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1. Background
Project Background

Project Overview

Tredwell Management Services have been engaged by the Murraylands and Riverland Local Government Association (MRLGA) to develop a 'Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Needs Review' on behalf of the constituent Councils.

Project Brief Summary

The project brief included two key Phases:

- **Phase 1** – the outcomes of this phase have been prepared as a separate report and provides the baseline analysis including a background review, facility and event audit, best practice review and Council area overviews. It should be read prior to reading this report. Community profile pages are included at Appendix 1.

- **Phase 2** – this Phase provides future direction, planning principles and strategic recommendations on regional sport and recreation facility and event provision over the long term. It also clarifies Local Government’s role in delivering the strategy. The findings of phase 2 are included in this report.

Role in Regional Sport & Recreation Facility Provision

Local Governments take the lead role in the provision of regional level sport and recreation infrastructure within the community, and are supported by federal, state and other services providers. Successful delivery of sport and recreation opportunities is dependent on partnerships and ongoing cooperation between all levels of government and the community.

The Murraylands and Riverland community has a strong culture of volunteering that plays an integral part in the use, governance and maintenance of regional level sport and recreational facilities. They are supported by the service providers such as Local Governments, sport and recreation clubs, schools and private providers. Supporting the Local Government are associations, such as the MRLGA, and supporting local clubs are the peak bodies, such as the SANFL. State bodies, such as the Office for Recreation and Sport provide sport and active recreation grant programs. The federal government supports sport and recreation in Australia from grassroots to elite, striving to increase participation in activities to promote physical and mental health, and utilising sport and recreation as a vehicle to address disadvantage and social inclusion challenges. These relationships are highlighted in figure 1.

Figure 1: Sport and recreation framework
The Local Government Associations (such as the MRLGA), Local Government, sport and recreation associations, clubs/community groups, the private sector and educational institutions play diverse and important roles in the provision of regional level sport and recreation facilities and opportunities. The roles played by each of these stakeholders are indicated in the table 1.

Table 1: Roles in provision of regional level sport and recreation opportunities

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2 Vision & Action Plan
Planning Principles
The following principles have been developed to guide the provision of regional level sport and recreation facilities across the MRLGA region.

**Principle 1 - Maximum Community Participation**
- Regional level sport and recreation facilities offer a range of accessible opportunities targeted to the needs of the region’s diverse community and deliver associated health benefits to all people regardless of age, cultural background, socio-economic status or ability.
- Focus is primarily on delivering regional level sport and recreation facilities that maximise community participation and support pathways to elite sport.

**Principle 2 - Shared Facilities and Community Hubs**
- Where appropriate and practical, regional level facilities are clustered and co-located with compatible users to optimise use through adaptable and flexible design.

**Principle 3 - Sustainability**
- Regional level sport and recreation facilities effectively integrate long and short-term economic, environmental, social and cultural considerations.
- Regional level sport and recreation facilities are strategically considered and aligned with Constituent Council strategies to meet current and future community needs and provide value-for-money.

**Principle 4 - Partnerships**
- Collaborative approaches are used to plan, deliver and manage regional level sport facilities with the community, government, associations, educational institutions and private sector.
- Partnerships are utilised to achieve community outcomes beyond sport and recreation.

**Principle 5 - Working Together with Clubs & Community**
- Clubs and the wider-community are effectively engaged in the planning and design of regional level sport and recreation facilities.
- An inclusive sport culture is achieved through provision of regional level sport and recreation facilities that support opportunities for all.

**Principle 6 - Placemaking**
- Placemaking approaches are used to achieve quality places for regional level sport and recreation that are based on best-practice and informed by the community.

**Principle 7 - Effective Management & Maintenance**
- Regional level sport and recreation facilities are managed and maintained in a manner that promotes safe condition, minimises financial liability and complies with relevant legislation, policies and standards.
Planning framework

Sport and recreation planning is multifaceted and interrelated. Consideration needs to be given to the three major components of planning; facilities/open spaces, service providers and events/programs, as outlined in Table 13. These components cannot be considered in isolation.

The planning principles, as outlined in the previous section, are relevant to the three components of sport and recreation planning, facilitate decision making and prioritisation and underpin the strategy.

The needs of the MRLGA community are pivotal to all parts of sport and recreation development planning.

The following section outlines the Strategic Vision for the MRLGA region, followed by a comprehensive Action & Implementation Plan.

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Table 2: Major components of sport and recreation planning

Strategic Vision

It is intended that this Strategic Vision will inform and guide future investment in the three major planning components; facilities/open spaces, service providers and events/programs (as discussed in the previous section). Figure 2 graphically illustrates the Strategic Vision for regional sport and recreation planning across the MRLGA region noting that:

- Regional-Level Hubs are identified at Murray Bridge and in the Riverland (Renmark, Berri, Loxton in particular)
- resources should primarily be focused towards the development of existing and new regional-level facilities within the Hubs
- existing regional-level facilities are located outside the identified Regional-Level Facilities Hubs, and their continuing development will be supported in line with the Action Plan
- significant tourism opportunities already exist, distinctive to and representative of the MRLGA region, associated with water, motor and shooting sports and recreational experiences for visitors to the region
- the development of new regional-level facilities outside the identified Hubs will not be precluded, particularly where such a facility might not reasonably be accommodated in close proximity to main population centres
- there are significant developments underway to establish regional-level motor sports facilities (Tailem Bend), equestrian facilities (Gifford Hill) and a regional trail (Murray Coorong Trail)
- the River Murray connects many of the communities within the region, providing opportunities for water-based activities all along the river; upgrades to regional-level facilities will continue to be supported, particularly where this facilitates regional events
- other sport and recreation facilities will continue to be provided across the region to meet the needs of local communities outside these Regional-Level Facilities Hubs focussing on district community sporting hubs.
Figure 3: Strategic vision
Action & Implementation Plan

The following Action & Implementation Plan identifies the strategies and actions for developing and enhancing regional level sport and recreation opportunities in the MRLGA region. The strategy has been prepared with the intention of remaining flexible in order to adapt to dynamic influences such as community needs, funding opportunities and technological advances.

Priority Actions

In assessing the priorities for each of the actions, the following factors were taken into consideration:

- Overall alignment with the vision, future directions and planning principles
- Addressing the gaps in the existing provision of facilities and events
- Aligning with planned projects and those identified by peak bodies and other Government strategies and plans
- Addressing solutions as short to long-term initiatives so that the most pressing needs are addressed as a priority
- Integrating organisational programs to strengthen clubs and enhance community participation
- Investigating better use of existing and new facilities and services that meet community needs and demands, maximise benefits and value for money

Timeframes, Partners & Resources

The timeframes identified for the completion of each action is indicative and should be reviewed annually. The Action Plan provides the following broad timeframes, aligning with the implementation phases of the vision:

- Short (0 – 5 years)
- Medium (6 – 10 years)
- Long (10+ years)
- Ongoing

Partners have been identified who may be able to assist the MRLGA and constituent Councils with the delivery of the strategies and actions.

