular funding• Parochialism between towns

Table 1: Strategic focus areas and related key issues



6. Vision and Outcomes

The establishment of a common vision for Sport, Recreation and Open Space provision in the Murray Bridge Council area has enabled the development of Strategic Outcomes linked to achieving this Vision. These have in turn provided the framework for development of strategies (specific activities to achieve Outcomes and fulfil the Vision).

Individual actions have been developed to implement strategies and address relevant issues raised in the research and consultation phase. Figure 3 below illustrates the interrelationship of these parts of the Planning process.

The Planning Pyramid



Figure 1: The Strategic Planning Pyramid

6.1 Vision

During the public consultation workshops participants were asked to express their thoughts on the future provision of sport recreation and open space in the area. Based on these submissions, and key issues and opportunities identified during this process, the following vision was developed that is considered to best reflect the broader aspirations of the Murray Bridge community, reflecting the views of individuals, sports clubs, organisations, local government and community representatives:

“Fit-for-purpose, sustainably managed facilities offer the full range of sporting and recreation activities, thereby maximising player, spectator and volunteer opportunities for involvement, supporting and retaining local sporting talent whilst encompassing people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds”

6.2 Outcomes

Four (4) key Outcome Areas have been identified based on the issues and needs identified during the development of this Strategy. If achieved, these four outcome areas will assist in reaching the vision for sport, recreation and open space provision within the Murray Bridge Council area. They are:

Facility Provision

The provision of high quality, affordable sport and recreation facilities, public open space and trails that meet the recreation and sporting needs of the community.

Participation

Increased participation by all sectors of the Murray Bridge community in recreation and sport activities, to improve overall health and wellbeing.

Programs and Services

Council and community programs and services that assist individuals and groups successfully deliver recreation and sport opportunities.

Cooperation and Communication

Successful cooperation and communication between Council, service deliverers, neighbouring Council's and other tiers of government to enhance sport and recreation opportunities for the Murray Bridge area.



7. Strategy and Action Plan

The following section presents strategies and actions to deliver the outcomes described above and ultimately to deliver the vision for sport and recreation in the MBSROSS area.

The key strategies and actions for Murray Bridge and the outlying townships are illustrated on the following pages:

Figure 2: Murray Bridge Sport & Recreation Strategy

Figure 3: Callington Sport & Recreation Strategy

Figure 4: Jervois Sport & Recreation Strategy

Figure 5: Monarto Sport & Recreation Strategy

Figure 6: Mypolonga Sport & Recreation Strategy

Figure 7: Wellington Sport & Recreation Strategy

Strategies and actions for Murray Bridge and the outlying townships are further detailed on the subsequent tables (Tables 4-44).

Each strategy is prioritised and a rationale for the strategy is also provided. Listed actions have an identified time frame, partners and an estimate of resource needs.

In assessing the priority for each of the strategies, the following factors were taken into consideration:

- Alignment with the Vision and Outcomes
- Identified need
- Safety
- Feasibility
- Level of planning undertaken
- Community support.

The priority levels adopted in the report are as follows:

Table 2: Strategy Priority Levels

Priority Levels	
High	Essential in achieving the Vision and Outcomes
Medium	Important in achieving the Vision and Outcomes
Low	Contributes to achieving the Vision and Outcomes

The timeframe identified for completion of each action is an indicative timeframe and should be reviewed annually. Where it is an ongoing action the timeframe is equivalent to that of the Plan (i.e. 10 years).

Partners have been identified who may be able to assist Council with the delivery of the action. It is acknowledged that without partner support many of the actions identified will not likely be achievable.

An estimate and/or source of the resources required to implement each action have been identified to assist Council with its budget processes. It is noted that where cost estimates are provided, these are broad indicative estimates and should be reviewed prior to implementation or as part of annual business and budget planning.

Indicative costings are provided for each of the actions identified to offer a broad guide to likely cost implications for each proposal. Costings are identified in broad value ranges, as identified in the following table and should be used as an indicative guide only:

Table 3: Indicative Cost Bracket

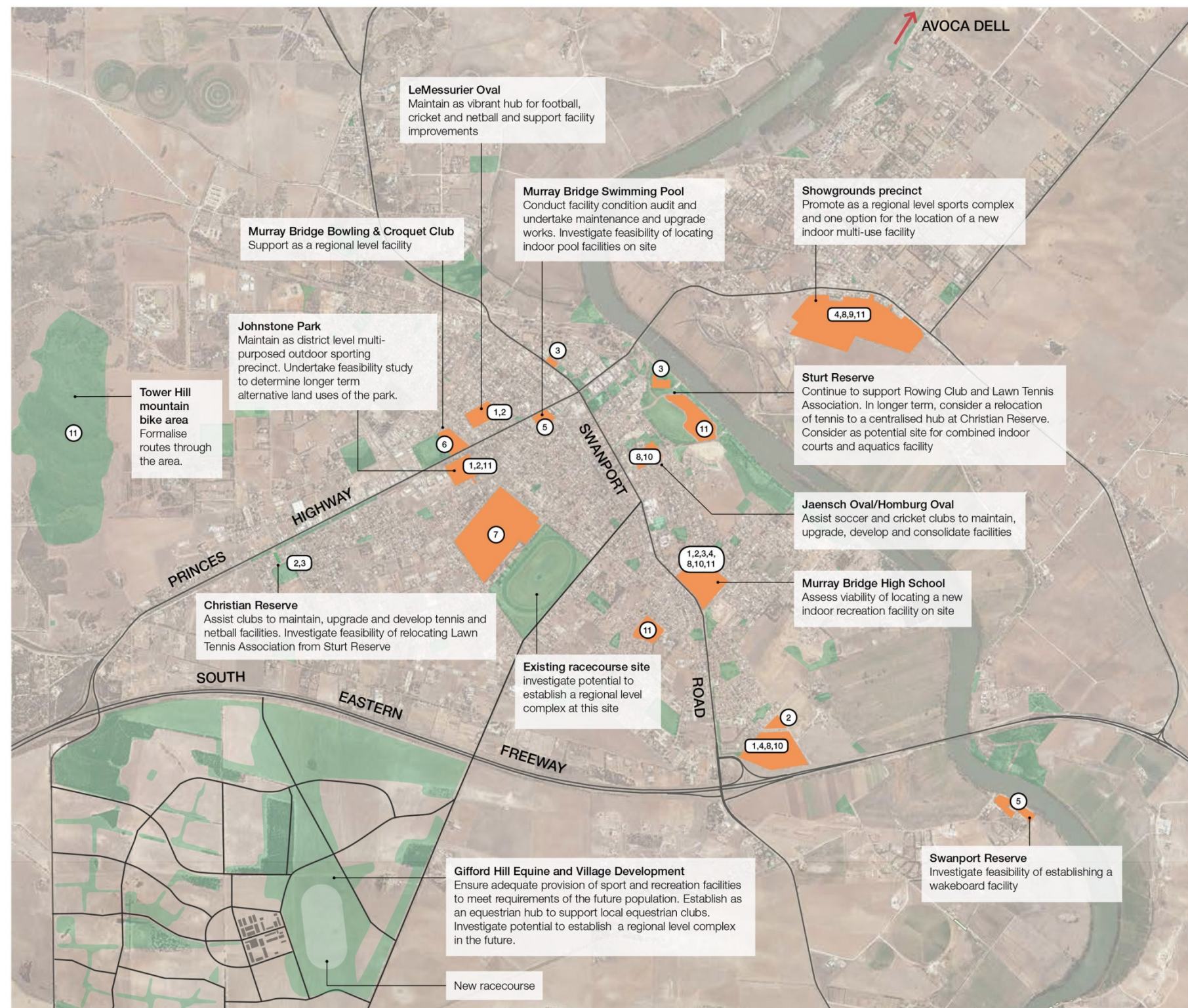
Indicative Cost Bracket	
Low	< \$5,000
Medium	\$5,000 – \$50,000
High	\$50,000 – \$500,000
Major Project	>\$500,000



KEY

- Sport and Recreation Reserves
- Other Open Space

1. AFL
2. Netball
3. Tennis
4. Indoor Sport
5. Aquatics
6. Bowls
7. Golf
8. Cricket
9. Baseball
10. Soccer
11. Other



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Figure 2: Murray Bridge Sport & Recreation Strategy



KEY

- Passive Open Space
- Sport Reserve
- Sports Reserve in Mt Barker Council
- Nature Reserve
- Potential Link

1. AFL
2. Netball
3. Tennis
4. Indoor Sport
5. Aquatics
6. Bowls
7. Golf
8. Cricket
9. Baseball
10. Soccer
11. Other



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Figure 3: Callington Sport & Recreation Strategy



KEY

- Open Space
- Non Council Owned Reserve
- Potential cycle/pedestrian link

1. AFL
2. Netball
3. Tennis
4. Indoor Sport
5. Aquatics
6. Bowls
7. Golf
8. Cricket
9. Baseball
10. Soccer
11. Other



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Figure 4: Jervois Sport & Recreation Strategy



KEY

-  Open Space
- 1. AFL
- 2. Netball
- 3. Tennis
- 4. Indoor Sport
- 5. Aquatics
- 6. Bowls
- 7. Golf
- 8. Cricket
- 9. Baseball
- 10. Soccer
- 11. Other



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Figure 5: Monarto Sport & Recreation Strategy



KEY

- Open Space
- Sport Reserve
- Non Council Owned Reserve
- Nature Reserve
- Houseboat Mooring
- Potential Link

1. AFL
2. Netball
3. Tennis
4. Indoor Sport
5. Aquatics
6. Bowls
7. Golf
8. Cricket
9. Baseball
10. Soccer
11. Other



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Figure 6: Mypolonga Sport & Recreation Strategy



KEY

- Open Space
- Other
- Houseboat Mooring
- Potential Link

1. AFL
2. Netball
3. Tennis
4. Indoor Sport
5. Aquatics
6. Bowls
7. Golf
8. Cricket
9. Baseball
10. Soccer
11. Other



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Figure 7: Wellington Sport & Recreation Strategy



OUTCOME 1 - FACILITY PROVISION

The provision of high quality and sustainably feasible recreation and sport facilities that meet the recreation and sporting needs of the community.

REGIONAL SPORTING PRECINCTS

Strategy 1: Regional Sporting Precincts - develop regional level multi-purpose sporting precinct at the Showgrounds.

Rationale: This precinct has sufficient capacity and a reasonable standard of existing facilities to establish regional level facilities on site. It is located in a strategically important area, balancing the needs for sufficient space with ease of access to ensure that the majority of residents have access to regional level facilities. The Showgrounds is currently home to Murray Bridge Agricultural and Horticultural Society, Murray Bridge Riding Club, Murray Bridge Basketball Association, Murray Bridge Greyhound Club and Department of Transport, Energy and Infrastructure 'Ridersafe' training program, Lower Murray Baseball Association, Wanderers Cricket Club and River City Knights Rugby League Club.

