

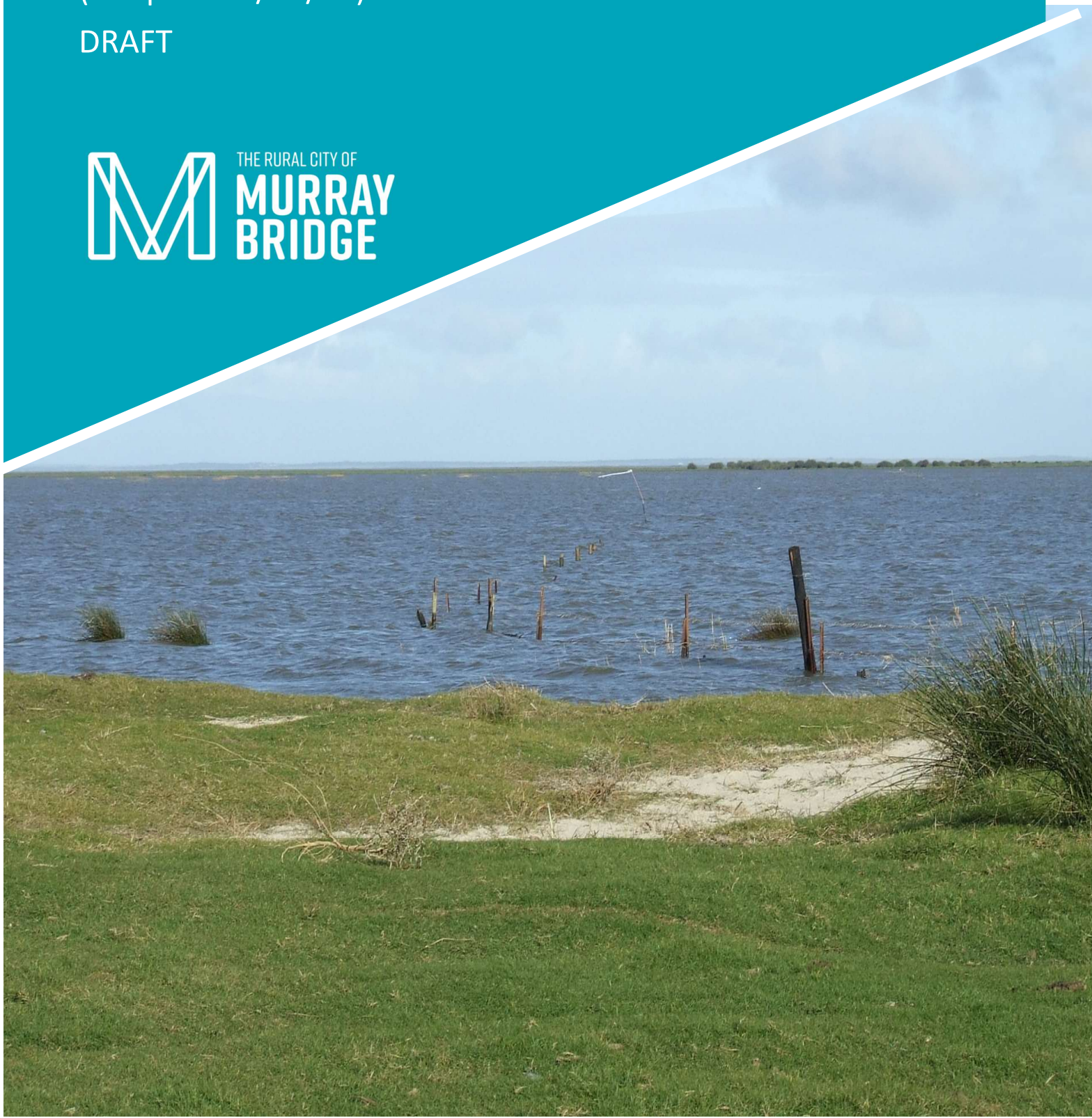
# Conservation & Natural Reserves

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## Community Land Management Plan

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# **Conservation & Natural Reserves Community Land Management Plan**

## **Acknowledgement of Country**

We acknowledge the Ngarrindjeri people as the traditional owners of this land on which we meet and work. We respect and acknowledge their spiritual connection as the custodians of this land and that their cultural heritage beliefs are still important to the living people today.