An estimate of the resources required to implement each action has been identified to assist the MRLGA and constituent Councils with its budgeting processes. These are broad indicative estimates and should be reviewed prior to implementation. There has been no financial commitment from the MRLGA to implement the actions identified and relevant actions will be considered as part of normal business planning and long-term financial planning processes.

The Action Plan identifies the following indicative resource requirements:

- Low (L) $0 – $50,000
- Medium (M) $50,000 – $500,000
- High (H) $500,000+
Facilities

**Overall Objective:** Support the development of sustainable and fit-for-purpose regional level facilities and community sporting hubs that optimise participation and meet the needs of our community.

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**Rationale:** Due to a number of reasons including ageing infrastructure, changing community profiles, preferences and demographics, the emergence of some sports and recreational activities, and the need to provide functional, efficient and fit-for-purpose facilities the MRLGA, in collaboration with its constituent local Councils, will need to continue to plan for the progressive development and enhancement of key regional sport and recreation facilities. The focus is on projects that have multiple uses, attract regional events, address ageing infrastructure issues, have demonstrated need/demand and are well located and accessible.

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| **F1.1** Continue with the establishment of the Riverland Regional Innovation and Sports Precinct (Glassey Park, Berri) to cater for a range of sport and recreation activities. | Short | • ORS  
• Sporting associations/peak bodies  
• Sport and recreation clubs  
• Broader community | M |
| **F1.2** Continue to progress with the redevelopment of the Loxton Sporting Precinct which will enhance the facility for existing sports (e.g. football, cricket, netball, tennis) and also cater for additional sports (e.g. basketball, lawn bowls). | Short | • ORS  
• Sporting associations/peak bodies  
• Sport and recreation clubs  
• Broader community | H |
| **F1.3** Undertake a feasibility study and masterplan to establish the Murray Bridge Showgrounds as a regional level complex, with clearly defined functions, introducing additional sport and recreation activities to the site. There is potential for the site to accommodate a range of currently non-mainstream sports (and complementing some of the existing sports on site), given the relatively large areas potentially available. As the population of the region grows, sports such as soccer are likely to require additional facilities, with relatively large land-take requirements. | Short | • ORS  
• Sporting associations/peak bodies  
• Sport and recreation clubs  
• Broader community | L |
| **F1.4** Investigate options for providing a 4 indoor court facility in Murray Bridge. Determine the best site for such a facility which may involve upgrading the existing facility at the Murray Bridge Showgrounds, or developing a new facility at an alternative site (e.g. Johnstone Park, Sturt Reserve). | Short | • ORS  
• Basketball SA  
• Sporting associations/peak bodies  
• Sport and recreation clubs  
• Broader community | L |
### Strategy F1: Current and Future Strategic Initiative Facility Development

Strategically plan for the development and enhancement of existing and proposed regional level facilities.

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<th>F1.5 Continue to support Councils to cooperatively establish the cross-boundary Murray Coorong Trail between Salt Creek and Cadel including walking, cycling and kayaking/canoeing.</th>
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| • ORS  
• Recreation SA  
• DEWNR  
• Trails SA  
• Walking SA  
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• Canoe SA  
• Sport and recreation clubs  
• Regional Development Australia  
• Private landowners  
• Broader community | L |

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<th>F1.6 Develop a regional recreational trails strategy for the MRLGA region, encompassing the established network of existing recreational walking, cycling, mountain biking, bridle and canoe trails associated with the area. Existing and planned regional level trails, such as the Lavender Federation Trail and the Murray Coorong Trail, provide opportunity for linkages between population centres and local trail networks. An extension of the Murray Coorong Trail through to Renmark might be considered as part of this.</th>
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| • ORS  
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• Canoe SA  
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• Sport and recreation clubs  
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<th>F1.7 Develop the Swimming Pool in Renmark, including the adjacent indoor program pool, as the regional level aquatic facility in the Riverland and continue to develop the Murray Bridge Olympic Swimming Pool as the MRLGA’s premier regional aquatic facility. It is noted that, according to industry benchmarks, the MRLGA population does not require more than one regional aquatic centre. However, the distance between Murray Bridge and the Riverland validates the need to maintain a regional facility in both areas.</th>
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| • ORS  
• Recreation SA  
• Swimming SA  
• Sport and recreation clubs | H |
### Strategy F1: Current and Future Strategic Initiative Facility Development

Strategically plan for the development and enhancement of existing and proposed regional level facilities.

| Strategy F1.8 | Continue to monitor growth in participation of soccer across the region and review the need for a regional level soccer facility, particularly in the Riverland. The location of such a facility would likely need to have capacity for 3 or more full sized pitches and be able to cater for regional level competitions and events. A regional level soccer facility could also cater for other compatible sports and may include a multi-use synthetic pitch. | Ongoing | • ORS  
• FFSA  
• SA Amateur Soccer League  
• Adelaide Hills Junior Soccer Association  
• Riverland Soccer Association  
• Sport and recreation clubs | L |
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| Strategy F1.9 | Continue to monitor growth in participation of netball across the Riverland and review the need for a regional level netball facility. The location of such a facility would likely need to have capacity for 12 or more courts and be able to cater for regional level competitions and events. A regional level netball facility could also cater for other compatible sports, such as tennis, through the use of multi-use courts. | Ongoing | • ORS  
• Netball SA  
• Riverland Netball Association  
• Sport and recreation clubs | L |
| Strategy F1.10 | Continue to monitor growth in participation of BMX across the MRLGA and review the demand and need for a regional level BMX facility. Due to the size of the MRLGA population (>50,000), the region may have demand for such a facility according to industry benchmarks. Cycling Victoria suggests that a regional level BMX facility requires at least a 400m long track with bitumen berms, a 2.5m high starting hill, support infrastructure and spectator amenities. | Ongoing | • ORS  
• BMX SA  
• Sport and recreation clubs  
• Potential user groups  
• Broader community | L |
### Strategy F2: Review, enhance and adapt existing facilities

Review, enhance and adapt existing facilities to meet regional sporting and recreation needs.

**Rationale:** There are many existing facilities across the MRLGA region. Some are nearing the end of their useful life and will require upgrading, consolidation or redevelopment to ensure they are safe, fit-for-purpose and sustainable.