Priority: Medium

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities/Infrastructure & Environment

Actions

	Timeframe	Indicative Cost Bracket	Partners	Resources
1.1 Promote the development of the Showgrounds as a regional level complex that caters for a range of sports including cricket, rugby, basketball, baseball and table tennis. Facilities such as the greyhound track, equestrian area, multi-purpose area for animals, clubrooms, pavilions, motorcycle rider training and ancillary buildings would continue to be supported.	Ongoing	Med	Relevant Sports Clubs & Assoc. Office Recreation & Sport (ORS). Adjoining councils State government	Funding: - Council - sports groups - external funding
1.2 Undertake a feasibility study and masterplan to establish the Showgrounds as a regional level complex, with clearly defined functions, introducing additional sport and recreation activities to the site. There is potential for the site to accommodate a range of currently non-mainstream sports (and complementing some of the existing sports on site), given the relatively large areas potentially available. As the population of the region grows, sports such as soccer are likely to require additional facilities, with relatively large land-take requirements.	2014-16	High	Relevant Sports Clubs & Assoc. Office Recreation & Sport (ORS) Australian Sports Foundation (ASF)	Funding: - Council - external funding Consultant Input
1.3 Investigate the Showgrounds as one option for the development of a new indoor multi-use court facility. In this scenario, the existing basketball courts would be redeveloped. Such a facility would provide an anchor and new focus for the site, establishing a core, year-round function, particularly during periods outside the Murray Bridge Show weekend and other larger scale events.	2014-15	Major	Murray Bridge Basketball Association Office Recreation & Sport (ORS) Adjoining councils State government	Funding: - Council - external funding Consultant Input
1.4 Basketball facilities – Conduct a facility condition audit and upgrade 3 existing basketball courts plus clubroom and toilet facilities, canteen and appropriate provision of lighting and ventilation/air conditioning. (Subject to the showgrounds being determined as the best site).	2014-15	High	Murray Bridge Basketball Association Office Recreation & Sport (ORS)	Funding: - Council - sports groups - external funding



Strategy 1: Regional Sporting Precincts - develop regional level multi-purpose sporting precinct at the Showgrounds.

1.5 Work with the Murray Bridge Riding Club to upgrade existing equestrian facilities.	2016	Low	Murray Bridge Riding Club Office Recreation & Sport (ORS)	Funding: - Council - sports groups - external funding
1.6 Review watering and irrigation practices at grounds, and investigate sustainable irrigation options for sports grounds such as effluent re-use and sub-surface irrigation.	Ongoing	Med		Funding: - Council - external funding
1.7 Refer to Volume III Open Space Strategy for details on related open space initiatives (OSR7).				

Table 4: Strategy 1 - Regional Sporting Precincts Showgrounds



REGIONAL SPORTING PRECINCTS

Strategy 2: Regional Sporting Precincts - develop regional level multi-purpose outdoor sporting precinct at the existing racecourse, as part of the redevelopment of the site

Rationale: The relocation of the Murray Bridge Racing Club to a new site at the Gifford Hill development has resulted in the development of a concept proposal for a residential estate at the existing racecourse site. The current concept plan for the Newbridge Residential Estate includes proposals for a residential community, integrated with the adjacent Murray Bridge Golf Course. It is located in a strategically important area, and a new facility at this location would balance the needs for sufficient space with ease of access to ensure that the majority of residents have access to regional level facilities.

Priority: Medium

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities/Infrastructure & Environment

Actions	Timeframe	Indicative Cost Bracket	Partners	Resources
2.1 Undertake a feasibility study to investigate the potential to establish a regional level complex at the existing racecourse site. If the feasibility study supports further investigation, prepare a master plan that develops the concepts further, maps out a path for implementation and engages key stakeholders including potential developers and the local community.	2014-15	High	Office Recreation & Sport (ORS)	Funding: - Council - external funding Consultant Input
2.2 Subject to the potential for longer term alternative use of Johnstone Park, a regional level complex at this location might include the relocated AFL and cricket clubs from Johnstone Park (Imperial Football Club and Imperial Cricket Club) and potentially other clubs/activities from that location, subject to their agreement (refer also Strategy 9).	2020-2025	Major Project	Office Recreation & Sport (ORS)	Funding: - Council - external funding Consultant Input
2.3 Refer to Volume III Open Space Strategy for details on related open space initiatives (OSR114).				

Table 5: Strategy 2 - Regional Sporting Precincts Existing Racecourse Site



REGIONAL SPORTING PRECINCTS

Strategy 3: Regional Sporting Precincts – provide support to Murray Bridge Bowling & Croquet Club in its role as a Regional level facility

Rationale: Murray Bridge Bowling & Croquet Club provides 4 lawn bowling greens (3 synthetic, 1 turf), 2 croquet greens and 2 clubrooms, providing a Regional level facility within the Rural City of Murray Bridge region.

Priority: Medium

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities

Actions	Timeframe	Indicative Cost Bracket	Partners	Resources
3.1 Where considered appropriate, provide support to Murray Bridge Bowling & Croquet Club to ensure retention of its status as a Regional facility.	Ongoing	Low	Lawn bowls and croquet clubs ORS	Funding: - Council - external funding

Table 6: Strategy 3 - Regional Sporting Precincts Murray Bridge Bowling & Croquet Club



REGIONAL FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT, FUNDING & USAGE

Strategy 4: Regional Facilities Development, Funding & Usage - promote and encourage the use of regional sporting facilities in the Council area.

Rationale: Regional facilities are important for the community as they attract competitions, events and visitors to the region as well as providing higher level competition opportunities for local residents.

Priority: Medium

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities

Actions	Timeframe	Indicative Cost Bracket	Partners	Resources
4.1 Form joint Steering Groups to oversee the development of major facilities and precincts with representatives from Council, existing and potential site users.	2014-15	Med	Site Users (existing and potential)	Internal staff time. Sports club resources.
4.2 Apply for funding through the Office for Recreation and Sport's Community Recreation and Sports Facility Program, Australian Sports Foundation and Commonwealth Governments Regional Development Australia Fund to assist in funding developments of regional level facilities.	Ongoing	Low	RDA ORS Sports Clubs	Internal staff time
4.3 Through Council media (newsletters, website, local press) promote the regional level facilities situated in the area to increase community awareness of the high grade facilities available to local residents.	Ongoing	Low	Local Media Agencies	Internal staff time
4.4 Ensure that these facilities are included in state government listings of regional facilities capable of hosting regional/state competitions where appropriate.	2014-15	Low	ORS	Internal staff time
4.5 Include information about the areas regional level facilities in tourism related promotional materials locally, regionally and at a state level.	Ongoing	Low	SA Tourism Commission (SATC)	Internal staff time
4.6 Increase liaison with owners/operators/managers of state and regional level facilities to ensure awareness of upcoming events and future development.	Ongoing	Low	ORS, SATC	Internal staff time

Table 7: Strategy 4 - Regional Facilities Development, Funding & Usage



PREFERRED LONG TERM OPTION: COMBINED INDOOR & AQUATIC FACILITIES AT STURT RESERVE

Strategy 5: Combined Indoor & Aquatic Facilities - indoor recreation facilities that are easily accessible by the community and cater for a diverse range of sport and recreation activities for a growing population.

Rationale: There is an increasing demand for indoor recreation facilities from the community which can be utilised during the day and at night, in varying weather conditions and which offer a comfortable environment. Currently, significant indoor recreation facilities in the Rural City of Murray Bridge region are limited to the basketball stadium at the Showgrounds and the multi-use courts at Unity College (currently utilised by schools and the community). During public consultation, strong support was expressed for additional / improved indoor recreation space. Indoor facilities should cater for a range of relatively popular activities such as netball, basketball, volleyball, badminton indoor soccer and gymnastics.

The Murray Bridge Swimming Pool is the major aquatic facility located within the region and is centrally located enabling relatively easy access by motor vehicle and walking by a significant number of residents. The facility is well utilised however it is limited in its capacity (limited season and opening hours) to meet additional demands for activities and there has been an identified need to provide indoor aquatic facilities that caters for a growing population. The cost of establishing such facilities is significant and research indicates that these types of facility are not typically able to operate on a cost neutral basis and therefore require subsidies in order to remain viable.

Priority: High

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities

Actions	Timeframe	Indicative Cost Bracket	Partners	Resources
5.1 Undertake a feasibility study and masterplan to assess the viability of locating a new indoor recreation facility (minimum 3 courts) and combined indoor aquatics facility at Sturt Reserve. Note part of this site was a previous land fill site and is also on a flood plain, further investigations would need to be conducted prior to committing a major built facility at this site.	2014-15	High	Murray Bridge Swimming Club Murray Bridge Basketball Association RDA Murraylands ORS	Internal staff time. Sports club resources. Funding - Council - external Consultant Input
5.2 Establish a working party to coordinate the feasibility study and to manage liaison with State Government, ORS, local sports clubs and community groups.	2014-15	Low	Community members	Internal staff time.
5.3 Subject to the outcomes of the feasibility studies / masterplans, develop preliminary business and facilities plans for an indoor recreation centre.	2015-16	Med	ORS. DECS.	Internal staff time. Funding - Council - external Consultant Input
5.4 Refer also to Strategy 7 and 8 and Volume III Open Space Strategy for details on related open space initiatives (Strategy S3.3, OSR1 & OSR2).				

Table 8: Strategy 5 – Combined Indoor & Aquatic Facilities



INDOOR FACILITIES

Strategy 6: Indoor Facilities - indoor recreation facilities that are easily accessible by the community and cater for a diverse range of sport and recreation activities.

Rationale: There is an increasing demand for indoor recreation facilities from the community which can be utilised during the day and at night, in varying weather conditions and which offer a comfortable environment. Currently, significant indoor recreation facilities in the Rural City of Murray Bridge region are limited to the basketball stadium at the Showgrounds and the multi-use courts at Unity College (currently utilised by schools and the community).

During public consultation, strong support was expressed for additional / improved indoor recreation space. Indoor facilities should cater for a range of relatively popular activities such as netball, basketball, volleyball, badminton indoor soccer and gymnastics.

