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Subject: **The Bunyip's Back!**

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THE MURRAY Bridge Bunyip is back!

The beloved South Australian animatronic icon has a new lease on life after taking a short break to rejuvenate and recharge, and is once again ready to scare the daylights out of visitors to the Murray Bridge riverfront this summer.

The Rural City of Murray Bridge Chief Executive Officer Heather Barclay said she was grateful The Bunyip had been well taken care of during the hiatus and was able to return to their watery lair at Sturt Reserve before Christmas.

“The Bunyip needed to escape briefly for some much needed maintenance and relaxation, but we are pleased to say hydraulics upgrades went well and our beloved Bunyip is now fighting fit and ready to resume riverfront duties,” she said.

“Everyone involved with the project worked extremely hard to ensure The Bunyip would be back in their lair and ready to scare before Christmas and the influx of visitors that descend on Murray Bridge to enjoy the Murray River during the summer holidays.

“After the flooding last summer the message of The Bunyip as a protector of the river is more relevant than ever – we must all remember to respect and care for the fish of the river and lakes and to never swim alone.”

Local enterprise [Australian Custom Engineering](#) provided the expertise to address a mechanical issue and restore The Bunyip to their usual roarsome self.

An Augmented Reality version of the animatronic tourist attraction will remain accessible at Sturt Reserve, to provide a digitally interactive experience.

To learn more about this beloved South Australian icon visit [The Rural City of Murray Bridge website](#).

A full list of Council services and facilities impacted by the Murray River flood is available on [website](#) and updates are posted to the Council's Facebook page.

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