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THE RURAL City of Murray Bridge is building a bright future as a growing regional centre on the river, with plans now approved for further significant investment in the riverfront activation, environmental initiatives and development of outer townships in the next 12 months.

Council's Annual Business Plan and Budget 2021-2022 (ABP) is now approved and available to view on the Rural City of Murray Bridge website.

Under the Plan, Council will deliver a significant program of works and services without increasing the rate in the dollar for ratepayers.

The ABP's strong environmental focus includes riverfront activation at Sturt and Long Island Reserves, greening the environment, addressing climate change, and improved water resource management.

Mayor Brenton Lewis said the Plan was developed to deliver on the Council's vision to create Thriving Communities.

"Murray Bridge is changing," he said.

"We're creating an environment that creates opportunities, where you can make a home, make an investment and make memories.

"This year Council will invest \$45.4 million in our community, including \$32.2 million on service delivery and key projects, and \$13.2 million for capital works - including \$4.8 million for new works.

"We are delivering this investment through responsible financial management, a planned underlying surplus and an ongoing commitment to financial sustainability."

Chief Executive Officer Michael Sedgman said the Council was working hard to create an environment attractive for economic investment, tourism and residential development.

"We continue to work hard to create a more prosperous future for our community: Murray Bridge – Make It Yours."