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<td><strong>F2.1</strong> Continue to work in partnership with all key stakeholders to enhance existing regional level sport and recreation facilities with an initial focus on:  - Loxton Sporting Precinct  - Riverland Regional Innovation &amp; Sports Precinct (Glassey Park, Berri)  - Berri Riverfront Wharf  - Mary Ann Reserve (Mannum)  - Murray Bridge Youth Precinct/Skate Park (Sturt Reserve, Murray Bridge)  - Murray Bridge Rowing Club (Sturt Reserve, Murray Bridge)  - Murray Bridge Olympic Swimming Pool</td>
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<td><strong>F2.2</strong> Review the existing provision and status of regional level tennis facilities (16+ courts) in the Riverland (Berri, Renmark and Loxton) recognising that the catchment population does not necessarily justify the need for more than one regional level tennis facility and that maintenance of such facilities requires significant resources. Consider opportunities to repurpose existing facilities as sub-regional (12 – 15 courts) or district (8 – 11 courts) tennis facilities in order to balance provision in line with Tennis Australia’s hierarchy of facilities and/or consider alternative uses such as netball, futsal or multi-purpose community courts.</td>
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<td><strong>F2.3</strong> Review the provision and status of existing regional level lawn bowls facilities (18+ rinks) in the Riverland, recognising that the catchment population does not necessarily justify the need for more than one regional level lawn bowls facility. Consider opportunities to repurpose existing sites as district lawn bowls facilities (9 – 17 rinks) in order to balance provision in line with the Bowls SA hierarchy of facilities. Also noting that Berri has significantly invested in their facility recently and this meets a regional standard.</td>
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<td><strong>F2.4</strong> Work with all stakeholders to sustainably develop the network of regional level water sport facilities along the River Murray and associated waterways to enhance access and enable hosting of regional competitions and events for multiple disciplines.</td>
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<td>ORS  • DEWNR  • Water SA  • Recreation SA  • Canoe SA  • Wakeboard SA  • Waterski SA  • Sport and recreation clubs  • Broader community</td>
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### Strategy F2: Review, enhance and adapt existing facilities

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<td><strong>F2.6</strong> Work with local Councils and stakeholders to enhance the motor and shooting sport opportunities available across the MRLGA, capitalising on these facilities as a point of difference for the region in terms of facilities, events and lifestyle.</td>
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<td>ORS, Shooting and motorsport associations/peak bodies, Shooting and motorsport clubs</td>
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<td><strong>F2.7</strong> Ensure that facilities which cater for regional level football and cricket competitions and events are fit-for-purpose and meet the peak bodies’ requirements for regional level facilities with appropriate changerooms, clubrooms, amenities and support infrastructure where required (e.g. outdoor training pitches, sports lighting, kitchen/kiosk).</td>
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<td>ORS, SANFL, SACA, Football and cricket associations, Football and cricket clubs</td>
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<td><strong>F2.8</strong> Consider the feasibility of relocating the Waikerie Football Oval to the Waikerie Sports Precinct to establish resource efficiencies through co-location with other sports and enhance the existing precinct as a multi-sports hub.</td>
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<td>SANFL, Riverland Football League, Football club, Sport and recreation clubs</td>
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<td><strong>F2.9</strong> Ensure that the hockey facility at Glassey Park, Berri, fulfils Hockey SA’s requirements for a regional level facility to enable hosting of regional level events. Hockey SA’s regional level facility requirements include administration amenities, electronic time clock, permanent PA system, media seating and undercover spectator viewing area.</td>
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<td>Hockey SA, Riverland Hockey Association, Hockey clubs, Sport and recreation clubs</td>
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<td><strong>F2.10</strong> Continue to provide baseball and softball facilities at Glassey Park, Berri, which cater for the Riverland and are able to host regional level events. Monitor the need for enhanced support infrastructure to facilitate such competitions and events, and continue to encourage shared use of existing clubroom facilities as required.</td>
<td>Ongoing</td>
<td>Baseball SA, Softball SA, Diamond Sports SA, Baseball and softball associations, Baseball and softball clubs, Sport and recreation clubs</td>
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<td><strong>F2.11</strong> Support the adaptation of golf facilities across the region to provide innovative solutions to capture the changing golf participation market. Consider opportunities to adapt existing golf courses to contribute to a network of distinguished golf experiences across the region to attract events and participation from residents and visitors.</td>
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### Strategy F2: Review, enhance and adapt existing facilities

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| F2.12 | Explore opportunities to further build upon the creation of an equestrian hub at Gifford Hill, Murray Bridge, establishing shared facilities (where appropriate), enabling hosting of regional events for various equestrian disciplines and considering connectivity to a region-wide bridle trail network. | Ongoing | • Equestrian clubs  
• Potential user groups  
• Murray Bridge Racing Club  
• Thoroughbred Racing South Australia  
• Private developers | L |
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| F2.13 | Monitor participation trends and support the adaptation of existing sport and recreation facilities to respond to changing community preferences and cater for new and emerging sport and recreation activities. For example, ‘extreme’ activities (i.e. mountain biking) and shorter formats of traditional sports (i.e. futsal, AFL 9’s, T20 Cricket) are becoming increasingly popular and may require adapted facilities to formalise events and competitions. | Ongoing | • Sport and recreation clubs  
• Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies  
• Broader community | L |
| F2.14 | Work with each Council to ensure the following district community sporting hubs remain fit-for-purpose and provide essential support amenities to optimise each facility’s functionality and use:  
- Karoonda Sports Precinct  
- Jack Roberts Park (Lameroo)  
- Pinnaroo Oval  
- Tailem Bend Sports Precinct  
- Meningie Oval  
- Barmera Memorial Oval Precinct | Ongoing | • ORS  
• Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies  
• Sport and recreation clubs | L |
### Strategy F3: Access to private regional facilities

**Work collaboratively with private facility operators to retain existing and increase access to regional level facilities where feasible and beneficial to the community.**

**Rationale:** An initiative of this Strategy is to retain existing access and increase access to private facilities as they provide an important component of the regional sporting and recreation facility provision network within the MRLGA region. Without access to such facilities there may be a need for Councils to provide for alternative facilities utilising finite community resources. There is a need to work collaboratively with private operators to ensure levels of access are retained and improved.

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| **F3.1 Work with clubs, community groups and local private operators to secure and maintain appropriate access to and use of privately owned/operated regional level facilities wherever feasible, including facilities such as The Bend Motorsport Park, Murray Bridge Racecourse & Equine Precinct and Bedrock Ski Club.** | Ongoing | • Private operators  
• Community groups  
• Sport and recreation associations  
• Sport and recreation clubs  
• Broader community | L |

## Strategy F4: Optimal usage

Optimise usage of regional sport and recreation facilities.

### Rationale:
The role of the MRLGA is to support its constituent Councils, as the owners and custodians of a diverse and significant number of regional sporting and recreation facilities and spaces. These facilities need to be enhanced over time to ensure they are being used at their optimum levels. Initiatives such as attracting regional and higher level events and redesigning facilities to optimise use is important.

