

A photograph of a park area. In the background, a white gazebo with a grey roof and a small spire stands on a brick base. The gazebo is surrounded by lush green trees. In the foreground, there is a brick-paved area with a low brick wall and a set of steps. To the right, a flower bed is filled with a variety of colorful flowers, including yellow, purple, and red. The overall scene is well-maintained and scenic.

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Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Strategy

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1 INTRODUCTION

This report is the second of three technical papers that provides a background and context for the overall preparation of the Open Space, Recreation and Public Realm Strategy. It identifies the consultation process, the responses and feedback received from the:

- residents and local communities of the region,
- state sporting, recreation and community peak bodies,
- staff from each of the Local Government Authorities and
- relevant State Government Agencies including the Office for Recreation and Sport and the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure's Sustainable Transport, Walking and Cycling branch, the Open Space unit and Strategic Planning.

2 CONSULTATION PROCESS

Consultations for the project were conducted by means of:

- On-line surveys with local residents across the region, relevant sporting, recreation and community groups, and state level peak bodies.
- Interviews with staff of each council
- Focus group meetings with State Government Agencies

Information from these separate approaches has been collated to present a view relevant to each of the councils which will provide a quick reference to the areas of interest to readers and users of the document.

3 COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS

Through the processes described above, the local communities of each council were invited to provide their views, thoughts and aspirations in relation to this strategy. Their responses have been assembled under the key areas of Open Space, Public Realm, and Recreation and Sport.

3.1 Barossa Council

Open Space

Contributors felt that open space strategies need to be developed to activate and promote parks and reserves and to create better linkages between parks and other destination points. They saw the quality of trails as important. Some also want parks to cater more to the ageing community.

They also stated that playgrounds need to be considered as a part of the study, that they need to be audited and this strategy should guide their development. Further comments referred to access to SA Water sites, which would provide greater recreational experiences for the community and could be achieved with minimal risk.

Public Realm

A number of people identified that many towns in the Barossa region lacked public realm in their public and open spaces, and as was stated in feedback on the open space, that these areas needed to be better activated. They also commented that piazzas, while not present in many towns, would add to a sense of place as do a number of churches - with two in Tanunda of particular note. It was stated that a study of the Streetscape had been completed in Mt Pleasant and that opportunities to better promote, develop or enhance elements of public realm need to be considered in the following areas.

- Manglers Hill lookout and the sculpture park
- Views from the top of Rifle Range Road
- Tanunda rotunda area
- Barossa Bush Gardens
- Williamstown area near the hotel
- The turn off to the Mt Pleasant Creek area and the Mt Pleasant showgrounds

Recreation and Sport

Some clubs from Tanunda stated that they were experiencing growth and asked about suitable sites for new facilities, noting that changing people's mind sets may be challenging. With five reasonably sized townships in the region, a precinct approach to sports provision was supported by some in attendance. Backing this approach is Council's support for shared use sites and sporting hubs - it was identified that Stockwell is a hockey facility. Fees and charges for facilities were also raised and enquiries made regarding different models. Further comments included:

- In regard to Forestry SA and SA Water sites, how do we gain better access to unstructured opportunities and promote them while mitigating risk.
- Opportunities exist to develop and promote bicycle tourism
- The design of skate and youth parks needs to be considered
- Investigate alternative irrigation schemes for sporting and recreational facilities.

3.2 Town of Gawler

Open Space

Due to more young families, there is need for more family spaces for picnics, ball play and children's parties. In particular around the Gawler River, it was noted that the river frontage can create safety issues for use by families and that environmental upgrades are needed to improve the river's flow to the sea.

Additional comments were made that the path in Dead Man's Pass (1 kilometre downstream from the ford) is well used and linking spaces and reserves is positive - further improvements can be made by providing more facilities, particularly for families and improving recreation access (a longer term vision). In regard to the river around Goose Island, it was stated that concepts exist to re-align it to improve the back of the Gawler business district. This would focus the orientation of the town centre onto a green space and create greater use - the topography of the site may be a limiting factor.

Some specific comments were made in relation to other open spaces including:

- Apex Park has a tourism function but could be used more by the local community.
- Connolly Park is used by local residents and is an enjoyable space for children. A range of activities exist in one location that cater to different age groups. It is also used by overseas visitors because it is an uncluttered and natural space.
- Concern was expressed from some people about the accuracy of Council maps.
- Opportunity exists to develop the Haines Road Reserve in Willaston into a recreation reserve. The site is contaminated with asbestos (and was also an old rubbish dump). A submission was previously put to council proposing a sealed hard court space would overcome the contamination issue that currently prevents maintenance by council.
- Kudla, an area of approximately 600 hectares, has no open space which concerns a number of residents. It is a MOSS area used by Million Trees. It was stated that there are also some issues with a proposed ETSA substation which would create a loss of amenity. Standards for open space provision may be applicable here to determine the need for open space.

Public Realm

Respondents felt that families lack public amenities for children and baby changing and that what does exist feels unsafe. Connecting existing parks to the main street (which is owned by Council and not DPTI) was seen as important as is general access and safety. One person noted that the town was originally designed to cater for horses and carts, and it is best suited as a pedestrian space rather than car traffic. Some saw the ambience of the main street as letting it down even with a wider footpath in place. Other comments were made including:

- The business mix is appropriate to activate the main street - safe and convivial spaces exist for people to meet and talk but there is no policy regarding retail mix to diversify the street.
- A 40 kph speed limit was suggested to give pedestrians more priority.
- The Gawler Connect Project is an activation opportunity for the main street. (A proposal to redevelop the town hall and library which is the subject of a RDA grant application.)
- A Ministerial DPA for Gawler East will increase vehicle traffic via Carlton road. Traffic calming will be needed at least until a ring route for Gawler East is in place.
- The provision of markets in all their forms was suggested (particularly for Walkers Place)
- Crossing Main North Road at Lewiston (and similar settlements) is an issue for youth moving to play spaces or sports grounds due to a lack of access point.

Recreation and Sport

Most ovals are located on the west of Gawler and more are needed on the east. The Gawler East development may change this in the long term and increase young people's participation in the east. The community wanted more information on the Gawler East proposal. Concerns were raised about the open space controlled exclusively by clubs. Some felt that Gawler East should be for the public as well as clubs and more generally that Gawler had a high number of under-utilised grounds that are controlled by clubs who lock gates and do not provide for passive recreation. It was noted that new pathways and bridges at Gawler Oval have created better access to and within the area and opened up less developed open spaces that form flood plains. Further comment was made regarding the need for parks with fitness stations and spaces for workers to jog and to contemplate, and that the BMX track needs an upgrade.