Priority: High

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities

Actions	Timeframe	Indicative Cost Bracket	Partners	Resources
6.1 Undertake a feasibility study and masterplan to assess the viability of locating a new indoor recreation facility (minimum 3 courts) at one of the following five potential sites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Showgrounds • Murray Bridge High School • Sturt Reserve • Gifford Hill 	2014-15	High	Sports clubs. ORS DECD	Internal staff time. Sports club resources. Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council - external Consultant Input
6.2 Establish a working party to coordinate the feasibility study and to manage liaison with State Government, ORS, local sports clubs, Area School and community groups	2014-15	Low	Community members	Internal staff time.
6.3 Subject to the outcomes of the feasibility studies / masterplans, develop preliminary business and facilities plans for an indoor recreation centre at one of the five potential sites	2015-16	Med	ORS.	Internal staff time. Sports club resources. Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council - external Consultant Input
6.4 Refer also to Strategies 1, 8, 13 and 14				

Table 9: Strategy 6 - Indoor Facilities



AQUATIC FACILITIES

Strategy 7: Aquatic Facilities - ensure that the Murray Bridge Swimming Pool continues to be the major aquatic facility for residents of the Rural City of Murray Bridge and surrounding.

Rationale: The Murray Bridge Swimming Pool is the major aquatic facility located within the region and is centrally located enabling relatively easy access by motor vehicle by a significant number of residents. The facility is well utilised however it is limited in its capacity to meet additional demands for activities and there has been an identified need to provide indoor aquatic facilities that caters for a growing population. This facility is home to the Murray Bridge Amateur Swimming Club.

In addition to the Murray Bridge Swimming Pool, a small warm water indoor pool (12m) is located in the Murray Bridge Hospital and used for therapy and learn to swim programs. This facility is good quality but limited by its size and primary health focus.

The cost of establishing such facilities is significant and research indicates that these types of facility are not able to operate on a cost neutral basis and therefore require subsidies in order to remain viable.

Priority: High		Responsibility: Sustainable Communities		
Actions	Timeframe	Indicative Cost Bracket	Partners	Resources
7.1 Conduct a facility condition audit of the facility and undertake routine maintenance and upgrade works to the current facility to ensure it remains at an adequate standard.	Ongoing	Med	Murray Bridge Swimming Club	Funding - Council Internal Staff Time
7.2 Investigate the feasibility of locating indoor pool facilities at the existing swimming pool site and develop a masterplan that provides an indoor 25m pool (8 lanes), program pool and leisure aquatic play areas (splash pads). This would likely involve the consolidation/integration of existing buildings on site, including the scout hall, guide hall and plant rooms. Such a facility should also accommodate a fitness/gym facility.	2015-16	High	ORS Murray Bridge Swimming Club	Funding - Council Internal Staff Time Consultant Input
7.3 In the shorter term, improvements should address existing entrance, access and car parking issues and upgrades to changerooms (including shortfall of toilet facilities at larger events), plant and dated equipment and integration of the entrance and kiosk.	2014-16	High	ORS Murray Bridge Swimming Club	Funding - Council - external
7.4 Investigate the long term viability of retaining a 50m outdoor pool beyond its current life expectancy, in addition to the provision of on-site indoor facilities.	2015-16	High	ORS Murray Bridge Swimming Club	Funding - Council - external Internal Staff Time Consultant Input
7.5 Provide support and funding to assist in the provision of continuous training and development for swimming coaches.	Ongoing	Med	ORS Murray Bridge Swimming Club Swimming SA	Funding - Council - external



Strategy 7: Aquatic Facilities - ensure that the Murray Bridge Swimming Pool continues to be the major aquatic facility for residents of the Rural City of Murray Bridge and surrounding.

7.6 Conduct a governance and management review of the major recreation and aquatic facilities within Murray Bridge including the MB swimming pool and showgrounds/basketball stadium.	2015-16	Med	ORS Murray Bridge Swimming Club	Funding - Council Internal Staff Time
7.7 Refer also to Strategy 5				

Table 10: Strategy 7 - Aquatic Facilities



STURT RESERVE

Strategy 8: Sturt Reserve - provide for the ongoing development and viability of the Murray Bridge Rowing Club and Murray Bridge Lawn Tennis Association

Rationale: Sturt Reserve is a premier open space in Murray Bridge, providing a balance of open space with formal/informal sport and recreation provision. Hosts annual events for the region. Sturt Reserve is currently home to the Murray Bridge Rowing Club and Murray Bridge Lawn Tennis Association. There is a need to ensure that the irrigation of sports grounds is as efficient and effective as possible.

Priority: Medium

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities

Actions	Timeframe	Indicative Cost Bracket	Partners	Resources
8.1 Murray Bridge Rowing Club – continue to maintain and support at current levels	Ongoing	Low		Internal staff time Funding - Council - external
8.2 Murray Bridge Lawn Tennis Association – in the shorter term, continue to maintain and support at current levels (refer also to Strategy 10).	2013-2016	Low	Tennis Clubs Tennis SA	Funding - Council
8.3 Establish a working group involving all key stakeholders to investigate the future of tennis facility provision across the city and outlying areas including investigating the feasibility of creating a tennis facility hub at Christian Reserve, combining outdoor lawn and hard courts in one location and benefiting from economies of scale through potential joint use of clubrooms (extended), toilets, spectator facilities, lighting and car parking.	2017-18	Low	Tennis SA Local Tennis Associations/Clubs	Internal staff time Funding - Council - external
8.4 Use the Tennis Australia 'blueprint' for facility and club development to guide the development of any new or upgraded tennis facilities.	Ongoing		Tennis SA	Internal staff time Tennis Australia Grants
8.5 Explore feasibility of extending/enhancing outdoor gym facilities with equipment provided to cater for people of all abilities.	2015-16	Med	OPAL Healthy Communities	Funding - Council - External
8.6 Install a storage facility to cater for the needs of special events and regular users of the Reserve, such as the Murray Bridge Multi-Sports Group.	2014-15	Med	Murray Bridge Multi-Sports Group	Funding - Council - external - clubs
8.7 Undertake a feasibility study and masterplan to assess the viability of locating a new indoor recreation facility (minimum 3 courts) and combined indoor aquatics facility at Sturt Reserve (refer also to Strategies 5 and 6).	2014-15	High	Murray Bridge Swimming Club Murray Bridge Basketball Association RDA Murraylands ORS	Internal staff time. Sports club resources. Funding - Council - external Consultant Input

**Strategy 8: Sturt Reserve - provide for the ongoing development and viability of the Murray Bridge Rowing Club and Murray Bridge Lawn Tennis Association**

8.8 Investigate the possibility of establishing a new club facility within the reserve to include clubrooms, storage and office space for water sports and other sports based at Sturt Reserve (refer also to Strategy 22).	2014-2015	Med	Murray Bridge Water Activities Club Murray Bridge Multi-Sports Group Local Clubs	Internal staff time. Sports club resources. Funding - Council - external Consultant Input
8.9 Review watering and irrigation practices at grounds, and investigate sustainable irrigation options for sports grounds such as effluent re-use and sub-surface irrigation.	Ongoing	Med		Funding: - Council
8.10 Refer to Volume III Open Space Strategy for details on related open space initiatives (Strategy S3.3, OSR1 & OSR2).				

Table 11: Strategy 8 – Sturt Reserve



JOHNSTONE PARK

Strategy 9: Provide for the ongoing development and viability of the existing clubs currently based at Johnstone Park with consideration given to the longer term future development of the park

Rationale: Johnstone Park is currently home to Imperial Football Club, Imperial Cricket Club, Imperial Netball Club, Murray Bridge Obedience Dog Club and the Pigeon Club. In the shorter term, the facilities require substantial upgrade to ensure that a suitable standard is provided. In the longer term, consideration should be given to the potential relocation of the facilities at Johnstone Park if an alternative, suitable location can be found.

Priority: Medium

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities/Infrastructure & Environment

Actions	Timeframe	Indicative Cost Bracket	Partners	Resources
9.1 AFL/cricket oval – replace existing lighting provision with high standard sports lighting. It is envisaged that any feasibility study/masterplanning would leave the oval in situ, as it is fit-for-purpose and is sited/orientated to make optimum use of available land.	2015-16	High	Office Recreation & Sport (ORS) AFL/SANFL/SACA	Funding: - Council - external funding
9.2 Netball facilities – Upgrade courts and grandstand. Provide extra shelter for players/spectators and address localised drainage issues. Formalise car parking arrangements (including disabled parking provision). Establish mains water supply to shed.	2016-17	Med	Office Recreation & Sport (ORS)	Funding: - Council - external funding
9.3 Dog obedience area – provide additional lighting for security and additional trees to provide shade during summer	2016-17	Med		Funding: - Council
9.4 Review watering and irrigation practices at grounds, and investigate sustainable irrigation options for sports grounds such as effluent re-use and sub-surface irrigation.	Ongoing	Med		Funding: - Council
9.5 Subject to a feasibility study indicating that a new regional level complex can and should be established at the existing racecourse site (refer Strategy 2), the AFL and cricket clubs that are currently using Johnstone Park should be given first option to relocate to the new facility. The other clubs that currently reside at Johnstone Park may also be relocated to the new facility (if they are determined to be compatible) at the racecourse site or other suitable locations within Murray Bridge. The feasibility study should also consider alternative land uses for Johnstone Park as well as opportunities to fund the potential establishment of a new regional level facility at the existing racecourse site.	2020-2025	Major Project	Local clubs	Funding: - Council - external funding Consultant input
9.6 Refer to Volume III Open Space Strategy for details on related open space initiatives (Strategy S7.1 & OSR11).				

Table 12: Strategy 9 – Johnstone Park



CHRISTIAN RESERVE

Strategy 10: Christian Reserve - provide for the ongoing development and viability of the tennis and netball associations and establish as a outdoor sports court facility hub

Rationale: Christian Reserve is home to hard court tennis and the Netball association. In order to ensure the ongoing viability of the facilities and club it is necessary, in the longer term, to maintain and promote a vibrant hub, improving/maintaining facilities, and increasing utilisation levels with potential benefits from economies of scale. In the shorter term, facilities need to be maintained at a safe and suitable standard. A level of financial support will be considered by Council to assist clubs in the implementation of facility improvements. Tennis is a popular social activity and there is a need to provide general community access to courts throughout the Council area.

Priority: Medium

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities

Actions	Timeframe	Indicative Cost Bracket	Partners	Resources
10.1 In the shorter term, continue to assist clubs to maintain, upgrade and develop tennis and netball facilities.	2014-16	Low	Tennis/Netball Associations Tennis SA Netball SA ORS	Funding - Council - external - clubs
10.2 Investigate the feasibility of relocating Murray Bridge Lawn Tennis Association from Sturt Reserve to create a centralised tennis facility hub at Christian Reserve (refer also to Strategy 8). Working in conjunction with regional associations and Tennis SA, develop masterplans for development of Christian Reserve as a tennis hub.	2013-18	Low	Lawn Tennis Association Tennis SA ORS Local Clubs	Funding - Council - external - clubs
10.3 Encourage clubs to provide community access to tennis courts when not being used for club purposes.	Ongoing	Low	Local Clubs	Internal staff time
10.4 Use the Tennis Australia 'blueprint' for facility and club development to guide the development of any new or upgraded tennis facilities.	Ongoing		Tennis SA	Internal staff time
10.5 Identify courts suitable for the addition of appropriate lighting and cover to enable night-time and all-weather participation.	2014-16	High	Tennis/Netball Associations Local Clubs	Funding - Council - External - clubs
10.6 Refer to Volume III Open Space Strategy for details on related open space initiatives (OSR12).				

