



LOXTON TOWN BEAUTIFICATION PLAN 2015-2020

**An initiative of the
Loxton Recreation
Grounds Committee**



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The Township of Loxton

Loxton is situated on the southern bank of the Murray River within the Riverland region and is only 240 kilometres east of Adelaide.

Known as the 'Garden Town of the Riverland', Loxton's beautifully maintained gardens have been adapted to the changing climatic conditions and testament to its proud community.

The Loxton district boasts first class accommodation, a nationally recognised golf course, thriving retail and business centre, wine tasting, numerous festivals and events and a variety of nature based activities.

Loxton is the largest township within the District Council of Loxton Waikerie.

Population	4365
Males	2116
Females	2249
Median Age	43

The Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee

The Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee is a Section 41 Committee of the District Council Loxton Waikerie. The purpose of the Committee is to assist the Council in relation to recreation grounds and facilities under the care control and management of Council within the Loxton township and general surrounds, specifically to:

- Provide recommendations to Council for their long term strategic management and development
- Undertake the development and coordination of identified community projects
- Provide a conduit to Council for the community

The Loxton Beautification Plan is an initiative of the Committee which aims assist the Committee fulfil its purpose as well as to assist the Council prioritise project and service delivery through its Annual Business Planning processes.

Scope of the Plan

This plan seeks to identify projects and activities that will improve the amenity and character of the Loxton Township, the boundary of the township being defined as the commencement of the 80 kilometre an hour speed zones at the entrances of the town. In particular the projects and activities are to be focused on streetscapes, parks and gardens, reserves and open space areas.

Background to the Plan

This Plan aims to ensure Council and the Committee capitalise on the many achievements already accomplished with regard to the amenity and character of Loxton. Some recent achievements of Council include:

- Improvements in stormwater management and effluent reuse that has drought proofed much of the town's reserves, parks, gardens and ovals. The town is now in a much stronger position to maintain the amenity of its recreation grounds, parks and gardens if faced with water allocation issues or drought in the future.

- Improvements to Heritage Park and the township entrance from the west.
- The development of the heritage walking trail.
- Street tree planting.
- The development of East Terrace Revitalisation Concept Plans
- Sustainable landscaping and improvements to the amenity of the roundabout precinct
- Improved footpaths and crossovers to improve mobility access around the town.

In conjunction with the initiatives identified in this Plan, Council staff will continue to maintain the parks and gardens, ovals and reserves throughout the town by meeting the service levels set by the Council and will always aim to present the town in the best condition possible within the current resource and budgetary constraints. One of the challenges faced at present is the maintenance of the subsurface irrigation which has been installed as part of the stormwater management and water reuse scheme. Council will continue to seek to continuously improve its irrigation practices throughout the town, in particular its management of the subsurface irrigation.

Objectives of the Plan

The objectives of the plan align with the objectives of the Committee, and include:

1. Focus on walking, nature and cycling trails, such as the ‘Heritage Walk’ as a central, on-going theme unifying the river and northern mallee, with East Terrace’s development being the final link.
2. Long term vegetation management and planting strategies, including street trees.
3. Focus on water saving and drought management measures.
4. Encourage and foster the continued history of community involvement in the presentation of Loxton, including but not limited to the involvement of schools and other community based organisations in the development and ongoing management of identified areas.
5. Preparation and review of strategies to enhance the visual appearance of all entrances to Loxton.
6. Complement current major projects such as; Loxton Riverfront Development, East Terrace Revitalisation, Pioneer Park Playground, Loxton Sporting Precinct Masterplan and Mill Corner Upgrade.

Implementation Plan

It is noted that the majority of projects listed in the Implementation Plan will require a risk assessment, in particular for projects that will be reliant on volunteers and service clubs, to ensure all relevant work, health and safety requirements are met.

The following table includes the key projects and activities that have been identified by the Loxton Recreation Ground Committee, Council and the community that are priorities for the beautification of the township of Loxton.

Project	Activities, Tasks, Outcomes	Relevant Objective	Potential Partners	Timeframes
Street Tree Planting Plan	Implement the street tree planting program (refer to Appendix 1 of this Plan)	2	Street tree waterers	On-going (subject to funding)