In regard to facilities, it was noted that Starplex is still popular but it is ageing and needs redevelopment. Some people would like a 50 metre outdoor pool, even though Starplex has an indoor 25m pool. It was also noted that bike lanes and better signage are required.

3.3 Light Regional Council

Open Space

Each town in the region has good amounts of open space but these spaces need better linear linkages and use as trails. In Kapunda, most of its open space is situated on the western side of the main road which acts as a barrier to access for those on the eastern side.

Greenock was seen as having a good but underutilised recreation park and town space. In Freeling, Mattisky Park is located away from the main street and not well used. Water restrictions have caused the green areas to die off and the space has become degraded. The Railway Reserve is now the main green space and is appreciated. A previous drainage reserve is seen as having potential as a local space for children.

A number of issues were raised in relation to open space at Roseworthy including the lack of areas for children to play (including playspaces) and equestrian matters. Horse owners in Roseworthy living on small acreage are concerned about the options for horse riding and restrictions caused by urban growth. They asked about the creation of a regional or state level equestrian hub with indoor and outdoor arenas to be used for events, education and competition.

Public Realm

Map the Miner marks the entry to the Kapunda, however no other town in the region has an entry statement. It was felt that better care and presentation of trees located at the entrances to the region's towns would improve their presentation. It was stated that Wasleys lacks public realm other than the institute and car park.

In Kapunda, while visiting artists and local galleries is seen as an attraction, there is very little public art besides one mural. A lack of civic areas in the main street prevents the staging of public events, which are held in Hill Street.

In regard to way finding, signage is poor and degraded on the Kapunda Heritage trail as is signage from the caravan park for visitors to explore the region. The lookout is fantastic but not known and under developed. The Kapunda mine site and its walking path were considered by some as a risk and there was a comment made that visitors should have a guide to lead them around the mine's walking trail.

Recreation and Sport

The local community said that smaller towns are safe for walking and cycling and that improved verges have helped but there is no consistency across towns. They see rail reserves seen as the best option for safe walking and cycling and connecting the towns. They would like to see the rail reserve from Kapunda to Freeling developed as a trail and that the Barossa and Clare valleys are good examples of this. People felt that the Heyson and Mawson Trails in the region are great but lack rest spots with water tanks. They believed that people living in Kapunda and Freeling do not visit each other's towns unless it was part of organised sport. This resulted in each town not knowing what other town has.

In regard to sport, general comments were made that volunteers in sport are declining and this has to be considered in precinct planning and community infrastructure. Specifically on indoor facilities, it was stated that current population of 12,000 is too small to sustain the development of a multi-purpose recreation centre - a population of 30,000 to 50,000 is required. What needs to be done is to identify where such a facility could be located and allocate the space. The development at Roseworthy or a similar project will be the catalyst for population growth and create demand for a regional facility. It was suggested that Freeling may also need a multi-use indoor facility to meet demand due to its planned growth. External funding was seen as significant to support this vision.

Further comments were made in regard to the following.

- Sporting ovals are viewed as important community hubs - Dutton Park is seen as the shared recreation space for organised and unstructured leisure in Kapunda.
- The Kapunda Swimming Pool may need to expand to cater to the needs of the whole region.
- Horse facilities are lacking
- There is a move from day-time tennis on Saturday to more night tennis - this has increased demand for lighting. Consideration should also be given to indoor facilities for tennis.
- Bowling club have looked at relocating with a roof over their bowling space
- There is an opportunity to redevelop the Kapunda Institute. Consideration would need to be given to the compatibility of users who share the facility.

3.4 District Council of Mallala

Open Space

Comments were made that the management of open space is a concern for council in terms of cost and time. Because there is no open space strategy, much of the land developed as open space and facilities appears to be ad hoc and not always consolidated. Many reserves seem to have a dual role for drainage with flood mitigation challenges present from the Gawler and Light Rivers. Additionally, a number of remote, fragmented and unknown spaces exist across the council. Rocky Reserve and the coast are examples of this.

The coast is seen as an area that is a popular place to go to recreate for a picnic or BBQ, has conflicts around four wheel drive vehicles accessing sensitive coastal reserves, and needs to be developed before it can be marketed.

Mallala, Two Wells and Dublin are seen as having adequate amounts of open space but not all of it is functional. A new housing development proposed to the north of Two Wells will have a large influence on open space in the area.

At Lewiston, which has approximately 50% of the council's population, the development of open space has not kept up with demand and the space is not large enough to be functional. What exists now does not meet the current need – there appear to be a number of wetlands. Disposal of land by council is also a community concern in this area.

Public Realm

People felt that the townships' main streets provided links to the sporting ovals which serve as the primary community spaces for events and festivals. In most areas, the town oval is the largest event space available. Hotels play a role as community meeting spaces, as do the town halls.

Other comments included:

- Mallala could benefit from entrance statements to reinforce its identity;
- Angle parking creates a hazard for vehicles with trailers to park and effects cyclists' safety;
- Signage is needed to encourage users of Highway 1 to stop/rest in Two Wells and Dublin.

Recreation and Sport

Ovals are used mostly by football, cricket, netball and tennis where people move around to play games against other towns. For soccer, people need to travel to Virginia. The sporting facilities around Two Wells are built on crown land and leased and are the result of direct community input. There is concern around the potential loss of these sites if the Crown decides to dispose of the land. There are also concerns about the displacement of some historic recreation uses in Two Wells including dog obedience and the trotting track. These facilities are located on Crown land tagged for redevelopment for other commercial uses (supermarket). The council area also has private sporting facilities including motor racing, sky diving and pistol shooting (four facilities) which are seen as draw cards for the area but not marketed well. Some felt playgrounds are located away from sports grounds which creates an issue for participation. Those that do exist are aimed at younger children and there is not a lot for older kids unless they play sport.

Indoor sports facilities were seen as severely lacking and people who play court sports like basketball have to travel to Gawler or Playford. A strategic approach to identify the demand for future recreation and open space needs to occur – as an example, finding 10 hectares of land for regional facilities is seen as a challenge based on available space and local flood plains.

There is no swimming pool in the area and the beaches are tidal and unsuitable. One suggestion was to dredge Salt Creek at Middle Beach to provide a swimming and coastal reserve, however it was noted that this is a popular boating location and conflict may arise between boat users and swimmers. It was also noted that boating access is of regional importance.

Young people in Lewiston would benefit from a bicycle track that could be used for recreation and to access facilities in neighboring towns. They said that cycling safety is a concern with heavy vehicles, that the Stuart O'Grady Bikeway and Gawler River trail networks are popular with residents from Lewiston and that in general open spaces need to be linked using trails.