Table 13: Strategy 10 – Christian Reserve



LE MESSURIER OVAL

Strategy 11: Le Messurier Oval - provide for the ongoing development and viability of the football, netball and cricket clubs

Rationale: Le Messurier Oval is home to Rambler Football Club and Rambler Netball Club. Monarto Cricket Club has in the past used this venue, however, the club will be relocating back to Homburg Oval. In order to ensure the ongoing viability of the facilities and the clubs it is necessary, in the longer term, to maintain a vibrant hub, improving/maintaining facilities, and increasing utilisation levels with potential benefits from economies of scale. In the shorter term, facilities need to be maintained at a safe and suitable standard. A level of financial support will be considered by Council to assist clubs in the implementation of facility improvements. There is a need to ensure that the irrigation of sports grounds is as efficient and effective as possible.

Priority: Medium

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities

Actions	Timeframe	Indicative Cost Bracket	Partners	Resources
11.1 Develop a management plan for the oval, courts, nets and surrounds, clearly identifying appropriate levels of management and maintenance establishing a protocol for effective communication with the sports clubs.	2014-15	Med	Associations/clubs	Internal staff time Consultants
11.2 Rambler Football Club clubroom, grandstand, canteen and BBQ shed improvements. Ventilation/air conditioning of the clubrooms. Minor upgrade to grandstand including painting and floor coverings. Extension and provision of additional shelter for the BBQ shed.	2014-15	Med	Associations/clubs ORS	Funding - Council - external - clubs
11.3 Explore opportunities to develop shared clubroom/changeroom facilities to provide for football, cricket and netball clubs and upgrade existing toilet block.	2014-15	Med	Associations/clubs	Internal staff time
11.4 Formalise car parking arrangements and ensure DDA compliant access around the oval and to key facilities.	2014-15	Med		Funding - Council - external - clubs
11.5 Address localised drainage issues around the oval	2013-15	Low		Funding - Council - External
11.6 Review watering and irrigation practices and investigate sustainable irrigation options for sports grounds such as effluent re-use and sub-surface irrigation.	Ongoing	Low		Funding - Council
11.7 Upgrade cricket nets that are currently in a degraded condition (and minimise conflict with adjacent uses, such as netball courts)	2014-15	Med	Associations/clubs	Funding - Council - external - clubs
11.8 Provide additional shelter, formalised viewing areas and clearly define a suitable and safe warm up area for netball players, to meet with standards required by the River Murray Netball Association and Netball SA.	2014-15	Med	Associations/clubs	Funding - Council - external - clubs



Strategy 11: Le Messurier Oval - provide for the ongoing development and viability of the football, netball and cricket clubs

11.9 Explore feasibility of locating a small playground on site.	2013-15	Med		Funding - Council
11.10 Upgrade lighting around oval to improve usage at night and increase range of activities facilitated on site.	2014-15	High	Associations/clubs	Funding - Council - external clubs
11.11 Consider existing netball court for upgrade to accommodate tennis.	2014-2015	Low	Associations/clubs	Funding - Council - external clubs
10.12 Refer to Volume III Open Space Strategy for details on related open space initiatives (OSR10).				

Table 14: Strategy 11 – Le Messurier Oval



JAENSCH OVAL/HOMBURG OVAL

Strategy 12: Jaensch Oval/Homburg Oval - provide for the ongoing development and viability of the soccer and cricket clubs

Rationale: Jaensch Oval is currently home to Murray Bridge United Soccer Club and Monarto Cricket Club. In order to ensure the ongoing viability of the facilities and the clubs it is necessary, in the longer term, to develop a vibrant hub, improving shared facilities, increasing utilisation levels with potential benefits from economies of scale. In the shorter term, facilities need to be maintained at a safe and suitable standard. There is a need to ensure that the irrigation of sports grounds is as efficient and effective as possible.

Priority: Medium

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities/Infrastructure & Environment

Actions	Timeframe	Indicative Cost Bracket	Partners	Resources
12.1 Develop a management plan for the ovals, clearly identifying appropriate levels of management and maintenance for sports fields and clubrooms and establishing a protocol for effective communication with the sports clubs.	2013-14	Med	Associations/clubs ORS	Internal staff time Consultants
12.2 Continue to assist clubs to maintain, upgrade, develop and consolidate existing facilities.	Ongoing	Med	Associations/clubs ORS	Funding - Council - external
12.3 Explore the feasibility of upgrading/extending/relocating clubrooms that function for both soccer and cricket clubs and servicing both ovals. Opportunities for longer term expansion plans for both clubs at this site might include utilising additional land at Sturt Reserve, to the north of Jaensch Road / Charles Sturt Drive.	2015-17	Med	Associations/clubs ORS	Funding - Council - external
12.4 Review watering and irrigation practices and investigate sustainable irrigation options for sports grounds such as effluent re-use and sub-surface irrigation.	Ongoing	Med		Funding - Council

Table 15: Strategy 12 – Jaensch Oval / Homburg Oval



GIFFORD HILL – THE MURRAY BRIDGE EQUINE & VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

Strategy 13: Gifford Hill – The Murray Bridge Equine & Village Development – support district/regional level sport and recreation facility provision within the development

Rationale: This development could eventually accommodate a population of approximately 7,000-10,000 people with its own urban centre, catering for the day-to-day needs of the community, including retail/office space and schools. Given the location of the development, to the south of the Princes Highway, a certain level of sport and recreation facility provision integrated within the development itself is advocated. A key component of the development is the relocation of the Murray Bridge Racing Club, providing a new state of the art racing facility and functions/convention facility (up to 600 people). Sports/recreation provision within the development might also include Australian Rules/cricket oval(s), netball/basketball tennis courts, soccer/rugby pitches and kick around areas, integrated within a network of green spaces.

Equestrian clubs within the region include Murray Bridge Racing Club, Murray Bridge Riding Club, The Pony Club Association of South Australia (PCASA) Southern Zone, Murray Bridge Hunt Club, Southern Carriage Driving Society and Murray Bridge Riding for the Disabled.

Priority: Medium

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities

Actions	Timeframe	Indicative Cost Bracket	Partners	Resources
<p>13.1 Work in conjunction with the developers during the planning process to ensure adequate provision of district/regional level sport and recreation facilities to meet the requirements of the future population. Based broadly on benchmarks established in PLA's Benchmarks for Community Infrastructure (March 2012) sport and recreation infrastructure provision to serve a population of 7,000-10,000 people at Gifford Hill would likely include (as a minimum):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2no. AFL/cricket ovals • 3no. soccer/rugby/hockey pitches • 4no. netball/tennis courts • 3no. basketball/volleyball courts • 1no. youth diamond (baseball/softball) • 1no. neighbourhood skate park • 1no. district BMX facility • 1-2no. neighbourhood parks (1-5ha) • 1no district 'all-abilities' playground • Network of trails (with links onto regional trail network) <p>Associated infrastructure including shared change room facilities lighting and appropriate levels of car parking provision would also need to be considered.</p>	Ongoing	Major Project	Developers Sports Clubs ORS	Internal staff time Consultants Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council - external - clubs - schools/DECD
13.2 Undertake a feasibility study and masterplan to assess the viability of locating a new indoor recreation facility at Gifford Hill (refer also Strategy 6).	2014-15	High	Sports clubs. ORS DECD	Internal staff time. Sports club resources. Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council - external Consultant Input



13.3 Explore opportunities to build on the creation of an equestrian hub in the area, establishing shared facilities (where appropriate), thereby increasing utilisation levels with potential benefits from economies of scale. Facilitate the establishment of strong relationships between the various equestrian clubs located in the region (at the Showgrounds site and across the Monarto area) to identify mutually beneficial approaches to facility provision.	Ongoing	Med	Developers Equestrian Clubs ORS	Internal staff time Consultants Funding - Council - external - clubs
13.4 Encourage clubs and schools (established within the future development) to provide community access to facilities when not being used for club and school purposes.	Ongoing	Low	Schools	Internal staff time
13.5 Establish sustainable irrigation options for future sport and recreation facilities, such as effluent re-use and sub-surface irrigation.	Ongoing	Low		Internal staff time Funding - Council
13.6 Refer to Volume III Open Space Strategy for details on related open space initiatives (Strategy S1.1 & OSR115).				

Table 16: Strategy 13 – Gifford Hill



SCHOOL FACILITIES

Strategy 14: School Facilities – Upgrade and maintain existing facilities and explore opportunities to maximise usage by both students and members of the community

Rationale: To ensure school facilities are maintained at appropriate levels and that best use is made of the facilities by all members of the community.

Priority: High

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities

Actions	Timeframe	Indicative Cost Bracket	Partners	Resources
14.1 Liaise with and support local schools to enable sports clubs to utilise their grounds.	Ongoing	Low	Schools	Internal staff time
14.2 Encourage schools to provide community access to multi-use courts when not being used for school purposes.	Ongoing	Low	Local Clubs Schools	Internal staff time
14.3 Review watering and irrigation practices at school sport and recreation facilities and investigate sustainable irrigation options, such as effluent re-use and sub-surface irrigation.	Ongoing	Low	Schools DECD	Internal staff time
14.4 Upgrade existing multi-use courts (tennis, basketball, netball) at Murray Bridge High School to encourage school and community use.	2014-15	Med	Murray Bridge High School DECD ORS	Funding - school - Council - external - clubs
14.5 Undertake a feasibility study and masterplan to assess the viability of locating a new indoor recreation facility at Murray Bridge High School (refer also Strategy 6).	2014-15	High	Murray Bridge High School Sports clubs. ORS DECD	Internal staff time. Sports club resources. Funding - Council - external Consultant Input
14.6 Refer to Volume III Open Space Strategy for details on related open space initiatives (OSR13 & OSR24).				

Table 17: Strategy 14 – School Facilities



HALLS

Strategy 15: Halls - upgrade and maintain existing halls that are well utilised and facilitate the co-location of user groups to reduce any over-provision of halls.

Rationale: Halls are important sport and recreation facilities for local townships. There are multiple halls located throughout the Council area, some of which are Council owned. Many of the halls are old character or heritage buildings and require substantial ongoing maintenance. In terms of the demand for halls, a large majority of halls have regular user groups as well as casual users.

