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Executive Summary

Project Overview

The Renmark Paringa Council required the preparation of an Open Space Strategy to provide strategic direction for Council to plan, develop and maintain open space and the public domain across the district.

The Strategy will be integrated into Councils' long-term asset and financial management plans, providing a blueprint for the equitable and effective acquisition, development and use of open space and recreation infrastructure and the public domain, now and into the future. The Strategy links with the State Government's Strategic Plan and Murray Mallee Region Plan priorities. Within Council's Community Plan 2012-2016 the development of an Open Space Strategy has been identified as a high priority for the Renmark Paringa Council.

The area is fortunate in terms of its proximity to the Murray River and abundance of attractive parks, reserves and open spaces. The area has also been hit hard by the recent sustained drought and this has impacted on the quality of open space and identified a need to develop innovative and sustainable open space provision and management practices. Council has also identified the need to activate its public domain and has set aside funding to conduct a master plan for the riverside precinct within Renmark, to enhance this space as a focus for residents and visitors alike.

Project Objectives

The project objectives are:

- Develop a comprehensive open space network that delivers environmental, social, health and well-being, and economic benefits to the community;
- Provide a clear strategic direction for open space and public domain development within the region for the next twenty years including specific actions over the next 5 years;
- Provide policies and strategies for effective and equitable use of open space;
- Identify strategies for the creation, acquisition, retention and conversion of open space;
- Identify linkages to encourage physical activity (walking and cycling) and enhanced biodiversity;
- Protect the natural landscape and environment;
- Identify areas of significance to the public domain;
- Identify opportunities to create and enhance community and civic spaces (e.g. near shopping precincts, tourism destinations, town entrances and key gathering spaces);
- Provide for community gathering points and enhance the sense of place;
- Identify opportunities to mark entry points and boundaries and interpret the history and culture of the area; and
- Integrate the masterplanning of the riverfront precinct which aims to strengthen the urban character, improve the shopping experience, enhance tourism potential and visitor experience and provide safe and convenient movement while developing a strong 'sense of place'.

Strategic Policy Themes

A review of the key strategic policy documents identified six broad themes that have direct relevance to the Renmark Paringa Open Space Strategy. The primary thrust of policy seeks to:

1. Create vibrant, liveable, safe places;
2. Encourage healthy and active lifestyles;
3. Improve accessibility, connectivity and legibility;
4. Protect, restore and enhance the natural environment;
5. Protect, restore and enhance cultural/heritage assets; and
6. Promote tourism

These themes informed the identification and development of the actions and priorities included in this Strategy.

The benefits of Open Space

For the purposes of this Strategy, Open Space is defined as:

Parks and reserves (and facilities within these spaces), riverside spaces, trails and other corridors that are freely accessible and have value for a variety of purposes including recreation, sport, tourism, environmental and visual amenity.

Open Space and informal recreation provide a wide range of benefits to individuals and communities that have been identified through numerous university and government research reports and studies. These factors can be important contributors to 'quality of life' with individuals benefiting from:

- Improved physical and mental health;
- Positive self-esteem and confidence;
- Increased social interaction and support;
- Sense of achievement;
- Skill development;
- Challenge and competition; and
- Achievement and leadership

At a broader level the community benefits socially, economically and environmentally.

Socially through

- Improved personal and societal health and wellbeing;
- Increased community pride;
- Social inclusiveness; and
- Safer communities through reduced anti-social and criminal behavior

Economically through

- Employment in the industry and associated industries;
- Economic benefits of open space and recreation tourism such as special events; and
- Reduction in health care-costs

Environmentally through

- Increased understanding of the environment particularly through trail based activities

Protection of environmentally significant flora and fauna within recreation areas (open spaces, coast, rivers, open spaces, natural reserves etc.).

Consultation

Extensive community consultation was undertaken during the development of the Strategy to engage with key stakeholders and capture important community values attributed to existing open space areas. The process of developing the Strategy was also informed by continuous liaison with Council staff and input from consultants with specialist expertise.

A workshop was undertaken on the 14th February with Renmark Paringa Elected Council Members.

A number of key issues and opportunities were identified during this process. The broad themes that were raised included:

- Establish an open space hierarchy;
- Improve connectivity across and between all three townships;
- Rationalise a design approach to forming township 'gateways'; and
- Focused enhancement of existing facilities.

Representatives from Tredwell Management attended the Riverlife Health Expo on Saturday 16th March. The event was staged to raise general awareness of health issues in the Riverland in a fun and engaging way and presented an excellent opportunity to gain valuable feedback from the local community with regards to the current provision of open space and suggestions for potential improvements.

The event was well attended and comments relating to the Strategy were received from local residents of Renmark, Paringa and Lyrup, members of the local business community and representatives of local sporting associations/groups.

The key findings from the event were:

- Improve linkages and circulation across and between townships;
- Extend the network of shared path/cycle routes to connect key nodes/destinations;
- Upgrade established 'informal' walking routes that are currently well used by locals; and
- Draw attention to the history of the local area through information/interpretive boards.

Hierarchy of Open Space

A series of plans were produced to identify and illustrate the opportunities and constraints associated with the existing provision of open space for the townships of Renmark, Paringa and Lyrup and the outlying rural areas. This information has been used to establish a hierarchy of open space to facilitate the identification, analysis and clear understanding of the different types of open space across the District and inform the future provision of a well-structured open space network.

The Strategy identifies the following classifications of existing open space:

- Local Park;
- Recreation Park;
- Environmental Park;
- Zones of Interest; and
- Gateways

The plans also identify strategic links/connections (via formal/informal trails & shared use/cycle paths), important nodes/gathering points, the current condition of each of the existing open spaces in terms of quality, function, suitability/appropriateness and contribution to landscape/township character and visual amenity.

A Strategic Open Space Diagram was developed for Renmark to identify key gateways, important circulation routes and activity precincts or 'hubs' (broadly established on the basis of predominant use and key activities supported). The following components are identified:

- Recreation Hub;
- Education Hub;
- Civic Hub;
- Active Hub;
- Watersports Hub;
- Riverfront Hub (Events & Leisure); and
- Environmental Zones/Corridors

Renmark

In Renmark, existing open space is well distributed across the township, with gateways located at key approaches to the town; from the west along Renmark Avenue at the Bookmark Creek bridge and from the east along Paringa Road/Eighteenth Street. These approaches towards and within the township are generally well landscaped and establish a green setting to the built environment.

The riverbank area/tourist information centre and Council Chambers on Eighteenth Street form important nodes within the township. The junction at Renmark Avenue and Eighteenth Street forms a highly visible and important public open space area.

More expansive areas of parkland exist adjacent to the Murray River and Bookmark Creek corridors and function as important areas for both formal and informal recreation. Walking trails and shared paths provide good connectivity across the township, particularly adjacent to the waterways, Renmark Avenue and Paringa Road.

Formal recreation facilities tend to be clustered to the north of the town, in the vicinity of Ral Ral Avenue, with additional local parks scattered throughout residential areas.

Important links leading from the township include the Renmark to Paringa Interpretive Walk and Bike Trail, and the informal walking trail to Lyrup via Plush's Bend.

Key actions identified for Renmark include:

- **The Causeway** - ensure path is safe and maintained to a high standard to encourage use and consider the installation of pathway lighting;
- **Riverbank** - potential to upgrade interpretive signage as part of an area-wide approach to improve users understanding of the surrounding natural environment and link Riverfront revitalisation plan and highlight possible enhancements;
- **Visitor Information Centre (VIC)** - maximise the potential of the VIC by exploring all opportunities for improving connectivity onto the local trail network with clear directional and interpretive signage;
- **Arthur Shepherd Lions Park** - consider installation of pathway lighting;
- **Matulick Riverfront Walk** - consider opportunities to enhance the landscape setting of the pedestrian link and installation of pathway lighting;

- **Darnley Taylor Park** - develop an integrated masterplan and management plan for the whole site, with the potential for the creation of a youth precinct, together with an extension of the existing bike course, upgrade of surfacing, and enhancement of skate bowl facilities;
- **Renmark Avenue** - section from roundabout to the River will be upgraded as part of the Town Centre Revitalisation project;
- **Bookmark Creek & bridge** - investigate opportunities to establish canoe launch area adjacent to the Water Tower/Pump Station and extension of the trail further to the east;
- **Sims Parade Linear Park** - consider waste water reuse to irrigate area;
- **Bookmark Creek Walks** - address issue of unrestricted vehicular access, which currently impacts upon the path quality;
- **Jane Eliza** - Investigate link to Riverfront walk, bank stabilisation and toilet facility enhancements;
- **Plush's Bend** – improve signage and develop a masterplan for the area;
- **Paringa Paddock** - work with relevant Community Groups and/or landowners regarding whether there are any opportunities to enhance existing trail network and improve walking/cycling connectivity with other walking trails and recreation areas and consider additional interpretation boards as part of the Paringa Paddock Nature Walk;
- **Jane Eliza/Levee Walk** - explore opportunities to formalise walking routes and upgrading surfaces;
- **Link to schools from town** - improve links through extending shared use path;
- **Renmark-Lyrup Trail** - investigate potential walking/cycling routes between the two towns;
- **The Murray River Trail** (driving trail) - investigate opportunities to create points of interest adjacent to the Sturt Highway to encourage tourists to explore;
- **Chowilla Game Reserve** - work with relevant Community Groups and/or landowners regarding whether there are any opportunities to enhance/improve links to Chowilla Game Reserve and encourage visitors to the Reserve to explore the Renmark Paringa area i.e. by supporting the Great River Murray Walks;
- **South West Gateway/ Entry Statement** - explore opportunities to enhance the setting of this gateway and reinforce the sense of arrival;

- **Dryland Park** - reinforce existing planting to enhance arrival experience and further filter views through to the industrial site; and
- **The McCormick Centre** - enhance/reinforce existing links to the McCormick Centre along approx.3km section of Ral Ral Avenue, incorporating a dedicated cycle path or shared use surfacing and investigate the promotion of trails and consider additional interpretation boards.

Paringa

Open space provision within Paringa tends to be focused around the Paringa Road/Sturt Highway corridor and the Old Railway corridor, serving to connect eastern and western areas of the township. Important gateways to the town are located along Paringa Road; in the west at Paringa Bridge and informally defined in the east by the large boulder in the vicinity of the pull over.

An important space within the township is located in the vicinity of the town centre and Murtho Road Park, where Murtho Road meets Paringa Road (locally known as 'The Median Strip'). Paringa Oval to the south of Paringa Road provides a significant local and regional recreation focal point, with the potential for enhancements to the adjacent 'Old Saleyards' site.

There are a small number of local parks within existing residential areas of the township. The largest local park, Bert Dix Park, is located adjacent to the Murray River, to the south of Paringa Bridge.

Key actions identified for Paringa include:

- **Paringa Bridge** - continue discussions with DPTI about improving the footpath on the bridge;
- **Bert Dix Park** - consider options to encourage increased recreational use of the riverfront and improve toilet facilities;
- **'The Median Strip'** - consider upgrading/decommissioning of certain elements;
- **Old Railway Corridor** - investigate options to create a network of formalised walking trails along the corridor with interpretive signage detailing the area's heritage and natural environment. Explore options for a new shared use path with the existing Remark to Paringa Interpretive Walk and Bike Trail;
- **Town centre/public domain** - enhancements to be considered; and
- **Murtho Road** - consider options for providing a shared use path, subject to establishing need and viability

Lyrup

There is a strong sense of arrival into the township of Lyrup from the north, descending down into the valley towards the ferry crossing. The S.S. Ellen Park forms a green buffer between the township and the south bank of the Murray River. Formal recreation provision is accessed from Downer Avenue, comprising Lyrup Club to the north and Lyrup Sports Complex to the south. A shared path/cycle route runs along a section of Downer Avenue.

Lyrup Flats National Park lies to the immediate north of the village, to the north and south of the river with a comprehensive network of informal trails providing access into the park and to the Murray River.

Key actions identified for Lyrup include:

- **S.S. Ellen Park** - investigate the opportunity to upgrade toilets;
- **'Lyrup Village'** - Investigate opportunities to improve vegetation;
- **Lyrup Primary School** - investigate the implications of the school closure and consider the impact of any potential loss of open space and play provision to the local community;
- **Lyrup Flats** - liaise with DEWNR regarding opportunity to establish information trails through additional provision of interpretive/directional signage; and
- **Parking area** – improve signage

Implementation

Progress of the Open Space Strategy will be continually monitored and reported annually to Council and the community. The Strategy and stated actions will be periodically reassessed and updated to respond to the changing circumstances and requirements of the area. Actions may be amended, removed or re-prioritised to address the key issues identified at any given time.

An ongoing commitment of funds and resources will be required to achieve the objectives of the Strategy. A range of funding options will be considered, together with the sourcing of potential grant schemes. Opportunities to form partnerships with other potential stakeholders will be sought where this would deliver successful outcomes and assist in the completion of the Action Plan. All activities outlined in the Strategy are dependent on the availability of funding and costings. Agreed actions will be aligned to and reflected in Council's strategic plans, including business, financial and asset management plans.

Remark Paringa Council will work with clubs and community groups to pursue any appropriate grant and/or funding avenues that become available.

At various stages during the implementation process of the Strategy there will be opportunities for members of the local community to get involved and inform the development of the various projects identified in this Strategy. The community engagement process will be ongoing to ensure that the evolving needs and aspirations of the community are identified and reflected in the targeted actions of the Strategy.

1. Project Overview

The Renmark Paringa Council required the preparation of an Open Space Strategy to provide strategic direction for Council to plan, develop and maintain open space and the public domain across the district. Council required a comprehensive strategy for council-administered open space and a strategy for the planning, development and activation of the public domain.

The Strategy gives Council a clear understanding of existing open space and public domain assets, and establishes priorities for current and future user needs across the District. This includes parks and reserves, walking and cycling trails, play spaces, skate parks, BMX facilities, sporting hubs as well as public plazas and squares, significant community gathering/celebration places, main street focus areas and entrance statements.

The Strategy prioritises:

- active and passive recreation opportunities (i.e. parks, walking and cycling trails, playgrounds, skate park facilities etc.)
- areas of open space conservation, biodiversity and aesthetic value
- stormwater detention and retention management
- strategic linkages
- exploration of economic opportunities through the enhancement of open space
- major public domain spaces within each township.

The Strategy will be integrated into Councils' long-term asset and financial management plans, providing a blueprint for the equitable and effective acquisition, development and use of open space and recreation infrastructure and the public domain, now and into the future. The Strategy links with the State Government's Strategic Plan and Murray Mallee Region Plan priorities.

2. Background

Within Council's Community Plan 2012-2016 the development of an Open Space Strategy has been identified as a high priority for the Renmark Paringa Council. The area is fortunate in terms of its proximity to the Murray River and abundance of attractive parks, reserves and open spaces.

The area has also been hit hard by the recent sustained drought and this has impacted on the quality of open space and identified a need to develop innovative and sustainable open space provision and management practices. Council has also identified the need to activate its public domain and has set aside funding to conduct a master plan for the riverside precinct within Renmark, to enhance this space as a focus for residents and visitors alike, this will need to be integrated into the Strategy.

In 2004 Council, with the support of Planning SA, prepared an urban design framework. While this has served the Council well it focused on the Renmark town centre. The purpose of the Open Space Strategy is to encapsulate the entire Council area. The framework identified that:

"the open space is not well linked or integrated with surrounding land uses. As a result, much of the open space is underutilised."

3. Process

Phase One of the Strategy began with a desktop review of existing literature, including the strategic policy context and Council's open space inventory records for the District.

Phase Two involved the site assessment, reviewing and categorising existing open space parcels, analysing the quality and suitability of existing facilities, establishing township character, landscape character and visual amenity, and identifying opportunities and constraints. This phase also involved the first stage of stakeholder consultation and analysis, with an online survey form created to enable community input to inform the open space analysis, providing valuable information on usage, provision and functionality. This evidence base was then used to inform a series of opportunities and constraints plans which have been subsequently developed as part of an on-going iterative process, with continuing input from Elected Members and the local community.

Phase Three involved a further set of plans mapping existing and future open space elements, identifying areas of conservation value and natural areas of significance.

Phase Four involved a final stage of consultation with members of the public, with the Strategy placed on display for comment. Additional comments were taken on board with

agreed amendments made and the Renmark Paringa Open Space Strategy finalised.

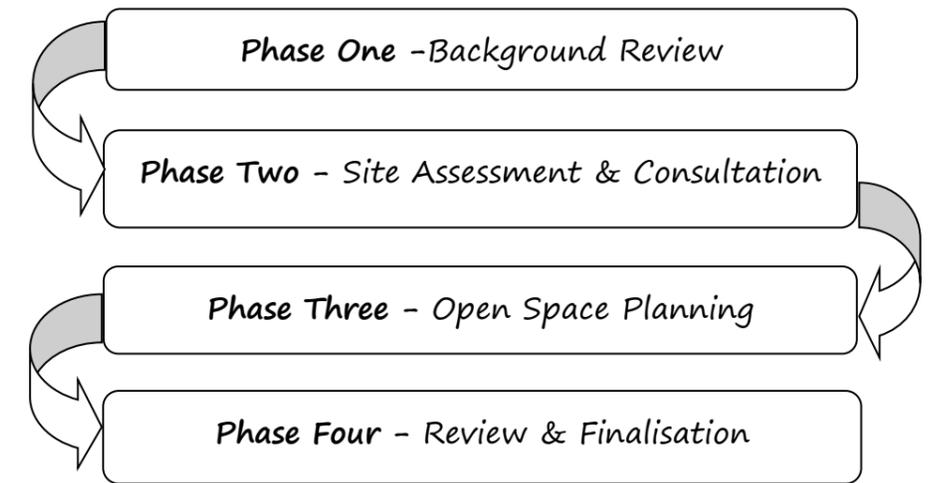


Figure 1 Strategy Process

4. Strategy Objectives

The project aim is to prepare an Open Space Strategy that identifies Council's open space and determines the future provision including a desired open space network that will meet the needs of the community and environment over the next 20 years. The project objectives are:

- Develop a comprehensive open space network that delivers environmental, social, health and well-being, and economic benefits to the community;
- Provide a clear strategic direction for open space and public domain development within the region for the next twenty years including specific actions over the next 5 years;
- Provide policies and strategies for effective and equitable use of open space;
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- Protect the natural landscape and environment;
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5. Study Area

The Renmark Paringa Council was established on July 1, 1996 when the former District Council of Paringa and the Town of Renmark amalgamated. The Council area is centred around the River Murray in South Australia with its base located in Renmark. The towns of Paringa and Lyrup are also within the Council area which comprises of 921 square kilometres and the district has a population of 9,245 (2011 Census). Renmark is situated on the Sturt Highway and is approximately 250 kilometres north east of Adelaide.

The Council area consists of a dry land farming strip along the eastern boundary adjoining the Victoria/South Australia border. Irrigation has led to extensive horticultural activities throughout the remainder of the area. While wine grape production is significant there are major citrus and nut plantations in existence together with vegetable and stone fruit production. Major horticultural and viticultural packers and processors market local produce to both the international and domestic market and provide significant employment opportunities to the local community.

Tourism is also an important part of the local economy and this is centred mainly on water based activities on the River Murray, namely houseboats, water skiing and fishing. Local heritage is also important and the Paddle Steamer Industry is located in Renmark and operates regular cruises for the public.

The study area incorporates the Renmark Paringa Council, which includes the towns of Renmark, Paringa and Lyrup.

6. Demographic Analysis

To broadly inform the likely need and demand for the use of open space and recreation resources throughout the area it is necessary to analyse the demographic profile of the likely resource catchment areas. The key findings from this demographic data and analysis are outlined below.

The key population characteristics of the catchment population are derived from the latest Census conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in 2011.

In 2011 the population of the Renmark Paringa Local Government Area was 9,245 people. Of these, 49.8% were male and 50.2% were female. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people made up 1.8% of the population.

The Government of South Australia's Department of Planning and Local Government has projected population figures until 2026. Population projection for the area is estimated to grow to around 10,214 people by 2026. This represents an additional 969 people, which equates to a 9.5% increase in the population over a 15 year period. The population is expected to grow reasonably steadily over this period of time.

The median age of people in Renmark Paringa (DC) was 40 years. 19.1% of the population were children (0-14 years), 31.5% of the population were aged under 25 and people aged over 65 accounted for 16.4% of the population.

When compared to figures for South Australia, the median age was 39 years, 17.9% were children under the age of 15 years, 31.0% were aged under 25 years and people aged over 65 accounted for 16.2% of the population. These figures would suggest that the population of Renmark Paringa (DC) broadly matches the profile for South Australia as a whole.

The 2011 Census also recorded the method of travel to work (employed people), for the day the Census was conducted. This revealed that 75.5% travelled by car as either the driver or passengers and only 0.5% travelled by public transport. 4.6% walked to their place of employment.

This compares with figures for the whole of South Australia, where 69.3% travelled by car (driver or passenger), 6.9% travelled by public transport and 3.2% walked.

7. Strategic Planning and Policy Framework

There are various planning documents, policies and legislative requirements that guide Council in providing sport and

recreation opportunities for its community. The relevant sections for sport and recreation planning at a Local Government level are summarised below.

7.1 Legislation

The Local Government Act 1999 identifies the principal role and functions of a Council:

Section 6 - Principle Role of a Council

To encourage and develop initiatives within its community for improving the quality of life of the community.

Section 7 - Functions of a Council

The functions of a council include:

- (a) *to plan at the local and regional level for the development and future requirements of its area;*
- (b) *to provide services and facilities that benefit its area, its ratepayers and residents, and visitors to its area (including general public services or facilities (including electricity, gas and water services, and waste collection, control or disposal services or facilities), health, welfare or community services or facilities, and cultural or recreational services or facilities);*

- South Australia Strategic Plan 2011
- Strategic Infrastructure Plan for South Australia 2005/6 – 2014/15 & Discussion Paper
- The draft Integrated Transport and Land Use Plan (SA Government) October 2013
- The Murray and Mallee Region Plan, A volume of the South Australian Planning Strategy January 2011
- Murray Darling Basin NRM 2009-2019
- Renmark Paringa Council Annual Business Plan 2013 - 2014
- Renmark Paringa Development Plan Consolidated February 2013
- Renmark Paringa Council Community Plan 2012-2016
- The Riverland Regional Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy April 2004

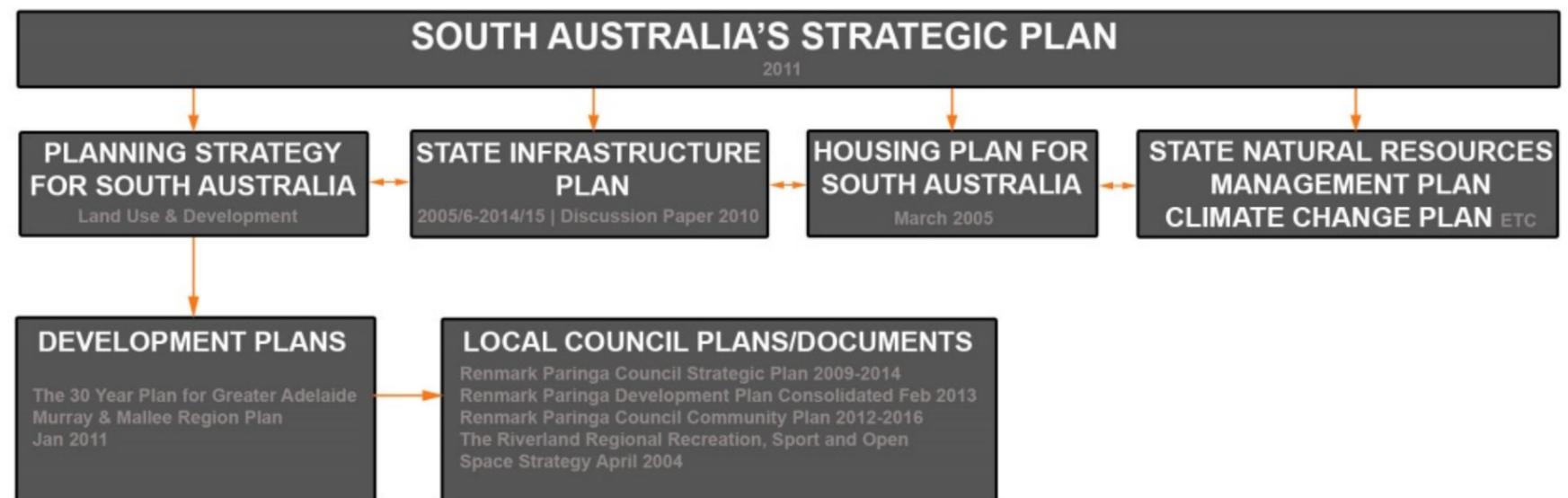


Figure 2 Policy Structure/Hierarchy

7.2 Planning Documents

The key planning documents that have relevance to the Renmark Paringa Open Space Strategy are:



Figure 3 Key Policy Documents

7.3 Policy Overview

A review of each of the above policy documents has identified several broad themes that have direct relevance to the Renmark Paringa Open Space Strategy. A table included within Appendix 3 relates these six broad policy themes to specific strategies/policies contained within the key planning documents identified. The primary thrust of policy seeks to:

1. Create vibrant, liveable, safe places

Policy promotes the creation of high quality public open space, urban design and architecture through excellent design. Encouraging and delivering appropriate facilities for an active and engaged community, the protection, conservation and promotion of heritage assets and developing public art policies are also high priorities. Sound environmental principles are advocated to promote a safe environment that facilitates community surveillance.