We recognise the living culture and combined energies of the Ngarrindjeri people our global pioneers and community members today for their unique contribution to the life of our region.

## **The Land**

The Community Land Register identifies Council owned and managed parcels of land that this Community Land Management Plan applies to.

For land under the Council's care, control and management, the Community Land Register identifies the owner together with any trust, dedication or restriction which applies to the land.

A list of the parcels is provided at the end of this management plan.

## **Purpose for which the land is held by Council**

The land is held by Council to restore, maintain and protect land that is not heavily developed and can be and is being revegetated.

Where appropriate permits, leases or licences may be issued over the land for both community and business purposes.

The land is also held for secondary purposes associated with Council's operational needs, including, but not limited to, environmental, urban design, heritage (cultural and built form), stormwater management requirements and amenities that serve the community.

Council may at its discretion, approve the use of any part of the land for business purposes, provided that such business purpose is not inconsistent with this plan.

These reserves support Council's commitments to environmental sustainability, biodiversity protection, climate resilience and nature-based recreation.

## **Why is a management plan required?**

The land has been, or is to be, specifically modified for the benefit and enjoyment of the public. The land may be occupied under a permit, lease or a licence.

## **Proposals for the management of the land**

- Protect, rehabilitate and enhance areas of environmental and biodiversity value, including wetlands, by introducing drought-tolerant plants, improving irrigation efficiency and implementing tree planting programs in opens spaces to improve ecosystems and to conserve water.
- Upgrade and develop the network of footpaths and trails to provide all-weather pedestrian access, enhance connectivity between reserves, and

improve links to key sites such as Rocky Gully Wetlands, Hume Reserve, Kinchina Conservation Park and Monarto.

- Expand, upgrade and maintain open space assets including play equipment, playing surfaces, furniture, lighting, public art, structures and public toilets to provide safe, engaging and inclusive spaces for all.
- Apply Crime Prevention Environmental Design (CPED) principles to trail design to improve visibility and reduce antisocial behaviour.

### Objectives, Performance Targets and Measures

The following objectives each carry equal weighting and are subject to Council's budgetary and workload constraints.

Objective	Performance Target	Performance Measure
Provide safe, appealing and accessible open space and recreation facilities.	Maintain open space assets in fair or better condition.	Customer satisfaction surveys.
To improve trails connecting our open spaces.	More of our reserves are connected year on year.	Maintenance and renewal works are completed in line with our planned schedule.
To protect and enhance our natural beauty and resources.	To ensure there is no further degradation of remnant native vegetation.	Periodic inspections of the reserves to be conducted with rectification of any identified issues.

### Leases and Licences for the land

The current leases and licences for the Land (if any) are detailed in the Council's Community Land Register.

Leases or licences over the land may be granted by the Council including for business purposes, provided they are consistent with the uses envisaged on this land as identified in this Plan. In the case of Crown Land, the granting or renewal of leases and/or licenses must be in accordance with the relevant provisions of the *Crown Land Management Act 2009*.

Granting of a lease or licence will be done in accordance with the provisions set out in Sections 200 and 202 of the *Local Government Act 1999*. Leases and licences proposed for a term greater than 5 years or that are not otherwise authorised by this Plan will be subject to the Council's public consultation policy in accordance with the Act.

### Permits

Permits may be issued for events and activities consistent with the purpose of the land and the relevant Council By-Laws.

### **Council Plans and Policies**

Please note that Council's plans, strategies and policies are subject to change over time. Any updated or newly adopted strategic documents by the Council will supersede previous versions and serve as the current reference point.

