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Murray River Experience

Master Plan Review

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Murray River Experience Master Plan (MRE) remains a cornerstone in the strategic development of open spaces along the Murray River and Lake Hume within the Albury Local Government Area. Originating from a community-driven vision in 2007, this comprehensive plan has continually shaped the city's connection with its natural surroundings.

Endorsed by Albury City Council in 2007, the MRE identified focal points along the Murray River and Lake Hume which included:

- West Albury Reserves (Padman/Mates Park, Kremur Street Boat Ramp and the wetlands in West Albury through to Horseshoe Lagoon);
- Central Riverside Parks (Oddies Creek Park, Noreuil Park, Noreuil Park Oval, Australia Park, Hovell Tree Park, Albury Swim Centre, Albury Sports Ground, Monument Hill and linking to the CBD);
- Doctors Point Reserve;
- Mungabareena Reserve and Eastern Hill Reserve;
- Lake Hume Reserves:
- Bowna Waters Reserve: and
- Table Top Reserve.

Guided by overarching design drivers, the plan aimed to strengthen community ties with the river, enhance accessibility, ensure quality amenities, promote diverse experiences, and improve the river's health in fostering the Aboriginal community's connection.

Since the initial endorsement of the MRE Master Plan in 2007, a range of significant MRE projects have been completed by AlburyCity, including:

- Albury Riverside Precinct:
- Wagirra Trail (Union Bridge to Wonga Wetlands (8.5kms);
- Yindyamarra Sculpture Walk (and realignment) 15 Aboriginal artworks;
- Wagirra Trail extension around Wonga Wetlands (12kms);
- Oddies Creek Play Space (two stages);
- Kremur Street Boat Ramp;
- Noreuil Park Foreshore Master Plan and Upgrade;
- Oddies Creek Streambank weed removal and revetment work (300m);
- Wood Fired Oven establishment and upgrade;
- Precinct Place upgrade:
- Padman Park Flying-Fox viewing platform;
- Wonga Wetlands Tourism Product Development Master Plan;
- Mungabareena Reserve Boat Ramp upgrade;
- Mungabareena Reserve declared Aboriginal Place and associated Management Plan;
- Eastern Hill Activation Plan;
- Table Top Reserve improvements (public toilet, new play equipment, rock barriers to restrict vehicle access and revegetation);
- Lake Hume Reserves risk abatement works (removal of dead pine trees);
- Lake Hume Boat Ramp rock revetment works:
- Lake Hume Boat Ramp lighting;
- Albury Botanic Gardens Master Plan; and
- Monument Hill Master Plan and redevelopment (Stage 1).

With the primary signature projects either complete or underway, a review of the MRE Master Plan is now required to review the extent of recommendations completed to date and identify future MRE priorities that can guide the implementation of future Albury City projects.

The current review serves a dual purpose: evaluating completed initiatives and assessing ongoing projects. Adaptation to evolving priorities is paramount, necessitating the identification of the next set of priorities. This reflective exercise ensures that the development of Albury's open spaces remains dynamic and responsive to the community's evolving needs.

The review underscores the successful implementation of initiatives that have strengthened the community's relationship with the Murray River. Access has been expanded, quality amenities integrated, and diverse experiences promoted.

In adapting to evolving priorities, the review identifies key focus areas for the future. These include further enhancing accessibility, fostering environmental sustainability, and deepening community engagement. The incorporation of technological advancements and innovative design approaches is also considered to ensure the longevity and relevance of open spaces to meet the future needs of our expanding community.



Murray River Experience Master Plan Review

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INTRODUCTION

The Murray River Experience Master plan (MRE), developed by Urban Initiatives Pty Ltd 2007 and endorsed by Albury City Council, February 2007, stands as a comprehensive strategic planning document. This visionary plan examines and sets a guiding direction for future open space priorities along the Murray River and the shores of Lake Hume, within the Albury Local Government Area.

The focal points within the study area, as outlined in the MRE, encompass several key spaces, including Wonga Wetlands, West Albury Reserves, Central Albury Riverside Parks, Doctors Point Reserve, Mungabareena Reserve and Eastern Hill, Lake Hume Reserves, Bowna Reserve, and Table Top Reserve.

Originating from a community-driven vision to fortify Albury's connection with the Murray River, the MRE consolidates elements from pre-existing plans and strategies. It not only reviews but also proposes developments to the master plans of specific sites, guided by a set of overarching design drivers:

- 1. Strengthening the relationship between the Community and the River
- 2. Providing greater access to the River
- 3. Ensuring quality amenities in all open spaces
- 4. Promoting and developing a diversity of experiences
- 5. Improving the health and wellbeing of the River, including fostering the Aboriginal Community's connection with the River

Since its endorsement in 2007, AlburyCity has actively implemented the outlined actions in the master plans, and this endeavor is ongoing with the continuous development of open space areas. The current review of the existing Murray River Experience Master Plan serves as a vital status update on the actions undertaken in the MRE, supplemented by the inclusion of future directions. The primary objectives of this review are to:

- Evaluate completed initiatives
- Assess ongoing projects
- Adapt to evolving priorities
- · Identify the next set of priorities

This reflective review not only serves as a gauge of accomplishments but also as a roadmap for the future, ensuring that Albury's open spaces continue to evolve in harmony with the community's vision and the principles laid out in the MRE.



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VISION

The vision for Albury is to increase the value of open space as an asset for the community, capitalising on the increasing trend of people moving to regional areas. A place for locals, businesses, tourists and community that celebrates the value of the environment with a variety of offerings.

The MRE aims to enhance the significance of open spaces as a valuable asset for the community. Acknowledging the Murray River and the picturesque foreshores of Lake Hume as a focal point and celebration of environmental value, manifested through a diverse array of public spaces.

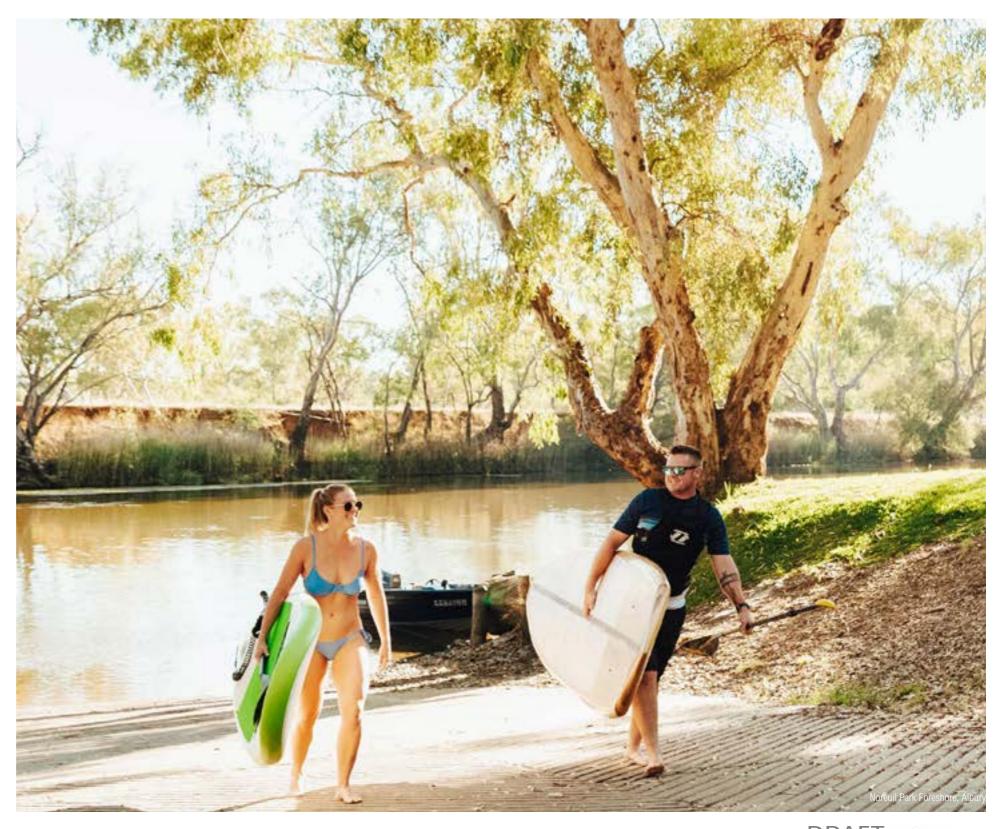
This strategic vision is not a solitary pursuit but aligns harmoniously with the principles and overarching themes delineated in Albury City's Towards Albury 2050, Community Strategic Plan (2022-2050). It underscores a commitment to long-term planning that considers the evolving needs and aspirations of the community over the next few decades.

Additionally, recognizing the significance of cultural diversity and inclusivity, the vision emphasizes extensive consultation with Indigenous groups. This approach reflects a commitment to honoring and incorporating the perspectives and heritage of the Indigenous communities in the planning and development processes.

The vision also places a strong emphasis on accessibility, ensuring that the open spaces are not just expanses of land but areas that are easily reachable and enjoyed by everyone ensuring that these spaces should be effortlessly accessible, inviting everyone to partake in their beauty and utility. It is fundamental these open areas are inclusive to all, where every individual, regardless of age, ability, or background, can easily reach and revel in the surrounding natural splendor.

