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We pay respect to Elders past and present, recognising their important and ongoing role and connection to this ancient and beautiful land, and to all who have kept culture, language and law alive across countless generations. We are committed to working together on a shared path of truth-telling, respect and reconciliation."

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00 INTRODUCTION

0.1 Introduction

WAX Design has been engaged by the Mid Murray Council to undertake a community consultation process to understand the key themes and actions associated with several townships in the region as part of a tourism and community development strategy. Over several community workshop sessions, community members provided detailed feedback and guidance on the potential challenges and opportunities for their towns.

This information will be used to develop and refine the Township Masterplans as part of the Mid Murray Tourism Precinct Planning Project. The development of Township Masterplans will support future planning processes and provide a strategic overview for future works. It is anticipated that any future planning would involve ongoing community involvement.

WAX understands that the success of the township masterplans is dependent on an inclusive community engagement process. The consultation approach focuses on engaging stakeholders and the community early in the design process.

0.2 What Did We Do?

WAX, in partnership with the Mid Murray Council, Sproutt, and Brave and Curious, facilitated seven community sessions in various locations to maximise contact with community members in each town. The following is a list of venues and dates.

- **Thursday 18 June 2026**
  Cambrai Hall 10am to 12noon
  Truro Oval Complex 3pm to 5pm
- **Friday 26 June 2026**
  Swan Reach Town Hall 10am to 12noon
  Blanchetown District Hall 3pm to 5pm
- **Saturday 27 June 2026**
  Morgan Activity Centre 11am to 1pm
- **Saturday 4 July 2026**
  Mannum Senior Citizens Room 10am to 12noon
  Palmer Hall – Collier Park 3pm to 5pm

Each session ran for two hours at each location and included information posters, aerial imagery, and Post-it Notes for sharing ideas.

Project team members, including Uncle Ian Carter from Brave and Curious and Council, were available to answer questions, receive ideas, and provide feedback.

0.3 What is the Role of this Report?

This report summarises the consultation undertaken and gathers community input on planning and development for various Mid Murray townships, as well as other key considerations related to the river corridor, Mannum Waterfalls, the Dark Sky Reserve, and the region more broadly.



*Figure 1:**Blanchetown** Community Roadshow session on 26 June 2026*



*Figure 2: **Cambrai** Community Roadshow session on 18 June 2026*



*Figure 3:**Mannum** Community Roadshow session on 4 July 2026*



*Figure 4: **Morgan** Community Roadshow session on 27 June 2026*



*Figure 5:**Palmer** Community Roadshow session on 4 July 2026*



*Figure 6: **Swan Reach** Community Roadshow session on 26 June 2026*



*Figure 7: **Truro** Community Roadshow session on 18 June 2026*

0.4 Your Say Webpage (online consultation)

In addition to the seven community consultation sessions, the Your Say Mid Murray Council website (https://engagement.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/mid-murray-tourism-precinct-planning-project) hosted an online platform to enable community members to provide further information. The online consultation ran from 4 July until 2 August 2026.

The Your Say webpage enabled members of the public to provide additional comments on the township master planning. The online consultation followed the same format as the community sessions, with digital maps and images allowing people to provide feedback.

Please refer to Section 16 for the detailed findings.

0.5 Other Community Engagement

During the consultation process, the project team received several submissions directly from community members. These submissions were recorded and a summary is provided in Section 17 of the report.

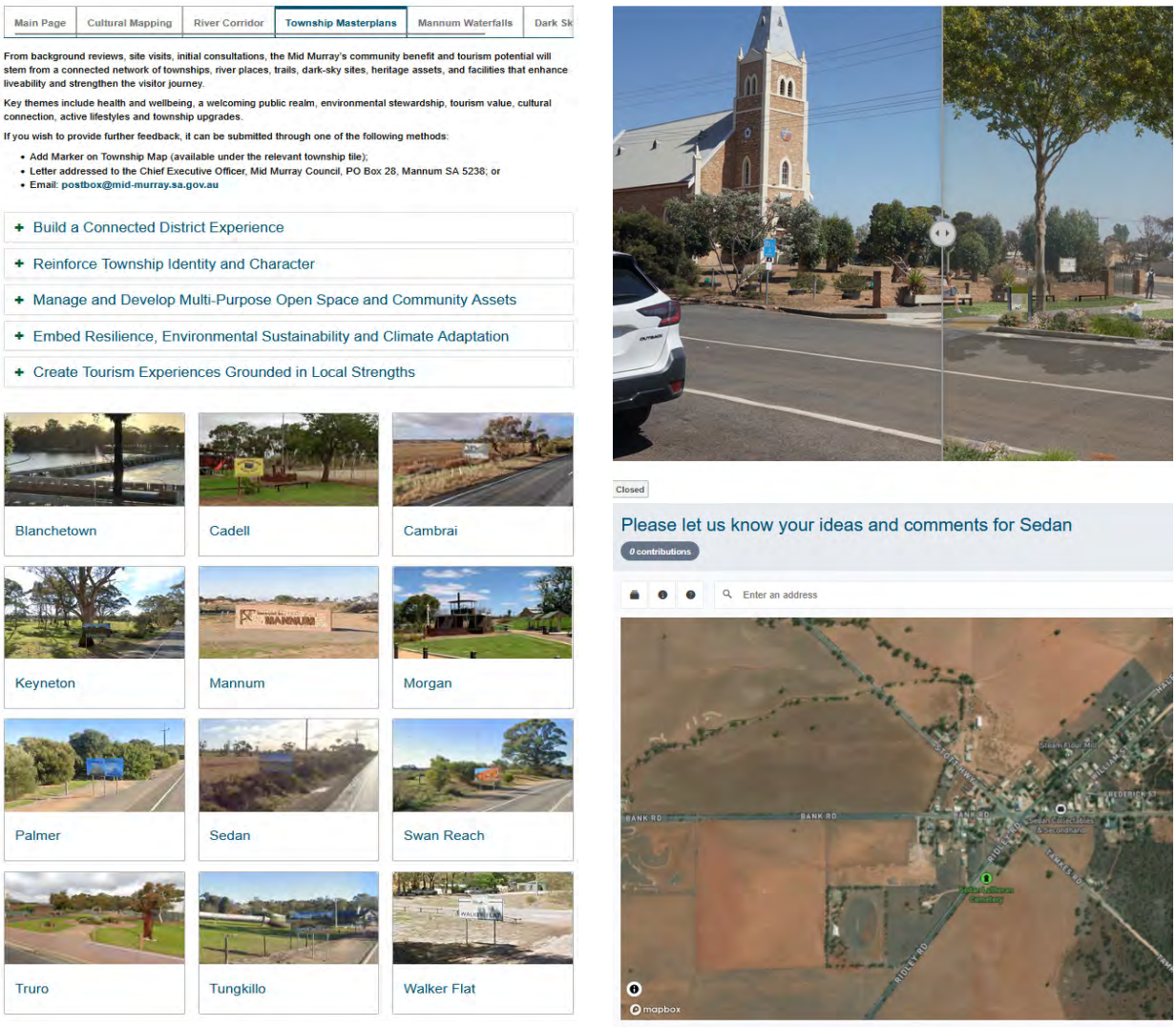
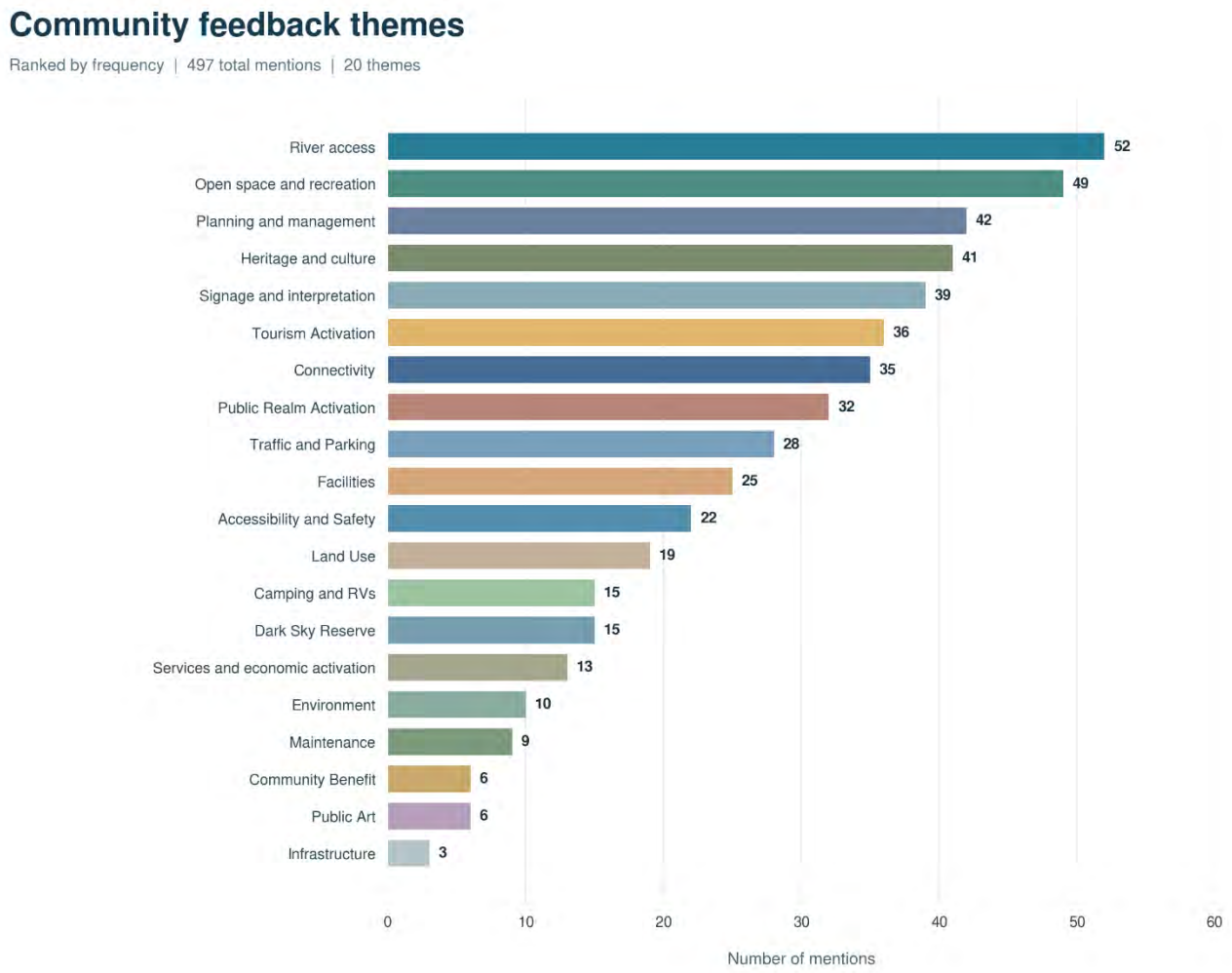


Figure 8: Your Say webpage examples

0.6 Summary of Key Theme

The consultation process produced nearly five hundred comments, observations and ideas. The responses have been grouped into 20 themes that highlight a range of actions, challenges and opportunities.



Analysis of 497 responses across 20 themes highlights a strong community focus on improving access, particularly to the river, enhancing public open spaces, strengthening township identity, and supporting sustainable tourism and economic development. River access (52 responses) and open space and recreation (49) emerged as the highest priorities, reinforcing the importance of the river, natural landscapes and public spaces as defining features of township character, community wellbeing and visitor experiences.

Planning and management (42) illustrates the importance of maintenance and future planning. Heritage and culture (41), and signage and interpretation (39) were also prominent, indicating a desire for coordinated township improvements that celebrate local identity, protect heritage values and improve how residents and visitors navigate and experience townships.

Tourism activation (36), connectivity (35), and public realm activation (32) further highlight opportunities to create more connected, welcoming, and vibrant town centres through improved walking and cycling networks, streetscape enhancements, community gathering spaces, and tourism infrastructure.

Accessibility and safety (22), traffic and parking (28), facilities (25) and land use (19) represent important functional considerations that will underpin the success and long-term sustainability of future improvements.

Interestingly, the findings suggest that community priorities extend beyond the provision of new infrastructure, with a strong emphasis on the quality, accessibility, identity and activation of existing places. This presents an opportunity for township master planning to adopt an integrated, place-based approach that connects riverfronts, main streets, recreational destinations, heritage assets and local businesses, while supporting climate resilience, environmental sustainability and inclusive community outcomes.

Importantly, the findings provide a basis for identifying both immediate, achievable improvements and longer-term projects, with opportunities to coordinate investment, strengthen local tourism economies and reinforce the unique character of each township.

01 BLANCHETOWN

1.1 Key Outcome and Actions

The Blanchetown community showed strong attendance and support, with 69 comments provided during the consultation session. A review of community comments identified several strong themes, with river access strongly supported, followed by open space and recreation, signage and interpretation, walking connections, and heritage.

The main priorities focused on improved safe access to the river, mooring and the boat ramp. Several respondents highlighted the need for boat tie-up points, deeper or safer boat-parking conditions and the provision of public toilets.

River access also included calls for spaces that allow access to the water, with boat ramps to be upgraded. Moorings for houseboats and jet skis were also considered important outcomes, while the importance of river access above and below Lock 1 and the effect of the lock closing at 4 pm were highlighted. Several responses recommended separating swimming, boating, and fishing areas to reduce ongoing conflicts between users.

Protecting public river access points and walking trails signalled the importance of developing Ackland Street as public open space. Other ideas included riverside trails and dog-friendly areas that could be supported with signage and interpretation.

Other opportunities included signage and activation of the old road bridge with signage that demonstrated the rich history of Blanchetown and Paisley. Opportunities to strengthen Merivale Street as a mainstreet precinct were recorded, as well as open space priorities including an upgrade of the Town Oval with a fenced dog park, improved links to the caravan park, upgraded play area, improved parking and toilets.

Other comments focused on improving the main oval and sporting facilities and investigating relocating the BMX to the Town Oval. Page Drive was identified as unsafe for pedestrians and did not operate well as an emergency route.



Figure 9:Community comments and posters from Blanchetown Roadshow consultation



Figure 10: Community comments and posters from Blanchetown Roadshow consultation

1.2 List of community comments

Possible theme	Comment provided by community
Accessibility and safety	Review access and impacts of drainage ditches to land south of the town.
Accessibility and safety	Page Drive is unsafe for pedestrians; current shared zone is not working.
Accessibility and safety	Page Drive is one-way; fire egress is non-existent. Safety Road to be reinstated.
Accessibility and safety	Lock - steep access from west side road; parking near Lock could be improved.
Connectivity	There is a locked gate at 55 that stops people from walking around the east lagoon; sheep in this area.
Connectivity	Improve walking connection from Ackland Reserve.
Connectivity	Creek needs a footbridge to provide safe access south of where boats occupy.
Connectivity	Walking trails with dog-walk connections.
Connectivity	Walking trail to reinstate Moorundie Creek area; could be extended to loop back to river
Connectivity	Walking trail along river, dog friendly. (Blanchetown)
Connectivity	Signage for public access areas to walk dogs. (Blanchetown)
Dark Sky Reserve	Which stars/constellations can you see? This could be an opportunity.
Dark Sky Reserve	Promote Dark Sky northern gateway.
Facilities	Provide public toilets; 1 km toilet is closest.
Facilities	Example BBQ area: want a bigger lawn area, better seats and better signage.
Facilities	Provide public toilets at the top of the cliff and make them safe, for example steps down cliff and accessible.
Facilities	Improve seating and picnic tables at boat ramp, clear weeds and provide public toilets.
Heritage and Culture	Heritage information on old bridge and walking loop on north east side of bridge.
Heritage and Culture	Heritage information on old bridge and walking loop on northeast side of bridge.

Heritage and Culture	New historic signage: old photos, use old sign or replace, and old bridge car park
Heritage and Culture	Reinforce Merivale as mainstreet precinct — direct to the heart of Blanchetown
Heritage and Culture	Add Blanchetown and Paisley history along bridge walk; work with the District Council of Loxton Waikerie.
Heritage and Culture	Another reason to use the Bridge as a history walk.
Land Use Planning	Land ownership / private property issues on eastern side of river lagoon; other side of river in Blanchetown is Loxton Council.
Land Use Planning	Private property 50,54
Open space and recreation	Bike track to outside pump track; Woodside examples.
Open space and recreation	Great idea to move BMX track; maybe add a skate park too.
Open space and recreation	Existing dog park needs fencing.
Open space and recreation	Off-leash area and fenced connection to caravan park, play and parking, toilets, and dog park (fenced).
Open space and recreation	Upgrade facilities, attract people to sports facilities; Saturday afternoon builds community.
Open space and recreation	Sports oval has so much potential for more than just sport; investigate lighting?
Open space and recreation	Fenced drinking fountain.
Open space and recreation	Dog park
Planning and management	Impact of school closure on use of open space and facilities.
Planning and management	Not a good spot to be a town precinct - feels too far from main street and shops.
Planning and management	Not sure about town precinct location - why not mainstreet.
Public realm activation	More trees at oval.
Public realm activation	Public reserve damaged during last flood (2022); could be improved to make it more welcoming.
River Access	Very keen for this area (Ackland St) - needs a dedicated area; no fishing.

