

Swan Reach, Nildottie, Blanchetown
Discussion Notes

STICKY NOTE ACTIVITY	
<u>NATURAL AREAS & THE ENVIRONMENT</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eco Tourism – Increase use of Key Significant Reserves for Interpretive Trails (Shell Hill, Mannum Water Falls) and guided trail education. • More training for Council and public about the endangered biodiversity of the region and how to reduce its loss. • Encourage public involvement for care and development with the understaffed council at selected reserves. (Shell Hill, Mannum Water Falls, Bell Chambers Reserves) • More public education about the value of the Murraylands Biodiversity and how unique and threatened it is. • More trees for Greenways Landing, Nildottie
<u>THE PUBLIC REALM</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Identity Statement for Blanchetown • Streetscape for Blanchetown. Very run down and untidy. • Continuation of footpath in Main Street up to school footpath from shop up to Op shop and Street lights in Swan Reach. • Swan Reach, Anzac Park. Privacy Screens in front of toilets. Upgrade information bay. • Swan Reach, Len White Reserve. Shelter over playground. Public Toilets out of date, need upgrade. Mooring of large Paddle Steamers, Proud Mary & Princess. Lighting at night. • Swan Reach – Free run doggy park. Could be mowed free of debris. Never any doggy bags. Also the wharf area is always out of doggy bags. • Swan Reach – Require smooth edges of the streets if we do not have foot paths built. We are having more and more gophers and the oldies are complaining that it is not safe on our streets. It's too rough. • Swan Reach – spraying of weeds in the town. Road Edges, Cemeteries – Caltrop etc. • Swan Reach – Entrances to Swan Reach could be made more attractive. Even if Native Bush is cut neatly. • Graetz Reserve – Ground not level. Pool of water unable to get to the picnic table or park cars. Close to information sign. Water pools there most of the time. • Swan Reach – Signage to advertise what is available in town at both Blanchetown end and Nildottie end. • Nildottie needs to be included on signage (Green Transport Signs)
<u>RECREATION PARKS & TRAIL CONNECTIONS</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of tracks on road reserves previously used by trail bikes for hiking trails. (Milendella Road, Hunter Road, & basic town walks in all towns.) • Allow community to assist with fabricating park facilities like benches and shelters – to give them ownership. • Swan Reach – Graetz look out appearance fence upgrade. • Nildottie – Connected walking trails. Swan Reach – Walkers? Bird watching – aboriginal. Heyesen trail like. Historical pastoral 1870-1960?