2. Encourage healthy and active lifestyles

Active and healthy lifestyles are encouraged through the promotion of high quality open space, recreation facilities and walking/cycling trail networks, catering for people of all ages and abilities. It is recognised that physical activity contributes to the quality and duration of life, has the capacity to improve mood and stress levels, and plays a key role in the prevention and treatment of a range of chronic disease conditions.

3. Improve accessibility, connectivity and legibility

Strategic policy promotes the provision of key economic and social infrastructure, primarily as a response to population growth, whilst protecting the natural, built and heritage environment. This includes the improvement of public transport and the movement of people, at local and more strategic levels, through fully integrated pedestrian and cycling networks. Creating distinctive and attractive entrances/ gateways to towns reinforces a unique sense of place and improves overall legibility of the urban environment, combined with links connecting town centres, key facilities and tourist attractions.

4. Protect, restore and enhance the natural environment

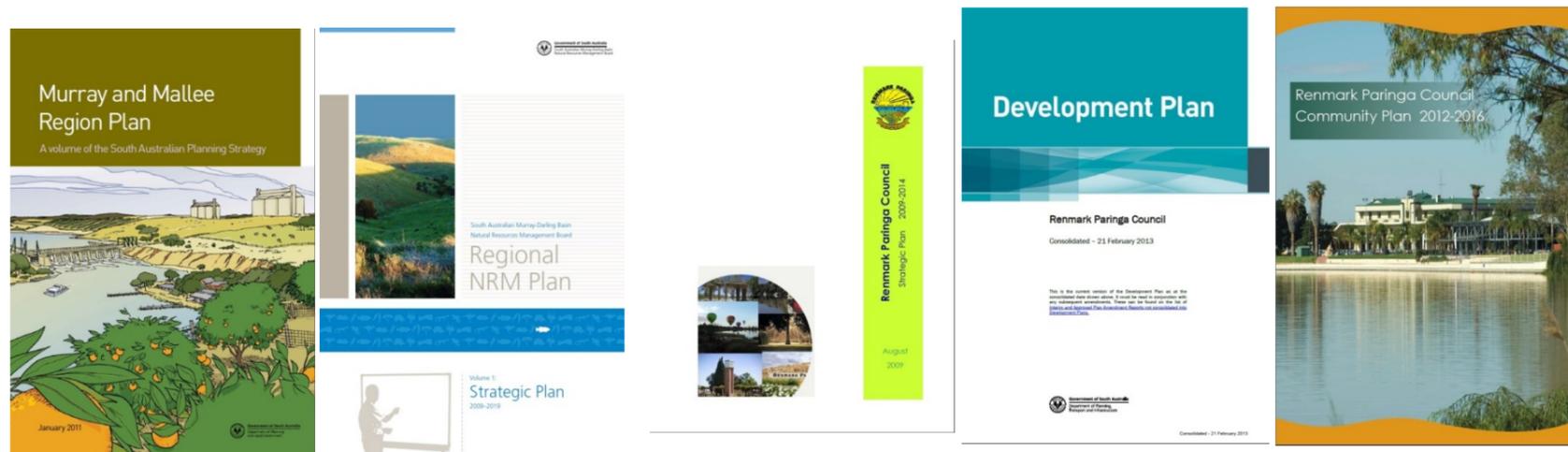
Policy focuses on the retention, protection and restoration of the natural environment and resources, advocating ecologically sustainable practices and habitat management/revegetation programmes. Water management and the protection of water ecosystems are fundamentally important, as are policies addressing the impacts of climate change. There is a drive to promote community appreciation and understanding of native ecosystems and species, nature conservation and the natural environment more broadly. Other policies seek to preserve the landscape and amenity value of the natural environment by controlling new development, particularly in high value areas that attract tourists.

5. Protect, restore and enhance cultural/heritage assets

Policies seek to protect and conserve places of heritage and cultural value, whilst maximising economic and social benefits and identifying commercial opportunities. Towns that are strongly valued for their unique design and character buildings should be preserved and enhanced, with new buildings and the public domain designed to complement and reinforce the desired character.

6. Promote tourism

A vibrant and growing tourism industry is advocated through the protection, enhancement and promotion of assets that attract tourists such as open space, walking/cycling trails, scenic tourist drives, heritage and cultural attractions. Tourism development is to be encouraged where it will assist in the conservation, interpretation and public appreciation of natural and cultural features, whilst sustaining/ enhancing local character, visual amenity and appeal of an area.



7.4 The Riverland Regional Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy April 2004

Of particular relevance to this Strategy is the Riverland Regional Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy, published in April 2004. Although this report was produced some time ago it remains one of the key documents detailing recreation, sport and open space issues within the Riverland region. The Strategy identifies four key themes:

Theme 1: Facility Planning and Provision - Aims to guide the future provision and development of sport and recreation facilities to achieve an appropriate spread of facilities across the region and to guide the allocation of resources.

Theme 2: Unique Recreation Environments and Experiences - Highlights the need to enhance key open space areas, trails and other facilities to strengthen the unique recreation environments and experiences in the region.

Theme 3: Across Region Programmes and Initiatives - Considers coordinated opportunities for across region programs and initiatives that support the social needs of a community and specific population groups, participation in recreation and sport, and sports development and management.

Theme 4: Integrated Approach to Implementation - Encourages local councils and other organisations to work together to collectively achieve the strategies and actions in the Riverland Regional Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy

For each theme a number of strategies were developed. At a local level, the key relevant strategies are related to Theme 2:

2.1 Enhance key open space to provide unique and appealing settings for informal recreation.

2.2 Establish and upgrade trail linkages; and

2.3 Contribute to protecting and improving the quality of the natural resources.

For each strategy there are a number of specific actions identified, each assigned a priority rating. Actions relevant to the Renmark Paringa area include:

Action 2.1.1 Enhance key open space areas in each Council area using the inventory of key open space as a basis (High Priority).

Action 2.2.1 Contribute to enhancing trails along the Murray Valley Trail and assist in the promotion of trails and maps (High Priority).

Action 2.2.2 Plan for and establish tracks in and near town centres giving consideration to an extension of the track in Renmark to link to the creek systems (Medium Priority).

Action 2.2.3 Investigate the development of a trail link from Paringa to Berri along the disused rail line (Lower Priority).

Action 2.3.1 Adopt use and management practices for natural areas that are consistent with key strategic planning and directions (High Priority).

Action 2.3.3 Consider partnerships with natural resource management organisations and community groups for the enhancement of key natural areas (Medium Priority).

Volume 2 of the Strategy details the key findings relating to the existing provision of formal and informal sports and recreation facilities, open space and trails, river and water frontages. A number of the findings and proposed actions have relevance to the Renmark Paringa area and these include:

- The need for playgrounds that have a greater diversity of equipment and are linked to appealing settings
- The natural reserves incorporated in the Bookmark Biosphere Reserve (including Lyrup Flats) are identified as being particularly valuable to the community and visitors
- A desire for improved access to the River Murray for water based activities, particularly improved/increased boat mooring facilities
- Risk of losing all natural open space in towns due to development for recreation (grassed areas, playgrounds, pathways, buildings and car parking)
- River Frontages in towns provide an appealing setting for recreation and add to the aesthetics and visitor appeal of towns (with a high social, environmental and economic value)
- The main developed riverfront areas include Renmark riverfront and wharf area and the Lyrup grassed picnic and play area. These areas are considered attractive, well designed and maintained with appropriate provision of facilities
- Murray Valley Trail – upgraded section of trail around Ral Ral and Bookmark Creek, including interpretive signage relating to environment and heritage

- The Renmark to Paringa Interpretive Walk and Bike Track is considered to be the best example of a town walking/cycling track. There is potential to extend this track through Ral Ral Creek and Bookmark Creek
- Upgrade recreation and camping facilities linked to the National Parks and other natural areas linked to the River Murray including Lyrup Flats
- The development and promotion of trails should be a priority in the Riverland as the trails provide an opportunity for physical activity and connect communities to different facilities and environments.
- Potential to establish a trail between Paringa and Berri and link to the Renmark to Paringa trail, along a disused rail line
- Ongoing maintenance of existing tracks that are highly valued such as the Renmark to Paringa walk and bike trail should be a priority

7.5 Renmark Town Centre Revitalisation Project

Renmark Paringa Council has recently invited comment and submissions from members of the public with regards to the Renmark Town Centre Revitalisation project. The project identifies six Design Priorities:

1. Improved connectivity with the river
2. Enhanced community facilities incorporating sustainability principles
3. Celebrating arts, tourism and culture
4. Encourage river theme events
5. Encourage new retail and tourism
6. Incorporating healthy spaces and places

This project is currently on-going and will be progressed in line with feedback received through the community consultation process and informed by the findings of this Strategy.

8. What is Open Space?

For the purposes of this Strategy, Open Space is defined as:

Parks and reserves (and facilities within these spaces), riverside spaces, trails and other corridors that are freely accessible and have value for a variety of purposes including recreation, sport, tourism, environmental and visual amenity.

9. Benefits of Open Space

Open Space and informal recreation provide a wide range of benefits to individuals and communities that have been identified through numerous university and government research reports and studies. These factors can be important contributors to 'quality of life' with **individuals** benefiting from:

- Improved physical and mental health
- Positive self-esteem and confidence
- Increased social interaction and support
- Sense of achievement
- Skill development
- Challenge and competition
- Achievement and leadership

At a broader level the community benefits socially, economically and environmentally.

Socially through

- Improved personal and societal health and wellbeing
- Increased community pride
- Social inclusiveness
- Safer communities through reduced anti-social and criminal behavior

Economically through

- Employment in the industry and associated industries
- Economic benefits of open space and recreation tourism such as special events
- Reduction in health care-costs

Environmentally through

- Increased understanding of the environment particularly through trail based activities
- Protection of environmentally significant flora and fauna within recreation areas (open spaces, coast, rivers, open spaces, natural reserves etc.)

10. Consultation Process

Extensive community consultation was undertaken during the development of the Strategy to engage with key stakeholders and capture important community values attributed to existing open space areas. The process of developing the Strategy was also informed by continuous liaison with Council staff and input from consultants with specialist expertise.

10.1 Elected Members Workshop, 14th February 2013

A workshop was undertaken on the 14th February with Renmark Paringa Elected Council Members.

A number of key issues and opportunities were identified during this process. The broad themes that were raised included:

- Establish an open space hierarchy;
- Improve connectivity across and between all three townships;
- Rationalise a design approach to forming township 'gateways'; and
- Focused enhancement of existing facilities.

A full summary of the workshop is included at **Appendix 1**.

10.2 Riverlife Health Expo, Renmark Riverfront, 16th March 2013

Representatives from Tredwell Management attended the Riverlife Health Expo on Saturday 16th March. The event was staged to raise general awareness of health issues in the Riverland in a fun and engaging way and presented an excellent opportunity to gain valuable feedback from the local community with regards to the current provision of open space and suggestions for potential improvements.

A series of plans were exhibited at the event, identifying open space related opportunities and constraints for each of the townships, based on desktop/site survey information and the workshop attended by Elected Members. Members of the local community were invited to provide comment and feedback on the information presented at the event, with a view to the consideration and incorporation of their opinions into the final Strategy. The event was well attended and comments relating to the Strategy were received from local residents of Renmark,

Paringa and Lyrup, members of the local business community and representatives of local sporting associations/groups.

The key findings from the event were:

- Improve linkages and circulation across and between townships;
- Extend the network of shared path/cycle routes to connect key nodes/destinations;
- Upgrade established 'informal' walking routes that are currently well used by locals; and
- Draw attention to the history of the local area through information/interpretive boards.

A summary of all comments received is included at Appendix 2.



Photo 1 Tredwell Management consultation booth at the Health Expo

11. Existing Open Spaces

11.1 Hierarchy of Open Space

A series of plans were produced to identify and illustrate the opportunities and constraints associated with the existing provision of open space for the townships of Renmark, Paringa and Lyrup and the outlying rural areas. This information has been used to establish a hierarchy of open space to facilitate the identification, analysis and clear understanding of the different types of open space across the District and inform the future provision of a well-structured open space network.

The Strategy identifies the following classifications of existing open space:

- **Local Park**
Small parkland that facilitates primarily passive/informal recreational activities, plus some local-level formal sports facilities, generally providing for the needs of the local population.
- **Recreation Park**
Provides formal recreation facilities for sports such as football, cricket, tennis, soccer and hockey, serving as a recreational and social hub for the local and wider community.
- **Environmental Park**
Larger areas of natural greenspace associated with bushland, wetlands and the Murray River and Bookmark Creek corridors, supporting formal sporting and passive recreational uses at a regional level. These areas also function as tourist destinations, potentially attracting interstate and overseas visitors.
- **Zones of Interest**
Other important areas of open space are identified as 'zones of interest'. These areas include a diverse range of open space including strategic links/linear parks, space adjacent to important approach roads, open space associated with schools and caravan parks/camping grounds.
- **Gateways**
Gateways identify entrance spaces, features or visual markers announcing the arrival at a place (by various means of transport), and form an important component of developing a legible urban environment.

The plans also identify strategic links/connections (via formal/informal trails & shared use/cycle paths) and important nodes/gathering points.

A second series of plans establishes the current condition of each of the existing open spaces in terms of quality, function; suitability/appropriateness and contribution to landscape/township character and visual amenity (refer Figures 5, 6, 7, 13 and 16). Figures 8 and 14 illustrate 'dry areas' in Renmark and Paringa; these are areas where the consumption or possession of liquor (usually in open containers) is prohibited.

In addition, a Strategic Open Space Diagram (refer Figure 9) was developed for Renmark to identify key gateways, important circulation routes and activity precincts or 'hubs' (broadly established on the basis of predominant use and key activities supported). A 'hub' can be defined as *'the effective centre of an activity, region or network'*. The following components are identified on the Strategic Open Space Diagram:

- Recreation Hub
- Education Hub
- Civic Hub
- Active Hub
- Watersports Hub
- Riverfront Hub (Events & Leisure)
- Environmental Zones/Corridors

11.2 Existing Open Space Provision Plans

These plans are presented over the following pages, together with a summary description of open space provision across the townships:

- Figure 4 Strategic Context Key Plan
- Figure 5 Renmark South West Gateway - Open Space Quality Assessment
- Figure 6 Renmark North West Gateway - Open Space Quality Assessment
- Figure 7 Renmark - Open Space Quality Assessment
- Figure 8 Renmark 'Dry Areas'
- Figure 9 Renmark Strategic Open Space Diagram
- Figure 10 Renmark South West Gateway - Open Space Opportunities and Constraints
- Figure 11 Renmark North West Gateway - Open Space Opportunities and Constraints
- Figure 12 Renmark - Open Space Opportunities and Constraints
- Figure 13 Paringa - Open Space Quality Assessment
- Figure 14 Paringa 'Dry Area'
- Figure 15 Paringa - Open Space Opportunities and Constraints
- Figure 16 Lyrup - Open Space Quality Assessment
- Figure 17 Lyrup - Open Space Opportunities and Constraints

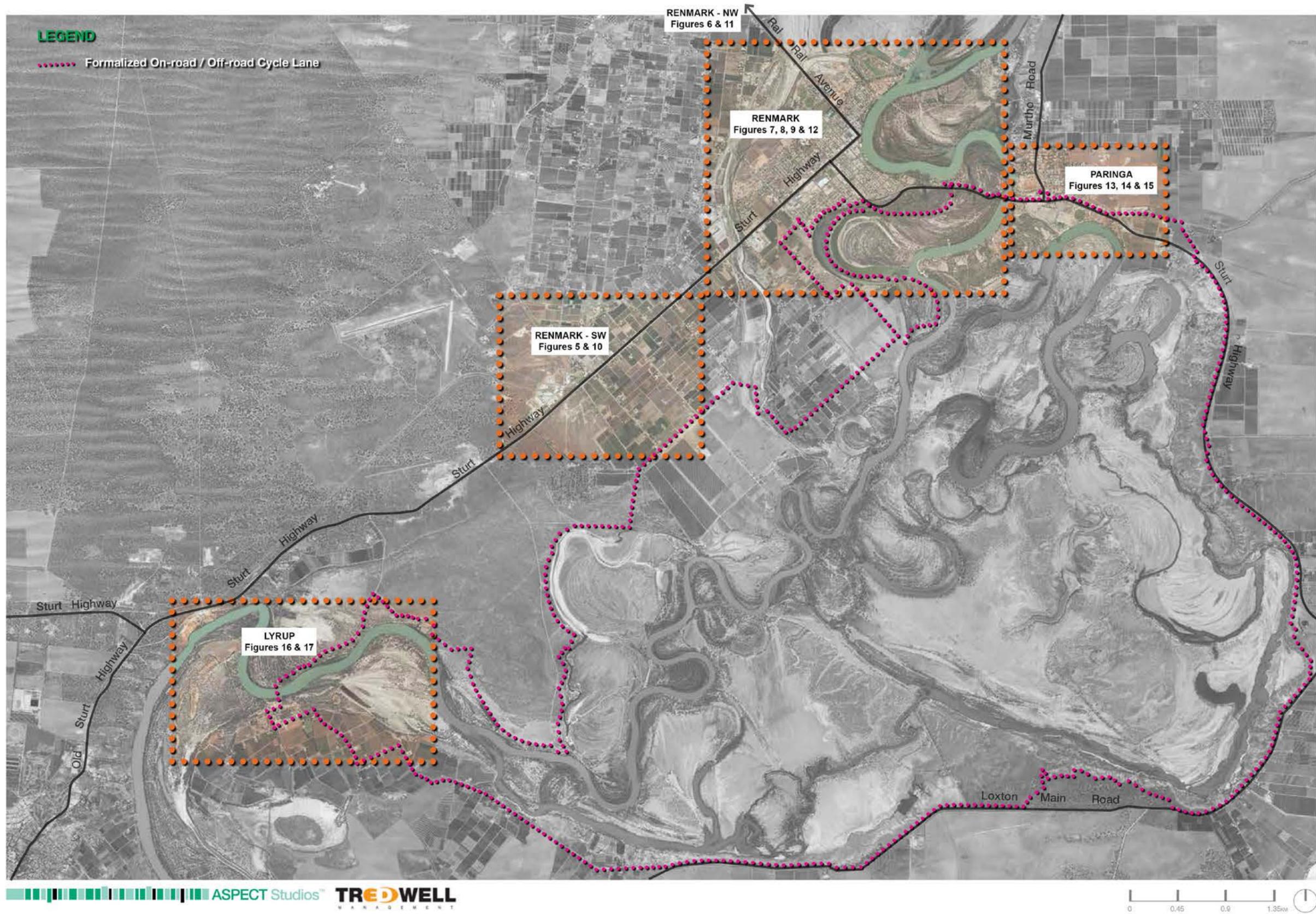


Figure 4 Strategic Context Key Plan

11.3 Renmark - Existing Open Space Provision & Quality Assessment

In Renmark, existing open space is well distributed across the township, with gateways located at key approaches to the town; from the west along Renmark Avenue at the Bookmark Creek bridge and from the east along Paringa Road/Eighteenth Street. These approaches towards and within the township are generally well landscaped and establish a green setting to the built environment.

The riverbank area/tourist information centre and Council Chambers on Eighteenth Street form important nodes within the township. The junction at Renmark Avenue and Eighteenth Street forms a highly visible and important public open space area.

More expansive areas of parkland exist adjacent to the Murray River and Bookmark Creek corridors and function as important areas for both formal and informal recreation. Walking trails and shared paths provide good connectivity across the township, particularly adjacent to the waterways, Renmark Avenue and Paringa Road.

Formal recreation facilities tend to be clustered to the north of the town, in the vicinity of Ral Ral Avenue, with additional local parks scattered throughout residential areas.

Important links leading from the township include the Renmark to Paringa Interpretive Walk and Bike Trail, and the informal walking trail to Lyrup via Plush's Bend.

Figures 5-7 illustrate open space quality assessments for Renmark. Figure 8 illustrates the two 'dry areas' in Renmark; areas where the consumption or possession of liquor (usually in open containers) is prohibited. Figures 9-11 illustrate open space provision and analysis in Renmark.