River Access	New boat ramp needs somewhere to tie boats; too shallow where boats park - concrete rocks
River Access	Used to be a boat ramp at 51 (closed); new boat ramp at 52
River Access	Somewhere to moor boats; Lock 1 shuts @ 4pm
River Access	Make this area swimming / boating area and make No. 129 a designated fishing area. (too many boats/fishing lines etc.)
River Access	Protect public access points along the river.
River Access	No boat ramp. Community Park links to activity oval and venue setting.
River Access	Regenerate backwater creeks for tourism - water activities, picnics etc.
River Access	Upgrade boat ramp and provide mooring facility for water vessels, i.e.Jet skis.
River Access	Agree it is a good spot; maybe swimming/boating only too.
River Access	Fishing area?
River Access	Lock limits access above and below the Lock - importance of both boat ramps.
River Access	Small boat mooring and swimming.
Service and economic activation	Blanchetown - would be good if closed Foodary is turned into IGA - private/commercial.
Service and economic activation	Local school no longer operating
Service and economic activation	Caravan park; pub; petrol station.
Signage and interpretation	There is a trail: Moorundie Portee Creek Loop - add signage.
Signage and interpretation	Signage to Brookfield trails carved art Flora + Fauna
Signage and interpretation	Improve wayfinding signage and viewing/stop area.
Signage and interpretation	I would love to see First Nation names on signage for places #1, #2 and #5.
Signage and interpretation	Removal of old signage further down the highway; refresh location further towards Truro, not so close to town; add tourist site
Signage and interpretation	QR codes, highlighting sites of significance @ Blanchetown
Signage and interpretation	Improve signage and wayfinding.

Signage and interpretation	Signage to Roonka significant archaeological site; not Brookfield; check with "Uncle Ian"
Tourism Activation	March long weekend is ski rally and charity boat event; Ski For Life
Tourism Activation	Boat rally twice yearly for charity - sightseeing opportunity.
Transport and Parking	There are boulders placed to stop cars accidentally driving into the river, but this lost parking places.
Transport and Parking	Parking for caravans near Lock could be better as people do not seem to stop.

02 BOWHILL

2.1 Key Outcome and Actions

Bowhill received two comments, so the findings should be treated as site-specific. Both relate to river access. One comment called for improvements to the wharf and boat ramps. The other identified an old trail with potential for improvement and accompanying signage.

Potential actions for Bowhill should consider the condition, ownership, and feasibility of the wharf and boat ramp, and the trail assets as one connected riverfront project. Any concept should include trail wayfinding and interpretation while confirming whether additional river safety, parking or amenity works are required.



Figure 11: Community comments and posters from Bowhill consultation

2.2 List of community comments

Possible theme	Comment provided by community
River Access	Wharf and boat ramps
River Access	Is an old trail - potential for improvement signage; potential to incorporate

03 CADELL AND HOGWASH BEND

3.1 Key Outcome and Actions

Facilities that support the community and tourism are the leading theme for Cadell. A small number of comments were received identifying Hogwash Bend as a popular free-camping and beach area without a public toilet. The comments also record issues in relation to servicing, environmental impacts, operating costs and alternative management arrangements that will need to be addressed before any development can progress.

North West Bend Station was also identified as a potential private tourism destination incorporating a café and the old station. Opportunities exist to improve facilities at Hogwash Bend that support the heritage tourism opportunity at North West Bend Station.

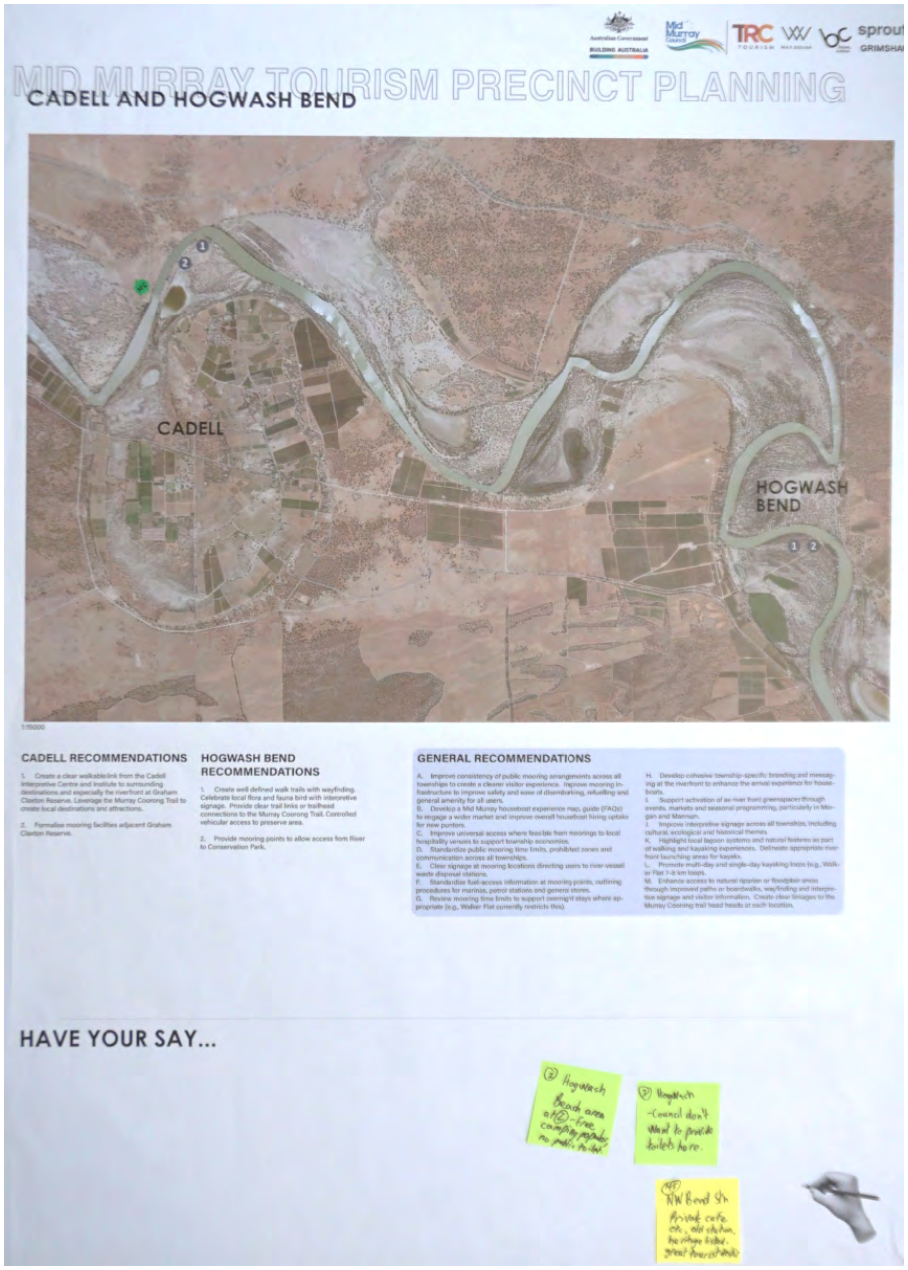


Figure 12: Community comments and posters from Cambrai Roadshow consultation

3.2 List of community comments

Possible theme	Comment provided by community
Facilities	Hogwash beach area at 2 - free camping is popular, no public toilet.
Facilities	Hogwash - Council does not want to provide toilets here.
Heritage and Culture	NW Bend Station private cafe etc, old station, heritage listed, great tourist destination.

04 CAMBRAI

4.1 Key Outcome and Actions

The community's comments for Cambrai covered a broad range of themes. The 8 comments received focused on improving parks, streetscapes and community spaces. Comments sought more shade, seating and native landscaping at key community sites such as the pool, library, school, Council offices and Skinner Street. The community also expressed interest in public art that celebrates the Dark Sky Reserve and the potential for artworks on the silos while retaining space for future projects.

Connectivity and actions that support a visitor economy include creating the Apamurra–Monarto Rail Trail; creating overnight camping and an RV dump point at Cambrai Oval to benefit the local club; supporting the local Op Shop; and developing the Cambrai Agricultural Museum as a history hub for the local region. There were also comments around slower truck and car speeds through mainstreet without obstructing freight movement.

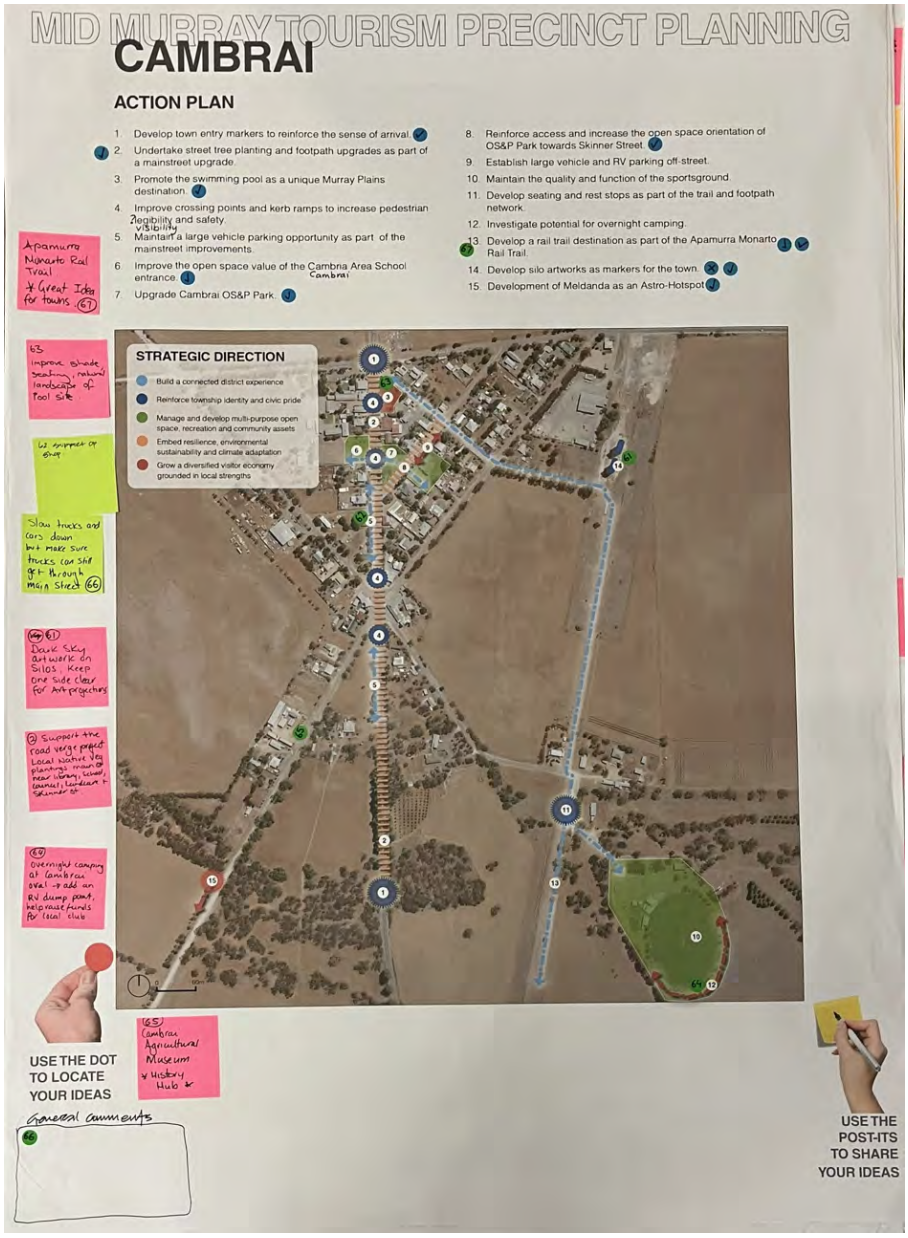


Figure 13:Community comments and posters from Cambrai Roadshow consultation

4.2 List of community comments

Possible theme	Comment provided by community
Camping and RVs	Overnight camping at Cambrai oval; add an RV dump point; help raise funds for local club.
Camping and RVs	Overnight camping at Cambrai oval; add an RV dump point; help raise funds for local club.
Connectivity	Apamurra Monarto Rail Trail - great idea for towns.
Connectivity	Apamurra Monarto Rail Trail - great idea for towns.
Facilities	Improve shade, seating and native landscape of pool site.
Facilities	Improve shade, seating and native landscape of pool site.
Heritage and Culture	Cambrai Agricultural Museum and history hub.
Heritage and Culture	Cambrai Agricultural Museum and history hub.
Public art	Dark Sky artwork on silos. Keep one side clear for art projects.
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Public realm activation	Support the road verge project. Local Native Veg plantings means at near library, school, Council, Lutheran + Skinner St.
Public realm activation	Support the road verge project. Local Native Veg plantings means at near library, school, Council, Lutheran + Skinner St.
Service and economic activation	Support of shop.
Service and economic activation	Support of shop.
Transport and Parking	Slow trucks and cars down, but make sure trucks can still get through Main Street.
Transport and Parking	Slow trucks and cars down, but make sure trucks can still get through Main Street.

05 KEYNETON

5.1 Key Outcome and Actions

From the 32 comments provided by the community, public realm activation was a leading theme for Keyneton, particularly for the oval and town entrances, with mainstreet connections to natural and community assets. There was strong support to enhance parks and public spaces, including improvements to the oval, upgraded playground and courts, with footpaths enabling children to walk safely from town. Tree replacement and improved grass maintenance were also suggested for the oval.

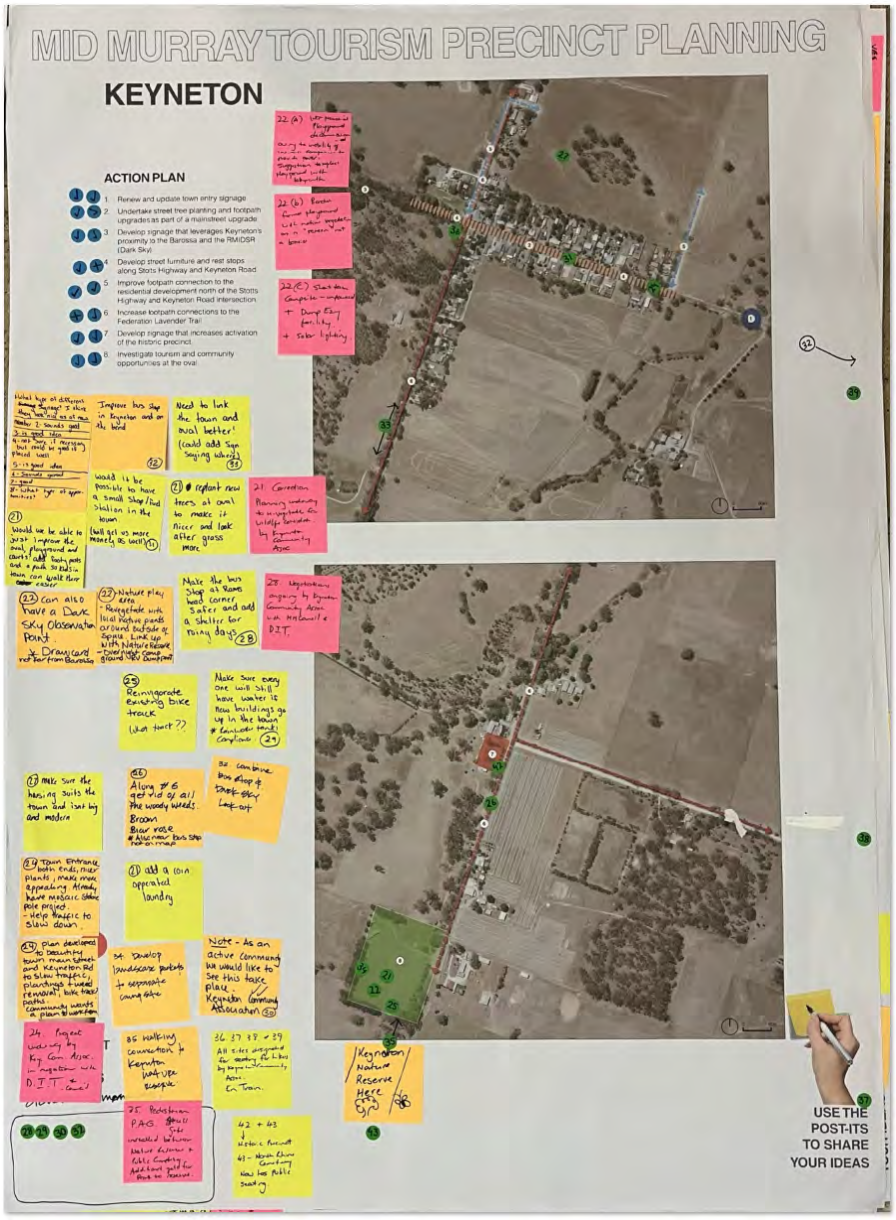


Figure 14: Community comments and posters from Keyneton Roadshow consultation

Other ideas related to a community-led plan for planting, weed removal, paths and traffic calming along mainstreet of Keyneton and along Keyneton Road, including enhancement of both town entrances.