With up to 60 horses in the Lewiston area and horse riding being popular, an assessment of trail provision is required. Some thought that people ride bikes and horses on public roads because the trails are inadequate. Equestrian activities are popular because of the privately owned equestrian centre and there is some demand for a public venue that makes participation more affordable. A central regional equestrian facility is a vision of the Adelaide Plains Equestrian Club.

3.5 State Sporting Organisations

A survey was circulated to each of the major sporting peak bodies within the state with the responses in relation to issues and provision summarised. Figure 1 below indicates the ownership of the land used by sporting and recreation bodies and indicates that the majority of facilities used for recreation purposes are owned by a council, State Government authority such as the Education Department or Forestry, or a community organisation such as a church. There is some private ownership of land by individual sporting organisations. This supports the view that planning by Councils is important for the long term future of open space, and recreation and sport and that there needs to be important links maintained and further developed with public and private schools, and other relevant government agencies.

What current facilities/infrastructure does your state sporting organisation use in this region?

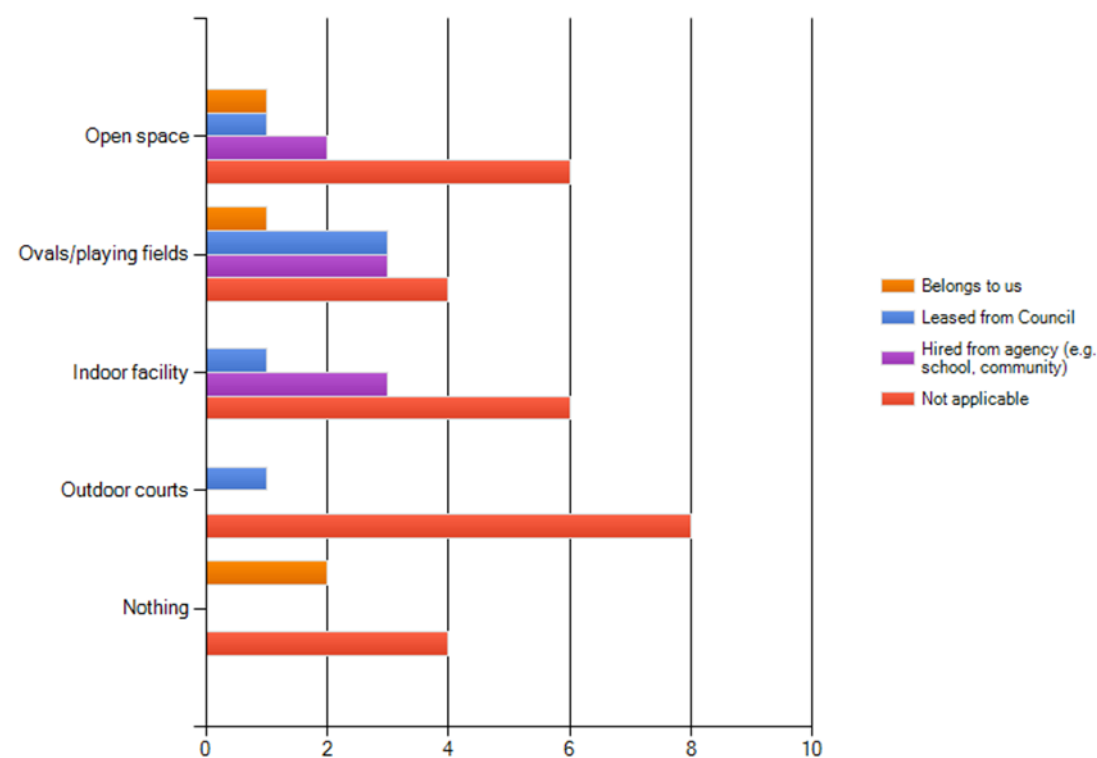


Figure 1. Facility Use and Ownership

Developing formal arrangements with private landowners and governments in addition to local councils will be necessary into the future to secure land for recreation and sport. This may happen as an example, by way of tenancy agreements such as leases and licenses, options for future land purchase or ownership transfer or planning approaches that identify and secure land parcels for future development

Figure 2 identifies the future plans of organisations in regard to development of facilities and the timeframes they are proposing. As can be seen, a number of groups are considering expansion in the next 5 – 20 years and will require open space to develop playing fields and indoor facilities.

This further supports the importance of community organisations, peak bodies, private landowners and local and state government agencies needing to work together to optimise opportunities into the future.

What plans does your organisation have to develop any open space or infrastructure/facility in the future?

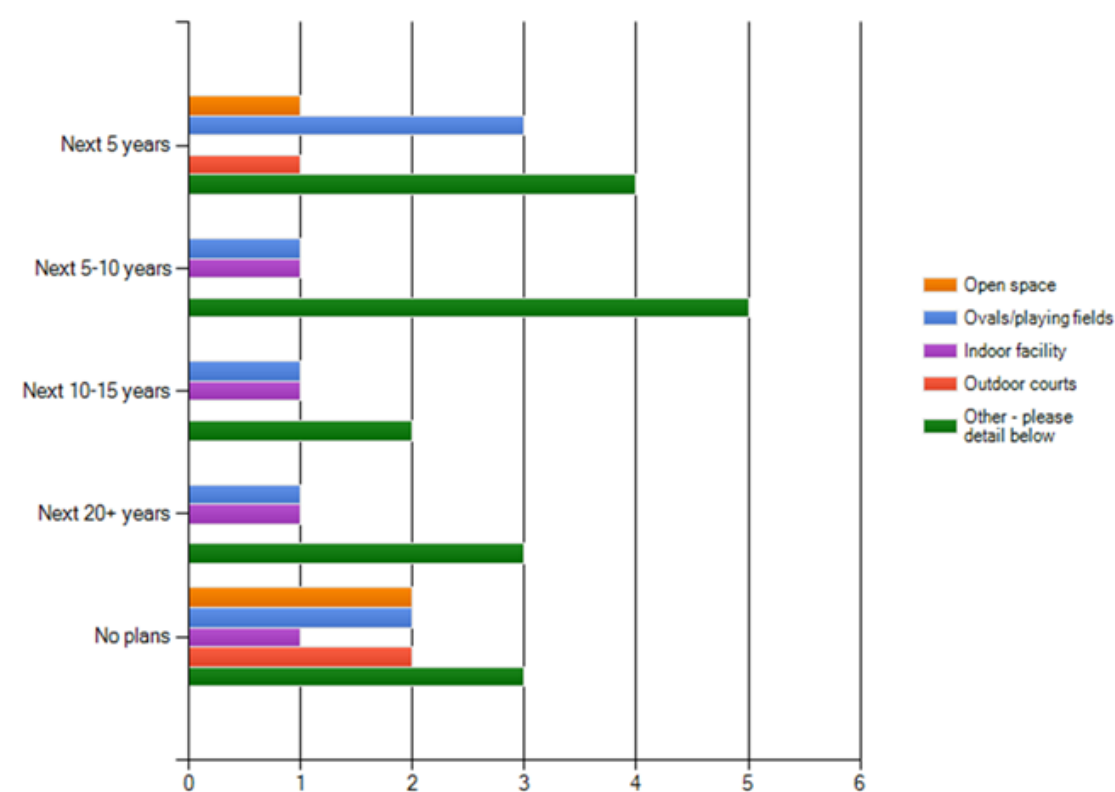


Figure 2. Future Development Plans

Further commentary from each of the peak bodies is summarised in the following pages and provides greater insight into their future plans and directions based on their responses to the survey. For detailed responses for each individual organisation refer to http://www.surveymonkey.net/MySurvey_Responses.aspx?sm=dsmn09X%2bbyzKCC5ejmW8Qi%20Mdkxb1K9xibNKc0NjhM%3d

