

# Community Land Management Plan

## Riverglades Community Wetlands



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### Description & Land Identification

The land to which this Community Land Management Plan relates is shown in **Attachment A** and is described as:

- Allotment 25, in Deposited Plan D54732 comprised in Crown Lease Reference Volume 6195 Folio 108, Murray Drive, Riverglades, Hundred of Burdett, known as Riverglades Community Wetlands.
- Allotment 22, in Deposited Plan D54732 comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 6027 Folio 187, Murray Drive, Riverglades, Hundred of Burdett, known as Riverglades Community Wetlands.
- Allotment 3, in Filed Plan F6327 comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 5815 Folio 913 Murray Drive, Riverglades, Hundred of Burdett, known as Riverglades Community Wetlands.
- Section 817, in Filed Plan H750200 comprised in Crown Reference Volume 5759 Folio 667 Murray Drive, Riverglades, Hundred of Burdett, known as Riverglades Community Wetlands.

### Ownership Details

A25 Murray Drive, Riverglades; The Crown is the Registered Proprietor of the land, leased to the The Rural City of Murray Bridge.

A22 and A3 Murray Drive, Riverglades; The Rural City of Murray Bridge of PO Box 421 Murray Bridge is the Registered Proprietor of the land.

Section 817 Murray Drive, Riverglades; The Crown is the Registered Proprietor of the Land, with a dedication of water conservation purposes under the care and control of The Rural City of Murray Bridge.

### Community Land Classification

Allotment 3 was transferred to Council as a freehold title on 30 July 2022 with a classification as Community Land.

The Riverglades Community Wetlands Inc. surrendered their Crown Lease over A25 on 25 October 2023. The Crown lease was then transferred to the Rural City of Murray Bridge.

Allotment 22 is owned freehold by the Rural City of Murray Bridge with a classification of Community Land.

Section 817 has a dedication of water purposes under the care and control of Council with a classification of Community Land.

### Legislative Requirements

Pursuant to Section 196 of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Rural City of Murray Bridge has prepared this Land Management Plan for the community land comprising Riverglades Wetlands.

Under Section 199 of the *Local Government Act 1999* – Effect of management plan – A Council must manage Community Land in accordance with any management plan.

### Purpose

The Rural City of Murray Bridge has identified four management strategies for the land with the purposes of restoration and maintenance of the natural ecological characteristics of a community wetland for the benefit of the environment and the local community, comprising:

1. **Water Quality** – observing water quality to evaluate the overall health of the wetlands.

2. **Native Vegetation** – maintain and encourage native plant species and native aquatic plants in and around the wetlands. Stabilise river and wetland banks with native woodland plants and control weeds and non-local native species that become invasive.
3. **Native Fauna** - maintain and promote aquatic fauna populations, including all native animals. Support breeding populations of birds, fish, reptiles, animals and amphibians. Control feral species that threaten the native fauna’s existence.
4. **Community recreation benefit** – community access to view, appreciate and understand the wetland’s natural significance and provide passive recreation abilities.

### **Objectives for Management of the land**

Rural City of Murray Bridge objectives for the management of the Riverglades Community Wetlands are broken up in accordance with the different strategies identified as follows:

1. **Water Quality:** observe the river and wetland for increased salinity levels that would endanger the lives of the native aquatic fauna and flora.
2. **Native Vegetation:** enhance, increase and improve the native vegetation supporting several plant species of conservation within the wetlands which will, in turn, improve the fauna habitat.
3. **Native Fauna:** monitor the local, visiting and breeding native land and aquatic fauna populations.
4. **Community Recreation benefit:** educate the community on the environmental significance of the wetlands and allow passive recreation activities within the wetlands.

### **Proposal**

The Rural City of Murray Bridge will manage the Riverglades Community Wetlands in accordance with other relevant Council plans. At the time of preparation of this management plan, the relevant Council plans include the *Rural City of Murray Bridge Community Plan 2016-2032*, the *Strategic Plan 2020 – 2024*, the *Environment Management Plan 2020-2024* and the *Biodiversity Strategy 2015-2020* which may be updated from time to time.