#### Annual Business Plan & Budget 2025-2026

*Outlines essential services and strategic projects—including infrastructure upgrades, stormwater and open space planning, footpath expansion, and support for libraries, reserves, community centres, and major events—to meet community needs and plan for future growth.*

#### Asset Management Portfolio Plan 2024-2034

*Sustainably managing community assets, including roads, buildings, open spaces, stormwater systems, and water supply and wastewater infrastructure, to meet current and future community needs while addressing growth, environmental challenges, and financial constraints.*

#### Animal Management Plan 2020-2025

*Promotion of responsible dog and cat ownership including the exercising of dogs off leash on Council owned property.*

#### Biodiversity Strategy 2015-2020

*Protect, enhance, and sustainably manage native vegetation and biodiversity through strategic planning, community engagement, and coordinated land management practices.*

#### By-law 2 – Local Government Land

*Regulates the use, access and activities permitted on local government land under the Council's care, control and management to ensure safety, order and property use.*

#### By-law 5 – Dogs

*Outlines regulations for dog management and control, including restrictions on dog access to certain areas such as playgrounds and sports facilities.*

#### Climate Change Adaptation Plan

*Strategic actions to build resilience across infrastructure, emergency services, land use, and vulnerable communities in response to the region's increasing climate risks.*

#### Community Safety Plan 2018-2024

*Collaborative, community-based approach to improving safety and wellbeing through targeted priorities, partnerships, education, and inclusive engagement across key social issues.*

#### Disability Access & Inclusion Plan

*Four-year strategy to enhance equitable participation for people with disability by improving access to Council-managed services—including libraries,*

*community centres, reserves, and public facilities—through inclusive infrastructure upgrades, staff training, community engagement, and culturally responsive planning.*

#### Economic Development Strategy 2020-2032

*Staged plan to transform the region into a vibrant, resilient economic hub by leveraging infrastructure investment, tourism, workforce development, and strategic partnerships across four phases of growth.*

#### Environment Management Plan 2020-2024

*Strategic framework to protect and enhance the region's natural assets—focusing on water, biodiversity, development, waste, and climate resilience—through targeted action plans, community engagement, and sustainable infrastructure.*

#### Footpath Strategy 2017

*Structured plan to expand and upgrade the pedestrian footpath network—prioritising all-weather access, safety, connectivity to key destinations, and environmentally responsible design—through a financially sustainable program delivering up to five kilometres of new paths annually.*

#### Information Technology Asset Management Plan 2021-2025

*Strategic framework to manage and renew IT assets—including CCTV networks and infrastructure supporting systems like pumps—by enhancing lifecycle planning, service reliability, and integration with smart city technologies.*

#### Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan 2026-2028

*The Rural City of Murray Bridge Innovate RAP 2026–2028 sets out a two-year framework to strengthen reconciliation by embedding respect, relationships, opportunities, and governance with Ngarrindjeri and wider Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.*

#### Kungun Ngarrindjeri Yunnan Agreement

*The Rural City of Murray Bridge and the Ngarrindjeri Tendi Incorporated jointly signed the Kungun Ngarrindjeri Yunnan Agreement on 17 March 2008. The Kungun Ngarrindjeri Yunnan Agreement is a commitment by both parties to seek ways to work together to uphold Ngarrindjeri rights and to advance Ngarrindjeri interests when decisions are being made about their traditional country, lands and waters. The parties are committed to working together to advance harmonious community relations and promote the interests of the whole community and commit to develop greater community understanding of Ngarrindjeri traditions, culture, laws and spiritual beliefs in the Council area.*

#### Leasing and Licencing Policy

*This policy guides how the Rural City of Murray Bridge leases and licenses council-owned land and buildings to ensure fair access, consistent terms, compliance with legislation, and responsible asset management.*

#### Murraylands River Trail Feasibility Study 2015

*Collaborative plan by three councils to develop a 450 km walking and cycling trail along the River Murray, Lakes, and Coorong—emphasising community access, cultural heritage, tourism, environmental sustainability, and staged infrastructure investment.*

