

MEDIA RELEASE



Subject: **Sturt Reserve Open for Business**

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VISITORS are welcome back at Sturt Reserve as the majority of Murray Bridge's premier riverfront reserve reopens to the public today.

Barrier fencing has been removed in parts or moved right back and only the southern end of the reserve, playground, wharf area and a few other elements remain closed.

The Rural City of Murray Bridge Chief Executive Officer Michael Sedgman praised the efforts of recovery workers and said the Council's focus would now expand to other areas.

"Council workers, contractors and business owners have done a tremendous job in working together to bring our premier riverfront reserve back to a safe and tidy state, and to restore community access as quickly as possible," he said.

"It's been a huge task over the past few weeks and we have more work to do yet, but now the larger part of the work at Sturt Reserve is in hand we can move forward with confidence as we expand our focus to other areas.

"Riverfront businesses were hit hard by closures during the flood and with the [Community Club](#) reopening today and [1924 River Tavern](#) scheduled to reopen on Friday, I'm sure the community will rally and show their support.

"We continue to appreciate the community's patience and understanding as we work through our recovery plan in the weeks and months ahead."

It will be some time before electricity can be restored to the area downstream of the Murray Bridge Community Club, including the Bunyip, due to ground saturation.

As a result public toilets at the back of the Murray Bridge Regional Rowing Centre are now open, while the main public toilet block remains out of action.

Barriers remain in place to prevent access to areas that have not yet been cleared for public safety, and some [river restrictions](#) for Zone F remain in place in our Council area.

The Council is now moving recovery focus to other riverfront reserves.

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

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