Other comments related to a walking link to Keyneton Native Reserve revegetation and support a wildlife corridor being advanced by the Keyneton Community Association and a nature-play and native-planting area linked to the reserve.

Visitor facilities include an unpowered short-stay campsite, Dump Ezy facility and solar lighting, plus a possible Dark Sky observation point near the Barossa, which were offered as potential opportunities for the town.

Transport priorities include improving the Keyneton bus stop and the stop on the bend (post-it 32), and making the Rams Head Corner stop safer with weather shelter. Other notable actions include seating for hikers at designated sites, woody-weed removal, and recognition of the North Rhine Cemetery historic precinct and water supplies for new housing.

5.2 List of community comments

Possible theme	Comment provided by community
Accessibility and safety	Make bus stop at Rams Head corner safer and add a shelter for rainy days. Negotiations ongoing by Keyneton Community Association with MM council &DIT
Accessibility and safety	Pedestrian P.A.G. access gate installed between Nature Reserve + Public Cemetery. Additional gate for Park to reserve.
Camping and RVs	Develop landscape pockets and separate campsite.
Camping and RVs	Short-term campsite – unpowered, Dump Ezy facility, Solar lighting
Connectivity	Need to link the town and oval better (could add sign saying where)
Connectivity	Walking connection to Keyneton Native Reserve.
Dark Sky Reserve	Can also have a Dark Sky Observation Point. Drawcard not far from Barossa.
Dark Sky Reserve	Combine bus stop and Dark Sky lookout.
Environment	Along #6, get rid of all woody weeds: broom and briar rose. Also need bus stop noted on map.
Environment	Keyneton Nature Reserve here
Facilities	Improve bus stop in Keyneton and on the bend.
Heritage and Culture	Historic precinct; North Rhine Cemetery now has public seating
Heritage and Culture	Historic precinct; North Rhine Cemetery now has public seating
Land Use Planning	Make sure everyone will still have water if new buildings go up in the town; rainwater tanks compliance.
Land Use Planning	Make sure the housing suits the town and is not big and modern.
Open space and recreation	Would we be able to improve the oval, playground and courts; add footpaths, posts and a path so kids in town can walk there easier.
Open space and recreation	Nature play area; revegetate with local native plants around outside of space; link with Nature Reserve; overnight campground and RV dump point.
Open space and recreation	Reinvigorate existing bike track. What track?
Open space and recreation	War Memorial Playground decommissioned owing to inability of insurance companies to provide cover. Suggestion to replace playground with labyrinth.

Open space and recreation	Border former playground with native vegetation as a “screen”, not a barrier.
Planning and management	"Feedback on action plan items:
Planning and management	Correction: planning is underway for revegetation/wildlife corridor by Keyneton Community Association.
Planning and management	Project underway by Keyneton Community Association in negotiation with DIT and Council.
Planning and management	As an active community, we would like to see this take place. Keyneton Community Association; two more ticks agree
Public realm activation	Replant new trees at oval to make it nicer and look after grass more.
Public realm activation	Town entrance both ends: nicer plants, more appealing, already have mosaic stone pole project; help traffic to slow down.
Public realm activation	Plan developed to beautify town main street and Keyneton Road to slow traffic; plantings, weed removal, bike track/paths; community wants a plan to work from.
Public realm activation	All sites designated for seating for hikers by Keyneton Community Association / En Train.
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Public realm activation	All sites designated for seating for hikers by Keyneton Community Association / En Train.
Service and economic activation	Would be possible to have a small shop/fuel station in the town? It will get us more money as well.
Service and economic activation	Add a coin-operated laundry.

06 MANNUM

6.1 Key Outcome and Actions

The community provided a wealth of feedback, with 80 unique comments about the town's streets, public spaces, and reserves. Open space and recreation are the leading themes for Mannum, closely linked with river access, parking, tourism and public realm improvement. Mary Ann Reserve—referred to as "The Rec"—was a focus for the community. Several comments sought to return the reserve to community-focused recreation and swimming, with motor boats, jet skis and high-speed water sports relocated away from Mary Anne Reserve, including a boat-free northern swimming area, better management of jet-ski speed and refuelling.

Other comments related to accessibility included improving access to the steep lookout path, creating boardwalks connecting Herman J Gass Bird Sanctuary, encouraging canoe and kayak access away from busy boat ramps, and improving access to picnic, shelter and barbecue facilities.

Parking and traffic are repeated comments. Several members of the community sought to reduce the impact of large vehicles, caravans and boat trailers on the mainstreet, limiting visitor parking in residential streets, managing ferry traffic and reducing Randall Street speeds.

Other notable actions include upgrading Mannum Oval and the Leisure Centre, improving town entrances, strengthening heritage interpretation, upgrading and beautifying the Golden Stairs, supporting events and fine dining, and ensuring the evolving visitor-oriented mainstreet still meets residents' everyday retail needs.

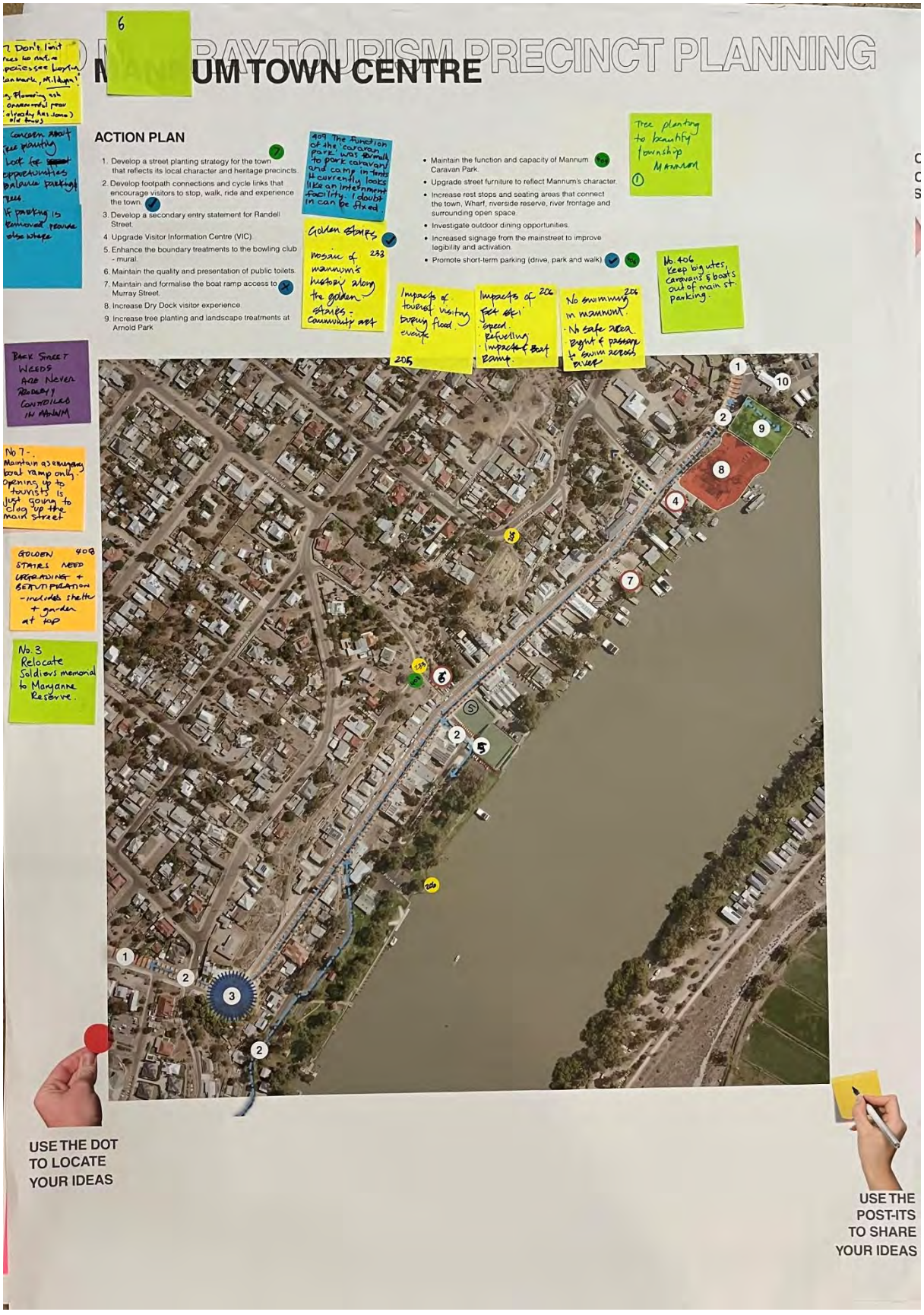


Figure 15:Community comments and posters from Mannum Roadshow consultation

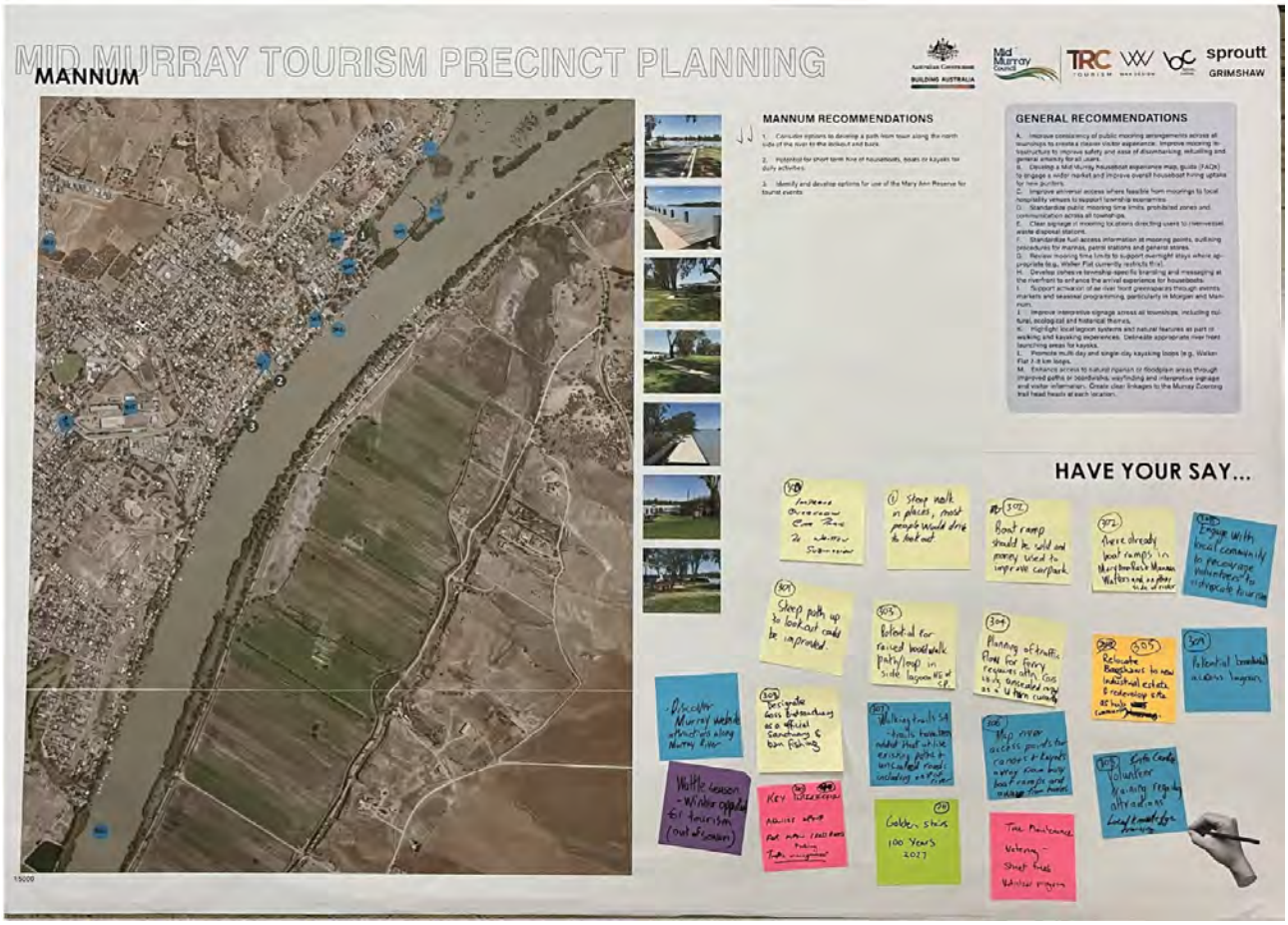


Figure 16: Community comments and posters from Mannum Roadshow consultation

6.2 List of community comments

Possible theme	Comment provided by community
Accessibility and safety	Steep walk in places; most people would drive to lookout.
Accessibility and safety	Steep path up to lookout could be improved.
Accessibility and safety	General pathways around town need looking at risk for elderly people.
Camping and RVs	The function of the caravan park was formerly to park caravans and camp in tents; it currently looks like an internment facility. I doubt it can be fixed
Community Benefit	Refocus the (NCDC.) Mannum Recreation Centre as the artistic heart and facility of Mannum. Fashion parade, wine and cheese tasting, art exhibitions, (Mezzanine) fitness classes
Connectivity	Potential for raised boardwalk path/loop inside lagoon north-east of caravan park.
Connectivity	Potential boardwalk across lagoon.

Connectivity	Walking Trails SA_ trails have been added that utilise existing paths and unsealed roads, including east of river
Environment	Do not limit trees to native species; see Loxton, Renmark and Mildura; e.g. flowering ash and ornamental pear (already has some old trees)
Environment	Designate Gass Bird Sanctuary as an official sanctuary and ban fishing.
Environment	Provide Gass Bird Sanctuary as a key as destination; provide and connect boardwalk through Gass Bird Sanctuary
Facilities	Improve shelter, picnic and BBQ amenity at Gass Bird Sanctuary to accommodate and promote passive water sprays
Heritage and Culture	Relocate Soldiers Memorial to Mary Anne Reserve.
Heritage and Culture	Golden Stairs - 100 years next year.
Heritage and Culture	Golden Stairs 100 years - 2027.
Heritage and Culture	Review heritage buildings, monuments and assets in Mannum and connect heritage trail with plaques
Land Use Planning	Boat ramp should be sold and money used to improve carpark.
Land Use Planning	Relocate Bagshaws to new industrial estate and redevelop site as hub / community use.
Land Use Planning	Bagshaw redevelopment potential with a community focus and for tourists. Beautification and ideas from the old school site.
Land Use Planning	Housing important.
Maintenance	Back street weeds are never properly controlled in Mannum.
Maintenance	Tree maintenance/watering street trees volunteer program.
Maintenance	Pothole has been here for years.
Maintenance	Tidy up river/road area.
Open space and recreation	Established walking track to lookout accessed by tourists by parking in residential streets
Open space and recreation	Many travellers have dogs; could fence an area for dog park as it is next door to C.P, have travelled a lot + Mannum dog park is terrible
Open space and recreation	Improve amenity to cliff st walk and provide seat and shelter at top of cliff st.
Open space and recreation	Provide bench seating and shelter to top of Golden stairs and maintain bins. To promote active recreation / walking tourism.

