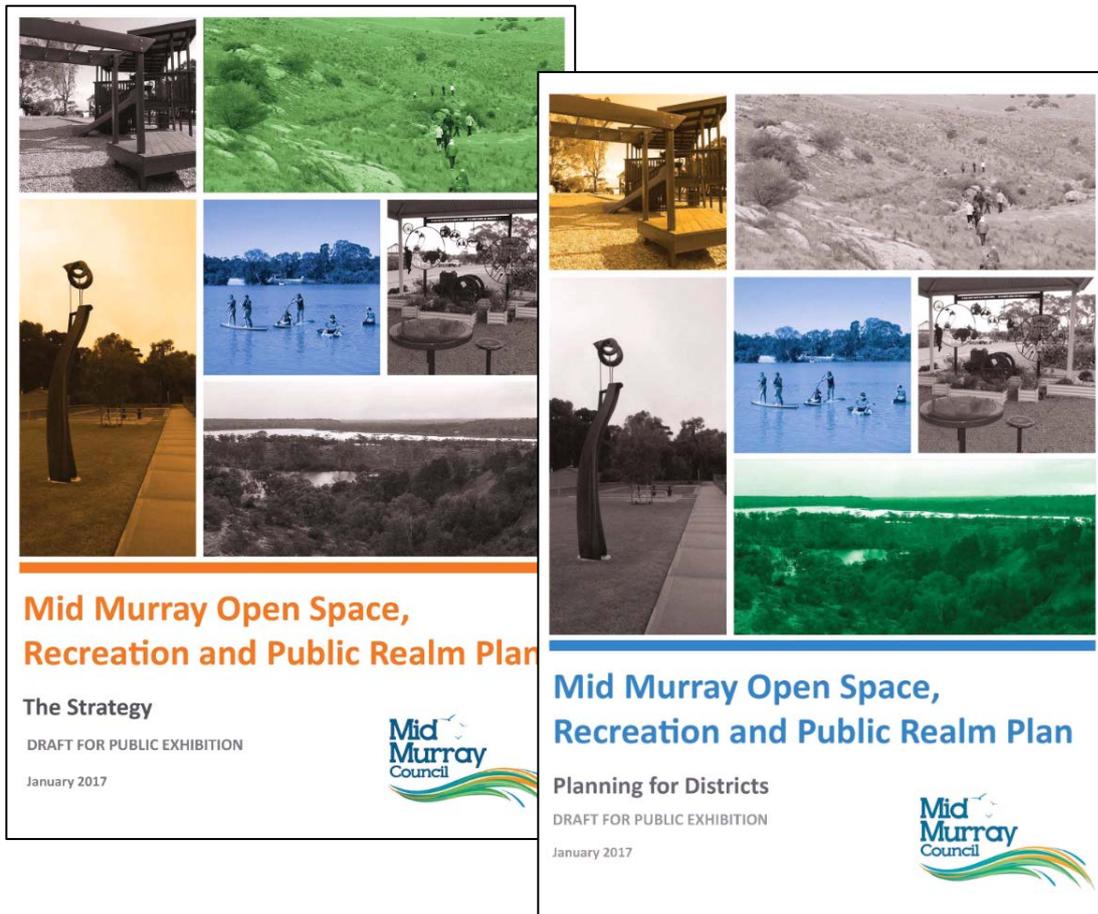




Mid Murray Open Space, Recreation & Public Realm Plan

Consultation Summary Report



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Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan Consultation Summary Report

Consultation on the Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan (OSRPR Plan) began in 2016 with an extensive and rigorous community engagement program which included:

- Targeted engagement with key internal and external stakeholders
- Workshops and community forums in 7 locations throughout the Mid Murray area
- Facebook and social media campaign
- Surveys

The information gathered from this initial consultation was used to inform the draft OSRPR Plan (*The Strategy and Planning for Districts Plan*). It was considered that a second round of consultation would be required to determine whether Council had accurately represented the community's needs in the Plan. Therefore a second round of consultation was undertaken in February/March 2017.

Council will use the results of the second round of consultation to make minor revisions to the OSRPR Plan and will then begin to develop its work plan to implement projects identified in the Plan. The final stage of this project is then to coordinate a 'partnership and community led' approach to the projects to ensure their success.



Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan – Stages of Development and Implementation

Executive Summary

Council undertook initial consultation on the Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan in 2016 which has informed the draft Plan. The two documents produced in response to the initial consultation results, The Strategy and Planning for Districts plan, were presented to the community as part of this second round of engagement.

Comments received from the community support the projects and directions outlined within the Planning for Districts plan. Some smaller/one off projects were identified as new potential projects that could be included into the final version of the Planning for Districts plan.

