

# MURRAY RIVER RED GUM TRAIL STEERING GROUP

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

Name of Committee	Murray River Red Gum Trail Steering Group (MRRTSG)
Purpose of Committee	<p>The Murray River Red Gum Trail is planned to be a new recreational trail on the banks of the Murray River from Travellers Creek (West Wodonga) to the Hume Weir. The project will link with other trails in the area including current Gateway Island trails, the Wagirra Trail and the proposed Four Hills Trail. It will become the Albury Wodonga section of the Murray River Adventure Trail.</p> <p>The MRRGTSG is a community and stakeholder-based group that will provide advice and support to Parklands Albury Wodonga (PAW) on the planning, consultation and implementation of the project.</p> <p>PAW has overall management responsibility for the construction of the Murray River Redgum Trail and is committed to working in close partnership with the MRRTSG to deliver a biodiverse high quality tourism asset for the Albury Wodonga region.</p>
Objectives	<p>To provide advice and support to PAW on the planning and implementation of the Murray River Red Gum Trail including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• project approvals, milestones and timing</li> <li>• community and stakeholder engagement and involvement</li> <li>• local landholder issues and consultation</li> <li>• input to assessment and planning requirements</li> <li>• protection of natural and cultural values</li> <li>• funding and other project support opportunities</li> <li>• promotion of information about the advantages of project in the community and</li> <li>• long term management and maintenance support in conjunction with partners.</li> </ul>
Criteria for Membership	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Involvement in groups and networks that have links to planning or activities associated with the Murray River.</li> <li>2. Well-developed communication skills, enhanced by working with the community, as well as strategic thinking skills.</li> <li>3. Interest in, or sound knowledge and understanding of the recreational and environmental issues that are relevant to local public open space planning and management.</li> <li>4. Time to contribute effectively over the next 2 years.</li> </ol>
Membership	<p>Membership of the MRRGTSG will reflect a mix of skills, experience and competencies. Ideally there will be around 8 to 10 members representing the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service providers or organisations who have expertise and experience in the provision of public land, environmental or cultural management;</li> <li>• Community members with an interest in the management of the Murray River corridor and the provision of environmental services;</li> <li>• User group representatives with an interest in relevant recreational activities or services; and</li> <li>• Local people with knowledge or skills in construction, project management or risk management.</li> </ul> <p>Selection of membership will involve calling for nominations as well as directly inviting specific representatives. Nominations will be considered against the Criteria for Membership. Nominees with relevant skills or experience may be interviewed before appointment to the Committee. The PAW Board Chair or nominee will represent the Board on the Group. PAW officers and council or state agency representatives may attend meetings but will not have voting rights.</p> <p>Appointment will initially be for a period of two years. This may be extended depending on the stage of the project.</p>

Guiding Principles	<p>The MRRGTSG will operate with the following guiding principles. We will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be inclusive, open minded and respectful of everyone’s perspective</li> <li>• challenge and explore options and opportunities constructively</li> <li>• represent and engage with integrity about the work of the group, including declaring any conflicts of interest</li> <li>• promote an open consultative approach with all stakeholders and the community</li> <li>• have a strong focus on outcomes but be realistic about what we can achieve and</li> <li>• be punctual, well prepared, timely with responses and follow through where appropriate.</li> </ul>
Meetings	<p>Meetings of the MRRGTSG will initially be held monthly or more often by arrangement depending on need. A schedule of meetings will be developed and agreed. A meeting may be cancelled or re- scheduled where key people will not be able to attend.</p> <p>Smaller sub-group meetings will be scheduled with relevant members if required.</p> <p>The MRRTSG will elect a Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson. The Chairperson will run the meeting and a minute taker will take minutes and prepare the agenda. Agenda items are to be sent to the minute taker prior to 1 week before the meeting and the agenda will be sent out in advance of the meeting. A quorum of 50% plus 1 will be applied and in the case of a tied vote, the Chairperson will have the casting vote.</p>
Reporting	<p>Minutes of each MRRGTSG meeting will be made available to the Board of Parklands Albury Wodonga.</p> <p>The MRRGTSG may consider providing a presentation / report to the Board of Parklands Albury Wodonga at key project milestones or decision points.</p>