Athletics SA wants an additional synthetic track and field facility north of Adelaide. The sport accesses various facilities from local councils, schools and other community agencies in the region. The Association has conducted a recent Track and Field Master Facilities Plan and whilst it did not focus on this particular region it is a logical extension of the recent plan. If there was interest in looking at developing track and field facilities in this region Athletics SA would be interested. They are developing a program in the Riverland and there is potential to provide better facilities to cater for this region given the proximity of the Barossa/Gawler/Light to the Riverland.

BMX SA is looking to develop facilities within 5 years. The Gawler BMX Club is developing plans to improve its BMX facility to state standard - this would require council assistance.

Football Federation of SA is completing a State Facilities Strategy to evaluate the current status of facilities throughout the state, consider future population growth areas and their specific facility needs and to identify future facility provision to guide the development of football facilities.

Gymnastics SA does not have a facility in the region but has begun evaluating opportunities to develop an indoor facility within the next 10 years. Gymnastics needs more indoor facilities with suitable height, space, and spectator seating. The northern suburbs are a target area to increase participation due to the increased number of schools in the area with minimal suitable facilities.

Hockey SA affiliate, the Barossa Hockey Association caters for teams in the region. All matches are played on grass fields. With over 550 members, it has the third largest regional membership in the state. The Barossa Hockey Association has recently received a State Government grant to develop a synthetic pitch and lighting by 2015 - most probably located at Stockwell or Tanunda.

Horse SA is currently undertaking a facilities strategy for metropolitan Adelaide and is experiencing a number of issues in relation to the sport including:

- Opportunities to keep horses on community land and access to places to ride horses
- Councils are not good at keeping marked horse trails, which is crucial for people wanting to exercise their horses - there are no marked trails currently in this region
- Uni of SA, Roseworthy must be considered for future infrastructure as it has current facilities
- Roadside design to take non-motorised transport
- Links to beachside opportunities needs to be maintained and promoted

There are concerns that without development of facilities that there may be limited ability to keep horses. As well, opportunities to use Community Land may not be explored, future trails may not be established, and access across any extensions to the Northern Expressway may be limited.

As a part of the planning strategy, a number of points need to be considered.

1. Need to link in/reference proposed Horse SA Open Space Strategy being developed in conjunction with ORS and local councils as it will have significant implications for this project
2. There is a need for two regional level facilities which include public indoor arenas. One potentially located at Mount Pleasant and a second on the plains (at Roseworthy). Major events require access to accommodation, hotels and amenities for visitors.
3. Local facilities, which may be used by more than one type of horse organisation, are to be identified, promoted and supported with ongoing improvements.
4. The establishment of horse keeping precincts and zoning is essential to support future membership for clubs and activities in the regions. Many horse properties are expected to be lost to housing in the next 5 – 10 yrs. These small properties also provide horse agistment services to people who do not own land. All councils need to consider options to
 - ensure that planning regulations support horse keeping, and
 - set aside land for community horse keeping (such as at Sunnybrae Pony Club).
5. Open space to exercise horses. This is in the form of trails and public land for horse exercise, which may also include informal trotting tracks. As part of each Council's open space planning, horse exercise must be permitted on public land where horse keeping is more prevalent. This also becomes an animal welfare issue if animals cannot be exercised.
6. A regional recreational trail plan is recommended (for all user groups). This will identify where horses are kept and aid in planning for local trails or linkages to regional trails such as The Kidman Trail. Unmade road reserves provide opportunities for endurance riding, trail riding, hunting and general horse exercise. The trail plan needs to integrate with State Government public land opportunities such as Mt Crawford Forest. Horse road crossings, livestock underpasses for freeways and easements through housing estates are important aspects.
7. Beach access for horses must be retained and promoted. It is recommended that a range of council documents view their relationship to recreational use including roadside management plans (to support non-motorised roadside trail use), transport plans and tourism strategies.

The Williamstown Horse and Pony Club leases land from council. It has plans to develop its equipment over the next 5 years. Their vision is to connect facilities by open space networks to encourage safe passage and increased access. The Northern Districts Show Jumping Club currently uses an oval and indoor facility hired from community agencies. While they have no plans to own a facility, they are keen to secure land for a home ground in the northern area.

Motorcycling SA has no facility in the region and is looking to develop infrastructure possibly including trails, purpose built tracks for competition and recreational purposes over the next 10 years. An Off Road Motorcycling Strategy, which will provide key objectives and actions to assist in the pursuit of increasing riding areas and facilities, is currently being prepared. Surveys and consultation for the Off Road Motorcycling Strategy and other stakeholder feedback, has identified strong demand for recreational motorcycle trail riding, and for purpose built facilities.

Netball SA is acutely aware that with the current population growth and further expansion, the northern areas need to be serviced to cater for all levels of netball participation. A Netball SA review in 2011 recommended that a regional academy be established in the northern districts. The associations that provide regular competitions to service netball players in the region are the Adelaide Plains Netball Association and the Gawler and District Netball Association.

SANFL – SA Community Football League is preparing a Strategic Facilities Plan for Community Football in SA - the Northern Region identified in this survey will be included. The League wants ovals in growth areas to ensure football is available to the communities.

Skate SA has access to an indoor facility in Gawler which is hired from a school. The organisation is about to embark on a Rink Feasibility Study for future needs and it is planning to have a roller rink in the northern suburbs of Adelaide preferably indoor but at least an outdoor venue with a roof & no sides within the next 20 years. Most of the sports current members are from Gawler & the northern suburbs and they do not have a venue to call home.

South Australian Rifle Association has access to a rifle range at Lower Light and plans to develop a second and possibly third range on their property over the next five years - dependent on funding. Concept plans have been produced. Access via Light Beach Rd is an issue, with the road impassable in very wet conditions - additional work needs to be done to improve the access.