Specifically, the following proposals are defined for the management of the land

- Improved connectivity and accessibility through expansion of footpath networks, cycling and walking trails
- Develop themed trails and shared paths
- Developing and promoting water recreational trails, providing linkages with townships, land based trails, and community spaces that encourage engagement with nature
- Encouraging participation in active living and providing connection to our open spaces through delivering and promoting recreation trails
- Enhancing, protecting and restoring local biodiversity and remnant and native vegetation
- Establishing an active river corridor to provide opportunities for accommodation and recreation, tourism and water activities
- The community feels safe through provision of programs such as fire prevention, animal management and environmental health

### **Plans, Policies and By-Laws**

Following is a list of plans, policies and by-laws that may be relevant to this Community Land Management Plan and should be read in conjunction with this Plan. Where there is a conflict or inconsistency between the provisions of a land management plan under the *Local Government Act 1999*, and the provisions of an official plan or policy under a different Act, the latter will override this Community Land Management Plan to the extent of the inconsistency.

#### **Strategic Plans**

- Community Plan – 2016-2032

- Strategic Plan – 2020-2024

### ***Management Plans and Guidelines***

- Biodiversity Strategy 2015-2020
- Environmental Management Plan – 2020-2024
- Murraylands River Trail Feasibility study
- Ngarrindjeri Native Title Determination Guideline
- RCMB walking and cycling masterplan & Concept design
- RCMB Water-based recreation management plan
- Trail Strategy Part 1
- Trail Strategy Part 2

### ***Council Policies***

- Graffiti Management Policy
- Hiring Council Facility Policy
- Leasing and Licensing Policy
- Risk Management Policy
- Tree Management Policy
- Unightly Premises Policy

### ***Council By-Laws***

- By-Law No. 1 – Permits and Penalties
- By-Law No. 2 – Local Government Land
- By-Law No. 3 – Roads
- By-Law No. 4 – Moveable Signs
- By-Law No. 5 – Dogs

The above plans, policies and by-laws can be viewed on the Rural City of Murray Bridge website at [www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au](http://www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au). The documents outlined above are subject to amendment and replacement from time to time as required.

### **Leases and Licences**

Any new leases or licences granted within the Riverglades Community Wetlands to community organisations for sporting, recreation or other community purposes, will need to be in keeping with the purposes and objectives of this Community Land Management Plan and be restricted to a term of 5 years or less. If the lease or licence is authorised in this approved plan and the term is 5 years or less a public consultation process is not required, as per the *Local Government Act 1999*.

**Performance Targets and Measurement**

Below is a list of performance targets and appropriate measures to enable performance under this Community Land Management Plan to be measured.

Objective		
Water Quality: observe the river and wetland for increased salinity levels that would endanger the lives of the native aquatic fauna and flora.		
Performance target	Means to achieve	Measurement of performance
Observe the salt and water balance within the wetlands.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quarterly wetland salinity water testing</li> <li>Groundwater salinity testing</li> </ul>	A good balance of salt and water in the wetland
Observe any algae blooms in the wetland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visual inspection of the wetland for presence of any algae on top of the water</li> </ul>	There is no visual evidence of algae within the wetlands

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Native Vegetation: enhance, increase and improve the native vegetation supporting several plant species of conservation within the wetlands which will in turn improve the fauna habitat.		
Performance target	Means to achieve	Measurement of performance
Encourage native plants in the northern wetland lagoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volunteer planting days when the northern wetland lagoon is dry</li> </ul>	Annual inspections of the area as far as practical
Increase and improve native vegetation within the wetland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volunteer planting days</li> <li>Planting of native wetland plants</li> <li>Weed eradication</li> </ul>	Annual inspections of the area as far as practical Open space maintenance schedule



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Native Fauna: create, monitor and protect the local, visiting and breeding native land and aquatic fauna populations, including frogs, fish, invertebrates, mammals, amphibians and waterbirds.

Performance target	Means to achieve	Measurement of performance
Attract abundant and diverse waterbird population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rabbit, fox and cat control in the wetlands</li> <li>Diversity and quality of habitat components</li> </ul>	Number of waterbirds seen in the wetlands
Attract breeding populations of broad-shelled, long and shortnecked turtles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rabbit, fox and cat control in the wetlands</li> <li>Diversity and quality of habitat components.</li> <li>Bunting off tortoise nests to reduce human-related disturbance</li> <li>Install rabbit, fox and cat fencing in desired locations</li> </ul>	<p>Number of tortoises seen in the wetlands</p> <p>Hatched nests in the wetlands</p>
Increase native fish within the wetland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diversity and quality of habitat</li> <li>Replenish native fish into the wetlands</li> </ul>	<p>An abundance of native fish seen within the wetlands</p> <p>Presence of juvenile fish</p>

