Parklands Albury Wodonga Ltd

The Murray Parkways
Corryong to Wodonga to Wahgunyah

Implementation Plan for
Kiewa River 2012 to 2015

Enhancing the river environment
Improving community access
Connecting Indigenous communities to country through co-management

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Overview of Strategic Plan 2010 to 2022

This Action Plan is part of Parklands Albury Wodonga’s 2010 to 2022 Strategic Planning Process;

Strategic Plan (2010 to 2022): identifies the focus for Parklands Albury Wodonga and the *modus operandi*: a partnership culture in the planning and implementation.

Strategic Plan – Schedule of Works (2010 to 2022): identifies the key works proposed that are unique to specific sites. Whilst not stated in these works schedules, consistent and continued pest plant and animal control and fire management strategies will be required to be undertaken for the length of this strategic plan.

Action Plan (2012 to 2015): prioritises works identified in the Schedule of Works and provides detailed maps and costings for the initial stages.

Priorities are based on the following principles;

- Strong community support and demand
- Active community stewardship
- Initially focus on establishing continuous links
- Ease of implementation, that is, sites where minimal capital infrastructure, such as footbridges are required
Creating the Murray to Mountains Regional Experience

Parklands Albury Wodonga is committed to a “partnership culture” where partnerships are integral to how work gets accomplished and how connections are made. For instance;

- In 2011/12, Parklands Albury Wodonga worked in partnership with 82 organisations and agencies as well as volunteers, in the joint planning and implementation of park projects.
- Over $12.8 million work of volunteer hours has been invested in the development of the regional parklands over the past 15 years.

The process of building community stewardship and involving local communities in the building of this regional trail is critical to the longer term success and sustainability.

Map 1a – Regional Experience
Examples of successful community stewardship models;

- **Bibbulman Track, WA (1,000km)** 271 volunteers maintain, managed by CALM (WA) & Bibbulman Foundation
- **Appalachian Track, USA (3,500 km)** 31 volunteer groups maintain, managed by National Park Service, USDA Forest Service, state agencies, Appalachian Trail Conservancy and 31 local Trail-maintaining clubs.
- **Bruce Track, Canada (800km)** 9 Trail Conservancy Clubs, Bruce Trail Conservancy and volunteers (Bruce Trail Clubs, 1,000 volunteers & 8,500 members) maintain, steward and promote the Trail.
- **Hume & Hovell Track, Wagga (400km)** managed by NSW Government
- **Regional Parklands (98km so far... )** 11 Friends Groups & others, managed with Friends Groups and supported by various volunteer programs
Summary of Action Plan 2010 to 2022

Precinct B – Kiewa River frontages

Community Involvement
- Establish Tangambalanga Friends Group (Kiewa River Reserve Action Group or KRRAG) through involvement with recreational fishing track project.
- Support Murray Bushwalking Club with Kiewa Track maintenance program and broaden involvement to include other groups and partners.
- Support Baranduda Landcare Group with lower Yackandandah Creek restoration works.
- Build ownership through corporate volunteering (eg Murray Goulburn) and involving local groups and schools (eg Kiewa Valley Primary School).

Recreational facilities
- Maintain recreational fishing track.
- Footbridge to link crown land area near Yackandandah Creek junction.
- Support KRRAG to establish vehicular access waterside reserve at Kiewa township and in negotiating vehicle access reserve at Tangambalanga.
- Work with North East Anglers, City of Wodonga and Licensees to improve fishing access by part opening closed road reserves (Ryans Rd, Pollards Rd & potentially, in the longer term, Chapples Rd).

Biodiversity measures
- Stage riparian fencing and revegetation with interest from Friends Groups, given the importance of fostering community stewardship and the high levels of maintenance required for the initial years.

Fire Prevention
- Biannual spray and slash of access track along corridor.
- Crash graze each spring (except for the 4 years after revegetating).

Ongoing Consultation

There has been considerable consultation with project partners and stakeholders over the past two years, during the development of Parklands Albury Wodonga’s Strategic Plan 2010 to 2022.

However, this consultation is ongoing. This Implementation Plan is a “working document” which means Parklands Albury Wodonga welcomes input, suggestions and any recommendations for changes. Help us build outcomes that benefit all stakeholders by getting in touch;

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Map of Action Plan Area 2012 to 2015

Map 1b – Map of Precincts
## Summary of Resource Requirements

![Bare earth track](image1.png)  
Bare earth track

![Chicane gates to facilitate stock watering points](image2.png)

Chicane gates to facilitate stock watering points

![Bollards to manage vehicles](image3.png)

Bollards to manage vehicles

![Managing for both agriculture and passive recreation outcomes](image4.png)

Managing for both agriculture and passive recreation outcomes

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estimated budget $123,100

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estimated footbridge budget $160,000

# Budget for footbridges based on $2,000 per linear metre for 2 metre wide footbridge decking
Specific Kiewa Water Frontages - 2012 to 2015

1. Lower Kiewa (Murray River to Boyes Road)

Map 1.1 - Lower Kiewa (Murray River to Boyes Road)

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<td>Bridge contractor (part of Wodonga to Wahgunyah Murray Walking Track)</td>
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Map 1.2 - Killara section of Kiewa River

1.2 Tackle blackberries & fence east bank

1.3 Rocks & Sleepers to tackle erosion at Killara picnic area

1.4 Remove poplars, revegetate and establish picnic area
Map 1.3 - Three Options for Murray Walking Track footbridge

Map 1.4 Overview of eastern section of Murray Walking Track
2. Middle Kiewa (Boyes Road to Yackandandah Creek)

Map 2.1 Boyes Rd to Yackandandah Ck

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Map 2.2 Pollards Road and Chappels Road (closed road reserves)

Map 2.3 Overview of closed road reserves
### 3. Upper Kiewa (Yackandandah Ck to Tangambalanga)

#### Map 3.1 Yackandandah Creek Junction to Kiewa Tangambalanga

#### 3.1 Restoration of Yackandandah Creek

- **Kiewa Track** (eastern bank of Kiewa River)
- **2.4 Kiewa footbridge**
- **Kiewa Track** (western bank of Kiewa River)

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Map 3.2 Jenkins Road (closed) and Riverside Reserve

Map 3.3 Kiewa Waterside Reserve

Kiewa River Reserve Action Group (KRRAG) plans for Crown land near Kiewa township

Public access (vehicle or pedestrian) to be negotiated
4. Lower Yackandandah Creek

Map 4.1 Kiewa Valley Highway upstream to Lindsay Lane

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Map 4.2 Kiewa Valley Highway section

Map 4.3 Boundary Road section
Map 4.4 Yackandandah Creek Junction section

- Chicane gates to facilitate walking
- 4.3 Fence and revegetate
- 2.4 Footbridge over Kiewa River
Progress to date – October 2013

Downstream of Killara
Upstream of Killara (Murray Valley Highway)
Downstream of Kiewa / Tangambalanga townships