Photo 2 The Riverbank, Renmark

- EXISTING RESOURCE**
1. Renmark Country Club
 2. South West Gateway
 3. Dryland Park
 4. T.M. Price Park
 5. Sturt Highway
- EXISTING QUALITY RATING**
- 1 HIGH
 - 1 MEDIUM
 - 1 LOW

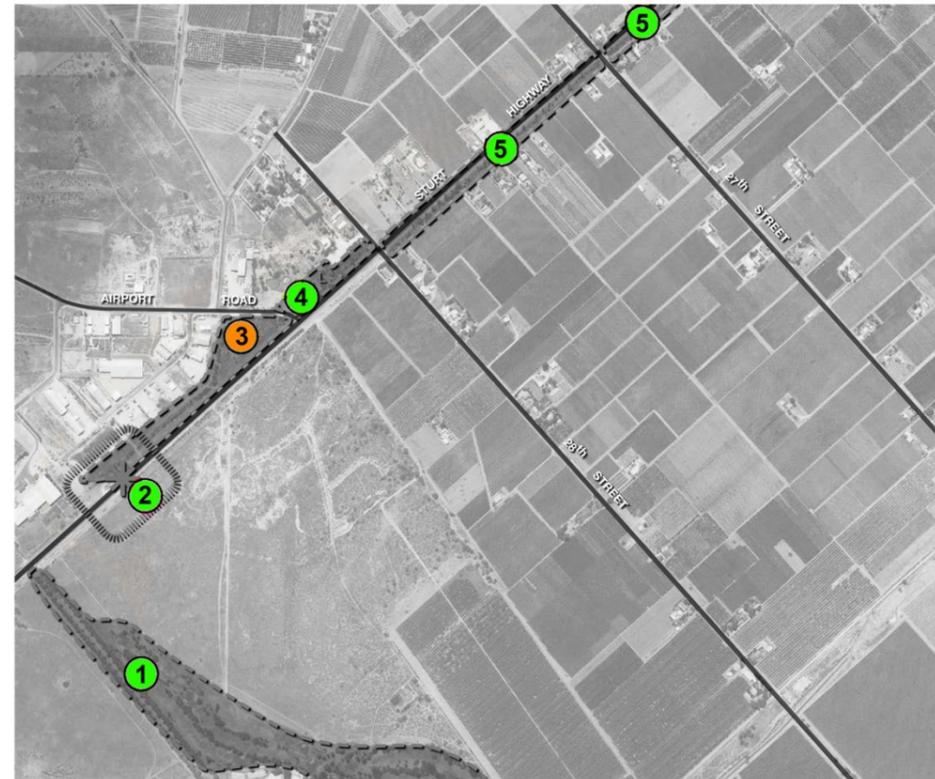


Figure 5 Renmark South West Gateway – Open Space Quality Assessment

- EXISTING RESOURCE**
1. The McCormick Centre
 2. Ral Ral Avenue
- EXISTING QUALITY RATING**
- 1 HIGH
 - 1 MEDIUM
 - 1 LOW



Figure 6 Renmark North West Gateway – Open Space Quality Assessment

EXISTING RESOURCE

1. The Causeway
2. Riverbank
3. Tourist Information Centre
4. Arthur Shepherd Lions Park
5. Renmark Aquatic Club
6. Big 4 Riverfront Holiday Park
7. Town Centre pedestrian link
8. RSL/Bowling Club
9. Council Chambers
10. Skate & Recreation Park
11. Renmark Avenue
12. Dix Street Park
13. Bookmark Creek
- 13A. Angoves Lot
14. Sims Parade Linear Park
15. Madigan Reserve
16. Coolabah Crescent Park
17. Education Precinct
18. Wetland Walk / Bookmark Creek
19. Pony Club
20. Number 1 Oval (Football/Cricket)
- 20A. Number 2 Oval (Hockey)
- 20B. Number 3 Oval (Soccer)
- 20C. Tintra Tennis Club
- 20D. Netball/Basketball & Recreation Centre
- 20E. Swimming Complex
21. Ral Ral Avenue
22. Jane Eliza (swimming/skiing)
23. Plush's Bend
24. Paringa Paddock
25. 21st and 22nd Street Link
26. Jane Eliza Avenue/Levee Walk
27. Renmark West Primary School Link

EXISTING QUALITY RATING

- 1 HIGH
- 1 MEDIUM
- 1 LOW

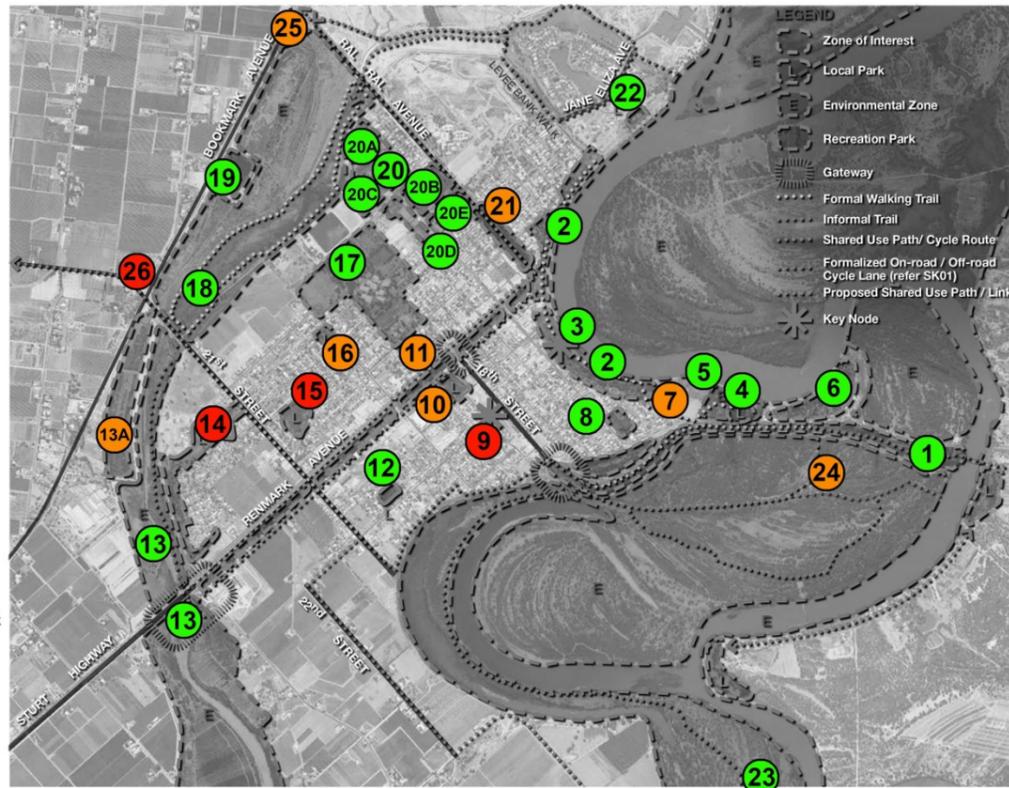


Figure 7 Renmark – Open Space Quality Assessment

EXISTING RESOURCE

1. The Causeway
2. Riverbank
3. Tourist Information Centre
4. Arthur Shepherd Lions Park
5. Renmark Aquatic Club
6. Big 4 Riverfront Holiday Park
7. Town Centre pedestrian link
8. RSL/Bowling Club
9. Council Chambers
10. Darnley Taylor Park
11. Renmark Avenue
12. Dix Street Park
13. Bookmark Creek
- 13A. Angoves Woodlot
14. Sims Parade Linear Park
15. Madigan Reserve
16. Coolabah Crescent Park
17. Education Precinct
18. Wetland Walk / Bookmark Creek
19. Pony Club
20. Number 1 Oval (Football/Cricket)
- 20A. Number 2 Oval (Hockey)
- 20B. Number 3 Oval (Soccer)
- 20C. Tintra Tennis Club
- 20D. Netball/Basketball & Recreation Centre
- 20E. Swimming Complex
21. Ral Ral Avenue
22. Jane Eliza (swimming/skiing)
23. Plush's Bend
24. Paringa Paddock
25. Jane Eliza Avenue/Levee Walk
26. Link to schools from town

- DRY AREAS**
- A. CBD/RIVERFRONT
 - B. DARNLEY TAYLOR PARK

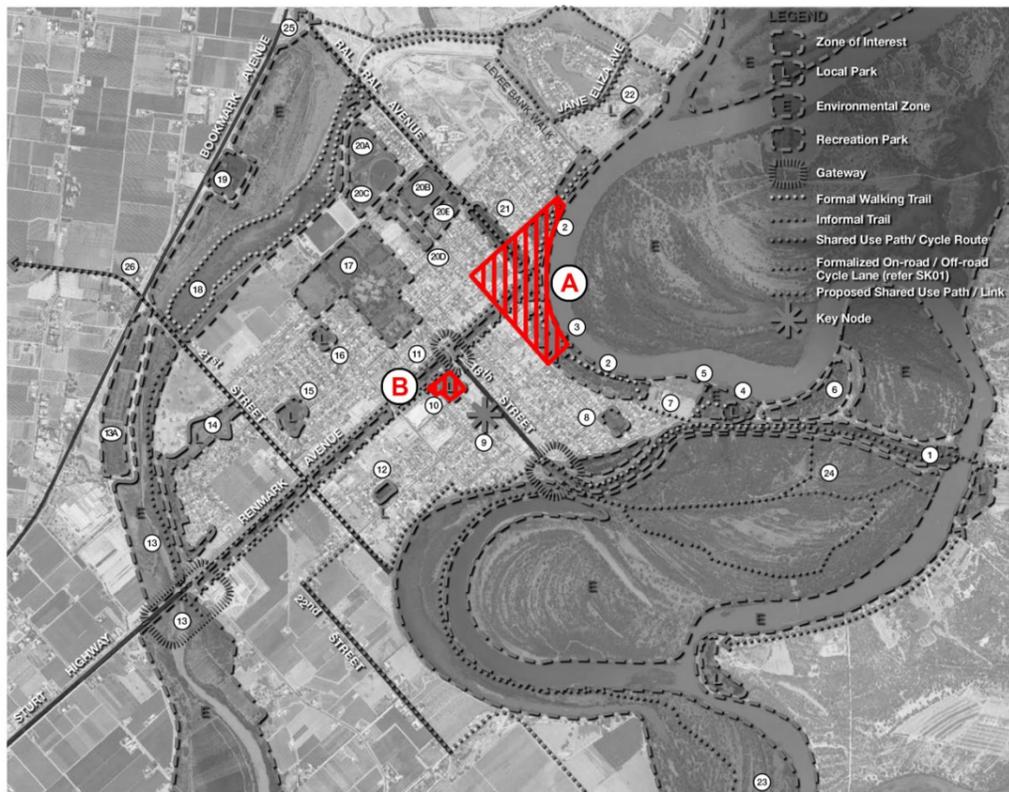


Figure 8 Renmark – 'Dry Areas'

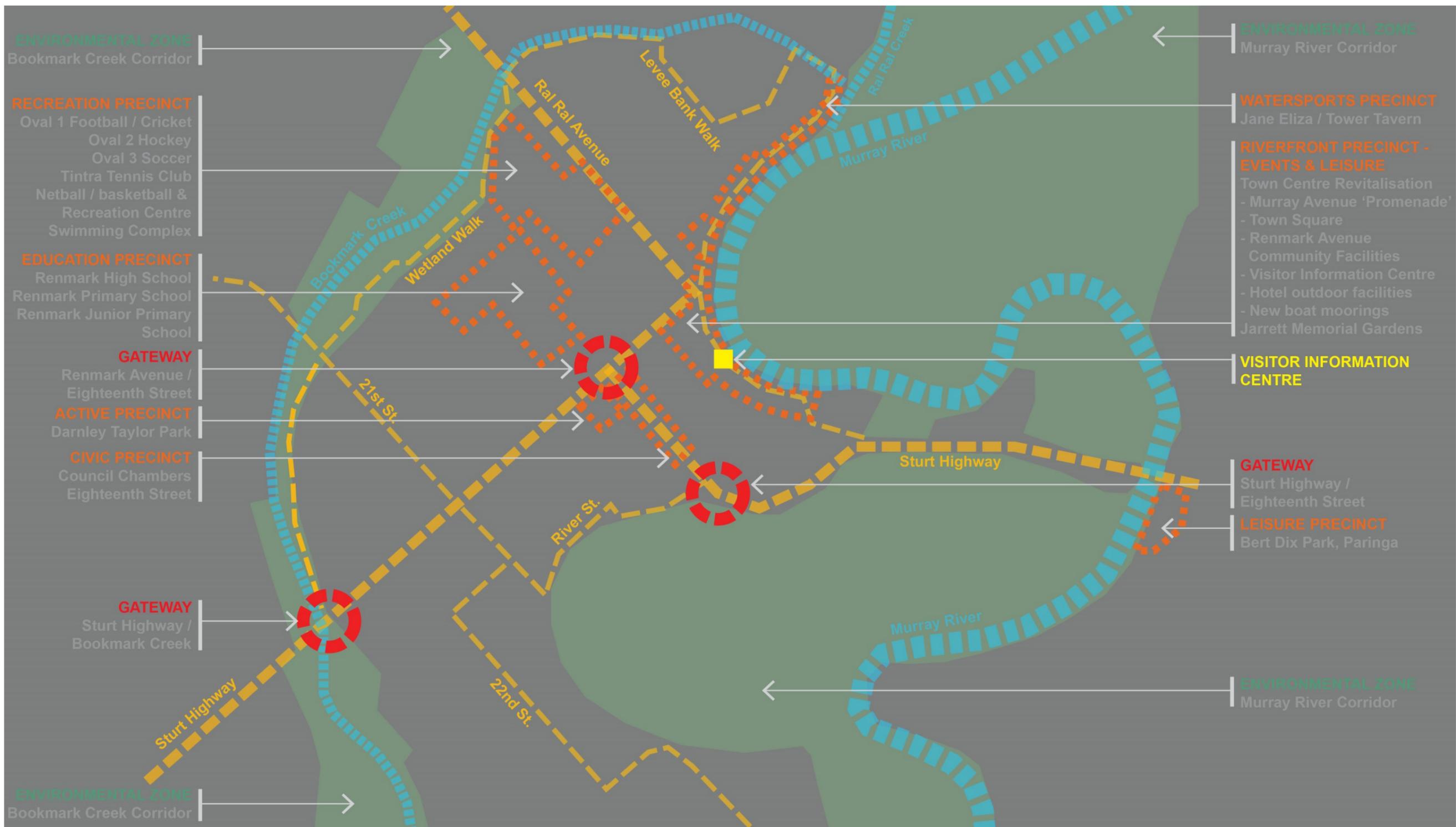


Figure 9 Renmark Strategic Open Space Diagram

EXISTING RESOURCE

- 1. Renmark Country Club
- 2. South West Gateway
- 3. Dryland Park
- 4. T.M. Price Park
- 5. Sturt Highway



Figure 10 Renmark South West Gateway – Open Space Opportunities & Constraints

EXISTING RESOURCE
 1. The McCormick Centre
 2. Ral Ral Avenue

LEGEND

-  Zone of Interest
-  Environmental Zone
-  Recreation Park
-  Key Nodes
-  Formal Walking Trail
-  Informal Trail
-  Proposed Shared Use Path / Link



Figure 11 Renmark North West Gateway – Open Space Opportunities & Constraints

EXISTING RESOURCE

1. The Causeway
2. Riverbank
3. Tourist Information Centre
4. Arthur Shepherd Lions Park
5. Renmark Aquatic Club
6. Big 4 Riverfront Holiday Park
7. Town Centre pedestrian link
8. RSL/Bowling Club
9. Council Chambers
10. Darnley Taylor Park
11. Renmark Avenue
12. Dix Street Park
13. Bookmark Creek
- 13A. Angoves Woodlot
14. Sims Parade Linear Park
15. Madigan Reserve
16. Coolabah Crescent Park
17. Education Precinct
18. Wetland Walk / Bookmark Creek
19. Pony Club
20. Number 1 Oval (Football/Cricket)
- 20A. Number 2 Oval (Hockey)
- 20B. Number 3 Oval (Soccer)
- 20C. Tintra Tennis Club
- 20D. Netball/Basketball & Recreation Centre
- 20E. Swimming Complex
21. Ral Ral Avenue
22. Jane Eliza (swimming/skiing)
23. Plush's Bend
24. Paringa Paddock
25. Jane Eliza Avenue/Levee Walk
26. Link to schools from town



Figure 12 Renmark – Open Space Opportunities & Constraints

11.4 Paringa – Existing Open Space Provision & Quality Assessment

Open space provision within Paringa tends to be focused around the Paringa Road/Sturt Highway corridor and the Old Railway corridor, serving to connect eastern and western areas of the township.

Important gateways to the town are located along Paringa Road; in the west at Paringa Bridge and informally defined in the east by the large boulder in the vicinity of the pull over.

An important space within the township is located in the vicinity of the town centre and Murtho Road Park, where Murtho Road meets Paringa Road (locally known as 'The Median Strip').

Paringa Oval to the south of Paringa Road provides a significant local and regional recreation focal point, with the potential for enhancements to the adjacent 'Old Saleyards' site.

There are a small number of local parks within existing residential areas of the township. The largest local park, Bert Dix Park, is located adjacent to the Murray River, to the south of Paringa Bridge.

- EXISTING RESOURCE**
1. Paringa Bridge
 2. Bert Dix Park
 3. The Median Strip
 4. Sturt Highway
 5. Paringa Oval
 6. Cudmore Avenue Park
 7. Old Railway Corridor
 8. Michelle Avenue Park
 9. Middleton Avenue Park
 10. Paringa Caravan Park
 11. Tourist Information Bay
 12. Town Centre
 13. Riverbend Caravan Park
 14. Old Stockyards
 15. Murtho Road
- EXISTING QUALITY RATING**
- 1 HIGH
 - 1 MEDIUM
 - 1 LOW

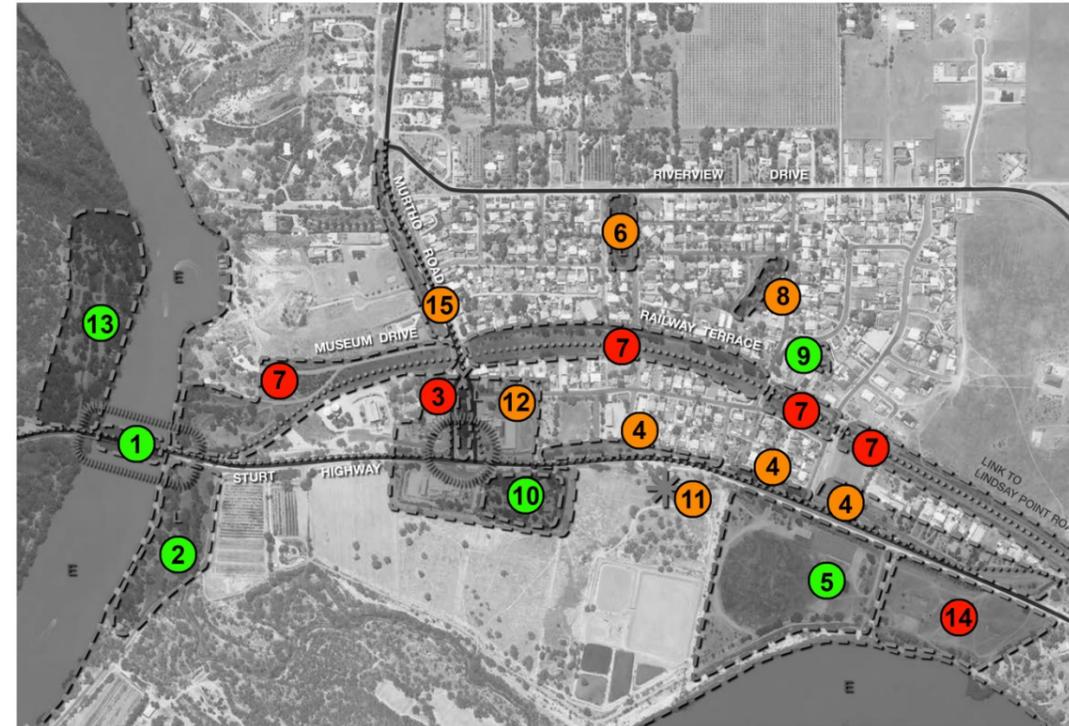


Figure 13 Paringa – Open Space Quality Assessment

- EXISTING RESOURCE**
1. Paringa Bridge
 2. Bert Dix Park
 3. The Median Strip
 4. Sturt Highway
 5. Paringa Oval
 6. Cudmore Avenue Park
 7. Old Railway Corridor
 8. Michelle Avenue Park
 9. Middleton Avenue Park
 10. Paringa Caravan Park
 11. Tourist Information Bay
 12. Town Centre
 13. Riverbend Caravan Park
 14. Old Stockyards
 15. Murtho Road
- DRY AREAS**
- C. Murtho Road



Figure 14 Paringa – 'Dry Area'



Photo 3 Bert Dix Park, Paringa

EXISTING RESOURCE

1. Paringa Bridge
2. Bert Dix Park
3. The Median Strip
4. Sturt Highway
5. Paringa Oval
6. Cudmore Avenue Park
7. Old Railway Corridor
8. Michelle Avenue Park
9. Middleton Avenue Park
10. Paringa Caravan Park
11. Tourist Information Bay
12. Town Centre
13. Riverbend Caravan Park
14. Old Stockyards
15. Murtho Road

LEGEND

-  Zone of Interest
-  Local Park
-  Environmental Zone
-  Recreation Park
-  Gateway
-  Key Nodes
-  Formalized On-road / Off-road Cycle Lane / (refer SK01)
-  Proposed Shared Use Path / Link

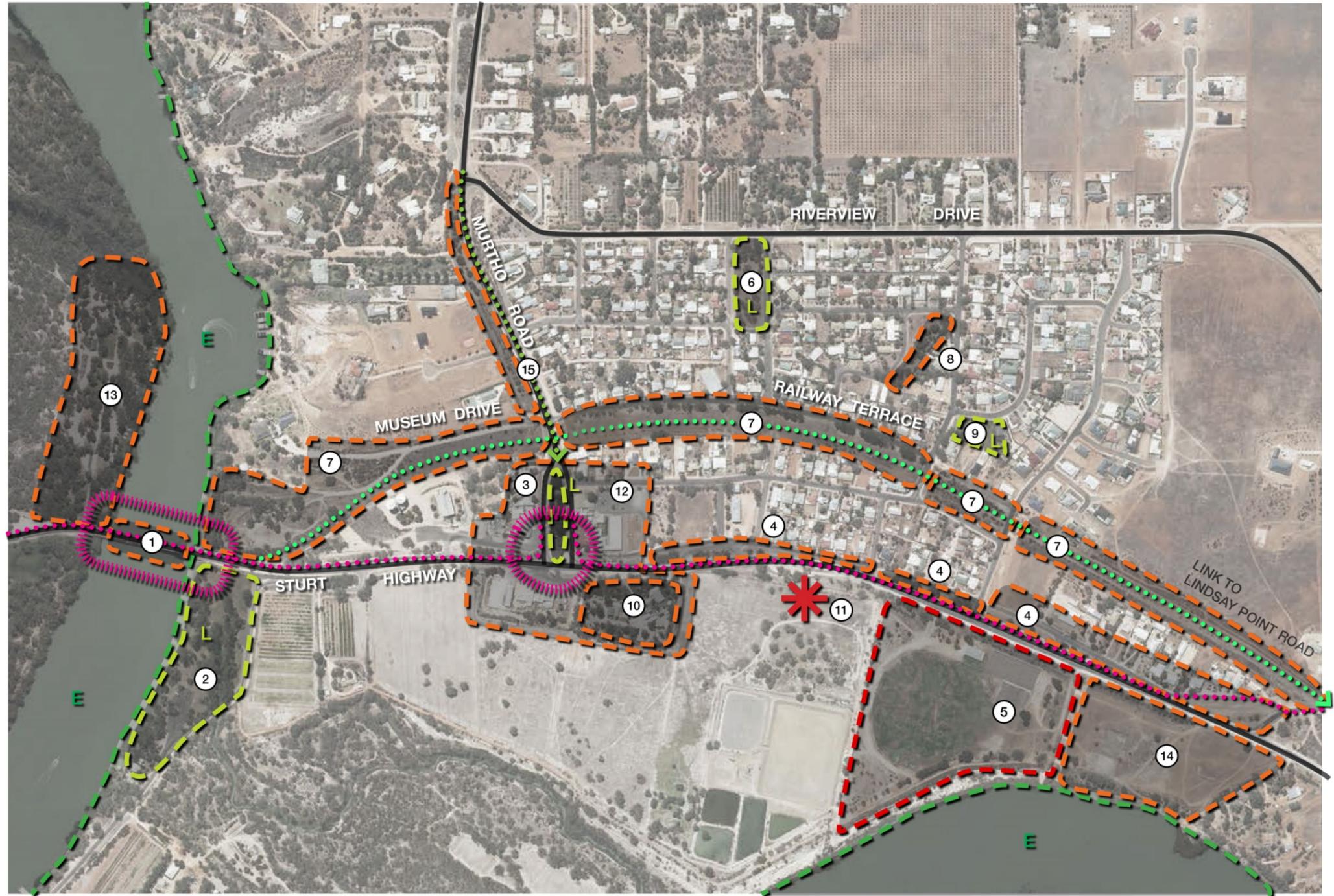


Figure 15 Paringa – Open Space Opportunities & Constraints

11.5 Lyrup – Existing Open Space Provision & Quality Assessment

There is a strong sense of arrival into the township of Lyrup from the north, descending down into the valley towards the ferry crossing.

The S.S. Ellen Park forms a green buffer between the township and the south bank of the Murray River.

Formal recreation provision is accessed from Downer Avenue, comprising Lyrup Club to the north and Lyrup Sports Complex to the south. A shared path/cycle route runs along a section of Downer Avenue.

Lyrup Flats National Park lies to the immediate north of the village, to the north and south of the river with a comprehensive network of informal trails providing access into the park and to the Murray River.

