



WAIKERIE BEAUTIFICATION PLAN 2016-2020

**An initiative of the
Waikerie District
Community Committee**



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The Township of Waikerie

Waikerie is situated on the banks of the beautiful Murray River within the Riverland region and is only 175 kilometres from Adelaide.

The name Waikerie is said to mean 'many wings', after a moth called 'wei kari', the name given by the local indigenous community.

Waikerie was established in 1894 when its first settlers arrived by paddle steamer. The town is a great place to live and visit and boasts an excellent riverfront precinct that is always packed with river users during the holiday periods.

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

Population	2715
Males	1329
Females	1386
Median Age	44

The Waikerie District Community Committee

The Waikerie District Community Committee is a Section 41 Committee of the District Council of 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 Waikerie 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 Waikerie Beautification Plan is an initiative of the Committee which aims to assist the Committee fulfil its purpose as well as to assist the Council to prioritise projects 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 Waikerie and surrounding townships. 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 Waikerie and surrounding townships. Some recent achievements of Council include:

- Upgrade of Pioneer Park with new gardens, lawn, footpath and restoration of the pump.
- Completion of Waikerie Sporting Precinct with new clubrooms, extension to Recreation Centre, additional courts, playground and sporting facilities.
- Upgrade of the George Elliot Reserve at Ramco Heights.

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 current resource and budgetary constraints.

Objectives of the Plan

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

1. Develop, review and recommend to Council an annual business plan outlining actions and measurable outcomes to the Committee purposes.
2. Preparation of a long term vegetation management and planting strategy for the areas within the management scope of the committee.
3. Preparation of a walking trail / bicycle trail(s) strategy.
4. Encourage and foster the continued history of community involvement in the presentation of Waikerie, including but not limited to the involvement of schools and other community based organisations in the development and ongoing management of identified areas.
5. Consider other plans and strategies for complementary projects into the committee's strategies (ie. Riverfront Development Masterplan, CBD Revitalisation Project).
6. Preparation and review of strategies to enhance the visual appearance of all entrances to Waikerie.

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 Waikerie District Community Committee, Council and the community that are priorities for the beautification of the township of Waikerie.

Project	Activities, Tasks, Outcomes	Relevant Objective	Potential Partners	Timeframes
Federation Park	Complete improvements within current budget allocation for 2015/16	1,2,4	Service Clubs, Schools, Historical Clubs	2015/16
Street Tree Planting Plan	Implement a street tree planting program	2		On-going (subject to funding)
Historic Plaques	Complete Historic Plaque project in 2016/17. This project has been ongoing for several years.	4		2016/17
Township Entrances	Install lighting for existing welcome to walls	6	Service Club (Rotary)	2016/17
	Install 'welcome to' Waikerie signage on approaches from Ramco and Taylorville	6		2017/18
	Improve amenity and attractiveness of intersections to Waikerie on Sturt Highway <i>Note – these intersection are controlled by DPTI so any improvements will require their approval</i>	6	DPTI	
	Improve amenity and attractiveness of roads entering Waikerie – namely lan	2,6		2017/18

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	Oliver Drive Support a signage strategy for the entrances and within the township of Waikerie <i>It should be noted this may require an overall strategy for the entire Council district and link with state wide signage initiatives. Council has adopted a Hierarchy of Signs Policy and a Finger Post Signs Policy and has endorsed the SATC Roadside Sign Guidelines to align with state wide standards and to assist with any decisions regarding new signs.</i>	6	DPTI, SATC, Destination Riverland, CBD Revitalisation Project, Waikerie Prosperity Strategy	Dependant on Council
Cycling and Walking Trail from Ramco Point to Maize Island	Develop a walking and cycling trail plan. Involving identifying existing paths/trails, areas where existing paths and trails need improvements, proposed new connection routes to link walking trails as well as street furniture, signage and seating along the walking trails.	2	Walking and cycling clubs	2016/17
	Implement the Walking Trail Plan/Strategy <i>Note this will likely need to be done over several stages and may take 5-10 years to complete</i>	2,4	Service Clubs	2017/18 to 2020/21
	Develop brochures and information promoting the walking and cycling trails	2	VIC, Tourism	
Continued implementation of the Waikerie Riverfront Masterplan	Implement further improvements and facilities to improve the amenity of the riverfront and to ensure a caravan park remains a part of the riverfront development. <i>Note – this may complement current plans by the Waikerie and Ramco Football Clubs to develop a masterplan for the sporting precinct portion of the riverfront precinct.</i>	5	Waikerie & Ramco Football Clubs	On-going
Review the location of street furniture, in particular seating, across the township	Many seats have been placed around the town due to the generosity of service clubs. It is prudent to assess the location of all seating and street furniture to determine if some should be relocated so they are in more appropriate locations.	1		2016/17
Civic Centre Parkland	Improve the amenity of the park with the installation of seating and other facilities to encourage use and enjoyment of the park. In particular the installation of lighting to improve safety and to encourage use after dark.	1,4	Waikerie Markets, Service Clubs	2016/17
Ifould Park	Improve the amenity of the park with the installation of seating and other facilities to encourage use and enjoyment of the park. <i>Note – Ifould Park may be part of future stormwater management initiatives and these may need to be taken into consideration.</i>	1,4	Service Clubs	2017/18
Sporting Precinct	Improve the amenity of the precinct with the installation of seating and other facilities to encourage use and enjoyment of the park	1,4	Service Clubs User groups of the Sporting Precinct	2018/19
Jennings Park	Improve the amenity of the park with the installation of seating and other facilities to	1,4	Service Clubs	2019/20

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	encourage use and enjoyment of the park			
Waikerie CBD Revitalisation	Keep informed of the progress of the CBD Revitalisation Project and identify any opportunities where the WDCC may be able to complement the project in other locations in Waikerie.	1,5	Waikerie CBD Revitalisation Project	On-going
Unightly Properties	Support a strategy that encourages the community to ensure unsightly properties, in particular those on the approaches and entrances to the town are tidied up by landowners. <i>Note – Council has some legislative powers to do this to an extent but this strategy/project is more about pride in how the community presents itself.</i>	6		2017/18
Swimming Pool	Support a long term strategy for the future of a swimming pool in Waikerie.	1,5	Recreation Centre Management Committee	On-going

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 Waikerie District Community 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.