South Australian Weightlifting has no facility currently located in the region but would be keen to establish an indoor facility in the next 10-15 years with the assistance and support of SASI.

Sporting Car Club of South Australia has access to the Mallala Motor Sport Park which is a 2.6 km bitumen motor racing circuit near Mallala – it is hired from a private operator. The other facility is the Collingrove Hillclimb situated approximately 7 km south of Angaston. This facility is owned and operated by the Sporting Car Club and has been in operation since 1952. The Collingrove facility is being upgraded to make it more appealing as a spectator and competition venue. Future plans are being considered as the organisation is undertaking an internal Master Plan to review how its current facilities at Collingrove need to be improved to meet future demands.

Squash SA has recently established 6 state of the art multi-purpose squash courts at the Barossa Recreation Centre (The Rex) that are used for squash and community fitness. Squash SA in partnership with the Gawler Council is also looking at an upgrade to the four existing squash courts at the Gawler Sport and Recreation Ground.

Tennis SA is constantly identifying opportunities to develop more outdoor courts and their plan is to establish more courts in the region within the next 5 years. They are currently working with Barossa Council for the development of 6 tennis/netball courts in Tanunda. They also have a number of community tennis facility developments they have been working on.

Walking Trails Support Group notes that cycling and walking would be better separated and benefit both with effective separation from road traffic. The 30 year plan is the time to secure open space and linkages to provide for future development. Some walking needs include:

- Many town perimeters do not provide safe off-road walking that encourages commuting use.
- The South Para link from Gawler and Para Wirra Recreation Park is an example of tenure that needs to be identified and secured although development might be decades away
- Road guard rails expose pedestrians (by choice or default) to some dangerous situations.
- While in no way discounting the Nuriootpa Angaston bike/walkway and that which is proposed between Lyndoch and Gawler, they do need to be part of a lower cost network.

3.6 Local and State Government Agencies

In addition to the consultations with members of the local communities in each of the council areas and the peak sport and recreation groups that had an interest in the region, meetings were held with the staff of individual councils and other major government stakeholders. These included the Department of Education and Children's Services (DECS), the Heart Foundation, the Office for Recreation and Sport, Walking and Cycling SA and the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI). At the DPTI, specific meetings were held with the Open Space, Walking and Cycling, and Strategic Planning sections of the department.

The Barossa Council

The growth areas forecast in the 30 Year Plan will impact on the Barossa Council. These include 300 new dwellings proposed at both Tanunda East and Mt Pleasant, with development also planned at Concordia in the longer term. Additionally, it is expected that the Gawler East project, where up to 6,000 dwellings will be built, will have an impact on the Barossa region.

Staff also saw challenges in attempting to link public realm areas within townships and key recreation facilities within them. They were also keen to know if there had been any planning around the recreational use of SA Forestry land, Warren Reservoir and the Whispering Wall.

Some of the projects that council's administration discussed included:

- The potential for further trail developments including the
 - Victoria Creek in Williamstown to link with the oval (approximate distance of 1 km).
 - Stockwell Rail corridor (parts are the Kidman Trail). There is potential to link with Truro.
 - Sections of land around reservoirs have potential as walking and bike trails.
 - Shared use path from Tanunda to Gawler (approximate distance of 27km) .
 - Cromer crossing and recreation centre (approximate distance of 1km).
 - It is also worth noting that sections of the Gawler River and the existing live rail track have been funded and were completed in 2012.
- The location of a new synthetic hockey pitch is proposed for either Stockwell or Tanunda.
- A grant is to be submitted for reconstruction of tennis courts at Tanunda Oval.
- In developing recreation and sports facilities, staff recognised detailed master plans need to be prepared. This is the case for Centennial Park, the major recreation facility in Tanunda.
- Demand from young people has been identified to develop skate parks in Nuriootpa and Angaston and consideration needs to be given to these facilities in some other townships.

The Town Of Gawler

The future development of 7,000 homes at Gawler East (Springwood) and Evanston South is seen as significant with a current population of 20,000 planned to go to 50,000 by 2030.

The swimming pool area, recreation centre and race course are the regional facilities along with major activity precincts of the cinema at the end of the main street and the Gawler River area. In regard to sport, consideration is being given to developing an oval to the east of the town.

Entry statements were seen as required at the southern entrance to Gawler.

Light Regional Council

Staff at council saw the preparation of this strategy as an important tool in assisting them in their planning - particularly in helping them to identify priority recreation and sport projects. They felt it was important that both council land and other areas that are publicly accessible should be considered in the project. The key facilities nominated within and impacting on the area included the privately owned trotting track, the Kidman, Heysen and Mawson Trails, Xavier College, the Gawler Aerodrome which is leased until 2018 and the Gawler Belt area which has a high horse population and movement but nothing defined. Opportunities exist to develop linear links along the northern section of the Gawler River and to consider linkages with the bike path on the Northern Expressway. Main street projects taking into account the public realm were nominated for consideration at Kapunda, Greenock and Freeling. Staff also noted that the structure plan for Roseworthy had been endorsed and the Council process was moving forward on that. In relation to specific sites and settlements within the council area, the following comments were made.

Kapunda

- Dutton Park and the lookout at Gundrys Hill are facilities of note.
- The 9 hole golf course is leased to golf club from Council.
- The Pines Reserve is a natural forest area with a heritage listed property on it.
- The primary and high schools both have ovals, a gym and hard court .
- The 30 metre swimming pool, which is managed by volunteers, was recently reconditioned – its ancillary services need upgrading.
- The Mine Trail in Kapunda and the railway corridor linking Kapunda to Freeling and Roseworthy are seen as important projects.

Hewett

- Space to the east of Main North Road and the river needs to be considered.
- There have been requests made for public toilets and a skate park.
- The primary school has courts and a gym.
- The staged delivery of the bike path with Gawler.

Greenock

- The Greenock Main Street is seen as a key project.
- The recreation park has some heritage listed buildings.
- There is a volunteer community group that assists.

Freeling

- Council has been approached to build a two court indoor facility at Freeling Recreation Park which is being considered for an upgrade.
- There are some playgrounds and the skate park in Freeling needs upgrading.
- The bowls club is privately owned.
- The Railway Reserve has heritage listings.

Wasleys

- Has two developments currently occurring.
- The bowling club and council oval needing reseeding.
- There are good linkages between school and the oval.

The District Council of Mallala

Staff identified that the majority of land around the coastal settlements of Port Parham, Web Beach, Thompsons Beach, Middle Beach and Port Gawler was owned by State Government. In regard to open space within the region, they noted that:

- The Parklands 21 Strategy makes comment on the Gawler River.
- There is a biodiversity corridor on Pt Wakefield Road.
- The main towns of Mallala, Two wells and Dublin each have a sports complex with an oval, tennis courts and other facilities for the community.
- The Two Wells Football Club is full and some of the Lewiston community want another club.
- Mallala Speedway is on private land.