- EXISTING RESOURCE**
1. Arrival Precinct
 2. SS Ellen Park
 - 2A. Lyrup Village Open Space
 - 2B. Parking Area
 3. Lyrup Bowling Club
 4. Lyrup Sports Complex
 5. Shared use off road path
 6. Lyrup Primary School
 7. General Store
 8. Lyrup Flats Camping Area
 9. Lyrup Flats

- EXISTING QUALITY RATING**
- 1 HIGH
 - 1 MEDIUM
 - 1 LOW



Figure 16 Lyrup - Open Space Quality Assessment



Photo 4 Ferry crossing, Lyrup

EXISTING RESOURCE

- 1. Arrival Precinct
- 2. SS Ellen Park
- 2A. Lyrup Village Open Space
- 2B. Parking Area
- 3. Lyrup Bowling Club
- 4. Lyrup Sports Complex
- 5. Shared use off road path
- 6. Lyrup Primary School
- 7. General Store
- 8. Lyrup Flats Camping Area
- 9. Lyrup Flats

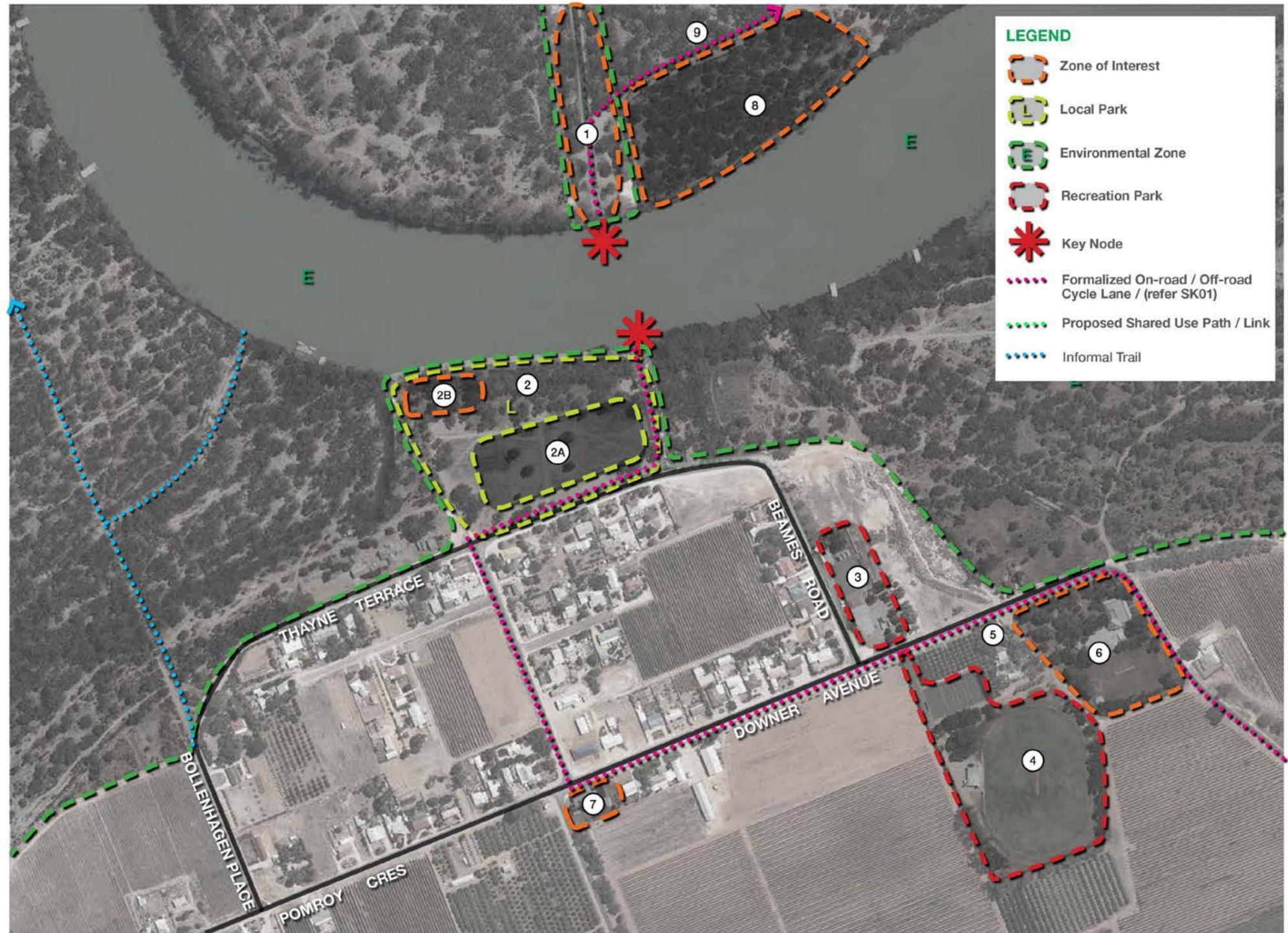


Figure 17 Lyrup – Open Space Opportunities & Constraints

12. Open Space Planning

12.1 Emerging Priorities

During the process of identifying the opportunities and constraints of existing open space provision across the area, and through the careful consideration of current strategic policy, several themes relevant to this Strategy were identified, leading to the establishment of the following Emerging Priorities:

A: Arrival Experience/Gateways

The arrival experience into each of the townships varies significantly in terms of quality, design aesthetic, and overall success. There is a clear need to protect, reinforce and enhance existing areas of high character and amenity value, establishing priority areas at key nodes and along important approaches to the townships.

Consideration should be made towards developing a set of design guidelines that establish broad parameters for new/enhanced gateway features for each of the townships, providing a greater degree of cohesion whilst emphasising local identity and 'sense of place'.

B: Linkages, Orientation and Legibility

The quality, distribution and connectivity of existing open space and the public domain more generally is highly variable and lacks a sense of cohesion and legibility.

Access along key desire lines should be established to link all strategically important public open space areas, gateways and activity nodes, with clearly defined connections into the outlying rural areas and onto established trails, such as the Riverland Nature Trails.

A standardised materials palette for hard landscape surfacing, street furniture, signage, interpretive boards and landscape treatment would provide a more consistent, cohesive and legible public domain.

C: Areas of Conservation Value/Natural Features of Significance

The townships all benefit from the natural beauty, environmental and landscape value of the Murray River and the surrounding landscape. These areas must be protected, restored and enhanced.

D: Sport, Recreation & Open Space Facilities & Infrastructure

All the townships benefit from the presence of existing sports clubs/facilities.

Wherever possible, opportunities should be actively pursued to collaborate and enhance connections between the sports clubs and the wider community.

Facilities should be maintained and enhanced and, where feasible new facilities established, for the benefit of both the local community and tourists.

E: Public Domain Enhancements/ Landscape & Townscape Character

Within the townships, take every opportunity to enhance local character and visual amenity and strengthen the 'sense of place'.

Conserve and enhance areas of existing quality landscape/township character and visual amenity that contribute positively to the overall character of the township.

F: Education - Natural Environment/Heritage

Implement a District-wide strategy to increase public awareness of the surrounding natural environment and local heritage through the upgrading of existing interpretive signage and provision of additional information portals.

Maximise opportunities to increase connectivity and promote awareness of the Renmark Town Heritage Walk through additional interpretation boards.

Explore opportunities to strengthen links and cooperation with The McCormick Centre and local historic groups to maximise dissemination of information.

G: Stormwater Areas

Large areas of open space currently functioning as 'informal' stormwater areas/detention basins are under-utilised.

Alternative passive recreation uses for these areas need to be promoted to increase usage of these valuable open spaces, outside periods of high rainfall/inundation.

H: 'Open Space' – Private Ownership/ Restricted Access

Within each of the townships there are a number of strategically important parcels of land that, whilst not necessarily publicly accessible open space, contribute positively to the overall open space network. Such land includes sports club ovals/playing fields, school grounds and caravan parks.

Where feasible, connections and links to these resources should be maintained or newly created and every opportunity taken to integrate these areas into the wider open space network.

12.2 Actions & Priorities

Within the Emerging Priorities framework, specific actions are identified for individual open space resources to build upon opportunities and respond to constraints. Each action identified is assigned a priority rating, established through the consideration of relative need, accessibility and current condition of the resource, stakeholder expectations and its position within the open space hierarchy:

High – action should be prioritised and undertaken within 1-3 years

Medium – action should be considered within a 3 - 10 year timeframe

Low – action for 'aspirational' projects or those considered of less strategic importance (i.e. 10+ years)

All projects and priorities are subject to the availability of funding and resources.

12.3 Action Plan

In order to achieve the objectives of the Strategy a programme establishing specific action points is detailed in the below tables, providing a clear direction over the next 5 years and beyond. The action tables provide a brief analysis and quality rating of each resource, location specific actions/priorities and alignment with emerging strategic policy priorities.

Table 1 Renmark Action Plan

RENMARK (refer Figures 7 & 12)						
Resource No.	Open Space/ Recreation Resource	Analysis	Existing Quality Rating	Location Specific Action	Action Priority	Associated with Emerging Priorities:
1	The Causeway	Provides a strong sense of arrival from Paringa and emphasises Renmark's connection to the River Murray. The shared use path along the Causeway provides an important bike/pedestrian connection between Renmark and Paringa	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure path is safe and maintained to a high standard to encourage use Consider the installation of pathway lighting 	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	A: Arrival Experience/Gateways B: Linkages, Orientation and Legibility E: Public Domain Enhancements/Landscape & Townscape Character
2	Riverbank	High quality linear open space with walking trail, picnic facilities and interpretive signage. This area provides an important strategic link along the river frontage In the vicinity of Ral Ral Avenue and Jarret Memorial Gardens sections of the existing western river foreshore footpath are in need of clearer definition / formalisation of route	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential to upgrade interpretive signage as part of an area-wide approach to improve users understanding of the surrounding natural environment Link Riverfront revitalisation plan and highlight possible enhancements New toilet block near Tower Tavern (refer Resource No.2A on Figure 12) 	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	B: Linkages, Orientation and Legibility E: Public Domain Enhancements/Landscape & Townscape Character F: Education - Natural Environment/Heritage
3	Visitor Information Centre (VIC)	Important asset for dissemination of information for the local/regional area	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximise the potential of the VIC by exploring all opportunities for improving connectivity onto the local trail network with clear directional and interpretive signage 	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	B: Linkages, Orientation and Legibility F: Education - Natural Environment/Heritage

RENMARK (refer Figures 7 & 12)

Resource No.	Open Space/ Recreation Resource	Analysis	Existing Quality Rating	Location Specific Action	Action Priority	Associated with Emerging Priorities:
4	Arthur Shepherd Lions Park	Well maintained park with extensive picnic facilities and irrigated grass areas	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider installation of pathway lighting Continue to maintain at current levels/standards (subject to usage levels and function) 	HIGH/ MEDIUM /LOW -	B: Linkages, Orientation and Legibility E: Public Domain Enhancements/ Landscape & Townscape Character
5	Renmark Aquatic Club	<u>Leased from Council</u>	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider lease options when expires 	-	-
6	Big 4 Renmark Riverfront Holiday Park	<u>Not Council Owned or Operated</u> Popular privately owned and run destination point located in the vicinity of existing shared use links. Potential new splash pad/water park development (publicly accessible/user pay system)	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Links are provided from adjacent parks, existing walking trails and shared path/cycle route along Paringa Road - continue to maintain at current levels/standards Lighting, if installed (refer Resource No. 4) would potentially be of benefit to park users 	- HIGH/ MEDIUM /LOW	B: Linkages, Orientation and Legibility H: 'Open Space' – Private Ownership/Restricted Access
7	Matulick Riverfront Walk		HIGH/ MEDIUM /LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider opportunities to enhance the landscape setting of the pedestrian link Consider installation of pathway lighting 	HIGH/ MEDIUM / LOW	B: Linkages, Orientation and Legibility E: Public Domain Enhancements/ Landscape & Townscape Character
8	RSL / Bowling Club	<u>Not Council Owned or Operated</u>	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage owners/operators to continue to maintain at current level 	-	-

RENMARK (refer Figures 7 & 12)

Resource No.	Open Space/ Recreation Resource	Analysis	Existing Quality Rating	Location Specific Action	Action Priority	Associated with Emerging Priorities:
9	Council Chambers / Eighteenth Street	Open space adjacent to Eighteenth Street in need of enhancement	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to maintain at current levels/standards (subject to usage levels and function) 	-	-
10	Darnley Taylor Park	A popular destination point for local youth and offers opportunities to enhance existing facilities and maximise the potential of the adjacent open spaces	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop an integrated masterplan for the whole site, with the potential for the creation of a youth precinct, together with an extension of the existing bike course, upgrade of surfacing, and enhancement of skate bowl facilities Develop management plan for the area 	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	D: Sport, Recreation & Open Space Facilities & Infrastructure E: Public Domain Enhancements/ Landscape & Townscape Character
11	Renmark Avenue	Represents a significant public open space area, and forms an important component of the arrival experience into the township. Also functions as a popular informal picnic area	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section from roundabout to the River will be upgraded as part of the Town Centre Revitalisation project Ensure integration with the Town Centre Revitalisation project From roundabout to the bridge consider improving/upgrading median strip landscaping 	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	A: Arrival Experience/Gateways B: Linkages, Orientation and Legibility C: Areas of Conservation Value/Natural Features of Significance E: Public Domain Enhancements/ Landscape & Townscape Character
12	Dix Street Park	Provides high quality turf areas, however, offers limited formal recreational/leisure facilities	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to maintain at current levels/standards (subject to usage levels and function) 	-	-

RENMARK (refer Figures 7 & 12)

Resource No.	Open Space/ Recreation Resource	Analysis	Existing Quality Rating	Location Specific Action	Action Priority	Associated with Emerging Priorities:
13	Bookmark Creek & bridge	<p><u>Not Council owned</u></p> <p>Forms a strong environmental gateway to the town along the A20 Sturt Highway and is strategically located on an extensive network of walking trails. Excellent accessibility at this gateway to the town offers potential to increase water-based activities in this location. Further to the north, the formally defined trail along Bookmark Creek currently terminates at western side of Twenty-First Street</p>	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore opportunities to enhance the setting of the bridge and creek Investigate opportunities to establish canoe launch area adjacent to the Water Tower/Pump Station Explore possibilities of extending the trail further to the east to connect with the footpath network in the vicinity of the Showground 	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<p>A: Arrival Experience/Gateways B: Linkages, Orientation and Legibility D: Sport, Recreation & Open Space Facilities & Infrastructure E: Public Domain Enhancements/ Landscape & Townscape Character</p>
13A	Angoves' Woodlot	<p><u>Not Council owned</u></p>	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to maintain at current levels/standards (subject to usage levels and function) 	-	-
14	Sims Parade Linear Park	<p>Very poor quality public open space with low visual amenity, lacking in facilities such as formalised footpaths, shelters and seating. Unrestricted vehicular access from Twenty-First Street should be addressed</p>	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider waste water reuse to irrigate area 	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<p>D: Sport, Recreation & Open Space Facilities & Infrastructure E: Public Domain Enhancements/ Landscape & Townscape Character</p>
15	Madigan Reserve	<p>Local park with cricket pitch, shelters and adult fitness equipment</p>	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to maintain at current levels/standards (subject to usage levels and function) Monitor equipment to gauge community use 	<p>-</p> <p>HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW</p>	<p>D: Sport, Recreation & Open Space Facilities & Infrastructure</p>

RENMARK (refer Figures 7 & 12)

Resource No.	Open Space/ Recreation Resource	Analysis	Existing Quality Rating	Location Specific Action	Action Priority	Associated with Emerging Priorities:
16	Coolabah Crescent Park		HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to maintain at current levels/standards (subject to usage levels and function) 	-	-
17	Education Precinct	<p><u>Majority of land not Council owned</u></p> <p>Open space associated with Renmark High, primary and Junior School currently function as informal/defacto public open space</p>	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage owners/operators to continue to maintain at current levels/standards 	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	H: 'Open Space' – Private Ownership/Restricted Access
18	Bookmark Creek Walks (part of the Murray Valley Trail network) - Wetland Walk / Bookmark Crescent	Environmental walk through wetland area and creek	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address issue of unrestricted vehicular access, which currently impacts upon the path quality 	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	B: Linkages, Orientation and Legibility C: Areas of Conservation Value/Natural Features of Significance
19	Pony Club	<u>Not Council owned</u>	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage owners/operators to continue to maintain at current levels/standards 	-	-
20	Number 1 Oval (Football / Cricket)	<u>Seasonal Licence from Council</u>	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to maintain at current levels/standards (subject to usage levels and function) 	-	-
20A	Number 2 Oval (Hockey)	<u>Seasonal Licence from Council</u>	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to maintain at current levels/standards (subject to usage levels and function) 	-	-

RENMARK (refer Figures 7 & 12)

Resource No.	Open Space/ Recreation Resource	Analysis	Existing Quality Rating	Location Specific Action	Action Priority	Associated with Emerging Priorities:
20B	Number 3 Oval (Soccer)	<u>Seasonal Licence from Council</u>	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider building new change rooms that could be used jointly by soccer and Swimming Pool users 	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	D: Sport, Recreation & Open Space Facilities & Infrastructure
20C	Tintra Tennis Club	<u>Seasonal Licence from Council</u>	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to maintain at current levels/standards (subject to usage levels and function) 	-	-
20D	Recreation Centre Netball Basketball	<u>Recreation Centre leased from Council</u> <u>Seasonal Licence from Council</u>	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to maintain at current levels/standards (subject to usage levels and function) Negotiate with Netball Club regarding requirements Continue to pursue any funding/grant applications in consultation with lease holders where appropriate 	-	-
20E	Swimming Complex		HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider building new change rooms that could be used jointly by soccer and Swimming Pool users 	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	D: Sport, Recreation & Open Space Facilities & Infrastructure
21	Ral Ral Avenue	Eastern-most section of the avenue provides a strong setting and valued landscape amenity to the township, with landscaped central median	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to maintain at current levels/standards (subject to usage levels and function) 	-	-

REMARK (refer Figures 7 & 12)

Resource No.	Open Space/ Recreation Resource	Analysis	Existing Quality Rating	Location Specific Action	Action Priority	Associated with Emerging Priorities:
22	Jane Eliza	Popular swimming / skiing destination	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to maintain at current levels/standards (subject to usage levels and function) Investigate toilet facilities Investigate bank stabilisation Investigate link to Riverfront walk 	- HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	D: Sport, Recreation & Open Space Facilities & Infrastructure
23	Plush's Bend	Popular riverside recreation spot	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve signage Continue to maintain at current levels/standards (subject to usage levels and function) Develop masterplan Toilet block to be developed to comply with Department of Health Standards 	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW - HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	B: Linkages, Orientation and Legibility C: Areas of Conservation Value/Natural Features of Significance

RENMARK (refer Figures 7 & 12)

Resource No.	Open Space/ Recreation Resource	Analysis	Existing Quality Rating	Location Specific Action	Action Priority	Associated with Emerging Priorities:
24	Paringa Paddock	Existing trails in need of attention Riverland Irrigation Trust (RIT) and Crown Land <u>Not Council owned</u>	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	Work with relevant Community Groups and/or landowners regarding whether there are any opportunities to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> enhance existing trail network within Paringa Paddock and improve walking/cycling connectivity with other walking trails and recreation areas within the surrounding areas of Renmark, Paringa and Lyrup consider additional interpretation boards as part of the Paringa Paddock Nature Walk. 	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	B: Linkages, Orientation and Legibility C: Areas of Conservation Value/Natural Features of Significance F: Education - Natural Environment/Heritage
25	Jane Eliza/Levee Walk	Informal route but well used by locals, running along a variety of footpath surfaces/tracks and levee banks. Provides convenient circular walk for local residents	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore opportunities to formalise walking routes and upgrading surfaces with potential to establish links from Jane Eliza Avenue and the Riverbank to Ral Ral Avenue and Bookmark Creek 	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	B: Linkages, Orientation and Legibility E: Public Domain Enhancements/ Landscape & Townscape Character
26	Link to schools from town	Link through to primary school along Cucumunga Street/Tarcoola Street – currently an informal path along verge	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve links through extending shared use path 	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	B: Linkages, Orientation and Legibility E: Public Domain Enhancements/ Landscape & Townscape Character

RENMARK (refer Figures 7 & 12)

Resource No.	Open Space/ Recreation Resource	Analysis	Existing Quality Rating	Location Specific Action	Action Priority	Associated with Emerging Priorities:
Refer Figure 4	Renmark-Lyrup Trail (Formalised on-road / off-road cycle lane)	Limited dedicated walking/cycle links between Renmark and Lyrup	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate potential walking/cycling routes between the two towns, via Crescent, Renmark South and the Murray River National Park (to the north and west of the river) and via the A20 Sturt Highway, Loxton Main Road and Pike Creek Road (to the south and east of the river) – refer Figure 4 for suggested alignment 	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	B: Linkages, Orientation and Legibility
-	The Murray River Trail (driving trail)	Broadly follows the A20 Sturt Highway through the Renmark Paringa district	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate opportunities to create points of interest adjacent to the Sturt Highway (such as gateway features/lay-by facilities/interpretation boards) to encourage tourists to explore and enjoy the open space network and maximise connectivity with the users of the Murray River Trail 	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	B: Linkages, Orientation and Legibility E: Public Domain Enhancements/ Landscape & Townscape Character F: Education - Natural Environment/Heritage
-	Chowilla Game Reserve	Located 30km to the north of Renmark/Paringa. Comprising 4km circular walk <u>Not in Council area</u>	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<p>Work with relevant Community Groups and/or landowners regarding whether there are any opportunities to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> enhance/improve links to Chowilla Game Reserve and encourage visitors to the Reserve to explore the Renmark Paringa area i.e. by supporting the Great River Murray Walks 	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	B: Linkages, Orientation and Legibility F: Education - Natural Environment/Heritage

Table 2 Renmark South West Gateway Action Plan

RENMARK – SOUTH WEST GATEWAY (refer Figures 5 & 10)						
Resource No.	Open Space/ Recreation Resource	Analysis	Existing Quality Rating	Location Specific Action	Action Priority	Associated with Emerging Priorities:
1	Renmark Country Club	<u>Not Council owned</u> Golf and Country Club	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage owners to continue to maintain at current levels/standards 	-	-
2	South West Gateway/ Entry Statement	Gateway to the township on approach from the south west along Sturt Highway – currently provides strong entry into the town	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore opportunities to enhance the setting of this gateway and reinforce the sense of arrival 	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	A: Arrival Experience/Gateways B: Linkages, Orientation and Legibility E: Public Domain Enhancements/ Landscape & Townscape Character
3	Dryland Park	Serves as a buffer to the industrial site	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinforce existing planting to enhance arrival experience and further filter views through to the industrial site 	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	A: Arrival Experience/Gateways E: Public Domain Enhancements/ Landscape & Townscape Character
4	T.M. Price Park	High quality park with tourist facilities providing a strong entry into the town	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to maintain at current levels/standards (subject to usage levels and function) 	-	-
5	Sturt Highway	Significant landscape element. Well treed with excellent views through to adjoining blocks. Reinforces Renmark's role in horticultural industries	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to maintain existing character of the streetscape to ensure a strong sense of place is maintained. 	-	

Table 3 Renmark North West Gateway Action Plan

RENMARK – NORTH WEST GATEWAY (refer Figures 6 & 11)						
Resource No.	Open Space/ Recreation Resource	Analysis	Existing Quality Rating	Location Specific Action	Action Priority	Associated with Emerging Priorities:
1	The McCormick Centre	A valuable educational resource and attraction for both residents and tourists, however, it is located some 3km to the north west of the town, and would benefit from improved connectivity with the town	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance/reinforce existing links to the McCormick Centre along approx.3km section of Ral Ral Avenue, incorporating a dedicated cycle path or shared use surfacing Consider additional interpretation boards relating to local areas Connect from town to bridge Investigate promotion of trails 	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	B: Linkages, Orientation and Legibility E: Public Domain Enhancements/ Landscape & Townscape Character F: Education - Natural Environment/Heritage
2	Ral Ral Avenue	Eastern-most section of the avenue provides a strong setting and valued landscape amenity to the township, with landscaped central median	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinforce and enhance existing character of the streetscape to ensure a strong sense of place is maintained 	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	B: Linkages, Orientation and Legibility E: Public Domain Enhancements/ Landscape & Townscape Character