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Mill Corner Upgrade	Implement plans, earthworks, stormwater management, landscaping <i>Note: Plans currently being developed and should be completed during 2014/15</i>	3		2015/16
Centenary Park Revegetation	Revegetation and improved landscaping. This is a project whereby local schools and service clubs may wish to assist	2,4	Service Clubs, schools	2015/16
Town Entrance Statements	Paruna Road Entrance Wall – the design of the wall shall be unique and complement the character and amenity of the township entrance (refer to Appendix 3 for a concept plan of the entrance wall) – Construction Drawings, Development Approval and Costings	5	-	2015/16
	Paruna Road Entrance Wall – the design of the wall shall be unique and complement the character and amenity of the township entrance (refer to Appendix 3 for a concept plan of the entrance wall) - Construction	5	Schools, Service Clubs	2017/18
	Eastern (Berri end) Entrance Wall – the design of the wall shall be unique and complement the character and amenity of the township entrance	5	Schools, Service Clubs	2018/19
Bookpurnong Terrace Revitalisation	Implement Bookpurnong Terrace Revitalisation project (refer to Appendix 2 of this Plan)	2,5		2016/17
Landscaping of Tobruk Terrace Dam	Tree planting and landscaping to improve the amenity of the dam.	2,5	Schools, Service Clubs	2016/17
Rehabilitation of swamp/reeds at bottom of McMillan Street	Currently a project situated under stormwater management following a report to Council in October 2013 and an unsuccessful budget bid for the 2014/15 ABP. Extending the stormwater pipe, removing the reeds and replacing with landscaping will significantly improve the amenity of this location. Will complement the Loxton Riverfront project as well as the centenary Park revegetation and McMillan Street Projects.	2,6	Schools, Service Clubs	2017/18
Rehabilitation & revegetation of western side of McMillan Street above the Loxton West Dam	Improve the amenity and appearance of the car parking area opposite the mens shed. This project will complement the rehabilitation of the swamp/reeds project and the centenary park revegetation project	2,6	Schools, Service Clubs	2020/21
Upgrade boardwalk in riverfront wetlands	Boardwalks are subject to vandalism and also in need of improvement and replacement. May be subject to external funding.	1,6	Service Clubs, LAP	2015/16
Walking & Cycling Trails	Identify opportunities around the town to link current safe walking and cycling areas.	1	Service Clubs	2018/19

Summary and Ongoing Review

The implementation of this Plan will rely on broader Council priorities, budget constraints and Annual Business Planning processes as well as the engagement of relevant community stakeholders such as local schools and service clubs.

The Plan will be reviewed each year by the Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee at their meeting in February to not only assess the implementation of the Plan but to also identify and ensure any emerging priorities or opportunities are inserted into the Plan for future consideration by Council. The outcomes of the review will be reported to Council.

Appendix 1 - Street Tree Planting Program

The Loxton Recreation Ground Committee has undertaken a street tree planting program for many years, supported by a volunteer group of street tree waterers. The following table indicates the proposed street tree planting program to be implemented for the duration of the Loxton Town Beautification Plan.

Priority	Location	Activity	Number of Trees	Species of Trees
1	Paruna Road – Between railway line and Council depot on both sides of the road	This includes new street tree plantings	4	In accordance with Tree Management Policy
2	Bookpurnong Road – Between Mill Corner and roundabout (as part of Bookpurnong Road Revitalisation Project – see below)	This include new infill trees as well as replacement of dying trees & inappropriate species of trees	26	In accordance with Tree Management Policy
3	Tobruk Terrace – between Council depot and roundabout	New infill trees	16	In accordance with Tree Management Policy
4	Within the are bordered to Bookpurnong Road, Sophie Edington Drive, East Terrace and the river	New infill trees	Yet to be determined	In accordance with Tree Management Policy

Bookpurnong Road (Mill Corner to Roundabout) Revitalisation

It should be noted that street trees are proposed as part of the revitalisation of this precinct (refer to Implementation Plan for further details)

Tobruk Terrace Dam Landscaping

Landscaping and street tree planting is proposed as part of improving the amenity of the dam from view from Tobruk Terrace (refer to Implementation Plan for further details).

Bookpurnong Road, Sophie Edington Drive, East Terrace and River

The infill plantings in this section of Loxton are yet to be planned. The number of trees required and locations of infill planting will be identified and costings prepared to budget consideration prior to commencing this project.

Appendix 2 – Bookpurnong Terrace Revitalisation

The Bookpurnong Terrace Revitalisation Project, between the roundabout and Railway Terrace, includes the following:

Street Trees & Landscaping

South eastern side from Rail land to Loxton Recreation Centre

- Plant trees inside fence line (Council Land) & in Recreation Centre gardens (Cricket nets to main gate on footpath)
- No planting can occur within footpath as it is narrow in front of the Showgrounds and Recreation Centre & the Telstra Fibre Optic cable is laid in this footpath.
- Minimum of 500mm clearance needed between any planting and rear of kerbing to allow for kerb replacement if required.
- Tree's to be planted in Root Directors.

North western side

- Kerb has been replaced & root barrier installed where there are existing trees.
- SA Water/Telstra issues in parts of this footpath.
- Minimum of 500mm clearance needed between any planting and rear of kerbing to allow for kerb replacement if required.
- Tree's to be planted in Root Directors.

Overall, with regard to street tree planting,

- Consideration must be given to traffic sight lines when positioning trees in the footpaths, as these are One Way roads this will be in particularly from the oncoming traffic side.
- Trees to be interplanted with existing Claret Ash and Gawler Hybrid Bottle Brush
Replanting of the shrubs in the medium strips to also be part of new plantings.

All underground infrastructure will need to be identified prior to commencing this project as it may have implications on the location and species of trees that will be allowed.

Appendix 3 – Paruna Road Entrance Wall Concept Design