Open space and recreation	Relocate the contemplation spot location at cliff lookout safety concerns.
Open space and recreation	Fencing and barrier rail required at lookout.
Open space and recreation	Golden Stairs shelter to be superseded with better amenity and include mural to shelter/ finish treatment/landscape
Open space and recreation	Acquire permissions for a ferry and dock at the recreation area to accommodate arts, festivals, and music. Refer to the Moomba Festival.
Open space and recreation	Move Soldiers Memorial to dedicated space at RSL clubhouse.
Open space and recreation	Sporting facilities upgraded including wide entry gates for caravans, wedding venue, show pavilion, closing Boronia Street, improved landscaping and removing ageing buildings
Open space and recreation	"Lookout Crawford Cross with seating / Dodgy railings, Buses take tourists there. Needs work"
Open space and recreation	Reclaim the Rec in acknowledgement of heritage function in place of Mary Anne Reserve.
Open space and recreation	Mary Anne - the Rec needs to be refocused on the community.
Open space and recreation	Upgrade Mannum Leisure Centre.
Planning and management	Council to work with local community groups to manage existing assets, e.g. gardening group (volunteers)
Planning and management	Engage with local community to encourage volunteers to advocate tourism.
Public art	Golden Stairs: mosaic of Mannum history along the Golden Stairs; community art.
Public realm activation	Golden Stairs need upgrading and beautification, including shelter and garden at top.
Public realm activation	Tree planting to beautify township Mannum.
Public realm activation	Main Street public address system; fine dining above rowing club?
Public realm activation	Include mosaic design language consistent with Mannum art material palette e.g. Cliff Street lookout wall.
Public realm activation	Beautification of entrance via plantings; see Murray Bridge and Strathalbyn for inspiration.

Public realm activation	Manage and maintain garden (memorial garden) at top of Golden Stairs.
River Access	Give us back the Rec (Mary Ann Reserve) ; jet skis and speed boats moved elsewhere.
River Access	Maintain as emergency boat ramp only. Opening up to tourists is just going to clog up the main street.
River Access	Impacts of jet ski use: speed, refuelling and impact on boat ramp.
River Access	No swimming in Mannum: no safe area; right of passage to swim across river.
River Access	There are already boat ramps in Mary Ann Reserve, Mannum Waters and on the other side of the river.
River Access	Map river access points for canoes and kayaks away from busy boat ramps and away from towns
River Access	Access to town along river bank
River Access	Make the moving of the place for all the boats to access and play
River Access	Provide designated water sports area away from the Rec / Mary Ann Reserve.
River Access	Relocate water sports to the marina and make the waters at Rec swimmable.
River Access	North section of the Rec: no boats, no jet skis, designated for swimming.
Service and economic activation	Current main street will (in-time) become a tourism strip; it is heading in that direction now, more thinking required for a "new" retail street for locals.
Service and economic activation	Needs economic enabling - river facing
Signage and interpretation	Signage - improve heritage signage, parking and electric car charging.
Signage and interpretation	Banners: Main Street infrastructure is not in place to support banners (promote events)
Signage and interpretation	Key intersection. Acquire land for the main cross road, parking, and traffic management.
Signage and interpretation	Review wayfinding signage or caravan park to direct walkers/cyclists to lookout from information centre (Wanke Rd/ Albert St/ Bush Rd)

Signage and interpretation	Review location for secondary entry statement in a safe location for drivers.
Tourism Activation	Impacts of tourists visiting during flood events.
Tourism Activation	Discover Murray website attractions along Murray River.
Tourism Activation	Information Centre volunteer training, regular attractions and local knowledge training.
Tourism Activation	Wattle season - winter opportunity for tourism (out of season)
Tourism Activation	Encourage different types of tourists to protect the tranquillity of the river.
Tourism Activation	Have the show and sounds concert at Mannum Oval.
Tourism Activation	Murray River as restaurants, Murray Bridge, boat to Mannum walk trail to Swan Reach
Transport and Parking	Concern about tree planting: look for opportunities, balance parking and trees; if parking is removed, provide elsewhere.
Transport and Parking	Keep big utes, caravans and boats out of Main Street parking.
Transport and Parking	Acquire land for designated parking and maximise planning, trees and WSUD; keep parking off residential roads.
Transport and Parking	Cliff St and Victoria St parking to be reviewed
Transport and Parking	Improve car park; second submission.
Transport and Parking	Planning of traffic flow for ferry requires attention; cars using unsealed car park as a U-turn currently.
Transport and Parking	Randall Street slow traffic/speed limit.
Transport and Parking	Start vehicle slow zone at dangerous corner

07 MORGAN

7.1 Key Outcome and Actions

The community provided 65 responses. Accessibility and safety were Morgan's leading theme, followed by transport and parking, open space, tourism and facilities. The strongest action is the need for a coordinated programme of road, parking, drainage and accessibility improvements. Specific comments related to ramps and handrails through the River Reserve and accessible entry to Lions Park.

Other access priorities that were noted included improved walkway access between the mainstreet and the playground, safer walking trails and lookout access, and accessibility upgrades to the public toilet and turntable.

Morgan Wharf was recognised as the principal heritage and riverfront asset for Morgan. Several comments focused on the restoration, heritage recognition and operational use of the wharf. Related proposals include interpretation of the PS Canally, recognition of First Nations stories, seating along the heritage walking trail, and entry signage acknowledging Country.

Public space and tourism actions included improving the river swimming area, enhancing riverside views and increasing places to linger by adding picnic and barbecue shelters, expanding outdoor dining areas in the mainstreet, improving play opportunities for a wider age range, and supporting riverboat and motorsport events.

Road and freight comments focused on creating a truck-parking bay and rest stop near the Burra turn-off, improving the Murraylands Highway intersection and creating consistent landmark treatment to the entrance of the town.

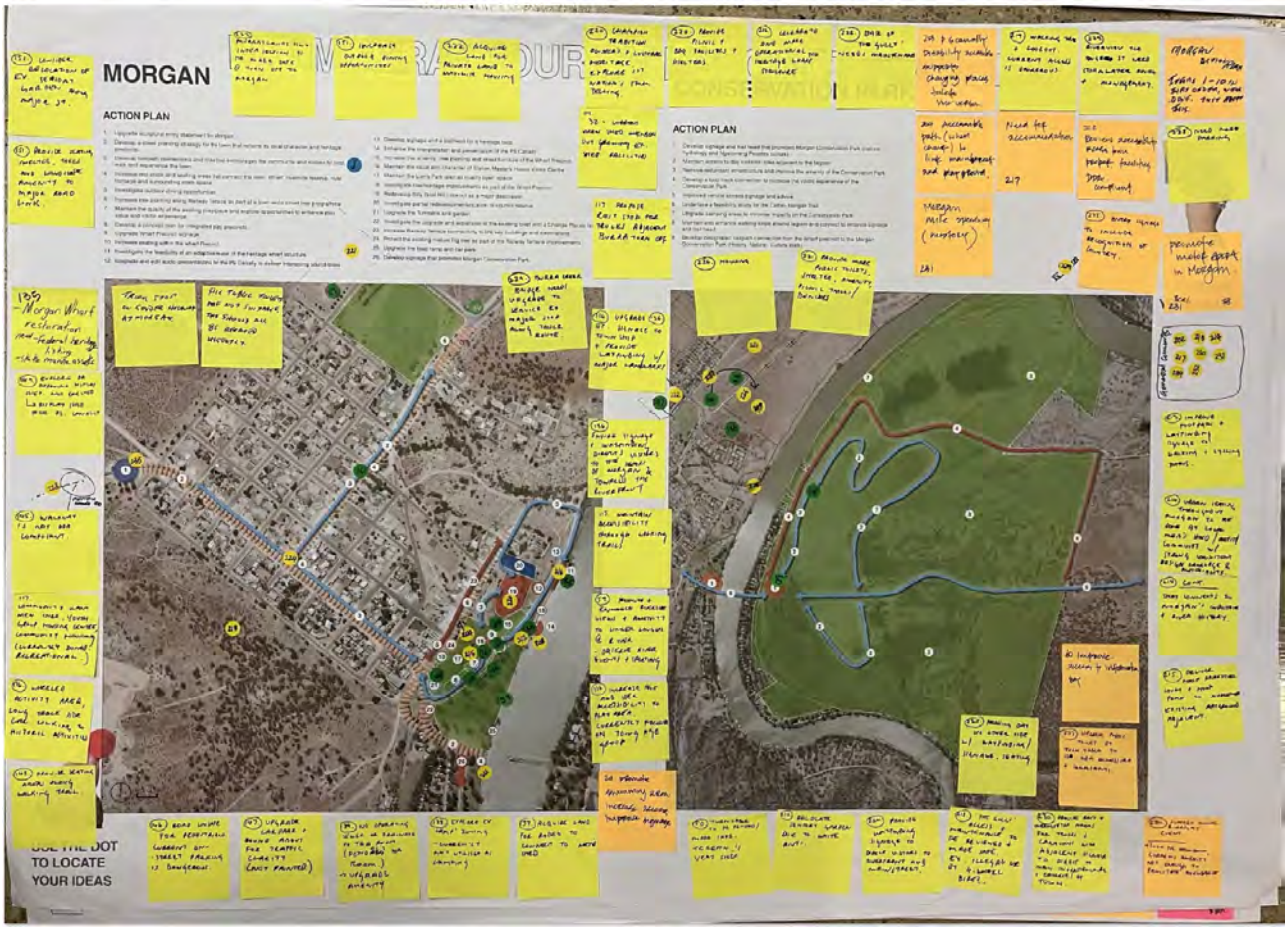


Figure 17:Community comments and posters from Morgan Road consultation

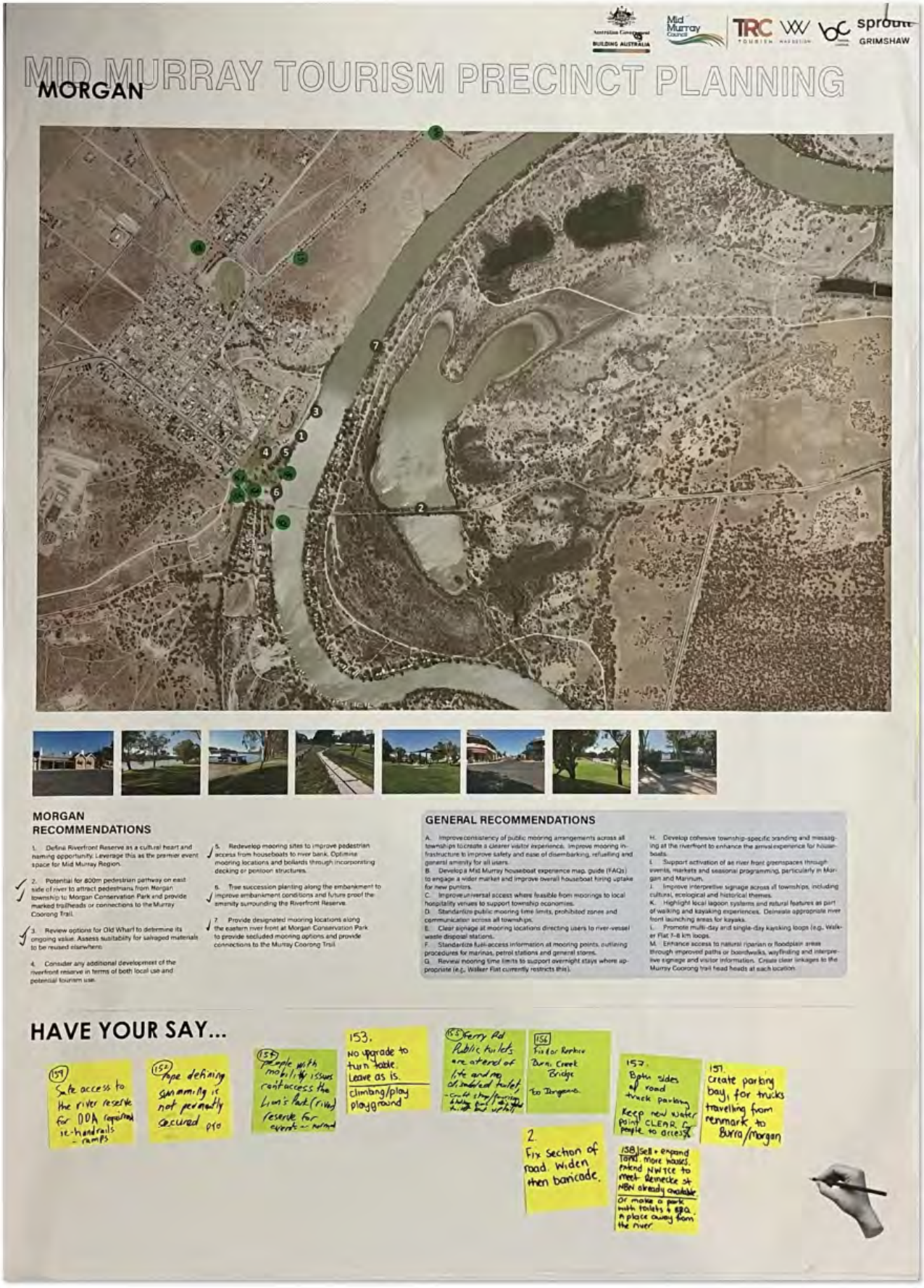


Figure 18: Community comments and posters from Morgan Roadshow consultation

7.2 List of community comments

Possible theme	Comment provided by community
Accessibility and safety	Safe access to the river reserve for DDA requirements, e.g. handrails and ramps.
Accessibility and safety	People with mobility issues cannot access the Lions Park (river) reserve for events or normal use.
Accessibility and safety	Walkway is not DDA compliant.
Accessibility and safety	PS Canally provides disability accessibility supports, changing places toilets – vice versa.
Accessibility and safety	Walking trail and lookout; current access is dangerous.
Accessibility and safety	Accessible path (wheelchair) to link main street and playground.
Accessibility and safety	Review accessibility access town, people facilities and DDA compliance.
Accessibility and safety	Road unsafe for pedestrian; current on-street parking is dangerous.
Accessibility and safety	Upgrade public toilet and turntable to be DDA accessible and compliant.
Accessibility and safety	Improve access to information Bay
Camping and RVs	Explore existing camping zoning; currently no utilised as camping.
Community Benefit	Community want Men shed, youth group housing centre, community housing (currently zone / recreational)
Community Benefit	Acquire land for rodeo to connect to Men's Shed
Connectivity	Maintain accessibility through walking trails
Facilities	Ferry Road public toilets are at end of life and no disabled toilet; craft shop/ tourism building has disabled toilet but uphill.
Facilities	Provide seating along heritage walking trail.
Facilities	Provide picnic and BBQ facilities and shelters.
Facilities	32 current Men Shed members are outgrowing the existing shed facilities.
Facilities	Provide more public toilets, shelter, amenity, picnic tables and benches.
Heritage and Culture	Morgan Wharf restoration; needs federal / heritage listing and state marine assets.

Heritage and Culture	Explore DA-approved display shed (not erected) for PS Canally
Heritage and Culture	Champion tradition, owners and cultural heritage; explore 1st Nations storytelling
Heritage and Culture	Celebrate and make operational the heritage wharf structure.
Heritage and Culture	Morgan Mile Speedway (history)
Infrastructure	Riverview Tce Gouger St needs stormwater review and management.
Infrastructure	No operating sewer or drainage to tea rooms (Pendel's tea room); upgrade amenity.
Land Use Planning	Sell and expand town for more houses; extend NW Tce to meet Reinecke St; Not already available; or make a park with toilets and BBQ. A place away from the river.
Land Use Planning	Acquire land for private land to maximise housing.
Land Use Planning	Housing.
Land Use Planning	Need for accommodation.
Maintenance	Fix or replace Burra Creek Bridge (to dangerous)
Maintenance	Base of toy gull needs maintenance.
Open space and recreation	No upgrade to turn table, leave as is; Climbing / play playground.
Open space and recreation	Consider relocation of the existing sensory garden along Major Street.
Open space and recreation	Deliver half basketball court and hoop; plan to supplement existing playground adjacent.
Open space and recreation	Turntable to be fenced and made safe. Terrain is very steep.
Open space and recreation	Relocate Sensory garden due to white ants.
Open space and recreation	The gully access and maintenance to be reviewed and made safe, e.g. illegal use by 4-wheel bikes.
Open space and recreation	Increase age and user accessibility to play area. Currently focused on young age group
Planning and management	Propose rest stop for Trucks adjacent Burra turn-off.
Planning and management	Morgan action plan items 1-10 in that order, work done; just adopt this (support)

Public realm activation	Provide seating, shelter, trees and landmark amenity to Major Road link.
Public realm activation	Urban seating throughout Morgan to be done by the local Men's Shed and artist community, with a strong, consistent design language and materiality that connects to Morgan's industrial and river history
River Access	Rope defining swimming is not permanently secured.
River Access	Promote swimming area; increase access and improve signage.
Signage and interpretation	Entry signage to include recognition of Country.
Signage and interpretation	Improve footpath and wayfinding signage to walking and cycling paths.
Signage and interpretation	Provide wayfinding signage to direct visitors to riverfront and main street.
Signage and interpretation	Upgrade existing signage to township and provide wayfinding with major landmarks
Signage and interpretation	Ensure signage and wayfinding directs visitors to the heart of Morgan and towards the riverfront
Tourism Activation	Wheeler activity area; long-track sidecar linking to historic activities.
Tourism Activation	Increase outdoor dining opportunities.
Tourism Activation	Promote motor sport in Morgan.
Tourism Activation	Provide rest and overnight stop areas for trucks and caravans, with adjacent signage direct to main infrastructure and eateries of town
Tourism Activation	Support annual riverboat event; 3060 DDL Latin Dance, current amenity is not enough to facilitate attendance.
Tourism Activation	Promote and enhance riverside views and amenity to linger longer at the river; observe river events and sporting activities.
Transport and Parking	Both sides of road and truck parking. Keep new water point clear for people to access
Transport and Parking	Create parking bay for trucks travelling from Renmark to Burra / Morgan.
Transport and Parking	Fix section of road. Widen then barricade.
Transport and Parking	Truck stop on Goyder Highway at Morgan.
Transport and Parking	Murraylands HWY intersection is to be made safe and turn off to Morgan.