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blanchetown – expand existing playground for the kids. • Swan Reach – Entrance at Stott Highway at ferry end needs something? Entrance from Hunter Road and Nildottie Road at Golf Club. Graetz look out. • Develop a list of public reserves for picnics and toilets for visitors and locals. • Cambrai – Sporting Complex – ideal for a waking trail – Frisby golf, Golf driving range. • Promote local residents to visit other parts of the Council region to be tourists in their own region for picnics, bbq's, dining out, bush walking, cycling and family day out. • Organise a Town Action Group to assist residents from various towns to help under supported groups with projects. This can be a system that reciprocates and helps with the ongoing shortage of volunteers. • Blanchetown Oval – Renaming of the site to Moorundie Park. Renovation of Golf Club Building to Functional Facility. Upgrade of a section of the oval with new lawn. Create a user friendly environment e.g. shade structures, seating, play equipment, BBQ areas. Planting of native gardens and walking trails around circumference. Making the area more attractive with sculptures and art works. More infrastructures for existing community gardens. Historical information area to showcase the significance of Blanchetown.
<u>SPORT & ORGANISED RECREATION</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nildottie – Develop sporting club for cricket, tennis, football and 8 Ball. • Blanchetown – Football oval, netball court, bowling club. Lower oval (recreation) • Swan Reach Oval/Netball – Caltrop around outside. Entrance way to oval needs upgrading. Lights on netball/tennis courts. • Nildottie – Signage for Nildottie Oval location, tennis/netball. (Oval is located 2kms away @ Greenways) • Swan Reach Bowling Club – Shelters around edge of green. • Swan Reach Graetz Lookout improvements. Upgrade boat ramp area. Improvements to boat ramp.
<u>RIVERFRONT AND THE RIVER</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blanchetown – Public access areas, riverfront lawned areas. • Swan Reach Len White Reserve – Another BBQ, upgrade to BBQ cover area. Upgrade and cover over playground. Levelling of lawned area. Revamp of toilets. • Swan Reach – Walkways from ferry to Len White Reserve along riverfront. • Nildottie – Boat ramps and surrounding areas for longer boat /houseboat and associated mooring point. • Nildottie – Improve Greenways oval. Toilets at Greenway Landing essential due to toilet paper and human waste everywhere. Upgrade boat ramp at Hermanns landing (Safety). • Nildottie – Greenways Landing Toilets. • Nildottie – Greenways Landing – Toilets for boat ramp area. Tidy up river track. • Nildottie – Hermanns Landing Wharf, houseboat moorings, boat ramp, small boat moorings. Remove willows. • Nildottie – Large boat moorings. Improve main road – dump point for tourists. Protect our wildlife from foxes and wild cats.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old footy oval at South Terrace Blanchetown has been watered and mowed but needs re-seeding. Use for kite flying, dogs play, casual footy ball games. • Swan Reach Len White Reserve – Should be kept a little better. Pergola falling to pieces. It is such a popular reserve in the summer. • Nildottie – Wharf area at Hermanns Landing including safety, picnic facilities, mooring. • Nildottie – Improve road access to campsites at Greenways landing. • Tenbury Hunter Reserve – Lighting that could be solar operated. Tidying up of general area. • Blanchetown – Main Street needs native plantings, trees and bark. Egerton Street in particular. Footpaths needed. High majority of PMV users. • Nildottie – Greenways Landing. Recycle bin at landing for glass/cardboard. • Swan Reach Tenbury Hunter Reserve – Requires advertising of what is available in Swan Reach. There are two structures that would be ideal to advertise our local community and sporting activities. • Blanchetown boat ramp. Current ramp not suitable for 2WD, 4WD only users unaware. Gradient needs correcting. Geofabric over broken and town mesh. General upgrade and maintenance. Chaos at boat ramp at times. • Blanchetown Boat Ramp – Too many people for a single boat ramp, needs to be a double. • Blanchetown – Houseboat friendly area needs development as dock, wharf parking facilities and boat ramp for emergency services access. Tourist access close to town. • Swan Reach Boat Ramp – upgrade of launch area, pylon tie up for Marion and other boats. • Swan Reach Tourism – Graetz Lookout, Natural bush on other side of the fence too dense to see the view of the river.
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THE BIG PICTURE	
BLANCHETOWN Top Priorities 1. Boat Ramp 2. River Front 3. Oval & Surrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greening/Streetscapes/Planting/Bark to “revitalisation” to “beautification”. • Entrance statement/identify statement • Information bag (clearly defined) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • near supermarket • at BP roadhouse • Upgrade to Police Station/landscaping • Lower Murray flag (on Sturt Hwy) • “Houseboat Friendly” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mooring poles / wharf • lawned area / bbq area • jetty / fishing • segregate uses / reduce conflict

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- Old Blanchetown Oval redevelopment
- Toilets at South end of Page Drive
- Boat Ramp (new) – is it needed (already 4?)
 - Where it should / shouldn't go → near Caravan Park??
- Boat Ramp (current/old)
 - Needs upgrade/repairs/safety issue
- Upgrade last available river Frontage Park / playground / mini Mary Ann Reserve. Native flora and fauna. In existing 4 knot zone.
- Proposed boat ramp → can it go to a vote?
- No need for car parking / environmental impact → not needed for demand & 2WD
- New ramp could allow bigger boats
- Could go to southern end of Page Drive
 - Or it is too far away?
 - Lack of toilets
 - Who owns land? – currently for sale
 - No phone/services
- Need somewhere on the river for people to stop → Riverbanks Estate (open space area) → boat ramp
- BMX track – ideally have shelter.
- Public Realm
 - Footpaths
 - Kerb & gutter
- Opposite Internet Centre
 - stop burnoffs / waste on SA Water land
 - shelter / lookout / view / BBQ area / seats
 - delineate car parking / line marking / staff parking
 - free Wi-Fi
 - road alignment
- Sturt Hwy lookout
 - Upgrade / better link to town / stairs on private property
- Heritage listings – capitalize
- Car Park north of lock – poor condition, erosion is an issue
- Old Blanchetown Oval
 - Delineation of picnic areas
 - Community garden
- Eastern side of River
 - Compacted areas under trees
 - Native veg. being impacted upon
 - Illegal activities (fireworks, firewood, camping)
 - Crown land access
- Page Drive Shacks
 - Erosion issue to be looked at
 - Signage – clarify that access for all
- Current Oval
 - More trees
 - New scoreboard
 - Need rubbish bins

