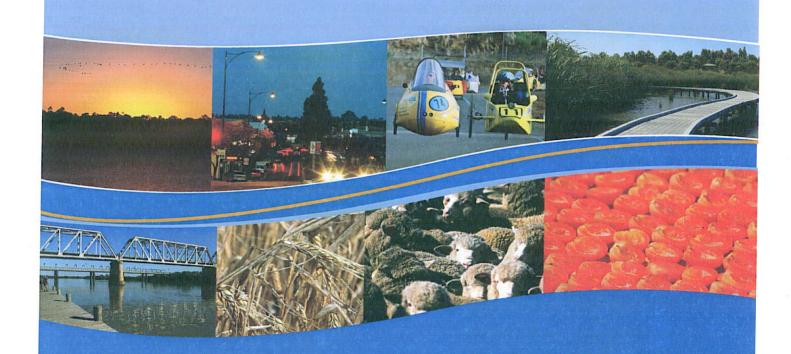


Bells Landing Reserve Management Plan



Adopted by Council 10 August 2009

Introduction

Consistent with Section 196 of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Rural City of Murray Bridge is required to prepare Management Plans for its Community Land if:

- The land falls within the ambit of Section 194 (1)(a), (b) or (c); or
- The land is, or is to be, occupied under a lease or licence; or
- The land has been, or is to be, specifically modified or adapted for the benefit and enjoyment of the community.

Description and Location

The land to which the Bells Landing Management Plan relates to is described as -

- Section 606 in the Hundred of Burdett encompassed within Crown Lease Volume 5284 Folio 78;
- Section 695 in the Hundred of Burdett encompassed within Crown Lease Volume 5284 Folio 79.

Bells Landing Reserve encompasses 1.644 hectares in total and is owned by CrownLands SA and is under the care and control of Council. The Reserve is located approximately 4.25 nautical miles downstream from the central business district of Murray Bridge and can be accessed via land from Bells Road, Monteith.

Purpose

The Rural City of Murray Bridge has care and control of the riverfront reserve at Bells Landing, Monteith and, in consultation with the local community, provides a highly accessible riverfront recreational destination for many visitors and adding amenity value to local residents.

Objectives

- 1. To ensure Bells Landing has the appropriate facilities that can cater for informal recreational activities—both land based and aquatic.
- 2. To regularly maintain the reserve in accordance with its usage requirement to ensure that it is safe, functional and of adequate aesthetic appeal.
- 3. To ensure the reserve is attractive and welcoming and provides a relaxing environment for local residents and visitors.
- 4. To ensure that, as an individual plan, it is consistent with Council's broader plans.
- 5. To ensure that Aboriginal heritage issues are appropriately managed.
- 6. To assist in stormwater management, water harvesting and flood mitigation where appropriate.

Plans, Policies and By Laws

Following is a list of plans, policies and by laws that may be relevant to this Management Plan and should be read in conjunction with this Management Plan.

Council Plans

- Rural City of Murray Bridge Strategic Management Plan 2005-2013
- Rural City of Murray Bridge Development Plan

- Asset Management Plan
- Riverfront Management Strategy
- Murray Bridge Urban Growth Plan
- Community Management Plan Reserves

Council Policies

- Leasing and Licensing Policy (currently being developed)
- Riverfront Structures and Mooring Policy (currently being developed in conjunction with Department of Environment and Heritage (CrownLands SA).

Council By Laws

- By Law No 1—Permits and Penalties
- By Law No 2—Local Government Land
- By Law No 3—Roads
- By Law No 4—Moveable Signs
- By Law No 5—Dogs

The above plans, policies and by laws can be viewed at the Local Government Centre, 2 Seventh Street, Murray Bridge for from the Rural City of Murray Bridge website at www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au. They are subject to review and amendment from time to time as required. Relevant legislation including the Local Government Act 1999 and the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 can be viewed at www.legislation.sa.gov.au.

Bells Landing Reserve Zones

The map (attached as Appendix 1 of this plan) has divided the site into three distinct zones—

Zone A

A small portion of land between the River Murray and Zone B and has been denoted as an area suitable for safe fishing activities. A barrier of "hitching rail" type bollards will be installed to protect people from motor vehicles.

Zone B

Has been denoted as a vehicle/trailer car park and access turnaround area. This will allow for vehicles towing a trailer to enter the area, turnaround and reverse a boat onto the boat ramp.

Zone C

Has been denoted as general recreation area. Bollards, consistent in type with those in Zone A, will be erected on the downstream side, along the roadway (Zone B) to prevent vehicles driving onto the Reserve. An unlocked gate or removable rail will allow for emergency entry only. Appropriate signage will denote this.

Council will undertake the maintenance of the grounds as per Council's schedules.

Dog and Cat Management Act

Pursuant to the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995, Council declares Bells Landing Reserve an area where dogs may be exercised "on leash only" at all times.

Management Matrix

	Management Issue	Objectives	Actions
1	Use/Activities	To ensure Bells Landing Reserve has the appropriate facilities than can cater for informal recreation activities	 Use for minor events eg weddings and social club functions Unless under special circumstances, do not permit the use for business purposes Provision of minor multifunctional recreation facilities such as playgrounds as funding permits Provision of safe and clean public toilets as funding permits
2	Buildings/Maintenance	To regularly maintain the Reserve in accordance with its usage to ensure it is safe and functional	 Design and upgrade facilities such as reserve furniture as funding permits Design, build and maintain minor buildings and structures such as shelters and gazebos as funding permits Protect and preserve the indigenous culture and heritage Install fencing, bollards or barriers where there is a high usage by children, or activities that require "zoning off".
3	Environment		 Regularly maintain grounds and landscaped areas including grass and trees through maintenance programs (ie lawn mowing, pruning) Protect and enhance the native flora and fauna Efficent use of water
1	Indigenous	To maintain co-operative relationships with the indigenous community	 Work with the Ngarrindjeri people in accordance with the Aboriginal Heritage Act, Native Title Act 1999 and the Kunnan Ngarrindjeri Yunnan Agreement in the spirit of reconciliation

	Management Issue	Objectives	Actions
5	Access		 Physical access is provided for sections of the community through the provision of appropriate facilities Paths and trails are provided (where appropriate) and maintained. Maintain effective car parking and vehicular access that caters for riverfront recreational activities
6	Management	To provide a riverfront reserve that reflects the needs of the Monteith community in a sustainable manner	 Use of zones to apportion different activities—Zone A, B and C. Undertake and regularly update a risk management plan for Bells Landing Regular removal of waste and litter
7	Water Management	To assist in stormwater management, water harvesting and flood mitigation where appropriate	Where possible and without impacting significantly on the recreation value of the land, assist stormwater management and improvements in water quality

Performance Targets

Council aspires to achieve a **minimum** self assessed rating of "acceptable level" in each of the above seven (7) categories.

Measurement will be by assessing feedback (both positive and negative) from the community as well as internal review. Maintenance crews will be the primary source of internal information.