Table 4 Paringa Action Plan

PARINGA (refer Figures 13 & 15)						
Resource No.	Open Space/ Recreation Resource	Analysis	Existing Quality Rating	Location Specific Action	Action Priority	Associated with Emerging Priorities:
1	Paringa Bridge	<u>Not Council owned</u> Provides strong sense of arrival from western approach to the township	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue discussions with DPTI about improving the footpath on the bridge <p>Note: The bridge is highlighted in the draft SA Government Integrated Transport and Land Use Plan for replacement.</p>	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	A: Arrival Experience/Gateways B: Linkages, Orientation and Legibility E: Public Domain Enhancements/ Landscape & Townscape Character
2	Bert Dix Park	High quality riverside park with extensive recreation and visitor facilities	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider options to encourage increased recreational use of the riverfront Continue to maintain at current levels/standards (subject to usage levels and function) Improve toilet facilities 	<p>HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW</p> <p>-</p> <p>HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW</p>	B: Linkages, Orientation and Legibility E: Public Domain Enhancements/ Landscape & Townscape Character
3	'The Median Strip' (Park at Murtho Road)	Reasonable tree cover and good shelter. Fenced play area is important given its location on the median strip. Overall poor quality space at strategically important location to the township, with aged infrastructure	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider the feasibility of upgrading or decommissioning of certain elements 	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	E: Public Domain Enhancements/ Landscape & Townscape Character F: Education - Natural Environment/Heritage

PARINGA (refer Figures 13 & 15)

Resource No.	Open Space/ Recreation Resource	Analysis	Existing Quality Rating	Location Specific Action	Action Priority	Associated with Emerging Priorities:
4	Sturt Highway	Important component in the arrival experience into Paringa	HIGH/ MEDIUM /LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain existing landscape features Improve/upgrade landscaping area parallel to Hughes Avenue to enhance arrival experience into Paringa 	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	A: Arrival Experience/Gateways B: Linkages, Orientation and Legibility E: Public Domain Enhancements/ Landscape & Townscape Character
5	Paringa Oval	Significant local and recreational focal point to the township providing high quality facilities and playing surface	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to maintain at current levels/standards (subject to usage levels and function) 	-	-
6	Cudmore Avenue Park		HIGH/ MEDIUM /LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to maintain at current levels/standards (subject to usage levels and function) 	-	-
7	Old Railway Corridor	Extends across the town, creating a linear green park set well back from the A20 Sturt Highway, connecting western areas of the town to the eastern riverside foreshore	HIGH/ MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate options to create a network of formalised walking trails along the corridor with interpretive signage detailing the area's heritage and natural environment Explore options for a new shared use path with the existing Remark to Paringa Interpretive Walk and Bike Trail 	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	B: Linkages, Orientation and Legibility E: Public Domain Enhancements/ Landscape & Townscape Character F: Education – Natural Environment/Heritage
8	Michelle Avenue Park		HIGH/ MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to maintain at current levels/standards (subject to usage levels and function) 	-	-

PARINGA (refer Figures 13 & 15)

Resource No.	Open Space/ Recreation Resource	Analysis	Existing Quality Rating	Location Specific Action	Action Priority	Associated with Emerging Priorities:
9	Middleton Avenue Park	High quality park with playground and irrigated turf areas	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to maintain at current levels/standards (subject to usage levels and function) 	-	-
10	Paringa Caravan Park	<u>Not Council owned</u>	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to maintain at current levels/standards (subject to usage levels and function) 	-	-
11	Tourist Information Bay		HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be removed 	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	-
12	Town Centre		HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town centre/public domain enhancements to be considered 	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	E: Public Domain Enhancements/ Landscape & Townscape Character
13	Riverbend Caravan Park	<u>Not Council owned</u>	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage current owners to continue to maintain at current levels/standards 	-	-
14	Old Stockyards	Potential for enhancements to the 'Old Stockyards' site to the east of Paringa Oval	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss opportunities to improve vegetation 	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	B: Linkages, Orientation and Legibility E: Public Domain Enhancements/ Landscape & Townscape Character
15	Murtho Road		HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider options for providing a shared use path along Murtho Road, subject to establishing need and viability 	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	B: Linkages, Orientation and Legibility

Table 5 Lyrup Action Plan

Lyrup (refer Figures 16 & 17)						
Resource No.	Open Space/ Recreation Resource	Analysis	Existing Quality Rating	Location Specific Action	Action Priority	Associated with Emerging Priorities:
1	Arrival Precinct	Strong sense of arrival descending down into valley towards the ferry crossing	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retain existing character and sense of place 	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	A: Arrival Experience/Gateways C: Areas of Conservation Value/Natural Features of Significance
2	S.S. Ellen Park	High quality recreation space that includes boat ramp, playground, swimming pontoon and toilet facilities. Also includes area for motor homes and parking	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to maintain at current levels/standards (subject to usage levels and function) Investigate the opportunity to upgrade toilets 	- HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	E: Public Domain Enhancements/ Landscape & Townscape Character
2A	'Lyrup Village'	Currently in poor condition with dead memorial tree plantings	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate opportunities to improve vegetation 	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	C: Areas of Conservation Value/Natural Features of Significance G: Stormwater Areas
2B	Parking Area		HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to maintain at current levels/standards (subject to usage levels and function) Improve signage 	- HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	E: Public Domain Enhancements/ Landscape & Townscape Character
3	Lyrup Club/Bowling Club	<u>Not Council owned</u>	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to maintain at current levels/standards (subject to usage levels and function) 	-	-

LYRUP (refer Figures 16 & 17)

Resource No.	Open Space/ Recreation Resource	Analysis	Existing Quality Rating	Location Specific Action	Action Priority	Associated with Emerging Priorities:
4	Lyrup Sports Complex	Very high quality football / cricket surface and associated facilities. Tennis and netball courts are in reasonable condition. Great sense of arrival to the Complex through landscape treatment	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to maintain at current levels/standards (subject to usage levels and function) 	-	-
5	Shared use off-road path	Located adjacent to Downer Avenue	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to maintain at current levels/standards (subject to usage levels and function) 	-	B: Linkages, Orientation and Legibility
6	Lyrup Primary School	<p><u>Not Council owned</u></p> <p>Following the closure of Lyrup Primary School in December 2012 it is important that consideration be given to maintaining current levels of open space and play provision in the area</p>	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate the implications of the school closure and consider the impact of any potential loss of open space and play provision to the local community 	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	D: Sport, Recreation & Open Space Facilities & Infrastructure H: 'Open Space' – Private Ownership/Restricted Access
7	General Store	<p><u>Not Council owned</u></p> <p>Local facility acting as a focal point within the village</p>	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No specific action required 	-	-
8	Lyrup Flats Camping Area	<u>Not Council owned</u>	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to maintain at current levels/standards (subject to usage levels and function) 	-	-

LYRUP (refer Figures 16 & 17)

Resource No.	Open Space/ Recreation Resource	Analysis	Existing Quality Rating	Location Specific Action	Action Priority	Associated with Emerging Priorities:
9	Lyrup Flats	<p><u>Not Council owned</u></p> <p>National park – comprehensive network of informal trails</p>	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaise with DEWNR regarding opportunity to establish information trails through additional provision of interpretive/directional signage • Liaise with stakeholders regarding signage 	HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW	<p>B: Linkages, Orientation and Legibility</p> <p>C: Areas of Conservation Value/Natural Features of Significance</p> <p>F: Education - Natural Environment/Heritage</p>

13. Renmark Off-Leash Dog Park

13.1 Potential locations for an Off-Leash Dog Park in Renmark

This Strategy recommends that a suitable location for an off-leash dog park be identified. One potential location identified for further consideration is in the vicinity of the Education Precinct (Renmark, Resource No.17).

13.2 Legislation & Policy Context

The South Australia Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 provides for the management of dogs and cats. Under the Act Councils are required to administer and enforce the provisions relating to dogs and cats within its area. The objectives of the Act are:

- (a) To encourage responsible dog and cat ownership;
- (b) To reduce public and environmental nuisance caused by dogs and cats;
- (c) To promote the effective management of dogs and cats.

Section 26A details council's responsibilities in terms of developing plans of management:

(2) A plan of management must include provisions for parks where dogs may be exercised off-leash and for parks where dogs must be under effective control by means of physical restraint, and may include provisions for parks where dogs are prohibited.

The Renmark Paringa Animal Management Plan 2007-2012 refers to the formulation of an Open Space Strategy, which, amongst others issues, is required to address the provision of facilities for dogs and dog walkers.

Healthy by Design SA aims to assist planners, urban designers and related professionals to design healthy urban environments that enable to people to make healthy lifestyle choices. Provision of areas for people to be active with their pets is advocated and provision of dog related infrastructure is noted as an important factor in the accessibility of open spaces and walking paths for dog owners. The guidance advises that fully fenced in off-leash dog parks should not be smaller than 1ha and should be integrated with other recreational areas and furniture. Exercise equipment and activities should be incorporated, suitable for a large range of dog breeds and sizes.

13.3 Dog park design and management guidelines

There is a general lack of current and up to date information on the design and management of dog parks, and information that is available tends to be fragmented across different research areas such as open space planning, urban design and animal behaviour.

However, the Dog & Cat Management Board of SA are currently producing guidelines to assist Councils, designers and developers in the planning, design and management of enclosed dog parks.

These guidelines are due to be released in early 2014, and will represent best practice approaches to the design and establishment of off-leash dog parks. It is recommended that an off-leash dog park proposal for Renmark be compliant with these emerging guidelines.

Prior to the publication of these Guidelines, a study entitled *Public Open Space and Dogs: A design and management guide for space professionals and local government (August 1995)* provides a broad overview on the site selection and design of parks:

Location & Accessibility

- A suitable park should be available within walking distance of home (400-800 metres);
- Barriers to accessibility include major road crossings and railway corridors;
- Parks should optimally be located near existing popular dog walking routes.

Form & Layout

- Design to avoid potential conflicts with other park users, such as cyclists and horse riders;
- Locate close to car parks and main directions of pedestrian flow;
- Ensure access is available to people with limited mobility;
- Generally boundaries need to be fenced to prevent dogs straying;
- Provision of multiple access points and car parking areas will reduce likelihood of significant impacts upon local traffic and parking issues;
- Off street car parks should be favoured where there is limited on street parking available, and where dog owners are likely to be drawn from a wide catchment.

Surrounding Land Use

- Sites should be selected where adjacent residents are well screened from activities in the park; through distance, topography, landscaping, design or siting;
- Consultation with all neighbours should be undertaken.

Designing Parks with dogs in mind

- Improve the quality of the recreation experience for dogs through the emphasis of interplay of movement, texture, form and line, key principles being variety, stimulation, challenge, unpredictability interest;
- A combination of open space for running and smaller spaces with detail should be sought;
- Varying contours greatly adds to the appeal of a park for dogs; earth mounds, hills or gullies should be retained if existing already or created artificially;
- Planting adds to the interest and diversity of a park, providing textural and visual contrast;
- Other design features might include ramps, hurdles, tyres, tipped logs and boulders.

Fencing

- Fencing can be used for restraint, as a slowing down mechanism for free running dogs and for visual legibility in a multiple access park;
- A fenced of 1.2 metres in height will restrain most dogs and will slow down others. Higher fences may be needed in localised areas.

Signage

- Signs are necessary at every entry point to a park;
- Appropriate and easily recognisable symbols should be used to convey messages;
- Advisory signs should not be a substitute for good park layout and design;
- Signs should provide a contact name and address for people to report any damage or make a complaint.

Other support facilities

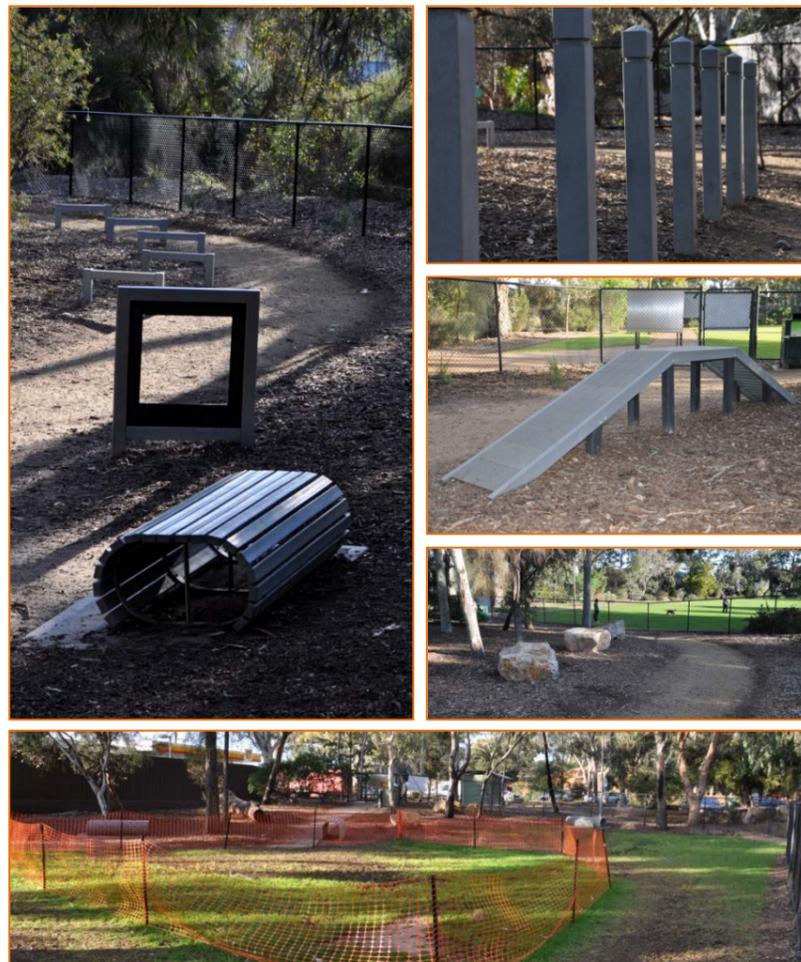
- Lighting; should be considered where heavy night use is anticipated;
- Shelter; to provide dog owners protection from wind, rain and sun;
- Public toilets, seating, drinking fountains and bins should also be considered for inclusion within the design.

13.4 Case Study 1: Four Paws Park – Denis Morrissey Park, Campbelltown

Four Paws Park is only a small park, yet it is reasonably well equipped. The dog park boasts a variety of dog exercise equipment, a dog drinking fountain and benches for dog owners to sit.

This park has a strong focus on the inclusion of natural landscape features including rocks, logs and trees. The park is split into two sections, one with a bark substrate, and the other with turf.

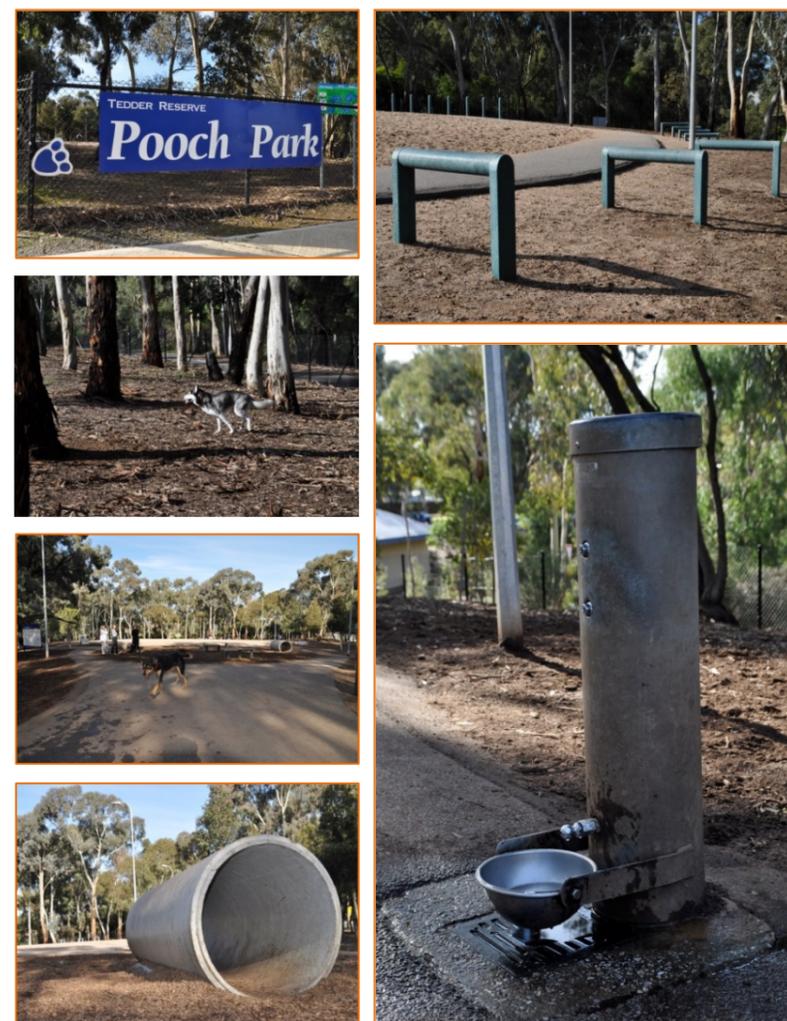
This park is also one of the only off-leash parks in South Australia that has lighting.



13.5 Case Study 2: Pooch Park – Tedder Reserve, Findon

Pooch Park covers nearly half a hectare of parkland and is surrounded by a 1.5m high black mesh fence that protects dogs from nearby main roads.

The park has the usual amenities including shelter (inclusive of a table) and separate benches in the open area for the dog owners to sit. Dogs are provided with plenty to do with a large sand based area in the centre of the park, a number of dog exercise features (i.e. tunnels, poles, hurdles) as well as native tree and bark chipped areas to explore.

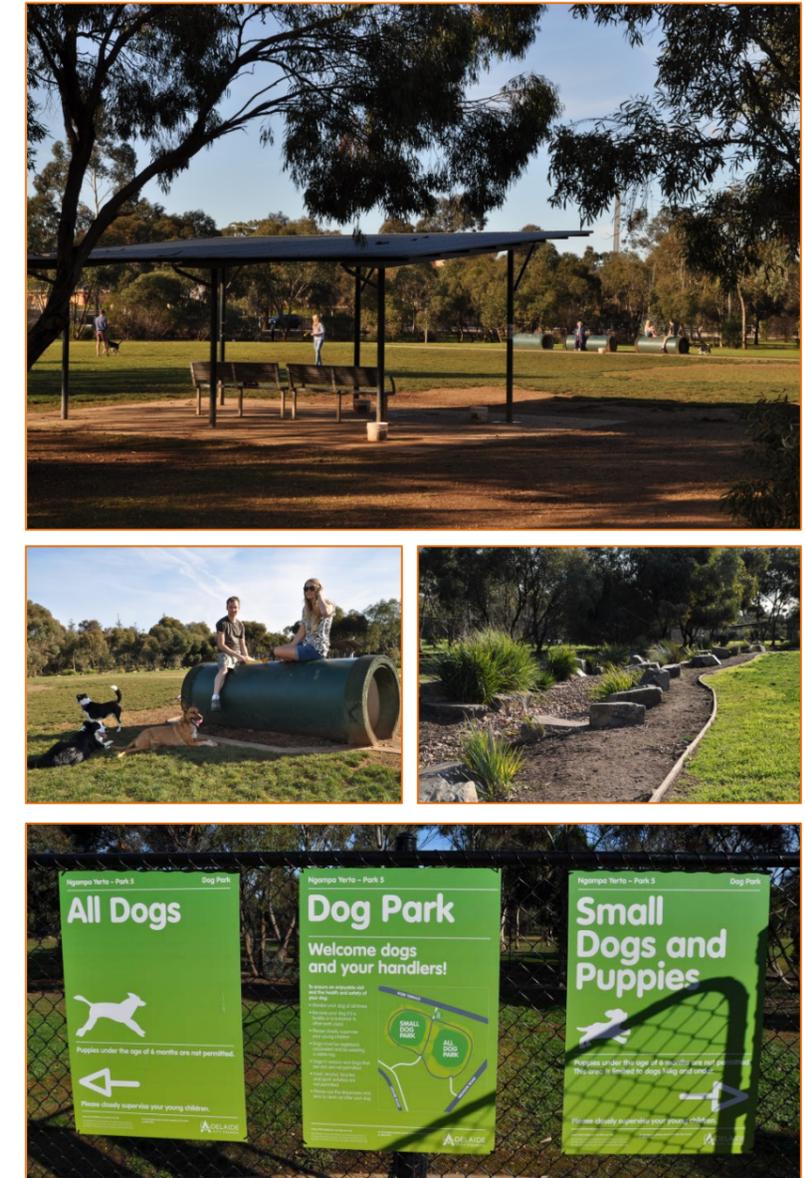


13.6 Case Study 3: Ngampa Yerta – North Adelaide Parklands, Adelaide City

Ngampa Yerta Dog Park is just out of the city of Adelaide. The park consists of two large turfed areas (both fenced); one designated for adult and large dogs and the other specifically for dogs under 6months (or under 14kg).

The park has lots of space for dogs to run, native trees and natural foliage around the edges of the park for dogs to explore. Both areas feature tunnels, benches and shelters for the owners plus drinking fountain.

This park is significantly larger than the other two examples and also separates dogs (by age / weight) into two dedicated parks.



14. Funding

This section identifies potential external funding sources available through state and federal government programs that could be utilised in the implementation of the Renmark Paringa Open Space Strategy. The status of these funding programs are continually changing and updated to respond to such issues as shifts in community participation rates and the continual evolution of the industry more widely.

At the date of publication current programs include:

Department of Planning, Transport & Infrastructure

Projects eligible for consideration should be designed to assist in the preservation, enhancement and enjoyment of open space areas containing elements of natural beauty, conservation significance and cultural value. Information is available at: <http://www.sa.gov.au/topics/housing-property-and-land/customer-entry-points-and-contacts/local-government/grants-for-open-space-and-urban-design>

Places for People grants

The principal objective of the Places for People program is to help create new public places or revitalise existing public spaces that contribute to the social, cultural and economic life of the community they serve.

Open Space grants

The State Government's Open Space Grant Funding program provides financial assistance to local government for the purchase, development and planning of open space. Funding is also provided for works relating to conservation and unstructured recreation on public land.

Community Grants

Local government councils, businesses and community groups can apply for funding for small scale projects that encourage cycling, walking and the use of public transport, with a focus on:

- Reducing car use
- Increasing the use of alternative transport
- Working with people to try different ways of getting around
- Encouraging lasting changes in travel habits

Further information can be found at

http://www.dpti.sa.gov.au/communityprograms/community_grants

External funding sources are currently available through a variety of government agencies and programs, foundations and the private sector and could be utilised in the development of the Open Space Strategy. These programs include:

Department of Planning, Transport & Infrastructure

When land is subdivided via strata or community title, or when subdivisions create less than 20 additional allotments by normal land division, the developer is required to make a financial contribution to the Planning and Development Fund. These funds are then made available to local government through grant funding.

Refer <http://www.dpti.sa.gov.au/planning/home>

Trusts and Foundations

There are numerous trusts and foundations established in Australia and a number provide funding for projects such as this. Often they are established by large corporations. Refer www.philanthropy.org.au.

Office for Recreation and Sport

The current status and further information and lodgment details for all Office for Recreation and Sport grants can be found on the department's website <http://www.recsport.sa.gov.au>

Community Recreation and Sports Facilities Program (CRSFP)

This program was established to allocate funds to eligible community-based organisations, Local Government, Schools and State sporting and active recreation associations to ensure the provision of sustainable facilities that meet community needs. They offer 3 types of grants:

- Community Level Facility Funding
- Regional Level Facility Funding
- Facility Feasibility Study Funding

Projects located at a school can apply for a maximum of 30% of the total cost.