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<td>F4.1 Consider co-location of compatible sport and recreation organisations for mutual benefit (i.e. community, tourism, economic).</td>
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<td>• ORS &lt;br&gt;• Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies &lt;br&gt;• Sport and recreation clubs</td>
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<td>F4.2 Promote the use of underutilised regional level sport and recreation facilities to residents and visitors. For example, adapted formats of activities (e.g. bare foot bowls) can attract casual use and contribute to higher levels of facility use.</td>
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<td>• Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies &lt;br&gt;• Sport and recreation clubs</td>
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<td>F4.3 Provide appropriate support facilities and amenities (e.g. clubrooms, administration space, spectator viewing areas, car parking), to enable regional level facilities to optimise usage through catering for regional events.</td>
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<td>F4.4 Encourage the private sector to provide goods and services which increase the region’s capacity to host regional level events (e.g. accommodation to host visitors associated with events).</td>
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<td>• Regional Development Australia &lt;br&gt;• Local businesses &lt;br&gt;• Broader community</td>
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<td>F4.5 Ensure that regional level sport and recreation facilities are designed and adapted to be accessible for community use where appropriate and during times that facilities are not required for their sport and recreation function. For example, provision of spaces for private functions and accessibility of facilities to schools/community groups.</td>
<td>Ongoing</td>
<td>• Broader community &lt;br&gt;• Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies &lt;br&gt;• Sport and recreation clubs</td>
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<td>F4.6 Support regional sport and recreation facilities to provide further capacity where needed through the use of innovative design and efficient use of resources. For example, all-weather playing facilities, sports lighting and synthetic surfaces can increase the capacity of playing facilities, therefore reducing the demand for duplicate facilities.</td>
<td>Ongoing</td>
<td>• ORS &lt;br&gt;• Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies &lt;br&gt;• Sport and recreation clubs</td>
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**Strategy F5: Facility Management**

Develop and adopt an equitable and sustainable approach to regional facility management and maintenance.

**Rationale:** Given the large suite of regional sporting and recreation facilities, open spaces and assets there is a need to ensure that sustainable facility management and maintenance processes and systems are in place. There is the added complexity of facilities being leased/licensed to external parties, including sporting clubs and associations operated by volunteers with limited resources that can be committed to asset management. Ensuring compliance with relevant legislative requirements and standards is critical as well as improving tenure agreements to clearly identify responsibilities of the various parties. There is a need to review the fees and charges levied on facility users. There is also a need for facility managers including clubs and associations to continually develop and plan for the future including facility management practices and developments.

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| **F5.1 Ensure that appropriate management/business models are developed and adopted for new facilities, for example at Loxton Sporting Precinct and the Riverland Innovation and Sports Precinct (Berri), ensuring high functionality, clearly defined roles of stakeholders and long-term sustainability.** | Short     | • Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies  
• Sport and recreation clubs                                              | L         |
| **F5.2 Consolidate buildings and limit the number of additional buildings added to sites (e.g. storage shed/containers) and work with clubs/groups regarding appropriate storage solutions.** | Ongoing   | • Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies  
• Sport and recreation clubs                                              | H         |
| **F5.3 Regularly audit regional facilities for compliance with relevant legislation, policies and standards (e.g. risk management, Disability Discrimination Act, Australian Standards, peak sporting body requirements)** | Ongoing   | • Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies  
• Sport and recreation clubs                                              | M         |
| **F5.4 Ensure lease arrangements clearly define responsibilities for management and maintenance of regional facilities** | Ongoing   | • Sport and recreation clubs                   | L         |
| **F5.5 Review and amend current policies relating to fee charges to ensure equitable fees, charges and funding for regional level sporting and recreation facilities** | Medium    | • Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies  
• Sport and recreation clubs                                              | L         |
| **F5.6 Review maintenance costs to identify areas where resources can be saved, while continuing to support clubs** | Medium    | • Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies  
• Sport and recreation clubs                                              | L         |
| **F5.7 Support and encourage community groups, sporting and recreation clubs and organisations to prepare strategic plans** | Ongoing   | • Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies  
• Sport and recreation clubs                                              | L         |
Service Providers (SP)

**Overall objective:** Facilitate a strong and sustainable network of sport and recreation service providers which nurture participation across the MRLGA region’s communities.

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<th>Strategy SP1: Accessibility</th>
<th>Improve the accessibility of regional sport and recreation opportunities for all members of the community</th>
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<td><strong>Rationale:</strong> Providing good levels of access to regional level sporting and recreation facilities and opportunities including competitions, training, elite pathways, casual activities and social events is important in ensuring sustainable and vibrant service providers including clubs and associations. Physical and intangible initiatives to improve accessibility can be delivered to ensure all members of the community can readily access regional level sport and recreation opportunities.</td>
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<td>SP1.1 Provide improved footpath and bikeway linkages between residential areas and regional level sport and recreation facilities and service providers.</td>
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<td>• DPTI • Bike SA • Broader community</td>
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<td>SP1.2 Ensure that all regional level sport and recreation facility upgrades and new developments are Disability Discrimination Act compliant and facilitate an inclusive culture</td>
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<td>SP1.3 Ensure that associations and clubs promote active and healthy lifestyle choices (i.e. responsible alcohol consumption) to encourage community involvement</td>
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<td>• Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies • Sport and recreation clubs</td>
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### Strategy SP2: Volunteering
Assist clubs, community groups and associations in developing their volunteer bases

**Rationale:** Volunteers are the backbone of all community based clubs and associations. Without volunteers community level sport and recreation would not function effectively. Sporting volunteers are the largest section of the volunteer market and there is a need to recognise this major contribution to the community through positive social, health and economic impacts. Regional events and competitions require significant volunteer support and effort.

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| SP2.1 Support an annual volunteer recognition event for sport and recreation volunteers (e.g. coaches and officials) | Ongoing   | • Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies  
• Sport and recreation clubs | L         |
| SP2.2 Support the provision of club and association training courses (e.g. recruitment, retention and management of volunteers) | Ongoing   | • Volunteering SA  
• Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies  
• Sport and recreation clubs  
• ORS | L         |
| SP2.3 Encourage constituent Councils and clubs to develop a volunteer pool, where existing residents or people new to town can suggest the areas in which they would be willing to assist | Ongoing   | • Broader community  
• Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies  
• Sport and recreation clubs | L         |
**Strategy SP3: Partnerships**

Work collaboratively with clubs, community groups, associations, schools, private sector, state and federal governments to develop and provide sporting and recreation opportunities in the MRLGA region

**Rationale:** The delivery of recreation in the community is achieved through partnerships between all three levels of government (local, state and national), schools, peak bodies, community groups, associations and clubs. Without these collaborative arrangements to plan and provide facilities, services and resourcing, sport and recreation activities including regional level activities would not exist in the format they do today. These partnership arrangements need to be preserved and strengthened to ensure the ongoing development of sport and recreation in the region. Regional planning and collaboration with relevant agencies should continue to be pursued along with specific initiatives to strengthen and support vulnerable clubs and associations.