Albury City's commitment to embrace and integrate the 10 principles of the NSW Public Spaces Charter will further reinforce the dedication to effective planning and design of these public spaces. The charter, acting as a guiding framework, ensures that open spaces become dynamic environments that facilitate community engagement, provide avenues for recreation, and contribute significantly to the overall well-being of the residents.

In summary, this document provides an overall vision for Albury that strengthens the relationship between the community and the Murray River and Lake Hume through the development of open space opportunities that will meet the future needs of the Albury Community and visitors as the city expands.



DESIGN PRECEDENCE

Whilst the MRE identifies a diverse range of spaces, the primary design considerations remain consistent and revolve around fostering an accessible and functional space. These include encouraging movement and connection through active links, integrating natural elements for a harmonious engagement with nature, prioritizing ease of navigation for all with a focus on accessibility, infusing playful and exploratory elements through nature play, utilizing a mix of materials in blended materiality for both utility and aesthetics, and establishing key points for social interaction through active nodes.

Fundamentally, the design aims to create a practical environment that is easy to navigate, aesthetically pleasing, and inclusive, promoting a seamless connection with nature.





Murray River Experience Master Plan Review The study areas reviewed in this report include: - Wonga Wetlands - Mungabareena Reserve and Eastern Hill - West Albury Reserves - Lake Hume Reserves - Central Albury Riverside Parks - Bowna Waters Reserve Table Top Reserve TABLE TOP - Doctors Point Reserve - Table Top Reserve ETTAMOGAH Bowna Waters Reserve THURGOONA LAVINGTON WIRLINGA SPLITTERS CREEK **ALBURY** LAKE HUME VILLAGE Wonga Wetlands Lake Hume Reserves West Albury Reserves Central Albury Riverside Parks Mungabareena Reserve & Eastern Hill Doctors Point Reserve



01 WONGA WETLANDS



Wonga Wetlands features a 590ha area of wetlands, bushwalking, sightseeing and birdwatching potential, just 5 minutes from Albury centre. The site is used by the general public, school groups, and scientific researchers, learning about the riverine and wetland ecosystems. Traditionally, the site provided a source of fish, mussels, turtles, crayfish, snails and birds to the Wiradjuri people. The Wonga Wetlands Visitor Education Experience Centre to the north of the site will provide education on the traditional lifestyle of the Indigenous people of the area as well as valuable environmental education (particularly wetlands) for school groups and visitors.

NEXT PRIORITIES

- 1 Development of visitor education centre and entry carpark
- Upgrade gravel pit access car park and path extension
- (3) Planning and construction of recreational fishing platforms
- 4 Investigate future commercial opportunities
- (5) Investigate opportunities for additional short distance loop trails



01 WONGA WETLANDS - COMPLETED WORKS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS













01 WONGA WETLANDS WORKS SUMMARY

ACTION	DESCRIPTION	STATUS	DETAIL
Development of a new entry road and visitor arrival car park	Provisions of an improved visitor access into the Wonga Wetlands and new car park	B	This action has been included into the Wonga Wetlands Visitor and Education Centre project (currently in detailed design phase)
Possible Eco Park Accommodation	A proposal for high quality sustainable cabins.	0	The feasibility of this action will be considered in the review of the Destination Management Plan and the revised Wonga Wetlands Tourism Product Development Masterplan. Site restrictions will influence the feasibility.
New/improved walking trail	The plan suggests an alignment for a large shared path circuit/trail system which is intended to maximise users experience.	0	The Wagirra Trail Wonga Wetlands Loop is complete and opened in September 2023.
Canoe/water vessel landing	A possible future landing platform at Wonga Wetlands	0	Completed as part of the Wagirra Trail Upgrades. March 2022.
River Access via walking tracks	The plan identifies new walking track connections to potential river beach locations with swimming opportunities.	围	The construction of the Wagiira Trail around Wonga Wetlands has opened up more opportunities to access the river. As suitable locations have been identified, improvements to these sites will be considered.
Development of master plan for the site	Prepare a master plan to guide development of facilities at Wonga Wetlands.	0	Council endorsed the Wonga Wetland Tourism Product Development Master Plan in 2014
Recreational Fishing Platforms	Activate the Gravel Pit for recreational fishing with platforms.	B	An agreement is in place with NSW Fisheries to access the gravel pits for fishing purposes. Fishing platform designs to be undertaken.
New additional walking trail	Investigate opportunities for additional short distance loop trails.	•	Short walks in addition to those around Wonga Wetlands will be investigated as a part of the future planning for the area.
Upgrade Gravel Pit access	Upgrade car park off Riverina Highway to access Gravel Pit	B	A small gravel car park with fence realignments is in the planning phase in conjunction with NSW Fisheries.
Wayfinding/Signage Strategy	Implement an on-going interpretive signage plan	0	Installation of way finding and interpretive signage has commenced and will be ongoing
Wagirra Trail emergency access	Investigate and implement an access and egress plan for emergency access to the Wagirra Trail	0	Completed as part of the Wagirra Trail Wongo Loop upgrade.
Future commercial opportunities	Investigate opportunity for tourism business to operate from Wonga such as bike hire and coffee cart etc	0	The feasibility of this action will be considered in the review of the Destination Management Plan and the revised Wonga Wetlands Tourism Product Development Masterplan. Site restrictions will influence the feasibility.









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02 WEST ALBURY RESERVES



West Albury Reserves is a 152ha group of reserves featuring picnic spots, natural views, native vegetation, and cultural trails. The Wagirra Trail and Yindyamarra Sculpture Walk link the reserves to Wonga Wetlands along a 15km (return) shared path, with a 5km section presenting the sculptural works of local Indigenous artists.

The site also hosts a nationally significant flying fox colony.

NEXT PRIORITIES

- Develop a Master Plan for West Albury Reserves capturing Horseshoe Lagoon to Kremur Street Boat Ramp area and Padman Park
- 2 Improve river access points
- 3 Extend the 4 knot zone to Kremur Street to protect swimmers in this area
- 4 Improve wayfinding signage



WEST ALBURY RESERVES - COMPLETED WORKS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS













WEST ALBURY RESERVES - COMPLETED WORKS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS













02 WEST ALBURY RESERVES MAJOR WORKS SUMMARY

ACTION	SUMMARY	STATUS	DETAIL
Kremur Street Car Park	An attractive sealed car park will be developed to cater for both car and trailer movements.	0	Kremur Street car and boat parking area were completed in 2012
Boat Ramp	New boat ramp and facilities including toilet block and picnic shelter	0	Boat ramp, parkland improvements and public toilet were completed in 2012
River Beach Access	Improved controlled pedestrian access to the existing river beach.	0	Some informal river access points have been established. Continue to review and implement other suitable river access points to prevent conflict between swimmers and boat ramp users.
Potential Lookout	Development of a new lookout with interpretative signage for Padman Park	0	A Flying Fox colony relocated to Padman Park in 2014. A Flying Fox Management Plan for Padman Park was endorsed by Council in 2019. Interpretive signage and lookout was completed in 2020. Other lookout locations throughout the park with interpretive signage should be ongoing.
Local Park Improvements	Improved picnic areas, play facilities and planting in Padman Park.	8	The alternative to this is to review existing trails within Padman Park and construct a walking track to Day Street Park where existing play space and picnic facilities are located. This would allow for a walking loop to be created between Kremur St and Riverside Precinct. Include a lookout from Day Street Park over Padman Park and the river. This is to be considered further in the Padman Park Management Plan.
New walking trail	Development of a 2.5m wide shared pathway	0	Completed as part of the Wagirra Trail project.
Informal sporting recreation space	An informal open village green for picnics, ball games, kite flying with associated car parking.	•	To be considered as part of the Open Space Strategy.
Possible future bridge	New pedestrian bridge to Gateway Island	•	Liaise with Wodonga City Council to construct Murray River Pedestrian Crossing to link the Yindamarra Sculpture Walk and the Gateway Island Cultural Trail. This would also create an additional recreational link to Gateway Island.
Youth activity area	Possible provision of BMX track and other recreational activities in a secure managed environment	•	The feasibility of this project requires further investigation once the Kremur St Waste Water Treatment Plant is decommissioned. The activities of the treatment plant may deem the land unusable.