- The main park at Two Wells is Gummo Reserve, which has historic wells and is used for events including the rodeo. Other open spaces are East Reserve and Rockies Reserve.
- The Barabba Scrub is heritage listed as is a scrubland near Dublin.

State Government (Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure – DPTI)

Input for the consultation with DPTI was provided by staff from the Sustainable Transport, Walking and Cycling branch, the Open Space unit and Strategic Planning.

Their comments focused on trails and included the following.

- Consider the Angaston - Gawler trail which has Federal Government and developer funding.
- Consider links to Jack Bobridge Trail and the Amy Gillet Bikeway that currently stops just inside study area (32km Oakbank to Mt Pleasant).
- There is a need to create better links from Stuart O’Grady Bikeway (along Northern Expressway), which currently stops outside Gawler. (This may be considered a strategic bike route/link so it may be considered for State Government funding.)
- There is potential to extend the cycle and pedestrian trail along former rail land
- Light River has potential as a recreational corridor
- Try to connect trails wherever possible with the Gawler River

4 COMMUNITY SURVEY

With 29 responses to the survey received, information from this consultation is not statistically valid and could potentially bias the overall responses gained through other forms of community engagement. It is however interesting to note the perspectives of those that did participate.

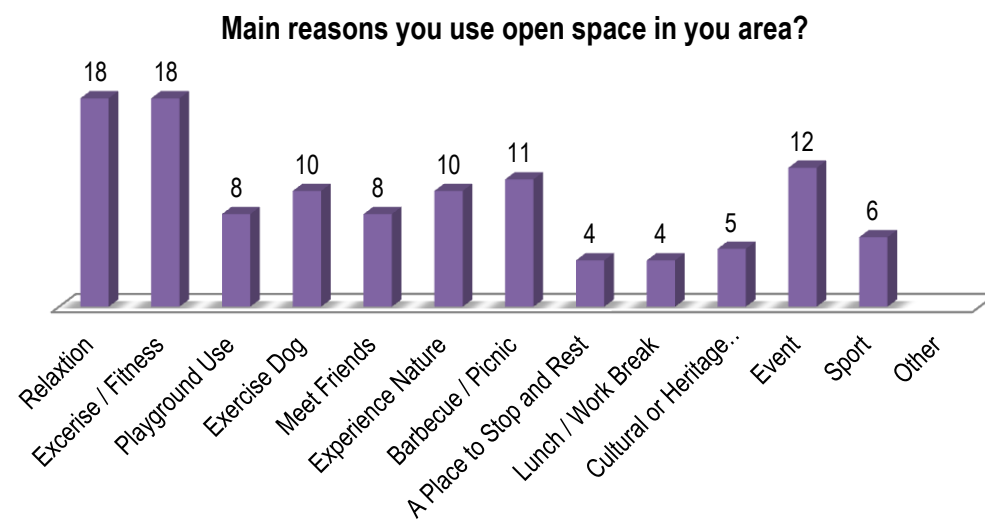
4.1 About the Respondents

Of those that participated nine were from the Barossa Council, 11 from District Council of Mallala, three from Light Regional Council, three from Town of Gawler and one was unknown. Relative to the response rate, the majority of responses were from Two Wells and Lewiston in the District Council of Mallala and eight from Nuriootpa and Tanunda in the Barossa Council. In relation to gender, 52% were female, 41% were male and 7% did not specify. The majority of responses were received from people aged 35 – 79 years.

4.2 Key Points from the Survey

Open Space

A small majority of people (58%) felt that there was sufficient open space in their area – 42% believed there was not enough.

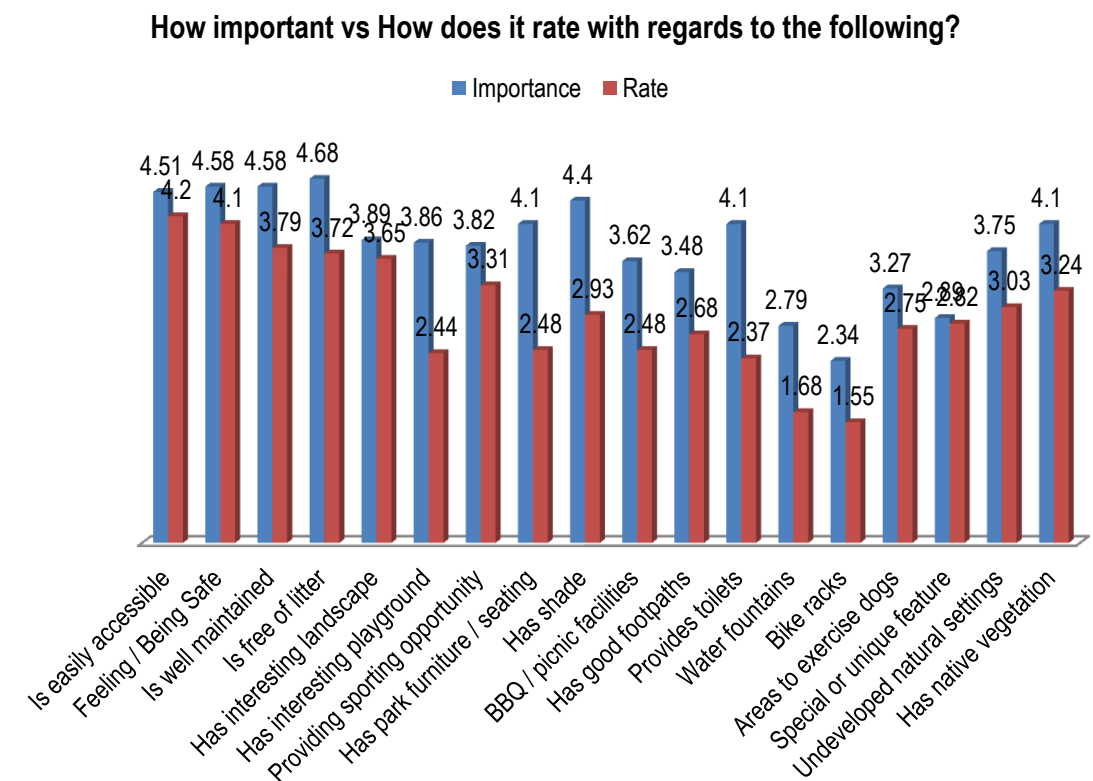


The main reasons people used open spaces were for relaxation, exercise and fitness. Secondary uses were visiting the playgrounds, exercising dogs, meeting friends, experiencing nature, picnicking and BBQs, and attending events.