Key Messages/Findings

The main messages to come from the February/March 2017 consultation on the Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan are as follows:

- **Murray River and Riverfronts** – the community mentioned their respective riverfronts and other less known riverfronts as areas of concern and needing upgrades. Council acknowledges this and will continue to promote projects of this nature.
- **Sports Grounds** – Council received minimal comments regarding sports grounds, as part of community feedback. Aspects relating to Sports Grounds within the plan will remain as stated.
- **Town Parks** – key town parks were identified in each District as requiring upgrades. The Plan reflects these comments through town opportunities and projects highlighted.
- **Trails** – the community commented that they want greater connectivity within their towns and between places of interest. Additionally there is support for longer distance trails such as the Murray Coorong Trail and other potential trails (aquatic trails, rail trails etc.).
- **Main Streets** – a strong theme to come through in comments was the requirement to upgrade the amenity of townships through streetscape development. Council will need to consider how it manages resources and maintenance for all future streetscape projects, and a strong partnership with volunteer groups is considered important in this case.
- **Natural and viewing areas** – a selection of the community responses referred to the need to protect and conserve natural areas. The Plan considers this in all township opportunities guides.
- **Entry Statements and Signage** – a considerable amount of feedback was provided which referred to either streetscape improvements, entry statements and signage. The community has a strong sense of ownership of their individual town and believes that by providing a welcoming entrance and experience through quality signage, street infrastructure (soft and hard) and unique entrances statements that their town will benefit.
- **Tourism** – many comments were received relating to the social and economic benefits of improving open spaces to draw in tourists. Tourism remains a key focus area of the Plan
- **Heritage** – the community stated that heritage protection is important and therefore will remain a key opportunity within the Plan. Heritage remains a key focus area of the Plan.

Consultation Methods

Council conducted internal and external community consultation from 7 February until 10 March 2017 on the OSRPR Plan.

Council staff were engaged via email, presentations at staff meetings and office displays, while key internal stakeholders were targeted including but not limited to the Director of Infrastructure, Depot staff (fact sheet produced) and elected members.

Emails and letters were sent to external stakeholders, such as Progress Associations and others using databases collected during the initial Open Space engagement in 2016. Two media releases were developed and issued on 25 January 2017 and 7 February 2017, as well as a paid advert in the local newspaper on 3 February 2017. The material developed advised the community of the upcoming consultation on the Mid Murray Council Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan and how they could have their say.

Additionally Council set up public displays in the following locations, providing all plans and details pertaining to the OSRPR Plan.

- Mannum Riverside Caravan Park
- Mannum Visitor Information Centre
- Mannum Council Office
- Cambrai Council Office
- Blanchetown Internet and Information Centre
- Morgan Council Office
- Morgan Internet and Resource Centre

Community workshops were also undertaken to advise primary external stakeholders of the consultation information, period and surveys.

Council's Facebook page was used extensively to promote the public consultation of the OSRPR Plan to the Community. Daily posts, reminders and even Open Space themed videos with local students were produced to increase the awareness of the OSRPR Plan. Attachment A provides details of the messages, timeframes and 'hits' received with regards to this campaign.

Data Collection Method

The public consultation comments gathered as part of OSRPR Plan engagement has been provided through 3 methods. An online survey using Survey Monkey (anonymous respondents), hard copy surveys (anonymous respondents) and email/letter submissions direct to Council (names withheld for reporting purposes).

The information gathered is considered the best indication of the community's position on the Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan, however Council accepts that anonymous surveys can present limitations in terms of accuracy of representation of the community. Additionally it is acknowledged that seeking feedback in this manner is a one way method of communication, and that there may be other influences that play a role in the data collected and submissions provided.

Data Analysis Method

The data collected via online and hard copy has been entered into Survey Monkey. Survey monkey provides a quantitative data output (see Attachment B).

Response Rates

Council received 69 survey responses to its public engagement on the Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan.

Of these survey responses;

76.8% were received via survey (online)

23.2% were received via hard copy survey

Council also received a number of additional comments via email and letter which have been summarised in this report and included in Attachment C.

Location

Council received submissions from respondents from all areas of Council and other locations outside of the Mid Murray Council area.

- **Mannum and Surrounds** – 50.72% (35)
- **Upper River** – 23.19% (16)
- **Central River** – 8.7% (6)
- **The Plains** – 5.8% (4)
- **The Range** – 7.25% (5)
- **OTHER** – 4.35% (3)

Age

Submissions received by Council included people from most age groups, however children under 15 years old were not represented in the responses.

- All age groups except the under 15 years group represented
- 33.33% (23) of respondents were in the 65 – 74 year age group
- The next greatest representation was 55 – 64 Year age group with 23.53% (16)

Gender

Council received submission from both genders.

- 62.32% (43) of respondents were Female
- 37.68% (26) of respondents were Male

Question 4 Response Summary – Do you have any concerns about your specific district/town plan priorities or projects? Please specify which district/town you are referring to.

Mannum & Surrounds

Concerns regarding the Mannum and Surrounds District include (excluding comments regarding the RSL at Mary Ann Reserve – see *Mary Ann Reserve Feedback* at the end of this report):

Comment Summary	Response
Mannum main street needs upgrading	Council considers this project to be a Medium Priority (p.40 of <i>Planning for Districts</i>)
Too much focus on Ovals	Council considers this project to be a High Priority (p.40 of <i>Planning for Districts</i>)
Mannum Leisure Centre visual impact	Council considers this project to be a High Priority (p.40 of <i>Planning for Districts</i>)
Trail Connecting Mannum and the Marina	Council considers this project to be a Medium Priority (p.40 of <i>Planning for Districts</i>)
Mannum Leisure Centre – mural needs inspirational update and pool needs upgrade	Council considers this project to be a High Priority (p.40 <i>Planning for Districts</i>).
Mannum - needs general tidy up (streetscape, entrance statements)	Council considers this project to be a Medium Priority (p.40 <i>Planning for Districts</i>)
Mannum Heritage Buildings	Council considers this project to be a Medium priority (p.40 of <i>Planning for Districts</i>)
Younghusband is under represented – erosion concerns and Frog Pond area management.	Considered on page 39 (District Direction #1) of <i>Planning for Districts</i> .
Access to River for Ponde residents	Council notes this comment. Potential future project.
The priorities are considered to be all encompassing to promote Mannum as a tourist destination	Council notes this comment and highlights that the plan includes all districts within the Mid Murray Council area.
No Plan for residents in 35 – 80+ age bracket. Footpaths need improving and pedestrians need greater preference	Council notes this comment, footpaths are included in many of the District Direction and Town Opportunities lists within the Plan.
Weed and white snail control	Relevance to the plan unclear