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02 WEST ALBURY RESERVES MAJOR WORKS SUMMARY CONTINUED

ACTION	SUMMARY	STATUS	DETAIL
Revegetation and Land Management	Development of management plans and revegetation strategies should be consistent with the existing Padman Park Management Plan and existing river edge revegetation controls.	•	Flying fox management plan implemented in 2019. Review and update the Padman Park Management Plan (incorporating the Flying Fox Management Plan). Consider expanding the management plan to Horseshoe Lagoon or, if more appropriate develop a new plan that covers the area from Kremur Street Boat Ramp to Horseshoe lagoon.
Swimming Safety	Liaise with RMS to extend the 4 knot zone to Kremur Street to protect swimmers in this area.	(2)	Initial discussion has occurred with Transport NSW on adjusting the 4 Knot zones. Further discussions to be undertaken at the completion of the River Precinct project.
Yindyamarra Sculpture Walk Trail public facilities development	Continue to develop the Yindyamarra Sculpture Walk Trail including car parking, picnic facilities, seating etc.	0	The original ten sculptures of the Yindyamarra Sculpture Walk were installed in 2014. The upgrade, realignment and additional sculptures were completed in 2021. The upgrade works also included seating and upgraded car parking at Horseshoe Lagoon.
Day Street Park Improvements	Activation of Day Street Park with improved picnic facilities and walking trail links with Wagirra Trail.	•	To be further explored with the development of the Master Plan.
New Connections	Investigate the feasibility of a crossing over Riverina Highway from Monument Hill to Day Street Parkland and Wagirra Trail.	•	To be further explored with the development of the Master Plan.
Kremur St Parkland River Access Improvements	Investigate opportunity to improve River access at Kremur St parkland to reduce conflict between swimmers and boat ramp users.	•	To be investigated further once the 4 knot zone extension is finalised.
New Action - Yindyamarra Sculpture Walk public facility improvements	Horseshoe Lagoon boardwalk, interpretive signage and additional seating	8	Construction commenced in 2023.

















03 CENTRAL ALBURY RIVERSIDE PARKS

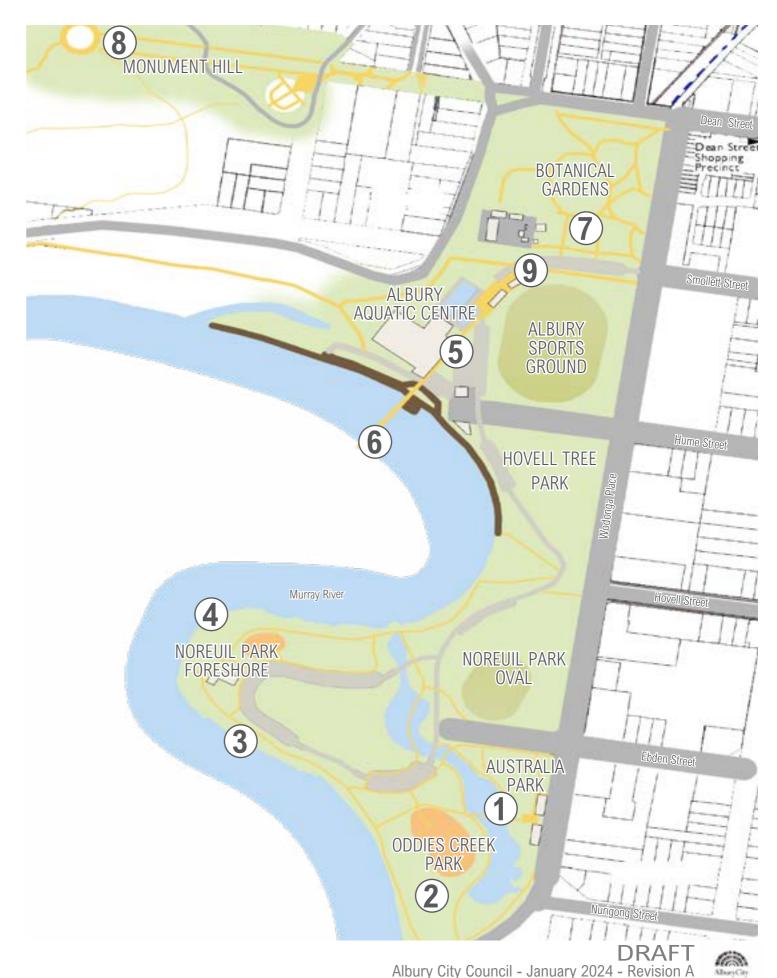


Central Albury Riverside Parks, located adjacent to the Albury CBD on the Murray River, is a 54ha site which includes Monument Hill Parklands, the Botanic Gardens, Hovell Tree Park, Noreuil Park, Australia Park, and Oddies Creek Park. These parks, and additional amenities, accommodate a broad range of opportunities from sport and recreation at Albury Swim Centre and the Albury Sportsground, picnic and spaces along the river and Noreuil Park, kids play at Oddies Creek Park, and horticultural history at the Botanic Gardens.

Refer to the separate Murray River Experience Review: Central Albury Riverside Parks Master Plan document for a more in depth review and vision for the parklands.

NEXT PRIORITIES

- (1) Completion of Australia Park Car Park and linking pedestrian bridge
- (2) Complete feasibility of Oddies Creek Splash Park
- (3) Continue Murray River streambank woody weed removal and revetment work
- (4) Improve river access points at Noreuil Park Foreshore
- **5** Initiate design work for upgrade of Albury Sports Ground and Grand Diagonal pedestrian/cycle link
- (6) Initiate design for River Precinct pedestrian bridge across the Murray River
- (7) Implement key actions included in the Botanic Gardens Master Plan
- 8 Develop master plan for Monument Hill and surrounds to create a link from Dean Street to Memorial Bowl and Monument Hill
- Improve pedestrian/cycle access from Smollett Street to the new riverside precinct.



03 CENTRAL RIVERSIDE RESERVES - COMPLETED WORKS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS













03 CENTRAL RIVERSIDE RESERVES - COMPLETED WORKS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS













03 CENTRAL RIVERSIDE RESERVES - COMPLETED WORKS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS















04 DOCTORS POINT RESERVE



Doctors Point Reserve is small 2.2ha local 'pocket park', included within the broader Eastern Hill and Mungabareena Reserve boundaries. Doctors Point Picnic Area features 'Normans Lagoon', a large, natural billabong, and important habitat, refuge site and breeding ground for both local and migratory birds. Open hillside ecologies of Box Gum Grassy Woodland, and river environs of the Murray River itself, provide further habitat diversity to support wildlife.

NEXT PRIORITIES

- 1 Upgrade and rationalise access tracks into the site
- $oldsymbol{2}$ Investigate feasibility of boardwalk across Normans Lagoon
- (3) Investigate new picnic facilities and carparking
- (4) Design and implement entry and signage improvements
- (5) Investigate Wagirra Trail access



04 DOCTORS POINT RESERVE - WORKS SUMMARY

ACTION	SUMMARY	STATUS	DETAIL
Vegetation management and revegetation	Enhancement of this wetland will reintroduce the natural billabong habitat	8	Some revegetation works has been completed. The area will be continually monitored with ongoing weeds and pest management.
Path System	Development of recreational boardwalk which connects the residential precinct to Doctors Point	•	Investigate the inclusion of a boardwalk or off road trail alignment during the investigation phase of the Wagirra Trail extension to Mungabareena Reserve.
Boardwalk and Bird Hides	New boardwalks and bird-hides will enable visitors and locals to experience this special habitat for passive activity	•	Investigate the feasibility of a boardwalk along Normans lagoon. This should link with any proposed Wagirra Trail extension.
Parking and Picnic Area	The existing gravel car park will be reconfigured to define vehicular movement, with defined parking from the picnic area leading to the existing boat ramp. Willow removal from the river embankment and park area should be a priority.	0	Review the existing river access point. Retain the area as passive recreation space with upgraded picnic areas and reconfigure the gravel car park. Consolidate and improve access from Doctors Point Road. Install appropriate signage and way finding.
Picnic facilities	Upgrade picnic facilities and associated infrastructure to align with MRE	0	A picnic table has been installed at the site. Additional picnic tables are not required at this stage.
New Action - Doctors Point Reserve Improvements	Investigate the acquisition of adjacent land parcels to facilitate increasing the size of Doctors Point Reserve to improve access and amenity	•	To be reviewed as a part of the next stage of the Wagirra Trail extension.
New Action - Wagirra Trail Access	Liaise with adjoining land holders to facilitate access for the Wagirra Trail from Mungabareena Reserve to the Riverside Parks	•	To be reviewed as a part of the next stage of the Wagirra Trail extension.















05 MUNGABAREENA RESERVE & EASTERN HILL



Mungabareena Reserve is a popular swimming, fishing, and picnic area, the site of significant natural and cultural heritage value, and a Declared Aboriginal Place as of 2016. Located within the traditional lands of the Wiradjuri People, the site of Mungabareena Reserve was used as a meeting place before crossing the river, for Indigenous people in the surrounding areas on their way to Mount Bogong in the Alps.

Mungabareena has been designated as an Aboriginal Place and therefore all works will have specific requirements for engaging with the local Aboriginal community prior to any works taking place.

The 2007 Murray River Experience provided a high level master plan for Mungabareena Reserve and Eastern Hill. The Eastern Hill Activation Master Plan was endorsed by Council in November 2023, while the Mungabareena Reserve Master Plan and an updated vegetation management plan are currently being developed.