Transport and Parking	Need more parking.
Transport and Parking	Upgrade car park and roundabout for traffic clarity; not painted.
Transport and Parking	Parking bay on other side with wayfinding signage and seating.
Transport and Parking	Burra Creek Bridge needs upgrade to service ex major stop along truck route

08 NILDOTTIE

8.1 Key Outcome and Actions

Over the 19 comments provided for Nildottie, heritage and culture were key focus areas, followed by river access. A broader history trail through Nildottie was also proposed to identify historic buildings in the settlement.

River actions focused on Greenways Landing. With calls for the boat ramp to be improved, camping to be clearly promoted from the main road, and the swimming and camping environment preserved. Improving Greenways Landing was also seen as a way to reduce impacts at the Nildottie boat ramp. Several comments requested a four-knot river zone around the boat ramp and the creation of a quieter section of river.

Comments relating to connectivity included extending the walkway from Nildottie to Swan Reach as part of the Murray River to Coorong Trail. Public realm suggestions include a history mural on the public toilet and improvement of the central garden area, where volunteers are currently maintaining a space.

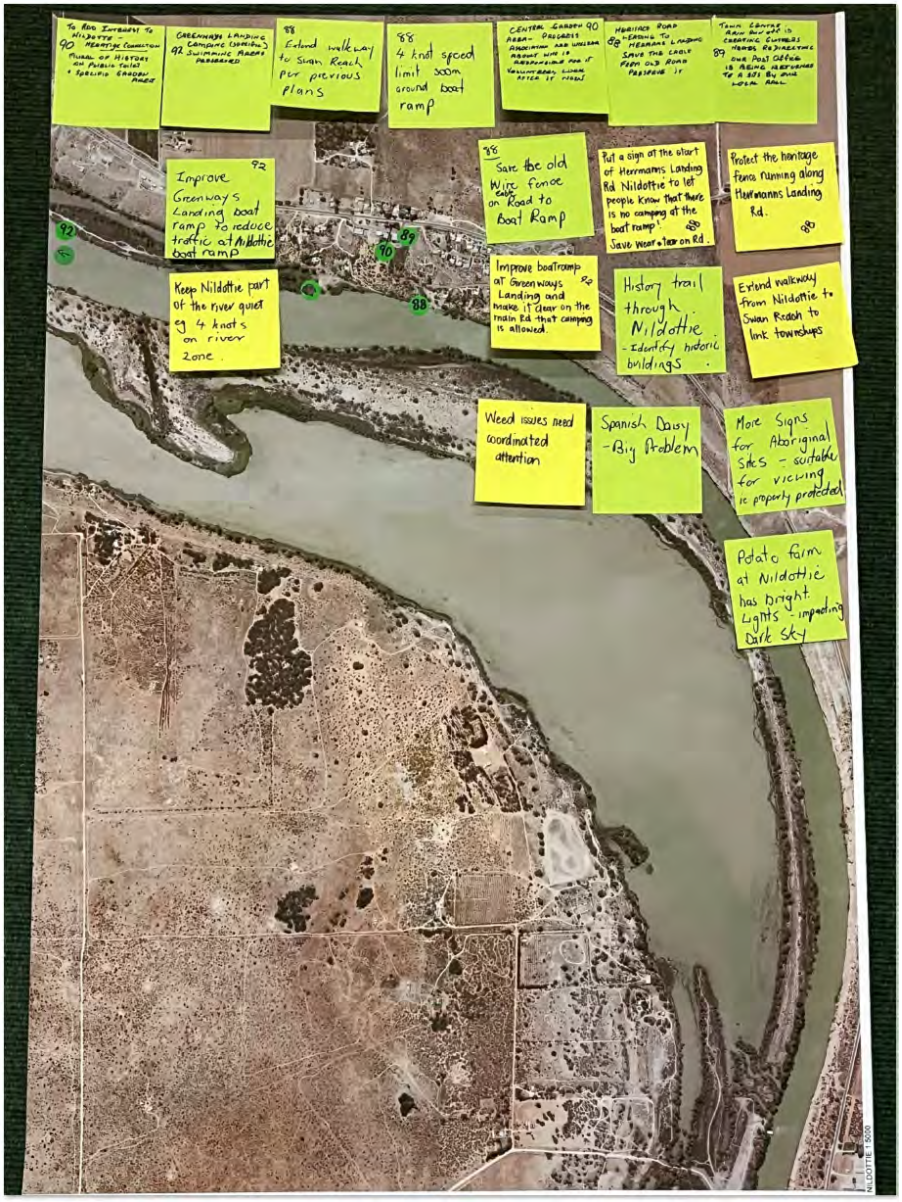


Figure 19:Community comments and posters from Nildottie Roadshow consultation

8.2 List of community comments

Possible theme	Comment provided by community
Camping and RVs	Greenways Landing camping (specific) and swimming area, preserved.
Connectivity	Extend walkway to Swan Reach per previous plans.
Connectivity	Extend walkway from Nildottie to Swan Reach to link townships.
Dark Sky Reserve	Potato farm at Nildottie has bright lights impacting Dark Sky.
Environment	Spanish Daisy - big problem.
Heritage and Culture	Heritage Road leading to Hermans Landing: save the cable from the old road; preserve it
Heritage and Culture	Town centre and park guide/cafe; old office as art by local school.
Heritage and Culture	Save the old wire fence cable on road to boat ramp.
Heritage and Culture	Protect the heritage fence running along Hermanns Landing Road.
Heritage and Culture	History trail through Nildottie - identify historic buildings.
Maintenance	Weed issues need coordinated attention.
Open space and recreation	"Central garden area - Progress Association are unclear about who is responsible for it. Volunteers look after it now"
Public realm activation	To add interest to Nildottie – heritage connection Mural of history on public toilet and specific garden area
River Access	4 knot speed limit 300 m around boat ramp.
River Access	Keep Nildottie part of the river quiet, e.g. 4 knots on river zone.
River Access	Improve Greenways Landing boat ramp to reduce traffic at Nildottie boat ramp.
River Access	Improve boat ramp at Greenways Landing and make it clear on the main road that camping is allowed.
Signage and interpretation	Put a sign at the start of Hermanns Landing Road, Nildottie, to let people know there is no camping at the boat ramp. Save wear & tear on Rd
Signage and interpretation	More signs for Aboriginal sites, suitable for viewing if properly protected.

09 PALMER

9.1 Key Outcome and Actions

The Palmer consultation produced 40 varied comments on signage, tourism activation, heritage, planning, and public realm improvement. Collier Park and Palmer Lookout remain principal locations for improvements and potential projects. There were repeated comments concerning wayfinding from Adelaide Road and the mainstreet to Collier Park, the lookout, toilets, parking and Bear Rock. The lookout approach also needs traffic slowing and safer egress from its pull-in bay.

Opportunities for Collier Park included improving camping amenity and stormwater management around the oval road and car park.

Tourism activity should build on established events including the October hot-rod show, the annual motorbike rally, and Palmer Sculpture Biennial

Heritage interpretation should cover Palmer's gold and copper mining history, Kitticoola mine, the olive grove and local school history.

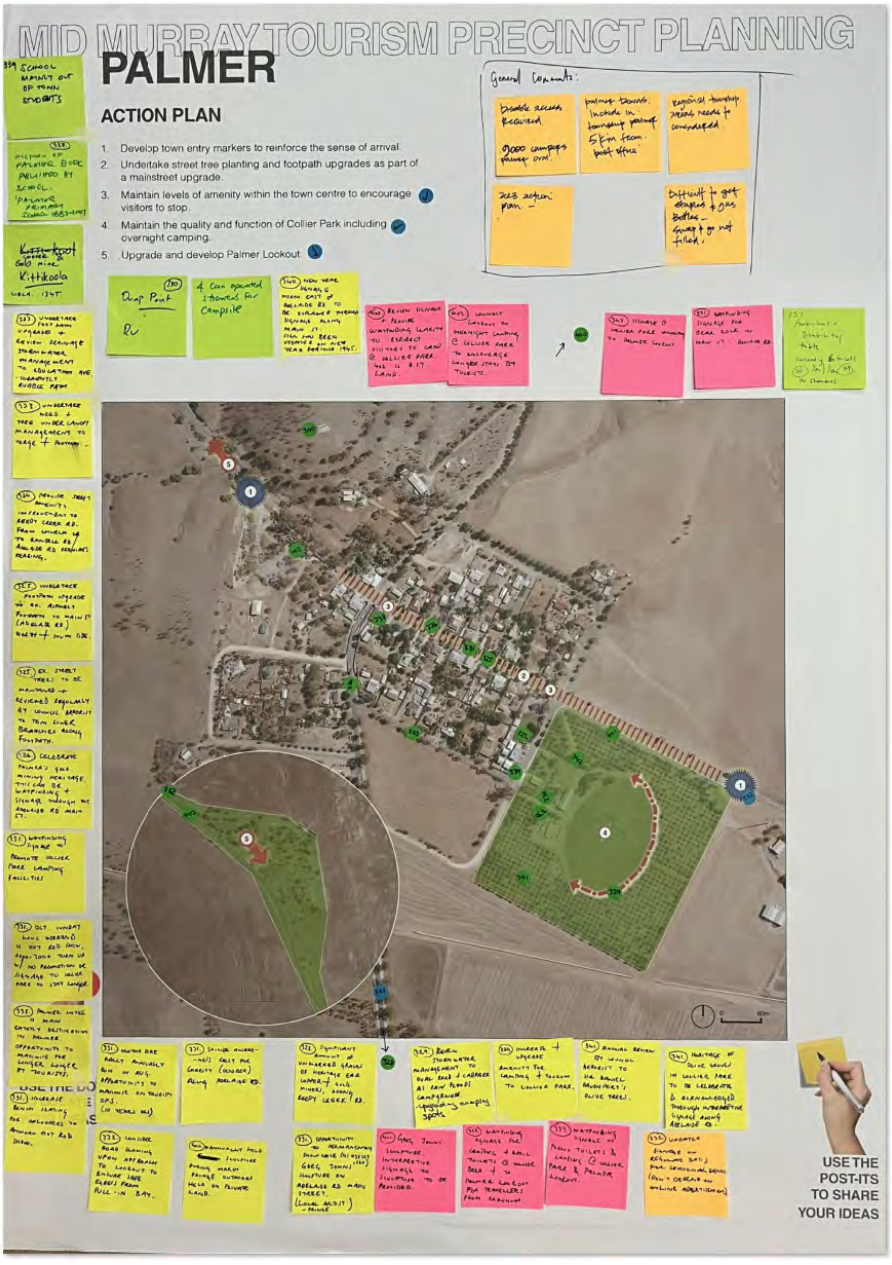


Figure 20:Community comments and posters from Palmer Roadshow consultation

9.2 List of community comments

Possible theme	Comment provided by community
Accessibility and safety	Disabled access required.
Accessibility and safety	Consider road slowing upon approach to lookout to ensure safe egress from pull-in bay.
Camping and RVs	Dump point / RV.
Camping and RVs	Increase and upgrade amenity for camping and tourism to Collier Park.
Connectivity	Undertake footpath upgrade and review drainage / stormwater management to Education Ave; currently rubble path.
Connectivity	Undertake footpath upgrade to existing asphalt footpath on Main Street, Adelaide Road, north and south side.
Facilities	Increase bench seating for onlookers to annual Hot Rod Show.
Facilities	Coin-operated showers for campsite.
Facilities	Ambulant and disability toilets; currently toilets W ½ / ½ M"; no showers.
Heritage and Culture	History of Palmer book published by school: Palmer Primary School 1882-2007.
Heritage and Culture	Copper gold mine, Kittikoola, circa 1845.
Heritage and Culture	Celebrate Palmer gold mining heritage. This can be wayfinding and signage through from Adelaide Road / Main Street.
Heritage and Culture	Significant number of unmarked graves of heritage era; Copper and gold miners along Reedy Creek Road
Heritage and Culture	Heritage of olive grove in Collier Park to be celebrated and acknowledged through interpretive signage along Adelaide Road.
Infrastructure	Review stormwater management to oval road and carpark as rain floods campgrounds and upgrading camping spots.
Maintenance	Existing street trees to be maintained and reviewed regularly by Council arborist to trim lower branches along footpath.
Open space and recreation	Annual review by the Council arborist of Sir Daniel Davenport's olive trees at Collier Park
Planning and management	School - mainly out-of-town students.
Planning and management	Palmer Downs - included in township Palmer, 5 km from post office.

Planning and management	Regional township areas need to be considered.
Planning and management	2023 action plan.
Public realm activation	Undertake weed and tree under-canopy management to verge and footpath.
Public realm activation	"Provide street amenity. Improvement to Reedy Creek Rd. From Church St to Randell Rd.
Public realm activation	Opportunity to permanently showcase Greg Johns sculpture on Adelaide Road Main Street; local artist signage.
Public realm activation	Greg Johns sculpture - interpretive signage to sculpture to be provided.
Service and economic activation	Difficult to get staples and gas bottles; swap and go, not filled.
Signage and interpretation	Wayfinding signage to promote Collier Park camping facilities.
Signage and interpretation	New year signage north-east of Adelaide Road to be explained through signage along Main Street; sign has been updated on New Year for since 1945
Signage and interpretation	Review signage and provide wayfinding clarity to redirect visitors to camp at Collier Park; 402 is DIT land.
Signage and interpretation	Signage at Collier Park connecting to Palmer lookout.
Signage and interpretation	Wayfinding signage for Bear Rock in Main Street / Adelaide Road.
Signage and interpretation	Wayfinding signage for Collier Park and Palmer Lookout for travellers from Mannum.
Signage and interpretation	Wayfinding signage to main toilets and parking at Collier Park and Palmer Lookout.
Signage and interpretation	Update signage on Adelaide mains for directional removal; do not depend on online advertising only.
Tourism Activation	October Sunday long weekend is hot rod show; 2000 to 3000 people turn up with no promotion or signage to Collier Park to stay longer.
Tourism Activation	Palmer Hotel is the main eatery destination in Palmer; opportunity to maximise for longer stays by tourists.
Tourism Activation	Connect lookout to overnight camping at Collier Park to encourage longer stays by tourists.
Tourism Activation	Motorbike rally annually run in August; opportunity to maximise on tourism opportunities (10 years old)

Tourism Activation	Suicide awareness rally for charity in October along Adelaide Road.
Tourism Activation	Annually held sculpture during March Fringe outdoors, held on private land (Palmer Sculpture Biennial).

10 SEDAN

10.1 Key Outcome and Actions

Sedan had two comments, so the findings are highly localised. The comments focus on public realm improvements, including seating near the shop so visitors and community members can stop and eat, along with clearer guidance on where visitors should park. This is a modest but practical public realm and local-business action. Another comment suggested renewing the town entry signage and sense of arrival.