Priority: Medium

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities

Actions	Timeframe	Indicative Cost Bracket	Partners	Resources
15.1 As part of the asset management process, develop master plans for Council's major halls in conjunction with Hall Management Committees.	2015-18	Med	Hall Management Committees	Internal staff time Consultants
15.2 Continue to maintain, develop and upgrade halls in accordance with Council's financial limits and strategies/ masterplans.	Ongoing	Med	Hall Management Committees	Funding - Council - external - clubs
15.3 Murray Bridge Community Centre – provide a level of financial / logistical support to assist expansion of the services currently offered by the centre, including on-site crèche/childcare facilities. Consider options for secure cycle parking and improved access for prams/wheelchairs.	2016-17	Low	Murray Bridge Community Centre	Funding - Council - External - Clubs
15.4 Murray Bridge & District Table Tennis Association – continue to provide support as required to ensure appropriate facilities are available to the association and promote the on-going viability of the club	Ongoing	Low	Table Tennis Association	Funding - Council - external - clubs
15.5 Consider the long term future of facility provision for the Scouts across Murray Bridge and the outlying areas	2014-16	Low	Murray Bridge Scout Group	Funding - Council - External - Clubs

Table 18: Strategy 15 - Halls



BRINKLEY

Strategy 16: Brinkley – Provide assistance for maintenance and improvements to existing community facilities that are well utilised, to ensure on-going viability.

Rationale: Tennis is a popular social activity and there is a need to provide general community access to courts throughout the Council area. In the shorter term the network of tennis facilities need to be upgraded and maintained at a safe and suitable standard.

Ensuring the on-going viability of local community facilities is important to maintain adequate and appropriate levels of access to sport and recreation facilities for members of the population residing outside the primary catchment area of Murray Bridge. Where the retention of a particular facility at any given location becomes clearly unviable, due to historical lack of support or under-use, then options for shared-use facilities with neighbouring townships should be considered and alternative uses for the redundant facility explored.

Priority: Medium

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities

Actions	Timeframe	Indicative Cost Bracket	Partners	Resources
16.1 Assist the community owned club to maintain and upgrade facilities, in accordance with Council's financial limits and strategies, to ensure ongoing viability of the club and facilities.	Ongoing	Low	Tennis Club Community organisation	Internal staff time Funding - Council - external - clubs
16.2 Provide support to the club to improve court surroundings, hall building improvements and maintenance and assist, where feasible, to secure appropriate levels of lighting for night competition.	2017-18	Low	Tennis Club Community organisation	Internal staff time Club time Funding - Council - external - clubs

Table 19: Strategy 16 - Brinkley



CALLINGTON

Strategy 17: Callington – support District Council of Mount Barker to maintain and upgrade existing facilities that are well utilised by the population residing within Rural City of Murray Bridge Council jurisdiction. Refer Figure 3: Callington Sport & Recreation Strategy.

Rationale: The primary sport and recreation facilities supporting the local community at Callington are located within the jurisdiction of the District Council of Mount Barker. These facilities include the football / cricket oval, netball and tennis courts and clubroom.

Priority: Medium

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities

Actions

Timeframe

Indicative Cost Bracket

Partners

Resources

17.1 Support District Council of Mount Barker to maintain, develop and upgrade facilities, in accordance with Council's financial limits and strategies.

Ongoing

Low

District Council of Mount Barker

Internal staff time
Funding
- Council
- external
- clubs

17.2 Refer to Volume III Open Space Strategy for details on related open space initiatives (OSR65, OSR80 & OSR112).

Table 20: Strategy 17 - Callington



JERVOIS

Strategy 18: Jervois - Provide assistance for maintenance and improvements to existing community facilities that are well utilised, to ensure on-going viability. Refer Figure 4: Jervois Sport & Recreation Strategy.

Rationale: Clubs based at Jervois currently include Jervois Football Club, Jervois Bowling Club, Jervois Netball Club and Jervois Tennis Club. Ensuring the on-going viability of local community facilities is important to maintain adequate and appropriate levels of access to sport and recreation facilities for members of the population residing outside the primary catchment area of Murray Bridge. Where the retention of a particular facility at any given location becomes clearly unviable, due to historical lack of support or under-use, then options for sharing facilities with neighbouring communities should be considered and alternative uses for the redundant facility explored.

Priority: Medium

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities

Actions

Timeframe

Indicative Cost Bracket

Partners

Resources

18.1 Assist these clubs to maintain and upgrade facilities, in accordance with Council's financial limits and strategies, to ensure ongoing viability of the club and facilities.

Ongoing

Low

Sports clubs

Internal staff time
Funding
- Council
- external
- clubs

18.2 Assist Jervois Football Club with on-going maintenance and future plans for facility extensions including new change facilities and refurbished clubroom facilities to accommodate current needs.

2014-19

Med

Jervois Football Club

Internal staff time
Funding
- Council
- external
- clubs

18.3 Assist Jervois Bowling Club with future plans for facility improvements, including kitchen/bar refurbishment and additional shelter provision.

2013-14

Med

Jervois Bowling Club

Internal staff time
Funding
- Council
- External
- Clubs

18.4 Upgrade outside toilets at oval.

2016-17

Med

Sports clubs

Internal staff time
Funding
- Council
- external
- clubs

18.5 Refer to Volume III Open Space Strategy for details on related open space initiatives (OSR66, OSR70 & OSR81).

Table 21: Strategy 18 - Jervois



MONARTO

Strategy 19: Monarto - Provide assistance for maintenance and improvements to existing community facilities that are well utilised, to ensure on-going viability. Refer Figure 5: Monarto Sport & Recreation Strategy.

Rationale: Clubs based at Monarto include the Monarto GoKart Club, Monarto Shooting Complex, Murray Bridge Motocross Facility, Adelaide Model Aerosport Flying Field, Radio-controlled cars, SA Large Scale Off Road Club and the Monarto Equestrian Centre (PCASA). Additional facilities also include 2 cricket ovals and 2 tennis courts. Currently, the Southern Carriage Driving Society uses the Monarto Pioneer Oval (Schenscher Road). There was an identified need for increased capacity from certain equestrian clubs, citing current facility limitations.

Priority: Medium

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities

Actions	Timeframe	Indicative Cost Bracket	Partners	Resources
19.1 Assist these clubs to maintain and upgrade facilities, in accordance with Council's financial limits and strategies, to ensure ongoing viability of the clubs and facilities.	Ongoing	Low	Clubs and Associations	Internal staff time Funding - Council - external - clubs
19.2 Provide support and assistance to maintain and upgrade community facilities such as the cricket ovals and tennis courts.	2018-19	Med	Clubs and Associations	Internal staff time Funding - Council - external - clubs
19.3 Establish current usage levels of the cricket ovals and tennis courts and assess long term viability of continuing to maintain these facilities. Explore options for alternative uses of the ovals, including the establishment of clubroom facilities, DDA compliant access, additional fencing and secure gating at Monarto Pioneer Oval to establish a permanent base for the Southern Carriage Driving Society.	2018-19	Low	Clubs and Associations	Internal staff time Funding - Council - external - clubs
19.4 Investigate the potential for establishing a clearly defined 'Noisy & Hard-to-Locate Sports' Precinct in this area, primarily in recognition of the types of existing sports clubs/facility provision in the area, but also to identify a suitable location for future provision of similar sport and recreation activities, including relevant planning provisions to protect existing use.	2016-17	Med	Clubs and Associations ORS	Internal staff time
19.5 Pony Club Association of Southern Australia (PCASA) Southern Zone – assist club to maintain and upgrade facilities, in accordance with Council's financial limits and strategies, to ensure ongoing viability of the club and facility. Specific areas requiring improvement include clubrooms (kitchen and common room), new dressage area and secure fencing.	2016-17	Low	PCASA	Internal staff time Funding - Council - external - clubs
19.6 Explore opportunities to co-locate Murray Bridge Riding for the Disabled Club at PCASA facility at Monarto or the Showgrounds.	2016-17	Low	PCASA MB Riding for the Disabled Club	Internal staff time



Strategy 19: Monarto - Provide assistance for maintenance and improvements to existing community facilities that are well utilised, to ensure on-going viability. Refer Figure 5: Monarto Sport & Recreation Strategy.

19.7 Monarto Black Powder & Shooting Club – offer advice and support with regards to current issues establishing/maintaining vegetation on site to stabilise range butts/earthworks and to promote local wildlife habitat.	2017-18	Low	Greening Australia Monarto Black Powder & Shooting Club	Internal staff time Funding - Council - external - clubs
19.8Refer to Volume III Open Space Strategy for details on related open space initiatives (OSR69, OSR77, OSR78 & OSR113).				

Table 22: Strategy 19 - Monarto



MYPOLONGA

Strategy 20: Mypolonga – Provide assistance for maintenance and improvements to existing community facilities that are well utilised, to ensure on-going viability. Refer Figure 6: Mypolonga Sport & Recreation Strategy.

Rationale: Mypolonga's community owned facilities play host to the Football Club, Cricket Club, Netball Club and Tennis Club. In addition, there is a small oval associated with Mypolonga Primary School. Ensuring the on-going viability of local community facilities is important to maintain adequate and appropriate levels of access to sport and recreation facilities for members of the population residing outside the primary catchment area of Murray Bridge.

Priority: Medium

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities

Actions	Responsibility: Sustainable Communities			
	Timeframe	Indicative Cost Bracket	Partners	Resources
20.1 Assist these clubs to maintain and upgrade facilities, in accordance with Council's financial limits and strategies, to ensure ongoing viability of the club and facilities.	Ongoing	Low	Sports clubs Community Associations	Internal staff time Funding - Council - external - clubs
20.2 Assist with upgrade of track around the oval and kitchen facilities within clubrooms.	2014-15	Med	Sports clubs	Funding - Council - external - clubs
20.3 Refer to Volume III Open Space Strategy for details on related open space initiatives (OSR71, OSR72, OSR73, OSR74 & OSR88).				

Table 23: Strategy 20 - Mypolonga



WELLINGTON

Strategy 21: Wellington – Provide assistance for maintenance and improvements to existing community facilities that are well utilised, to ensure on-going viability. Refer Figure 7: Wellington Sport & Recreation Strategy.

Rationale: Ensuring the on-going viability of local community facilities is important to maintain adequate and appropriate levels of access to sport and recreation facilities for members of the population residing outside the primary catchment area of Murray Bridge.

Priority: Medium

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities

Actions

Timeframe

Indicative Cost Bracket

Partners

Resources

21.1 Assist the community to maintain and upgrade hall and tennis facilities, in accordance with Council's financial limits and strategies, to ensure ongoing viability of the facilities.

