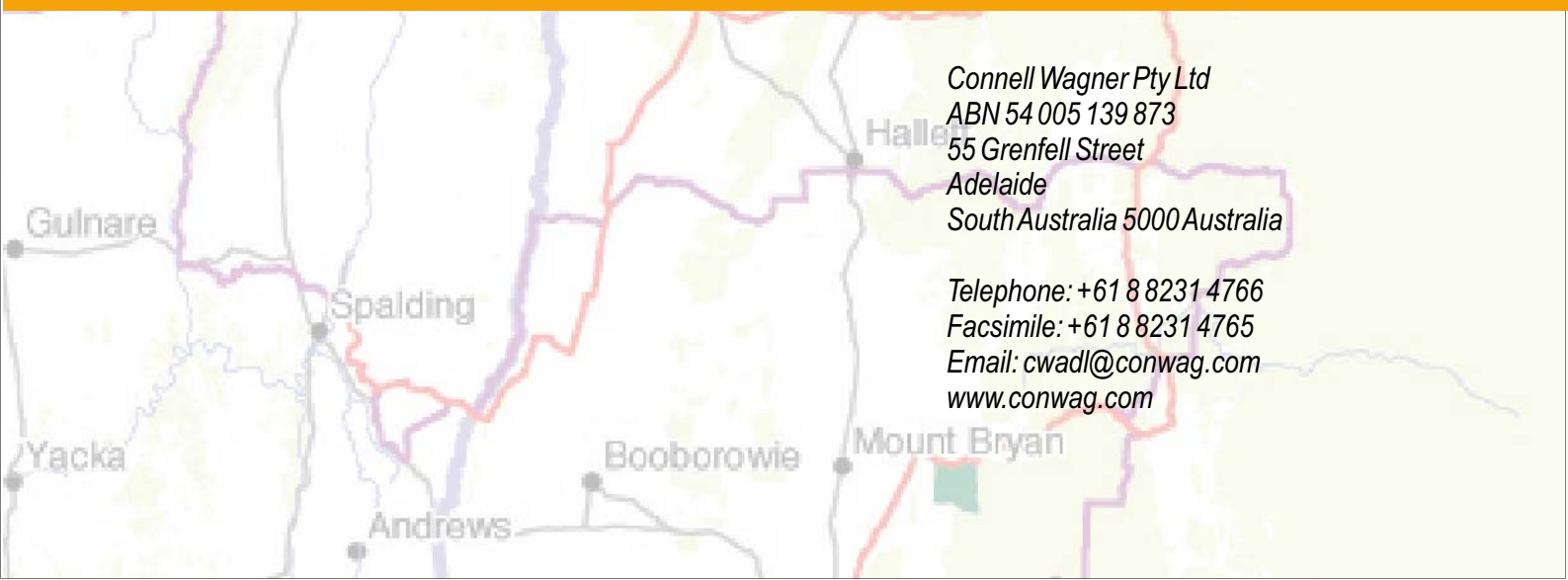


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- Northern Areas Council
- Regional Council of Goyder

Stakeholders including State and regional sporting agencies and representatives of the general sporting community.

## 1. Strategy Purpose

### 1.1 Introduction

The Mid North Region Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy was commissioned by the Office for Recreation and Sport (ORS), Planning SA and the five local government authorities that make up the region, ie, the District Council of Clare and Gilbert Valleys, the Regional Council of Goyder, the Northern Areas Council, the District Council of Peterborough and the District Council of Orroroo Carrieton.

The purpose of the strategy is to provide each of these major stakeholders and indeed all other organisations within the region that are involved with or have an impact on the development or operation of recreation, sport and open space, with a framework designed to guide future decision making surrounding the allocation and priority of available human, physical and financial resources.

It represents one of several such strategic decision making frameworks that have been developed for other regions of rural and metropolitan South Australia.

The consultant team undertook extensive consultation within the community to determine the issues and opportunities that face the region in relation to recreation, sport and open space. The outcome of this exercise which is described in more detail in the volume entitled *Issues Paper*, formed the basis for the development of a series of objectives and actions which are the main planks of the strategic plan.

Whilst the output of the exercise is essentially a regional strategy for the Mid North, an important driver has been the identification of issues and opportunities at the local level for each of the five respective Council areas. In this way the exercise has provided the opportunity to address needs from a local perspective yet also encourage an overall regional approach at both the State and local government level towards future recreation, sport and open space provision.

The Mid North is a large and diverse region in which each Council experiences unique demographic, sociological and geographical influences in relation to the provision of recreation, sport and open space opportunities. Nevertheless, a common theme is the need to encourage greater participation in physical activity and healthy lifestyles throughout the region.

### 1.2 Methodology

Figure 1 below illustrates the framework that has been used in developing the strategic plan for the Mid North Region.

The first step in the exercise was to determine the current situation across the region by addressing the question *Where are we now?*

The research and consultation process undertaken, enabled the consultant team to obtain an understanding of the major issues facing recreation, sport and open space at the regional level which in turn led to the formulation of a range of opportunities, being possible ways of addressing and ideally resolving the issues.

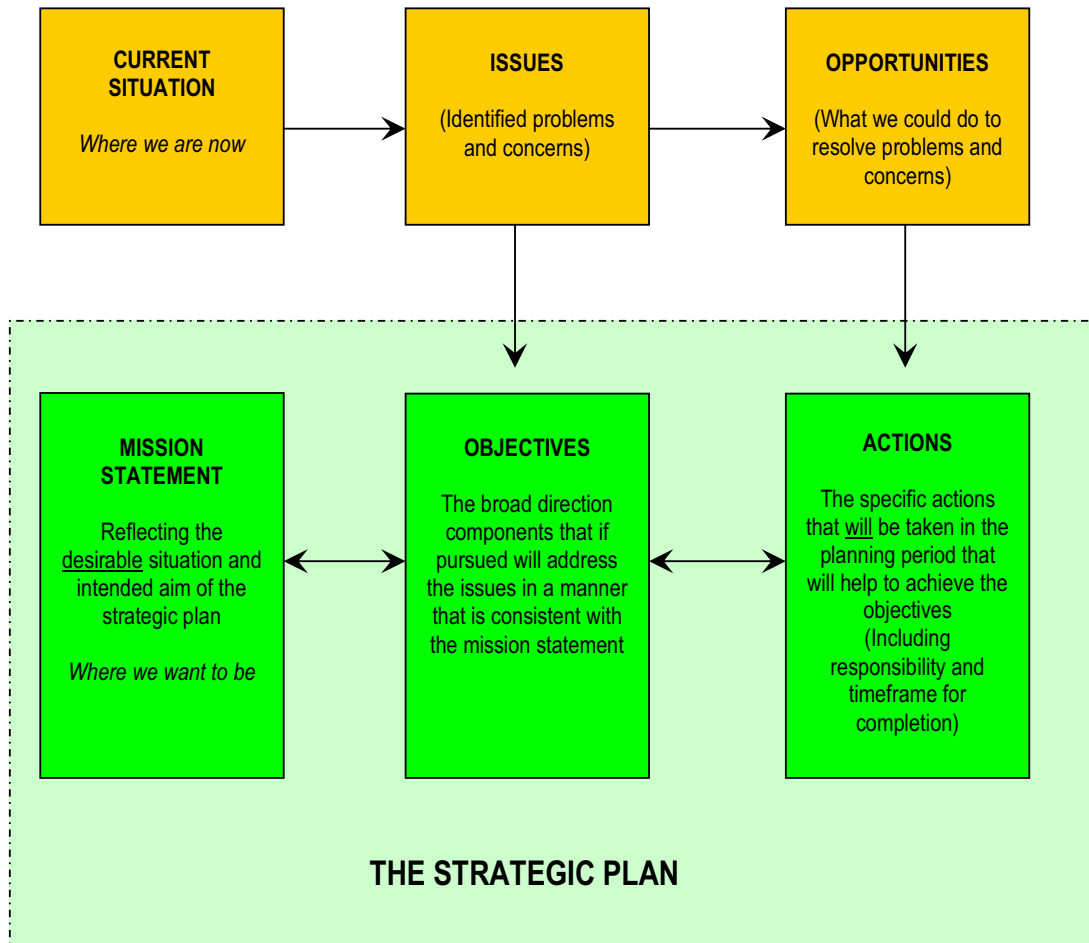
The output from the above exercise formed the basis for developing and providing input to the strategic plan which comprises:

- a *mission statement* reflecting the desirable situation and intended aim of the plan;
- a series of key *objectives* being the broad direction components that if pursued are designed to address the issues in a manner that is consistent with the mission statement; and

- specific *actions* to be undertaken throughout the course of the planning period that will help to achieve the objectives. These actions are allocated timeframes for completion and responsibilities for implementation and completion.

Figure 1

**FRAMEWORK FOR THE MID NORTH REGIONAL RECREATION SPORT AND OPEN SPACE STRATEGY**



### 1.3 Strategic Plan Development

The research and development process underpinning the formulation of the strategic plan has resulted in four key outputs from the study. These are:

1. An **inventory** of recreation, sport and open space facilities and trails distributed across the five local government areas which is contained in a separate volume. An audit was undertaken for each local government area which identified the facility, its features, the club or organisation using the facility and the hierarchy and ownership.
2. An **issues paper**, contained within another volume, which summarises the research findings of the study and the key issues confronting the region.
3. The **strategic plan**, represented in this volume which incorporates the mission statement, objectives and specific actions that need to be addressed; and
4. A **key initiatives paper** which essentially addresses two of the recommended actions in greater detail with the intention of giving them a 'kick start'.

The following mission statement has been suggested which is representative of the current objective of government to promote inclusion and healthier living through sport and recreational means.

***“Encourage healthier lifestyles for all residents and visitors in the Mid North Region by promoting and improving the opportunity for participation in quality sport and recreation.”***

## 2. Strategic Directions

The actions detailed in the tables in Section 3 are focussed on the delivery of the following core strategic directions for the region including:

- **Increased opportunities for inclusion / participation**  
Encouraging greater participation by the community in recreation and sporting pursuits with a view to increasing levels of physical activity.
- **Enhancement of facility provision, management and use**  
Devising ways of encouraging more efficient and better utilisation of facility infrastructure including how they are managed and maintained.
- **Improved communication across sport and recreation networks**  
Establishing mechanisms and procedures that encourage better communication between facility and activity providers.
- **Strategic planning for the management of sporting clubs and development of infrastructure**  
Encouraging planners and opportunity providers to take a more strategic approach towards the development of recreation, sport and open space.
- **Enhancement of open space and trails**  
Improving ways in which open space and trails can be more effectively developed, managed and used by the community for physical activity while at the same time maintaining the sustainability of these assets.
- **Responsiveness to demographic change**  
Encouraging planners and opportunity providers to take account of changing needs in the marketplace as the profile of the community changes over time..

### 3. Objectives and Actions

This section of the report outlines the key objectives and actions as they relate to the categories of sport, recreation, open space and general (ie those that have implications for the first three).

Whilst they reflect what needs to be done in a regional sense as agreed by the five local government areas, they should be considered in the context of the more specific and localised actions of the latter which are tabled in Section 3.8.

It should be acknowledged that while most of these localised projects do not necessarily address a regional issue, their collective impact can often result in the provision of benefits for the region as a whole. Furthermore their inclusion in the planning context encourages a greater sense of perceived ownership by the community.

#### 3.1 Rationale for development of actions

In formulating the actions, the study team have been cognisant of the need to ensure that they

- address issues confronting the Mid North region as a whole;
- are practical and have the ability to be achieved, given the limited financial and human resources available; and
- are capable of being measured in terms of overall performance against the strategic plan.

#### 3.2 Key Initiatives

During the course of the study, two actions from the strategic plan were identified as key initiatives for further examination and development by the study team. The initiatives selected were considered to have particular merit in addressing some of the more pressing regional issues. These were

1. The establishment of a Community Recreation and Sport Network for the Mid North Region (proposed name **MIDNET**) as a means of improving communication between the local government authorities, clubs, associations and other agencies involved with the provision of recreation, sport and open space services.
2. The preparation of a pilot **be active** communication strategy document that specifically targets the Mid North Region with a view to improving current levels of community physical activity.

Actions relating to these initiatives have been highlighted in **bold italic** text within the Draft Strategy. The Initiatives continue to be prepared and will form part of the final approved strategy.

### 3.3 Defining Terms

For the purposes of the strategic plan described in this document, the following definitions are applicable:

*Category*

Objectives and actions specifically relating to sport, recreation, open space or general (embracing all three)

*Objective*

The position that should be aimed for and that if achieved will be consistent with the mission statement

*Action*

The specific tasks that will be undertaken in the current planning period that collectively are consistent with the objectives in the strategic plan

*Responsibility / partners*

Those agencies / organisations that have the responsibility for undertaking the action within the timeframe specified

*Timeframe / priority*

The expected timeframe in which the action should be commenced and completed and its priority in relation to other actions in the plan

High	commenced /addressed immediately or within one year
Medium	commenced / addressed within years 2 – 3
Low	commenced / addressed within years 4 – 5
Ongoing-	in progress now and into future

Legend

ORS	Office for Recreation and Sport
PSA	Planning SA
DECS	Department of Educations and Children's Services
DEH	Department of Environment and Heritage
NP&W	National Parks and Wildlife
MIDNET	Proposed Mid North Community and Sport Network
TSA	Transport SA
MNRDB	Mid North Regional Development Board
SFRDB	Southern Flinders Regional Development Board
ASC	Australian Sports Commission
SSA	State Sporting Associations ( e.g SANFL, SACA, SANA, Swim SA, SATA)
SRV	Sport and Recreation Victoria
CGV	District Council of Clare and Gilbert Valleys
NAC	Northern Areas Council
RCG	Regional Council of Goyder
DCP	District Council of Peterborough
DCOC	District Council of Orroroo Carrieton
RTMC	Riesling Trail Management Committee

3.4 Actions - Sport

CATEGORY	OBJECTIVE	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY / PARTNERS	TIMEFRAME / PRIORITY
S1 Declining membership	To arrest the trend of declining membership in sporting organisations by encouraging sustainable structures and practices that will help promote the development of sport and physical activity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At every opportunity, encourage existing and newly developing clubs to make their organisations more attractive for potential members by                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ introducing incentive schemes to attract volunteers and players</li> <li>○ encouraging short term commitments from volunteers for specific tasks</li> <li>○ providing opportunities for casual involvement as well as structured competitive involvement in the sport</li> <li>○ promoting the social benefits associated with being a member of a sporting club</li> <li>○ providing family friendly environments</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Embrace and enhance the initiatives introduced by the Australian Government to increase physical activity amongst school children (the Active After-school Communities Program) by developing opportunities for them to join a club and extend their physical activity pursuits</li> </ul>	Councils Clubs / Associations ORS	HIGH ONGOING
SPORT			Clubs / Associations ORS ASC DECS Mid North schools	HIGH

