

# Revive Renmark

## Frequently Asked Questions

The **Urban Design Framework** is our community's aspirational vision for what Renmark will physically look like in the future. The first project delivered under the Urban Design Framework is the Taylor Riverfront Precinct. Planning for the next two stages is likely to be completed in early 2022/2023, with construction to begin soon after.

### 1. What is the Urban Design Framework?

The Urban Design Framework (UDF) is a larger project for Renmark including Stage 1 for the Taylor Riverfront Precinct, which is completed now. The UDF will be undertaken in a staged manner to bring projects to life across the town.

### 2. What are Stages 2 and 5?

These projects are part of the Urban Design Framework. Council has commenced the design for Stages 2 and 5.

**Stage 2** is an upgrade to Murray Avenue which spans from the corner of Murray Avenue and Renmark Avenue through to Pyap Street. This project will improve signage and access to Murray Avenue from surrounding streets and car parking areas.

**Stage 5** is an upgrade to the intersection of Renmark Avenue, Ral Ral Avenue and Murray Avenues. This project improves pedestrian safety, walkability, vehicular movement and the general streetscape.

### 3. How will this project benefit the community and what can I expect?

The streetscape upgrades are investigating ways to attract people to spend time in Renmark, encourage visitors to the area and creates spaces for families to get together in the street. The streetscape upgrades endeavour to reduce the number of empty shops on the street.

We expect that more people will be able to spend time in the streets as a result of the improvements. The designs investigate ways to include more plants, trees and more shade to increase comfort for pedestrians. Raised sections of the street may be proposed to help slow cars down and make it easier to cross the street to get across to the Taylor Riverfront Precinct. There may also be more seating and places to spend time in the street to help encourage more shops into the area and support tourism.

### 4. Why are we doing this project?

The upgrades to both Murray Avenue and the intersection at Renmark / Ral Ral / Murray Avenues were identified by community members as part of the Urban Design Framework project as a way of stimulating street life and creating leafy boulevards which are safer and easier to cross, which encourage walking and activate the shops.



## 5. What happens to the cars and trucks?

There will be no change to how cars access the area and drive around, but they will need to slow down. Car parking spaces in the street will reduce, but Council is building a car park on Fifteenth Street which will have approximately 26 new car parking spaces to compensate for any loss.

The Government Road upgrade will be completed in the first half of 2023. This will provide an alternative route for truck movements. Trucks will still be able to use Murray Avenue and the Renmark Avenue Intersection but it will be easier for them to take a different route.

## 6. How do I get involved and provide more feedback?

Council is seeking community feedback from Monday 4 July to Sunday 31 July 2022. The online survey is available on Council's website and we will have a stall at the Renmark Riverfront Markets on Saturday 9 July 2022 where you can view the concepts, ask the project team questions and provide your feedback.

## 7. What comes next?

The next phase is to develop detailed designs of the preferred concepts based on your feedback and as agreed by community. Once the detailed design is done, we will prepare documentation for tender. There will be an opportunity for you to provide more feedback as the designs are developed.

## 8. What about other projects in the area?

Council currently has two other projects within the vicinity of UDF stages 2 and 5. The projects are being designed with the streetscape upgrades in mind to ensure they are complementary to each other and that the programmes are managed to result in the least possible disruption to the community.

The 180 Murray Avenue (Westpac Bank) site has been included in the 2022/23 capital program for the design and construction of additional open space. This will include demolition of the existing building and construction of landscaping treatments such as paving, park furniture, turf and garden areas. The design work will commence early in the 2022/23 financial year and will be incorporated with the design elements of the Taylor Riverfront Precinct, in addition to the plans for UDF stages 2 and 5.

The Renmark Riverfront Wharf Upgrade project aims to resolve durability concerns with the wharf located between the Taylor Riverfront Precinct and the Visitor Information Centre. The existing plastic sheet piling is not able to withstand the mooring loads of houseboats and requires upgrading. The lower concrete path will also be upgraded through this project. The project is in the final stages of design and the process has involved a reference group that includes houseboat operators and recreational boat users to ensure the designed solution will adequately service multiple users of the wharf. It is expected the plans and development approvals will be finalised early in the 2022/23 financial year with construction to start as soon as possible, subject to an assessment of impending river flows.