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<td>SP3.1 Facilitate partnerships with national and state peak bodies, private industry, government, non-government organisations and education bodies to enhance club development and participation</td>
<td>Ongoing</td>
<td>Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies, Schools, Private businesses, State Government, Federal Government</td>
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<td>SP3.2 Ensure clubs, associations and the community are effectively engaged in facility planning and programs</td>
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<td>SP3.3 Encourage constituent Councils to develop and maintain a database of club contacts and member numbers to support ongoing communication with clubs and community groups, club/group development and club/group sustainability</td>
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<td>SP3.4 Work in collaboration with the State Government to promote regional level sport and recreation facilities located within National Parks (e.g. Katarapko Canoe Trail) and to encourage cross-promotion of other activities and events in the local area where possible.</td>
<td>Ongoing</td>
<td>DEWNR, Regional Development Australia</td>
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**Strategy SP4: Training and development**
Facilitate training and development opportunities for club, community group, association and service provider volunteers and administrators to continually improve the management of clubs and associations.

**Rationale:** The MRLGA can play a role in supporting local clubs, regional associations and service providers through the facilitation of training and development opportunities for volunteers, staff, coaches and officials. There are various peak bodies that provide training opportunities and there is an opportunity to partner with these organisations to deliver training and development programs. Upskilling key stakeholders who manage regional sport and recreation facilities will assist in ensuring a more professional and effective service will be provided to the community.

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<td><strong>SP4.1</strong> Actively pursue/develop partnerships with state sporting bodies and training/coaching providers to develop an annual program of community coaching/skills training clinics that visit the region, targeted at clubs, community groups and association staff, volunteers, coaches and officials</td>
<td>Short</td>
<td>• Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies (e.g. FFSA, SACA, SANFL, Netball SA, Tennis SA) • Sport and recreation clubs • State Government</td>
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<td><strong>SP4.2</strong> Encourage clubs/community groups to access club development programs</td>
<td>Ongoing</td>
<td>• Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies • Sport and recreation clubs • State Government</td>
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<td><strong>SP4.3</strong> Support club sustainability by developing a Council of Community Clubs to support governance, management and event planning within the MRLGA region</td>
<td>Short</td>
<td>• Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies • Sport and recreation clubs</td>
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# Events & Programs (EP)

**Overall objective:** Facilitate opportunities to grow participation in sport and recreation and support community and participant development through programs that promote active and healthy communities and deliver positive outcomes beyond sport and recreation.

## Strategy EP1: Events, programs and services

Facilitate and support regional level events, programs and services that encourage an active community and support the region’s diverse culture.

## Rationale:

All community members and visitors should be provided with the opportunity to participate in regional level sport and recreation activities. The MRLGA has a role to play in supporting community sporting and recreational organisations in the delivery of events, programs and services. Events, specifically regional level events, provide significant benefits and opportunities for the local community and attract visitors to the region, showcasing the unique environment and lifestyle whilst contributing to the local economy.

### Actions

| EP1.1 | Formally develop the region’s calendar of sport and recreation events and actively pursue opportunities to further diversify the existing events offered. | Ongoing | • Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies  
• Events SA | L |
| EP1.2 | Assist sport and recreation organisations through the provision of information, education and grant funding to assist in the successful delivery of regional events, programs and services. | Ongoing | • Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies  
• Sport and recreation clubs  
• Events SA  
• Federal government  
• State government  
• Broader community | L |
| EP1.3 | Facilitate and support regional sport and recreation events, programs and services that focus on traditionally under-represented residents such as:  
• young people  
• people from lower socio-economic backgrounds  
• persons with a disability  
• Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people  
• older people | Ongoing | • Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies  
• Sport and recreation clubs  
• Events SA | L |
| EP1.4 | Attract regional events that contribute to the development of sport and recreation that align with the MRLGA’s Vision | Ongoing | • Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies  
• Sport and recreation clubs  
• Events SA | M |
### Strategy EP1: Events, programs and services
Facilitate and support regional level events, programs and services that encourage an active community and support the region’s diverse culture.

| EP1.5 | Continue to collaborate with all key stakeholders, local Councils and Sporting Associations regarding joint sport and recreational events. | Ongoing | • Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies  
• Sport and recreation clubs  
• Events SA | L |
| EP1.6 | Consider a MRLGA Games concept, with the intention of developing a regional sporting event held across the region. This could be held alternatively within the Murraylands and the Riverland. | Medium | • Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies  
• Sport and recreation clubs  
• Events SA  
• Federal government  
• State government  
• Broader community | M |
| EP1.7 | Implement a coordinated approach to marketing and promotion of the region’s unique assets to the local community and visitors, including the development of consistent branding and approaches to the availability of information about regional events. | Ongoing | • Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies  
• Sport and recreation clubs  
• Events SA  
• SATC  
• Private providers | L |
| EP1.8 | Ensure that major sport and recreation events held in the MRLGA are appropriately promoted and are used as a tool to further market the region. For example, the announcement of the 2018 Virgin Australia Supercars Championship at The Bend Motorsport Park brings media attention to the region and its development of world-class facilities. | Ongoing | • Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies  
• Sport and recreation clubs  
• Events SA  
• SATC  
• Private providers | L |
| EP1.9 | Continue to promote the Murraylands and Riverland regions as destinations for regional sport and recreation events. Following the success of Masters Games in Murray Bridge, there may be opportunity for the Riverland to take this opportunity to secure such an event into the future. | Ongoing | • SATC  
• Regional Development Australia  
• Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies  
• Sport and recreation clubs  
• Events SA | L |
### Strategy EP1: Events, programs and services
Facilitate and support regional level events, programs and services that encourage an active community and support the region’s diverse culture.

| EP1.10 Encourage continued resource sharing between clubs to host regional level events where membership or facility capacity is a barrier. For example, the Riverland 225 shooting event is a cooperative between multiple clubs. | Ongoing | • Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies  
• Sport and recreation clubs | L |

### Strategy EP2: Young people
Encourage young people to safely participate in sport and recreation activities within their community

**Rationale:** Young adults and children are the largest proportion of the population that participate in the majority of active sporting activities, with participation rates much higher, over double the rate of adults. Having young people involved in sport and recreation has many benefits including health, social and developmental. Ensuring places where young people participate are safe and welcoming is also a critical step for recreation providers.

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| EP2.1 Facilitate ‘Come n Try’ days and similar participation events on a regular basis at different locations in conjunction with state peak bodies and local schools | Ongoing | • Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies  
• Sport and recreation clubs  
• Schools | L |
| EP2.2 Ensure young people are protected and a safe environment is provided within clubs and service providers | Ongoing | • Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies  
• Sport and recreation clubs  
• Schools | L |
| EP2.3 Facilitate training and development programs for clubs and community groups in Child Protection requirements and policy development on a regular basis | Short | • Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies  
• Sport and recreation clubs | L |
# Strategy EP3: Communication

Develop a range of informative and innovative communication initiatives to keep the community engaged and informed about regional sporting and recreation opportunities.

## Rationale:
Improving communication and relationships with the community and sport and recreation stakeholders is a key pillar of this Strategy. Providing relevant and timely information through various communication platforms (e.g. internet, social media) will be required on a regular basis.