Other projects can apply for a maximum of 50% of the total cost. Requests for funding of less than \$20,000 will not be considered. Grants are offered annually.

Active Club Program (ACP)

This program provides assistance to sport and/or active recreation organisations to provide quality facilities and deliver competition and activity experiences in the community. They offer three types of grants:

- Program and Equipment
- Facility
- Youth at Risk (YAR)

Sport and Recreation Development and Inclusion Program (SRDIP)

The SRDIP is designed to assist eligible organisations to develop and implement projects that will grow the sport or activity, improve services and/or address barriers to inclusion at a regional or state wide level. Eligible projects must have a demonstrated sport or active recreation outcome and would include projects that have a focus on:

- Improving organisational performance
- Developing new or improved participation programs/pathways
- Support talented athletes
- Support club development and volunteer management initiatives
- Provide sustainable opportunities for targeted populations.

Australian Sports Foundation

Further information can be found at <http://www.asf.org.au>

Sport Incentive Program

Specifically the Sport Incentive program aims to increase the opportunities for Australians to participate in sport activities, and excel in sports performance. Eligible organisations, including sporting clubs, schools, councils and community groups can apply to register sport-related projects in either of the following categories:

- Category 1 – to collect donations using the ASF's tax deductible status and to receive consideration for discretionary grants from the ASF
- Category 2 – discretionary grants starting from \$500

15. Reference Documents

- South Australia Strategic Plan 2011

- Strategic Infrastructure Plan for South Australia 2005/6 – 2014/15 & Discussion Paper
- The Murray and Mallee Region Plan, A volume of the South Australian Planning Strategy January 2011
- Murray Darling Basin NRM 2009-2019
- Renmark Paringa Council Annual Business Plan 2013-14
- Renmark Paringa Development Plan Consolidated February 2013
- Renmark Paringa Council Community Plan 2012-2016
- Renmark Town Centre Revitalisation Project
- The Riverland Regional Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy April 2004
- The South Australia Dog and Cat Management Act 1995
- The Renmark Paringa Animal Management Plan 2007-2012
- Healthy by Design SA (The Heart Foundation; 2012)
- PIAS (August 1995) Public Open Space and Dogs - A design and management guide for space professionals and local government. Prepared for the Petcare Information & Advisory Service in association with JK Blackshaw & J Marriot. Harlock Jackson Pty Ltd, Planning and Development Consultants: Fitzroy, Victoria.

16. Implementation

Progress of the Open Space Strategy will be continually monitored and reported annually to Council and the community. The Strategy and stated actions will be periodically reassessed and updated to respond to the changing circumstances and requirements of the area. Actions may be amended, removed or re-prioritised to address the key issues identified at any given time.

The community engagement process will be ongoing to ensure that the evolving needs and aspirations of the community are identified and reflected in the targeted actions of the Strategy.

An ongoing commitment of funds and resources will be required to achieve the objectives of the Strategy. A range of funding options will be considered, together with the sourcing of potential grant schemes. Opportunities to form partnerships with other potential stakeholders will be sought where this would deliver successful outcomes and assist in the completion of the Action Plan.

All activities outlined in the Strategy are dependent on the availability of funding and costings. Agreed actions will be aligned to and reflected in Council's strategic plans, including business, financial and asset management plans.

Renmark Paringa Council will work with clubs and community groups to pursue any appropriate grant and/or funding avenues that become available.

17. 2017/18 Projects

Projects that have been identified from the plan and public consultation are listed below:

Renmark Netball Club Carpark Re-sealing

The Renmark Netball Courts is due for resealing and it due to its high use and profile sporting area, the carpark will be hotmixed which has a longer useful life and better look.

Total cost of project is \$117,000.

Paving continued to old Tower Tavern area

This project will aim to complete the paved riverfront walk from the end of Jarrett Memorial Gardens to the popular swimming area in the Jane Eliza.

Total cost of project is \$40,000 .

South West Gateway – Welcome Wall Improvements

The current welcome wall on the Sturt Highway is due for an upgrade with new Council branding and also the grey wall section needs to be better utilised to its full potential.

Total cost of project is \$15,000

Darnley Taylor Park

Darnley Taylor Park is an under utilised open space area that has been identified in this strategy that the area could be masterplanned to create a hub for all ages.

Total cost of project is \$30,000 (\$15,000 externally funded)

Renmark Avenue Median – Stage 1

This project was identified in the plan to create a welcoming uniform lined avenue of trees starting with Stage 1, Twenty Third St to Twenty First St.

Total cost of project is \$40,000

Plush's Bend Management Plan Implementation

This project aims to complete a significant portion of the Plush's Bend Management Plan which includes interpretative signage, bollarding around riverfront and site identification.

Total cost of project is \$10,000

Upgrade Paringa Tourist Information Bay

The Paringa Tourist Information Bay is currently not used, this project aims to upgrade and use this bay.

Total cost of project is \$5,000

Appendices

Appendix 1 Elected Members Workshop

Thursday 14th February 2013

Summary of Key Issues and Opportunities:

Renmark

- Carbon Farm – Trail and link to the interpretive centre *[refer Table 3 Renmark NW Gateway Action Plan: Resource No.1 & Figure 11]*
- Formalise walkway along western river foreshore to enable complete link *[proposal may be considered in the future, beyond the immediate timeframes of this Strategy]*
- Big 4 is considering developing a splash pad/water park with the intention for it to be used by the public (likely to be a user pays system) *[noted]*
- Consider linear reserve/shared use path along former railway reserve (Eighteenth Street) *[proposal may be considered in the future, beyond the immediate timeframes of this Strategy]*
- Consider walking trail link through to Lyrup *[refer Table 1 Renmark Action Plan: Renmark Lyrup Trail & Figure 4]*
- Enhance trail network within Paringa Paddock *[refer Table 1 Renmark Action Plan: Resource No.24 & Figure 12]*
- Extend trail along Bookmark Creek from western side of 21st Street *[refer Table 1 Renmark Action Plan: Resource No.13 & Figure 12]*
- Investigate Murray River Trail (long distance) starting in Albury to Wodonga *[this is a Drive Trail]*
- Opportunity for a canoe launch area adjacent the Water Tower/Pump Station *[refer Table 1 Renmark Action Plan: Resource No.13 & Figure 12]*
- Opportunity for the creation of a youth precinct around the skate park, consider a scooter track *[refer Table 1 Renmark Action Plan: Resource No.10 & Figure 12]*
- Support for upgrading open spaces in lower socio-economic areas *[noted]*

Lyrup

- Lyrup Village is the only remaining village association in SA *[noted]*
- Consider effect of school closure (i.e. Play spaces, oval etc.) and demand for these facilities *[refer Table 5 Lyrup Action Plan: Resource No.6 & Figure 17]*

Paringa

- Old railway corridor extends to river, need to confirm ownership *[refer Table 4 Paringa Action Plan: Resource No.7 & Figure 15]*
- Council is currently in the process of revoking community land status for the parcel of land (lot 23 and 25) to the east of the town centre *[noted]*
- Include 'old stockyards' (east of Paringa Oval) *[refer Table 4 Paringa Action Plan: Resource No.14 & Figure 15]*
- Consider enhancing the boulder pull over area as an entrance statement *[proposal may be considered in the future, beyond the immediate timeframes of this Strategy]*

General

- Investigate alternative uses of stormwater areas/detention basins (rarely inundated) *[refer Table 1 Renmark Action Plan: Resource No.14 & Figure 12 and Table 5 Lyrup Action Plan: Resource No.2A & Figure 17]*
- Consider developing style guide for Entrance statements for all towns *[proposal may be considered in the future, beyond the immediate timeframes of this Strategy]*
- Develop a hierarchy of open space classified according to condition/functionality *[refer section 10.1 Hierarchy of Open Space and accompanying figures]*

Appendix 2 Healthy Living Expo – Public Consultation

Saturday 16th March 2013

Summary of comments received from attendees of the Expo:

General

- Improve linkages and circulation across and between townships *[integrated throughout the Strategy]*
- Strong support for improving linkages/shared use path provision to link schools to key destinations/activity nodes *[Integrated throughout the Strategy]*

Renmark

- General agreement that the Riverbank area is the most important and valued open space resource in the township *[noted - refer Table 1 Renmark Action Plan: Resource No.2 & Figure 12]*
- Improve links to Renmark West Primary School by extending shared use path towards the Cugamunga Street/Tarcoola Street junction, replacing current informal route that exists on the roadside verge *[refer Table 1 Renmark Action Plan: Resource No.26 & Figure 12]*
- Improve links to Renmark North Primary School with consideration of a shared use path adjacent to Ral Ral Avenue *[proposal may be considered in the future, beyond the immediate timeframes of this Strategy]*
- Formalise a walking route from Jane Eliza Avenue incorporating sections along the levee, connecting the Riverbank with Ral Ral Avenue/Bookmark Creek, and creating a circular walk *[refer Table 1 Renmark Action Plan: Resource No.25 & Figure 12]*
- Consider BBQ facilities and fitness trail/exercise equipment along the Riverbank *[refer Table 1 Renmark Action Plan: Resource No.2 & Figure 12]*
- Madigan Reserve – general perception that the existing open space, cricket field and equipment are not well used and that the space would benefit from a re-design *[refer Table 1 Renmark Action Plan: Resource No.15 & Figure 12]*
- Heart Foundation Walkers are seeking to establish an annual walk in the area, following a successful event in 2012. Facilities such as adequate parking and toilet facilities are an important consideration in determining a route. The lack of facilities within Paringa Paddock makes organised walking through this area problematic *[refer Table 1 Renmark Action Plan: Resource No.24 & Figure 12]*
- Support expressed for a link that runs adjacent to the Murray River, connecting 21st Street with Kulnine Street,

however, it was acknowledged that land ownership and access restriction would likely be an issue *[noted – land ownership issues render such a proposal unfeasible at this time]*

Lyrup

- Many informal walking trails run through the Lyrup Flats National Park and areas along the river corridor *[noted]*
- Lyrup Flats camping area is an important resource to consider *[refer Table 5 Lyrup Action Plan: Resource No.8 & Figure 17]*
- Consider extending existing provision of the shared use path to connect important activity nodes in the township, with a new section possibly running along Beames Road *[proposal may be considered in the future, beyond the immediate timeframes of this Strategy]*

Paringa

- The Median Strip at Murtho Road – an important resource in a central location within the township. Redeeming features include good tree coverage and shelter and the fenced play area is a valuable asset. However, due to its overall condition and general appearance the space would benefit from investment/re-design *[refer Table 4 Paringa Action Plan: Resource No.3 & Figure 15]*
- The Old Railway Corridor – opportunity to extend/divert the existing shared use path from the vicinity of Paringa Bridge along the corridor and connect with Lindsay Point Road. This would provide an alternative to walking/cycling along Sturt Highway. The existing dam may offer possibilities to establish a wetland habitat and boardwalk to the east of Murtho Road *[refer Table 4 Paringa Action Plan: Resource No.7 & Figure 15]*
- Opportunity to make more of the township's history through interpretive boards at strategic locations *[refer Table 4 Paringa Action Plan: Resource No.7 & Figure 15]*
- Consider extending shared use path along Murtho Road *[refer Table 4 Paringa Action Plan: Resource No.15 & Figure 15]*

RiverLife 
Get into Healthy!

Health Expo

Renmark Riverfront, Murray Ave
Saturday 16 March
from 10am to 3pm

Come along and celebrate healthy living in the Riverland

FEATURING
healthy cooking demonstrations
by Callum Hahn
from MasterChef
Et accredited dietician Themis Chryssidis

- Health Checks • Come and try activities
- Try the Fruit Smoothies bike • Cycling info and Activities from Bike SA •
- Outdoor Broadcast by Magic 93.1FM • Heart Foundation Walking
- In conjunction with Renmark Rocks On Rock n' Roll Festival •
- Free Jumping Castle and Face Painting for the kids and so much more!

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Appendix 3 Key Policy Themes drawn from Strategic Policy Documents

STRATEGIC POLICY DOCUMENTS								
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KEY POLICY THEMES:								
CREATE VIBRANT, LIVEABLE, SAFE PLACES	<p>Target 1: Urban Spaces Increase the use of public spaces by the local community</p> <p>Target 3: Cultural vibrancy – arts activities Increase the vibrancy of the South Australian arts industry</p> <p>Target 23: Social participation Increase the proportion of South Australians participating in social, community and economic activities</p>	<p>Strategic Priority: Urban Land Promote development of quality public spaces Require excellent design in the public realm Encourage world-class urban design and architecture</p> <p>Strategic Priority: Arts, Culture & Heritage Revitalise the special places and spaces of SA to create vibrant, surprising and inspiring experience Encourage exemplary urban design with more collaborative and integrated decisions Develop a public art policy to ensure that public art is a feature of new public realm Maximise economic and social benefits through improved</p>	<p>Priorities for regional South Australia Potential town bypass at Renmark</p> <p>Statewide Priorities Increased maintenance funding to improve and sustain the performance of the transport network and make better use of our transport assets</p> <p>Make our transport system safer and deliver South Australia’s Road Safety Strategy</p> <p>Regional SA Transport Solutions Safe, efficient and connected road networks Increase cycling and walking options Preserve amenity for local communities</p> <p>Solutions – Making</p>	<p>Principle 11: Design towns to provide safe, healthy, accessible and appealing environments</p> <p>Policy 11.1 Reinforce natural and built elements that contribute to the unique character and identity of towns</p> <p>Policy 11.2 Establish and retain distinct and attractive entrances to towns</p> <p>Policy 11.5 Provide strong linkages between town centres and key sites of tourism interest, such as the river</p> <p>Policy 11.7 Encourage active lifestyles by providing : a range of open space, sport and recreation facilities in towns and throughout the region</p>	<p>Asset: People Long-term Outcome P3: Landscapes are planned, developed and managed sustainably with neutral or beneficial impact on natural resources by 2030</p>	<p>Environment: Enhancement and protection of our natural and built environment and cultural heritage in collaboration with the community, government agencies, regional organisations and the private sector.</p> <p>Outcome 12: Efficient management of water on Council land</p> <p>Outcome 13: Attractive and functional streetscapes, parks, gardens and cemeteries</p> <p>Outcome 14: Promotion and enhancement of our natural environment</p> <p>Outcome 16: Safe and reliable roads, footpaths and stormwater systems</p> <p>Outcome 17: Preservation of our local heritage, character and identity</p> <p>Outcome 20: Proactive management of</p>	<p>Community Facilities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Convenient location of community facilities 2. Proper provision of public/community facilities <p>Crime Prevention:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A safe secure, crime resistant environment where land uses are integrated and designed to facilitate community surveillance <p>Design & Appearance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of a high architectural standard that responds to and reinforces positive aspects of the local environment and built form 2. Roads, open spaces, buildings and land uses laid out and linked so that they are easy to understand and navigate <p>Landscaping, fencing and walls:</p>	<p>Strategies and Emerging Priorities: Community Health and Well Being An active and engaged community supported by services and facilities that enhance our quality of life</p> <p>1.1 Provide high quality sporting, recreational and leisure facilities and services</p> <p>1.1.1 Implement an open space and recreation Strategy to ensure parks, gardens and reserves match community demand</p>

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		conservation and management strategies for state's heritage assets Target potential high profile heritage experiences for revitalisation	<p>our transport system safer Promote a shared responsibility for road safety Create safer communities and neighbourhoods</p> <p>Solutions – reducing our car dependency Make public transport, walking and cycling more attractive travel choices Change our travel choices and behaviour Embed travel behaviour change approaches into planning</p> <p>Solutions and Actions for the Murray and Mallee Region Cycling and walking: State Bicycle Fund – work with local councils to develop a regional cycling and walking strategy Local Government: Work with local councils to complete local transport strategies to complement land use directions of local</p>	: walking and cycling facilities in towns Policy 11.8 Develop safer towns by incorporating crime prevention through environmental design principles Policy 11.9 Design all developments to minimise their visual and physical intrusiveness and ensure they are sympathetic to cultural and landscape features and contribute to the desired character of the area Policy 11.10 Apply Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) principles to all new development and public open spaces and encourage their application to existing development		Environmental Risks	1. The amenity of land and development enhance with appropriate planting and other landscaping works, using locally indigenous plant species where possible. 2. Functional fences and walls that enhance the attractiveness of development	

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			development plans, with a focus on freight movements and accessible townships: Road, pedestrian and cycling networks in...Renmark...and other key towns to support tourism and active local communities Upgrades of boat ramps, moorings, jetties etc. along the River Murray and coast					
ENCOURAGE HEALTHY & ACTIVE LIFESTYLES	Target 2: Cycling Double the number of people cycling in South Australia by 2020 Target 6: Aboriginal wellbeing Improve the overall wellbeing of Aboriginal South Australians Target 13: Work-life balance Improve the quality of all South Australians through maintenance of a healthy work-life balance Target 24:	Strategic Priority: Recreation & Sport Asset Management & Maintenance Refocus the design, provision and distribution of appropriate recreation and sporting facilities throughout the state to improve access to them at the community level Develop integrated recreation and sports hubs that link with other community infrastructure and transport Strategic Priority:	Statewide Priorities Increased maintenance funding to improve and sustain the performance of the transport network and make better use of our transport assets Regional SA Transport Solutions Safe, efficient and connected road networks Increase cycling and walking options Preserve amenity for local communities	Principle 11: Design towns to provide safe, healthy, accessible and appealing environments Policy 11.7 Encourage active lifestyles by providing : a range of open space, sport and recreation facilities in towns and throughout the region : walking and cycling facilities in towns, giving consideration to the needs of people of		Community: An active and involved community supported by services and facilities that enhance our quality of life Outcome 1: High quality sporting, recreation and leisure facilities and activities Outcome 2: Youth recreation and well-being Outcome 3: Quality of life for older people and people with disabilities Outcome 5: A cohesive community that values our culture	Open Space and Recreation: 1. The creation of a network of linked parks, reserves and recreational areas at regional and local levels 2. Pleasant, functional and accessible open spaces providing a range of physical environments 3. A wide range of settings for active and passive recreational opportunities 4. The provision of open space in the following hierarchy: • State	Strategies and Emerging Priorities: Community Health and Well Being An active and engaged community supported by services and facilities that enhance our quality of life 1.1 Provide high quality sporting, recreational and leisure facilities and services 1.1.1 Implement an open space and recreation Strategy to ensure parks, gardens and reserves match community demand 1.3 Plan for and support access to quality

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	<p>Volunteering Maintain a high level of formal and informal volunteering in South Australia at 70% participation rate or higher Target 63: Use of public transport Increase the use of public transport to 10% of metropolitan weekday passenger vehicle kilometres travelled by 2018 Target 78: Healthy South Australians Increase the healthy life expectancy of South Australians to 73.4 years (6%) for males and 77.9 years (5%) for females by 2020 Target 79: Aboriginal healthy life expectancy Increase the average healthy life expectancy of Aboriginal males to 67.5 years (22%) and Aboriginal females to 72.3% (19%) by 2020 Target 82: Healthy weight Increase by 5 percentage points the proportion of South Australian adults and</p>	<p>Community Level Recreation and Sport Develop cross-government policy and design guidelines to ensure local school sport facilities maximise school and community use Support the development of local and regional recreation and sport and open space strategies Focus community level funding towards areas with demonstrated needs and identified infrastructure priorities</p>	<p>Solutions – Making our transport system safer Promote a shared responsibility for road safety Create safer communities and neighbourhoods Solutions – reducing our car dependency Make public transport, walking and cycling more attractive travel choices Change our travel choices and behaviour Embed travel behaviour change approaches into planning</p>	<p>different ages and physical and intellectual abilities</p>		<p>and heritage Outcome 6: Supported creativity and learning within the community Outcome 7: Enhance public safety and well being</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional • District • Neighbourhood • Local 	<p>services and facilities that enhance community health and well being 1.3.2 Seek opportunities to align programs with the 'eat well, be active' strategy 2011-2016</p>

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	children at a healthy body weight by 2017 Target 83: Sport & Recreation Increase the proportion of South Australians participating in sport or physical recreation at least once per week to 50% by 2020 Target 85: Chronic disease Increase, by 5 percentage points, the proportion of people living with a chronic disease whose self-assessed health status is good or better							
IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY, CONNECTIVITY & LEGIBILITY	Target 2: Cycling Double the number of people cycling in South Australia by 2020 Target 56: Strategic Infrastructure Ensure the provision of key economic and social infrastructure accommodates population growth Target 63: Use of public transport	Strategic Priority: Transport Improve people movement Provide connected networks for pedestrian use	Priorities for regional South Australia Potential town bypass at Renmark Statewide Priorities Increased maintenance funding to improve and sustain the performance of the transport network and make better use of our transport assets Make our transport	Principle 11: Design towns to provide safe, healthy, accessible and appealing environments Policy 11.2 Establish and retain distinct and attractive entrances to towns Policy 11.5 Provide strong linkages between town centres and key sites of		Environment: The enhancement and protection of our natural and built environment and cultural heritage in collaboration with the community, government agencies, regional organisations and the private sector Outcome 13: Attractive and functional streetscapes, parks, gardens and	Infrastructure: 1. Infrastructure provided in an economical and environmentally sensitive manner 2. Infrastructure, including social infrastructure, provided in advance of need Transportation and Access: 1. A comprehensive, integrated, affordable and efficient air, rail, sea, road, cycle and pedestrian transport	Strategies and Emerging Priorities: Community Health and Well Being An active and engaged community supported by services and facilities that enhance our quality of life 1.3 Plan for and support access to quality services and facilities that enhance community health and well being

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	<p>Increase the use of public transport to 10% of metropolitan weekday passenger vehicle kilometres travelled by 2018</p>		<p>system safer and deliver South Australia's Road Safety Strategy Reduce environmental impacts and car dependency Regional SA Transport Solutions Safe, efficient and connected road networks Increase cycling and walking options Preserve amenity for local communities Solutions – Making our transport system safer Promote a shared responsibility for road safety Create safer communities and neighbourhoods Solutions – reducing environmental impacts Improve environmental design, resource and procurement practices Solutions – reducing our car dependency Make public transport, walking and cycling more attractive travel choices Change our travel</p>	<p>tourism interest, such as the river Policy 11.7 Encourage active lifestyles by providing : a range of open space, sport and recreation facilities in towns and throughout the region : walking and cycling facilities in towns</p>		<p>cemeteries Outcome 16: Safe and reliable roads, footpaths and stormwater systems</p>	<p>system that will: a) provide equitable access to a range of public and private transport services for all people b) ensure a high level of safety d) have minimal environmental and social impacts 2. Development that: a) provides safe and efficient movement for all motorised and non-motorised transport modes 4. Provision of safe, pleasant, accessible, integrated and permeable pedestrian and cycling networks</p>	

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			<p>choices and behaviour Embed travel behaviour change approaches into planning</p> <p>Solutions and Actions for the Murray and Mallee Region</p> <p>Roads: 2.Sturt Highway- Investigate the need for potential future arterial road bypass of Renmark 11.Paringa bridge replacement Cycling and walking: State Bicycle Fund – work with local councils to develop a regional cycling and walking strategy Local Government: Work with local councils to complete local transport strategies to complement land use directions of local development plans, with a focus on freight movements and accessible townships: Road, pedestrian and cycling networks in...Renmark...and other key towns to</p>					