Upper River

Concerns regarding the Upper River District include:

Comment Summary	Response
Blanchetown footpaths, curbing and lighting needed. Trees and landscaping	Council considers this project to be a Medium Priority (p. 24 of the <i>Planning for District</i>)
Boat ramp and Riverfront at Blanchetown	Council considers this project to be a high priority (p. 25 of <i>Planning for District</i>).

Morgan Town oval and entrances	Council considers this project to be a Medium & High Priorities (P.29 <i>Planning for Districts</i>)
Morgan institute needs some attention	Council considers this project to be a High priority (P. 29 <i>Planning for Districts</i>)
Concern raised regarding Council completing the projects without community involvement and the time and financial costs of this.	Council notes this comment – the Plan refers to a coordinated community led approach being important in achieving the outcomes (p.1. <i>Planning for Districts</i>)
Park opposite the Morgan bakery should be improved.	Council notes this comment, this park has not been included. Potential future project may be considered
Morgan youth area relocated for greater crime prevention, public awareness and activation of spaces	Council notes this comment, and anticipates its consideration at the time of implementing youth area project in Morgan.

Central River

Concerns regarding the Central River District include:

Comment Summary	Response
Council to maintain walking trail between Len White Reserve and the Swan Reach Hotel, tidy up the willows providing greater riverfront area and continue the cocky cull.	Council has considered this as part of Project 1 & 2 on p. 34/35 respectively (<i>Planning for Districts</i>) Projects currently underway.

The Plains

Concerns regarding The Plains District include:

Comment Summary	Response
Marne River Bridge Reserve Cambrai – enlarge the area, add seating and shelters.	Considered as part of “Natural Areas” Opportunities. Potential future project.

The Range

Concerns regarding The Range District include:

Comment Summary	Response
Sanderston not included in the plan	Sanderston is captured within The Range District. Community Land Management Plans are under review including land in Sanderston.
Wind farm impact on recreation areas in Sanderston	Council notes this comment however this plan is unable to control development on privately owned land.

Question 5 Response Summary - Is there anything important missing from the Open Space, Recreation & Public Realm Plan? (eg boat ramps, ovals, main streets, trails, riverfront destinations, youth areas, natural and heritage areas). Please specify which district/town you are referring to. Why do you think this is important to include for your community or town?

Mannum and Surrounds

Comments regarding projects or priorities that are missing from the Mannum and Surrounds District include (excluding comments regarding Mary Ann Reserve – see *Mary Ann Reserve Feedback* at the end of this report):

Comment Summary	Response
Needs a community pool for visitors and tourists	Council considers this project to be a High priority (p.40 – <i>Planning for Districts</i>)
Walking path linking Mary Ann Reserve and Mannum Waters, and join up with trail heading down Belvedere Road	Council considers this project to be a Medium priority (p. 40 <i>Planning for Districts</i>)
Mannum – showgrounds needs a revamp, skate park needs a revamp.	Council considers this project to be a High priority (p40 <i>Planning for Districts</i>)
Mannum needs more access to the river on western side – Gass Reserve boat ramp and recreation area improvements	Council considers this project to be a High priority (p.40 <i>Planning for Districts</i>)
Frog pond located adjacent to the shop and caravan park at Younghusband needs greater public awareness	Considered on page 39 (District Direction #1) of <i>Planning for Districts</i> document.
Noa Noa Landing redevelopment – amalgamation of land to make larger. Improve facilities.	Crown Land. Not considered in <i>Planning for Districts</i> . Potential future project.
Noise issues near residential river settlements, mobile phone coverage, some way of controlling flies.	Relevance to Open Space Plan unclear.
Community notice board at entrance has too long lead in times (sometimes 12 months), banners left up too long, Christmas decorations left up too long.	Council notes this comment. Feedback to be provided to Community Services
Mannum - Herman Gass Reserve should be an official bird sanctuary – no dogs off lead, no fishing, no caravan park expansion, no access to watercraft.	Council notes this comment.

