

### Positive response to plan

Colin Wells was among the residents who wanted to make sure their voice was heard during the planning stage.

Mr Wells said he was surprised by the positive feedback and felt the workshop held on Tuesday night to discuss the town centre masterplan was not only informative but constructive.

"I don't think the planners have missed much," he said.

"The people at the workshop gave feedback to what they thought was missing and everybody seemed to have similar ideas."

# Wish list revealed

By Jo Fosdike

AN overview of the Town Centre Masterplan imagining the future of Murray Bridge's main business area recognised seven main precincts in need of development to guarantee a vibrant future for the city.

Yet it was the visions for an activated riverfront and revamped and revitalised main street that were singled out by participants at Tuesday night's Imagine meeting as those in most need of attention.

Parklands, commercial precinct and various retail precincts were among the other plans presented to the group.

Feedback for the series of plans was positive but participants pointed out a few extra issues that needed to be included into the plan before it was finalised in six weeks' time.

Community members at the meeting told Murray Bridge council planners and place-making firm Village Well that they saw a pressing need to build more public toilets in the CBD and riverfront areas, as well as a need for a greater focus on Sixth and Seventh streets in the planned main street makeover.

Adding character and beautifying Bridge Street also featured highly on the wishlist, as did the need to overhaul Murray Bridge's branding to make the city more

attractive to tourists. Attendees told the meeting a transport system was needed within the town and cheaper transport was also needed to encourage people to live within the city while still being able to commute to Adelaide for work and study.

A lack of accommodation and conference facilities needed to be included in plans, while more pedestrian crossings should feature on Swanport Road, while better traffic management was needed city-wide.

Encouraging more eateries and cafes along the riverfront would help boost local business, the meeting heard, while improved riverfront lighting would make one of the city's biggest attractions even more attractive.

Heritage and history featured prominently, while more family-friendly open spaces were also on the wishlist.

Feedback from meeting, which included a series of round table workshops will now be incorporated into the strategic plans the council will use to guide future growth.

The second round of the Imagine Your Rural City Murray Bridge 2020 consultation process will end in May, and then input will be coordinated and incorporated into the Masterplan and other plans which should be ready for release in June.



**Consultation:** Residents, clockwise from top, Ian Pithers, Murray Mark Kwiatkowski, Tania Long, Joyce and Doug Holmes, Dirk at a round table to pore over the Imagine Your Rural City plans for

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