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#### **City of Holdfast Bay Public Realm and Urban Design Team - Jetty Road Master Plan Stage 1: Chapel Plaza and Hindmarsh Lane Redevelopment**

The Chapel Street Plaza and Hindmarsh Lane redevelopment project forms Stage 1 of the Jetty Road Glenelg Masterplan.

The creation of a new plaza includes the permanent partial closure of Chapel Street adjoining Jetty Road to form a central civic space, offering a central destination, activity zone and meeting place for the community. This new plaza provides a flexible and multi-use public place and includes new seating, wayfinding, tree plantings, green shelter, artwork, creative lighting and stage structure.

Hindmarsh Lane provided an opportunity to enhance the pedestrian links across Jetty Road to local destinations and services with improvements including artwork, seating, garden beds and increased sight-lines to create a greater sense of safety. An additional amenities building was built and the refurbishment of an existing building to create a Changing Places Facility and improved parent facilities.

The improvements have enhanced the function and attractiveness of the space, providing inclusive and accessible facilities whilst contributing to the environmental, cultural, sustainability and urban amenities of the area.

Both Chapel Plaza and Hindmarsh Lane feature shady resting spots and nighttime creative and artistic lighting enabling the previously underutilised spaces to transform into a buzzing hive of activity in the heart of the Jetty Road tourism and retail precinct.

The design focused on delivering environmental and sustainable material selections that included light coloured natural stone to deflect heat, robust low life-cycle cost concrete and steel hard infrastructure, wood accents and greening to soften the spaces and LED lighting that is both functional and creative.

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### **Renmark Paringa Council Re-imagine Renmark Team - Taylor Riverfront Precinct Project**

Located on the banks of the mighty Murray and in the centre of Renmark, the Taylor Riverfront Precinct is a region-defining new feature. This previously underutilised open space has been transformed for the benefit of locals and tourists alike through a recent ground-breaking renewal.

The precinct, designed by Jensen PLUS, represents a central part of Renmark Paringa Council's Urban Design Framework. The design features the existing Harry Clark "Wine Glass" fountain and transformed it into a water play feature, along with an expansive deck out over the River, public art, sheltered barbeques, plentiful seating and cutting-edge landscaping.

The transformation of this previously underutilised space has delivered significant positive economic impact, with the use of local subcontractors injecting \$898,000 directly into the local economy and over 20 shopfronts filled since project commencement.

The successful execution of the design highlights the history and character of the region whilst offering a multifunctioning precinct, with infrastructure allowing for diversity of use, for activation all year round.

Community feedback has been positive, but the proof is in a child's face when they run through the Harry Clarke Fountain; pure happiness.

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### Light Regional Council Roads and Construction Team - Gerald Roberts Road Culvert Project

Gerald Roberts Road runs through the western ridge of the Barossa and provides a strategic transport link from the Adelaide Hills through to the iconic Seppeltsfield Road. When Council was faced with the renewal of a floodway through the Greenock Creek, it was clear that much more than a floodway was needed to cope with the increasing traffic being drawn to this area. A cost-effective solution that provided year-round access was needed.

Asset renewal funds would not be sufficient to upgrade the floodway to a box culvert, so a funding and construction strategy was developed to achieve the desired outcome.

In December 2020, Light Regional Council was successful in receiving a \$250,000 grant from the Australian Government through the Bridge Renewal Program to assist constructing the bridge.

Design works and community consultation commenced immediately after the announcement and a plan was developed to construct a large opening box culvert that improved safety for the road user whilst limiting the impact on the surrounding viticulture and tourism industries that had been heavily affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The culvert construction methodology minimised the road closure to a total of eight weeks with the project team delivering a 3.8m high bridge spanning 17m within a \$500,000 budget, enabling two-way traffic over the creek, a first for this road.

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#### **Kingston District Council Infrastructure and Assets Team - Boat Ramp on a Roll Project**

The Kingston District Council has created history by rolling out an innovative 'boat-ramp-on-a-roll', using infrastructure designed for military purposes. Council is the first in Australia to use army based amphibious technology for non-military purposes to facilitate improved beach access whilst ensuring environmental sustainability on its coast.

The Boat Ramp, made of Faun Trackway, a robust and tested heavy duty aluminium, allows for natural coastal fluctuations due to its temporary nature and can be repurposed in the off season.

Through innovation and willingness to try something different, the project has delivered above and beyond, making popular beaches accessible to conventional vehicles, where they were previously only available to 4WD owners. Additionally, emergency services and those living with a disability now have beach access, supporting the Council's motto of "the beach starts here"!

The success of this project demonstrates that infrastructure does not need to be permanent, expensive and made of bricks and mortar to delivery extraordinary results for the community.

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