

2023-24 ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN

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Footpath Program



Identification

Footpaths play an important role within the Rural City of Murray Bridge, providing a means of access to schools, shopping, community facilities, services and open space. The provision of footpaths make communities more liveable and better connected as well as encouraging healthier and more physically active communities.

The Purpose

The objectives of the footpath renewal and expansion program are to:

- Promote and encourage walking as a sustainable and preferred mode of transport for short trips to work, shops, school and for recreation;
- Reduce the risk of conflict between pedestrians and motor vehicles;
- Improve the amenity, accessibility and safety of the footpath network so it is accessible for all users;
- Minimise the removal of significant vegetation through responsible design and construction of new footpaths;
- Where possible make use of environmentally suitable materials, recycled materials and materials sympathetic to the environment;
- Establish criteria to guide the development of new footpaths, which proposes the construction of a footpath on at least one side of most residential roads;
- Prioritise the construction of new footpaths through defined selection criteria that consider a range of elements; and
- Include provision in the Council's Long-Term Financial Plan to complete the development of the pedestrian footpath network in a financially sustainable manner.

In order for the Rural City of Murray Bridge to deliver on its four strategic themes, a budget allocation of \$226,866 has been proposed for the 2023-24 Annual Business Plan and Budget.

Current Condition

Over the preceding 5 financial years, there has been a focus on the construction of all-weather (generally concrete) footpaths which require additional supporting infrastructure such as kerbing and underground stormwater systems.



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It has been determined that due to many alternative needs present across the Council area, the 2023-24 footpath expansion program will be directed towards the construction of compacted rubble footpaths which can be implemented without other supporting infrastructure.

Footpath Expansion Program

\$113,433 has been proposed to be allocated to the provision of new compacted rubble footpaths for the Murray Bridge Eastside area during the 2023-24 program. The focus for work is expected to be around the Mitchell Avenue precinct.

Footpath Renewal Program

\$113,433 has been proposed to be allocated to the provision of Footpath Renewal in 2023-24. Projects priorities proposed for 2023-24 include identified pram ramps and responsive works to remediate non-compliant footpath segments.

Road Segment	Footpath Description
Various Non compliant pram ramps	Various location throughout Rural City of Murray Bridge
Various Non compliant footpath segments	Various location throughout Rural City of Murray Bridge

Strategic Contribution

	Valued Environment	Great People and Lifestyle	Dynamic Economy	Connected Communities
Primary	Enlivened community spaces 1.1.3 Improved connectivity and accessibility through expansion of footpath networks, cycling and walking trails	Healthy active communities 2.4.2 Encourage participation in active living and provide connection to our open spaces through delivery and promotion of recreational trails	Attractive Murray Bridge 3.1.3 Improve attractiveness and linkages within the city centre Effective economic infrastructure 3.4.2 Improve access to local and external markets through provision of transportation routes and infrastructure	

Secondary	<p>Enlivened community spaces</p> <p>1.1.1 Town entrances are enhanced and beautified</p>	<p>A modern city with country charm 2.1.3 Deliver contemporary Council services, taking advantage of technology advances and updated service provision methods</p>	<p>Connecting places through public transportation</p> <p>4.4.1 Ensure appropriate levels of transport and connectivity between attractions, townships and service centres such as Mount Barker and Adelaide</p>
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Relevant Strategies

- Wayfinding and Signage Strategy
- Walking and Cycling
- Trail Strategy

****Please Note*** Program may be subject to change during financial year due to external factors and resource availability*



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