Upper River

Comments regarding projects or priorities that are missing from the Upper River District include:

Comment Summary	Response
Morgan Skate Park for youth	Council considers this project to be a High priority (p. 28 <i>Planning for Districts</i>)
Morgan BMX needs regular maintenance and improvements	Council considers this project to be a High priority (p. 28 <i>Planning for Districts</i>)
Morgan – trail opportunities with the old railway line and Stock Route Road not mentioned	Council considers this project to be a High to lower Priority – 5-10 year implementation timeframe (p.28 <i>Planning for Districts</i>)
Morgan – greater emphasis required on the natural environment, however reeds and willows should not be removed	Council considers this project to be a high priority in Riverfront opportunities (p.28 <i>Planning for Districts</i>)
Need a second boat ramp in Blanchetown	Council considers this project to be a High Priority in Riverfront opportunities (p. 24 in <i>Planning for Districts</i>)
Do not put another boat ramp in at Blanchetown, just fix the one that is there. Residents don't want another, just shack owners.	Council considers this project to be a High Priority Riverfront opportunities (p. 24 in <i>Planning for Districts</i>)
Existing boat ramp needs to be safer at Blanchetown (all ages and abilities)	Council considers this project to be a High Priority Riverfront opportunities (p. 24 in <i>Planning for Districts</i>)
Riverfront at Blanchetown needs bbqs, playground and recreation area.	Council considers this project to be a High Priority Riverfront opportunities (p. 24 in <i>Planning for Districts</i>)
Blanchetown needs designated walking paths for bikes/prams. Shared speed signs (walkers/bikes/cars)	Council considers this project to be a Medium Priority (Main Street Opportunities p.25 <i>Planning for Districts</i>)
Blanchetown – Walking track from the old oval through the golf course.	Council considers this project to be a high priority as part of a Town Parks opportunity (p. 25 <i>Planning for Districts</i>)
Suggest a community group be arranged to support landscaping projects in Morgan	The Plan refers to a coordinated community led approach being important in achieving the outcomes (p.1. <i>Planning for Districts</i>)
Morgan Wharf – community unclear as to what is happening.	Consultation ongoing
Morgan public boat ramp needs upgrade, and better fuel depot (proximity to boat ramp)	Council is currently developing the boat ramp area.
Blanchetown BMX needs regular maintenance and improvements.	Not on Council land. Consideration to partner with the Crown.
Better Waste management and disposal (position/location)	Council notes this comment. Feedback to be provided to Waste Management Team
Morgan parking bay at entrance to town need improvements	Council considers this project to be a Medium Priority (p. 24 in <i>Planning for Districts</i>)

Central River

Comments regarding projects or priorities that are missing from the Central River District include:

Comment Summary	Response
Comments regarding projects or priorities that are missing from the Central River District include:Comment Summary	Response
Swan Reach wharf is unusable for large boats and small boats – needs improvements	Council considers this project to be a High Priority (p.35 <i>Planning for Districts</i>) Project underway.
Nildottie Riverbank – lawns, shared access for boats, swimmers and visitors	Council has considered this project under the heading Other Opportunities (p36. <i>Planning for Districts</i>)
Nildottie needs a connection to the river with toilets and picnic spaces	Council has considered this project under the heading Other Opportunities (p36. <i>Planning for Districts</i>)

The Plains

Comments regarding projects or priorities that are missing from The Plains District include:

Comment Summary	Response
Cambrai Pool? Needs heating and lower temps kept open longer thru out the year	Council has considered this project under the heading Other Opportunities (p. 36 <i>Planning for Districts</i>) High Priority (p. 17 <i>Planning for Districts</i>)
Black Hill - Road Reserve behind John Christian Reserve could be used as a trail, but is used by a neighbour and they don't pay rent on it	Council notes this comment. Feedback to be provided to Infrastructure Department
Black hill – Intersection at Black Hill and Quarry Road needs stormwater mitigation because run off effects the hall.	Council notes this comment. Feedback to be provided to Infrastructure Department
Black Hill – Weed management at the Old Black Hill Cemetery	Council notes this comment. Feedback to be provided to Infrastructure Department

The Range

Comments regarding projects or priorities that are missing from The Range District include:

Comment Summary	Response
Lavender Trail needs better signage and made safer where it shares roads	Council has considered this as part of Keyneton, Truro and Tungkillo Trails themes (p. 8, 10, 12 – <i>Planning for Districts</i>)
Palmer needs youth areas playground which are on public land not school land.	Council considers this project to be a High to Medium priority (P. 6. <i>Planning for Districts</i>)
Sanderston could benefit from a picnic area near Saunders Creek.	Council notes this comment and may consider as a future potential project.
Sanderston area needs better signage and infrastructure for horse riders	Council notes this comment and may consider as a future potential project.

Other

General comments regarding projects or priorities that are missing from the Planning for Districts Plan include:

Comment Summary	Response
Environmentally sensitive areas have not been mentioned. Community volunteer or inclusive projects not mentioned public have been historically excluded from implementing open space projects.	Enhanced Environments and Heritage is a focus area of <i>The Strategy</i> (p. 18 – 20) a number of open space locations are listed as High priorities. Projects to be a coordinated partnership and community led approach (p. 1 <i>Planning for Districts</i>)

Question 6 Response Summary – Do you have any comments about the overall priorities listed on p 25 & 26 of the Open Space Recreation and Public Realm Plan – Strategy document?