People identified that a number of criteria were important when they used parks and gardens.

- Of most importance was cleanliness and the area being litter free, that it is well maintained, that people feel safe when using the space, it is easily accessible and that it has shade, seating, toilets and native vegetation.
- Next important was providing interesting landscapes, natural vegetation and play equipment, providing opportunities for sport, BBQs, picnicking and dog exercise, and that the spaces have good footpaths.

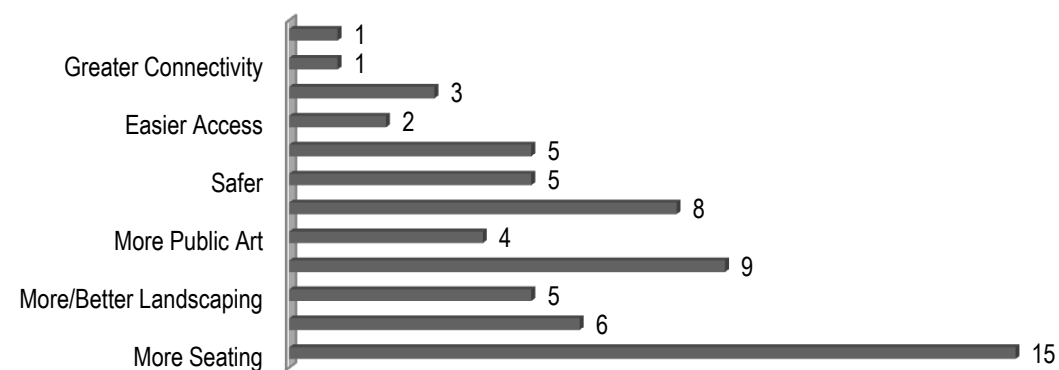
People rated the provision of each of these criteria against their view on the importance of the provision. The provision was on average 22.5% less than the importance placed on it. The most significant differences being in providing interesting playgrounds, seating and furniture, shade, BBQ and picnic facilities, public toilets and water fountains. A number of people chose not to ride or walk to parks because of concerns around safety.



Public Realm

Most people stated that to improve the public realm, more seating was the most important requirement. Second was more shade and better play equipment. A better standard of seating and landscaping were identified as being required along with needing to feel safer and to have more greenery, public art and toilets.

How could your local public realm spaces be improved



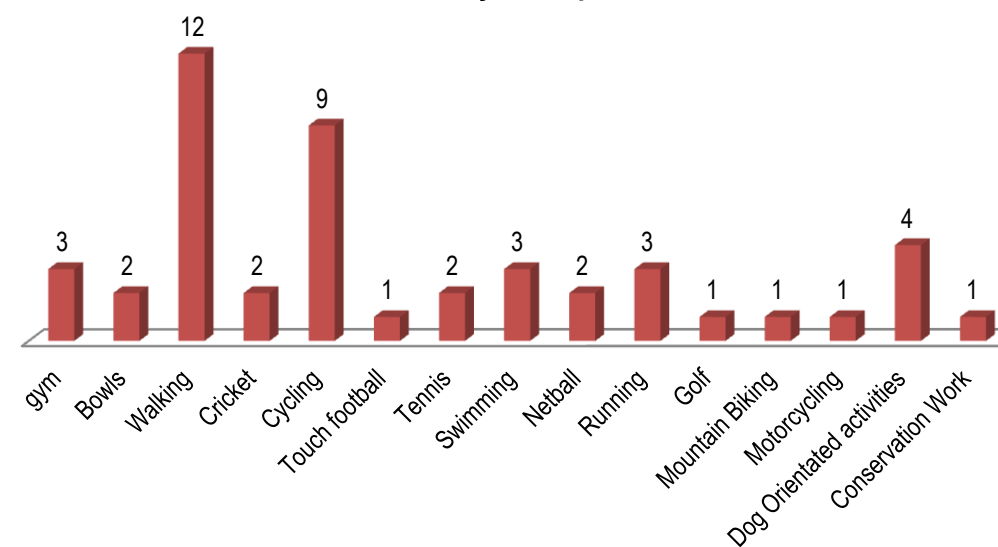
Further feedback identified the following.

- Main Street Layout and Feel - The majority of people felt they were average (42%) with 24% seeing them as poor and 17% saying they were excellent.
- General Town Character and Feel - The majority of people felt it was average (35%) with 31% seeing it as poor and 31% saying excellent.
- Outdoor Dining including coffee shops and kiosks - 45% felt it was poor, 38% average and 10% excellent
- Public Art was seen as poor by 41%, average by 21% and excellent by 7%
- Trees and Landscaping – 39% felt it was poor, 22% average and 39% excellent
- Traffic Calming Measures - 35% felt it was poor, 38% average and 10% excellent
- Town entrances were seen as poor by 42%, average by 24% and excellent by 17%
- Footpaths and Cycle ways - 38% felt it was poor, 35% average and 24% excellent
- Events and activities was seen as poor by 38%, average by 34% and excellent by 21%
- Safe Pedestrian areas - 41% felt it was poor, 41% average and 4% excellent
- Community meeting Spaces - 48% felt it was poor, 28% average and 21% excellent
- Public Toilets – 34% saw them meeting need and 34% not meeting need
- Car parking – 59% saw it meeting need with 10% not meeting need

Recreation and Sport

All but one participant was involved in a club as a player, parent, coach, official or volunteer. The highest activities participated in were walking and cycling. Dog orientated activities, running, swimming and gym were other popular pursuits.

Choice of activity in the past 12 months



In regard to facilities, other responses included:

- Sports lighting was seen as meeting or exceeding need by 59% with 19% believing it did not.
- Playing surfaces- 50% felt they met or exceeded needs, 21% did not
- Club rooms were seen as meeting or exceeding need by 59% with 18% believing they did not
- Training facilities were seen as meeting need by 45% with 17% believing they did not
- Change facilities met or exceeded 41% of expectations with 17% not meeting need
- Spectator facilities – 48% felt they met need, 17% did not
- Provision of Family Areas – 55% felt they met need, 10% did not
- Storage areas met need for 55% and not for 14%.

5 KEY THEMES AND FINDINGS

The key findings have been identified through consultations and grouped in council areas. Within these groups they have been placed into Open Space, Sport and Recreation, Public Realm.

