



About

Footpath Expansion Program

Community Update

May 2018

Identification

Footpaths play an important role within the Rural City of Murray Bridge, providing a means of access to community facilities, services and open space. The provision of footpaths make communities more liveable and better connected as well as encouraging healthier and more physically active communities. In 2016, the Council undertook a gap analysis of the existing footpath network in Murray Bridge and surrounding townships. This analysis highlighted deficiencies in the existing networks and prompted immediate action by the Council through the implementation of a *Footpath Expansion Strategy*.

The Purpose

The objectives of the Footpath Expansion Strategy are to:

- Promote and encourage walking as a sustainable and preferred mode of transport for short trips to work, shops, school and for recreation;
- Reduce the risk of conflict between pedestrians and motor vehicles;
- Improve the amenity, accessibility and safety of the footpath network so it is accessible for all users;
- Minimise the removal of significant vegetation through responsible design and construction of new footpaths;
- Where possible make use of environmentally suitable materials, recycled materials and materials sympathetic to the environment in which it is to be installed;
- Establish criteria to guide the development of new footpaths, which proposes the construction of a footpath on at least one side of most residential roads;
- Prioritise the construction of new footpaths through selection criteria (refer over) that considers a range of elements; and
- Include provision in the Council's Long-Term Financial Plan to complete the development of the pedestrian footpath network in a financially sustainable manner.

In order for the Rural City of Murray Bridge to deliver on its 4 strategic themes, a budget allocation of \$500,000 (or the equivalent 5km of concrete footpath) has been proposed for the 2018/19 Annual Business Plan and Budget.



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Current Condition

The adoption of the Footpath Expansion Strategy the Rural City of Murray Bridge introduced selection criteria to determine where “new” footpaths will be constructed. The selection criteria has been designed to ensure equity across the region and considers such aspects as:

- Road hierarchy
- Land use/facility (schools; shopping etc.)
- Bus routes
- New popular locations
- Linkage to other footpaths and trails
- Pedestrian catchment
- Topography/sight distance
- Construction feasibility & cost
- Trafficable verge area.
- Approved and future development

Footpath Expansion Program:

\$500,000 has been proposed to be allocated to the provision of new “all-weather’ footpaths in 2018/19. Project Proposed for 2018/19 include:

• Beatty Terrace	Cooke Street to Monash Terrace
• Caroline Street	Thomas Street to Charles Street
• Christian Road	Cromwell Road to Recreation Avenue
• Cooke Street	Beatty Terrace to Oxford Street
• Cromwell Road, Murray Bridge	Christian Road to Adelaide Road
• McHenry Street	Eleanor Terrace to Olive Street
• Myall Avenue	Sturt Street to Gray Street
• North Terrace	West Terrace to 25m south Seventh Street
• Sturt Street	Hill Street to Verdun Road
• Thomas Street	Eleanor Terrace to Caroline Street
• West Terrace	North Terrace to Second Street
• Whitehead Avenue	Homburg Drive to Burdekin Avenue

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