Comments regarding the Overall Priorities for Implementation listed on page 25 & 26 of the Strategy include:

Comment Summary	Response
Haven't identified where to find this document	Provided in the list of documents on the website as a separate document, and identified via a tab on all hard copies and public display sites.
Morgan – Think big! A streetscape and focal point for the town is needed.	Overall Priorities and district priorities list Morgan streetscape as the third highest priority in Upper River District.
Want waterfront reserves for picnics and fishing on MMC side of river. Township does not want another boat ramp [Blanchetown]	Overall Priorities and district priorities list Blanchetown Riverfront as the top priority in the Upper River District.
Looks good, riverside must be upgraded to reduce congested around the current limited and poorly maintained areas. [Blanchetown]	Overall Priorities and district priorities list Blanchetown Riverfront as the top priority in the Upper River District.
The overall plan seems to be the best for most districts. As long as Blanchetown gets its long awaited boat ramp and riverfront upgrade.	Overall Priorities and district priorities list Blanchetown Riverfront as the top priority in the Upper River District.
Main streets require upgrades [Blanchetown]	Theme priority 3 is Public Realm which ensures streetscapes are a high priority for Council throughout the region.
Community needs more information	Provided in the list of documents on the website as a separate document, and identified via a tab on all hard copies and public display sites.
Sport and Recreation needs to be a priority which includes non tradition open spaces for sports like riverbanks (Dragon boating, rowing and swimming). [Mannum]	Overall Priorities lists Riverfronts & Boating as the top two priorities for the Region. Many Ann Reserve is listed as the top priority for the Mannum & Surrounds District.
Mannum Waterfalls to be a priority.	District priorities list Mannum Waterfalls as the second highest priority in the Mannum and Surrounds District.
Football club had recent upgrades. Why do they require more?	Unclear which club this refers to.
Mary Ann will benefit the most from this plan it is assumed. Access to Government funding will be made easier with this plan for all types of projects – well done!	Council will undertake projects to achieve short term success and plan for long term gains through creating partnership with the community to guide these projects.
Some good ideas	Council notes this comment.
Overall Priorities: (1) & (2) As regards overall priorities I often consider the riverfront and boating facilities receive too much attention. These are generally for the visitor/tourist (which although quite important are only used for a short time each year) and the local town populace does not receive the attention they deserve.	Council notes these comments and considers riverfronts a major asset for the community.

(3) The Public Realm as outlined should have a higher priority than 1& 2 above. In Morgan's case, there has been large amounts of resources committed to the riverfront in general much to the detriment of the residents in the town proper.	Council notes these comments and highlights that public realm areas such as town parks, main streets and entry statements as high priorities in the <i>Planning for Districts</i> Plan for Morgan (P.28). Overall priorities are general for the whole of the Mid Murray Council area, not township specific.
(4) Town Parks & Spaces are generally well catered for but small garden areas would be a wonderful addition wherever suitable sites can be found.	Council notes these comments and considers this to be a community lead type project given the resources required to implement/maintain would most likely be volunteer.
(5) Trails both local and regional would be an excellent addition to the Morgan area. Again, this would require a large tree planting programme.	Council notes this comment. Tree planting projects would need to be considered thoroughly before commencing due to the arid environment of the Upper River District.
(6) I am not sure that the public sports grounds should receive large outlays at this time. The majority are not used by many people - the age of the population must be considered when looking at these. There is no doubt the oval requires attention; the surface is becoming unsafe and no doubt the Education Department could contribute to this work.	Council notes these comments, and acknowledges they are Upper River District focussed. Council considers future growth of the Mid Murray Council and the need to attract and retain youth.
(7) Programmes & Events draw visitors in for short periods: due to the age of the residents the volunteer labour to organise functions is difficult to find.	Council notes these comments.
(8) Natural areas should be left as that:- Natural	Council notes this comment and highlights the Natural Areas Theme within each District of the <i>Planning for Districts</i> Plan which ensures protection and maintenance of natural areas.
(9) I cannot imagine indoor sporting facilities & swimming pools being needed in Morgan.	Council notes this comment, however this priority is not relevant to Morgan.
I think they're good	Council notes this comment.
Seems to be well planned. Council should start with smaller projects so that the ratepayer can see money well spent, and quickly	Council will undertake projects to achieve short term success and plan for long term gains through creating partnership with the community to guide these projects.
I'd rather see 3 & 4 above 1 & 2 acknowledging we are not at the river.	Council notes this comment, and acknowledges the location of the respondent not being river related.
Sanderston is left out completely	Council notes this comment and acknowledges Sanderston as being part of the Range District within the OSRPR Plan. Further analysis of open spaces in this area will occur in 2017 as part of Council's Community Land Management Plan review.
They seem good to me	Council notes this comment
River Conservation should be a higher priority within The Strategy and Plan	Council notes this comment, river conservation is listed as 8 out of 9 priorities.

Question 7 Response Summary – Do you have any other comments?

The following comments were made generally about the Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan (comments regarding Mary Ann Masterplan will be included in a future consultation report for the Mary Ann Masterplan – see *Mary Ann Reserve Feedback* at the end of this report):

