



COMMUNITY DISTRICT ACTION PLAN

UPPER RIVER



The Community District Action Plan is a collaboration of projects focusing on priorities for individual townships to provide specific direction and to identify opportunities for future implementation.

This collaboration is also about the partnership approach between Council and the Community to work together to implement “Our Plan” to achieve a greater outcome for sustainability, growth and prosperity in all our townships.

Identified below are a list of contacts for Council and representatives for the Community Groups involved in this District Plan.

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Mount Mary Citizens Hall Inc	TBA	TBA



The Upper River District connects to the Murray River from just south of Blanchetown to the northern most point of the Mid Murray Council area. The District includes Blanchetown, Mt Mary, Cadell and Morgan, and covers 2,393 km². The population size of the main towns and their surrounds based on 2016 ABS Census data is as follows:

Blanchetown: 305

Cadell: 547

Morgan: 509

Mt Mary: 36

The District character is defined by the Murray River and includes significant natural and treed settings and cliffs, as well as developed riverfront areas and opportunities for diverse water sports, activities and experiences (boating, house boating, skiing, wake boarding, knee boarding, kayaking, swimming, fishing and other water activities). The tourism value of the District and particularly the towns along the river is high.

The Upper River District incorporates significant natural areas including:

Hogwash Bend, with a combination of Council managed land and land managed by the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources, DEWNR

Morgan Conservation Park, Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources land managed by DEWNR

The Upper River District is closely connected to the Riverland and in particular to Waikerie east of Cadell. Whilst the river separates Morgan and Cadell, ferry crossings are provided at Cadell and Morgan to connect the towns.

Our Project Register

The Mid Murray Council Community Plan committed to establishing and maintaining a Project Register to manage and drive internal and external organisational projects. Regular consultation with the Community through project specific forums, feedback & meetings will maintain this register and indicate any gaps that need to be addressed. It will also allow a better understanding of project roles and responsibilities, eg, if it is a Council or Community run venture.

Top Priority Projects for 2023

Project	Town
No priority projects lodged	Morgan
Artistic Drive around Cadell	Cadell
Cadell Wetlands-Bird Trail-River Flood Markers	Cadell
Removable Table & Chairs	Cadell
Boat Ramp Upgrade, Wharf Area and Trailer Car Park	Blanchetown
South Terrace Oval Upgrade	Blanchetown
Houseboat Friendly Area	Blanchetown
No priority projects lodged	Mount Mary

Other Projects

Projects	Morgan	Cadell	Blanchetown	Mount Mary
Blanchetown Revitalisation Project			√	
Open Space Entry & Welcome Signage Proposal	√	√	√	



Blanchetown Old Oval Shelter & BBQ Area

Funded Projects

Project	Morgan	Cadell	Blanchetown	Mount Mary	Council Wide
Playground Upgrade			√		
Murraylands Road Upgrade	√		√		
Morgan Stormwater Upgrade	√				
Car Park Upgrade at Medical Centre			√		
Review of Council's Strategic Plan					√
Implementation of Council's Reconciliation Plan					√
Development of Mid Murray Council Growth Strategy					√
Implementation of the Astro Tourism strategy for the River Murray Dark Sky Reserve			√		
Blanchetown water re-use and playground project			√		
Completion of <i>PS Canally</i> restoration project	√				
Blanchetown Combined Sporting Bodies Skippy Fence			√		
Morgan Small Bore Rifle Club Building Renovations and Safety Fencing	√				
Hall Retaining Wall			√		



Aerial image of Mount Mary

Potential Open Space Projects

Blanchetown

TOPIC	OPPORTUNITY	PRIORITY	POTENTIAL PROJECTS
Murray River and Riverfronts	<p>In consultation with the community undertake a review of the riverfront opportunities, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the boat ramp area (including ramp's location, size, gradient and vehicle movement and parking) Review and ideally increase boat mooring opportunities (particularly below Lock 1) Consider opportunities to increase the recreation space along the riverfront (including Council land adjoining the Caravan Park) Consider opportunities for managing the old boat ramp area (e.g signage, defined spaces) Enhanced river access blocks of land (treed, maintained, weed removal, particularly near heritage buildings) Increased access to the Lock One area Address riverbank deterioration Define fishing areas <p>This will require a concept plan and costings as part of 'detailed planning'.</p>	High	1
Sports Grounds	<p>Support improvements to the Blanchetown Oval (Moorundie Park) and surrounds including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider lighting of the oval if there is demand and community benefit Oval surface improvements Defined recreation spaces Building and verandah improvements Continued improvements to the Blanchetown BMX area 	Medium	2
Town Parks	<p>In consultation with the community, undertake improvements to the old oval area to create and appealing recreation setting. This could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tree planting and landscaping (including grassed area) Pathways and activity spaces Enhanced play and picnic settings A link to the community garden <p>A concept plan and costings will be required for the site (developed in consultation with the community)</p>	High	3
Trails	<p>Improve signage connected to the Old Bridge Area and Historic Walking Track and also support development of the Murray Coorong Trail to encourage activity and healthy lifestyles.</p>	Medium	4
Main Streets	<p>Improve the streetscapes around Blanchetown through increased trees, landscaping, improved pathways, art works and lighting, with a particular focus on the main streets.</p>	Medium	5
Natural/ Viewing areas	<p>Continue to maintain and enhance natural settings and river viewing areas along the Murray River and around the town.</p>	Medium	
Tourism	<p>Consider opportunities to enhance the caravan areas and facilities within Blanchetown (privately managed).</p>	Medium	6