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<td>EP3.1 Develop a specific web page/site dedicated to regional level recreation and sport that offers information on club development, events, funding opportunities, training and industry information. This could be incorporated into the MRLGA website or be a stand-alone site.</td>
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<td>• Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies&lt;br&gt;• Sport and recreation clubs&lt;br&gt;• Private providers/operators</td>
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<td>EP3.2 Market and promote regional level sporting and recreation opportunities and club programs to the community. For example, social media posts, regular press releases or articles for local media highlighting initiatives.</td>
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<td>EP3.3 Identify and promote new communication technologies that encourage greater participation in sport, recreation and physical activities</td>
<td>Ongoing</td>
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### Strategy EP4: Inclusion

Develop programs and strategies to help address barriers and create opportunities for inactive and disadvantaged communities to participate in regional sport and recreation opportunities.

**Rationale:** Inclusive sport and recreation is an important aspect of development within a community. The benefits of sport and recreation are achievable for all community members and the MRLGA has an opportunity to support, encourage and facilitate various initiatives and programs that target specific population groups.

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| EP4.1 Enhance opportunities for the community to access regional level sporting and recreation facilities and open space for casual/informal play | Ongoing | • Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies  
• Sport and recreation clubs  
• Broader community | L |
| EP4.2 Support participation initiatives that contribute to Place Making through activation of regional facilities and spaces | Ongoing | • Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies  
• Sport and recreation clubs  
• Broader community | L |
| EP4.3 Facilitate and support regional programs and activities that increase physical activity and health and well-being initiatives | Ongoing | • Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies  
• Sport and recreation clubs  
• Community services  
• Broader community | L |
| EP4.4 Develop strategies and programs to partner with education providers to increase the connection between schools and regional sport and recreation services. | Ongoing | • Sport and recreation associations/peak bodies  
• Sport and recreation clubs  
• Education providers | L |
## Strategy EP5: Pathways
Develop programs and strategies to support local clubs, community groups and associations to improve player development and pathways for their activity

**Rationale:** The MRLGA has a key role in the provision of regional level sporting and recreation opportunities. State and higher level provision is typically provided for by State and Federal Government. Pathways to develop elite athletes commence at the local level and this is where the community can play a significant role in the development of athletes, officials and coaches.

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<td>EP5.1 Recruit high profile athletes from the MRLGA region as ambassadors for local sport</td>
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<td>EP5.2 Support player development and pathway opportunities for targeted population groups</td>
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<td>EP5.3 Partner with peak bodies, local sporting clubs and associations to improve training and playing environments that support player development</td>
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<td>EP5.4 Support opportunities to facilitate and increase excellence in coaching and officiating</td>
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**Resourcing (R)**

**Overall objective:** Adequately resourcing and delivering the Strategic Vision, strategies and actions outlined in this Strategy

**Strategy R1: Resourcing**
Obtain the necessary resources to effectively coordinate the implementation of the MRLGA Regional Sport and Recreation Strategy

**Rationale:** A significant level of resources will be required to implement all of the initiatives identified within this Strategy including staff resources, internal and external funding support. There is an opportunity to access a range of funding programs in which regional sporting and recreation developments and programs are eligible.

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<td>R1.1 Seek funding to create a Regional Sport and Recreation Development Officer position within the MRLGA to drive the implementation of this Strategy and assist local communities in supporting healthy and active lifestyle choices</td>
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<td>R1.2 Building upon section 3 of this document, develop and maintain a register of potential state and federal government grants, charitable trusts and foundations that provide funding for regional sport and recreation development initiatives.</td>
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<td>R1.3 Provide education programs and information on accessing grant funding for regional sport and recreation development initiatives</td>
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<td>R1.4 Assist clubs, groups, associations and schools to seek external funding to contribute towards regional facility upgrades and developments, club development initiatives and participation programs</td>
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Potential Funding Opportunities

A variety of funding sources are available for the implementation of these initiatives and are identified below. These programs change regularly and it is important to contact the funding agency/organisation to get up to date details on guidelines and project eligibility.

**Office for Recreation and Sport**

**Community Recreation and Sport Facilities Program**

The Community Recreation and Sport Facilities Program helps eligible organisations to plan, establish or improve sport and active recreation facilities that meet the needs of the community in South Australia.

Organisations can apply under the following categories:

- Minor Facility Development (requests $25,000 - $200,000)
- Major Facility Development (requests $200,000 - $1,000,000)

Annual budget: 2017/18 - $4,183,000

Eligible organisations include State Sport and Active Recreation Organisations, Industry Representative Bodies, Local Government, Schools, Community Groups, Incorporated Sport or Active Recreation Clubs that do not hold a gaming machine license.

**Sport and Recreation Development and Inclusion Program**

The Sport and Recreation Development and Inclusion Program provides assistance to eligible organisations to develop and implement projects that will grow the sport or activity, improve services and/or address barriers to inclusion.

Annual budget: 2017/18 - $3,233,000; applicants can be funded up to $100,000 each year for up to 3 years. Eligible organisations include State Sport and Active Recreation Organisations, Industry Representative Bodies, Local Government, Community Groups, Incorporated Sport Clubs or Active Recreation Clubs.

**Active Club Program**

The Active Club Program helps active recreation and sports clubs with:

- program and equipment (up to $5,000)
- facility upgrade (up to $25,000)

Annual budget 2017/18: $2,750,000

Eligible organisations include incorporated Sport or Active Recreation Clubs that do not hold a gaming machine license.

**Planning & Research Program**

The Planning and Research Program helps eligible organisations for planning and research initiatives that contribute to the delivery of facilities, programs and services that grow participation in active recreation and sport.

Annual budget 2017/18: $300,000

**Female Facilities Program**

The Female Facilities Program helps eligible organisations to develop sustainable, functional, inclusive and fit for purpose female change room facilities that meet the current and future needs of the South Australian sporting community.

Budget: - Round 3 $2.6 million


**Department of Premier and Cabinet**

**Fund My Neighbourhood**

South Australian residents can nominate and vote for ideas valued between $10,000 and $150,000. Eligible projects must improve local neighbourhoods, be accessible to the community and be capable of being completed within twelve months. ‘Open space, sport and recreation’ is a category for eligible projects.

Budget 2017 & 2018: $40 million

Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure - Planning and Development Fund - Open Space Grant Funding

The Open Space Grant Funding program provides funding to local government for the purchase, development or planning of regional open space throughout South Australia and the Metropolitan Open Space System (MOSS). Funding is also provided for works relating to conservation and unstructured recreation on public land.


Office for Volunteers Grants - Youth Volunteer Scholarship Awards

The Youth Volunteer Scholarship Awards program provide scholarships of up to $3,000 to reward young South Australians, aged 25 years and under, who volunteer their time and talents to help others in the community.


Grants SA

The Department for Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI) has simplified access to four of its grant programs. The Charitable and Social Welfare Fund, Multicultural Celebrating Diversity one-off grants, Volunteer Training grants and Volunteer Support Fund. $3 million of one-off funding to community organisations in 2017-18 will support local projects that strengthen communities across South Australia.

