



The Rural City of  
**MURRAY  
BRIDGE**

Bridge to Opportunity

Local Government Centre  
2 Seventh Street (PO Box 421)  
Murray Bridge SA 5253

T 08 8539 1100  
F 08 8532 2766

council@murraybridge.sa.gov.au  
www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au

ABN 90 501 266 817

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

**Subject:** Ferries McDonald Road  
**Media Contact:** Malcolm Downie  
**Acting Executive Manager Sustainable Development**

**Contact Details:** **Direct line:** 8539 1145  
**Mobile:** 0439 891 355  
**Email:** m.downie@murraybridge.sa.gov.au

**Date:** 27 February 2012

---

Council will commence work towards the construction and sealing of Ferries McDonald Road in February 2012.

Acting CEO, Peter Bond said, "This project has been on Council's agenda for some time and is important both from a regional and local perspective, in terms of access and movement for all modes of transport".

Mayor Arbon said, - "The construction and sealing of Ferries McDonald Road between Chauncey's Line Road and just south of Bremer Range Road (some 12 km), phased over a three year period, would provide a significant up-grade to the identified strategic north/south link for freight from Langhorne Creek to the Burra-Morgan Road, through the Barossa Valley". "The project is expected to cost in the order of \$5mil and be delivered over the next three years. It is jointly funded by the Federal Government, the Rural City of Murray Bridge and private enterprises".

"We are excited that this project has come to fruition and will finally commence with Phase 1 to be delivered in 2012 and include the realignment and reconstruction (and sealing) of the intersections of Chauncey's Line Road intersection and Garwood Road intersection with Ferries

---

**Photo Opportunity:**

*McDonald Road, and the reconstruction and sealing of the section of Ferries McDonald Road which traverses the Ferries McDonald Conservation Park (approx. 2km)".*

Once constructed, signs will provide motorist awareness of the Malleefowl population and prescribe an advisory speed while travelling through the conservation parks – a specific number will be provided throughout the project to enable sightings of Malleefowl to be reported.

The management, protection and preservation of native and remnant vegetation and the existing Malleefowl population within the adjacent Conservation Parks and in the region generally, both during and after construction of the route are an important aspect of the project. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources has been engaged throughout the process to date and has prescribed conditions for native vegetation management. A Malleefowl Management Plan has also been produced which requires specific management and monitoring of Malleefowl".

Information on progress and regular up-dates will be provided on Council's web-site at [www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au](http://www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au)

END.