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MEDIA RELEASE

Subject: Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2021-2022

Consultation

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THE RURAL City of Murray Bridge has more projects planned to create an environment of growth and opportunity in 2021-2022, hot on the heels of a record-breaking infrastructure roll out over the current financial year.

The Rural City of Murray Bridge draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2021-2022 is now open for public consultation.

Mayor Brenton Lewis urged residents to keep the momentum going and get involved in community planning and provide feedback on future direction.

"I encourage residents to read the Annual Business Plan and see how we intend to continue building a safe, proud and progressive place to live, work and play," he said.

"Provide your feedback through Lets Talk and let us know if there are ways we could improve.

"Murray Bridge is changing and I am confident the programs, projects and services planned for the coming financial year will feed into our collective vision of creating Thriving Communities and a sustainable future – in a financially responsible way."

The draft Annual Business Plan has a strong environmental focus that tackles the impact of climate change and ensures better water management through water sensitive urban design - including tree canopy mapping and the greening of Swanport Road using recycled storm water.



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There are plans to improve the built environment and activate outdoor spaces with major works in the heart of Murray Bridge, Sturt Reserve and outer townships - including Monarto and Wellington.

Mayor Lewis said Council planned to improve movement and connectivity through projects such as a new digital information sign on Adelaide Road near the Truck Driver's Memorial, updated Lerwin signage, a shared path on Hindmarsh Road and upgraded town entrances.

"Council is committed to an ongoing conversation with our community about the great things that are happening here," he said.

"We are supporting and developing a Youth Council to capture the youth perspective, we are keeping our communities informed through a regular newsletter, consultations, social media presence and encouraging everyone to get involved with the consultation process and have their say."

The Annual Business Plan and Budget 2021-2022 Public Consultation will be held Tuesday 11 May until Tuesday 1 June 2021.

View the documents and provide feedback at <u>letstalk.sa.gov.au</u>, the Local Government Centre or Murray Bridge Library.

Send written submissions to <u>council@murraybridge.sa.gov.au</u> or Chief Executive Officer, Rural City of Murray Bridge, PO Box 421 Murray Bridge SA 5253.

All written submissions received will be presented at a Special Council Meeting at 6pm on Monday 31 May 2021. This meeting will be live streamed via Council's YouTube channel.

The final Annual Business Plan and Budget 2021-2022 will be considered by Council for adoption on Tuesday 15 June 2021.