NEXT PRIORITIES

- Completion of the Mungabareena Reserve Master Plan and update the Mungabareena Reserve Vegetation Management Plan
- 2 Design and construct Wagirra Trail section between the boat ramp to the main picnic area.
- 3 Continue to implement vehicle control measures throughout Mungabareena Reserve.
- (4) Implement actions identified within the Eastern Hill Activation Master Plan



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05 MUNGABAREENA RESERVE & EASTERN HILL - COMPLETED WORKS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS













05 MUNGABAREENA RESERVE & EASTERN HILL MAJOR WORKS SUMMARY

ACTION	SUMMARY	STATUS	DETAIL
Boat Ramp Reserve			
Formalised access road	One entry road is to be developed and all other tracks re-vegetated or used for walking trails. The new access road will be sealed and edged, and will limit car access to designated roadways and parking areas.	B	Review the current network of track and rationalise. Some to remain gravel. Concrete blocks have been installed to prevent additional vehicle access through other informal roads. To be considered as part of the Wagirra Trail detailed design process which has been initiated. Remove access to and revegetate unsupported tracks. Monitor illegal use.
Boat Ramp	The existing boat ramp is to be upgraded, boat parking provided, access track formalised and landscape managed and re-vegetated in accordance with the Mungabareena vegetation management plan.	•	The boat ramp was upgraded in 2014 with other improvements (installation of picnic tables, fish cleaning station and minor gravel track and car park works). Further upgrades to be considered in the Mungabareena Reserve Master Plan
Mungabareena Picnic Area			
New Path Network	This plan proposes the development of a 2.5m wide sealed shared pedestrian/cycle pathway network which will offer enhanced user experience around Mungabareena Reserve, and improve the definition of the Hume and Hovell, trail as it passes through this area.	B	Initial investigation on the preferred alignment has commenced. The preferred alignment is to be included in the Mungabareena Reserve Master Plan. New sections of trail being installed as either spray sealed/ concrete/ buckshot depending on terrain and site sensitivities.
New Bridge Crossings	Development of new small bridge and boardwalk type crossings to provide continuous connection of the shared pathway network	•	To be investigated as part of Mungabareena Reserve Master Plan.
New Action - Implement measures to control vehicle access to key locations	Vehicle damage is an ongoing issue. Implement measures to control vehicle access and minimise opportunities for damage.	8	Some barriers have been installed at key locations. Installation should continue to protect this significant landscape.
Formalised access road	The road will be sealed and edged to limit car movement to designated 90 degree parking spaces, and long vehicle bays. Access to the eastern tip of the peninsular will be limited to pedestrians only. The river side of the road will be edged with timber bollards. Existing parking space on the north of the site should be fenced and re-vegetated.	•	To be considered in the Mungabareena Reserve Master Plan. The road surfacing, parking configuration and bollard/barrier types will be considered as part of the master planning process
Picnic facilities	Shelters, picnic tables and barbecues will be carefully located throughout, with a concentration on the eastern tip of the peninsular to take advantage of the picturesque river aspect and preferred swimming location. The relocation and upgrade of the public amenities is also proposed.	•	Supported. To be considered in the Mungabareena Reserve Master Plan.
River edge Revegetation zone	Revegetation of the degraded river embankment and removal of willow species following vegetation establishment and embankment stabilisation is recommended.	0	Supported. To be considered in the Mungabareena Reserve Vegetation Management Plan and Master Plan.
Open Space Management	The central open space area is to be managed for general public recreation use and Indigenous cultural events. Grassed areas could be levelled, upgraded and planned for best management practices. Additional trees should be planted with appropriate riparian tree species.	•	Supported. To be considered in the Mungabareena Reserve Master Plan. Formalise car park area and traffic movement
Possible indigenous cultural interpretation	The significance of this site should be explained through interpretive signs or other means provided they can remain viable in such a remote unsupervised site.	0	Supported. To be considered in the Mungabareena Reserve Master Plan.

















05 MUNGABAREENA RESERVE & EASTERN HILL MAJOR WORKS SUMMARY

ACTION	SUMMARY	STATUS	DETAIL
Eastern Hill			
Public Amenities	Replacement of public amenities to provide access for all abilities.	围	Replacement of the public toilet facility is included in the public toilet strategy, while funding should be allocated to this project through the Eastern Hill Activation Master Plan.
Picnic Facilities	Replacement of park furniture and the provision of interpretive signs.	B	These items are included in the Eastern Hill Activation Master Plan.
Hume and Hovell Track	Upgrading of the Hume & Hovell Track.	围	This is a NSW Department of Planning and Environment - Crown Land asset. Upgrading will require discussions with the relevant department
Revegetation areas	Assessment of current lease arrangements and determine future use for the area. This may involve the fencing of areas and revegetation of portions of the hillside.	B	There is currently no lease on the area. Future use and revegetation areas are itendified within the Eastern Hill Activation Master Plan

















06 LAKE HUME RESERVES

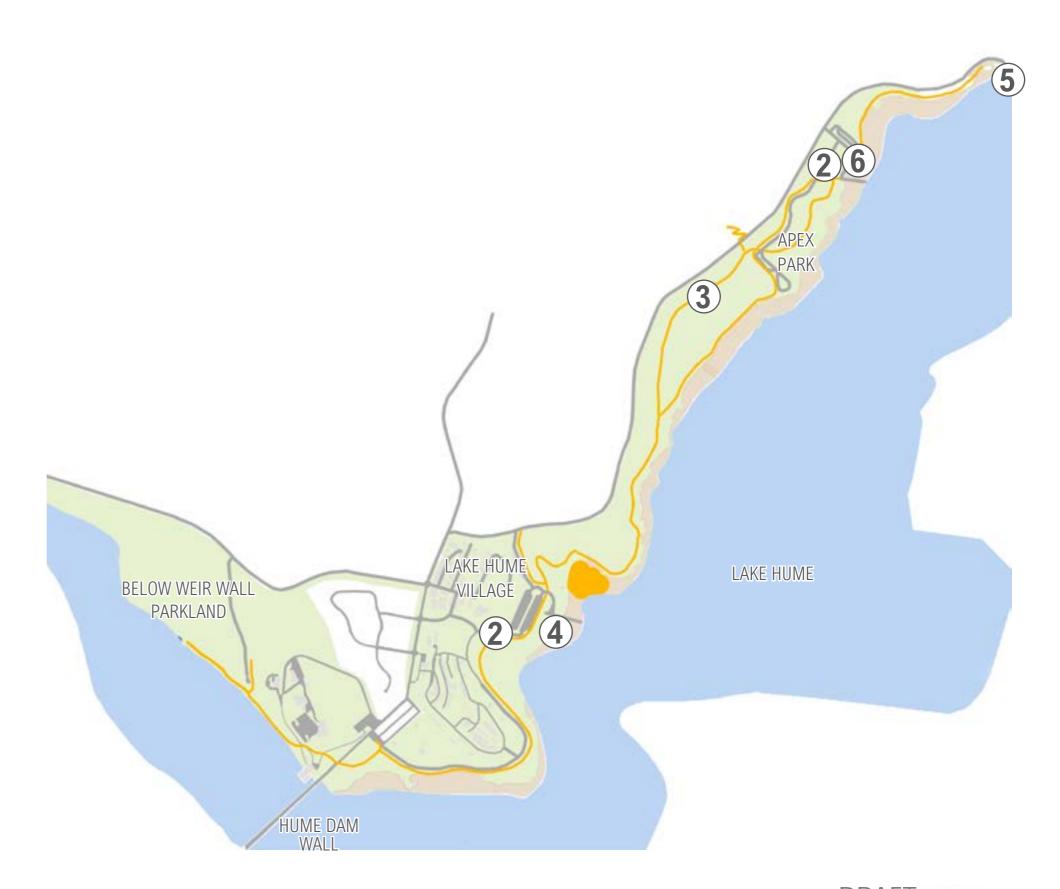


Lake Hume Reserves, which includes Lake Hume Tourist Park Beach to the south, Apex Park to the north, and other council parks, features a range of recreational, leisure, and tourism activities. The 40 hectare site is used extensively for swimming, water skiing, fishing, walking, and picnicking, making use of public barbeques and shelters. Boat ramps at either end allow accessibility for fishing, boats and jet skis to Lake Hume.

The Draft Lake Hume Master Plan will be placed on public exhibition as part of the Murray River Experience Master Plan Review.

NEXT PRIORITIES

- 1 Endorsement of the Lake Hume Reserves Master Plan
- Upgrade public amenities, including beach access, toilets, bbq areas and furniture at Lake Hume Reserves
- Wagirra Trail section from Lake Hume Village Boat Ramp Car Park to Bethanga Bridge
- Revetment work to address significant erosion at the Lake Hume Village Boat Ramp Car Park
- Investigate the feasibility in constructing a pedestrian/cycle path across Bethanga Bridge to link into the Victorian trail network
- **(6)**Commence design work for the boat trailer and car park at Apex Park