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			support tourism and active local communities					
PROTECT, RESTORE & ENHANCE THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT	<p>Target 69: Lose no species Lose no native species as a result of human impacts</p> <p>Target 72: Nature conservation Increase participation in nature conservation activities</p> <p>Target 73: Recycled stormwater South Australia has the system capacity to harvest up to 35GL of stormwater per annum by 2025</p> <p>Target 75: Sustainable water use South Australia's water resources are managed within sustainable limits by 2018</p>	<p>Strategic Priority: Water Rivers and reservoirs Ensure water storage capacity is able to cope with demand and wider seasonal variations associated with climate change</p> <p>Using and saving water Ensure that South Australians are better informed about water issues and promote water-wise behaviours</p> <p>Establish water sensitive urban and building design standards</p> <p>Strategic Priority: Natural Assets Land Habitat Management Undertake revegetation programmes at a landscape scale for biodiversity outcomes around the state so as to increase resilience of our threatened natural systems to climate change</p> <p>Develop innovative and environmentally friendly infrastructure solutions and visitor experiences in parks, reserves and at iconic tourism destinations</p>	<p>Regional SA Transport Solutions Preserve amenity for local communities</p> <p>Solutions – reducing environmental impacts Improve environmental design, resource and procurement practices</p>	<p>Principle 1: Recognise, protect and restore the region's environmental assets</p> <p>Water Policy 1.1 Protect the quality and function of water ecosystems by preventing the adverse impacts of land use and development, including WSUD measures</p> <p>Policy 1.2 Design developments and open spaces to retain natural drainage patterns and hydrological regimes by applying WSUD principles at the earliest stages.</p> <p>Riverine and coastal environments</p> <p>Policy 1.6 Protect areas of high environmental significance or landscape value by limiting development in these areas and preventing disturbance and promoting restoration of natural</p>	<p>Asset: People Long-term Outcome P1: Community managing natural resources sustainably</p> <p>Asset: People Long-term Outcome P3: Landscapes are planned, developed and managed sustainably</p> <p>Asset: People Intermediate Outcome P3.6: Manage the risks to natural resources from recreational activities</p> <p>Asset: Biodiversity Intermediate Outcome B1.1: Protect and manage priority remnant native ecosystems</p> <p>Asset: Biodiversity Intermediate Outcome B1.4: Improve community appreciation of native ecosystems and species</p>	<p>Environment: The enhancement and protection of our natural and built environment and cultural heritage in collaboration with the community, government agencies, regional organisations and the private sector</p> <p>Outcome 12: Efficient management of water on Council land</p> <p>Outcome 13: Attractive and functional streetscapes, parks, gardens and cemeteries</p> <p>Outcome 14: Promotion and enhancement of our natural environment</p> <p>Outcome 16: Safe and reliable roads, footpaths and stormwater systems</p> <p>Outcome 17: Preservation of our local heritage, character and identity</p> <p>Outcome 20: Management of Environmental Risks</p>	<p>Natural Resources:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Retention, protection and restoration of the natural resources and environment The ecologically sustainable use of natural resources including soil and water resources, ground water, surface water and watercourses Development consistent with the principles of water sensitive design Storage and use of stormwater which avoids adverse impact on public health and safety Native flora, fauna and ecosystems protected, retained, conserved and restored Restoration, expansion and linking of existing native vegetation to facilitate habitat corridors for ease of movement of fauna Minimal disturbance and modification of the natural landform Protection of the scenic qualities of 	<p>Strategies and Emerging Priorities: A Sustainable Environment The enhancement and protection of our natural and built environment and cultural heritage</p> <p>3.1 Provide a framework for the planned development of the Council area which is respectful of our local heritage and culture</p> <p>3.1.3 Promote our region as a clean, green environment in which to live, work and invest</p> <p>3.3 Ensure the sustainable enhancement and protection of our natural environment</p> <p>3.3.1 Promote the McCormick Centre for the Environment as an interpretive centre for the Murray Darling Basin</p> <p>3.3.2 Implement strategies outlined in the Council's Urban Design Framework</p>

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				<p>riverine and native vegetation</p> <p>Land biodiversity</p> <p>Policy 1.10 Introduce a clear hierarchy of environmental areas to be protected...</p> <p>Policy 1.11 Avoid any adverse impact on biodiversity where possible.</p> <p>Policy 1.12 Locate and design development to prevent the loss, degradation and/or fragmentation of native vegetation and the loss of species and/or ecological communities</p> <p>Policy 1.13 Provide for the creation of landscape connections to link areas of biological significance and create buffers as a means of managing the interface at the boundaries of conservation areas</p> <p>Policy 1.14 Identify new areas of conservation significance and ensure their protection</p> <p>Policy 1.15 Identify and maximise opportunities to</p>			<p>natural and rural landscapes</p> <p>14. Preservation of the River Murray landscape and environment</p> <p>Siting and visibility:</p> <p>1. Protection of scenically attractive areas, particularly natural, rural landscapes</p> <p>2. The preservation of the attractiveness of the valley face of the River Murray valley</p>	

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				<p>increase biodiversity into the urban form, either at the streetscape level or through open space</p> <p>Scenic landscapes</p> <p>Policy 1.16 Preserve areas of high landscape and amenity value and areas forming a background or entrance to towns and tourist developments, and along the river, lakes and coast</p> <p>Policy 1.17 Design development to retain high quality landscapes that can be viewed from tourist routes, walking trails, river and the sea, and discourage development that may adversely affect these landscapes by addressing the location, height, materials and colour of buildings</p> <p>Principle 2: Create the conditions for the region to become resilient to the impacts of climate change</p> <p>Policy 2.1 Promote carbon sequestration</p>				

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				<p>and greenhouse gas mitigation activities through sustainable land use management practices</p> <p>Policy 2.4 Enhance and protect existing native and remnant vegetation through revegetation and biodiversity programs</p> <p>Principle 3: Protect people, property and the environment from exposure to hazards</p> <p>Policy 3.1 Design and plan for development to prevent the creation of hazards and minimise the impacts of naturally occurring hazards, including flooding and sea level rise</p> <p>Principle 10: Strategically plan and manage the growth of towns</p> <p>The Plan supports the consolidation of population growth in existing settlements to protect important scenic and natural landscapes and areas of environmental and primary production significance</p>				

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PROTECT CULTURAL/ HERITAGE ASSETS		<p>Strategic Priority: Arts, Culture & Heritage Public Realm Revitalise the special places and spaces of South Australia to create a vibrant, surprising and inspiring experience Encourage exemplary urban design that creates places and experiences for people Achieve more collaborative and integrated urban design decision-making Develop a public art policy to ensure that public art is a feature of new public realm improvements</p> <p>Managing and making the best use of Heritage Assets Maximise economic and social benefits through improved conservation and management strategies for the state's heritage assets Target potential high profile heritage experiences for revitalisation through commercial opportunities</p>	<p>Regional SA Transport Solutions Preserve amenity for local communities</p>	<p>Principle 4: Identify and protect places of heritage and cultural significance and desired town character Policy 4.1 Protect and conserve places of heritage and cultural value Policy 4.2 Identify the desired character of towns and parts of towns and ensure the design of buildings and public places such as streetscapes and entrances supports the desired character Policy 4.4 Preserve and enhance the character of towns that are strongly valued for their unique design and character buildings</p>	<p>Asset: People Long-term Outcome P2: Increased involvement of Aboriginal people and recognition and protection of their cultural heritage</p>	<p>Environment: The enhancement and protection of our natural and built environment and cultural heritage in collaboration with the community, government agencies, regional organisations and the private sector</p> <p>Outcome 17: Preservation of our local heritage, character and identity</p>	<p>Heritage Places: 1. The conservation of State heritage places 3. Conservation of the setting of State heritage places</p>	<p>Strategies and Emerging Priorities: A Sustainable Environment The enhancement and protection of our natural and built environment and cultural heritage 3.1 Provide a framework for the planned development of the Council area which is respectful of our local heritage and culture</p>
PROMOTE TOURISM	<p>Target 4: Tourism industry Increase visitor</p>	<p>Strategic Priority: Natural Assets Develop innovative</p>	<p>Statewide Priorities Increased maintenance funding</p>	<p>Principle 7: Reinforce the region as a preferred</p>	<p>Asset: People Intermediate Outcome P3.6:</p>	<p>Economy: A strong and sustainable economy built on</p>	<p>Tourism development: 1. Environmentally</p>	<p>Strategies and Emerging Priorities: A Robust Economy</p>

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	<p>expenditure in South Australia's total tourism industry to \$8 billion</p>	<p>and environmentally friendly infrastructure solutions and visitor experiences in parks, reserves and at iconic tourism destinations</p>	<p>to improve and sustain the performance of the transport network and make better use of our transport assets Make our transport system safer and deliver South Australia's Road Safety Strategy</p> <p>Regional SA Transport Solutions Safe, efficient and connected road networks Increase cycling and walking options</p> <p>Solutions and Actions for the Murray and Mallee Region Cycling and walking: State Bicycle Fund – work with local councils to develop a regional cycling and walking strategy</p> <p>Local Government: Work with local councils to complete local transport strategies to complement land use directions of local development plans, with a focus on freight</p>	<p>tourism destination Policy 7.1 Protect, enhance and promote the assets that attract tourists , and are of value to the community including: Open space and walking and cycling trail networks, including potential trails along the River Murray and former railway corridors and scenic tourist drives Heritage, cultural and/or built character of towns, including town entrances or gateways</p> <p>Policy 7.2 Reinforce the desired roles of various towns and areas...including Renmark as the launching point for eco- and water-based tourism in the Chowilla Regional Reserve, as well as a gateway to South Australia for interstate visitors. These towns and areas should be protected by...promoting high quality design to protect scenic landscapes...</p>	<p>Manage the risks to natural resources from recreational activities</p>	<p>diversifying our established industries and attracting new industries and investors through collaboration in regional, State and National partnerships</p> <p>Outcome 10: A vibrant and growing tourism industry</p>	<p>sustainable and innovative tourism development 2. Tourism development that assists in the conservation, interpretation and public appreciation of significant natural and cultural features including State heritage places 3. Tourism development that sustains or enhances the local character, visual amenity and appeal of the area 4. Tourism development that protects areas of exceptional natural value, allows for appropriate levels of visitation and demonstrates an environmental analysis and design response which enhances environmental values 9. Provision for recreational and tourist development adjacent to the River Murray</p>	<p>A strong and sustainable economy built on diversifying our established industries and attracting new industries and investors through collaborative partnerships 2.1 Develop and implement initiatives to encourage a vibrant and growing tourism industry 2.1.1 Develop a program for the implementation of our Signage Audit focussing on directing tourists to our attractions 2.1.2 Promote the Port of Renmark Theme through showcasing the PS Industry and implementing the provision of a permanent mooring site for the Argo Barge 2.1.3 Encourage environmental tourism 2.1.8 Support the development of a new tourism product (multiple walking/boating trail) 2.2.4 Investigate the redevelopment of Murray Avenue to create a 'placemaking' precinct</p>

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			movements and accessible townships: Road, pedestrian and cycling networks in...Renmark...and other key towns to support tourism and active local communities	<p>Policy 7.3..provision of high quality, low impact, eco-friendly, walk in/walk-out tourism in suitable environments</p> <p>Policy 7.4 Increase visual access to the riverine environments by establishing lookouts, walking trails, picnic areas and interpretive signage in appropriate locations</p> <p>Policy 7.5 Support the houseboat holiday experience along the River Murray by providing mooring sites linked to towns, conservation reserves and natural environments while protecting environmentally sensitive areas</p> <p>Policy 7.7 Develop the foreshore areas in towns for community/public recreation to attract tourists and create an inviting link between towns and waterbodies</p>				

Appendix 4 Tables containing comments and votes from Public Consultation period

Table 6 Renmark Action Plan

Resource No.	Open Space/ Recreation Resource	Analysis	Our Opportunities	Votes Green = Elected Members + Staff Blue = Community Feedback	Comments
1	The Causeway	Provides a strong sense of arrival from Paringa and emphasises Renmark's connection to the River Murray. The shared use path along the Causeway provides an important bike/pedestrian connection between Renmark and Paringa	<p>6.1. Signage re; direct to River</p> <p>6.2. Improved pathway</p> <p>6.3. Improved bike path (bitumen/resurfaced/lighting/shelter)</p> <p>6.4. Under road link to Paringa Paddock (signage)</p>	<p>1 VOTE</p> <p>4 VOTES</p> <p>1 VOTE</p> <p>7 VOTES</p> <p><u>TOTAL = 13 VOTES</u></p>	<p>Lighting along track/causeway path and on walkway to Caravan Park</p> <p>Distance markers on track</p> <p>Tourist info boards along track</p>

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2	Riverbank	<p>High quality linear open space with walking trail, picnic facilities and interpretive signage. This area provides an important strategic link along the river frontage</p> <p>In the vicinity of Ral Ral Avenue and Jarret Memorial Gardens sections of the existing western river foreshore footpath are in need of clearer definition / formalisation of route</p>	<p>7.1. 1 – Seating, BBQ area, Toilet, Interpretive Signage (Plasma cut outs), Link to tracks and trails strategy, Bike maintenance area</p> <p>7.2. 2 – Viewing tower/platform</p> <p>7.3. 3 – Potential fitness trail</p> <p>7.4. 4 – Drink fountain/water fountain, public art/sculptures ie. chess set, BBQ, brass possums, deck chairs (sculpted, creative seating)</p> <p>7.5. 5 – Upgrade power, better tree lined on Murray Ave side (for warmer months), more shade areas/structures, replace palms with shade trees, link with Town Centre Redevelopment, one way street</p> <p>7.6. 6 – Bank Stabilisation, designated swimming area, tiered seating, paddle boats, boat hire, canoe hire, Westpac bank site redevelopment,</p> <p>7.7. 7 – Wharf public art, hall of fame, wharf maintenance</p> <p>7.8. 8 – Chairs upgrade, seating</p> <p>7.9. 9 – VIC – possibility to have second level viewing platform, bike storage/maintenance, showcase area/sit and talk area</p> <p>7.10. Potential increase in moored houseboats</p>	<p>11 VOTES</p> <p>9 VOTES</p> <p>8 VOTES</p> <p>2 VOTES</p> <p>2 VOTES</p> <p>10 VOTES</p> <p>TOTAL = 43 VOTES</p>	<p>Paved path from Church of England to Library Remove some or all Willow Add extra trees from Church to Library and remove old Consider groups in all parks – Tables and toilets should be closer. Lock 5 is a great example to cater for all groups BBQ area in Jarrett Memorial Garden Pedestrian Mall from the Club to the Hotel – VIC/Argo used as Tea Rooms or similar Extend fencing around playground near Library include a grassed area providing enclosed safe place for picnics with young children Riverfront for community not private residences More BBQs and covered seating along entire riverfront. Move VIC to Jarret Memorial (1 vote) Fitness area – fun adult fitness equipment Picnic area opposite town wharf – this would involve removal of willows and in season ferry service which could be serviced by volunteers or local clubs Use of unique art work by local artists – ie. Dudley Siviour</p>
3	Visitor Information Centre (VIC)	Important asset for dissemination of information for the local/regional area	<p>8.1. VIC Concept Plan (draft plan available) (Links to whole of town theme)</p>	<p>2 VOTES</p> <p>4 VOTES</p> <p>TOTAL = 6 VOTES</p>	Use TIC (Tourist Information Centre) not VIC

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4	Arthur Shepherd Lions Park	Well maintained park with extensive picnic facilities and irrigated grass areas	<p>9.1. Carpark on plot next door</p> <p>9.2. Dog friendly water</p>	<p>2 VOTES</p> <p>2 VOTES</p> <p>TOTAL = 4 VOTES</p>	Sign and walk already exist under bridge linking up with Paringa Paddock walks Need to keep C/Van Pk employees away from BBQ Pk Car Park
5	Renmark Aquatic Club	<u>Leased from Council</u>	<p>10.1. Review/look at lease (potential to allow priority access for Ski Club events and allow the public access at other times)(Clear delineation between ski boats and swimmers)</p> <p>10.2. Kid friendly area/fishing area</p> <p>10.3. Clean up old ramp</p>	<p>2 VOTES</p> <p>2 VOTES</p> <p>3 VOTES</p> <p>TOTAL = 7 VOTES</p>	
6	Big 4 Renmark Riverfront Holiday Park	<p><u>Not Council Owned or Operated</u></p> <p>Popular privately owned and run destination point located in the vicinity of existing shared use links. Potential new splash pad/water park development (publicly accessible/user pay system)</p>			
7	Matulick Riverfront Walk		<p>11.1. Pathway LED Lighting</p> <p>11.2. Define area for pedestrians/cyclists/cars</p> <p>11.3. Signage re; distance to town</p> <p>11.4. Clean up boardwalk, chairs/seating, viewing area at end of boardwalk/fishing area</p>	<p>3 VOTES</p> <p>4 VOTES</p> <p>5 VOTES</p> <p>TOTAL = 12 VOTES</p>	Create an area on Patey Drive, around the board walk precinct which is a family friendly area – Clear some native veg, remove stumps etc, open up for swimmers, boats, general recreation use. BBQ with lawn graded gently to rivers edge would enhance area. Toilets are in close proximity and car parking could be provided across the road in unused land.

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8	RSL / Bowling Club	<u>Not Council Owned or Operated</u>	12.1. Indoor Bowling Club		
9	Council Chambers / Eighteenth Street	Open space adjacent to Eighteenth Street in need of enhancement	13.1. Check zoning 13.2. Sell it 13.3. Upgrade/landscaping 13.4. Stopover space 13.5. Upgrade railway crane/historic signage 13.6. Move the crane to alternative space 13.7. Long bay parking for caravans	1 VOTE 2 VOTES 1 VOTE 3 VOTES 1 VOTE 1 VOTE 5 VOTES TOTAL = 14 VOTES	Improve entrance to Renmark from Paringa

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10	Darnley Taylor Park	A popular destination point for local youth and offers opportunities to enhance existing facilities and maximise the potential of the adjacent open spaces	<p>PRIORITY AREA</p> <p>14.1. Tree planting 14.2. Drainage 14.3. Fence the front 14.4. Graffiti proof 14.5. Extension of skate park/lighting 14.6. Remote control car track 14.7. Security 14.8. Develop/extend playspace 14.9. Bike safety track 14.10. Fitness trail/equipment (cage) 14.11. Seating 14.12. Remove BMX track (move to near Dog Park) 14.13. Kid friendly area/active recreation area/adventure outdoor activity space 14.14. Signage – start of trail to Paringa 14.15. Link from BBQ up to footpath 14.16. More covered things/extend shade areas/sails 14.17. Community WiFi (available – need signage to notify users) 14.18. Additional parking/toilets if use increases</p> <p>Develop a mini masterplan (take care not to spoil current area)</p>	<p>7 VOTES</p> <p>7 VOTES</p> <p>10 VOTES</p> <p>4 VOTES</p> <p>14 VOTES</p> <p>16 VOTES</p> <p>TOTAL = 58 VOTES</p>	<p>Increase Skate Area Natural Playground (not commercial) Basketball rings/half-court basketball/netball Lighting on walkway Develop masterplan for upgraded playground Create 'free' playground trail for the Riverland (Waikerie, Loxton, Barmera, Berri, Monash, Renmark) Wheel chair friendly swing More imaginative equipment – submission supplied photos of dinosaur/adventure equipment</p>
11	Renmark Avenue	Represents a significant public open space area, and forms an important component of the arrival experience into the township. Also functions as a popular informal picnic area	<p>16.1. Additional tree planting – new line of trees – uniform lined avenue of trees 16.2. Cyclists/roundabout 16.3. Community Group/Service Group dedication area</p>	<p>3 VOTES</p> <p>2 VOTES</p> <p>TOTAL = 5 VOTES</p>	<p>Plane trees Slash rubbish along north side of highway from 23rd to 20th Street Fill holes on side where semi's park to get food (Note: Sturt Highway road surface comes under the care and control of DPTI)</p>

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12	Dix Street Park	Provides high quality turf areas, however, offers limited formal recreational/leisure facilities	16.1. Sell it	No community votes 4 VOTES <u>TOTAL = 4 VOTES</u>	Agree with potential sale Do not agree with potential sale (7 comments) – inadequate open space on this side of town Improve park – seating, trees, playground, natural play area, ½ court, 4 square court, dog waste dispensers, scooter path, bins
13	Bookmark Creek & bridge	<u>Not Council owned</u> Forms a strong environmental gateway to the town along the A20 Sturt Highway and is strategically located on an extensive network of walking trails. Excellent accessibility at this gateway to the town offers potential to increase water-based activities in this location. Further to the north, the formally defined trail along Bookmark Creek currently terminates at western side of Twenty-First Street	17.1. Extend width of bridge/additional bitumen for bikes (potential use of old railway bridge infrastructure) 17.2. Ongoing clean up 17.3. Upgrade car parking area 17.4. Rubbish bins/seating area 17.5. Dog waste dispensers (Potential bike lane along Twenty-first Street)	12 VOTES 2 VOTES 3 VOTES 6 VOTES <u>TOTAL = 23 VOTES</u>	
13A	Angoves' Woodlot	<u>Not Council owned</u>	18.1. Possible signage		

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14	Sims Parade Linear Park	Very poor quality public open space with low visual amenity, lacking in facilities such as formalised footpaths, shelters and seating. Unrestricted vehicular access from Twenty-First Street should be addressed	<p>19.1. More trees</p> <p>19.2. Seating</p> <p>19.3. Walkway through the trees</p> <p>19.4. Link with other walkways</p> <p>19.5. Potential off road cycling</p> <p>19.6. Rationalise playgrounds between Madigan Reserve and Sims Parade Park</p>	<p>4 VOTES</p> <p>7 VOTES</p> <p>TOTAL = 11 VOTES</p>	Good potential to provide amenities to an area that is lacking then and where many children live
15	Madigan Reserve	Local park with cricket pitch, shelters and adult fitness equipment	<p>20.1. Increase planting/create forest with small grassed area in centre (potentially remove equipment – additional seats)</p> <p>20.2. Parking off street</p> <p>20.3. More exercise equipment</p>	<p>2 VOTES</p> <p>1 VOTE</p> <p>TOTAL = 3 VOTES</p>	Ensure any plantings maintain access and amenity of area Caltrop around edges More trees Develop park further
16	Coolabah Crescent Park		22.1. Sell it/subdivide (leave as is)	<p>1 VOTE</p> <p>TOTAL = 1 VOTE</p>	Don't sell (2 comments and 1 vote)
16A	Tucker Court Park				
17	Education Precinct	<p><u>Majority of land not Council owned</u></p> <p>Open space associated with Renmark High, primary and Junior School currently function as informal/ defacto public open space</p>	Meet with RHS, RPS, TAFE and Flinders Uni re; options being considered	<p>2 VOTES</p> <p>TOTAL = 2 VOTES</p>	<p>Paving on Mildura St – opposite side as well. Path is well used by families/children walking to and from school (1 vote)</p> <p>Checked watering system as often sprays footpaths</p> <p>Control after hours noise – late night basketball disturbance (Note: Courts within schools are outside of Council's control)</p>

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18	Bookmark Creek Walks (part of the Murray Valley Trail network) - Wetland Walk / Bookmark Crescent	Environmental walk through wetland area and creek	Upgrade walks and signage in partnership with Bookmark Creek Action Group	<p>18 VOTES</p> <p>4 VOTES</p> <p><u>TOTAL = 22 VOTES</u></p>	Forms entry into Renmark – huge potential All of Bookmark Creek from Jane Eliza to back of Ruston Rose Garden, botanical park and wetland, riding trails. Look for businesses to sponsor work. Widen the walk – road base along reedy part to help widen and reduce maintenance Rubbish catchment net could be placed at Stormwater inlet to assist in clean up efforts
19	Pony Club	<u>Not Council owned</u>	22.1. Treated water (might be issue with floodplain)		Involve Pony Club in development of horse trails across floodplain in coordination with walking and cycling trails
20	Number 1 Oval (Football / Cricket)	<u>Seasonal Licence from Council</u>	<p>23.1. Upgrade bike track a. Remove bike track</p> <p>23.2. Spectator mound near Tennis Club end</p> <p>23.3. 24 hr a day toilets?</p> <p>23.4. More trees near scoreboard corner</p> <p>23.5. Power supply/lighting</p> <p>23.6. Rebuild/redevelop Tucker Hall (flooring)</p> <p>23.7. No private gates</p> <p>23.8. Speed Restrictions Signs</p> <p>23.9. Lighting upgrade to Oval</p>	<p>2 VOTES</p> <p>2 VOTES</p> <p>2 VOTES</p> <p>3 VOTES</p> <p><u>TOTAL = 9 VOTES</u></p>	
20A	Number 2 Oval (Hockey)	<u>Seasonal Licence from Council</u>	<p>24.1. Tree lining</p> <p>24.2. Improve signage re; dogs not on playing surfaces</p> <p>24.3. Additional parking near Tucker Hall</p>	<p>2 VOTES</p> <p><u>TOTAL = 2 VOTES</u></p>	Open gates at rear of Oval. People do walk on floodbanks and open gates give options to distances offered. Cars can access oval whatever, club can lock/unlock for home games.

