

# IMPLEMENTING THE STRATEGY

The Open Space, Recreation & Public Realm Plan will need to be implemented over time in accordance with available resources and broader Council and community priorities. The Plan provides a guide for ‘what needs to be done’ and ‘what the higher priorities are’ as resources become available. The Plan will be implemented over the next 10 years and beyond.

Some of the directions and strategies in the Plan will not require funding or can be achieved within Council’s existing budgets. Some strategies will require Council’s role to be a facilitator, influencer or supporter rather than the funder. Other strategies may need to be led by community groups in order to be achieved. Both Council and communities are experienced in achieving great outcomes with limited resources and this skill will assist in achieving the implementation.

A number of the strategies will require grant funding through other levels of government and the role of Council and other agencies will be to seek and manage the allocation of funds. Opportunities for achieving funds that can be used for open space projects will need to be considered by Council, e.g. the use of funds obtained through commercial arrangements or land divestment.

To assist with the implementation, key priorities have been identified by Council. The main priorities for implementation, particularly over the next 5 years, are outlined below for OVERALL PRIORITIES and DISTRICT PRIORITIES.

## OVERALL PRIORITIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

(listed in order of priority to reflect Council priorities at the time of the study)

1. Riverfront Destinations
2. Boating (moorings, boat ramps)
3. Public Realm (main streets, streetscapes, entry statements, signage)
4. Town Parks and Spaces (play, youth)
5. Trails Development (regional + local)
6. Sportsground Improvements
7. Place Activation (programs, events)
8. Natural Areas (river, conservation)
9. Indoor Sport and Swimming Pools

## DISTRICT PRIORITIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

(listed in order of priority to reflect Council priorities at the time of the study)

The Range	The Plains	Upper River	Central River	Mannum & Surrounds
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Parking Bay, Truro</li> <li>▪ Community Oval Keyneton</li> <li>▪ Collier Park Palmer</li> <li>▪ Heroes Park, Truro</li> <li>▪ Heritage Promotion (all towns)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cambrai pool</li> <li>▪ Sedan Streetscape</li> <li>▪ Cambrai Sports Ground</li> <li>▪ Sedan Recreation Park</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Blanchetown Riverfront &amp; Old Oval area</li> <li>▪ Youth Space Morgan</li> <li>▪ Morgan Streetscape</li> <li>▪ Hogwash Bend</li> <li>▪ Morgan Conservation Park</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Len White Reserve and Wharf area, Swan Reach</li> <li>▪ Walker Flat Riverfront</li> <li>▪ Graetz Lookout, Swan Reach</li> <li>▪ Nildottie Lookout and River Link</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mary Ann Reserve, Mannum</li> <li>▪ Mannum Waterfalls</li> <li>▪ Haythorpe &amp; Bolto Reserves</li> <li>▪ Bowhill Riverfront</li> <li>▪ Wall Flat camping area</li> <li>▪ Mannum Leisure Centre</li> </ul>

As a 'next step' to the planning, Council will consider costings for projects to further guide the implementation. In addition, Business Plans and feasibility studies may be required for some projects before they proceed (such as improvements to indoor and aquatic facilities).

A partnership approach to implementation and the involvement of community groups and other government bodies will be essential as Council will not have the resources to undertake all strategies or opportunities on its own. This could require increasing the commitment to supporting volunteers and liaising with community groups.

It is suggested that a formalised group who can guide the implementation of the Plan be established. This could include 3-4 Council staff and 3-4 members of the Open Space and Recreation Advisory Group. The group could meet every 3-6 months to discuss the status of the Plan and consider other opportunities and changing needs and priorities. The Open Space, Recreation & Public Realm Plan should be a working document that will evolve over time through Council.

The Implementation Group could report to the Open Space and Recreation Advisory Group on the status of implementation every 12 months to enable input by the wider membership of that group. A formal review and update of the Plan should be undertaken annually. A detailed review of the whole Strategy including consultations with the community should be undertaken every 5 years.

In summary, the key messages relating to implementation of the Open Space, Recreation & Public Realm Plan are as follows:

- 1. The Plan does not commit Council or any other body to allocate funds. It is a guide as resources become available.**
- 2. Not all directions and strategies will require additional funding.**
- 3. Council and communities will have the ability to achieve strategies within existing resources or with little resources.**
- 4. A number of the strategies and related projects will need to be led by communities or other bodies (e.g. DEWNR).**
- 5. Partnerships and grant funding will be essential.**
- 6. An Implementation Group (as a sub group of the Open Space and Recreation Advisory Group) is suggested to lead the implementation of the Plan.**
- 7. The Open Space, Recreation & Public Realm Plan should be reviewed and updated on an ongoing basis. It should be a working document that continues to evolve.**