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AN ELEGANTLY designed and fitting tribute to honour service men and women who have sacrificed to keep Australia safe, is being built overlooking the river in Murray Bridge.

Mayor Lewis said construction of the Murray Bridge War Memorial at Sturt Reserve was now underway and would provide a permanent focal point for commemoration, ANZAC services and remembrance.

"This project is a result of the Council and RSL working together for the construction of a War Memorial in Sturt Reserve to commemorate all those who have served or have been lost in conflict, and to acknowledge the sacrifice our armed forces have made and continue to make to ensure the security of Australia and our values," he said.

"Australian regional memorials have long been at the heart of community commemoration of our service men and women.

"And now in Murray Bridge each ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day our community will have a memorial to gather at and commemorate those who left our community to join other service personnel in the defence of freedom."

The granite memorial designed by the RSL represents a body with two arms outstretched providing welcome and comfort, while the reverse side offers protection and shelter.

Community consultation undertaken in June 2019 helped refine the final concept design.

The project will also include landscaping and paving in and around the Memorial.

"Surrounding gardens will provide a place of peace, tranquility, reflection and commemoration where future generations can pay their respects," said Mayor Lewis.

"The War Memorial is only one component within the overall Sturt Reserve Masterplan, which provides a framework for the development and improvement of the area - Council is currently undertaking the next stage of detailed design planning for the reserve."

The Murray Bridge War Memorial project is supported by a grant of \$200,000 from the Australian Government Community Development Grants' Programme.

Landscaping and paving work is expected to be complete by the end of June and granite headstones installed before the end of July 2020.