CATEGORY	OBJECTIVE	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY / PARTNERS	TIMEFRAME / PRIORITY
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote events designed to appeal to the wider community with a view to attracting additional members to existing clubs and motivating interest in the development of new clubs including                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Come and Try days</li> <li>○ Sporting clinics</li> <li>○ Games with modified rules that require less time commitment</li> <li>○ The programming of activities outside traditional time slots</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Clubs / Associations ORS	HIGH
S2 Administration	To change the negative perception surrounding the issues of insurance and declining volunteer support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify ways of motivating inactive people to participate in a sporting activity as a means of becoming physically active. Utilise available resources and programs including the <b>be active</b> campaign and the <b>Move it. Making communities active grant program</b>.</li> <li>• Increase the awareness within the region of the availability of various education programs and an information package provided through the Office for Recreation and Sport and State Sporting Associations on risk management, public liability and club administration.</li> </ul>	Councils Clubs / Associations MIDNET*	HIGH / ONGOING

CATEGORY	OBJECTIVE	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY / PARTNERS	TIMEFRAME / PRIORITY
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage clubs to pursue advantage of the benefits of affiliation with their peak representative bodies particularly where they can take advantage of cheaper 'blanket insurance' schemes.</li> </ul>	SSA Councils MIDNET	MEDIUM
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct at least one regional forum per year where representatives of sporting organisations are invited to share and discuss issues and ideas surrounding club administration.</li> </ul>	Councils Clubs / Associations	HIGH
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At every opportunity, promote the benefits associated with volunteering and in particular, encourage clubs to utilise the resources relating to volunteerism offered by the Office for Recreation and Sport (see Training and Development module on website <a href="http://www.recSPORT.sa.gov.au">www.recSPORT.sa.gov.au</a>)</li> </ul>	Councils ORS	MEDIUM / ONGOING
S3 Facilities	To provide a financially sustainable and equitable distribution of sport and recreation facilities that will meet the needs of the region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake studies within each of the Mid North region local government areas that will identify the 'real' costs of facility provision and maintenance. This will provide planners and decision makers with a realistic foundation upon which to allocate resources for future facility infrastructure provision.</li> </ul>	Councils	HIGH

CATEGORY	OBJECTIVE	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY / PARTNERS	TIMEFRAME / PRIORITY
	To design and implement efficient and effective structures for the management and long term maintenance of sport and recreation facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake a review within each of the Mid North region local government areas of the existing tenancy arrangements between Councils and clubs for use of facilities. This will provide a realistic foundation for identifying opportunities for more efficient and effective management structures between land owners and users.</li> </ul>	Councils	HIGH
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wherever possible, plan for the development of new multi-use regional facilities that will benefit a wider range of users and have the potential to be more operationally efficient.</li> </ul>	Councils – particularly CGVC and NA Councils	HIGH
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake a review of facility usage within each of the Mid North region local government areas and identify opportunities to increase utilisation by                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>encouraging different uses</li> <li>promoting night time activities</li> <li>upgrading facilities and improving the attractiveness of the facility environment</li> <li>facility sharing where appropriate.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Councils	MEDIUM
S4 Junior development	To continually improve opportunities in the region for the promotion and development of junior sport.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a junior scholarship award scheme with the assistance of business sponsors seeking to improve their regional profile</li> </ul>	ORS State Associations	MEDIUM

CATEGORY	OBJECTIVE	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY / PARTNERS	TIMEFRAME / PRIORITY
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake a study to explore the potential for the development of a Mid North Regional Sports Academy. The Academy would help to promote the development of junior sport in the region and assist those identified as having potential to pursue appropriate pathways to the elite levels</li> </ul>	ORS SSA's	MEDIUM
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use the Mid North Games as a showcase for junior sport and as a fundraising opportunity to assist talented athletes</li> </ul>	Clubs / Associations MNG Organising Committee	MEDIUM
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work closely with State and Regional Sporting Associations to promote junior sport competition within the region as well as providing elite pathways for those with talent.</li> </ul>	Clubs / Associations	ONGOING
S5 Financial sustainability	To ensure that sporting clubs embrace smart management practices and achieve financial sustainability for their long term survival  To ensure the existence of an equitable and flexible capital funding program that will support the provision of an efficient facility infrastructure for organised sporting activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote the advantages and encourage clubs within towns to work together through strategic partnerships on income generating ventures</li> </ul>	Councils ORS	HIGH / ONGOING
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote the benefits for clubs to take advantage of courses that provide learning opportunities relating to club administration and sound financial management</li> </ul>	ORS MIDNET SSA	HIGH / ONGOING
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work closely with funding agencies and demonstrate a willingness to design and pursue facility development proposals that will be financially sustainable from an ongoing operational perspective.</li> </ul>	Councils Clubs SSA	HIGH / ONGOING

CATEGORY	OBJECTIVE	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY / PARTNERS	TIMEFRAME / PRIORITY
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and improve the management efficiency and tenancy arrangements at the two regional sporting hubs (Clare and Jamestown) and establish as best practice examples for clubs and facilities at the local level. (See also S3)</li> </ul>	Councils particularly CGV and NA Councils	HIGH
S6 Facility sharing	To create an environment where sporting clubs and the general community are positive about implementing change designed to improve the sustainability and long term survival of structured sporting activity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage sporting clubs and Councils to work more cooperatively together in relation to                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>strategically planned clubs and facility developments</li> <li>the preparation of applications for grant funding assistance</li> <li>the shared use of facilities</li> <li>the creation of shared use 'umbrella' management structures</li> <li>insurance and risk management</li> <li>asset management</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Councils ORS MIDNET	HIGH ONGOING

3.5 Actions - Recreation

CATEGORY	OBJECTIVE	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY / PARTNERS	TIMEFRAME / PRIORITY
R1 Changing activity patterns	Achieve healthier living by enhancing opportunities for unstructured and individual forms of recreation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Councils and Department of Environment (DEH) to combine to hold free entry days and guided tours of conservation parks promoting recreational activity in association with awareness of biodiversity, conservation and enhancement of local open space areas</li> <li>Using local media, websites, brochures and community newsletters, promote the role of local parks, facilities and trails in enhancing the well being and lifestyle across community groups including employers and students.</li> <li>Each Council to seek funding for the enhancement of one town park or reserve that has regional significance that could include multi-use opportunities such as, trail upgrades, exercise facilities and a sporting feature e.g basketball / netball (half) court.</li> <li>Undertake safety audits and disability compliance audits of local parks</li> <li>Implement regulations requiring smoke and drug free indoor and outdoor recreation and sports areas.</li> <li>Councils to encourage cross promotion of parks in other towns / councils to generate recreational activity and stimulate interest in open space and parks across the region</li> </ul>	Councils DEH	MEDIUM
			Councils ORS	MEDIUM
			Councils ORS PSA	HIGH
			Councils	HIGH
			Councils	HIGH
			Councils MIDNET	LOW