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can bin / secure • Wheelie bins / collection to house <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bin bank beautified • Impact of chicken farm small • Riverfront Present: There is a distinct lack of public access to the riverfront below Lock One at Blanchetown. Reserves are small and segmented. Majority of river front is taken up by holiday shacks. Request signage to all public access areas. Upgrade of pathways to places of interest, The underdeveloped riverfront land off Sanders Street next to the Riverside Caravan Park be converted into lawn reserve with shade structures and seating, BBQ area, solid structure at rivers edge for houseboat and river cruise boats for easy access to town and amenities, fishing jetty in conjunction with wharf area (4 knot zone already in place). Combining an upgrade of riverfront reserves with the rejuvenation of the near by oval complex will give Blanchetown a much needed tourist boost and confidence. • Old Blanchetown Oval – Renaming of the site to Moorundie Park. Renovation of Golf Club building to functional facility. Upgrade of a section of the oval with new lawn. Create a user friendly environment e.g. shade structures, seating, play equipment, BBQ areas. Planting of native gardens and walking trails around circumference. Making the area more attractive with sculptures and art works. More infrastructure for existing community gardens. Historical information area to showcase the significance of Blanchetown.
<p><u>NILDOTTIE</u></p> <p>Top Priorities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Greenways Landing – toilets & driving track 2. Hermanns Landing upgrade 2. Nildottie Shop – Safety fence & Shelter <p>Hermanns Landing and Nildottie Shop of = standing for priority.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master Plan for Greenways Reserve – Toilets at Greenways landing (no toilets currently) and driving track from Greenways Shack south to access for camping spots (very rutted and needs attention). • Documented walking trails – highlighting bird species, aboriginal cultural significance, and heritage stuff. • Hermanns Landing upgrade – houseboat moorings, small boat mooring, willow removal etc. • Southern end of Nildottie Shop – Safety fence and shelter with table and chairs needed. • Greenways Landing/Hermanns Landing – Recycle bins needed. • Greenways Landing – need mooring posts for houseboats to tie up. • Signage for oval at Greenways – From Nildottie to oval / tennis courts. • Greenway Oval – Create facility for remove control flying club. • RV Dump point in Nildottie Township. • Cemetery – Shelter and park bench, beautification of area. • Hall – Verandah on front. • Greenways Oval – Playground – Cubby house not to standard. • Town History signage • River History signage • Ngaut Ngaut – Signage for people to know where to find it. • Creation of Township history pamphlet showcasing areas for recreation, history, businesses, camping, etc. • Wi-Fi – Tourism draw if running.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weeds – (Wheel Cactus on island – needs to be removed) • Creation of Annual Event to draw tourists etc on Greenways oval – Help from Council with Progress Association.
<p><u>SWAN REACH</u></p> <p>Top Priorities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Len White Reserve 2. Boat Ramp 3. Graetz Lookout 	<p>Some issues to note:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Older demographic 2. Lack of volunteers 3. Visitor / temporary residents focus <p>Values – reason for living here (Quiet town, friendly)</p> <p>Swan Reach opportunities / ideas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Len White Reserve (including other) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very popular in summertime • People come with boat trailers • Need all car parking spaces • Line up of people to use it. • Need a bigger boat ramp. Need 2 ramps as aging and in poor condition (20+ years old) • Desire to upgrade since • Boat Ramp – Need to upgrade/replace existing, 2 lanes, lack of parking? Where!! Large boats pull up near the boat ramp. Ideally would build mooring area – formalise. (Marine & Harbours). Too much happening in the one area. • Len White Reserve - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Extra BBQ, picnic areas. 2. Toilet upgrade and disabled access 3. Playground upgrade – older children focus – 9yrs+, challenging (a bit more innovative) 4. Retain green space = beautifying more. Relates to the whole river for people cruising and houseboats (Dept of Transport – funding DPTI) <p>Signage – improve ⇒ interpretation, history of the area. Road map for the river at boat ramps, how far to travel etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat Connection – along creek and near bins, need to clean up. Weed management is proposed. Tree planting, seating, potential to school projects (but only 90 kids) • Trials/Parks – Ferry to Len White Reserve could create loop trail. Already Ferry to museum, could enhance. Link to off leash area (houseboat mooring). • Graetz Lookout – Shrubs along cliff side need to be pulled out. Signage needs to improve (+ near Gum Park). Improve fencing. Bins? – Maybe not, don't want to attract rubbish. Surface & landscape needs to be addressed to create an appealing town entrance. Trees needed but don't block view. Drainage issue, pool of water. • Boat moorings – need more as people have to tie up to trees. Houseboats. • STED Scheme upgrade – Hall toilets will be accessible to public when STED completed.