Ongoing

Low

Community Associations

Internal staff time
Funding
- Council
- external
- clubs

21.2 Refer to Volume III Open Space Strategy for details on related open space initiatives (OSR67, OSR76 & OSR92).

Table 24: Strategy 21 - Wellington



TRAILS

Strategy 22: Trails – establish an integrated, sustainable and accessible trails network that provides recreational opportunities for walkers, cyclists and horse riders.

Rationale: Walking and cycling are two of the most popular recreational activities undertaken, often using trails, and equestrian pursuits are a well-established activity in the region. The district has numerous walking, cycling and horse riding trails that range from local to national significance. A major issue is the large number of trails, particularly local level, that require ongoing management and maintenance to ensure they are safe and accessible. A number of high profile trails have been identified for enhancement together with a number of well utilised local trails that would provide benefits to local residents as well as visitors. Given the significance of the trail network, a specific trail network plan should be developed.

Priority: Medium

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities

Actions	Timeframe	Indicative Cost Bracket	Partners	Resources
22.1 Develop a comprehensive Trail Network Plan for the area including both strategic and local networks based on core trails such as the Lavender Trail. Ensure any plan and proposals are compliant with the Murray Bridge Bike Plan.	2015-16	Med/High	ORS Transport SA Community Groups Key users	Internal staff time Funding - Council - external
22.2 Increase investment in the maintenance, development and upgrading of the trails network in accordance with Council's financial limits	Ongoing	Med	ORS Transport SA	Internal staff time Funding - Council - External
22.3 Identify easily accessible and safe sections of existing well managed trails and promote to community as recreation and fitness opportunities.	2013-14	Med	Local Media	Internal staff time
22.4 Identify potential site/s for the development of permanent support sites (eg racks, shelters, water dispenses) along popular routes.	2013-15	Med	Transport SA, ORS Key users	Internal staff time Funding - Council - external
22.5 Increase awareness within the community of the safety issues facing trail users in the region.	Ongoing	Low	Transport SA	Internal staff time



Strategy 22: Trails – establish an integrated, sustainable and accessible trails network that provides recreational opportunities for walkers, cyclists and horse riders.

22.6 Establish pedestrian/cycle links to create a comprehensive network across Murray Bridge connecting key nodes, strategic open space and outlying townships, utilising dedicated and shared use paths. Significant links within Murray Bridge to be considered for enhancements include along:

- Princes Highway
- Swanport Road
- Mannum Road
- Brinkley Road (link to Gifford Hill development)
- Western riverbank
- Long Flat Road
- Karoonda Road

Additional links within Murray Bridge to be considered for enhancements include:

- Eastern riverbank (linking Avoca Dell to Swanport Reserve)
- Hindmarsh Road/Maurice Road
- Various roads on local road network

Strategic links to be considered for enhancement within outlying townships include:

- Callington – through Hefford Drive Reserve to the oval
- Jervois – along Jervois Ferry Road to riverfront
- Mypolonga - provide greater opportunities to access the riverfront on both sides
- Wellington – along Wellington Road to improve connectivity between town and the marina

22.7 Formalise routes through the Tower Hill Mountain Bike Area and ensure adequate levels of maintenance and provision of support infrastructure.

22.8 Investigate the feasibility of a long distance cycle trail connecting Murray Bridge with adjoining council areas using the River Murray as the feature link.

22.9 Develop a Bridle Trail Master Plan to identify existing formal and informal bridle trails and consider options to develop new trails to provide an integrated network of trails.

2014-19	High	ORS Transport SA Community Groups Key users	Internal staff time Funding - Council - external
2015-16	Med	ORS Local mountain bike groups Key users	Internal staff time Funding - Council - external
2013-14	Med/High	ORS OPAL Healthy Communities	Internal staff time Funding - Council - external
2014-2016	Med/High	ORS Horse SA ATHRA	Internal staff time Funding - Council - external



Strategy 22: Trails – establish an integrated, sustainable and accessible trails network that provides recreational opportunities for walkers, cyclists and horse riders.

22.10 Refer to Volume III Open Space Strategy for details on related open space initiatives (Strategy S1, OSR1, OSR2, OSR4, OSR6, OSR8, OSR9, OSR11, OSR12, OSR24, OSR25, OSR26, OSR27, OSR28, OSR29, OSR70, OSR73, OSR96, OSR114 & OSR115).

Table 25: Strategy 22 - Trails



RIVER SPORTS

Strategy 23: River Sports – develop policies to promote increased watersports participation and equitable usage of the River.

Rationale: Watersports on the river encompass a wide range of disciplines, often competing for the use of the same sections of the River Murray, giving rise to user conflict and the need for greater levels of management. The riverfront reserves service both the local population and tourists and there is increasing demand for appropriate facilities to meet all user needs, which will require a review of the way the river and adjoining reserves are managed, maintained and resourced.

Priority: Medium

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities

Actions	Timeframe	Indicative Cost Bracket	Partners	Resources
<p>23.1 Develop a comprehensive strategy to deal with wide range of issues relating to watersports usage of the River Murray and riverfront reserves, to include the following key areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designated ski areas • Non ski reserves • Rowing areas • Non-motorised water sports / sail and paddle areas • Existing and proposed boat ramps • Provision of a development for water skiing • Wakeboard facility • Management of users • Major events 	2014-15	Med	<p>ORS</p> <p>Transport SA</p> <p>Community Groups</p> <p>Key users</p> <p>Murray Bridge Water Activities Club</p> <p>Murray Bridge Multi-Sports Group</p> <p>Local Clubs</p>	<p>Internal staff time</p> <p>Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council - external
<p>23.2 Investigate the feasibility of establishing a new club facility at Sturt Reserve to include clubrooms, storage and office space for water sports and other sports based at Sturt Reserve (refer also Strategy 8).</p>	2014-2015	Med	<p>Murray Bridge Water Activities Club</p> <p>Murray Bridge Multi-Sports Group</p> <p>Local Clubs</p>	<p>Internal staff time.</p> <p>Sports club resources.</p> <p>Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council - external <p>Consultant Input</p>
<p>23.3 Explore opportunities to increase access to the riverbank, potentially through the establishment of additional trails adjacent to the river and provision of additional houseboat moorings.</p>	Ongoing	Med		<p>Internal staff time</p> <p>Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council - external



Strategy 23: River Sports – develop policies to promote increased watersports participation and equitable usage of the River.

23.4 Investigate feasibility of establishing a wakeboard facility at Swanport Reserve.	2014-16	Med	Murray Bridge Sailing Club ORS	Funding: - Council - external Consultant Input
23.5 Refer to Volume III Open Space Strategy for details on related open space initiatives (OSR1, OSR25, OSR26, OSR27, OSR28, OSR29, OSR67 & OSR75).				

Table 26: Strategy 23 – River Sports



FEES & CHARGES

Strategy 24: Fees & Charges – develop and adopt an equitable and sustainable approach to fee charges for use of Council owned facilities across the Rural City of Murray Bridge region

Rationale: Currently, management and maintenance for all community and sporting grounds within the Murray Bridge township are funded by Council. Facilities located within Jervois and Mypolonga township are not currently funded by Council. To reflect the significant contribution of the local communities in providing community sport and recreation facilities and open spaces are fairer policy needs to be adopted.

Priority: High

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities

Actions

Timeframe

Indicative Cost Bracket

Partners

Resources

24.1 Review and amend current Council policies relating to fee charges for Council owned facilities to ensure equitable funding and use of facilities across the Rural City of Murray Bridge region.

2014-15

Med

Internal staff time
Consultant input

Table 27: Strategy 24 – Fees & Charges



OTHER SPORT & RECREATION FACILITIES

Strategy 25: Other Sport & Recreation Facilities - Development and enhancement of other sport and recreation facilities that cater for a particular need.

Rationale: There are a number of other facilities that cater for sport and recreation activities that do not fall within the above categories. These include the following clubs based in the region: Murray Bridge Golf Course, Adelaide Hills Soaring Group Inc and Murray Bridge Gliding Club (Murray Bridge Airport), Murray Bridge Sailing Club (Murraylands Aquatic Centre, Swanport), Murray Bridge Speedway (adjacent to the Showgrounds) and five private fitness/gym facilities (in Murray Bridge).

There is a need to continue to either provide limited support to clubs or to provide appropriate community facilities.

Priority: Medium

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities

Actions	Timeframe	Indicative Cost Bracket	Partners	Resources
25.1 Provide limited support to clubs or provide appropriate community facilities in accordance with Council's resource limits.	Ongoing	Low	Local clubs/assoc ORS	Council funds External funds
25.2 Provide advice and support to the Adelaide Hills Soaring Group Inc and Gliding Club with regards to the RCMB/RDA proposal for Monarto Commercial Airport and potential implications for long term site viability at Murray Bridge Airport.	2015-16	Low	Adelaide Hills Soaring Club and Gliding Club	Internal staff time

Table 28: Strategy 25 - Other Sport and Recreation Facilities



Outcome 2 - Programs and Services

Council and community programs and services that assist individuals and groups successfully deliver recreation and sport opportunities.

ADVICE ON GRANT FUNDING

Strategy 26: Advice on Grant Funding - provide education programs and information on accessing grant funding from all tiers of government for sport and recreation initiatives.

Rationale: An issue highlighted during the development of the MBSROSS was a lack of knowledge about the availability of (and the difficulty in accessing) grant programs from local, state and federal governments, for the development of sport and recreation facilities and services.

Priority: High

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities

Actions	Timeframe	Indicative Cost Bracket	Partners	Resources
26.1 Develop a 'How-to-apply for Grants Funds' booklet and distribute to sport and recreation clubs based in the Council area and post on Council's website.	2014-15	Med	ORS RDA	Internal staff time Consultant input
26.2 Conduct a series of annual grant writing workshops throughout the Council area for clubs and individuals.	Ongoing	Med	ORS RDA	Internal staff time Consultant input
26.3 Request the Office for Recreation and Sport to provide information sessions at a location in the Rural City of Murray Bridge area for their grant programs on at least an annual basis.	Ongoing	Low	ORS RDA	Internal staff time Consultant input

Table 29: Strategy 26 – Advice on Grant Funding



SPORT & RECREATION FUNDING GUIDELINES

Strategy 27: Sport & Recreation Funding Guidelines

Rationale: The Rural City of Murray Bridge does not currently have a comprehensive sport and recreation policy that guides funding provided to sporting clubs and organisations who develop and manage sport and recreation facilities. The policy should reflect a principle of co-funding, where Council, club and possibly a 3rd party (such as State Government) share costs of improving or developing facilities. Council and clubs also share maintenance costs for facilities.