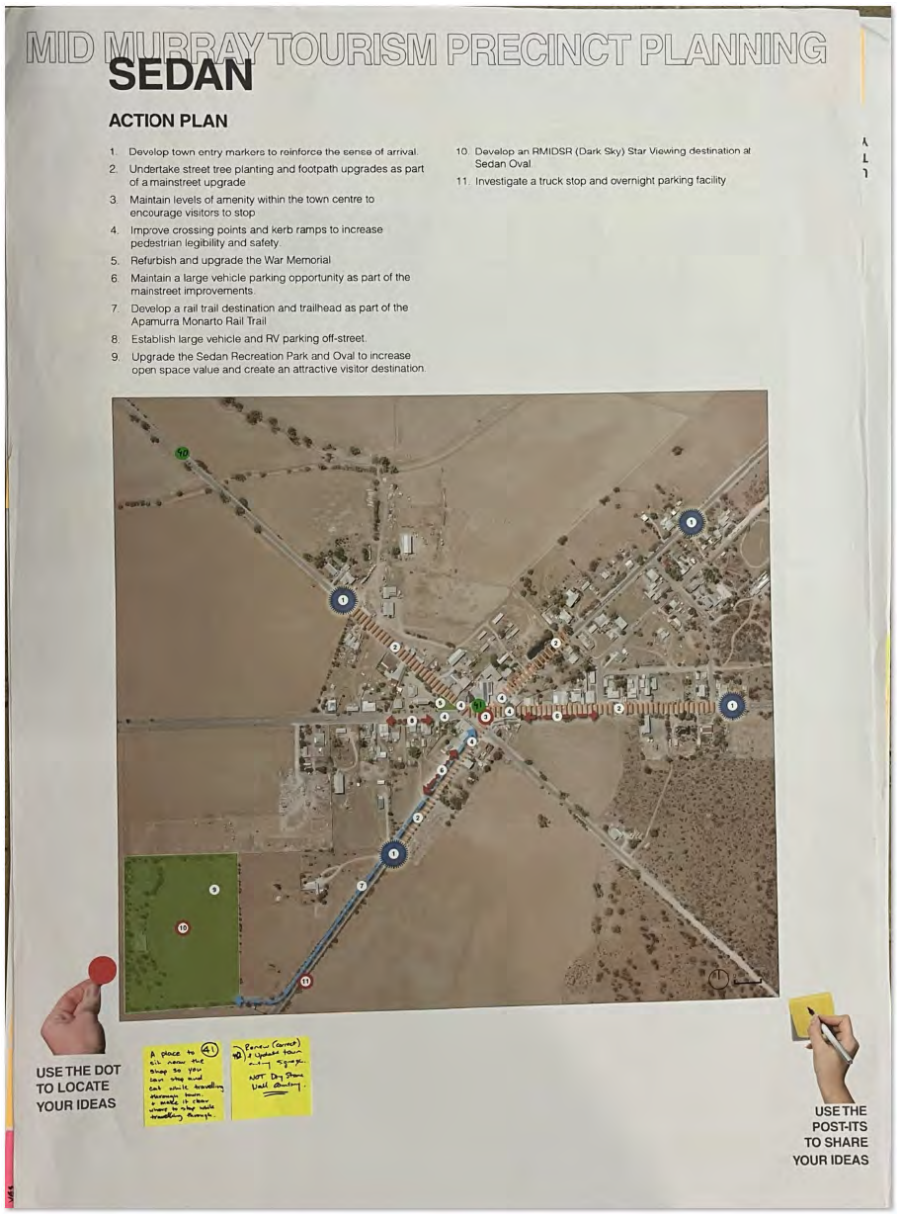


Figure 21:Community comments and posters from Sedan Roadshow consultation

10.2 List of community comments

Possible theme	Comment provided by community
Public realm activation	A place to sit near the shop so you can stop and eat while travelling through town; make it clear where to stop.
Signage and interpretation	Renew and update town entry signage. Not Dry Stone Wall Country.

11 SWAN REACH

11.1 Key Outcome and Actions

River access and promoting the Dark Sky Reserve were the primary focus of the Swan Reach community consultation with 16 comments provided by the community.

In relation to river access, a modified deep-mooring area for the Murray Princess and the boat-ramp redevelopment were identified. Other comments sought more houseboat moorings which link to the pub and shops

The ongoing development of the Dark Sky Reserve and observatory was supported. However, light pollution was raised as a possible impact, with calls for a possible Code Amendment to enable greater control of lighting in the reserve.

Len White Reserve, the boat ramp and the ferry should be considered as one connected riverfront area. The path between the ramp and ferry is identified as road reserve, while the lawn at Swan Reach Hotel is seen as another river-access and visitor-activity location.

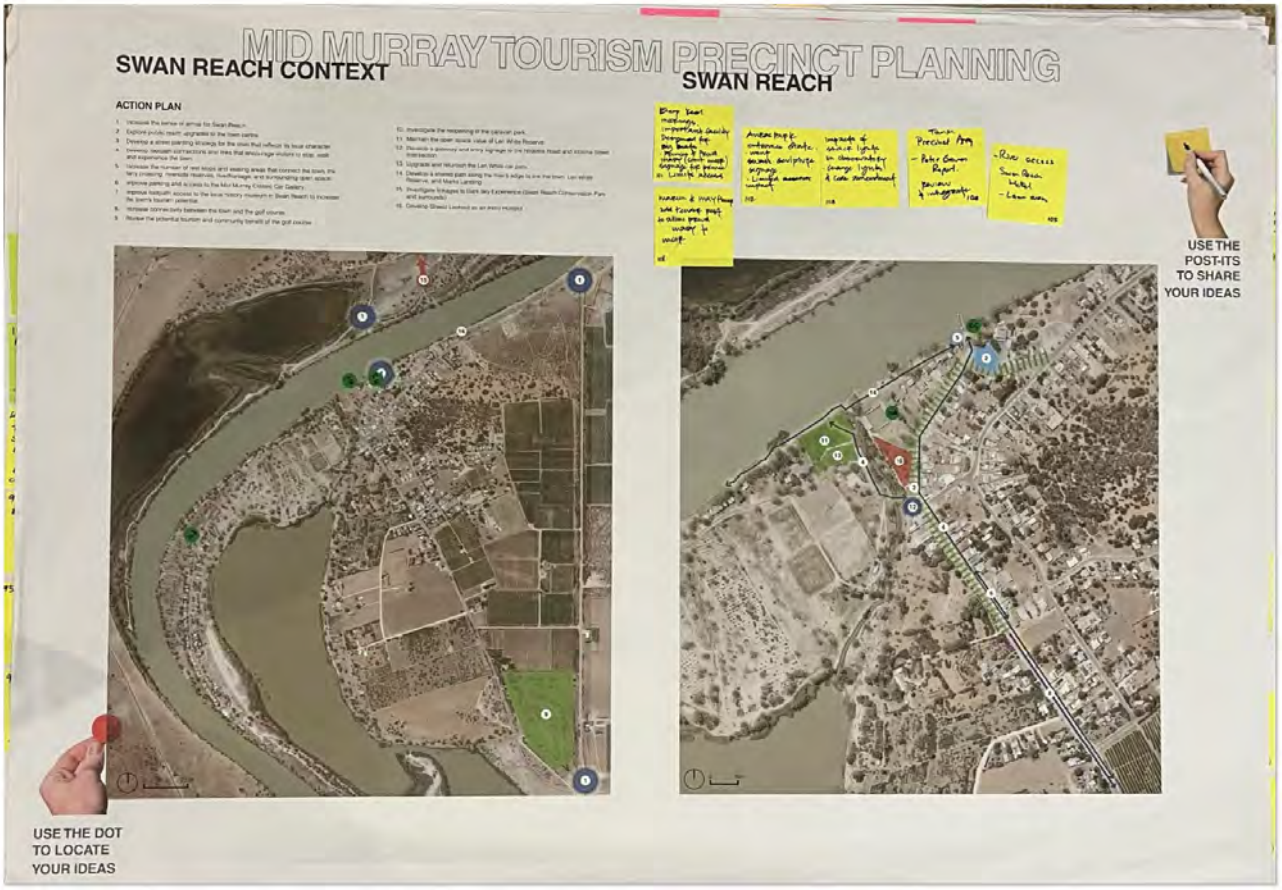


Figure 22:Community comments and posters from Swan Reach Roadshow consultation

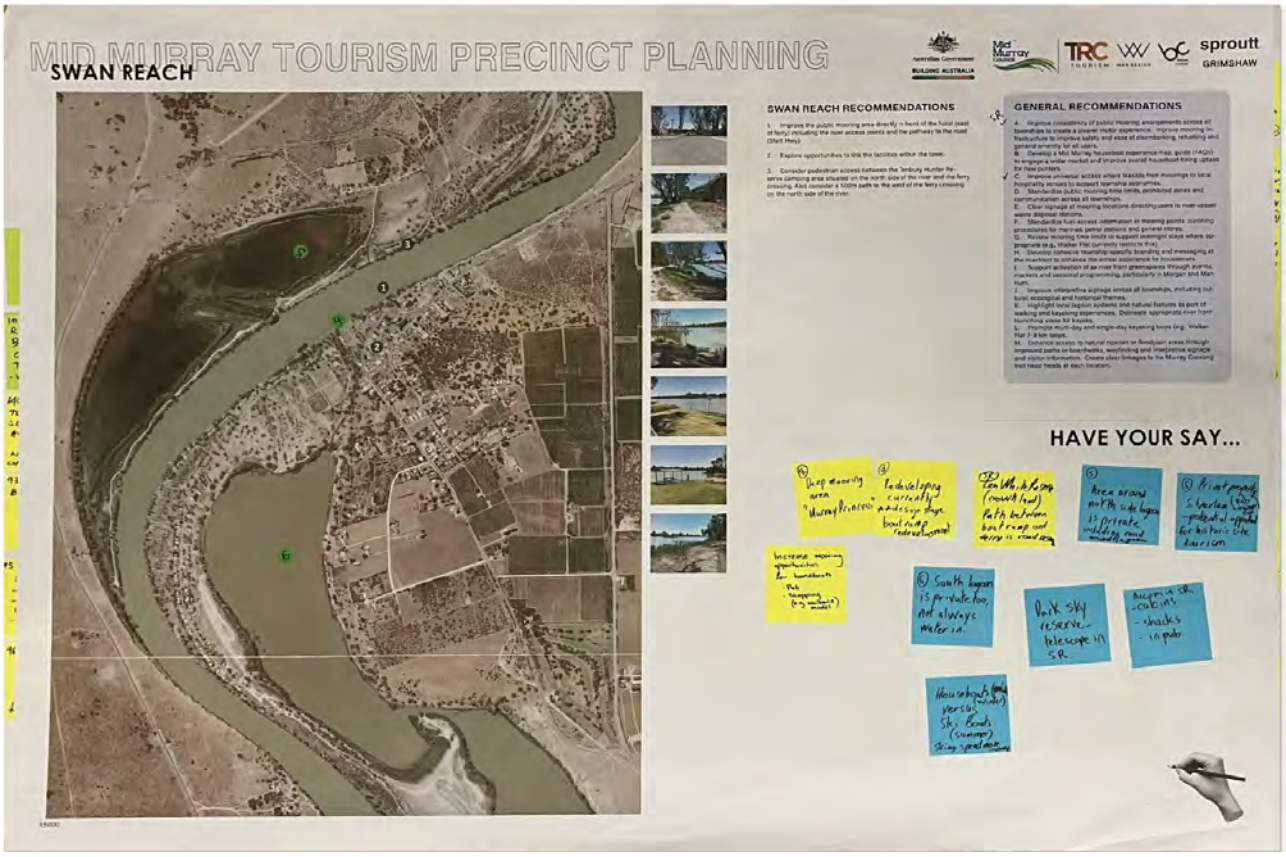


Figure 23: Community comments and posters from Swan Reach Roadshow consultation

11.2 List of community comments

Possible theme	Comment provided by community
Dark Sky Reserve	Dark Sky Reserve; telescope in Swan Reach.
Dark Sky Reserve	Impacts of shack lights on observatory; change lights and code amendment.
Land Use Planning	Area around north side lagoon is private, including road around lagoon.
Land Use Planning	Private property Silverlea (pub owner top)- potential opportunity for historic site tourism
Open space and recreation	Len White Reserve/crown land; path between boat ramp and ferry is road reserve.
Open space and recreation	River access Swan Reach Hotel - lawn area.
Planning and management	Tourism precinct area - Peter Graves report, review and integrate.
River Access	Deep mooring area for Murray Princess.
River Access	Redeveloping currently at design stage: boat ramp redevelopment.

River Access	Increase mooring opportunities for houseboats: pub and shopping, e.g. Waikerie model.
River Access	South lagoon is private too, and not always water in.
River Access	Houseboats in winter versus ski boats in summer; skiing spend more money.
River Access	Deep-keel moorings: an important facility designed for big boats; Murray Prince and Proud Mary can moor. Signage needed to enable other boats to moor and for picnic/limited access.
River Access	Tender post to allow mooring to PS Marion and PW Mayflower.
Signage and interpretation	Anzac Park entrance state reserve: meeting point/sculpture signage / limited impacts.
Tourism Activation	Accommodation in Swan Reach: cabins, shacks and pub.

12 TRURO

12.1 Key Outcome and Actions

The 19 community comments built on existing town masterplans, focusing on public space, including redeveloping the dog park, planting trees, and improving the car park entrance near the petrol station.

The potential of the Oval was discussed both in terms of increasing community benefit and increasing tourism opportunities. Suggestions included free camping areas, improved facilities, water tanks for irrigation, relocated cricket nets, cricket club storage, and reuse of the tennis club shelter.

Tourism and economic suggestions include activating the op-shop, promoting existing trail networks, interpreting the town's history, and developing a pop-up or farmers' market in the rail yards. The potential "Last Resort Refuge" site and associated land use should be reviewed in the context of the bypass.

Connectivity was also considered, including how to support links to the Lavender Trail and Barossa cycling network. An end-of-trip cycling facility could be combined with oval facilities or the original historic Council building to activate the town.



Figure 24:Community comments and posters from Truro Roadshow consultation

12.2 List of community comments

Possible theme	Comment provided by community
Camping and RVs	Camping areas to free areas 6 sites gravel Boats.
Connectivity	Investigate Lavender trail connection.
Connectivity	Bike trail Barossa.
Connectivity	End of trip facility for cyclists; Combine with oval facility.

Connectivity	Original council building possible; cycling facility access off North Terrace.
Environment	Develop natural solution to increase amenity; ponds and natural filtration and retain.
Facilities	Water tanks to support irrigation.
Facilities	Develop roof and extend outdoor area.
Facilities	Relocation of cricket club storage underneath 2 storey
Open space and recreation	Redevelop dog park; tree planting.
Open space and recreation	Relocation of cricket nets; removal of tennis shelter.
Planning and management	Review potential for Last Resort Refuge. Consider change land use & bypass.
Public realm activation	Car park entrance help get rid of derelict building behind United servo interior
Public realm activation	Tree planting contingent on bypass
Service and economic activation	Pop-up market can we develop as a market place? Create farmers market.
Signage and interpretation	Interpretation and path links.
Signage and interpretation	Develop signage and interpretation to highlight history of town.
Tourism Activation	Alma & Ann Brochures promotions. Increase activity. Activate and op shops trail.
Transport and Parking	Tree removal / trimming to increase parking opportunities.

13 WALKER FLAT

13.1 Key Outcome and Actions

Comments from the community centre on the developing and supporting camping and RV facilities, increasing connections and trails, safety, public amenities and recreation.

Camping actions included an RV dump point, tent sites integrated into the landscape, toilets, changing facilities and showers using solar and grey-water approaches. These facilities should be planned as a coherent visitor precinct rather than isolated installations.

Other actions include sealing the remaining seven kilometres of Murraylands Road between Walker Flat and Swan Reach; improving pedestrian access; developing inclusive play equipment, upgrading the reserve and providing a swimming area. The report also recommends a bridge crossing to improve links, canoe access, and connections to Maynards Lookout.

Shell Hill was identified as a camping location and a Dark Sky viewing area requiring improvement.

Importantly, the community's comments and feedback were framed within the context that 'improvements should retain the established character of Walker Flat'.



Figure 25:Walker Flat community comments and posters

13.2 List of community comments

Possible theme	Comment provided by community
Accessibility and safety	Increase pedestrian access.
Camping and RVs	Shell Hill camping ground.
Camping and RVs	Dump points for RVs; connection to existing system / walk-in network.
Camping and RVs	Tent camping integrated into landscape.
Camping and RVs	Shower as part of RV park; solar and grey water / Simple mess drain.
Connectivity	Improve connection to Maynards
Connectivity	Bridge crossing — to create link, connect floods + canoe access
Dark Sky Reserve	Suggest Shell Hill instead of Maynards lookout; Maynards is dangerous turnaround and car lights ruin darkness.
Facilities	Toilets as part of development.
Facilities	Changing trees, toilets
Heritage and Culture	Keep character of Walker Flat.
Open space and recreation	Playground, inclusive play equipment and sensory garden.
Open space and recreation	Upgrade reserve and lookout "R U OK" tree.
River Access	Swimming area.
Transport and Parking	Seal the last 7 km of Murraylands Road between Walker Flat and Swan Reach.

14 TUNGKILLO

14.1 Key Outcome

No comments were received for Tungkillo during the Community Roadshow events. Several comments were received as part of the online engagement through the Council Your Say website.

These comments are recorded in Section 17.

15 YOUNGHUSBAND

15.1 Key Outcome and Actions

Younghusband received several comments that focused on the potential to develop and improve trail connectivity. Both trail expansion and management were seen as important, with a need to confirm the exact route, land tenure, and condition of the existing trail before determining whether restoration and extension are feasible.

Maintenance responsibility, road crossings, safety, wayfinding and rest facilities should be included as part of the master planning process.