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PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS FOR BLANCHETOWN - 2016 Blanchetown Community Services Committee

Adapted from Blanchetown Progress Assoc. proposal 2007
Presented at BCSC meeting Feb 2016 - Last updated 11th July 2017??

ENTRANCE

Identity statement and Information Bay - grant received BSOA, Wayne to contact Steve Oatway local artist re concept drawings for community consultation

Lower Murray flag - either include in the town identity statement or installed prominently and appropriately at the turn into Blanchetown.

Roadside beautification - native plantings, to be extended into township. Bark to be laid,

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trim and tidy, new native plantings. Egerton Street.

Footpaths - bitumen at least, paving at best. Safety issue, high number of MPVs . A development plan was to be proposed for 2013-2014 at the last Community Forum 2013. \$15,000 spent on Main Road, PO to Supermarket. PO now shifted. Propose extend this path down to Hotel, Internet Centre and current PO position on Merivale to Acland. On Acland between Merivale and Adams. Then Adams to Shaw intersection.

Sealing town roads - West Terrace, North Terrace and Godley Street. Check Identified at 2013 Forum

Old School House and adjacent buildings and grounds - in need of restoration. and tidy up.

Bus shelter at the **Link SA** stop in front of the Health Centre on Egerton Street.

NORTHERN TOURIST PRECINCT

Greening streetscape with native plantings and bark.

Blanchetown Walking Trail - maintenance needed - check booklet, pages missing

Custom House site - general maintenance.

Privately owned historical buildings - is it possible to have interpretive signage identifying these sites, e.g. the old police building, bakery, post office, Ferrymans cottage, old ferry locations etc.

Ferrymans Cottage - Signage - historical information identifying the site.
In dilapidated state of repair - danger signs and fencing.



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This property has recently been sold to private buyer June 2016 - fencing is being erected.

Northern Boat Moorings - currently being maintained.

Northern Public Toilets - maintained by MMC

Old Ferry Ramp above Lock 1 and fishing areas are well used.

Emergency Services river access above Lock 1 is available.

Lock 1 - Information signage etc (SA Water) a panel is displayed in the Lock 1 riverfront park

Fish Ladder - information board provided by SA Water in the Lock 1 riverfront park.

Stairway to the bridge - maintenance - check safety aspect as visitors from the River Murray Queen regularly (every Tuesday) use these stairs to visit the township of Blanchetown

Old bridge - walk and photo opportunities

New bridge Information bay

There is an information bay on Sturt Highway that now needs updating, painting and repair.

Bridge Monument & photo opportunities are available

Casual houseboat moorings are available above Lock 1

Waste disposal for houseboats and river craft provided above Lock 1

BMX track

This has recently been maintained and includes a bike stand.

It was proposed by the Community Services Committee (Feb 2016) that a shelter be

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installed. (post and shade cloth or iron roof structure)

Blanchetown Information & Internet Centre - free Wifi within the building and from a shelter opposite see below

Opposite Internet Centre - Shelter with table and seating opposite with free wifi
Parking delineation opposite Internet Centre
Rectify road alignment.

Lock 1 Reserve - water front park on Shaw Street, provided and maintained by SA Water

Houseboat Friendly Area - Central access to township for rivercraft. This is already a designated houseboat friendly area but needs houseboat mooring poles installed and or



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poles to enable large paddle steamers to tie up. Proposed usage for Parking, Emergency Services river access, launching and retrieval ramp, mooring dock or wharf.

Acquisition of the adjacent property that already has substantial wall protection and in need of further protection from erosion. Without some protection of this neighbouring site there is potential for the loss of the Sanders Street roadway. This block would be ideal for a wharf or dock.

Roadside beautification - native plantings & bark.

Reclaiming STED Water - greening areas where possible.

Rejuvenating South Terrace Oval - greening , seeding and irrigation
rename Moorundie Recreation Park - check if naming permission needed.