RECREATION

CATEGORY	OBJECTIVE	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY / PARTNERS	TIMEFRAME / PRIORITY
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Designate specific parks in which to conduct low-impact health and recreation activities for the elderly, such as walking groups, tai-chi and yoga.</li> </ul>	Councils MIDNET	MEDIUM
R2 Facility availability	Maximise opportunities for co-use of facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide free (unstructured) recreation facilities in selected parks and open space areas, e.g. basketball half-courts, linear bike paths, volleyball courts, skate facilities.</li> <li>Design parks and reserves to accommodate a wide range of features to maximise potential for social inclusion. Features may include day and night activities including water fountains, amphitheatres for night time cinema, disabled access, and promote safety and community ownership through public art.</li> <li>Identify examples of where and why co-use of facilities has successfully occurred. Identify potential of local school facilities to host sporting and recreational activities.</li> <li>Where fees for use of recreational facilities are required, review fee structures so as to not discourage use and which directly contribute revenue towards enhancement of recreational facilities.</li> <li>Undertake targeted consultation with community sporting and recreation groups to identify opportunities for multi-use e.g. use of under utilised sporting clubrooms for less active sports (eight-ball, darts, community groups)</li> </ul>	Councils MIDNET PSA	ONGOING
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify examples of where and why co-use of facilities has successfully occurred. Identify potential of local school facilities to host sporting and recreational activities.</li> </ul>	Councils ORS DECS	MEDIUM
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where fees for use of recreational facilities are required, review fee structures so as to not discourage use and which directly contribute revenue towards enhancement of recreational facilities.</li> </ul>	Councils	HIGH
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake targeted consultation with community sporting and recreation groups to identify opportunities for multi-use e.g. use of under utilised sporting clubrooms for less active sports (eight-ball, darts, community groups)</li> </ul>	Councils ORS MIDNET	HIGH

CATEGORY	OBJECTIVE	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY / PARTNERS	TIMEFRAME / PRIORITY
R3 Better use of open space networks	Promote existing open space opportunities for their recreational value by developing supporting infrastructure to encourage improved usage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake a review of the following Conservation Parks for accessibility (including disabled access) and potential to accommodate day and night visitors.                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moroka CP</li> <li>Red Banks CP</li> <li>Black Rock CP</li> <li>Spring Gully CP</li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p>Note -Consideration to be given to potential impact on biodiversity values.</p>	Councils ORS DEH PSA	HIGH
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess key areas of open space (local, regional) for proximity to activity areas, tourism assets, road and rail infrastructure, and major recreation features (e.g. Heysen Trail).</li> </ul>	Councils PSA ORS	HIGH / ONGOING
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify open space areas with greatest potential to be upgraded to accommodate increased visitation, promote tourism and regional recreational experience e.g. camping, walking/cycling trails.</li> </ul>	Councils ORS PSA SATC	HIGH / ONGOING
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review provision of signage to all major trails and open space areas.</li> </ul>	Councils ORS PSA	MEDIUM

3.6 Actions - Open Space

CATEGORY	OBJECTIVE	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY / PARTNERS	TIMEFRAME / PRIORITY
O1 Trails provision	To enhance existing trails and develop new trails throughout the region to reinforce opportunities for unstructured recreation and enjoyment of passive open space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Formalise a Mid North Trails Network Masterplan which will identify the location and nature of trails across the region and be used for the promotion of recreational tourism in the region and adjoining regions trails e.g Southern Flinders</li> <li>Develop trails around country townships to link key activity areas and to include exercise circuits, interpretative facilities, signage and shared access between pedestrians and bicycle users</li> <li>Assess undeveloped road reserves and former railway lines as key connectors or trail components.</li> <li>Explore the following opportunities for new (and improved) trails of Regional significance including:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Loop trail between the Heysen Trail and Bundaleer Forest trails (Maple Walk and Conservators Hut walks)</li> <li>Extension of the Riesling Trail through to Barinna and further northwards to Spalding</li> <li>Extend the Riesling Trail to incorporate the Leasingham Winery extension.</li> <li>Enhancement of the Burra Heritage Trail</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	PSA ORS Councils	MEDIUM
			ORS PSA Councils	MEDIUM
			ORS, PSA, Councils	HIGH
			Councils ORS PSA TSA Forestry SA RTMC	HIGH

OPEN SPACE

CATEGORY	OBJECTIVE	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY / PARTNERS	TIMEFRAME / PRIORITY
O2 Preservation and protection of Open Space	Protect and preserve open space assets within the region to provide for their sustainable management and contribution to environmental recognition for the region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review existing management plans for key environmental assets e.g. Red Banks Conservation Park, Moroka CP, Black rock CP and Spring Gully CP and Burra Gorge and update where required.</li> </ul>	NP & W DEH Councils	MEDIUM
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify regional Open Space assets which do not have Management Plans and establish a program for the development of management plans for these areas</li> </ul>	NP & W DEH Councils	MEDIUM
O3 Open space	Identify a network of open space areas in the region to support tourism and recreational activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review the areas of highest impact from inappropriate vehicle and motorbike access and implement management practices to re-instate their natural condition and promote ongoing sustainable use.</li> </ul>	NP & W DEH Councils	HIGH
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase dialogue between the Department of Environment and Heritage, Forestry SA and Local Councils to develop a integrated approach to open space enhancement in each Council area</li> </ul>	NP&W DEH Councils Forestry SA	ONGOING
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare a regional Open Space Plan Amendment Report (PAR) to protect and enhance open space surrounding towns in the region</li> </ul>	PSA Councils	MEDIUM
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage the establishment of Friends Groups for Conservation Parks and key town parks such as the Friends of Burra Parks Group and Friends of Heysen Trail.</li> </ul>	DEH Councils	MEDIUM

CATEGORY	OBJECTIVE	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY / PARTNERS	TIMEFRAME / PRIORITY
networks	Promote the value of sustainable and quality open space networks to communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Actively seek the assistance of community groups to enhance local parks to assist in their management and development</li> <li>Review the opportunity to extend the Southern Flinders Cycle Tourism Development Program into the Mid North Region</li> </ul>	<p>Councils MIDNET</p> <p>SATC ORS DCOC MNRDB SFRDB</p>	<p>ONGOING</p> <p>HIGH</p>
O4 Enhancement of open space	Enhance open space to improve visitation and aesthetic value to the Mid North Region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review the potential for existing regional / state trails in promoting overnight stays and where gaps exist identify opportunities to promote overnight camping locations and/or linkages to existing tourist accommodation</li> <li>Review existing open space and trails for the potential to host local/regional/state sporting events associated with pedestrian/cycling activities</li> <li>Encourage SA Water to explore potential for improved access to regional reservoirs such as Beetaloo, Baroota and Bundaleer.</li> <li>Identify opportunities to enhance access and use of key open space assets through the sustainable design and development of infrastructure (paths, roads, sewerage, water)</li> </ul>	<p>ORS SATC</p> <p>ORS Councils</p> <p>SA Water PSA Councils</p> <p>DEH Councils</p>	<p>MEDIUM</p> <p>MEDIUM</p> <p>HIGH</p> <p>ONGOING</p>

CATEGORY	OBJECTIVE	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY / PARTNERS	TIMEFRAME / PRIORITY
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop/review Open Space Masterplans for the following key town/recreation reserve parks:                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Melrose Park, Clare</li> <li>b. Victoria Park, Jamestown</li> <li>c. Pekina Creek, Orroroo</li> <li>d. Belalie Creek Linear Reserve, Jamestown</li> <li>e. Burra Linear Creek</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<p>Councils PSA ORS</p>	<p>HIGH</p>
<p>O5 Mapping</p>	<p>Improve mapping of local and regional trails and open space networks.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with Trees For Life to identify and develop a rural equivalent to The Million Trees Project particularly in denuded areas (creeks), around towns and along trails.</li> <li>• Create detailed GIS database of trails in the region including former railway corridors and township trails</li> <li>• Using the Local Projects identified by each Council in this Strategy, map the collective areas of open space development and enhancement opportunities</li> <li>• Each Council to participate in the development of an integrated municipal open space map which can be themed to extend across the Mid North Region. Each map can detail the availability of picnic facilities, disabled access and highlights such as scenic views or walking trails.</li> </ul>	<p>Councils DEH Trees For Life</p>	<p>MEDIUM</p>
			<p>Councils PSA</p>	<p>HIGH</p>
			<p>Councils PSA</p>	<p>HIGH</p>
			<p>Councils PSA</p>	<p>LOW</p>