06 LAKE HUME RESERVES - COMPLETED WORKS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS













06 LAKE HUME RESERVES MAJOR WORKS SUMMARY

ACTION	SUMMARY	STATUS	DETAIL
New Walking Trail	Development of a 2.5m wide, shared bitumen pathway would encourage walking and cycling activities along the water's edge.	B	Detailed design underway for the Wagirra Trail extension that links Lake Hume Village to Apex Park. The aim is to extend the trail to Bethanga Bridge with the view to have a shared pathway across the bridge to be able to link into the Victorian Trails and ultimately a Lake Hume Loop. Trail surface is yet to be determined.
Apex Park Improvements	Upgrade car access areas and boat launching facilities by sealing roads and restricting off road vehicular access. Improve visitor picnic areas with new furniture, new playground equipment and upgraded facilities. Manage established vegetation to reduce public risk, new tree planting and formalise boat launching facilities.	0	A draft Lake Hume Reserves Master Plan has been developed for this area and will be placed on public exhibition as part of the Murray River Experience Master Plan Review. Feedback from this consultation period will be taken into consideration to develop the final version of the master plan. The master plan addresses this action. Some works have been completed such as new picnic tables, boat ramp upgrades (including solar lights) and tree planting.
Lake Hume Boat Launching Area	Improve public access to the boat ramp. Develop walkway to beach areas from main car park.	围	Included in the draft Lake Hume Reserves Master Plan on public exhibition as part of the Murray River Experience Review. Upon the endorsement of the final version of the Lake Hume Reserves Master Plan, this action would be a high priority to progress to detailed design.
Floating & Fishing Pontoons	Investigate possible floating and fishing pontoons at key locations, with formalised access road.	0	Included in the draft Lake Hume Reserves Master Plan on public exhibition as part of the Murray River Experience Review
Improved Entrance Road & New Tourist Route	The plan proposes a new roundabout on the entry road to slow traffic and provide an entrance feature to Lake Hume. Roundabouts could exhibit local flora display beds. The new touring route will improve public access to the Lake Hume waterfront and visitor facilities.	•	This action is to be included in the Lake Hume Village Structure Plan reivew.
Proposed subdivision	This plan would encourage medium density sub-division of this land in the approximate configuration shown, with underground services and significant landscape treatment and perimeter screening.	0	This action is to be included in the Lake Hume Village Structure Plan review.
Vegetation management and revegetation	Manage established vegetation to reduce public risk. New tree planting and establishment of revegetation and management zones is encouraged.	0	Extensive pine tree removal has occured throughout the reserve with strategic revegetation carried out in selected areas of Apex Park. A revegetation plan will be developed as a part of the Lake Hume Reserves Master Plan. Measures to be implemented to minimise erosion at the transition point of the high water mark and parkland.
Public Open Space development	Public open space development on reclaimed land is recommended (along lake side of the new tourist road). New boundary fencing of the caravan park will allow public access around the peninsula. Co-locate improved facilities including the playground, shelters, new public toilet block and park facilities	•	Included in the draft Lake Hume Reserves Master Plan on public exhibition as part of the Murray River Experience Review
Bethanga Bridge pedestrian/cycle link	Conduct a feasibility study for active travel crossing of Bethanga Bridge	()	Initial discussions have occurred with Transport for NSW. This has been Included in the draft Lake Hume Reserves Master Plan on public exhibition as part of the Murray River Experience Review. Upon endorsement, this project can progress.
Water Monitoring	Investigate access to varying water levels at Lake Hume Beach.	0	Included in the draft Lake Hume Reserves Master Plan on public exhibition as part of the Murray River Experience Review
Future Recreational Trail	Feasibility of a recreational trail to connect to Bowna Reserve	•	Commence planning for long term vision of connecting Lake Hume Village to Bowna and Table Top Reserves.















07 BOWNA WATERS RESERVE



Bowna Waters Reserve, a 100ha site to the north-east of Albury, is a relatively natural parkland, used primarily for boat launching and water access. The site includes a picnic area with two barbeques, along with an additional picnic area, toilets and playground. Re-vegetation of the site, which had been extensively cleared, commenced in 2002.

Many initiatives of the Murray River Experience Master plan have not been commenced in Bowna Waters Reserve. It is recommended that a new master planning process be undertaken to plan for the future of the area once the current Aboriginal Land Claim has been resolved.

NEXT PRIORITIES

- Establishment of pedestrian/cycle link from Bowna Waters Reserve to greater trail network
- 2 New 2.5m shared trail
- 3 Existing toilet block and picnic area retained and upgraded
- 4 Investigate feasibility of a lookout location
- **5** Rationalise car parking

Boat Ramp LAKE HUME

^{*}Implementation of future priorities are subject to resolution of existing Aboriginal land claim.

07 BOWNA WATERS RESERVE MAJOR WORKS SUMMARY

ACTION	SUMMARY	STATUS	DETAIL
New car park	Gravel car parks, which cater for 5-6 cars, shall be located near existing picnic shelters.	•	Rationalise existing picnic areas and associated car park areas along Bowna Waters Road. Improve car and trailer vehicle circulation and parking adjacent to the boat ramp. To be further addressed as part of the Master Plan.
New walking trails	Development of a 2.5m wide shared bitumen pathway to create a recreational walking/cycling circuit.	0	Develop a shared recreational trail from Old Sydney Road car park through the reserve as a loop suitable for walkers and bike riders. Trail surface is yet to be determined. Install way finding and interpretation along this trail.
New farm fencing	New fencing is recommended to restrict vehicular access and hence promoting re-vegetation.	•	Install new fencing along the road reserve to reduce vehicular access to the lake foreshore where possible. A review of the fencing and barriers to control vehicle access to the foreshore should be considered in a master plan for this site.
Existing toilet block and facilities	Existing picnicking facilities will be relocated, the toilet block is retained.	0	Existing toilet, picnic facilities and play space to be retained and upgraded. Upgrades should be considered through the Master Plan development for the reserve.
Relocated picnic area	New picnic facilities will be set at various locations adjacent to the car park addressing the water.	•	To be addressed as part of the Master Plan development.
Lookout	Possible lookout located on the high point.	0	Develop as part of walking/cycling loop.
New café development	Possible cafe' development with caretaker's residence.	8	Visitation and water levels do not support this project
Revegetation zone	Area to be revegetated with new planting.	0	Significant revegetation has occurred previously. The development of a more detailed Master Plan can identify additional revegetation areas.
Land management zone	Management of existing vegetation and associated maintenance all in accordance with existing conservation plan. Localised revegetation as required.	•	To be addressed as part of the Master Plan development.
Public shared path	Public shared path and horse trail above the high water level is to be established through public and private land to provide future continuous lake edge path system to Lake Hume Reserves and beyond. Path to be negotiated with land owners.	•	This action to be considered further in the Master Plan development of the site. A feasability study is to be undertaken as part of the Wagirra Trail future alignments project.
New Action - Bowna Reserve Trail	Investigate a MTB trail around Bowna Waters Reserve from Old Sydney Road car park.	•	The Albury Mountain Bike Strategy identifies Bowna Water Reserve as a potential location for mountain bike trails. This action is to be considered during the development of a more detailed Master Plan for the reserve.
New Action – Extension to shared trail network	The existing trail network along Table Top Road ceases at the northern extent of Thurgoona. With future development planned for this area, the extension of the shared trail should be considered to link to Bowna Waters Reserve (Note: a section of this extension is part of the NSW Governments Hume and Hovell Track).	•	To be addressed in furter stages of planning.

Note: to ensure that the reserve meets future community needs a more detailed master plan should be developed for the site















07 BOWNA WATERS RESERVE - COMPLETED WORKS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS









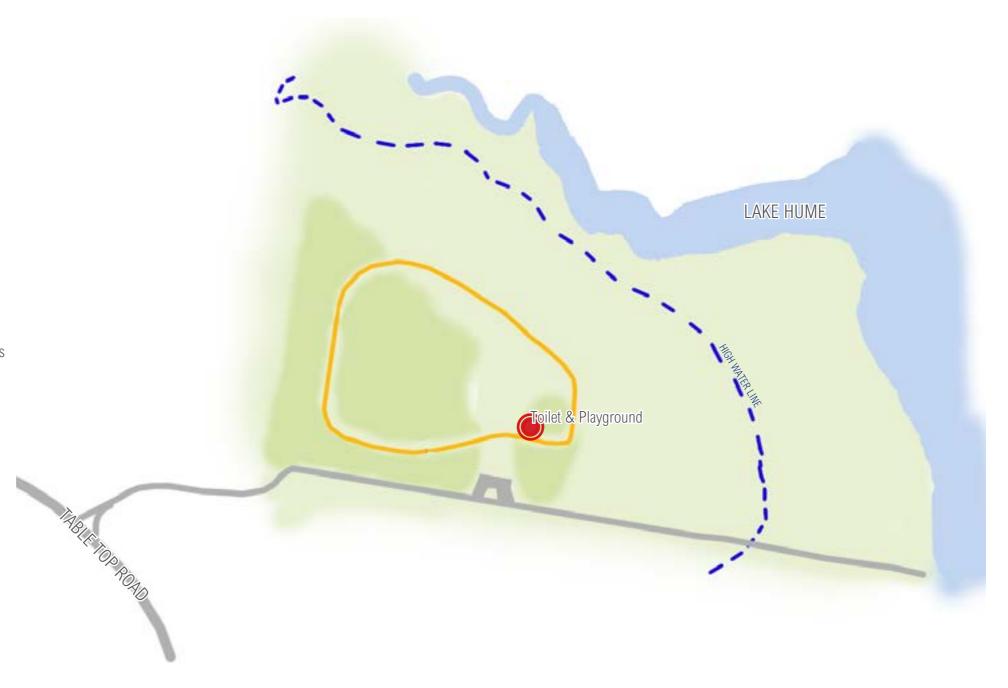
08 TABLE TOP RESERVE



Table Top Reserve is located on the waterfront of Lake Hume, providing water access for local residents. The 20 hectare land parcel has only seven hectares above the high water mark of Lake Hume with a large portion now revegetated. Approximately two hectares is now maintained parkland which includes a small playground, picnic tables, seating, public toilet and mature shade trees. There is no direct vehicle access to the lake for launching boats.