Funds will be distributed through major, medium and minor funding rounds. Major grants of $20,001 to $50,000 will be open twice a year, medium grants of $5,001 to $20,000 will be open four times a year and minor grants of up to $5,000 will be open all year round and applications close 5pm on the last working day of every month.


Club One

Club One (SA) Limited makes large and small sponsorships available to community clubs and associations on a regular basis and has, during the past 18 months, allocated more than $100,000 to South Australian clubs and associations. To be eligible for a sponsorship, applicant clubs and associations cannot operate gaming machines on their premises.


Australian Sports Foundation

Two programs are offered

Fundraising4Sport – A general fundraising program raising funds through tax deductible donations for organisations and athletes around Australia. Fundraising4Sport also allows fundraisers to access a Community Fundraising platform.

Giving4Grassroots™ – A national small grants program that funds initiatives and programs aimed at increasing participation in grassroots and community sport throughout Australia.

Refer [www.asf.org.au](http://www.asf.org.au)

Trusts and Foundations

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


Commercial and Private Sector Funding

Commercial and private sector funding is often used by sporting organisations to assist with facility developments and ongoing operations. Opportunities such as facility naming rights and in-kind donations are a potential resource for new facility developments and upgrades.

Peak Bodies, Associations and Clubs

Contributions from clubs and associations developing facilities and other initiatives is common. This may include funds generated through fundraising efforts, loans and savings. Peak bodies and associations may also have funds which could be contributed towards the projects. For example, the SACA/Cricket Australia and SANFL/AFL both have funding programs for specific facility development.
Appendix 1
Council Area Profiles

The following Council area profiles have been developed to identify the regional sport and recreation facilities and events and district sporting community hubs in each of the Constituent Council areas. A summary is also provided of the key findings from background research, consultation and the audit.
### Key Findings

Berri Memorial Oval has regional level facilities for Australian Football and cricket (one of four sites in the Riverland).

Glassey Park provides regional facilities for hockey, softball, baseball, lawn bowls. The Riverland Regional Innovation and Sports Precinct (under construction) will provide a regional facility for gymnastics as well as other indoor sports.

Berri View Lawn Tennis Club provides a regional level tennis facility (one of three in the Riverland).

The Murray River and adjoining waterways around Berri provide regional facilities for rowing, water skiing, wakeboarding and canoeing/kayaking. The wharf area is planned to be redeveloped which will enhance recreational boating opportunities in the area.

There are regional level shooting facilities on the outskirts of Berri and Barmera.

Barmera/Lake Bonney provides regional level facilities for sailing, triathlon and all access play. The Barmera Memorial Oval Precinct provides a district community sporting hub.

The Monash Adventure Park is the play space with the highest profile and offers opportunity for continued development and enhancement as a regional play space.

### Regional Level Facilities Mapping

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<td>Lake Bonney Yacht Club</td>
<td>Sailing, Triathlon, Powerboating, Wakeboarding, Waterskiing</td>
<td>Opening Day and Easter Regattas, Murray Man Triathlon, Wakeboarding SA Competitions, Australian Speed &amp; Marathon National Ski Championships (2012), SA Barmera Carp Frenzy</td>
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<td>Barmera Pistol &amp; Rifle Facility</td>
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### Key Findings

The Loxton Sports Precinct has regional level facilities for Australian football and cricket (one of four sites in the Riverland). It also includes regional facilities for skateboarding.

Loxton has a regional facility for tennis (one of three in the Riverland).

The Loxton Sporting Precinct Master Plan identifies the opportunity to replace the indoor sports stadium, upgrade the Australian Football and netball facilities and relocate tennis and lawn bowls.

The Loxton Dirt Kart Track is one of two regional level dirt kart tracks in the Riverland.

The Loxton Shooting Precinct is one of two regional shooting facilities in the Riverland.

The Waikerie Sporting Precinct is a regional level facility for cricket (one of four in the Riverland).

The Waikerie Football Oval is a regional level facility for Australian Football (one of four in the Riverland).

A future master plan for Waikerie Sporting Precinct and Football Oval is planned to investigate greater integration of the two sites.

The Waikerie Horse & Pony Club is one of two regional equestrian facilities in the Riverland.

### Regional Level Facilities Mapping

#### Regional Level Events Mapping

1. **Loxton Sporting Precinct**
   - **Activity**: Australian Football, Cricket, Skateboarding, Human powered vehicle
   - **Regional Events**: Nippy’s Loxton Gift Athletics Carnival, Junior Lighting Netball Carnival, Riverland Junior Basketball Carnival, Loxton Pedal Prix

2. **Loxton Lawn Tennis Club**
   - **Activity**: Tennis

3. **Loxton Dirt Kart Track**
   - **Activity**: Dirt Kart Racing
   - **Regional Events**: State (2013) and Australian Karting Titles (2014), Riverland Karting Championships

4. **Loxton Shooting Precinct**
   - **Activity**: Shooting
   - **Regional Events**: Riverland Regional Shooting Contests, Big River 225 & State Qualifying

5. **Waikerie Sporting Precinct**
   - **Activity**: Cricket
   - **Regional Events**: South Australian Premier League Cricket Match (2016), Adelaide 36ers vs Shandong Hi-Speed Golden Stars (2016)

6. **Waikerie Oval**
   - **Activity**: Australian Football

7. **Waikerie Horse & Pony Club**
   - **Activity**: Equestrian Activities
   - **Regional Events**: Zone Competitions, Waikerie Superhorse Challenge

8. **Waikerie Enduro**
   - **Activity**: Car racing
   - **Regional Events**: Waikerie Enduro

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**Distinct Council of Loxton Waikerie**

Estimated Resident Population: 11,396 (June 2016)
### Regional Level Facilities Mapping

**Renmark Sports Precinct**
- **Facility**: Paringa St, Renmark
- **Activity**: Regional - Swimming, Australian Football, Cricket, Tennis, Lawn Bowls, Volleyball; District/Local - Basketball, Squash, Soccer, Netball, Table tennis, Baseball, Cycling

**Renmark Youth Recreation Precinct**
- **Facility**: Renmark Ave, Renmark
- **Activity**: Regional - Skateboarding, Play

**Renmark RSL Bowling Club**
- **Facility**: Tolarno St, Renmark
- **Activity**: Regional - Lawn Bowls

**Riverland Motor-sports Precinct**
- **Facility**: Sturt Hwy, Old Calperum
- **Activity**: Regional - Motocross, Dirt Kart Racing; District/Local - Speedway
- **Regional Events**: SA Dirt Kart Titles (2016), Enduro National Round Event (2017), SA MX Championship Round

**Renmark Foreshore**
- **Facility**: Murray Ave, Renmark
- **Activity**: Regional - Wakeboarding, Rowing, Powerboating, Triathlon; District/Local - Running (Park Run)
- **Regional Events**: Riverland Regatta, SA Rowing championships (2017), Dignity Derby (annual), Renmark Triathlon (annual)

**Renmark Horse & Pony Club**
- **Facility**: Bookmark Ave, Renmark
- **Activity**: Regional - Equestrian activities
- **Regional Events**: Zone Competitions

**Renmark Berri Field & Game**
- **Facility**: Sturt Hwy, Old Calperum
- **Activity**: Regional - Shooting
- **Regional Events**: Big River 225
Sturt Reserve provides regional facilities for tennis, rowing, skateboarding, play, water sports (e.g. water skiing, wakeboarding) and human powered vehicles.