3.7 Actions - General

CATEGORY	OBJECTIVE	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY / PARTNERS	TIMEFRAME / PRIORITY
G1 Isolation / transport access and access	Improve intra-regional transport systems. Adopt a coordinated approach to transport provision across the Mid North region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilise local media and community notices to actively promote the benefits of car pooling across sporting clubs and organisations</li> </ul>	Councils MIDNET	ONGOING
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore the potential for a subsidised voluntary transport network to service junior competition and elderly activities.</li> </ul>	Councils ORS MIDNET	HIGH
G2 Population	To provide changing communities with sporting recreational and open space facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Councils and state agencies to monitor population and socio-economic changes and trends and report findings to MIDNET.</li> </ul>	Councils MIDNET ORS PSA	ONGOING
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regularly review the provision of services and facilities against population changes and socio-economic trends and identify opportunities to respond to the changing sporting and recreational needs of the communities</li> </ul>	Councils MIDNET ORS PSA	HIGH ONGOING
G3 Information / communication	Improve the level of communication between Councils / Clubs / Associations / State agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Establish a Mid North Community Recreation and Sport Network (MIDNET)</b></li> </ul>	Councils ORS	<b>HIGH</b>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Utilise MIDNET to promote and facilitate the delivery of ORS programmes (e.g. be active, Club Development Network, Active Australia Schools Network).</b></li> </ul>	ORS MIDNET	<b>HIGH</b>
<b>GENERAL</b>				

CATEGORY	OBJECTIVE	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY / PARTNERS	TIMEFRAME / PRIORITY
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish and fill a position of a Mid North Sports and Recreation Field Officer or equivalent (Regional Sports Participation Officer)</li> </ul>	ORS MIDNET Councils	HIGH
G4 Strategic planning	Promote the strategic planning of sport and recreational development to minimise ad hoc management and development of facilities and duplication of roles and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement the practice across local government of strategic planning for the development and maintenance of sport and recreational facilities.</li> <li>Promote and utilise the availability of professional assistance in government and the private sector to assist in the development of strategic plans and management of facilities and clubs</li> <li>Develop an education program aimed at sporting clubs and recreation groups which identifies the importance of strategic planning and pro-active management of cost structure (funding), and junior development</li> </ul>	Councils ORS MIDNET	MEDIUM
G5 Demographic change	Provide for a changing demographic trend through the provision of unstructured forms of recreation activities across various age groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct a strategic planning workshop in each of the 5 councils aimed at sporting clubs and recreation organisations</li> <li>Using MIDNET and State and local resources promote media outlets including websites such as ActiveAgingSA and Life. Be In It. to encourage healthier living through unstructured and individual forms of recreation and relevant programs aimed at a range of age groups.</li> </ul>	Councils ORS	HIGH

CATEGORY	OBJECTIVE	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY / PARTNERS	TIMEFRAME / PRIORITY
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote family days and 'come and try' days in each of the Council areas of recreation and activity to encourage participation and respond to the changing needs of youth, elderly and those with disabilities.</li> </ul>	Councils MIDNET ORS	HIGH
G6	Provide a network of quality swimming pools servicing local communities and offering regional benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Audit, upgrade and maintain a network of financially viable swimming facilities across the region</li> <li>Lobby the State Government and ORS to provide greater priority and an increased share of grant funding in relation to the upgrade of country swimming pools (eg the Better Pools Program as implemented by the Victorian State Government through SRV.</li> <li>Support the proposed redevelopment of the Clare Aquatic Facility as a facility capable of hosting regional events and further explore the potential for its future development as an all year round facility.</li> </ul>	Councils Clubs SSA	HIGH / ONGOING
G7	Define regionally significant facilities, which will help more clearly define the region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote the opportunity for day and evening regional standard sporting and recreation activities at Clare and Jamestown to coincide with upgrades to major recreation reserves in these towns.</li> <li>Contribute ongoing funding and support to promote the growth and development of the Mid North Games.</li> </ul>	Councils CGVC NAC ORS	HIGH
	Regional approach		CGVC NAC ORS	MEDIUM
			Councils ORS MIDNET	HIGH

CATEGORY	OBJECTIVE	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY / PARTNERS	TIMEFRAME / PRIORITY
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify a regional standard sporting or recreation event to be held in Peterborough. (e.g football, netball or cricket finals, basketball tournament, equestrian event, cycling, Mid North Games events)</li> </ul>	MIDNET ORS DCP	HIGH
G8 Economic development	Utilise sport and recreation events, facilities and opportunities as key drivers for increased tourism to the region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capitalise on increased opportunity for eco-tourism associated with cycling, walking trails and horse riding including promotion of:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heysen, Mawson and Riesling Trails</li> <li>Bundaleer Forest Trails</li> <li>Burra Gorge</li> <li>Conservation Parks</li> </ul> </li> <li>Review the timing of popular events in the Mid North (e.g. Marrabel, Spalding and Carrieton Rodeos) and roster these events to coincide with tourism opportunities including food festivals or other major sporting events.</li> <li>Identify opportunities for increased ecotourism and recreational tourism emerging from linkages with the Flinders ranges and Southern Flinders.</li> </ul>	Councils ORS DEH	MEDIUM / ONGOING
G9 School involvement	Increase the involvement of the education sector in sporting culture and the role of sports clubs in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invite sporting club leaders to talk to school children to promote the benefits of being involved in sport in rural communities</li> </ul>	Councils MIDNET SATC	MEDIUM
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify opportunities for increased ecotourism and recreational tourism emerging from linkages with the Flinders ranges and Southern Flinders.</li> </ul>	SATC DCOC SFRDB MNRDB	MEDIUM / ONGOING
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invite sporting club leaders to talk to school children to promote the benefits of being involved in sport in rural communities</li> </ul>	DECS ORS Councils Clubs & Associations	HIGH

CATEGORY	OBJECTIVE	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY / PARTNERS	TIMEFRAME / PRIORITY
	contributing to school programs. Further encourage participation in sport and recreation amongst schools. Facilitate greater coordination between schools and clubs, in terms of service and programme provision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage physical education leaders in rural communities to take an active interest in the out of school sporting community and where practical seek to build the relationships between sporting clubs and school programs</li> <li>Promote intra and inter-school activity and competition within the region and the shared use of education facilities and community sports facilities to accommodate these activities.</li> <li>Develop leadership programs for senior students e.g. coaching and officiating to encourage increased participation in after school programs.</li> </ul>	<p>DECS ORS Councils Clubs &amp; Associations</p> <p>DECS Councils Clubs &amp; Associations</p> <p>DECS ORS Councils Clubs &amp; Associations</p>	HIGH
G10 Declining Physical Activity	Use the <b>be active</b> programme and campaign to increase physical activity within the region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Implement the be active campaign through school-based promotions such as coaching clinics, local sporting clubs (players and spectators), regional events such as the Mid-North Games, and locally based sporting events.</b></li> <li><b>Promote the be active campaign to employers and employees of rural businesses through the auspices of a pilot program designed to target an increase in physical activity levels throughout the Mid North Region.</b></li> <li>Identify resources to work with the Physical Activity Council in implementing the State Physical Activity Strategy across rural areas.</li> </ul>	<p>ORS Councils Clubs &amp; Associations</p> <p>ORS Councils</p> <p>ORS Councils MIDNET</p>	HIGH  HIGH

**3.8 Local Projects and Actions**

Outlined below is a detailed list of projects and actions as identified by the 5 Councils in the region which represent significant importance in the next 1-5 years for their respective council areas. This local approach demonstrates the range of opportunities and needs required to enhance community opportunities associated with sport, recreation and open space in the region.