Comment Summary	Response
Swan Reach – public swimming area needed	It is understood that Len White Reserve currently has a swimming area, but needs some further risk mitigation to support its use. Len White Reserve is a project that has been highlighted through the <i>Planning for Districts</i> document.
Tourism should be high on the list (economic driver)	Tourism is a key principle of this plan (p.6 of <i>The Strategy</i>)
Sanderston Residents can't see where their rates are being spent in their community. Very Mannum focused Council.	Page 1 of the <i>Planning for Districts</i> document highlights that the districts have been divided geographically to ensure “a targeted and balanced approach to planning across the region.”
Council seem to maintain Mannum and Walker Flat Riverfront areas and forget about Swan Reach	Len White Reserve (Swan Reach) is listed as a priority in this plan (p. 31 – 35 <i>Planning for Districts</i>)
Why isn't Mannum Waters mentioned in the Draft Plan?	Unclear which plan is being referred to (Mary Ann Master Plan or OSRPR Plan?) Mannum Waters is linked closely with many priorities in the OSRPR Plan (see Opportunities Guide on p.40, and Project #2 on P. 43 <i>Planning for Districts</i>)
No more boat ramps – focus on parks, ovals, bbq areas things that will attract visitors. [Blanchetown]	See Opportunities Guide on p. 24 (<i>Planning for Districts</i>)
Improve the riverfront at Blanchetown	See Opportunities Guide on p. 24 (<i>Planning for Districts</i>)
Don't forget Blanchetown – we pay rates too	See <i>Planning for Districts</i> – Upper River P 21 – 25.
Concern regarding Blanchetown demographics and use of 2011 census data. Not true and up to date.	Most accurate data available at time of producing document.
How is expenditure allocated to each town? It needs to be fair and equitable. Blanchetown is used by not only Blanchetown residents.	A targeted and balanced approach to planning and implementation of the OSRPR Plan will occur
Basic town maintenance of public areas needs to be a priority not just the upgrading of facilities to bring in the tourism economic benefits.	Public Realm projects are listed under priority 3 of the Strategy, and are therefore high on Council's implementation list. Comments Council notes this comment.
Council is including all areas, people who complain need to volunteer to assist in the projects to see them come to fruition.	Council notes this comment. Purpose of the Plan is for the community and Council to work together on projects and priorities.

If Council can find \$15 million for the Information centre then they can spend money on Noa Noa Landing	Noa Noa Landing is Crown Land. Not considered in <i>Planning for Districts</i> . Potential partnership project in the future.
Hogwash Bend and Morgan conservation park need attention.	Both parks are listed (p. 30 <i>Planning for Districts</i>)
Tenby (Tenbury) Hunter Reserve should NOT be upgraded, this will be to the detriment of local caravan parks	Central River – Direction #9 (p33 <i>Planning for Districts</i>)
Blanchetown needs better footpaths for use by seniors	Considered as part of Main Street Opportunities Medium Priority (p.25 <i>Planning for Districts</i>)
Poor community engagement regarding this survey.	Council notes this comment and acknowledges the respondent is a Mary Ann Reserve concerned residents. Simultaneous surveys and addition of community group developed building plan for RSL has confused some people in relation to the engagement of the OSRPR Plan.
Streetscape upgrades are a good idea but will staff or volunteers be maintaining these?	Council notes this comment, volunteers and staff will work together in partnerships however a coordinated community led approach will be important in achieving the outcomes of the OSRPR Plan (p.1. <i>Planning for Districts</i>)
Work needs to be done on the damaged grass at Morgan (high river levels) and finish the toilets by the riverfront	At the time of writing this, contractors have finished the toilets and require a final sign off from Council. The riverfront has recovered back from the recent high water activity.
Morgan – Street scaping needs to include footpath and road upgrades, lighting, heritage style, trees and stormwater management.	Council notes this comment and feedback will be provided to Infrastructure Department
Red tape hinders progress and deters volunteers.	Council notes this comment and will look for pathways to promote progress through OSRPR Plan projects.
Morgan water tower could be used by community group for landscaping projects (store and water seedlings and equipment)	Council notes this comment and will consider as part of town parks project for Morgan.
Well done	Council notes this comment
Morgan – Youth space a great suggestion.	Council notes this comment
The plan is excellent, whether we can achieve it remains to be seen but we must give it a go.	Council notes this comment
Suggestion that further investigation be undertaken with regards to users numbers of Mary Ann Reserve	Council notes this comment, Mary Ann Reserve Masterplan is currently in the planning stage.
Keep it up	Council notes this comment
Council may think they have widely consulted the public but I don't think the public would believe so	Council notes this comments and highlights the two rounds of consultation and rigorous process undertaken in 2016.

Other Correspondence

During consultation Council received 4 pieces of correspondence (non-survey format) during the consultation period referring directly to the Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan. The following is a summary of these comments and responses;

Comment Summary	Response
<p>Cambrai Streetscape recommendations and swimming pool upgrade Sculptures in the main street, creating physical links between school, swimming pool, pub and general store. Swimming pool programs could be updated to include other activities (rock wall, parkour etc) All in the aim of creating a town centre type of feel around the school and swimming pool.</p>	<p>Respondent has been replied to directly. Implementation and partnerships considered suitable in this case.</p>
<p>Morgan Cricket Club seeking partnership with Council to formalise a system for better management of the oval surface. Grants submissions assistance requested.</p>	<p>Letter response to be provided to the Club. Future partnerships and assistance suitable in this case.</p>
<p>Suggestion of special access prices for events for those on low incomes</p>	<p>Community events are generally free entry. Other events are commercial entities and therefore Council is unable to govern these. Possible consideration in agreements if using Council land.</p>
<p>Land owners requesting assistance to protect River Black Fish on their land (Marne River)</p>	<p>Council notes this comment and community education programs may be considered</p>
<p>Seek support for individual land owners to better manage their natural areas.</p>	<p>Council notes this comment and community education programs may be considered</p>
<p>More road signs to warn drivers of wombats</p>	<p>Council notes this comment and this feedback will be provided to Infrastructure Department</p>
<p>Nature Based Tourism - need to educate people that nature is not a commodity to exploit.</p>	<p>Council notes this comment and will work with appropriate partners to continue to inform the community.</p>
<p>Open Space Strategy and Plan are too economic focused and needs greater emphasis on the protection of the environment and the management of environmental assets for future sustainability.</p>	<p>Council notes this comment, and highlights that Natural Areas and Environment is a key theme considered pertinent to the success and implementation the OSRPR Plan (P.18 <i>The Strategy</i>)</p>
<p>Whole of Council website needs editing</p>	<p>Council notes this comment, and considers the website a key communication tool. The webpage relevant to this project is constantly being updated.</p>