5.1 Across the Region

Open Space

- Consider the Angaston - Gawler trail which has Federal Government and developer funding.
- Consider links to Jack Bobridge Trail and the Amy Gillet Bikeway.
- Create better links from Stuart O'Grady Bikeway along Northern Expressway.
- Try to connect trails wherever possible with the Gawler River

Recreation and Sport

- Have input into Motor Cycling SA's Off Road Strategy
- When planning new developments, consider demand and requirements for field sports including Australian Rules football and soccer
- Work with peak bodies and groups to identify specific actions to support walking including:
 - the provision of safe walking trails
 - identifying and securing land suitable for the development of trails
- Horse and equestrian issues are being identified through the current preparation of Horse SA's Facilities Strategy. Particular matters requiring attention include:
 - Keeping horses on council owned community land
 - Establishing specialised equestrian and horse keeping precincts and securing horse club areas through planning regulations and zoning.
 - Having access to places to ride horses - developing and maintaining marked horse trails
 - State and regional level facilities are required with covered arenas - ideally provision is made in both the hills and plains areas
 - Develop local facilities/ infrastructure to keep and agist horses and exercise and events.
 - Existing facilities require access to appropriate levels of water for turf management.
 - Securing tenure for existing equestrian facilities
 - Consideration needs to be given to establishing shared use of facilities as well as understanding that some activities have specific needs and requirements
 - Road and traffic designs should consider horses and other non-motorised transport
 - Links to beachside opportunities need to be maintained and promoted

5.2 Barossa Council

Open Space

- Activate parks and reserves
- Create strong linkages between parks and other key destination points
- Review play spaces within the area
- Investigate opportunities for greater access to reservoirs and Forestry SA land

Public Realm

- Create public areas of activation within towns
- Link public realm areas within townships where possible
- Develop or enhance elements of public realm in the following areas:
 - Manglers Hill lookout and the sculpture park
 - Views from the top of Rifle Range Road
 - Tanunda rotunda area
 - Barossa Bush Gardens
 - Williamstown area near the hotel
 - The turn off to the Mt Pleasant Creek area and the Mt Pleasant showgrounds

Recreation and Sport

- Investigate opportunities for sports hubs and shared use within the region
- Promote and support bicycle tourism
- Skate and youth parks need to be considered
- Move to complete the installation of a hockey facility with synthetic pitches and lighting
- Continue to work with Tennis SA to develop tennis and netball courts in Tanunda
- Prepare master plans for recreation and sports facilities in key townships – Centennial Park, as the major recreation facility in Tanunda is a priority
- Develop skate parks in Nuriootpa and Angaston and consider youth parks in other towns.
- Work with Williamstown Horse and Pony Club to establish connecting trails within the area.
- There is potential for trail developments including the:
 - Victoria Creek in Williamstown to link with the oval (approximate distance of 1 km).
 - Stockwell Rail corridor (parts are the Kidman Trail). There is potential to link with Truro.
 - Sections of land around reservoirs have potential as walking and bike trails.
 - Shared use path from Tanunda to Gawler (approximate distance of 27km) .
 - Cromer crossing and recreation centre (approximate distance of 1km).

5.3 The Town of Gawler

Open Space

- Investigate more passive open space around Gawler River area suitable for young families
- Ensure open space is safe and secure for all users
- Review the concepts relating to the realignment of the Gawler River around Goose Island
- Review use of Connolly Park
- Review the open space provision at Kudla.
- Introduce fitness stations at local parks

Public Realm

- Investigate the need for public toilets and change facilities
- Identify opportunities to develop the ambience of Gawler and the main street including markets, speed reduction in the main road and redevelopment of town hall and library
- Consider safe road crossings
- Consider bike lanes for main streets
- Review signage in towns and main streets
- An entry statement is required for the southern entrance to Gawler

Recreation and Sport

- A new playing field is required on the eastern side of Gawler
- Review the recreation centre and swimming facilities provision in Gawler
- Master plan the Gawler River Precinct including sport, recreation and aquatic facilities and passive areas
- Consider the requirements of Gymnastics SA, Netball SA, Skate SA and Athletics SA when planning for recreation and sports facilities
- Work with BMX SA to identify opportunities to upgrade its facilities

Biodiversity

- Investigate potential upgrades to the Gawler River to support environmental and amenity outcomes

5.4 Light Regional Council

Open Space

- Create more trails and linking networks within townships
- Develop the rail reserve from Kapunda to Freeling as a trail
- Light River has potential as a recreational corridor
- Develop a bike trail with Gawler
- Develop more rest spots along the Heyson and Mawson Trails in the region
- The Mine Trail in Kapunda should be maintained and upgraded
- Develop linear links along the northern section of the Gawler River and consider linkages with the bike path on the Northern Expressway.
- Consider more open space on the eastern side of the main road
- Review use of open space in Greenock
- Review the design and landscape of Mattisky Reserve including links and connections
- Review use and amount of open space in Roseworthy – including number of play spaces.
- Investigate demand for a youth and skate park in Hewett
- Upgrade the play spaces and skate park in Freeling

Public Realm

- Investigate entry statements at townships
- Look at landscaping and tree scapes of townships
- Identify opportunities to enhance the public realm at Wasleys
- Identify opportunities for installation of Community and Public Art in Kapunda
- Consider improvements to civic areas in Kapunda main street to support public events
- Improve signage on the Kapunda Heritage trail and from the caravan park
- Review trail network at the Kapunda Mine walking trail
- Undertake main street projects at Kapunda, Greenock and Freeling

Recreation and Sport

- Investigate demand for indoor recreation facilities at Freeling and Roseworthy
- Review recreation and aquatic facilities and demand at Kapunda – consider shared use.
- Upgrade the ancillary services of the Kapunda Swimming Pool.
- Undertake turf maintenance at Wasleys Bowling Club and the oval.

5.5 District Council of Mallala

Open Space

- Consider developing Urban Landscape Design Guidelines to guide specific open space landscaping development
- Develop principles and policies for the use of storm water on council reserves
- Review vehicle access to council reserves – particularly in coastal areas.
- Develop policy for the acquisition and disposal of open space
- Apply the Open Space classification requirements to guide the development of open space

Public Realm

- Consider developing civic spaces for community events
- Introduce entry statements at township gateways
- Review parking strategies for town parking
- Encourage travellers on Highway 1 to stop in Two Wells and Dublin by introducing signage

Recreation and Sport

- Investigate the future and security of facilities established on Crown land within the region including the trotting track and dog park
- Better promote existing recreation facilities in the area
- Consider the location of play spaces and the inclusion of this equipment at district level sporting grounds and facilities
- Assess demand for a youth park
- Identify existing and future demand for indoor recreation and aquatic facilities in the area
- Identify existing and future demand and feasibility of establishing further playing fields and club facilities in Lewiston
- Review provision of horse trails in Lewiston and other equestrian facilities in the council area - consider opportunities at Two Wells
- Work with SA Rifle Association to identify opportunities to develop facilities at Lower Light
- Work with Northern Districts Show Jumping Club to identify opportunities to secure land for a home.