NEXT PRIORITIES

• No major improvements are identified as high priority for this site



08 TABLE TOP RESERVE MAJOR WORKS SUMMARY

ACTION	SUMMARY	STATUS	DETAIL
Formalised car park	The existing car park will be redeveloped to create a more attractive space. The car park would be sealed and edged. The north edge would be a vegetated depression, soil from this would then be used to create mounds on the east and west ends of the car park. A small earth bridge will span the depression which will allow for pedestrian and restricted maintenance vehicle access. The centre of the area would remain grassed and could be used for overflow parking if required.	②	The Action has been reassessed. Rock barriers have been installed to limit vehicle access. The informal car park is to be retained with restricted vehicle access. Low visitation doesn't warrant further improvements at this time.
Picnic space	Picnic and playground facilities will be consolidated into a central mown space.	0	Playground, picnic facilities and public toilet upgraded. Linking path established from toilet block to car park area. Vehicle access restricted.
Visual connections	Limited vegetation removal to open a direct view from the picnic area to Lake Hume.	0	The maintained area has been reduced with a large portion of mown area revegetated. When Lake Hume water levels are high there is sufficient access points to the water.
New shared path	Development of a 2.5m wide shared pathway to create a recreational and interpretive walking/cycling circuit, which incorporates both long external views and localised bush environment appreciation.	•	The park has low visitation and is not a priority at this point in time.
Future Garden walking path	A proposed intimate gravel walking path through a garden of indigenous plants.	8	This project is no longer supported due to low visitation.
Water edge access trail	Proposed controlled access point for vehicles to Lake Hume edge along a tree lined gravel road. Limited lake edge access and canoe landing will be required.	8	This project is no longer supported due to low visitation and low water levels (water levels reduce quickly and early in the season at Table Top Reserve)
Recreational trail connections	Conduct a feasibility study for a long distance recreational trail from Table Top Reserve via Bowna Waters Reserve to Bethanga Bridge and Lake Hume Village.	•	This is to be further considered as part of the Bowna Waters Reserve Master Plan and broader Murray River Experience Master Plan.













08 TABLE TOP RESERVE - COMPLETED WORKS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS









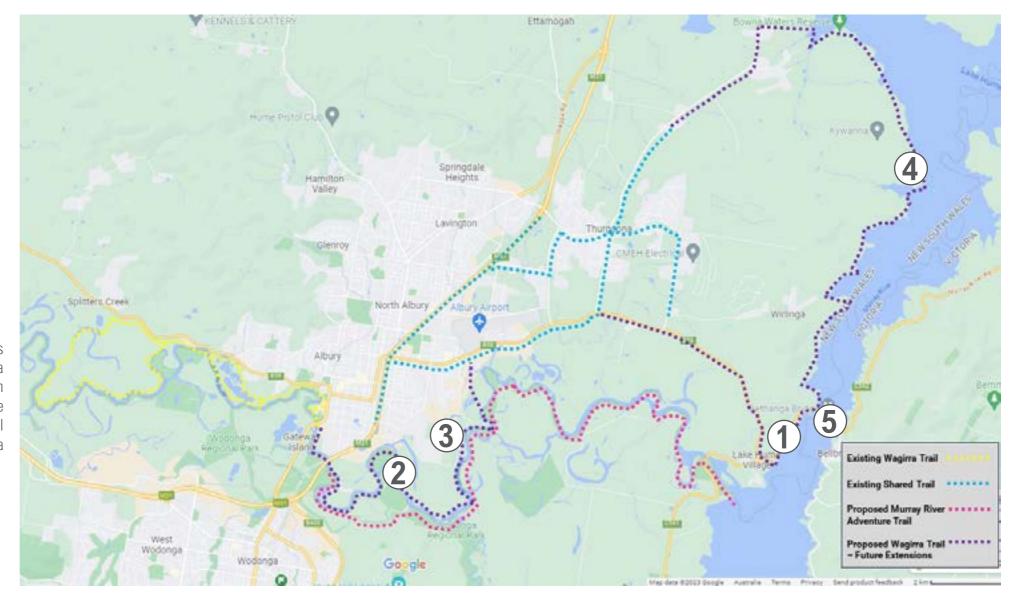
09 WAGIRRA TRAIL EXTENSION

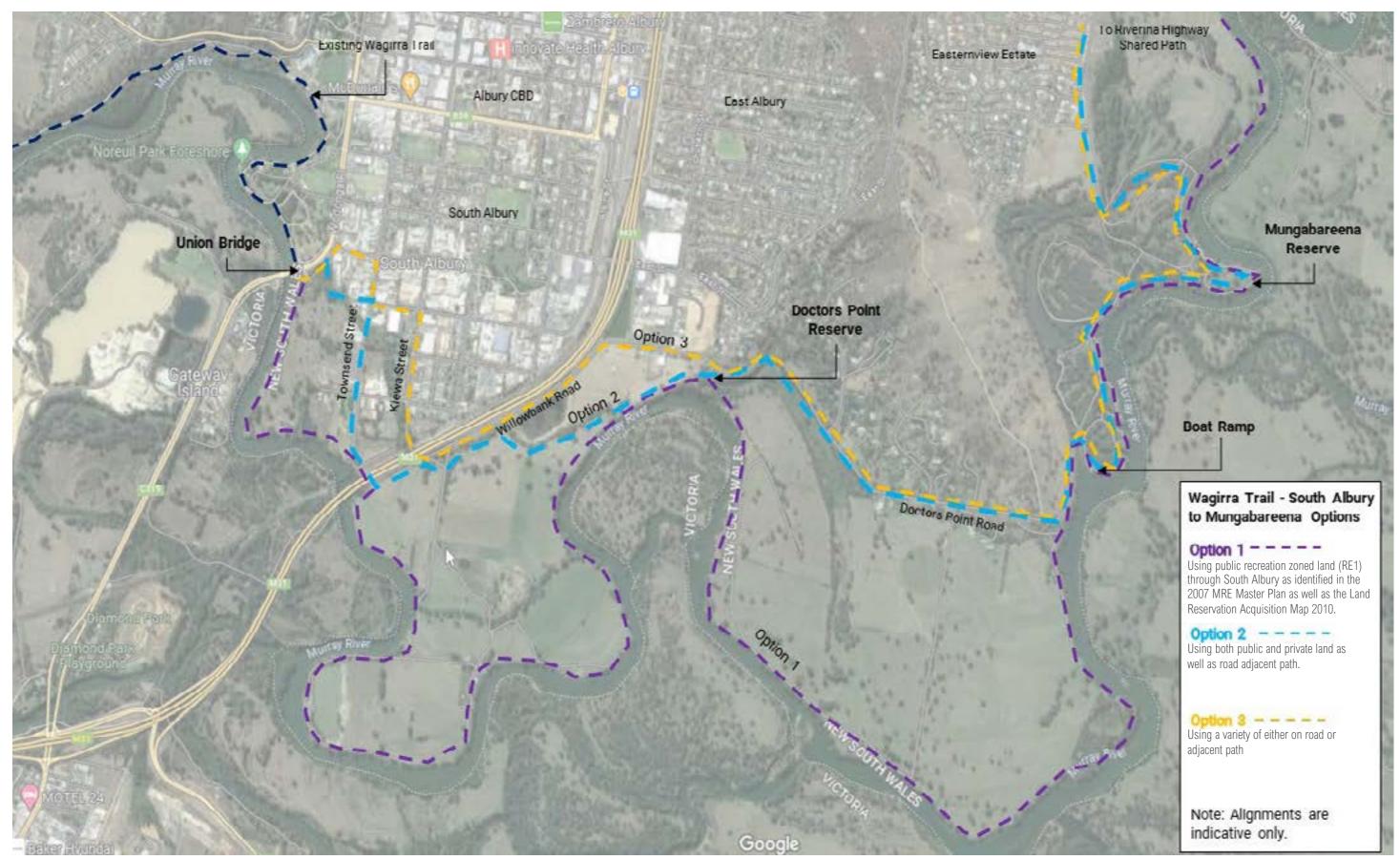


The Wagirra Trail has the potential to be one of Australia's premier riverside trails that links the Albury Riverside Parks with both Wonga Wetlands and Mungabareena Reserve. The ultimate destination is still to provide a pedestrian cycle link from Albury to and along the foreshore of Lake Hume. Since the endorsement of the Murray River Experience Master Plan in 2007, approximately 23 kilometres of trail has been constructed from the Union Bridge (Albury Riverside Parks) to Wonga Wetlands. This includes a 12.5-kilometre loop around Wonga Wetlands.

NEXT PRIORITIES

- 1 Construction of the Wagirra Trail to link Lake Hume Village to Apex Park.
- Commence investigations, feasibility, consultation and cost estimate process to extend the Wagirra Trail from Albury Riverside Parks to Mungabareena Reserve through South Albury.
- Work with the Mungabareena Aboriginal Place Management Group to determine the Wagirra Trail alignment through Mungabareena Reserve that links the boat ramp to the picnic area.
- Undertake initial planning for the long-term vision of connecting to Lake Hume and to Bowna and Table Top Reserves.
- (5) Investigate feasibility to construct a shared path across Bethanga Bridge.





