

2021-22 ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN

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Footpath Expansion 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. In 2016, the Council undertook a gap analysis of the existing footpath network in Murray Bridge and surrounding townships. This analysis highlighted deficiencies in the existing networks and prompted immediate action by the Council through the implementation of a Footpath Expansion Strategy.

The Purpose

The objectives of the Footpath Expansion Strategy 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 selection criteria (refer over) that considers 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 \$540,000 has been proposed for the 2021/22 Annual Business Plan and Budget.

Current Condition

The adoption of the Rural City of Murray Bridge Footpath Expansion Strategy introduced selection criteria to determine where “new” footpaths will be constructed. The selection criteria has been established to ensure equity across the region and considers such aspects as:

- Road hierarchy
- Land use/facility (schools; shopping etc.)
- Bus routes
- New popular locations
- Linkage to other footpaths and trails
- Pedestrian catchment
- Topography/sight distance
- Construction feasibility & cost
- Trafficable verge area.
- Approved and future development

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\$540,000 has been proposed to be allocated to the provision of new “all-weather” footpaths in 2021/22. Projects proposed for 2021/22 include:

Road Segment	Footpath Description
Anerley Rd	Marchand St to Verdun Rd
Humphrey St	Lohmann St to Leslie St
Myall Av	Gray St to Mulgundawah Rd
Phillips St	Pugh Av to to Kelly Ave
Oxford St	Cooke St to Monash Tce
Ridgeway Tce	Jarvis Av to Joyce St
Lohmann Street	Best St to Jarvis Ave
Monash Tce	Oxford St to Mellor Rd
Cooke St	Oxford St to Jaensch Rd
Kelly Av	Trevor St to Phillips St

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

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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