Cadell

TOPIC	OPPORTUNITY	PRIORITY	POTENTIAL PROJECTS
Murray River and Riverfronts	Continue to manage the camping area within Graham Claxton Reserve to reduce impacts on the reserve quality and the natural settings.	High	1
Sports Grounds	Continue to maintain the Cadell Oval and Camping Area to a good standard (with continued on-site management) and undertake improvements where required	High	2
Town Parks	Redesign the town court area to create and appealing recreation and health area for the town and visitors. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewing the court and buildings provision Creating a treed picnic and visitor stop off setting linked to the play space and potentially one court (including improved seating and picnic spaces around the playground) 	Medium	3
Trails	Consider opportunities for achieving a trail connection to Morgan (as previously planned) and also support development of the Murray Coorong Trail.	Lower	4
Natural Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support DEW to enhance the quality and function of the Hogwash Bend area including managed camping and the appropriate provision of amenities. Strengthen the natural value of the Cadell Irrigation Area through conservation initiatives. 	High Lower	
Tourism	Continue to undertake improvements to the Cadell Oval Camping Area to improve the function and appear of the facility.	Medium	
Note that Cadell has fewer opportunities as the town has been particularly proactive in achieving open space and recreation improvements over recent years and there is a view by town representatives that the need for other improvements is limited.			



Graeme Claxton Reserve - Cadell

Morgan

TOPIC	OPPORTUNITY	PRIORITY	POTENTIAL PROJECTS
Murray River and Riverfronts	<p>Continue to improve the Morgan Riverfront and Heritage Precinct in accordance with its precinct plan and place a particular focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree planting, landscaping and seating around the new playground and shelters • Tree planting and seating along the pathway through the reserve (provide shade and stop off / viewing spots) • Infrastructure to support events (electricity, lighting) • Picnic settings and barbecue facilities linked to the grassed and natural settings • Clearly defined swimming areas • Natural and accessible pathways along the immediate riverfront • Maintain heritage features and buildings • Riverbank stabilisation and the removal of reeds and willows where appropriate • Maintained treed sections along the riverfront with picnic settings linked to these areas • Increased and enhanced mooring infrastructure • Defined and if possible increased parking around the boat ramp area whilst ensuring the natural riverfront setting is not encroached on • Visual and physical connections between the riverfront and the business district 	High	1
Sports Grounds	Partner with sports clubs, Morgan Primary School and the Department of Education and Child Development to undertake justified improvements to the Morgan Sports ground (ensuring improvements are justified for the level of use). (Including watering of the oval)		
Recreation & Sports Facilities	Create a youth area potentially near the sports ground that includes bike, skate and outdoor court facilities. As part of the youth area, upgrade, remodel or relocate the existing BMX/dirt jump facility (the specific location and facilities will need to be determined in consultation with the community). Also seek formalised community access to the school playground (outside of school hours)		
Town Parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscape and maintain the area around the Institute Building / School House. • Undertake improvements to Morgan Park (landscaping, seating, paths) 		

Morgan

TOPIC	OPPORTUNITY	PRIORITY	POTENTIAL PROJECTS
Trails	Investigate, enhance and create trails that encourage healthy lifestyles including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Improved signage for Morgan Heritage WalkLink Morgan and Cadell with a walking and bike trail (as previously planned)A trail along Stock Route Road (including potentially for horse riding)Achieving Murray Coorong Trail sectionsMorgan to Eudunda trail concept (linking to Mount Lofty Ranges)	High to Lower	5 & 6
Main Streets	Undertake streetscape improvements including tree planting, landscapes, improved lighting and art works, focusing on the main streets.	High	7
Natural Areas	Protect and maintain the natural riverfront area between the heritage site and the boat ramp including through an ongoing tree replacement program and managed development and activities	High	
Entry Statements and Signage	Establish town entry statements through landscapes and art works and enhance signage linked to the riverfront and other attractions	High	8
Tourism	Undertake improvements to the Morgan Caravan Park and consider integrating part of the old oval area within the caravan park to support tourism (as demand increases)	Medium	9

Other Opportunities

Other potential opportunities are listed below for future consideration

Town or Area	Opportunity
Mt Mary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Strengthen the natural vegetation in the key reserves around the townSupport the creation of walking and bike tracks through the reserves
Other Riverfronts and Natural Areas	In consultation with and through a potential partnering with DEW: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Consider opportunities for Hogwash Bend including improved camping amenities, community access and defined swimming areaSeek to have the Morgan Conservation Park camping and recreation spaces and associated amenities improved

Completed Projects - Council & Community

Project	Morgan	Cadell	Blanchetown	Mount Mary
Medical Centre Carpark Upgrade			√	
Blanchetown Old Oval Upgrade			√	
Citizens Hall Restoration				√
Morgan/Cadell Road Repair/Reseal	√	√		
Blanchetown Northern Reseals			√	
Morgan Township Reseals	√			
High Street Boatramp	√			
Murraylands Road Stage 4	√		√	
Blanchetown Standpipe Renewal			√	
Stormwater Project	√			
Tree Trimming	√	√	√	√
Flood Recovery	√	√	√	
Temporary Levee	√			
Bowling Club Fencing	√			
Golf Club Shed Extension	√	√		
Pistol Club Concrete Safety Wall		√		
RSL Defibrillator & Medicine Cabinet	√			



Pendle Tea Rooms Decking Project - 2020



Morgan Riverfront Playground



Cadell Boat Ramp

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