Priority: High

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities

Actions	Timeframe	Indicative Cost Bracket	Partners	Resources
27.1 Develop Sport and Recreation Policy funding guidelines and continue to use the policy to guide allocation of funding for future sport and recreation works (maintenance and capital).	2015-16	Med	Local clubs/assoc.	Internal staff time
27.2 Develop general small Sport & Recreation Grants program to enable clubs to seek matching financial contributions from Council.	2016-17	Med	Local clubs/assoc ORS	Internal staff time
27.3 Establish a Sport & Recreation Major Facilities Grants program targeted at upgrading and developing priority sport & recreation facilities. This program will be developed based on priorities agreed between Council and major sports clubs and associations.	2016-17	Med	Local clubs/assoc ORS	Internal staff time Council Funds

Table 30: Strategy 27 – Sport & Recreation Funding Guidelines



EXTERNAL GRANTS & FUNDING

Strategy 28: External Grants & Funding - procure State and Federal Government funding to assist in the provision of Sport and Recreation facilities and services within the Rural City of Murray Bridge region.

Rationale: A major factor in achieving what is outlined within this Strategy and Action Plan will be procuring funding from state and federal government departments and agencies. There are a number of programs in which funding can be sought from and these have been summarised in the 'Funding Opportunities' section within Volume I of the MBSROSS. Council will need to play a proactive role in sourcing and advocating for government funding as many of the actions identified will need to be complimented by external funding such as government funding.

Priority: High

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities

Actions	Timeframe	Indicative Cost Bracket	Partners	Resources
28.1 Develop and maintain a register of potential state and federal government funding sources.	Ongoing	Low		Internal staff time
28.2 Liaise with key government agencies that fund sport and recreation facility and service provision such as the Office for Recreation and Sport, and the Department of Education and Children Services to increase awareness of funding requirements within the Rural City of Murray Bridge region.	Ongoing	Low	Local Members of Parliament	Internal staff time

Table 31: Strategy 28 - External Grants and Funding



PRIVATE SPONSORSHIP & FUNDING

Strategy 29: Private Sponsorship & Funding – seek private and other forms of funding to assist in the provision of Sport and Recreation facilities and services within the Rural City of Murray Bridge region.

Rationale: In addition to Local, State and Federal government funding programs there may also be an opportunity to secure private funding from local businesses, charitable trusts and foundations that have been established to benefit community, sport and recreation initiatives.

Priority: High

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities

Actions	Timeframe	Indicative Cost Bracket	Partners	Resources
29.1 Develop a register of charitable trusts and foundations that may provide funding for sport and recreation initiatives.	Ongoing	Low		Internal staff time
29.2 Approach prominent local businesses and business people that may have an interest in supporting sport and recreation initiatives.	Ongoing	Low	Local businesses	Internal staff time

Table 32: Strategy 29 – Private Sponsorship & Funding



GOVERNANCE & BUSINESS PLANNING

Strategy 30: Governance & Business Planning - facilitate training and development opportunities for sport and recreation administrators to improve the governance and administration practices of clubs.

Rationale: The professional management of sport and recreation clubs is important to enable high quality services to be provided to the community, to ensure facilities are well managed and legislative requirements are met. To assist in developing professional club governance and administration practices it is important quality training opportunities are provided.

Priority: High

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities

Actions	Timeframe	Indicative Cost Bracket	Partners	Resources
30.1 Conduct annual club management training sessions at various locations throughout Council area.	Ongoing	Low	ORS	Internal staff time
30.2 Encourage club administrators to attend governance training workshops offered by the Office for Recreation and Sport and other providers. Promote the availability of these courses to the clubs.	Ongoing	Low	ORS	Internal staff time
30.3 Encourage clubs to access governance and business planning assistance available to them through The Office for Recreation and Sport StarClub online program.	Ongoing	Low	ORS	Internal staff time ORS

Table 33: Strategy 30 - Governance & Business Planning



BUSINESS & FACILITY PLANS

Strategy 31: Business & Facility Plans - require organisations who operate and manage major recreation and sport facilities on Council land & who intend applying for a Council grant to prepare a 5 year business and facility plan.

Rationale: The significant majority of recreation and sport facilities provided within the Rural City of Murray Bridge region are managed by not-for-profit community organisations on a voluntary basis. These facilities and the land they are located on are often of significant economic value and there is a need to ensure that these community assets are professionally managed and protected. In instances where Council is providing funding to develop and upgrade facilities it is prudent that the facility manager provide information to Council on how they intend to professionally manage the facility into the future.

Priority: High

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities

Actions	Timeframe	Indicative Cost Bracket	Partners	Resources
31.1 Develop a template that community recreation and sporting organisations are able to use to assist them prepare business and facility plans. The template should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current and forecast participation Operations plan Maintenance plan Facilities development proposals (e.g. sports facilities, toilets, clubrooms, car parks and lighting) Five year investment and expenditure plans 	2014-15	Med	ORS	Internal staff time Consultant Input
31.2 Stipulate within future facility leases that a 5 year business and facility plan, which guides the operation, maintenance and development of facilities be prepared and submitted to Council for approval.	New leases after 2013-14	Low	Local clubs/assoc	Internal staff time
31.3 Include within a Council Sport and Recreation Policy that it is a requirement of Council funding of major facility developments and upgrades that a 5 year business and facility plan which guides the operation, maintenance and development of facilities be submitted as part of the funding application process.	2013-14 Onwards	Med	Local clubs/assoc	Internal staff time

Table 34: Strategy 31 – Business & Facility Plans



CLUB MARKETING & PROMOTION

Strategy 32: Club Marketing & Promotion – to assist clubs in the marketing and promotion of their activities so as to attract more participants and assist in improving viability.

Rationale: A lack of awareness of available sport and recreation activities on offer in the region was raised as an issue by several clubs during the consultation process and will likely impact negatively upon participation rates and ongoing club viability.

Priority: Medium

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities

Actions	Timeframe	Indicative Cost Bracket	Partners	Resources
32.1 Develop a web page as part of Council's website designated to the promotion of sport and recreation activities available to residents.	2013-15	Med	Local Clubs	Internal staff
32.2 Develop a sport and recreation e-newsletter on a quarterly basis including a section that promotes club activities and special events.	2013-15	Med	Local Clubs	Internal staff
32.3 Establish an up-to-date electronic directory of sport and recreation clubs in the Council area including their contact details, location, major activities and upcoming events	2014-15	Low	Local Clubs	Internal staff

Table 35: Strategy 32 – Club Marketing & Promotion



VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT

Strategy 33: Volunteer Management – assist sport and recreation clubs in developing their volunteer bases.

Rationale: Although the Rural City of Murray Bridge area has a strong volunteering ethos a significant number of clubs, particularly those based in smaller communities, have difficulty recruiting and retaining volunteers.

Priority: High

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities

Actions	Responsibility: Sustainable Communities			
	Timeframe	Indicative Cost Bracket	Partners	Resources
33.1 Provide training and education programs for sport and recreation volunteers on an annual basis.	2013-14 Onwards	Med	ORS	Internal staff time
33.2 Liaise with Sport SA and Volunteering SA to develop a volunteer recruitment database and information service for the Rural City of Murray Bridge area.	2013-14	Med	Sport SA Volunteering SA	Internal staff time
33.3 Develop an annual recognition event for sport and recreation volunteers.	2014-15 Onwards	Med	Sport SA Recreation SA Volunteering SA	Internal staff time Council funds

Table 36: Strategy 33 - Volunteer Management



CHILD PROTECTION

Strategy 34: Child Protection - ensure young people are protected and a safe environment is provided within sport and recreation clubs and service providers.

Rationale: Child protection is an important issue and has become a major focus within the sport and recreation sector in recent years. This is to ensure that young people are within an environment where they can take part in an activity feeling safe and free from any form of bullying, harassment or abuse. There is a need to assist clubs develop the required policies and procedures to enable them to provide safe environments and meet their legal requirements in relation to child protection.

Priority: High

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities

Actions	Timeframe	Indicative Cost Bracket	Partners	Resources
34.1 Educate and inform clubs of their responsibilities in relation to Child Protection through the development of fact sheets and inclusion of information in the proposed sport and recreation e-newsletter.	2013-14 Onwards	Med	Families SA ORS	Internal staff time
34.2 Facilitate training and development programs for clubs in Child Protection requirements and policy development on a regular basis.	2013-14 Onwards	Med	Families SA ORS	Internal staff time Council funds
34.3 Ensure a copy of 'Child Safe Environments: Principles of Good Practice for Recreation and Sport' developed by the Office for Recreation and Sport is distributed to all clubs based in the Rural City of Murray Bridge area and made available on Council's website.	2013-14	Low	ORS	Internal staff time

Table 37: Strategy 34 - Child Protection



Outcome 3 - Participation

Increased participation by all sectors of the Rural City of Murray Bridge community in recreation and sport activities to improve overall health and wellbeing.

ACCESS

Strategy 35: Access - improve the accessibility of sport and recreation opportunities for all residents.

Rationale: Levels of accessibility to sport and recreation opportunities can be restricted by numerous factors, including the local geography of the area, lack of public transport, and the lack of cycling and walking infrastructure.

Priority: High

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities

Actions	Timeframe	Indicative Cost Bracket	Partners	Resources
35.1 Consider the needs of residents in accessing sport and recreation opportunities when planning for transport services and infrastructure.	Ongoing	Low	Transport SA	Internal staff time
35.2 Provide improved footpath and bikeway linkages between residential areas and key sport and recreation facilities.	Ongoing	High	Transport SA	Developer contributions
35.3 Investigate the feasibility of establishing a transport service and/or initiatives to assist people to access sport and recreation opportunities.	2013-14	Med	ORS Transport SA DECD	Internal staff time External funding ORS, Transport SA
35.4 Lobby Transport SA to provide increased transport services particularly in the evenings and over the weekends when the majority of sport and recreation activities are undertaken.	Ongoing	Low	Sport SA Local Members of Parliament	Internal staff time

Table 38: Strategy 35 - Access



PROMOTE PARTICIPATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

Strategy 36: Promote Participation of Young People - encourage young people to participate further in sport and active recreation activities within their community.

Rationale: The benefits of participation in sport and recreation are particularly evident in young people. Barriers to participation of young people in sport/recreation include limited or no finance, reliance on parents for transport, safety and security.