There is a public perception that there is a conflict of interest and financial gain for staff and councillors who are directly involved in decisions and policies relating to tourism and development of natural resources.	Council notes this comment.
Direct conflict between use of river for recreation uses (noisy/adventure sports) and passive uses (bird watching, fishing)	Council notes this comment, the OSRPR Plan seeks to identify current recreation uses, trends and conflicts and through a partnership approach with the community will implement projects which ensure incompatible and compatible land uses are accommodated.
Council to consider CO2 emissions of promoting vehicular tourism (water craft and off road vehicles).	Council notes this comment
Protection of environment and supply of areas for adrenalin sports – separate the uses.	Council notes this comment, the OSRPR Plan seeks to identify current recreation uses, trends and conflicts and through a partnership approach with the community will implement projects which ensure incompatible and compatible land uses are accommodated.

Mary Ann Reserve Feedback

The topic of Mary Ann Reserve was mentioned in many respondents' submissions. This was foreseeable given the simultaneous consultation of the Mary Ann masterplan during the same period as the OSRPR Plan.

Qualitative feedback gathered as part of the OSRPR Plan consultation that relates to Mary Ann Reserve will be included in the Mary Ann Masterplan consultation report to Council expected in May 2017. Quantitative data in this report includes all respondents who filled out the formal Open Space Survey form or specifically referred to the OSRPR Plan in their correspondence.

A level of subjectivity has been required to filter the Mary Ann Reserve themed comments from the remaining comments. Considering Mary Ann Reserve's prevalence in responses to the OSRPR Plan it can be concluded that the reserve holds importance to those living and visiting the Mannum and Surrounds District, and the region as a whole.

Mary Ann Reserve – Qualitative Statistics

- Of the 69 respondents to the OSRPR Plan there are a 24 who responded specifically with regards to the Mary Ann Reserve Masterplan.
- Most responses focus around item number 6 on the Mary Ann Reserve Masterplan – *Develop new public toilets and explore the potential relocation of the RSL to this site including flexible hospitality opportunity e.g. kiosk/ mobile catering.*
- Of these 24 respondents 17 respondents mention the RSL relocation and/or concept plan with 16 opposing it and 1 supporting it.

The following is a summary of responses made to the OSRPR Plan survey with a focus on the Mary Ann Reserve Concept Plan. Key themes from each comment have been summarised and will be further developed and responded to in the Mary Ann Reserve Masterplan Consultation Summary Report which is expected to be presented to Council in May 2017.

Comment Summary	Themes
Concerned with open space being taken up with commercial business	#6 RSL – negative impact on open space
RSL relocation would encourage liquor consumption, detract from safe appeal of reserve. The rowing club is already licensed. Council should focus on assisting RSL to shift from the reserve and encourage RSL members to become active within the community.	#6 RSL – Commercial impacts
Concern regarding RSL's planned building – too large, alienates public space, direct competition with established business, with Council assistance.	#6 RSL – negative impact on open space #6 RSL – commercial impacts
I disagree with item 6 until further information received	#6 RSL – no further comment
Concerns regarding area 5 & 6. At least 3 large trees would need to be removed, how will the building fit in the designated area (#6) how many trees need to be removed to fit the proposed building in?	#6 requiring trees to be removed.
Council is planning to build an RSL clubroom, is this true? There are other places they could go.	#6 RSL – other places available for this group
Concern regarding RSL taking up public reserve space which must be kept for future generations.	#6 RSL - negative impact on open space
The RSL Proposal will compete with streets shops.	#6 RSL – commercial impacts
Concerned about the proposed RSL impacting on open space.	#6 RSL - negative impact on open space
Concerned about the RSL buildings size, its too large and will split the reserve in half effecting events and family picnics.	#6 RSL - negative impact on open space
Better walking paths along roadside of Mary Ann Reserve. Playground to cater for all ages. Showers needed in toilet block. Better changing facilities in toilet block which are	#6 – showers and change area needed in toilets should also consider CPTED principles #11 – playground for all ages supported