Although the strategy is aimed at ultimately achieving and developing a regional approach, the acknowledgement of these local projects is essential in forming the basis for developing and implementing these projects which will collectively deliver regional benefits. The identification of the local strategies in this document ensures there is local ownership in delivering the Strategy actions and this will be reinforced through the implementation of the MIDNET Community Sport and Recreation Group with the assistance of a Regional Field Officer should this latter position be achieved.

A summary of the highest priority local projects and actions across each of the Councils is shown below:

Estimated Cost	Project	Action	Responsibility / Partners	Timeframe / Priority
<b>CLARE AND GILBERT VALLEYS COUNCIL</b>				
6 million	Clare Sports and Recreation and Aquatic Centre	Tenders close in September - Council makes decision late Sept	ORS Regional Partnership CGVC	High Priority – Completion Date Oct 2006
\$150,000	Hutt River Linear Park - Stage one Clare	Development of the stage one linear trail and landscaping	PSA CGVC	High Priority – Completion date June 2006
\$20,000	Melrose Park strategic plan	Development of strategic concept plan for use at Melrose Park Current track upgrades occurring for the Clare Valley Model Engineers Model railway facility	PSA CGVC	High Priority – Completion date June 2006

Estimated Cost	Project	Action	Responsibility / Partners	Timeframe / Priority
Unknown	Land acquisition – Hutt River Clare	Development of additional stages of linear trail	PSA CGVC	High Priority – Completion date - ongoing
Unknown at this time	Auburn Pony Club	Develop Equestrian facilities including club rooms	Pony Club ORS CGVC	Medium Completion Date Dec 2007
Unknown at this time	Auburn, Saddleworth, Mintaro, Tarlee and Riverton Bowling Clubs	Wanting to upgrade greens, club rooms and multiuse facilities such as toilets	ORS Individual Clubs	Medium Unknown completion dates
\$160,000	Clare Skate Park	Installation of a skate park in Clare	ORS Community fundraising Variety Club	High - Completion date Dec 2006
\$30,000	Stockport BMX track	Development of a BMX track at Stockport	Stockport Community ORS GCVC	High – Completion date – June 2006
\$90,000	Manoora Centenary Park Recreation Ground	Upgrade and extend club rooms	CGVC Manoora community ORS	Medium – Completion date Dec 2007
Unknown	Clare Lawn Tennis Club	Development of 16 courts and new club room facilities	Clare lawn tennis club	High - Completion Date unknown
Unknown	Clare Hockey Club	Development of a hockey ground	Clare Hockey Club	Low Completion date unknown

Estimated Cost	Project	Action	Responsibility / Partners	Timeframe / Priority
Unknown	Watervale Cricket Club	Upgrade Pitch and turf	Watervale Cricket Club Watervale Community CGVC ORS	Low Completion date unknown
\$11,000	Saddleworth Recreation Ground	Playground installation	CGVC ORS Community	Medium – Completion Date - June 2006
Unknown	Riesling Trail	Extension incorporating the Leasingham Winery extension	Leasingham Wines Riesling Trail Committee	Medium – Completion Date - unknown
Unknown	Marrabel Tennis Club	Upgrade to tennis court	Marrabel community ORS	Medium – Completion Date – unknown
Unknown	Clare Motorcycle Club	Upgrade of club rooms, and development of a motorcross track	Clare Motorcycle Club CGVC ORS	Medium – Completion Date – Dec 2006
\$35,000	Riverton Swimming Pool	Upgrade to plant facilities	CGVC	High – completion date – Oct 2005
\$20,000	Watervale Sporting Complex Strategic Plan	Develop a strategic concept plan for use at Watervale Oval and recreation grounds	CGVC PSA	High June 2006

Estimated Cost	Project	Action	Responsibility / Partners	Timeframe / Priority
<b>NORTHERN AREAS COUNCIL</b>				
\$1 million	Regional Sports Stadium - Jamestown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of strategic concept/management plan</li> <li>Identify additional funding avenues</li> <li>Justify facility as being of a regional significance</li> <li>Develop funding submission for a regionally significant facility (possible opportunities exist through the Community Recreation and Sports Facility Program)</li> </ul>	Local government, ORS, Federal Government, Local sporting clubs	High. Completion early 2006
\$120,000	NAC YAC Skate Park at Jamestown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community involvement and consultation</li> <li>Identify funding opportunities &amp; develop funding submission</li> </ul>	ORS, NAC YAC	High
\$50,000	Spalding Swimming Pool major upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding being sought from ORS</li> <li>Undertake audit of facilities for compliance with safety and disabled access standards</li> <li>Develop funding submission</li> </ul>	ORS, Swimming Pool C/tee	High. Completion prior to 2006 summer
\$100,000	Jamestown Soccer Club	Changerooms and toilet	ORS, Soccer Club	High
\$100,000	Gladstone/Laura cycle link	Upgrade former rail corridor as cycle trail	NAC PSA	High
\$900,000	Gladstone School/community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sports Gymnasium</li> <li>Identify additional funding opportunities</li> <li>Develop funding submission</li> </ul>	ORS, DECS and School, NAC Sporting Club	High
\$15,000	Gulhare Football/Cricket Clubs	Oval watering project	ORS Gulhare Clubs	Medium

Estimated Cost	Project	Action	Responsibility / Partners	Timeframe / Priority
\$50,000	Laura cricket/football	Night lighting for summer training linked to heat safety policy	ORS, Laura Cricket Club	Medium
\$50,000	Spalding cricket/football	Night lighting for summer training linked to heat safety policy	ORS, Spalding Cricket Club	Medium
\$50,000	Gladstone cricket/football	Night lighting for summer training linked to heat safety policy	ORS, Gladstone Cricket Club	Medium
\$30,000	Jamestown Golf	Water harvesting & reuse to provide greens	ORS Jamestown Golf Club	Medium
\$40,000	Bundaleer Picnic reserve	Facility upgrade, including walking trails	Forestry SA ORS DEH	Medium
\$50,000 each	Washpool, Laura, Spalding, Gladstone Tennis Clubs	Court upgrades and night lighting to facilitate unstructured activity and linked to heat safety policy	ORS Tennis Club	Medium
\$50,000	Georgetown Tennis	Night lighting to facilitate unstructured activity and linked to heat safety policy	ORS Georgetown Tennis Club	Medium
\$40,000 each	Jamestown, Laura, Gladstone Cricket Clubs	Installation of turf wickets	ORS Cricket Clubs	Medium
\$20,000 each	Jamestown, Gladstone, Laura, Spalding fitness walking trails	Development of walking trails around the towns to encourage people to participate in unstructured fitness programs	ORS, Health SA, NA Council PSA	Medium