Priority: High

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities

Actions	Timeframe	Indicative Cost Bracket	Partners	Resources
36.1 Involve young people in the planning of sport and recreation facilities and activities.	Ongoing	Med	Youth Advisory Group	Internal staff time
36.2 Use high profile sporting identities that have an affiliation with the region to promote participation by young people in sport and recreation activities.	Ongoing	Med	High profile sporting clubs	In-kind
36.3 Encourage young people to undertake training, leadership roles, volunteering and employment opportunities within the local sport and recreation industry.	Ongoing	Med	Sports Clubs and Businesses	Internal staff time
36.4 Provide 'Come n Try' days and similar participation events on a regular basis at different locations in conjunction with state sporting bodies and local schools.	2013-14 onwards	Med	Schools. State sports bodies	External funding state sporting bodies
36.5 Work in conjunction with local schools to improve transport services to sport and recreation activities.	Ongoing	Med	Schools	Internal staff time
36.6 Improve the activity opportunities for young people such as adventure based activities, camping, aquatic based, self defence and reduce the barriers of accessing traditional sports such as golf and lawn bowls.	Ongoing	Med	Local Clubs Scouts/Guides	Internal staff time
36.7 Establish a sport equipment library at various locations through the Council area.	2014-15	High	Libraries	Council Funds
36.8 Ensure a diversity of school holiday activities are provided, focusing on the promotion of non-traditional sport and recreation opportunities.	Ongoing	High		Internal staff time
36.9 Develop talent pathways for talented young aboriginal sports people to progress through local clubs and onto regional/state national level.	Ongoing	Med	Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority	Internal staff time External funding
36.10 Increase advocacy to promote participation in sport and recreation activities by aboriginal people.	Ongoing	Med	Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority	Internal staff time External funding

Table 39: Strategy 36 – Promote Participation of Young People



BUILD FACILITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Strategy 37: Build Facilities for Young People - provide sport and recreation facilities that cater specifically for activities undertaken by Young People.

Rationale: There are a number of facilities that are specifically targeted at young people; they include skate parks and BMX tracks and informal court facilities. During the community consultation process, interest was expressed for the enhancement of existing facilities at Sturt Reserve. When Council undertakes masterplans for parks and reserves there is also a need to plan for the inclusion of these types of facilities to meet local needs.

Priority: Medium

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities

Actions	Timeframe	Indicative Cost Bracket	Partners	Resources
37.1 Consider opportunities to enhance existing skatepark at Sturt Reserve	2015-16	High	ORS	Funding - Council - external
37.2 Consider the creation of play spaces that cater for youth recreation such as half court tennis, basketball courts and/or adventure playgrounds when undertaking masterplanning for parks and reserves.	Ongoing	High	Youth Advisory Group	Internal staff time
37.3 Refer to Volume III Open Space Strategy for details on related open space initiatives (OSR1).				

Table 40: Strategy 37 – Build Facilities for Young People



PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY

Strategy 38: People with a Disability - improve access to sport and recreation opportunities for people with a disability.

Rationale: People with disabilities need to be able to easily access sport and recreation activities and this involves providing appropriate facilities, transport, programs and opportunities to ensure they are included in a wide range of sport and recreation activities.

Priority: High

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities

Actions	Timeframe	Indicative Cost Bracket	Partners	Resources
38.1 Encourage sport and recreation service providers through education and awareness to provide opportunities for people with a disability to be included in their programs.	Ongoing	Med	Disability Groups	Internal staff time
38.2 Highlight and promote the fact that many people have ability not only disability.	Ongoing	Low	Disability Groups	Internal staff time
38.3 Train a pool of volunteers to assist people to participate in recreation and sport opportunities.	2014-15	Med	Disability Groups Volunteering SA	Internal staff time + external funding
38.4 Incorporate people with disabilities into initiatives such as 'Come n Try' days and sport development programs.	Ongoing	Med	State Sporting Bodies	Internal staff time
38.5 Assist in the integration of people with disabilities into main stream sport and recreation programs and services.	Ongoing	Med	Disability Groups	Internal staff time
38.6 Audit all Council owned sport and recreation facilities to assess their Disability Discrimination Act requirements.	2013-14	High	Local Clubs	Internal staff time
38.7 Designate a person within Council who is the contact point for recreation for people with a disability issues.	2013-14	Low		Internal staff time

Table 41: Strategy 38 - People with a Disability



Outcome 4 - Cooperation and Communication

Successful cooperation and communication between Council, clubs, other service deliverers, neighbouring Council's and other tiers of government to enhance sport and recreation opportunities for the Rural City of Murray Bridge region.

REGIONAL COLLABORATION

Strategy 39: Regional Collaboration - work collaboratively with local sport and recreation clubs, service providers, neighbouring Councils, state and federal governments to develop sport and recreation in the Rural City of Murray Bridge region.

Rationale: Working collaboratively will likely enable Council to accomplish more in terms of sport and recreation development than if they were to work in isolation. They will also become increasingly aware of broader trends and initiatives being developed in neighbouring areas.

Priority: Medium

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities

Actions	Timeframe	Indicative Cost Bracket	Partners	Resources
39.1 Facilitate the development of a body to promote, advocate for and facilitate sport and recreation development throughout the Rural City of Murray Bridge region. This body should contain representatives from local sports associations, businesses, tourism bodies and Council.	2014-15	Med	Sports Associations Businesses Tourism Bodies	Internal staff time
39.2 Coordinate a meeting with staff responsible for sport and recreation planning from neighbouring Councils to discuss and consider regional sport and recreation matters on at least an annual basis.	2014-15 Onwards	Med	Neighbouring Councils	Internal staff time
39.3 Meet regularly with the Office for Recreation and Sport to raise awareness of the sport and recreation issues and opportunities within the Rural City of Murray Bridge region.	2014-15 Onwards	Low	ORS	Internal staff time

Table 42: Strategy 39 - Regional Collaboration



STAFFING & COORDINATION

Strategy 40: Staffing & Coordination - provide the necessary resources to effectively coordinate the implementation of the sport and recreation strategy.

Rationale: To enable this Strategy to be effectively implemented it will require the expertise of a professional sport and recreation planning officer and support from local sport and recreation leaders.

Priority: High

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities

Actions	Timeframe	Indicative Cost Bracket	Partners	Resources
40.1 Retain and support the Sport & Recreation Planning position and continue to enhance their strategic role.	Ongoing	High		Internal staff time
40.2 Establish a position for a Sports Coordinator (government funded) to coordinate all sporting activities/events throughout the region	2014-2016	Med		Internal staff time + external funding

Table 43: Strategy 40 – Staffing & Coordination



COMMUNICATION

Strategy 41: Communication - develop a range of informative and innovative communication initiatives.

Rationale: It is important that local clubs and service providers are kept informed of sport and recreation development initiatives, funding programs and Council policies. This alleviates tension between clubs and Council and allows for the timely distribution of information.

Priority: Medium

Responsibility: Sustainable Communities

Actions	Timeframe	Indicative Cost Bracket	Partners	Resources
41.1 Develop a specific web page/site dedicated to sport and recreation, which could be incorporated into the Council website or be a stand-alone site.	2014-15	Med		Internal staff time
41.2 Distribute a regular e-newsletter to sport and recreation clubs and service providers.	Ongoing	Med		Internal staff time
41.3 Regularly write press releases or articles for local media highlighting the Council's sport and recreation initiatives.	Ongoing	Low	Local media	Internal staff time

Table 44: Strategy 41 – Communication



8. Sport & Recreation Facility/Activity Provision

The following tables provide a summary of the key sports and recreation activities provided (current and future provision) for each of the primary sport/recreation facilities within Murray Bridge (Table 45) and the Outlying Areas (Table 46). A green dot signifies current provision at a facility/location, and a yellow dot represents anticipated/potential future provision.

Sport & Recreation Reserves Activity Inventory (Murray Bridge)																											
	AFL	Netball	Tennis	Golf	Cricket	Rugby	Basketball	Baseball	Soccer	Bowls/Croquet	Volleyball	Indoor Sports	Swimming	Skiing / Wakeboarding etc.	Boating/Sailing	Rowing / canoeing	Mountain Biking	Horse Riding	Greyhound Racing	Car Racing / Motocross	Animal Training	Fitness / Gym	Shooting Facility	Model Sports (Plans/cars)	Planes/ Gliding	Skate Park	
Show-grounds		<div></div>			<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>					<div></div>						<div></div>	<div></div>								
Murray Bridge Bowling & Croquet Club										<div></div>																	
Existing Race-course	<div></div>	<div></div>		<div></div>	<div></div>																						
Sturt Reserve		<div></div>	<div></div>				<div></div>					<div></div>	<div></div>			<div></div>						<div></div>					
Murray Bridge Swimming Pool											<div></div>		<div></div>														
Johnstone Park	<div></div>	<div></div>			<div></div>																<div></div>						
Christian Reserve		<div></div>	<div></div>																								
LeMessurier Oval	<div></div>	<div></div>			<div></div>																						



Sport & Recreation Reserves Activity Inventory (Murray Bridge)

	AFL	Netball	Tennis	Golf	Cricket	Rugby	Basketball	Baseball	Soccer	Bowls/Croquet	Volleyball	Indoor Sports	Swimming	Skiing / Wakeboarding etc.	Boating/Sailing	Rowing / canoeing	Mountain Biking	Horse Riding	Greyhound Racing	Car Racing / Motocross	Animal Training	Fitness / Gym	Shooting Facility	Model Sports (Plans/cars)	Planes/ Gliding	Skate Park
Jaensch Oval / Homburg Oval					<div></div>				<div></div>																	
Gifford Hill Equine & Village Develop- ment	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>		<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>		<div></div>			<div></div>						<div></div>								
Murray Bridge High School	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>		<div></div>				<div></div>			<div></div>														
Unity College	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>		<div></div>		<div></div>		<div></div>			<div></div>														
Murray Bridge Golf Course				<div></div>																						
Swanport Reserve													<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>										
Murraylan ds Aquatic Centre															<div></div>											
Murray Bridge Speedway																				<div></div>						
Murray Bridge Airport																								<div></div>		

Table 45 Sport and recreation provision within Murray Bridge



Sport & Recreation Reserves Activity Inventory (Outlying Areas)																											
	AFL	Netball	Tennis	Golf	Cricket	Rugby	Basketball	Baseball	Soccer	Bowls	Croquet	Indoor Sports	Swimming	Skiing / Wakeboarding etc.	Boating	Rowing / canoeing	Mountain Biking	Horse Riding	Greyhound Racing	Car Racing / Motocross	Animal Training	Fitness / Gym	Shooting Facility	Model Sports (Planes/cars)	Planes/ Gliding	Skate Park	
Brinkley			<div></div>																								
Jervois	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>		<div></div>					<div></div>			<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>											
Monarto			<div></div>		<div></div>												<div></div>	<div></div>		<div></div>			<div></div>	<div></div>			
Mypolonga	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>		<div></div>								<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>											
Wellington			<div></div>										<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>											

Table 46 Sport and recreation provision within Outlying Areas