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Subject: **Riverfront Reserves Reopening**

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MORE riverfront reserves are reopening as the flood recovery plan rolls out in The Rural City of Murray Bridge.

Avoca Dell, Sunnyside, Thiele and Woodlane Reserves, along with Bells Landing reopened at 4pm on Friday 24 March 2023 – with some restrictions.

Playgrounds and certain areas of river frontage remain closed at Thiele and Woodlane Reserves due to flood damage, while the boat ramp at Bells Landing also remains closed.

The Rural City of Murray Bridge Chief Executive Officer Michael Sedgman said the reopening of these reserves marked a significant point in the Council's flood recovery plan.

"It's been a lot of work to get to this point, but we are extremely happy to be reopening the rest of our most popular riverfront reserves while the weather's still warm enough to enjoy them," he said.

"The safety of our community and our workers has been our top priority throughout the high river event and recovery process.

"We have been undertaking regular inspections and engaging qualified experts wherever necessary to determine the best way forward, while our open space and infrastructure teams have been working hard to clear debris and repair damage – and they've done a great job."

Mr Sedgman said the Council's flood recovery focus would move to Hume, Riverglen and Tumbella Reserves this week.

He also reminded river users to remain alert when on the water post-flood.

"Water levels have dropped and while it may look like things are returning to normal on the surface the landscape below has changed, so it's important to be aware of potential submerged objects and exercise caution on the River at all times," he said.

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

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