Estimated Cost	Project	Action	Responsibility / Partners	Timeframe / Priority
\$50,000	Minor town/community fitness walking trails	Development of walking trails around towns to encourage people to participate in unstructured fitness programs	ORS, Health SA, NA Council PSA	Medium
<b>ORROROO CARRIETON DISTRICT COUNCIL</b>				
\$100,000	Upgrades and maintenance for Orroroo Swimming Pool including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- shade facilities for grassed areas and upgrades to outdoor furniture</li> <li>- Automatic Chlorinator and Filtration System</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undertake audit of facilities for compliance with safety and disabled access standards</li> <li>• Prepare funding submission</li> </ul>	DC Orroroo Carrieton Orroroo Swimming Club ORS	High Completion Date November 2006
150,000	Masterplan for the Orroroo Recreational Ground, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grey Water Reuse Scheme, (estimated to save the community approx. \$25 000 p.a.</li> <li>- Improvements to playground to include shade and equipment.</li> </ul> General upgrades to improve amenity, safety and security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding submission</li> <li>• Fencing, weed management and safety management plan to be developed (includes a safety and condition audit of the existing facilities)</li> </ul>	DC Orroroo Carrieton Orroroo Carrieton Community ORS	High Completion Date end 2006
\$150,000	Enhance local walking trails to increase opportunity for passive recreation, exercise and tourism.	Develop plans identifying improvements in trail provision and visitor experience to the following parks and tourist areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pekina Creek</li> <li>▪ Bald Hill</li> <li>▪ Surrounding Orroroo and Carrieton Townships</li> <li>▪ Peka ruins</li> </ul>	DC Orroroo Carrieton ORS PSA	Medium Completion date June 2007

Estimated Cost	Project	Action	Responsibility / Partners	Timeframe / Priority
<b>REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOYDER</b>				
\$150,000	Burra Community Swimming Pool Ablution Block/Store Room Complex on-site to resolve Pool Management and OH&S issues.	Action from the 'Regional Council of Goyder –A Strategy for the Future Provision of Aquatic Facilities – November 2004' Council has set aside half cost. Design details being sourced. Grant funding to be sought.	Regional Council of Goyder ORS	Urgent March 2006
\$150,000	Eudunda Swimming Pool Replace existing sub-standard Ablution Block with new to resolve Pool Management, OH&S, Public Health and Disabled Access issues. Improve Wading Pool water circulation rate to conform to Public Health regulations.	Action from the 'Regional Council of Goyder –A Strategy for the Future Provision of Aquatic Facilities – November 2004' Council has set aside half cost. Design details being sourced. Grant funding to be sought.	Regional Council of Goyder ORS	Urgent March 2006
Unknown	Burra Heritage Trail Upgrade and re-design to provide and promote easy access for walking and cycling	Undertake review of Burra Heritage Trail product to include upgrade and re-design	Regional Council of Goyder National Trust – Burra Branch SATC	High 2006/07
Unknown	Burra Creek Linear Park Pedestrian and Bicycle Track Upgrade/install lighting Landscape to modify adjacent vegetation to improve user security/safety	Install solar lights and extra street lights where possible Produce landscaping plan and implement	Regional Council of Goyder Transport SA	High 2006

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF PETERBOROUGH			
\$100,000	Pool upgrade	Part upgrade commenced with additional work dependant on funding	Council
\$50,000	Beautification of Railway dam area includes development of dog management area and walking trails	Green Corp just completed fencing future action dependant on funding	Council PSA
\$50,000	Peterborough oval	Night lighting for summer training linked to heat safety policy	ORS, DCP
			Current & 2006
			High (2006)
			Medium

## 4. Funding

The implementation of the strategies and actions will be reliant to a degree on funding availability from the identified agencies and key stakeholders to the region. The allocation of funding resources in order for the identified strategies to be implemented, should be strategically planned in order to maximise these opportunities. This document is aimed at allowing for a clear focus on the objectives and means to achieving those objectives, potentially allowing for greater facility and service provision.

Outlined below is a range of suggested funding avenues at State and Commonwealth Government level which we have researched to assist the key stakeholders in generating and attracting financial income to provide the necessary impetus for the key priorities. .

### 4.1 Funding Programs

Program	Description
<b>Regional Open Space Enhancement Subsidy (ROSES)</b>  Source: Planning SA <a href="http://www.planning.sa.gov.au">www.planning.sa.gov.au</a>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> There are opportunities for Regional Open Space Enhancement Subsidy (ROSES) grants for appropriate identified programs. The ROSES program provides financial assistance to local government for the purchase, development and planning of regional open space.</p> <p>Subsidies are provided for works relating to conservation and recreation on public land. Projects eligible for consideration should be designed to assist in the preservation, enhancement and enjoyment of open space areas containing elements of natural beauty, conservation significance and cultural value.</p>
<b>Community Recreation and Sports Facilities Program</b>  Source: <a href="http://www.recsport.sa.gov.au/programs">www.recsport.sa.gov.au/programs</a>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> To Provide financial support for facility infrastructure that is regionally significant and serves a catchment area that normally is greater than one local government area. At a more local community level grant assistance can also be provided</p> <p><b>Funding Availability:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ up to \$300,000 regionally significant infrastructure</li> <li>▪ up to \$50,000 local community level</li> </ul>

Program	Description
<p><b>Move It! Making Communities Active Program</b></p> <p>Source:  <a href="http://www.recsport.sa.gov.au/grants-scholarships/move-it-program.html">http://www.recsport.sa.gov.au/grants-scholarships/move-it-program.html</a></p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> Initiatives and programs that aim to increase active participation by targeting specific population groups such as children, females, homeless, marginalised groups, indigenous, mature age and people with a disability.</p> <p><b>Funding Availability:</b> Some examples of previous successful applicants include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Active Ageing SA - \$16,528.00</li> <li>▪ Jamestown Peterborough Football and Netball Club - \$20,000</li> </ul>
<p><b>Active Club Program</b></p> <p>Source <a href="http://www.recsport.sa.gov.au">www.recsport.sa.gov.au</a></p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> The Active Club program provides assistance to eligible South Australian sport and/or active recreation organisations to provide quality facilities and deliver competition, and activity experiences in the community.</p> <p>The program has three types of grants, they are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Local Initiative</li> <li>2. Youth Encompassing Sport</li> <li>3. Minor Capital Works</li> </ol> <p>These grants are offered twice per financial year. The objectives of these grants is to assist, not for profit community-based sporting and active recreation organisations to develop and expand the services which they provide, thereby increasing the community's access to quality sport and active recreation activities and facilities.</p> <p><b>Funding Availability:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Local Initiative Grants – up to \$10,000</li> <li>▪ Youth Encompassing Sport Grants – up to \$10,000</li> <li>▪ Minor Capital Works Grants – up to \$20,000</li> </ul>
<p><b>Country Athlete Award Scheme</b></p> <p>Source: <a href="http://www.recsport.sa.gov.au/programs">www.recsport.sa.gov.au/programs</a></p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> The Country Athlete Award Scheme is an initiative of the South Australian Government. The scheme aims to assist junior athletes from rural areas to achieve their sporting potential. The financial assistance provided is to enable the athlete to access training and competition programs. Benefits include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A certificate and t-shirt recognising the athlete as a Country Athlete Award Scheme recipient.</li> </ul>