Figure 26:Community comments and posters

15.2 List of community comments

Possible theme	Comment provided by community
Camping and RVs	Carvan park (private) with 67 properties
Connectivity	Extend for about 15km about 10km further west
Connectivity	Trail cost substantial - is now overgrown - picnic tables
Connectivity	There is a trail about 7km Bakers Hut Road to E Front Road

16 BIG IDEAS

16.1 Trails, cycling and regional connectivity

Walking and cycling connections are among the strongest opportunities raised by the community. The comments identify potential links between Nildottie and Swan Reach; Mannum and the Mount Lofty Ranges; Mannum Falls, Davenport Road and Gap Road near Palmer; and improvement of existing trails at Moorundie, Shell Hill, Lenger, T.P. Bellchambers and Brookfield Reserves.

Community feedback considered the following:

- Audit and map existing trails, including condition, land tenure and missing links.
- Extend the Nildottie–Swan Reach walking and cycling connection.
- Connect Mannum with wider hiking and cycling networks.
- Redesign and promote the Murray Plains Cycle Trek.
- Provide trailhead parking, toilets, water, seating, signs and camping opportunities.
- Address illegal motorbike activity and vandalism at Mannum Falls.

Consider creating a region-wide “river, ranges and plains” trail network rather than a collection of unrelated local paths.

16.2 River access and management

The river is the region’s primary tourism asset, but comments reveal conflicts between boating, swimming, fishing, houseboats, jet skis and environmental protection. Mary Ann Reserve is specifically identified as unsafe for local swimmers when tourism-oriented water sports occupy the area. Wake damage and high-speed watercraft are also concerns in numerous locations along the river.

Community feedback considered the following:

- Identify separate zones for swimming, fishing, paddling and powered watercraft.
- Review four-knot zones around boat ramps.
- Investigate restrictions on jet skis and wake boats near towns and sensitive banks.
- Develop accessible canoe and kayak entry points.
- Improve disability access to riverfront locations.
- Investigate a one-way houseboat itinerary between Morgan and destinations such as Berri or Waikerie.
- Assess Ackland Street, Blanchetown as a riverfront reserve.
- Consider river health and bank protection as fundamental criteria for projects.

The consultation suggests that river tourism growth will only remain viable if recreation activities and environmental sustainability are balanced.

16.3 Dark Sky tourism

Dark Sky development is one of the most distinctive and original regional opportunities. Swan Reach is recognised as an important location but is also considered distant from Adelaide. Tungkillo and Blanchetown are proposed as gateways, Bowhill as a viewing-platform location, and high-elevation sites as possible observation points.

Community feedback considered the following:

- Develop a network of Dark Sky gateways and observation sites rather than relying on one destination.
- Assess Bowhill, Blanchetown and high-elevation locations for platforms, parking and safe night

access.

- Introduce lighting education covering colour temperature, shielding and appropriate rural lighting.
- Investigate planning or Code changes addressing light pollution.
- Integrate Dark Sky experiences with camping, heritage stories, food and accommodation.
- Improve night-time wayfinding while ensuring signs and lighting do not undermine darkness.

A multi-destination Dark Sky experience has the potential to encourage visitors to move through the region, increasing visitation to towns and stays overnight.

16.4 Heritage, culture and storytelling

Community feedback considered the following:

- Prepare a regional heritage-story framework, with each town contributing distinctive stories.
- Include First Nations knowledge through appropriate engagement, permission and cultural authority.
- Improve interpretation of paddle steamers, ferries, rail, irrigation, locks and river trade.
- Protect culturally sensitive areas such as Mannum Falls from inappropriate recreation development.
- Review outdated or unpopular murals and support high-quality community art.
- Use pavement art, murals, sculptures and infrastructure such as the pipeline to reinforce local identity.
- Improve Morgan's museum interpretation.

Heritage should be presented as a living community asset, not merely a collection of static signs.

16.5 Public spaces, amenity and maintenance

Many comments concern basic presentation: untidy entrances, neglected verges, unsafe footpaths, dead vegetation and inadequate maintenance. Morgan township, the Golden Stairs, Monument Corner, Mannum Falls, Shell Hill and Black Hill Reserve are specifically referenced.

Community feedback considered the following:

- Establish a visible maintenance program for town entrances, verges, footpaths, trees and visitor sites.
- Upgrade and regularly clean the Golden Stairs.
- Improve Morgan Lookout and refresh its signs.
- Provide safe walking routes and distinctive seating designed for an ageing population.
- Improve Shell Hill and clarify its tourism and recreation role.
- Resolve camping impacts and interpretation at Black Hill Reserve.
- Improve lighting at Blanchetown's sports oval to support sport and events.
- Establish maintenance responsibilities and budgets before completing capital works.

Maintenance is not a secondary issue in this feedback—it is essential to community confidence and visitor impressions.

16.6 Visitor facilities, camping and local services

The table identifies gaps in toilets, water, showers, food after hours, mobile coverage and organised camping. Self-contained bush camping is described as disorganised, and the reliance on QR codes is questioned.

Community feedback considered the following:

- Develop a consistent regional camping framework covering permitted sites, capacity, waste, fire, environmental protection and length of stay.
- Provide toilets, water and showers at priority trail and camping locations where feasible.
- Retain physical signs and printed information rather than relying exclusively on QR codes.
- Improve after-hours food availability and variety.
- Improve 4G coverage for residents, businesses and visitors.
- Install EV charging at locations where visitors can also eat, shop or explore.
- Encourage private investment in accommodation, hospitality and visitor services.
- Consider reinstating an award for well-presented shopfronts.

Visitor infrastructure should be designed to create local spending, not simply accommodate travellers passing through.

16.7 Transport and access

Road conditions, freight movements and visitor circulation affect both tourism and everyday community life. The table calls for Murraylands Road to be sealed between Mannum and Morgan, improvements between Punyelroo and Sunnyside, a truck stop near Goyder Highway, and reconsideration of rail connections.

Community feedback considered the following:

- Assess sealing and safety upgrades on strategic tourism routes.
- Provide safe truck stopping areas without compromising riverfront amenity.
- Separate heavy-vehicle needs from walking, cycling and town-centre activity.
- Investigate realistic rail, coach or packaged transport connections between Adelaide, Murray Bridge, Monarto, Mannum, Bowhill, Swan Reach and the Barossa.
- Improve parking and lookout access along Goyder Highway.

Package transport improvements around specific visitor itineraries rather than treating them as isolated infrastructure projects.

16.8 Community benefit, housing and governance

The strongest social message is that residents must benefit from tourism. Comments call for ratepayer needs to be respected, community unity rebuilt, local contributions recognised and sport and community life restored. Housing shortages—particularly for seasonal workers in Morgan—are also identified.

Community feedback considered the following:

- Apply a community-benefit test to tourism proposals.
- Measure local employment, business spending, resident access and quality-of-life outcomes.
- Investigate seasonal-worker housing in Morgan.
- Explore cooperative housing on the Bagshaws site while relocating incompatible industrial activity.
- Consult the community on reuse of the Bagshaws and old Downer sites.
- Retain strong community-engagement capacity within Council.
- Clarify the respective roles of Council, tourism operators, community groups and private investors.
- Be transparent about project costs, maintenance and likely benefits.

The consultation contains scepticism about Council's role in facilitating tourism. A clear partnership model would help address this concern.

16.9 Tourism Potential

Several ideas have strong potential to differentiate the region:

- A "passport" or stamp book covering the 13 South Australian ferry crossings.
- Collectable town stamps inspired by Japan's Eki stamp system.
- Four-day and eight-day self-drive itineraries showing where to stay, eat, walk and visit.
- A multi-town Dark Sky trail with different gateways and observation experiences.
- A coordinated "river, ranges and plains" walking and cycling network.
- One-way houseboat journeys supported by updated mooring information and return transport.
- A glass-bottom or elevated lookout experience at Big Bend.
- Birdwatching itineraries linking Brookfield, Shell Hill, Ridley Reserve and Swan Reach Conservation Park.
- Fine dining, EV charging and lookout experiences in Mannum, linked with Monarto Safari Park, the Murray Princess and the Bridge Hotel.
- Sports tourism based around local ovals and regional events.
- A heritage route covering ferries, paddle steamers, wharves, railways, locks and irrigation.
- "Mid Murray from the air" experiences using suitable landing areas.

16.10 Strategic insights

The most promising strategy is a network model: visitors move between towns for complementary experiences rather than expecting every town to become a complete destination.

There are also several important tensions to resolve:

- Tourism growth versus residents' access to places such as Mary Ann Reserve.
- Water sports versus riverbank protection and safe swimming.
- New recreation facilities versus cultural respect at Mannum Falls.
- Dark Sky promotion versus light pollution and unsafe night access.
- Camping growth versus environmental management and basic servicing.
- Digital visitor information versus the need for physical signs and printed material.
- New capital projects versus the community's frustration with existing maintenance.
- A practical development sequence would be:
    - Fix maintenance, safety, signs, toilets and access.
    - Connect existing trails, riverfronts and town centres.
    - Package heritage, Dark Sky, cycling and river experiences.
    - Support local food, accommodation, retail and events.
    - Invest in major attractions only where demand, community benefit and ongoing maintenance are demonstrated.

16.11 List of community comments

Possible theme	Comment provided by community
Camping and RVs	Self-contained bush camping disorganised; QR Codes are not used elsewhere.
Community Benefit	Local residents quality of life to be prioritised.
Community Benefit	Let the community unite; stop tearing us apart; no sport now. Council and ratepayers - Morgan.
Community Benefit	Encourage good work and money; show respect for people who have contributed - Morgan.
Connectivity	Turn illegal roadside motorbike tracks into walking trails.
Connectivity	Extend track from Nildottie to Swan Reach for walking / biking.
Connectivity	More walking trails.
Connectivity	To above idea, Walking trails exist at Moorundie, Shell Hill, Senger, T.P. Bellchambers and Brookfield.
Connectivity	Promote cycle touring in hills and plains, plus campsites / hike / bike in
Connectivity	Connect Mannum to Mt Lofty Ranges hiking / biking trail network; Mannum Falls, Davenport Road, Gap Road Palmer; road completes.
Connectivity	Tidy up area by the old garage (Ground Floor) by Anna Street walkway.
Connectivity	Redraw Murray Plains cycle track to have better composite access and signs and promotion.
Dark Sky Reserve	Tungkillo as gateway to Dark Sky; no light signage / sculpture
Dark Sky Reserve	Lighting education - light colours.
Dark Sky Reserve	Signage and platform for Bowhill / Dark Sky Reserve.
Dark Sky Reserve	Highest elevation point in the Dark Sky
Dark Sky Reserve	Dark Sky - legislation for light pollution? Support for Code Amendment.
Dark Sky Reserve	Blanchetown as northern gateway to the Dark Sky.
Dark Sky Reserve	Dark Sky: Swan Reach location will be very limiting for visitor numbers; too far from Adelaide.
Environment	Bird watching: Brookfield, Shell Hill, Ridley Reserve and Swan Reach Conservation Park.
Environment	Recognition that there is no tourism without a healthy natural environment and river.
Environment	Tidy up dead trees and shrubs leading up to Monument Corner.
Facilities	Lavender trail; no toilet no wate, Commuter possible; camping on crown land; toilets with showers to investigate.
Facilities	Food after hours and variety needed, 250 m from existing food establishment.
Heritage and Culture	Integration of art and culture.
Heritage and Culture	Aged care facility in old Blanchetown Primary School.
Heritage and Culture	Opportunities for community to better connect to their town culturally.
Heritage and Culture	Old school site concept review.
Heritage and Culture	Do not put BMX and mountain bike at Mannum Falls; respect country.

Heritage and Culture	Capture the story about "Crowie" being an Indigenous word for big name of large in Morgan
Heritage and Culture	Protect history and heritage of Morgan and the region.
Heritage and Culture	Morgan: cover the murals in the museum!
Heritage and Culture	Paddle steamer history and Morgan wharf train line.
Heritage and Culture	Lock history; irrigation history.
Heritage and Culture	Losing heritage.
Land Use Planning	Sell old Downer land for private housing.
Land Use Planning	Build cooperative housing on disused Bagshaws site.
Land Use Planning	Relocate Bagshaws to new industrial estate; consult community about what to do with it.
Land Use Planning	Housing shortage for seasonal workers - Morgan.
Maintenance	After town upgrades, remain consistent in maintenance and upgrades.
Open space and recreation	Car park and lookout on cliffs off Goyder Highway.
Open space and recreation	Lighting at sports oval - more opportunity for events and sports, Blanchetown.
Open space and recreation	Black Hill Reserve: impacts of camping need improvement; stopping camping and changing in use interpretation.
Open space and recreation	BMX at the waterfalls? Seriously?
Open space and recreation	Improve Morgan lookout.
Open space and recreation	Reduce impact of anti-social behaviour at Mannum Falls - vandalism.
Open space and recreation	Maintain P.A. for Randall Street; why remove an asset? Same as street corner.
Open space and recreation	Illegal offroad and motorcycle activity has never been addressed at Mannum waterfalls and roadsides.
Open space and recreation	Shell Hill? Underdone.
Planning and management	Amalgamate with Murray Bridge Council; The bridge hotel, Safari Park, Princes / boat and Mannum needs (Fine dining experience, electric car charging, lookout, combine rowing club (on top) and golf course.
Planning and management	Package: Metro train to Murry Bridge to combine Murray bridge, Safari Park, Mannum, Bowhill, Swan Reach, Angaston (Barossa) to Adelaide.
Planning and management	Agree to above idea- more tourists.
Planning and management	Improvement scheme for townships impacted by freight route (Cambrai)
Planning and management	Truth in advertising.
Planning and management	When did it become the job of Council to facilitate tourism as a business?
Planning and management	Operation Flinders State; needs change to Council policies.
Planning and management	Can we keep the community engagement officer and ditch the tourism officer? This would better serve community.
Planning and management	Morgan newsletter could include more Indigenous information, including men who helped navigate the river.

Planning and management	Look after ratepayers' needs, not tourists.
Public art	Change the mural on the Leisure Centre; ugly.
Public art	Pavement art in Mannum.
Public art	Repaint pipeline to improve appearance; long term vision.
Public art	"MEAC" Murray eco arts community (respect, permission and support), how does council support?
Public realm activation	Verge policy.
Public realm activation	Improve amenity of the towns; how do you maintain enthusiasm of community?
Public realm activation	Tidy the verges and footpaths; tired of paying gardener out of pension.
Public realm activation	Start cleaning the Golden Stairs regularly once a week; should be a talking point, not an eyesore.
Public realm activation	The whole town needs a clean up. Make it inviting. Entrances to town are untidy - Morgan township.
Public realm activation	Safe walking and unique seating. Everyone is getting older. We have the river and history; now match it for locals and tourists - Morgan.
River Access	Promote fishing and environment.
River Access	Canoeing and kayaks; disabled access points?
River Access	4 knot speed limit 300 m each side of boat ramps.
River Access	Wakeboard park.
River Access	No wakeboat zones plus jet skis.
River Access	Update Morgan / Blanchetown River Pilot; better updated information for houseboat mooring.
River Access	One-way houseboat trip rather than return, e.g. Morgan to Berri; Morgan to Waiker's
River Access	Restrict jetskis and boats to outside town limits.
River Access	How to manage wake boat bank damage?
River Access	44 Ackland Street,Blanchetown to be riverfront reserve; Dark Sky platform and boat mooring.
River Access	Mary Ann Reserve: water sports directed at tourism creating unsafe environment for locals using river to swim.
Service and economic activation	Improve telephone 4G connection; connected community.
Service and economic activation	More actions across all towns that encourage economic activity and enable private investment.
Service and economic activation	Bring back the award for best presented shop front.
Signage and interpretation	Ugly street flags - yuck at Christmas.
Signage and interpretation	Signage especially for night-time visitors.
Signage and interpretation	Refresh lookout signage - Morgan.
Tourism Activation	Mid Murray from the air - landing areas.
Tourism Activation	Sports tourism opportunities; coordinate approach across the regions.
Tourism Activation	Morgan is the Lower Murray equivalent of Echuca.
Tourism Activation	Glass bottom lookout at Big Bend.

Tourism Activation	EV charging space and hub attractions.
Tourism Activation	Promote trails 777, op-shops and vintage, oval camping and rail trails.
Tourism Activation	Mannum: lookout fine dining opportunity; link to other regional opportunities, Monarto Murray Princess, Bridge Hotel
Tourism Activation	Collectables for each town - stamps (see Eki stamps Japan); makes people detour to add to collection.
Tourism Activation	Tourist / rural theft, vandalism and degradation of nature, hoon driving land and water
Tourism Activation	Adopt SA Tourism guidelines for sustainability and climate action.
Tourism Activation	Information Centre volunteer local knowledge training lack.
Tourism Activation	Stamp book for the 13 ferry crossings in SA.
Tourism Activation	Website with say 4 days o 8 days driving holiday ideas of where to stop, eat, what to see and where to walk, etc
Transport and Parking	Yes to above idea - road sides are under used in the country.
Transport and Parking	Put the trains back on the track; heavy vehicles off the road.
Transport and Parking	Agree to above idea- trains!
Transport and Parking	Truck stop on river side of Goyder Highway.
Transport and Parking	Seal all Murraylands Road Mannum to Morgan.
Transport and Parking	Roads: Seal Mcbean land between Punyerroo and Sunnyside; safe link to create links for Dark Sky and other opportunities.

