

COMMUNITY DISTRICT ACTION PLAN CENTRAL 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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The Central River District is defined by the Murray River, where each town in the District is located on the river. The District covers an area of 1,080 km and includes the towns and localities of Swan Reach, Greenways, Nildottie and Walker Flat.

The population size of the main towns and areas are based on the 2021 Census data is as follows:

Swan Reach: 271

Nildottie, Greenways and surrounds (east side of river): 220

Walker Flat & surrounds (west side of river): 92

This District is a holiday location with large numbers of shacks and holiday homes and as such the true population size, particularly in the summer months, will be considerably greater than the ABS statistics suggest.

The Murray River creates a significant natrual riparian corridor through the centre of the District and provides houseboat and water activity opportunities. As a result the District is an important tourism destination and opportunity for the Mid Murray Council area. The Murray Coorong Trail will run along the river within the District.

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 | |
|--|--------------|--|
| Swan Reach Boat Ramp | Swan Reach | |
| Wharf Wall Collapse | Swan Reach | |
| Deep Keel Mooring Facility Upgrade | Swan Reach | |
| Town Park Upgrade (Including Historical Wagon Shelter) | Nildottie | |
| Greenways Landing Improvements | Nildottie | |
| Hall Improvements | Nildottie | |
| Playground Equipment | Walkers Flat | |
| RV Dump Point | Walkers Flat | |
| Wheel Chair Access - Murray Reserve | Walkers Flat | |

Other Projects

| Project | Swan Reach | Nildottie | Walker Flat |
|--|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Open Space Entry & Welcome Signage Proposal | √ | √ | √ |



Dark Sky Reserve Telescope Platforms - Big Bend



Swan Reach Deep Mooring Facility

Funded Projects

| Project | Swan Reach | Nildottie | Walker Flat | Council Wide |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------|-----------------|
| Len White Reserve Upgrade - Playground & Riverbank Reclamation | √ | | | |
| Len White Reserve Toilet Upgrade | √ | | | |
| Columbaruim Extension at Cemetery | √ | | | |
| Wharf Concept Plan (Department of Infrastructure & Transport) | √ | | | |
| Wongulla CWMS design & costing | | | √ | |
| Review of Council's Strategic Plan | | | | √ |
| Implementation of Council's Reconciliation Plan | | | | √ |
| Mid Murray Council Growth Strategy | | | | √ |
| Implementation of the Astro Tourism Strategy for the River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve | √ | √ | √ | |
| Bowling Club Kitchen Cupboard Replacement | √ | | | |



Potential Open Space Projects

Swan Reach

| TOPIC | OPPORTUNITY | PRIORITY | POTENTIAL PROJECTS |
|--|--|----------|--------------------|
| Murray River and | Redesign and undertake improvements to Len White Reserve including: | High | 1 |
| Riverfronts | Tree Planting | | |
| | Toilet facility upgrade | | |
| | Improved walking track including connections to the main street | | |
| | Improved play space including shade | | |
| | Additional and upgraded picnic settings linked to increased barbeques | | |
| | Improved mooring space (with potential for extension and relocation, floating pontoon, could require some willow tree removal) | | |
| | Boat ramp relocation and expansion | | |
| | Consider opportunities for activating the Len White Reserve Wharf area including through signage, pathway linkages and seating (with links to the river heritage projects) | High | 2 |
| Sports Grounds | Continue to maintain the Swan Reach sports ground to a good standard | Medium | 3 |
| Recreation and Sports Facilities | Continue to support and maintain the local hall for community and recreation and health use | Medium | 4 |

Swan Reach

| TOPIC | OPPORTUNITY | PRIORITY | POTENTIAL PROJECTS |
|---------------------------|---|----------|--------------------|
| Town Parks | Undertake improvements to the reserve linked to the town cemetery including tree planting, seating and improved interpretation. | Medium | 5 |
| Main Streets | Undertake streetscape improvements including tree planting, landscapes, improved paths and lighting and art works, focusing on the Main Street and town entry points. | Medium | 6 |
| Natural Areas | Undertake improvements to Tenbury Hunter Reserve including improved interpretation for Aboriginal Heritage and heritage walk potential | High | 7 |
| Entry Statements, | Undertake improvements to the Graetz Reserve Lookout including: | High | 8 |
| Signage and Viewing Areas | Connect an 'entry statement' to the reserve | | |
| Viewing Areas | Level the surface and drainage response | | |
| | Improve landscape (including bush removal, weed spraying) | | 0 |
| | Strengthen signage and interpretation around the town | | 9 |
| Tourism | Encourage and support enhancements to the caravan park including by enhancing the adjoining open spaces and riverfront land | Medium | |

Other Opportunities

| Township or Area | Potential Projects and Actions |
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| Greenways | Undertake improvements to Greenways Landing including: |
| | Defined parking areas |
| | Increased trees |
| | Tracks to support walking along the river |
| | A concept and management plan for the site may be required. |
| Nildottie | Further enhance the entrance area including: |
| | Continue to maintain the landscaped space and toilets |
| | Consider an RV dump point |
| | Enhance the Big Bend lookout area with seating, shade, picnic tables and interpretation. |
| | Improve heritage and directional signage to and around the town. |
| | Create heritage trail opportunities including through road reserves and along the river. |
| | Create a connection between the lookout areas and trails (heritage trail, clifftop trail). |
| | Support continued enhancements and management approaches to the Ngaut Ngaut Conservation Park including defined tracks and interpretation aimed at protecting Aboriginal sites. |

Other Opportunities

| Township or Area | Potential Projects and Actions |
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| Walker Flat | Undertake improvements to the main riverfront reserve including vegetation management, tree planting for shade, seating and picnic settings and defined river viewing and water activity areas. Place a particular focus on improving and managing Len Batten Reserve and Hettner Landing. |
| Wongulla | Undertake enhancements to the Marne Mouth including improvements to the camping area, walking tracts and interpretation. |

Completed Projects - Council & Community

| Project | Swan Reach | Nildottie | Walker Flat | Council Wide |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------|-----------------|
| Swan Reach Hall Painting | √ | | | |
| Community Garden | | | √ | |
| Shelters over Picnic Tables at Wongulla Boat Ramp | | | √ | |
| Turf remediation at Hasse Hill Reserve | √ | | | |
| Horstmann, Nildottie & Showground Road Reseals | √ | | | |
| Rob Loxton Road & Murray Road Repairs & Reseals | | | √ | |
| Community Garden at Progress Shed | | | √ | |
| Hermanns Landing Upgrade | | √ | | |
| Deep River Mooring Infrastructure | √ | | | |
| Victoria Street Reseals | √ | | | |
| Murray Coorong Trail | √ | | | |
| Toilet Reburbishments - Ferry, Swamp Hen Reserve & Hettner Landing | | | √ | |
| Cemetery Internment Plots | √ | | | |
| Tree Trimming | | | | √ |
| Flood Recovery Demands | √ | √ | √ | |
| Hall Defibrillator & Training Sessions | | | √ | |
| Hall Kitchen Fit Out | √ | | | |
| Revegetation of Local Reserve & Roadsides | | | √ | |
| Golf Club Pergola | √ | | | |
| Upgrade of Hall Plumbing, water tanks and installation of ambulant toilet facilities | | √ | | |
| Wheelchair Access Ramp at Hall | | √ | | |



Nildottie Hall Solar Panels





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