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20B	Number 3 Oval (Soccer)	<u>Seasonal Licence from Council</u>	25.1. Upgrade lighting 25.2. Shared toilets between clubs 25.3. Access during non-game time	3 VOTES 1 VOTE 2 VOTES TOTAL = 6 VOTES	
20C	Tintra Tennis Club	<u>Seasonal Licence from Council</u>	26.1. Lighting	3 VOTES TOTAL = 3 VOTES	Lighting tennis courts will provide opportunities for more varied comps
20D	Recreation Centre Netball Basketball	<u>Recreation Centre leased from Council</u> <u>Seasonal Licence from Council</u>	27.1. Rec Centre – parking/bitumised, renovate, consultation re; community use and upgrade vs. redevelop, future of rec centre, line marking, extend pool area 27.2. Netball courts – Line marking of car park, trees, shade 27.3. Pool – Upgrade, wave pool, toilets, car park upgrade, additional/move dump point, disabled access to pool, upgrade put put golf course	14 VOTES 13 VOTES 3 VOTES TOTAL = 31 VOTES	Upkeep of facilities at the Rec Centre esp heated pool and spa, too often the spa is not functioning Rec Centre needs air conditioning (1 vote) Gym and pool need regular cleaning Water Activity park (like Big 4) but need to upgrade pool facilities and ensure appropriate tourism practices in place (2 votes) Solar heating for use all year round, opened at more convenient times for busy people
20E	Swimming Complex		Wave Pool	6 VOTES 1 VOTE TOTAL = 7 VOTES	
20F	Renmark Bowling Club		Potential community garden on land between bowling club and houses	2 VOTES TOTAL = 2 VOTES	

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21	Ral Ral Avenue	Eastern-most section of the avenue provides a strong setting and valued landscape amenity to the township, with landscaped central median	<p>28.1. Tree planting on left side of Steve Poutakidis Oval</p> <p>28.2. Safety railing on drop off side</p> <p>28.3. Cycle track – safety and access</p> <p>28.4. Extend the gopher track in front of hospital, mark current track to Ral Ral Bridge</p>	<p>2 VOTES</p> <p>3 VOTES</p> <p>2 VOTES</p> <p>TOTAL = 7 VOTES</p>	No more gum trees or bottle brush – too messy
22	Jane Eliza	Popular swimming / skiing destination	<p>29.1. Extend walkway to old Tower Tavern site (improve signage to Tower)</p> <p>29.2. Peddle boat hire, canoe hire</p> <p>29.3. Enhance swimming beach</p> <p>29.4. Sandbagging/toilets</p> <p>29.5. Chair lift into river</p> <p>29.6. Extend swimming access area – remove sunken logs, reed removal</p> <p>29.7. Creative/flexible furniture</p> <p>29.8. BBQs</p> <p>29.9. Question Rowing Club re; needs (walkway/linkage across the road)</p> <p>29.10. Potential for overnight houseboat stays</p> <p>29.11. Activity area</p> <p>29.12. Potentially irrigate side areas (RIT land)</p> <p>29.13. Paved footpath to and over bridge</p> <p>29.14. Bank retention along Jane</p> <p>29.15. Removal (and retain) of old Tower Tavern sign</p> <p>29.16. Two finger board signs - Warriuka and Liba Liba</p>	<p>12 VOTES</p> <p>1 VOTE</p> <p>3 VOTES</p> <p>27 VOTES</p> <p>2 VOTES</p> <p>2 VOTES</p> <p>1 VOTES</p> <p>16 VOTES</p> <p>12 VOTES</p> <p>TOTAL = 76 VOTES</p>	<p>Need more public access swimming/boating area with designated areas</p> <p>Speed limits in water near swimmers (possibly not Council's responsibility/powers?)</p> <p>Fix Liba Liba boat ramp</p> <p>Rubbish bins – more to accommodate houseboat mooring and busy periods</p> <p>Lock 5 Marina based houseboats have a problem with bridge opening times so an official rendezvous mooring where clients can board boats at the JE would be useful</p> <p>Car parking an issue during Rowing Regatta</p> <p>Street lighting in need of painting</p> <p>Extend sand bagging to assist with launching/retrieval of boats</p>

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23	Plush's Bend	Popular riverside recreation spot	PRIORITY AREA 30.1. Potential fee for camping (potential dump point) 30.2. Bike path 30.3. Upgrade ramp 30.4. Signage 30.5. Upgrade rubble road surface 30.6. Create defined areas for camping 30.7. Develop mini master plan 30.8. Potential additional shelters (care re; flood zone requirements) 30.9. Irrigated turf 30.10. Define swimming area 30.11. Link with tracks and trails 30.12. Walking track	6 VOTES 1 VOTE 1 VOTE 4 VOTES 3 VOTES 14 VOTES TOTAL = 29 VOTES	Path – bike, run, walk Support development of a master plan Plush's Bend requires careful development if it's not to turn into a money hole for RPC
24	Paringa Paddock	Existing trails in need of attention Riverland Irrigation Trust (RIT) and Crown Land <u>Not Council owned</u>	PRIORITY AREA 31.1. Walking/cycling paths 31.2. Continue to develop in consultation with land owners	16 VOTES 13 VOTES TOTAL = 29 VOTES	Great potential for 'partnership' with Crown Awesome community engagement tool. Great spot (huge env value) Great for encouraging people to get fit and get out doors perfect for education Walking trails and brochures are already in existence Tie in with "The Great Riverland Walking Trail"
25	Jane Eliza/Levee Walk	Informal route but well used by locals, running along a variety of footpath surfaces/tracks and levee banks. Provides convenient circular walk for local residents	32.1. Maintain as potential for long term storage of boats 32.2. Potential replica boat/play area 32.3. Signage/trail marker/fitness trail marker 32.4. Jarrett Memorial – improve surface 32.5. Create infrastructure/seating for weddings, outdoor chapel (talk to Club/Hotel)	6 VOTES 3 VOTES 2 VOTES 2 VOTES TOTAL = 13 VOTES	A great walk and any linking in of walks around the town are great Incorporate the walk along Ral Ral ck into the Nat Park on the other bank by having a person-operated mini-punt to take 2-3 pedestrians at a time across Ral Ral ck to the Island

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26	Link to schools from town	Link through to primary school along Cucumunga Street/Tarcoola Street – currently an informal path along verge		2 VOTES TOTAL = 2 VOTES	Cucamunga Street is becoming a very busy road and a walkway/cycleway would be great. Hardly any children ride to school
Refer Figure 4	Renmark-Lyrup Trail (Formalised on-road / off-road cycle lane)	Limited dedicated walking/cycle links between Renmark and Lyrup	Cycle track using old railway bridge via golf course and Lyrup flats or trail via Paringa Paddocks	8 VOTES 6 VOTES TOTAL = 14 VOTES	Sounds exciting
-	The Murray River Trail (driving trail)	Broadly follows the A20 Sturt Highway through the Renmark Paringa district		2 VOTES TOTAL = 2 VOTES	Could also cross Ferry at Lyrup. Look at SS Ellen Park. Drive around the Pike to Yamba and back to Renmark
-	Chowilla Game Reserve	Located 30km to the north of Renmark/Paringa. Comprising 4km circular walk <u>Not in Council area</u>		6 VOTES TOTAL = 6 VOTES	Comments that the road needs upgrading. NOTE: Council maintains and is responsible for the bitumised section of Wentworth Road. The unbitumised section is a DPTI maintained road not a Council Road.

Table 7 Renmark South West Gateway Action Plan

Resource No.	Open Space/ Recreation Resource	Analysis	Our Opportunities	Votes Blue = Community Feedback Green = Elected Members + Staff	Comments
1	Renmark Country Club	<u>Not Council owned</u> Golf and Country Club	<p>1.1. Land next to Golf Club Entrance – both sides – planting & replanting</p> <p>a. Praise development of gateway</p> <p>b. Explore planned development of current site (Tree Planting – Plan and Budget)</p> <p>c. Upgrade signage</p> <p>1.2. Decent entry statement - Signage</p> <p>1.3. Stay and Play for Golf Club</p> <p>1.4. Extend Trees</p> <p>1.5. Big Golf Ball (Tourism Grant?)</p>	<p>3 VOTES</p> <p>2 VOTES</p> <p>1 VOTE</p> <p>3 VOTES</p> <p>TOTAL = 9 VOTES</p>	
2	South West Gateway/ Entry Statement	Gateway to the township on approach from the south west along Sturt Highway – currently provides strong entry into the town	<p>2.1. Praise Almond co for development of entry & enquire re interest in supporting maintenance of neighbouring areas</p> <p>2.2. Welcome wall & changes – RHS competition / rotating sign / lights / Plasma Cut out of PS Industry.....Themes.... (improve grey sign next to Welcome Wall)</p> <p>a. Paddle Steamer Hall of Fame</p> <p>b. Tinny capital of Australia / World</p> <p>c. Houseboat Heaven</p> <p>d. Cycling Central</p>	<p>10 VOTES</p> <p>2 VOTES</p> <p>8 VOTES</p> <p>TOTAL = 20 VOTES</p>	<p>Rotate existing Welcome Wall sign (facing traffic)</p> <p>Or paint wall a bright color</p> <p>If competition held, include all children</p>
3	Dryland Park	Serves as a buffer to the industrial site	<p>3.1. Tree planting to fill gaps</p> <p>3.2. Bold signage beyond Rose festival – linked to themes?</p>	<p>2 VOTES</p> <p>2 VOTES</p> <p>3 VOTES</p> <p>TOTAL = 7 VOTES</p>	

Resource No.	Open Space/ Recreation Resource	Analysis	Our Opportunities	Votes Blue = Community Feedback Green = Elected Members + Staff	Comments
4	T.M. Price Park	High quality park with tourist facilities providing a strong entry into the town	<p>4.1. Short stay stop area - \$5 / power / dump point etc..</p> <p>4.2. Dinosaur (history of Bredls) / Big Orange relocation as grape / interactive signage....</p> <p>4.3. Info Bay needs attention – more info, info re; wineries</p> <p>4.4. Better fencing</p> <p>4.5. Review camping/stay policy (can be unattractive, not good entry statement)</p> <p>(ensure consultation with Rotary Club)</p>	<p>5 VOTES</p> <p>4 VOTES</p> <p>2 VOTES</p> <p>11 VOTES</p> <p>TOTAL = 22 VOTES</p>	
5	Sturt Highway	Significant landscape element. Well treed with excellent views through to adjoining blocks. <u>Reinforces Renmark's role in horticultural industries</u>	<p>5.1. Signage PS Industry (Potential to use half of Rose Week sign)</p> <p>5.2. Riverfrontage ahead</p> <p>5.3. Pedestrian/Bike traffic over old railway bridge (VIP – safety issues)</p> <p>5.4. Picnic areas ahead</p> <p>5.5. Tree planting from Twenty Third to Twenty First</p>	<p>4 VOTES</p> <p>12 VOTES</p> <p>4 VOTES</p> <p>10 VOTES</p> <p>TOTAL = 31 VOTES</p>	<p>Sturt Highway Bridge needs replacing (include cycle lanes both ways)</p> <p>Roses on Renmark Avenue between 23rd and 20th (bright red/yellow)</p> <p>Highlight 'Bangalore Homestead', important link in Renmark's history (1 vote)</p>

Table 8 Renmark North West Gateway Action Plan

Resource No.	Open Space/ Recreation Resource	Analysis	Our Opportunities	Votes Green = Elected Members + Staff Blue = Community Feedback	Comments
1	The McCormick Centre	A valuable educational resource and attraction for both residents and tourists, however, it is located some 3km to the north west of the town, and would benefit from improved connectivity with the town	<p>33.1. Track to just before High School</p> <p>33.2. Track and signage to McCormick Centre</p> <p>33.3. Potential trail diverting thru Jane Eliza</p> <p>33.4. Signage to indicate Council building</p> <p>(Works required on floodbank and weed control)</p>	<p>9 VOTES</p> <p>2 VOTES</p> <p>5 VOTES</p> <p>6 VOTES</p> <p>TOTAL = 22 VOTES</p>	Track needs extending all the way to McCormick Centre Wonderful resource – underutilised. Update signage and upgrade of walk/bike track all the way from Town to the Centre. Crusher dust/road base all the way. Art works with environmental theme or interpretive signage could be developed along the way. Huge potential – underutilised. Continue track/trail across floodplain and thru back of high school agric block to also highlight their work.
2	Ral Ral Avenue	Eastern-most section of the avenue provides a strong setting and valued landscape amenity to the township, with landscaped central median	Potential tree planting on town entry – north side of bridge	<p>11 VOTES</p> <p>TOTAL = 11 VOTES</p>	Plane trees Revive the Ral Ral floodplain Current tree planning on north side of bridge is great – extend this on other side of turn off to Ontario St (where substation used to be)

Table 9 Paringa Action Plan

Resource No.	Open Space/ Recreation Resource	Analysis	Our Opportunities	Votes Green = Elected Members + Staff Blue = Community Feedback	Comments
1	Paringa Bridge	<p><u>Not Council owned</u></p> <p>Provides strong sense of arrival from western approach to the township</p>	<p>34.1. Continue discussions with DPTI about improving the footpath on the bridge</p> <p>34.2. Separation of cyclists and cars</p> <p>34.3. Trees</p> <p>34.4. Paint safety barriers</p> <p>34.5. Improve access onto Bridge for cyclists and pedestrians</p> <p>34.6. Explore safety options corner Eighteenth and Tolarno</p> <p>34.7. Interpretive signage on bridge (Possible speed restriction on causeway)</p>	<p>2 VOTES</p> <p>1 VOTE</p> <p>3 VOTES</p> <p>1 VOTE</p> <p>8 VOTES</p> <p>TOTAL = 15 VOTES</p>	<p>Put info signage at each end of Bridge. Info boards to tell history of bridge.</p>
2	Bert Dix Park	<p>High quality riverside park with extensive recreation and visitor facilities</p>	<p>35.1. Access from southern side to Bert Dix park from Bridge</p> <p>35.2. Upgrade toilets</p> <p>35.3. More BBQs</p> <p>35.4. More seating</p> <p>35.5. Potential for upgraded/extended playground</p> <p>35.6. Remove old tractor</p> <p>35.7. Pontoon at boat ramp</p> <p>35.8. Signage</p>	<p>8 VOTES</p> <p>1 VOTE</p> <p>4 VOTES</p> <p>5 VOTES</p> <p>1 VOTE</p> <p>6 VOTES</p> <p>TOTAL = 24 VOTES</p>	<p>Move old tractor to Paringa Museum</p> <p>Toilets need upgrading, cleaned on long weekends. Additional toilets at other end of park.</p> <p>Toilets too far from tables for the elderly.]</p> <p>Lock 5 is fantastic for picnics/BBQs – Great idea for Dix park</p> <p>Old tractor was grandchildren’s favourite place.</p> <p>Fix Bert Dix boat ramp.</p> <p>Make playground more challenging and consult children of the area (not just high school students)</p> <p>Fishing wharf at Bert Dix Park for mobility challenged persons</p>

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3	'The Median Strip' (Park at Murtho Road)	Reasonable tree cover and good shelter. Fenced play area is important given its location on the median strip. Overall poor quality space at strategically important location to the township, with aged infrastructure	PRIORITY AREA 36.1. Upgraded Xmas decorations 36.2. Remove playground 36.3. Shade over playground 36.4. Stormwater drainage 36.5. Improve paving 36.6. One way signs/No entry signs exiting shop 36.7. Remove structure at end	1 VOTE 1 VOTE 1 VOTE 5 VOTES TOTAL = 8 VOTES	Provide effluent water to new trees
4	Sturt Highway	Important component in the arrival experience into Paringa	PRIORITY AREA 37.1. Entry statement/treatment (near Lindsay Point Road) 37.2. Grass area between Hughes Ave and Highway using effluent water 37.3. Effluent water to Pepper trees 37.4. Reinstate tourist bay 37.5. Stone wall at Lindsay Point Road corner	4 VOTES 6 VOTES 2 VOTES 3 VOTES 6 VOTES TOTAL = 23 VOTES	Need welcome wall, this is the entrance to Riverland SA. Grass area from Lindsay Point Rd to Bridge with plantings Tourist bay in conjunction with welcome wall (2 votes)
5	Paringa Oval	Significant local and recreational focal point to the township providing high quality facilities and playing surface	38.1. First sporting facility you see coming into SA 38.2. Seal entry and around Paringa Oval 38.3. Drainage at gateway and around 38.4. Lighting 38.5. Playground (small) (potential support for sporting complex play ground) 38.6. Potential to relocate into Renmark 38.7. Additional tree planting on Mundic Creek side	4 VOTES 1 VOTE 1 VOTE TOTAL = 6 VOTES	Paringa needs a decent Info Bay

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6	Cudmore Avenue Park		39.1. Tidy up, more trees 39.2. Improve drainage, manage stormwater		
7	Old Railway Corridor	Extends across the town, creating a linear green park set well back from the A20 Sturt Highway, connecting western areas of the town to the eastern riverside foreshore	PRIORITY AREA 40.1. Trees, get rid of low lying scrub 40.2. Make more attractive 40.3. Cycling/walking track to Yamba 40.4. Seating (Key area from Paringa Bridge thru town)	2 VOTES 1 VOTE 3 VOTES 1 VOTE 8 VOTES TOTAL = 15 VOTES	Low lying scrub provides important habitat for birds/etc.
8	Michelle Drive Park		41.1. More trees 41.2. Stormwater		Need fence and shade
9	Middleton Avenue Park	High quality park with playground and irrigated turf areas	42.1. Trees 42.2. Shade over playground 42.3. Fence playground	3 VOTES 3 VOTES TOTAL = 6 VOTES	All playgrounds should have fencing – safety issue Equipment too hot to use on hot days
10	Paringa Caravan Park	<u>Not Council owned</u>	43.1. Bitumen entry and exit points	1 VOTE TOTAL = 1 VOTE	
11	Tourist Information Bay		44.1. Caravan park re info 'booth' maintenance 44.2. Retain tourist info booth (in cooperation with Caravan Park owner) 44.3. Seating and rubbish bins 44.4. Bitumen access entry and exit and thru	1 VOTE 3 VOTES TOTAL = 4 VOTES	Info pack in dangerous position on bend
12	Town Centre				

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13	Riverbend Caravan Park	<u>Not Council owned</u>			
14	Old Stockyards	Potential for enhancements to the 'Old Stockyards' site to the east of Paringa Oval	<p>45.1. Trees</p> <p>45.2. Level site</p> <p>45.3. Make more attractive</p> <p>45.4. Tidy up (potential use of recycled water for plantings)</p>	<p>6 VOTES</p> <p>1 VOTE</p> <p>4 VOTES</p> <p>TOTAL = 11 VOTES</p>	Subdivide and sell it Widen Murtho Road to use as cycle track to Customs House – potential funding available as is current bus route Excellent site for wayside stop with shelter and toilet, grassed area amongst trees
15	Murtho Road		<p>46.1. Improve landscaping at corner of Riverview and Murtho Road</p> <p>46.2. Signage re; cyclist safety</p> <p>46.3. Road verge to Cemetery improvements, hard stand parking area</p> <p>46.4. Walking trail from town centre to Shepherd Drive (improve Murtho Road verge)</p>	<p>2 VOTES</p> <p>3 VOTES</p> <p>2 VOTES</p> <p>6 VOTES</p> <p>TOTAL = 13 VOTES</p>	Walking trail from town centre to Causeway Road needs maintenance Drainage on service road (why no name?) from Tower Road to Museum drive will need work after next big rain
16	Goat Island		47.1. Road Access	<p>5 VOTES</p> <p>1 VOTE</p> <p>TOTAL = 6 VOTES</p>	Paringa Paddock and Goat Island are a part of the same wetland complex and therefore should be treated together (as one) DEWNR has proposal currently in to upgrade both

Table 10 Lyrup Action Plan

Resource No.	Open Space/ Recreation Resource	Analysis	Our Opportunities	Votes Green = Elected Members + Staff Blue = Community Feedback	Comments
1	Arrival Precinct	Strong sense of arrival descending down into valley towards the ferry crossing	48.1. Upgrade signage 48.2. Potential ferry signage on highway 48.3. Tourist drive 48.4. Tourist signage on Sturt Highway re; available facilities	11 VOTES 4 VOTES 5 VOTES TOTAL = 20 VOTES	Ferry is a tourist attraction – signs to attract tourists
2	S.S. Ellen Park	High quality recreation space that includes boat ramp, playground, swimming pontoon and toilet facilities. Also includes area for motor homes and parking	49.1. Canoe tree near ferry (signage) 49.2. Sealing work to road 49.3. Upgrade toilet 49.4. Upgrade gateway 49.5. Upgrade playground (increase tree planting esp natives) (possible artificial lake, reuse stormwater to backflush pipes)	4 VOTES 4 VOTES 4 VOTES 4 VOTES TOTAL = 16 VOTES	Native trees ok but allowance should be made for known shade trees With upgrade of toilet include a pump out or dump point for tourist coaches Shade over tables would be fantastic – often not enough tables close together Toilet nearer the road
2A	'Lyrup Village'	Currently in poor condition with dead memorial tree plantings	50.1. Progress Association looking at landscaping development/historical displays 50.2. Time capsule in left hand pillar	2 VOTES 2 VOTES 5 VOTES TOTAL = 9 VOTES	
2B	Parking Area				Artificial lake would be a great idea with pathway and planting around Would be nice to have a dump point. Would be hard on the riverfront but one could be placed at the sporting oval where the ground is very sandy.

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3	Lyrup Club/Bowling Club	<u>Not Council owned</u>	51.1. Road surfacing work	5 VOTES TOTAL = 5 VOTES	The ground that is south east of SS Ellen Park needs upgrading or beautifying eg. A wetland lake with native trees or shrubs to attract birdlife. At the moment CIT drain water into the area, which would make it a great wetland.
4	Lyrup Sports Complex	Very high quality football / cricket surface and associated facilities. Tennis and netball courts are in reasonable condition. Great sense of arrival to the Complex through landscape treatment	52.1. Potential dump point 52.2. Hard standing areas and through parking areas to be upgraded	3 VOTES 3 VOTES 2 VOTES TOTAL = 8 VOTES	
5	Shared use off-road path	Located adjacent to Downer Avenue	54.1. Continue paving of paths in Lyrup 54.2. Improve edges/weeds	6 VOTES TOTAL = 6 VOTES	
6	Lyrup Primary School	<u>Not Council owned</u> Following the closure of Lyrup Primary School in December 2012 it is important that consideration be given to maintaining current levels of open space and play provision in the area			
7	General Store	<u>Not Council owned</u> Local facility acting as a focal point within the village	54.1. Linemarking out front		

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8	Lyrup Flats Camping Area	<u>Not Council owned</u>		1 VOTE <u>TOTAL = 1 VOTE</u>	
9	Lyrup Flats	<u>Not Council owned</u> National park – comprehensive network of informal trails	55.1. Potential for trail	2 VOTES <u>TOTAL = 2 VOTES</u>	Great potential for trails with interpretive material – Great education potential also.