#### Ngarrindjeri Murrundi Management Plan No. 1

*Culturally grounded vision to protect, rehabilitate, and develop the Pomberuk (Murray Bridge Railway Precinct and Hume Reserve) through partnership with government and community—emphasising Ngarrindjeri spiritual connection, heritage, education, and sustainable land use.*

#### Playspace Strategy 2017-2027

*Long-term framework to guide the design, management, and equitable distribution of playspaces—emphasising inclusive access, age-appropriate play, community feedback, and strategic investment across local, neighbourhood, district, and potential regional classifications.*

#### Public Art Policy

*This policy requires that all public art located on council-owned land in the Rural City of Murray Bridge be strategically commissioned, managed, and maintained to high artistic standards, ensuring cultural, historical, and community relevance while integrating into the built and natural environment.*

#### Public Art Strategy 2019-2024

*Framework to embed high-quality, community-responsive public art across parks, urban precincts, and rural townships—celebrating Ngarrindjeri culture, enhancing civic identity, and supporting local artists through strategic funding and integrated planning.*

#### Public Realm Style Guide 2019

*Framework for the consistent design, upgrade, and management of public spaces—covering materials, landscaping, lighting, furniture, pathways, and signage—across urban and rural areas to enhance liveability, heritage integration, and community wellbeing.*

#### Public Toilet Strategy 2017-2022

*Plan to improve the accessibility, safety, cleanliness, and environmental sustainability of public toilets—emphasising strategic upgrades, asset management, and inclusive service provision across parks, transport hubs, and community precincts.*

#### Riverfront Strategy 2016

*20-year plan to rejuvenate the Murray River corridor by enhancing residential, recreational, and environmental opportunities, improving connectivity, promoting tourism, and fostering economic development while balancing conservation and community engagement.*

#### Sport, Recreation & Open Space Strategy Part 1 2013 – Introduction & Overview

*Establishes the strategic framework, objectives, and methodology for guiding sport, recreation, and open space planning across the Rural City of Murray Bridge.*

Sport, Recreation & Open Space Strategy Part 2 2013 – Sport & Recreation Strategy

*Identifies current and future needs for sport and recreation facilities—based on demographic trends, participation data, and stakeholder input—to inform targeted investment and service delivery.*

Sport, Recreation & Open Space Strategy Part 3 2013 – Open Space Strategy

*Provides a detailed assessment of open space provision, hierarchy, and gaps, recommending improvements to accessibility, connectivity, and environmental integration.*

Strategic Plan 2024-2028

*Four-year commitment to deliver community-driven priorities—focusing on inclusive growth, environmental sustainability, infrastructure investment, and enhanced access to Council services such as reserves, libraries, and community centres.*

Structure Plan 2024

*Strategic framework to guide future urban growth—identifying land for residential, employment, commercial, and community development; forecasting a \$10 billion investment and 75% population increase by 2041; and emphasising coordinated infrastructure, inclusive planning, and enhanced access to Council services such as reserves, libraries, and community centres.*

Sturt Reserve Master Plan Design Development 2021

*Culturally inclusive, environmentally sensitive redevelopment strategy that enhances connectivity, recreation, heritage interpretation, and community engagement across precincts linked to the Murray River and town centre.*

Tourism Development Plan 2016-2020

*Strategies and actions to enhance tourism by leveraging the region's natural, cultural, and historical assets, fostering collaboration, improving visitor services, and creating a unique identity as a family-friendly river-based destination near Adelaide.*

Trail Strategy 2017 Parts 1 & 2

*Planning, development, management, and promotion of a sustainable, accessible, and integrated trail network to enhance recreational opportunities, community well-being, tourism, and economic development in the region.*

Volunteer Policy

*This Volunteer Policy sets out how the Rural City of Murray Bridge manages, supports, and safeguards volunteers engaged in programs on council-owned land, ensuring compliance with legislation, safe practices, and community benefit.*

Walking and Cycling Masterplan and Concept Design 2018

*10-year plan to enhance walking and cycling infrastructure, improve connectivity between the town centre, riverfront, and key attractions, and promote safe, accessible, and sustainable transportation through strategic*