uninviting to gathering teens	#14 – walking paths alongside roads need improvement
Water play park rather than the RSL Building – it would attract more people	#6 & #11 – support playground suggest waterplay
Plan suggests removal of trees northern end and removal of some trailer parking	#6 requiring trees to be removed.
Combine RSL public toilets and kiosk – support, estimated 200 – 300 members (97 active) and Mannum doesn't have an RSL	#6 RSL – supports RSL Combination with toilets
Kiosk public toilets are important as the reserve needs these	#6 – Importance of public toilets on reserve
RSL Should use the another facility like the River Bar or Mannum community club, Rowing club or the old ANZ building as meeting rooms.	#6 RSL – other places available for this group
Not enough space for such buildings (RSL)	#6 RSL - negative impact on open space
This is not the place for big building for the RSL	#6 RSL – not supportive of RSL building
Not in favour of RSL having clubrooms there (or any other club) Kiosk would be ok if not upsetting main street traders. New toilets would be good	#6 RSL – not supportive of RSL building #6 – supportive of kiosk and new toilets
The proposal of the RSL or who ever proposing to build on the Reserve is outright ridiculous this would take up river front space which is currently enjoyed by locals and visitors who bring money in to our town and benefiting businesses, why not use the vacant block across the road which is currently an eye sore, build these lovely rooms, toilets and kiosk there, they would fill up that current ugly space, make a little more picnic area available on the lawns and have lovely rest room facilities over looking the river	#6 RSL - negative impact on open space #6 RSL – other places available for this group
I am disappointed that the plan does not take a longer term view by considering more fully the potential of other boating sites [Caloote,Cowirra,NO Noa Landing to ease the pressure on MAR and congestion on the adjoining reach of the river In addition the long term relocation of the bowling club - possibly to the golf club where joint clubrooms, including RSL, would be possible. This would allow extra car parking off the main street with a function centre over it at the same level as the community club - and also a two way and safer access to River Lane alongside the Pretoria Hotel [and closure of the current one way, steep, corner entry to the main street. Additional riverfront would also be opened up. Under this	#9 Not supportive of recreational boats – take the pressure off Mary Ann Reserve

scenario the building of new toilets towards the upstream playground would be more appropriate together with the upgrading of the Rowing Club toilets if the current parking area toilets are past their "use by date" . This would be a far more flexible solution in the long term - not necessarily easy to achieve ,but then it does not have to be finished tomorrow!!	
I am concerned about the reduction of car/trailer parks and the effect it will have on existing parks along River Lane.	#10 – reduction in parking not supported.
Downsizing boat parking and ramp usage is a concern as they bring heaps into the main street businesses food and drinks etc. If upgrading working club should be removed & rebuild to compliment the rest of the concept plan draft.	#10 – commercial impact of less boat trailer parking.
Roadway on Trewartha needs to be widened on north side at Riverland junction as cars/trailers have trouble turning in this area. Parking pace sign should be used.	#14 – Road needs widening for trailers (Trewartha St).
Have access for older people	#14 & #15 - Access (for elderly).
Needs upgraded playgrounds because kids aren't interested in what is there	#11 - Playground upgrade supported.
Needs some sort of dinning area with coffee shop, enclosed for winter. Themed playground like Morgan's Riverboat	#11 – playground supported.
Mannum river front could be upgraded and add a nature playground, more sheltered areas over the chairs and tables and also a safe swimming area for children	#11 – playground supported.
Fitness and play should be focus of MAR. Better footpaths, playgrounds and swimming areas	#11 – playground supported #18 – swimming area supported Fitness and play should be focus
More shade for cars and people. Safe swimming area.	#18 – swimming area supported #13 #17 – shade for people and cars
Shade for swimming area with beach and waterslides for children to use north side of boat ramp.	#18 – swimming area supported but needs shade #17 & #18 – suggestion for water slides.
A place for public swimming in the reserve	#18 – swimming area supported.
Keep Open space. Upgrade commercial buildings backing onto the reserve.	Open space should be retained. Upgrade commercial buildings interface with reserve
Don't over develop the reserve. Don't overload the plan there is too much being expected of Mary Ann Reserve and little room for expansion.	Overdevelopment of the reserve.
Why have ratepayers only been provided a glimpse of the RSL concept (on a notice board in Main Street)	Plan not part of Council's concept.
Why isn't this building on Council plans	The concept Plan is not part of Council's masterplan – it is the RSL's concept.

Summary of Mary Ann Reserve related comments

The comments relating to Mary Ann Reserve revolve considerably around the support (or not) of relocating the RSL into a new building with the toilets at point #6 on the masterplan. The recurrent themes include:

- The negative commercial impacts to the Randell Street.
- The negative impacts of the buildings size open space objectives of the plan.
- Equity with other clubs located on the Mary Ann Reserve.
- Other development opportunities for the RSL not located on Mary Ann Reserve.
- Support the concept because the RSL needs somewhere to go

These comments are echoed throughout the responses to the Mary Ann Reserve Masterplan Survey consultation which occurred simultaneously with the OSRPR Plan. A report to Council is expected in May 2017 summarising these comments.

Other comments relating to the Mary Ann Masterplan which are not related to the RSL include:

- Creating a more family orientated reserve (playground opportunities)
- Keeping the reserve open (less built form)
- Increased opportunities for younger children
- Need for a dedicated swimming area
- Desire for a water park
- Desire for kiosk or the like
- Retention and increase of trailer parking (not a reduction as proposed)
- Creating safer and easier pedestrian links to and from the river and Randell Street

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Conclusion

The community has demonstrated its interest in the future development of open space, recreation and public realm in its involvement with the engagement processes undertaken in 2016 and 2017 on the Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Plan. This recent consultation during February and March 2017 sought to confirm that Council had captured the community's needs accurately within the Plan and it can be concluded that it has done this.

Additional comments made by the community during this subsequent stage of the consultation have been captured within the District Directions and Township Opportunities Guide within the *Planning for Districts* Plan. Given the amount of detail provided during consultation in both The Strategy and Planning for Districts plans, it is expected that many respondents may have overlooked the information pertaining to their concerns.

The OSRPR Plan has captured the initial consultation results from 2016 and developed a way forward for Council and the community to develop open space, recreation and public realm facilities and areas throughout the Mid Murray area.