17 YOUR SAY WEBPAGE

16.7 Key findings

Topic	Location	Community feedback
Fenced off-leash dog park	Blanchetown	Ideally give people with dogs on or off leash a way to safely walk that narrow strip of road from the Sanders Street intersection to a parking area just past the next intersection near South Terrace and McPhee Ave.
A river frontage walk	Blanchetown	Extend the pedestrian footpath from McPhee to Page Drive. Widen the grass strip to align with the northern lawns of the boat ramp area. Build a pedestrian bridge alongside the road bridge, which is narrow and dangerous for groups to cross on this section of shared road. (Response to Action 18 of the plan)
Boat ramp	Blanchetown	Maintain public use adjacent to the boat ramp for walking, canoe launching, swimming and open space, especially for people from properties on the western side of Page & McPhee.
Chuck Finn Film Set	Blanchetown	Chuck Finn was a late-1990s series. The core of the production took place downstream from Blanchetown, a historic river town famous for being the site of Australia's first Murray River lock. Potential to interpret locations as part of a tourism trail.
Moorings	Blanchetown	Review moorings associated with Ackland Street open space. Consider impacts of Lock 1 releases and wind, which can cause overnight river level fluctuations. More stable water levels upstream of the Lock mean people can tie up along the riverfront at the old ferry landing, which gives good access to the Hotel and town, or at Griffen Marina. Combine with MMC's own fleet of heritage vessels to create a location for boat boarding or a docking structure for future heritage paddle steamer night sky cruises between Blanchetown and Swan Reach or cruises to or from Morgan.
Brookfield Conservation	Blanchetown	Promote Brookfield Conservation Park with habitat walks and the charcoal pits
The Parade car park area historical area	Blanchetown	The Parade car park area signage for general interest and/or for head of canoe trail or dinghy

		river tourism. Explore opportunities to connect the HJ Johnstone with Blanchetown.
Tourist destination	Blanchetown	Blanchetown is uniquely positioned on the Sturt Highway, one of South Australia's major entry routes from the eastern states, and already welcomes thousands of travellers, houseboat visitors and tourists each year. It also sits at the gateway to an extraordinary but largely unrecognised landscape of Mallee woodlands, saltbush plains, limestone country, and significant wildlife, including our unique southern hairy-nosed wombat. The Mid Murray Wildlife Discovery Precinct celebrates the region's unique natural heritage, promotes coexistence with native wildlife, recognises decades of conservation work by volunteers and community organisations, and creates opportunities for education, community pride, and sustainable nature-based tourism.
Off Leash Dog Park	Blanchetown	Off Leash Dog Park
Street tree planting	Tungkillo	Consideration to possible street tree planting (low growing to avoid possible power line interference) and footpath to southwestern side of Memorial Drive and tidying up of stormwater infrastructure/culverts similar to low end of Brinkworth Rd (the stoney bed) for better stormwater capture as few locations capture and pool without meaningful run off in heavy rainfall.
Signage	Tungkillo	Alternative place marking sign location. Panoramic welcome to Tungkillo / Mid Murray for eastbound traffic and thanks for visiting/passing through for westbound traffic. Mix of ground stonework and Corten steel lettering/artwork.
Entry Signage	Tungkillo	Good idea for placemaking welcome to Tungkillo / Mid Murray as the entry from the Barossa Valley and Adelaide Hills - Signage/Structure should be low form, stepped panels or allow a passive see-through design i.e. perforated Corten steel panels for traffic to allow traffic exiting Memorial Drive to maintain sight lines for oncoming westbound traffic via Adelaide/Randell Rd as visibility is a concern
Maintenance and access	Morgan	The deep recesses at the new water pipe station need to be bedded & levelled to

		improve access for trailers and trucks stopping for rest breaks.
Cycle Trails	Morgan	Push bike riding trail in the conservation park. Many visitors ask for suitable places to ride push bikes in Morgan. Would also be great for the locals too!
Cultural Heritage	Morgan	Commend the Council for its commitment to strengthening relationships with First Nations communities and recognising the rich Aboriginal cultural heritage that is central to the identity of the Mid Murray region. • *Opportunity for the Council to work closely with the River Murray and Mallee Aboriginal Corporation (RMMAC), along with other relevant First Nations organisations and Elders, to identify, protect, and celebrate culturally significant sites throughout the region.* • *Identifying and protecting significant cultural heritage sites* • *Developing culturally appropriate interpretive signage and educational experiences that share local Aboriginal history and knowledge.* • *Incorporating Aboriginal language, stories, artwork, and design elements* • *Supporting opportunities for cultural tourism* • *Ensuring ongoing engagement with Aboriginal organisations throughout planning, development, and environmental management projects rather than limiting consultation to statutory requirements.* • *Meaningful engagement should be viewed as an ongoing partnership*
Skate Park	Morgan	The Murray River is already one of our greatest attractions, offering incredible scenery and recreational opportunities. By integrating a modern, architecturally designed skate park into the riverfront precinct, the Council can create a destination that attracts visitors year-round while complementing existing tourism experiences. Create opportunities to host regional, state, and national skateboarding and BMX events. Enhance the riverfront by incorporating public art, landscaping, viewing areas, and community gathering spaces.
Water skiing	Morgan	Exciting opportunity to strengthen the local visitor economy by embracing one of the Murray River's most iconic historical attractions—the revival of competitive water

		skiing events, including slalom, trick skiing, jumping, and tournament competitions. Potential benefits include: • *Increased visitation during shoulder and off-peak tourism periods.* • *Greater support for local accommodation providers, cafés, restaurants, and retailers.* • *Opportunities to partner with sporting organisations and clubs across Australia.* • *Promotion of healthy outdoor recreation and family-friendly events.* • *Strengthening the Murray River's identity as a destination for both heritage and active tourism.*
Car Parking	Manum	Car parking desperately needed on Purnong Road, can do away with the Murray Street Boat Ramp and use the proceeds to do formal parking across from the caravan park
Truck Route	Cambrai	Road is an oversize truck route, and trees in the middle of the road are not possible unless you divert the trucks.
Railway Trail	Cambrai	A better tourism idea is to turn the old railway track easement from Cambrai to Sedan into a walking/bicycle track, as there is nowhere safe to ride a bike with your children, or even walk the dog.
Landscape treatments	Cambrai	You can't put trees, plants, etc. down the main street of Cambrai
Landscape treatments	Sedan	The seating and garden in front of the church at Sedan would be dangerous as Angaston road is a main road. It would be better suited behind the Sedan Hall as the hall committee has a project to put a playground and BBQ area. They just need funding.
Street trees	Manum	The tree planting in the main street of Mannum is just wasting car parking space.
Tourism destinations	Swan Reach	MMC has huge potential because of its proximity to the Barossa. Potential for tourism drive route through Sedan, Cambrai, Black Hill, Swan Reach, Blanchetown and back to the Barossa, including; • *An expanded Keyneton Hills Lookout viewing area overlooking the plains, showing the curvature of the earth* • *Stone walls of Sedan, the Cambrai museum, Meldanda are all on this route.* • *Follow the Marne to Black Hill Rocks, Shell*

		Hill and onto Swan Reach via a vehicle ferry, • *Do a tour of the Punyelroo Caves (needs a tour guide)* • *A round of golf, catch a fish, tourist paddle boat offering short cruises, the Dark Sky Reserve, the new observatory, Swan Reach Museum, Car Gallery, overnight camping at the Swan Reach Conservation Park* • *Blanchetown, take the low road and follow the river, visit Lock One, and then back to the Barossa.*
Mapping	Keyneton	Regarding the Township Tourism Masterplans Roadshows, the aerial map of Keyneton was far out of date and omitted new housing built in the past 5 years or so on formerly agricultural land along Keyneton Road within the town precinct. So too, the mass removal of aged pine trees within the past 2 years around the significant perimeter of the Lindsay Evans Memorial Park.
River tourism	Swan Reach	• *There is no scope for additional riverfront accommodation.* • *On-water fuel facilities for river boats is now virtually non-existent, inconvenient or comparatively too costly.* • *The emergence of wake boats with ballast tanks and wake surfing is destroying the river banks and is in direct conflict with all other types of river users who want flat, calm water. Thought should be given to limiting, controlling or managing impacts* • *On-water (river or backwater) campgrounds, caravan parks and cabins are undersupplied but there is no planning for this growth.*
Moorings	Morgan	Houseboat mooring areas have recently decreased in many towns along the Murray, discouraging visitation. Allow for more houseboat mooring along town riverfronts again.

Project cost and reporting	Swan Reach	Support initiatives that encourage sustainable tourism and economic growth within the Mid Murray region. Need for full visibility of the total cost of delivering this project, including the value of internal Council resources allocated to it, including: • *The total external funding received for the project.* • *Any direct financial contribution by Council.* • *Any ongoing operational or maintenance costs expected if the project proceeds.* • *The estimated cost to ratepayers over the life of the project.* • *Internal Employee Costs* The projected increase in visitation or local expenditure. Providing this information will allow the community to properly assess whether projects represent value for money and whether limited Council resources are being allocated in accordance with community priorities.
Dark Sky Reserve	Wongulla	Our ability to enjoy the night sky is dampened by the outside light attached to the public toilets, which remains on all night Potential to modify lighting to a motion sensor so that darkness could return

18 OTHER COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

17.8 Key findings

Topic	Location	Community feedback
Blanchetown Wildlife Discovery River Gateway Precinct	Blanchetown	Development of a unique visitor experience that builds on and celebrates the existing natural, cultural and heritage aspects of the region, including Big Wombat visitor centre, links to conservation parks, heritage interpretation of old charcoal pits.
John S Christian Reserve	Black Hill	Close the reserve to camping and update the reserve management plan to increase the site's existing natural, cultural, and heritage values. Increase the significance of the Marne River, reestablish riverine wetlands, and interpret First Nations and European history, Aboriginal place names, flora and fauna, hydrology, and geology.

Tourism	General	Need to explore tourism opportunities that consider the following key objectives; • *Town vs Rural implications of tourism and the need for different solutions to different problems* • *Tourists should be encouraged to consider themselves as guests in a community and act accordingly* • *Tourism and tourists are many things – they have an impact on the communities and places they visit and the amenities they use* • *Potential to focus on tourism by nature lovers, history buffs, canoeists, wooden boat enthusiasts, education and cultural awareness* • *There should be protection of resources and nature – limit or remove impacts of large lawns or motor vehicles in native vegetation* • *Embrace Human Scale Development* • *Develop visitor and new owner pamphlets outlining community values and expectations and natural limitations of the region and communities* • *Consider impacts of promoting the river as a "playground" for jet skis and speedboats* • *Adopt and implement SATC Sustainability Road Map and Climate Strategy* • *Engage, ask for guidance, listen and act on First Nations recommendations* • *Council tourism website should include expectations of visitors to the region. Education about nature and other issues. e.g. wildlife on the roads at dusk and dawn. Slow down on dirt roads, campfires/bonfires etc.* • *Support commercial opportunities that have environmental, health and social and as a result, economic benefits* • *Support independent small-scale mobile coffee/food vans* • *Manage campgrounds encouraging ongoing investment into spaces and facilities (caravan park upgrades, building improvements) - Obtain camping fees* • *Support and facilitate natural area restoration and weed management through community projects P* • *Place a particular focus on significant bushland and riverfront areas with native vegetation including indigenous plant species.* • *Establish, enhance and, where appropriate, activate large nature-based recreation parks*

		across the region to increase community access to natural areas • *Support and manage nature-based camping and ecotourism* • *Undertake native vegetation planting in larger open spaces and local parks and streetscapes to increase habitat and broaden the role of open spaces* • *Undertake a program of tree management and tree replacement particularly in regional and district natural areas, riverfronts and recreation parks.* • *Adopt, facilitate and promote environmental sustainability initiatives relating to building and landscape design, energy efficiency (solar panels, efficient heating and cooling) and water management and use.* • *Enhance township features and characteristics through unique landscapes, art works, lighting and signage* • *Identify, protect and appropriately manage Aboriginal and European heritage sites, buildings and features* • *Continue to promote the heritage of the region through maintaining quality museums, interpretation and information and directional signage* • *Mitigate the negative impacts of tourism* • *Calculate the carrying capacity of an area for different types of tourists.* • *Align activities with the SA Tourism Sustainability Roadmap and Climate Action Plan* • *Do a cost vs benefits analysis for new initiatives.* • *When valuing the economic benefits of tourism, we should also be presented with the actual costs of tourism.* • *Need to adopt a local Climate Change mitigation* Big Ideas: • *Lower speed limits in main streets of Mannum, Cambrai and Sedan.* • *Reinstate rail links* • *Embrace the Wooden Boat community and support the River Ramble as an annual event* • *Develop a world class mountain bike facility* • *Focus on future food production and distribution* • *Heritage stone mason course - how are these skills being put to use in our region?* • *Events, festivals and tours programming*

		Natural and Social Assets • *Need to value nature for its intrinsic value* • *Mental Health of our communities* Sustainability: Sustainability at its core means meeting the needs of the present without compromising future generations to meet their own needs. The following key principles previously provided a broad framework for the future provision, development and management of open space and public realm in the Mid Murray region. Region Wide Benefits: Open space and the public realm will be designed, developed, managed and used to strengthen and promote district and township character and contribute to achieving social, health, economic and tourism benefits across the region. Natural Areas: A focus will be placed on protecting, maintaining, enhancing and where appropriate activating riverfronts and natural areas, given these open spaces define the character of the region, attract visitors, support community activity and provide habitat. Tourism Focus: There will be a continued commitment to tourism from an economic development and environmental perspective, including the encouragement of eco-tourism and a strategic approach to attracting day trippers.
Ideas for Mannum	Mannum	Ideas for Mannum: • *There should be priority parking and access to ferries for local residents during big events and holiday seasons* • *adopt and apply principles of Water Sensitive S.A.* • *Designate Gass Bird Sanctuary as an official bird sanctuary* • *Retrofit IGA carpark with shade* • *Parking is becoming a major issue in Mannum* • *Paint over the Mannum Leisure Centre mural with something beautiful* • *Bring back the Big Sky Community night market* • *Relocate Bagshaws to the new industrial*

		estate in Mannum and reclaim the space for community use • *Establish a regional environmental centre, perhaps in the Mannum Institute* • *Establish a Peace Park dedicated to the women of the district, indigenous, pioneer, nurses, victims of domestic violence* • *Truck and Ute show should be moved to the Mannum showgrounds* • *The renamed MaryAnne Reserve is now the realm of tourists rather than the community space* • *More bike racks* • *Accessible public realm* • *Improve quality of public art within the town* • *Review river swimming area* • *Protect the existing heritage of Mannum and other towns*
Palmer Attractions	Palmer	• *Oval toilet block important facility that support tourism in Palmer and the region* • *Maintain importance of the Annual Classic Car events* • *Support the Palmer Hotel* • *Explore potential of farm home stays in the Palmer area* • *Capitalise on the Renewables Shared Community Benefits Program*
Golden Stairs Project	Mannum	Develop an integrated public art, upgrade and heritage project that reinvigorates the 1911 staircase between Randell Street and Anna Street, providing a unique destination in the heart of Mannum including: • *Murals and public art* • *Signage and interpretation* • *Access improvements* • *Shelter and seating*
Town improvements	Mannum	• *Cleaning up town entrance* • *Review open space and community function Mary Anne Reserve (The Rec) and reduce impacts of jet skis and speed boats* • *Public art - pavement art* • *Make Mannum Memorable – capitalise on Mannum's history* • *Golden Stairs* • *Men's Shed*

19 CONCLUSION

19.1 Introduction

Across the towns, the most consistent message is that tourism development should begin with functional local infrastructure: safe roads and paths, accessible riverfronts, toilets, seating, shade, parking, signs and maintained public spaces. Communities favour projects that connect existing assets—river reserves, main streets, heritage sites, parks, trails and event venues—rather than stand-alone attractions.

The most important delivery principle is place specificity. Mary Ann Reserve, the Golden Stairs, Gass Bird Sanctuary, Morgan Wharf, Lions Park, Collier Park, Palmer Lookout, Greenways Landing, Hermanns Landing Road, Len White Reserve, Shell Hill and other named locations each have distinct access, ownership, safety and community-use considerations. Actions should therefore proceed through local concept planning and feasibility assessment, with continued community involvement and clear responsibility for ongoing maintenance.