The Lavender Federation Trail is a regional trail for walking and the trail head is located at Sturt Reserve.

The Murray Bridge Showgrounds provide a regional level facility for basketball.

Johnstone Park provides regional level facilities for Australian football (one of two in the Murraylands) and the only regional cricket facility in the Murraylands.

Christian Reserve provides a regional level facility for netball, this is the only regional level netball facility in the MRLGA.

The Murray Bridge Lawn Bowls and Croquet Club provide regional facilities for both sports.

The Murray Bridge Olympic Swimming Pool is being enhanced as a regional level aquatic facility.

There is a regional level nature play facility at War Memorial Park.

The Murray Bridge Darts Club provides regional level darts facilities.

There is a regional level speedway and cycle speedway in Murray Bridge.

There is a regional level ten-pin bowling facility in Murray Bridge.

Kinchina Conservation Park on the outskirts of Murray Bridge has regional level mountain bike trails.

Monarto is home to regional level facilities for karting, motocross, RC off road-racing and model aero sport. This site is also the start of the Lofty 105 Cycling Challenge.

The Monarto Shooting Complex incorporates regional level facilities for pistol, rifle and shotgun shooting disciplines.

The Murray Bridge Racecourse is being relocated to Gifford Hill (currently being developed) and will be a regional level facility for horse racing and potentially other equine sports.

The Murray Coorong Trail (under development) will provide a regional trail linking communities along the River Murray from Salt Creek through Murray Bridge, Mannum, Swan Reach, Morgan and Cadell.

The Murray Bridge Golf Course is a regional golf facility, hosting a professional event.
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| 6   | Murray Bridge Darts Club | Darts | National Junior Darts Championships (2016)  
Pacific Youth Masters (2016)  
Murray Bridge Grand Prix (annual) |
| 7   | Murray Bridge Lawn Bowls & Croquet Precinct | Lawn Bowls  
Murray Bridge Golf Croquet Gala Day (annual) |
| 8   | Murray Bridge Olympic Swimming Pool | Swimming | Murray Bridge Swimming Carnival (annual) |
| 9   | Murraylands Cycle Speedway | Cycle Speedway | SA Cycle Speedway Titles  
Events contributing to National Cycle Speedway Titles |
| 10  | Murray Bridge Speedway | Speedway | State and National Titles  
Australian AMCA Titles  
Australian Speedcar Championships (2018)  
Demolition Derby (2018)  
Australian Late Model Championships (2018) |
| 11  | Bridge Bowl | Ten Pin Bowling | |
| 12  | Kinchina Conservation Park | Mountain Biking | Rocky Gully Run n Roll (2017) |
| 13  | Monarto Sporting Precinct | Karting  
Motocross  
RC off-road racing  
Model aero sport | State and National Kart Championships (2017)  
State and National Motocross Titles (2017)  
| 14  | Monarto Shooting Complex | Shooting | SSAA Muzzleloading State and National Championships (2017)  
State and National Titles (various shooting disciplines) |
| 15  | Murray Bridge Racecourse and Equestrian Precinct | Horse racing | Murray Bridge Gold Cup (annual) |
| 16  | Lavender Federation Trail | Trail Walking | |
| 17  | Kidman Trail | Horse riding | |
| 18  | Murray Coorong Trail | Trail Walking  
Cycling | |
| 19  | Murray Bridge Golf Course | Golf | Murray Bridge PGA Classic |
The Mannum Sporting Precinct provides a regional level facility for Australian Football. Plans have been developed to upgrade and enhance the Mannum Sporting Precinct as a district community sporting hub.

The Bedrock Ski Club provides the state’s only facility with the capability to host high level slalom water ski events.

Morgan and Swan Reach Ski Beaches host wakeboarding SA competitions.

Mary Ann Reserve provides a regional level facility for rowing (one of two in the Murraylands with Murray Bridge being the other) and has a current master plan.

The Lavender Federation Trail and the Kidman Trail are regional trails which traverse the Mid Murray Council area.

The Murray Coorong Trail (under development) will provide a regional trail linking communities along the River Murray from Salt Creek through Murray Bridge, Mannum, Swan Reach, Morgan and Cadell.
## COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL
Estimated Resident Population: 5,516 (June 2016)

### Regional Level Facilities Mapping

![Map of regional level facilities]

### Key Findings

**The Bend Motorsport Park (under construction)** will provide national, state and regional level motor sport facilities.

**The Coorong and Lakes Alexandrina and Albert** provide regional level facilities for sailing.

**The Murray Coorong Trail (under development)** will provide a regional trail linking communities along the River Murray from Salt Creek through Murray Bridge, Mannum, Swan Reach, Morgan and Cadell.

Plans are in progress for upgrades and enhancement to district community sporting hubs at Tailem Bend and Meningie.

The Tintinara Disc Golf course is the only facility of its kind across the MRLGA region.

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<td>Sailing</td>
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<td>The Bend Motorsport Park&lt;br&gt;Cnr Dukes and Mallee Highways, Tailem Bend&lt;br&gt;(Privately owned)</td>
<td>Motorcycle racing&lt;br&gt;Car racing&lt;br&gt;Drifting&lt;br&gt;Rallying&lt;br&gt;Four wheel driving&lt;br&gt;Karting&lt;br&gt;Autocross</td>
<td>Revolve 24 Endurance Cycling Challenge (2018)&lt;br&gt;Australian Scouts Jamboree (2019)</td>
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<td>Tailem Bend Sports Precinct&lt;br&gt;Granites Road, Tailem Bend</td>
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<td>Tintinara Golf Course&lt;br&gt;Kings Rd, Tintinara</td>
<td>Disc Golf</td>
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Due to population size and geographic location, the SMDC relies upon other local government areas to provide regional level sport and recreation facilities.

The Pinnaroo Oval Precinct provides a district community sporting hub for the Council area.

Jack Roberts Park at Lameroo a district community sporting hub is planned to be redeveloped to enhance facilities for Australian Football, netball and tennis.

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<td>Pinnaroo Oval&lt;br&gt;Homburg Tce, Pinnaroo</td>
<td>Australian football, Cricket, Netball, Skateboarding</td>
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Due to the population size and geographic location, the DCKEM relies upon adjoining local government areas (e.g., Rural City of Murray Bridge) to provide regional level sport and recreation facilities.

The Karoonda Sports Precinct provides a district community sporting hub for the Council area.

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