09 WAGIRRA TRAIL EXTENSION UNION BRIDGE TO MUNGABAREENA POTENTIAL OPTIONS



OPTION 1

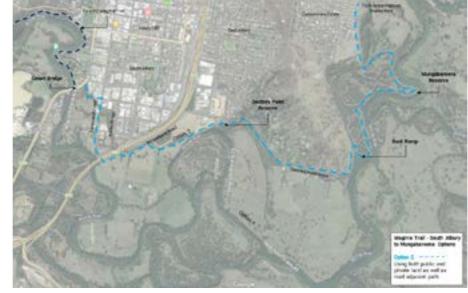
Follows the alignment identified in the 2007 MRE master plan. This alignment follows along the river edge from Union Bridge to Mungabareena Reserve.

Opportunities

- There is a Public Recreation zone (RE1) adjacent to the river which has been identified in the Land Reservation Acquisition Map 2010 could be used to construct the trail adjacent to the river
- Links several council owned land parcels
- River edge alignment considered to have the best amenity
- Potential to link with Murray River Adventure Trail
- Completely off road
- Utilisation of existing unformed roads (road reserves) for maintenance access.

Constraints

- Multiple private land tenures
- Requires access under State government assets (Highway and rail corridor)
- Not appropriate as a commuter connection from East Albury due to distance (13.3km)
- Limited road access for emergency services
- High construction cost
- Potential impacts to private property access with activation of road reserves



OPTION 2

This alignment uses a mix of both on road reserve through South Albury and private land access via existing road reserves. Follows Doctors point Road into Mungabareena Reserve

Opportunities

- Greater use of existing infrastructure than option 1
- Utilisation of existing unformed roads (road reserves) to construct trail
- Link key destinations Normans Lagoon and Doctors Point Reserve
- Opportunity to create an East Albury Loop by linking with Borella road shared path and Albury Thurgoona Trail
- More direct access for commuters to the CBD
- Links to existing Eastern Hill Reserve access points

Constraints

- Infrastructure required bridges and boardwalks will impact cost.
- Trail doesn't follow the river
- Adjacent to industrial zone land in South Albury Not aesthetically ideal
- Narrow sections of Doctors Point Road will require engineering solutions
- Safety



OPTION 3

This alignment utilises existing road alignments on Nurigong St, Townsend St, Kiewa St Willowbank Road and Doctors Point Road with construction of on road or pathways adjacent to the road.

Opportunities

- Could be implemented as a short-term option while private land access is
- Potentially the lowest cost of the 3 options
- Minimal infrastructure requirements
- Most desirable access for commuters
- Direct links for commuters
- Link key destinations Normans Lagoon and Doctors Point Reserve
- Opportunity to create an East Albury Loop by linking with Borella road shared path and Albury Thurgoona Trail
- Links to existing Eastern Hill Reserve access points

Constraints

- Not aesthetically preferred
- Does not align with the intent of the Wagirra Trail to follow the river
- Not "off road" most of the path would be within the road reserve
- On road pathways considered less safe option
- Narrow sections of Doctors Point Road will require engineering solutions
- Safety

09 WAGIRRA TRAIL - COMPLETED WORKS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS













09 WAGIRRA TRAIL - COMPLETED WORKS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS













09 WAGIRRA TRAIL EXTENSION MAJOR WORKS SUMMARY

ACTION	SUMMARY	
Lake Hume Village to Apex Park and Victorian trail links	The improvements identified in the Lake Hume Reserves Master Plan will help increase visitation to the region. The Master Plan identifies a pedestrian/cycle link between Lake Hume Village and the Bethanga Bridge. Even though the vision is to link Apex Park to Bowna Waters Reserve, there is an opportunity to cross Lake Hume at Bethanga Bridge and establish a trail link to Tallangatta and to the Rail Trail network. This would create a grand circuit around the Mitta Mitta arm of Lake Hume back to Wodonga and to the Riverside Parks in Albury.	B
Bowna Waters Reserve	The existing trail network has been constructed part way out to Bowna Waters Reserve along Table Top Road to Spring Park. The extension of the trail network (part of the NSW Government Hume and Hovell Track) of constructed in the short term. The Albury Mountain Bike Strategy proposes new cycle trails at Bowna Waters Reserve. The extension of the Table Top Road trail network would improve access for cyclists if future mountain bike trails are established.	
Riverside Parks to Mungabareena Reserve	This important connection is complicated by multiple private land tenures. Potential alignments have been identified, however these require further investigation including a feasibility study, community and stakeholder consultation (particularly with private landholders), and establishment of cost estimates prior to finalising the preferred alignment.	•
Albury to Lake Hume Link	As per the 2007 MRE, the long-term visions for the Wagirra Trail is to link Albury to Lake Hume and beyond. An initial concept and feasibility needs to be undertaken to identify if the proposal could proceed. Alternative alignments to Lake Hume could include the proposed Murray River Adventure Trail or links along the Riverina Highway.	

^{*}Investigations should continue to determine the most appropriate alignment of connections on the NSW side of the river due to the proposed Murray River Adventure Trail. Planning should occur concurrently with Murray River Adventure Trail investigations to ensure that a river trail is not duplicated on both sides of the river.

















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CONCLUSION

The ongoing review of the Murray River Experience Master Plan (MRE) reaffirms AlburyCity's commitment to the vision crafted in 2007. The comprehensive assessment of completed initiatives and ongoing projects reflects the city's dedication to creating open spaces that not only meet current community needs but also align with evolving priorities.

Since the plan's endorsement, the successful implementation of the MRE's outlined actions has strengthened the community's bond with the Murray River. To date the improvements which have resulted from the MRE's vision, have ensured better river access, integrated amenities, and the promotion of diverse experiences have transformed these spaces into vibrant hubs for residents and visitors alike. The MRE has provided positive steps in fostering the Aboriginal community's connection with the river stand as a testament to AlburyCity's commitment to inclusivity and cultural sensitivity.

This review identifies key future focus areas, ensuring that Albury's open spaces continue to evolve in harmony with the community's vision and the principles laid out in the MRE. The emphasis on enhancing accessibility, fostering environmental sustainability, and deepening community engagement sets the stage for a forward-looking approach.

This reflective process serves not only as a gauge of accomplishments but also as a roadmap for the future. AlburyCity's ongoing dedication to the principles of the MRE ensures community-driven outcomes are achieved. The journey from the inception of the MRE to the current review exemplifies the city's proactive stance in creating a vibrant, inclusive, and environmentally conscious community for generations to come.