*planning, network development, concept designs, cost estimates, and a maintenance strategy.*

#### Water-Based Recreation Management Plan 2021

*Strategies to balance increased recreational use of the Murray River with environmental protection, infrastructure development, and community engagement through new hubs, zoning, and improved facilities.*

#### Wayfinding and Network Strategy Parts 1 & 2

*Wayfinding and signage strategy for Murray Bridge, addressing existing issues, proposing a cohesive signage suite, and detailing implementation, costs, and maintenance to enhance navigation and connectivity for residents, visitors, and tourists.*

#### Youth Action Plan 2022-2027

*Community-driven framework to support youth wellbeing, education, leadership, and inclusive spaces through coordinated programs, partnerships, and active engagement.*

#### **Relevant Land**

This Community Land Management Plan covers the parcels listed below. More details about each parcel are available in the Community Land Register which can be found on Council's website. It is expected that this list will change over time as Council acquires new parcels of land, disposes of surplus property, or as title references are amended. Please refer to the Community Land Register on Council's website for an up-to-date list of parcels governed by this Community Land Management Plan.

<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Title_ID</b>	<b>Lease / Licence</b>	<b>Lessee / Licensee</b>
Brinkley Reserve	Sec 1280 off Humphrey Lane Brinkley	CR5759/630	No	
Brinkley Water Reserve No 4	Sec 986 Brinkley Road, Brinkley	CT5590/94	No	
Brushleigh Lane Stone Reserve	Sec 1183 Usher Rd Gifford Hill	CR5759/649	No	
Callington Hill Grasslands	Lot 400 Old Princes Highway Callington	CT5879/749	No	
Campbell Drive Reserve	Lot 22 PS 46 Campbell Dr Murray Bridge	CT3143/156	No	
Chapman Bore Plantation	Sec 59 Karoonda Rd Chapman Bore	CR5759/668	No	
Chapman Bore Recreation Reserve	Sec 65 Karoonda Rd Chapman Bore	CR5759/669	No	

Critchley Road Water Reserve	Sec 456 Critchley Rd Rockleigh	CR5759/659	No	
Hein Lane Reserve Number 8	Sec 1177 off Hillview Rd Pallamana	CR5759/647	No	
Jervois Road Reserve	Section 815 Jervois Rd Jervois	CR6188/98	No	
Marina View Rd Piece 52	Piece 124 PS 1089 Marina View Rd White Sands	CT6204/316	No	
Morphett Flora & Fauna Reserve	Lot 47 Sec 629 Jervois Rd Woods Point	CT5702/208	No	
Preamimma Road Water Reserve	Sec 59 Preamimma Rd Rockleigh	CR5769/530	No	
Reserve No 36	Sec 66 North Bremer Rd Callington	CR5769/531	No	
Ridge Road Drainage Reserve	Lot 11 Off Ridge Rd Murray Bridge	CT5418/602	No	
Rockleigh Road Water Reserve	Sec 54 Rockleigh Rd Rockleigh	CR5759/656	No	
Rocky Gully Buffer Reserve	Lot 891 Rocky Gully Road Rocky Gully	CT 5805/929	No	
Salt Creek Water Reserve	Sec 1175 Pallamana	CR5759/645	No	
Salt Creek Water Reserve	Sec 1176 Palmer Rd Pallamana	CR5759/646	No	
Tamarisk Avenue Reserve	Lot 1 Tamarisk Avenue Murray Bridge	CR5910/360	No	
The Glen Road Water Reserve	Sec 57 The Glen Rd Rockleigh	CR5769/529	No	
The Glen Road Water Reserve	Sec 58 The Glen Rd Rockleigh	CT5841/27	No	
Water Reserve No 35	Sec 56 Preamimma Rd Rockleigh	CR5769/528	No	

Watts Road Stone Reserve	Sec 1099 Watts Rd Northern Heights	CR5577/515	No	
White Sands Reserve	Sec 701 Jervois Rd White Sands	CR5759/624	No	

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