Program	Description
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An invitation to attend a SASI Talent Development Program and Talent Search Assessment.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Funding Availability</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to \$500 to assist with travel costs to training and competition</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tourism Development Fund</b></p> <p>Source:</p> <p>South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC)</p> <p><a href="http://www.tourism.sa.gov.au">http://www.tourism.sa.gov.au</a></p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> The Minor Infrastructure Fund provides for the development of supporting tourism infrastructure including public toilets, paths, walkways, lookouts, information bays, wayside stops, signs, entry statements and regional arrivals. Application are considered once per year with applications closing at the end of April.</p> <p><b>Funding Availability:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Minor Infrastructure Fund provides \$ for \$ assistance (up to \$50,000 per project)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Statewide Enhancement Program</b></p> <p>Source:</p> <p><a href="http://www.recsport.sa.gov.au/grants">http://www.recsport.sa.gov.au/grants</a></p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> The Statewide Enhancement Program is designed to provide assistance to active recreation and sport organisations to enable them to maintain and increase the level of participation of South Australians in physical activity. It also aims to ensure that all South Australians have access to quality programs and services</p> <p><b>Funding Availability:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Category 1, stability (up to \$20,000)</li> <li>Category 2, stability and growth (\$20,000 - \$50,000)</li> <li>Category 3, growth and development (\$50,000 - \$100,000)</li> <li>Category 4, strategic leadership (\$100,000 and above)</li> </ul>

Program	Description
<p><b>Regional Development Infrastructure Fund</b></p> <p>Source: Office of Regional Affairs <a href="http://www.ora.sa.gov.au/rdif.shtml">http://www.ora.sa.gov.au/rdif.shtml</a></p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> The Regional Development Infrastructure Fund is administered by the Office of Regional Affairs (a division of the Department of Trade and Economic Development). It offers financial assistance towards the capital cost of providing infrastructure to enable economic development in regional South Australia, in line with <i>South Australia's Strategic Plan</i>.</p> <p><b>Funding Availability:</b> grant or loan funding (or a combination of both) can be offered, for up to a maximum 50% of eligible infrastructure costs.</p>
<p><b>Strengthening Communities and Stronger Families and Communities Strategy</b></p> <p>Source: <a href="http://www.facs.gov.au">http://www.facs.gov.au</a></p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> The Stronger Families and Communities Strategy is an Australian Government initiative giving families, their children and communities the opportunity to build a better future. Funding of \$490 million has been committed for 2004-2009.</p> <p><b>Funding Availability:</b> Volunteer small equipment grants of up to \$3000 each aim to encourage and support volunteers by enabling organisations to purchase equipment that contributes to making volunteering activities easier, safer and/or more enjoyable.</p>
<p><b>Commonwealth Department of Transport and Regional Services (DOTARS)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Foundation for Regional and Rural Renewal (FRRR)</b></li> </ul> <p><i>Small grants program for small rural Australian communities</i></p> <p>Source:<a href="http://www.frrr.org.au">http://www.frrr.org.au</a></p>	<p><b>PURPOSE:</b> Currently, applications that support the following areas of interest will be given preference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community hardship in drought effected areas</li> <li>• Retention of young people in Rural and Regional Australia.</li> <li>• Resettlement of immigrants in rural Australia</li> <li>• Community Infrastructure</li> <li>• Applications from communities with a population of 10,000 or less will receive priority.</li> </ul> <p><b>Funding Availability:</b> Grants will be made in amounts up to \$5,000</p>
	<p><b>Purpose:</b> <i>Regional Partnerships</i> funding is available for projects that will strengthen economic and social growth and opportunities, improve access to</p>



Program	Description
<p><b>Regional Assistance Programme</b></p> <p>Source:  <a href="http://www.dotars.gov.au/regional/">www.dotars.gov.au/regional/</a></p>	<p>services and assist communities with planning.</p> <p><b>Funding Availability:</b>                      Applications will be subject to substantially higher levels of scrutiny where it is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● from a private sector and/or for-profit entity;</li> <li>● seeking more than \$250,000 from Regional Partnerships; and/or</li> <li>● for projects that will operate in a commercial environment.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Regional Solutions Programme</b></p> <p>Source:  <a href="http://www.regionalsolutions.gov.au">http://www.regionalsolutions.gov.au</a></p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> The Regional Solutions Programme is integrated under <i>Regional Partnerships and</i> funding is available for projects that will strengthen economic and social growth and opportunities, improve access to services and assist communities with planning.</p> <p><b>Funding Availability:</b>                      An example of funding received under the Regional Solutions Programme includes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$66,000.00 for the Port Augusta Outback Areas Community Development Trust Tourism Product Development in the South Australian Rangelands</li> </ul>
<p><b>Department of Environment and Heritage</b></p> <p><b>Program of Grants to Voluntary Environment and Heritage Organisations</b></p> <p>Source:  <a href="http://www.deh.gov.au/programs/qv/eho/index.html">http://www.deh.gov.au/programs/qv/eho/index.html</a></p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> To help eligible community based environment and heritage organisations to value, conserve and protect the natural environment and cultural heritage by assisting these organisations with their administrative costs</p> <p><b>Funding Availability:</b>                      Examples of funding availability include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Arid Lands Environment Centre Inc – (2004-05 Grant \$10,000) (2005-06 Grant \$10,000) (2006-07 Grant \$10,000)</li> <li>▪ Friends of Parks Incorporated – (2004-05 Grant \$5,000)</li> </ul>

More examples of funding can be found at <http://www.deh.gov.au/programs> and [www.grantslink.gov.au](http://www.grantslink.gov.au)



## **5. Implementation**

The Mid North Region Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy, once adopted, will be used as a key reference document to assist in guiding the future opportunities for increased participation in sport and recreation and healthier living within the Mid North Region. It is intended that economic and social benefits of this strategy will assist many towns within the region with the potential for additional benefits to surrounding regions including Southern Flinders Region, and Barossa Valley. The Strategy will provide a key mechanism for the enhancement of sport and recreation facilities and open space within the region.

A fundamental element in the success of this Mid North Region Recreation, Sport and Open Space Strategy will be the extent to which it is adopted and implemented.

The regional actions identified in section 2, represent a wide variety of actions which need to be considered over the next 1-5 year period in order to achieve the broad objectives of the Strategy. Many of these actions will require specific attention by the relevant State and local agency with these actions being critical to ensure the Strategy has regional impetus and is put into place at the outset. However, there will be instances where these actions need to be considered in conjunction with the local strategies in Section 3 and the value of partnerships across State and Local agencies will be paramount to achieving successful implementation of these.

The coordination of the five councils in the region is an important factor to achieving a regional approach to successfully implementing the objectives and actions outlined under this strategy. A coordinated approach will provide greater clarity in terms of communication with other agencies, and the implementation of actions and strategies such as funding applications.

Finally, in implementing the Strategy it is critical that the Council and State Agencies maintain strong links with the community recognising their contributions and ensuring an understanding as to the outputs of the process. Effective, continual community consultation will provide an integral part in the successful implementation of the Strategy and the objectives and actions contained within.

The implementation of the various objectives and actions will be different amongst the five Councils. Therefore the application of this strategy is to be flexible to allow for a more localised or bottom up approach to achieving the regional objectives. It is designed to be used in conjunction with community and stakeholder involvement and consultation to achieve equitable and economic provision of enhancement of open space and facility upgrades and provision.

### **5.1 Monitoring**

In order to gauge the effectiveness of the strategies and actions, it is important to maintain ongoing communication between stakeholders throughout the region. Should funding be made available for a Regional field officer, it is considered that this will be an important role in facilitating and coordinating communication between the various stakeholders. Creation of a Mid North Community Recreation and Sport Network (MIDNET) would also provide the field officer, the Office of Sport and Recreation and Planning SA the means within which to monitor, review on a quarterly basis and guide the implementation of the Strategy.