- Include walking tracks and native bark garden areas designed to enhance the space. It was suggested this be designed by an expert in the area of open public space design.
- A group of volunteers have been overseeing the watering of the old oval and golf course first tee areas and it is mown by council regularly.
- **Adult Outdoor Gym** - South Terrace Oval - completed.
- **Childrens Play Areas** - additional childrens play equipment (large and colourful) including adjacent picnic tables to be spaced out around the oval/golf course recreation area on South Terrace.
- **Picnic table & seat settings required** - spaced out around oval area. Remove or repair old damaged ones.
- **Putt Putt** course - proposed for Old Golf course area
- **Clubhouse** upgrade - in the 2015-16 budget This has been agreed upon by Council, \$11,000 allocated and work is scheduled to begin 2016 July/Sep quarter
- **Bike stand** near playground & outdoor gym area.

Blanchetown Community Gardens - ongoing maintenance by volunteer members provides a shared kitchen garden free to any community members. It is situated at the rear of the South Terrace recreation area. Some infrastructure around it is needed, e.g. delineate roadways, parking areas, attend to potholes in roadway and some resurfacing required.

Casual Houseboat Mooring at Historical site - 2 mooring posts for daytime casual houseboat mooring and general tidy up required. Red sand still needs to be spread, thin out gum seedlings, plant a few new natives and lay out bark. This spot is regularly used for fishing and canoeing.

Boat ramp and lawned BBQ area - Page Drive. Two shelters with picnic setting and BBQ. This is the currently used boat ramp which has its limitations in that it can only be used by 4WD (signage) The gradient is not compliant making it too steep to safely launch heavier



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craft. It was originally meant to be a dual ramp but due to unforeseen circumstances it became a single ramp. Parking for trailers is provided across the road from the ramp. The riverbank gabion walls have deteriorated leaving bare wire protruding and needs to be removed or covered with a heavier Geofab fabric or large scale Geofab sandbags.

OTHER PROPOSALS - locations and/or community consultation to be considered

We envisage this ramp to continue to be well used as it is close to ski areas.

Shed, Workspace or Artists space - Mens Mental Health or Rural Arts grants - gauge interest. ? old schoolhouse shed. Query ownership. Council, Education Dept or public??

Onshore fishing grant available \$50K - designate public riverbank areas in the 4 knot zone along McPhee or Page Drive areas. Open space area opposite and south of Herrman Street on Page Drive is and ideal for fishing along this stretch of riverfront. The Old wharf just south of the boat ramp which was built for a TV series back in the 80s is an ideal fishing spot. It is well used.

Monument or Public artwork - Acknowledgement of the aboriginal people/tribes of Moorundie and Roonka (Meru), (Ngarrindjeri Mannum to Coorong) . Check.

Old School House and appending buildings - in need of restoration

Greening and maintenance of Council owned public access blocks. Protection of the river banks in these areas are required, to allow safe access both to and from the river. Some are badly eroded and dangerous.

PRIORITY LIST

Entrance, identity statement - funded by a \$5000 grant held by Blanchetown Shack Owners Association , preliminary concept drawings for public consultation and input. Identification of interested participants/volunteers/helpers. Steve Oatway artist. DPTI to assist in identifying the location for this, 1st August 2016

BMX track - identified in 2013 Forum.
Maintenance and addition of shelter near or adjacent to existing bike stand

Clubhouse (Old Golf Clubhouse on South Terrace Oval/Recreation area
Maintenance has been budgeted for 2015-2016.
Identified on the MMC Asset maintenance list
Grass area in front of clubhouse and side with bark and new picnic tables. Approx 200m
Clean outdoor table - new top required. 3m x 75cm
Low posts and rail alongside road required (one picnic table is very close to road)
Parking delineation is needed around this area .

Footpaths in township

Parking opposite Hall and Internet Centre



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Parking delineation opposite Hall required

Road alignment in this area to be rectified or resolved.

Shelter, table with seating with access to free wi-fi was identified in Town

Beautification wish list in June 2013.

Greening the town - native bark roadside gardens on main road into township to South Terrace recreation area. Maintenance of existing and planting and laying bark of new.

Binbanks and recycling issues have been an ongoing issue in the shack area below Lock 1

Bin banks vs personal wheelie bins

Personal wheelie bins for general waste and recycling for residents and ratepayers who want to use the service in the shack area. Reduce the size of bin banks.

There are Approx 16 plus residents in the shack area who are using the bin banks now. If they had their own bins plus the shack owners who would like to use the service could potentially reduce the need for the bin bank near the oval/golf club recreation area.

A separate recycling cage is an option that has also been discussed.