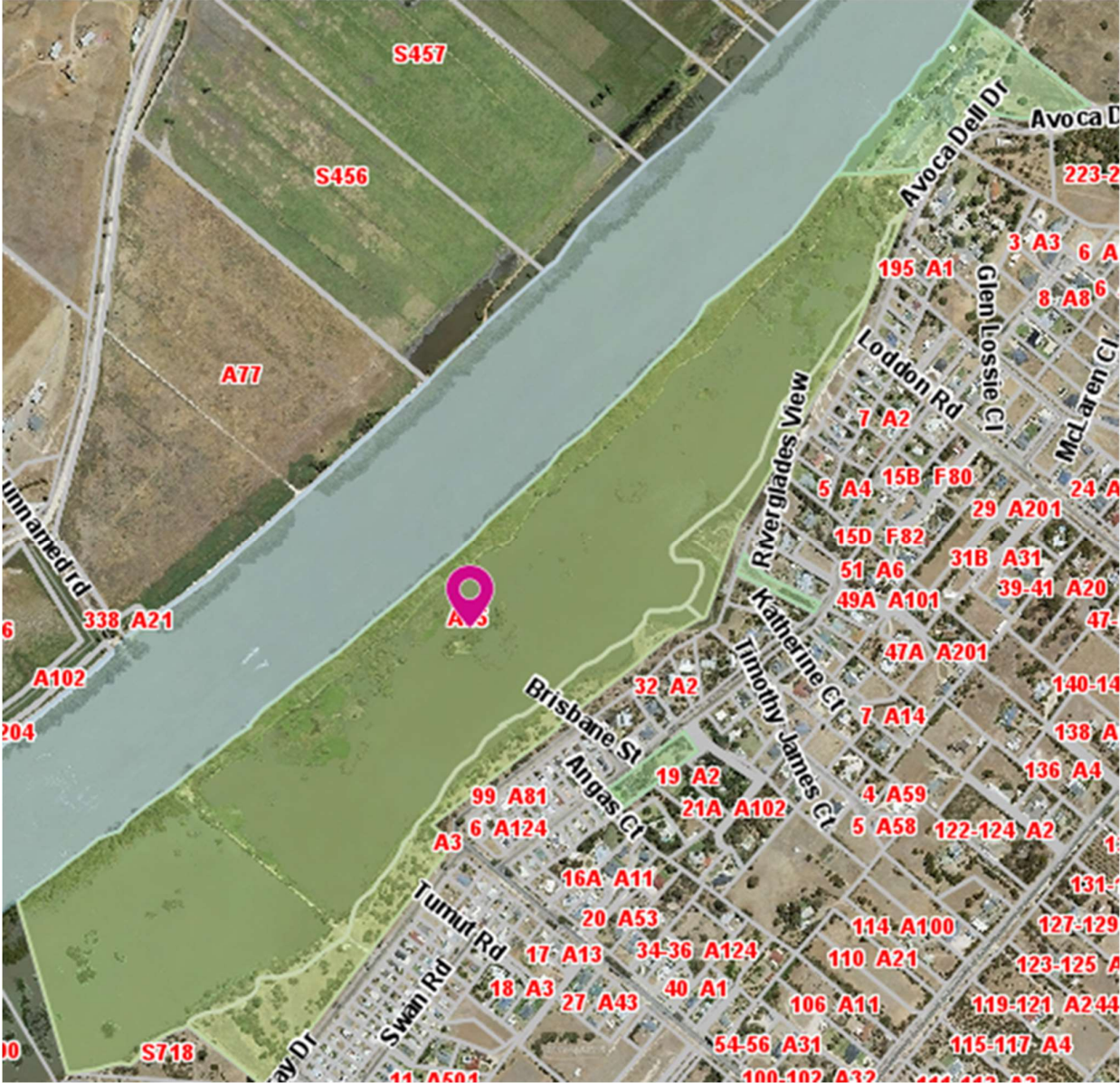
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Community Recreation benefit: educate the community on the environmental significance of the wetlands and allow passive recreation activities within the wetlands.

Performance target	Means to achieve	Measurement of performance
Providing safe walking and cycling trails around the wetlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintaining formal walkways /cycling trails</li> <li>Warning signs of snakes near walkways</li> </ul>	<p>Review feedback made by Community, Volunteers and staff</p> <p>Undertake annual inspections of the area as far as practicable (subject to operational capacity).</p>
Educate the community on the environmental significance of the wetlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volunteer involvement in management of the wetlands</li> <li>Education events on specific wetland elements</li> </ul>	<p>Review feedback made by volunteers and staff</p> <p>Attendance at open/information days</p>

**Attachments**

Attachment A – Map of Riverglades Community Wetlands



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