Sugars Beach Murray Mouth Infrastructure Upgrades

Community consultation is open until **5pm Sunday, 4 September 2022**



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mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/sugarsbeach

Introduction

Sugars Beach is located at the end of the Murray River (Murray Mouth) on Hindmarsh Island. The current infrastructure and public amenity is underwhelming and in need of upgrade to improve the visitor experience and meet the potential of this iconic location.

Upgrades will seek to address this and raise awareness of the location's status as a significant environmental and culturally important site.

Sugars Beach currently has limited formal pathway connections to its surrounding environment. There is no permanent structures to share information or provide visitors with the necessary facilities that encourages exploration, environmental awareness and an extended stay.

The draft Concept Plan (pictured opposite) has been development from the overarching Master Plan for Sugars Beach. The range of elements act to create a central spine that ties the coastline together, while providing new infrastructure to enable the Sugars Beach location to reach its full potential.

Proposed improvements aim to encourage visitors to seek and explore the rich cultural stories of the Ngarrindjeri people; to connect with its people, food, water and wildlife, to discover the story of the Murray River, and the importance of water flows for the river health, and then go on to explore the Coorong – the 'Karangk'.

Project status

Over the past years, Council has worked towards developing an overarching Master Plan to guide improvements and upgrades in the area. In 2021, a detailed business case was developed to understand the opportunities and constraints with the location and to attract funding from other levels of Government, given the State and National significance of the location.

In early 2022, Council secured $1M from State Government, subject to Federal Government funding (currently awaiting an outcome) and Council currently has $1M in the draft 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget along with $350K in capital program expenditure.

Preliminary feedback received from the community assisted the informed revisions to an original plan with essential infrastructure elements and Council is now seeking broad community and stakeholder views on upgrade priorities for budgeting and future improvements.

Consultation open

Community consultation is open from **12 August 2022** and closes on **4 September 2022.**



Notes

- **A** Commercial Activity Zone
- **B** Jetty extension, reorientation and addition of a new landing platform to improve safety for SA Water operations, accommodate larger vessels and potential increased activity in the future
- **C** Formalised long vehicle / bus parking location
- **D** New formalised carpark to accommodate bus tours, cars and camper vans, to link to new central boulevard, to have aboriginal artwork on pavement at the thresholds and a planting island to create a more pedestrian friendly zone.
- **E** Minimal upgrading of boat ramp to accommodate more frequent visitation.
- **F** Open form structure options – could comprise of all or mix of, all weather shelter, tourism information boards and toilet facilties. Location is indicative only dependent on engineering requirements and community feedback
- **G** Culturally Significant Site to have several timber decks for tour groups to discover importance of location (in consultation with Ngarrindjeri).
- **H** Feature Deckings to be orientated to give the best views out to the Murray's Mouth and the cultural significant locations of the area, each decking to have an interpretive sign.
- **I** Informal link to beach from the boardwalk.
- **J** Feature Raised Deck with appropriate wind breaks and seating, to include interpretive signage and connection to beach and other viewing platforms.
- **K** Appropriate climate control protections to be utilised to help prevent erosion.
- **L** Formalised Carpark with Tour Bus turning circle

Legend

- Interpretive Signage/ Wayfinding
- Upgrade Vehicular Movement
- Water Based Connection
- Land Based Connection
- Informal Connection
- Indicating erosion control
- Artwork in pavement
- Feature shelter
- Timber Boardwalk
- Informal Path Network
- New Native Trees
- Cultural Art Opportunity with open space

Above: Draft Concept Plan

Alexandrina Council and its communities acknowledge the Ngarrindjeri people as the traditional custodians of the lands and waters of our Council district. We respect their rights, interests and obligations to speak and care for their traditional lands and waters in accordance with their laws, customs, beliefs and traditions.



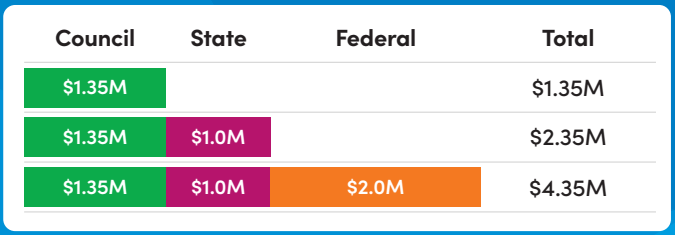


Provide your feedback

We are seeking your views on the project elements to inform Council's decision making

Council has allocated $1.35M to progress the Sugar Beach Master Plan Elements. This amount has been leveraged by the State Government allocating $1.0M to the project subject to the Federal Government funding (currently awaiting an outcome).

Depending on outcomes with the State and Federal Government funding Council has an opportunity to deliver a $1.35M project (Council contributions only), $2.35M project (Council and State contributions) or $4.35M project (Council, State and Federal contributions).



If progressing the Master Plan as additional external funding becomes available, please provide your ranking from 1 (highest) to 8 (lowest) for the following individual elements.

Elements	Costs	Ranking
Boardwalks and main viewing platform	**$1,030,000**	
Car parking improvements (coach parking, line marking, resealing)	**$373,000**	
Connected paths, group meeting zone and wayfinding signage	**$535,000**	
Interpretative signage and treatments (educational – environment, river flows, Ngarrindjeri culture)	**$61,000**	
Jetty and landing platform	**$409,000**	
Lighting (main carpark – boat ramp)	**$4,000**	
Toilet facilities (F1 and F2)	**$350,000**	
Tourism Information Hub/displays including toilet facilities (educational – environment, river flows, Ngarrindjeri culture)	**$1,200,000**	

Note: all costs are May 2022 estimates and are a guide only with further adjustable components within.

Preferred location of the toilet	Tick
Location 1 (F1 on map)	☐
Location 2 (F2 on map)	☐

Any other comments:

Please return completed feedback form by post to PO Box 21 Goolwa SA 5214 or in person at Council offices. If you would prefer to complete this feedback form online, please visit mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/sugarsbeach