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A NEW look for Toora Reserve based on ideas submitted by residents and river users is being showcased in a masterplan document and the Council is seeking further public feedback before the masterplan is finalised.

Toora Reserve has been identified as a key site within the Rural City of Murray Bridge to develop for community use that will “book-end investment” along the riverfront.

Team Leader Youth Sport and Recreation Kevin Heyndyk said “Toora Reserve was being developed as a riverfront reserve in the high energy zone of the river which currently included Thiele Reserve and Avoca Dell Reserve.”

“Both of these reserves become overcrowded at peak times and Toora Reserve can alleviate the pressure on those reserves,” he said.

Mr Heyndyk said a clear vision for Toora Reserve development had emerged and included:

DESTINATION: Create a new waterfront recreation area for use by the local community and visitors that everyone loves to visit due to its great location, linkages, functionality, public amenities and unique beauty.

CHARACTER: Enhance and celebrate the landscape and unique heritage qualities of the site so that Toora Reserve “stands out!” amongst other park offerings in the region.

ENVIRONMENT: Protect the natural riverine environment and ecology present. Undertake remediation works and add sensitive design features that allow it to be appreciated by all.

RECREATION: Support watersport use to alleviate congestion at other riverfront reserves in balance with other active pursuits including walking, cycling, and playing as well as passive recreation like picnicking and sightseeing.

The Draft Toora Reserve Masterplan and Concept Design is available online at <https://letstalk.murraybridge.sa.gov.au/> and hard copies are available at the Local Government Centre 2 Seventh Street Murray Bridge.

Public Consultation is now open and closes 4 April 2018.