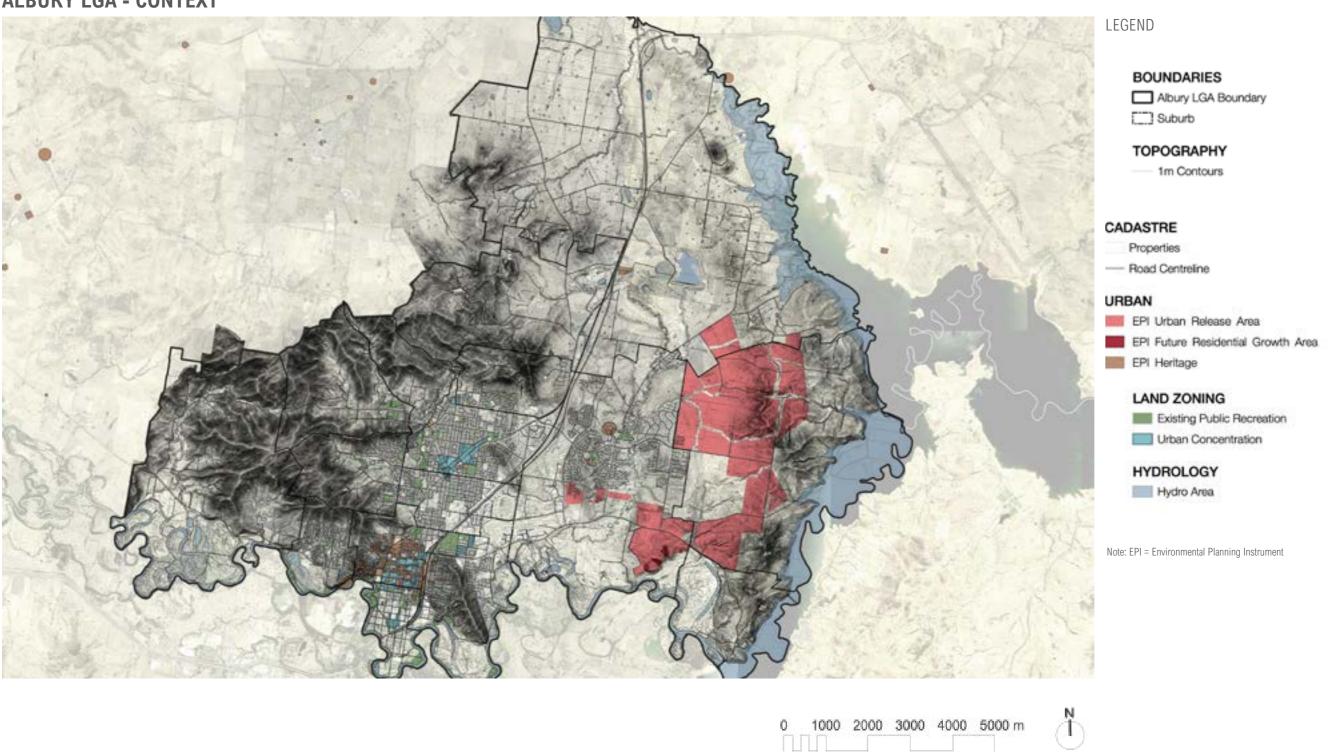




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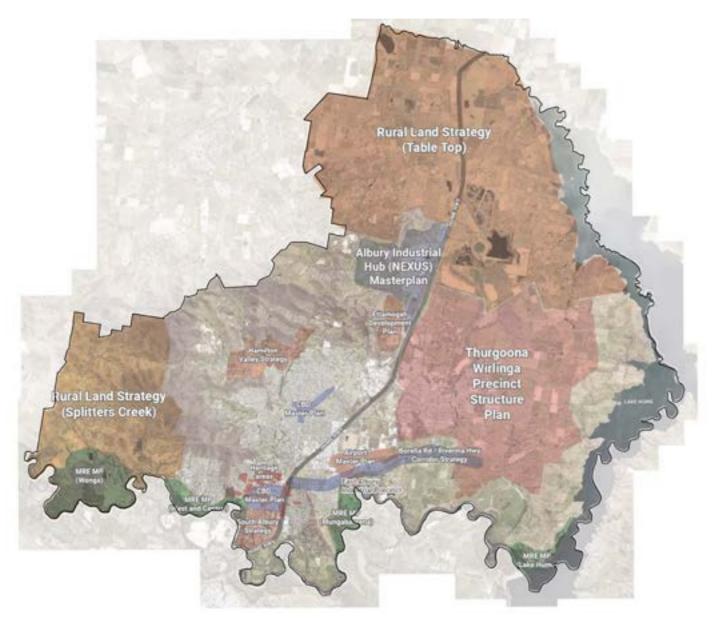
ALBURY LGA - CONTEXT



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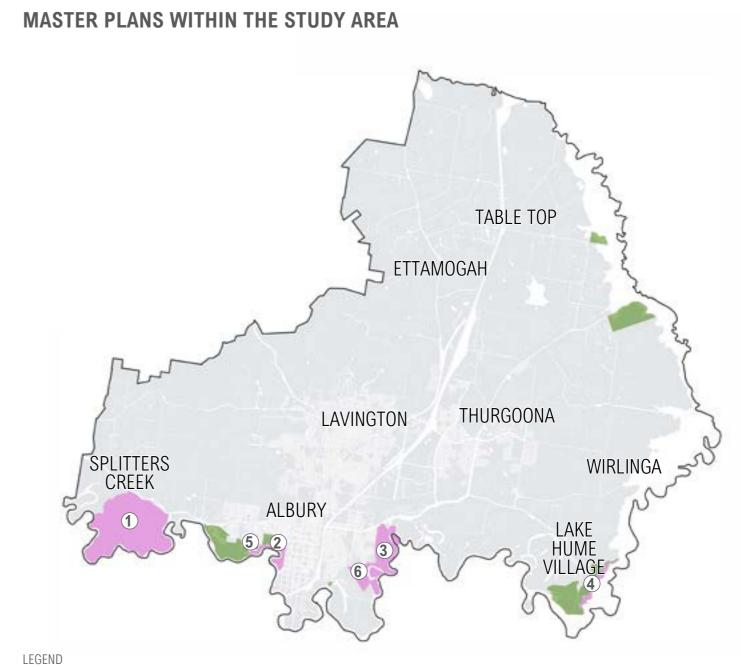
ALBURY LGA - 2020 LOCAL STRATEGIC PLANNING STATEMENT



Key location-specific plans and strategies include:

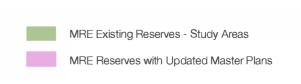
- Thurgoona Wirlinga Precinct Structure Plan (2013)
- Rural Lands Strategy for Table Top and Splitters Creek (2015)
- South Albury Strategy (2004)
- Albury and Lavington CBD Master Plans (2009)
- Hamilton Valley Strategy (2002)

- Murray River Experience Master Plan (2007)
- Albury Industrial Hub Master Plan (Nexus) (2010)
- East Albury Industrial Precinct Master Plan (2012)
- Airport Master Plan (2018)



Sites with updated Master Plans

- 1. Wonga Wetlands Tourism Product Development Master plan 2014
- 2. MRE Masterplan: Central Albury Riverside Parks 2022
- 3. Mungabareena Aboriginal Place Management Plan 2019
- 4. Draft Lake Hume Reserves Master Plan 2023
- 5. Padman Park (Leaney's Bend) Flying Fox Camp Management Plan 2018
- 6. Eastern Hill Activation Master Plan 2023

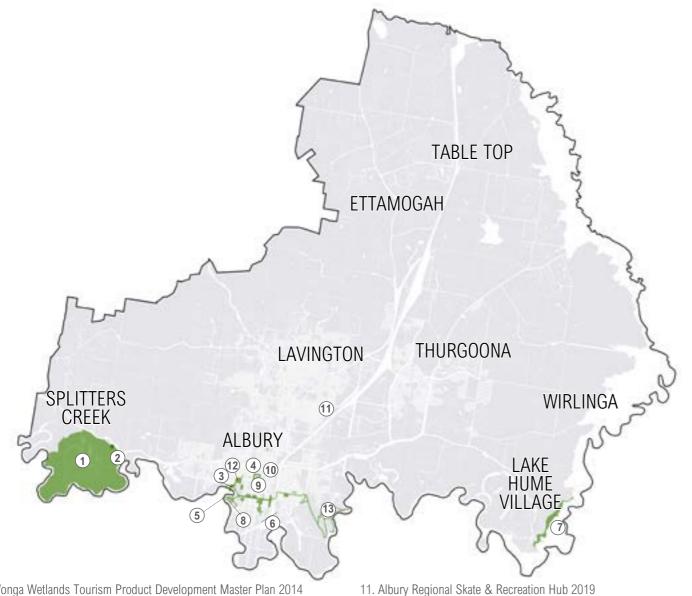




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APPENDIX C:

RELEVANT STRATEGIES AND PLANS

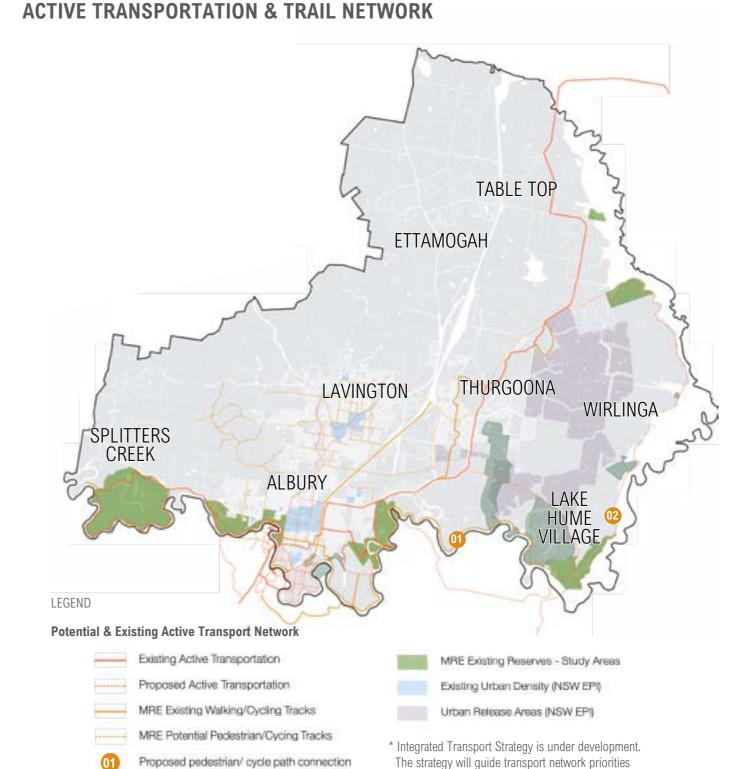


12. Albury Botanic Gardens Master Plan 2022

13. Eastern Hill Activation Master Plan 2023

14. Open Space Strategy (under development)

- 1. Wonga Wetlands Tourism Product Development Master Plan 2014
- 2. Wonga Visitors and Education Experience Centre 2017
- 3. Albury Riverside Precinct 2019
- 4. Bungambrawatha Creek Catchment Assessment 2023
- 5. Noreuil Park Riverbank Rehabilitation 2019
- 6. Wagirra Trail Noreuil to Mungabareena Link 2020
- 7. Lake Hume Reserves Draft Master Plan 2023
- 8. Noreuil Park Foreshore Landscape Plan 2016
- 9. Albury Cultural Precinct (MAMA, AEC and Library/Museum) 2021
- 10. Cultural Precinct Master Plan 2021



Suggested new recreational trail link



