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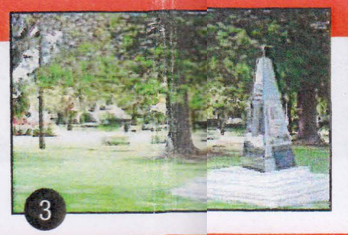
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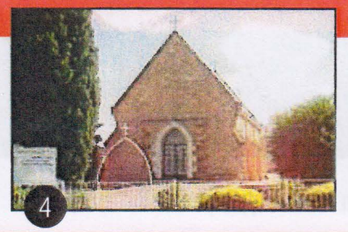
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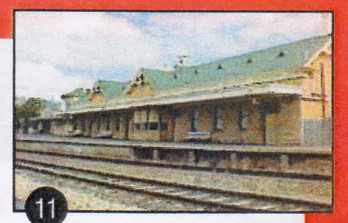
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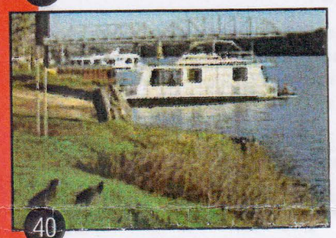
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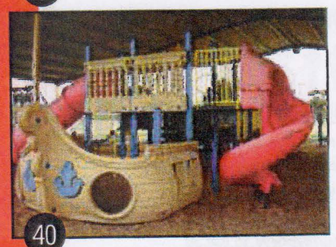
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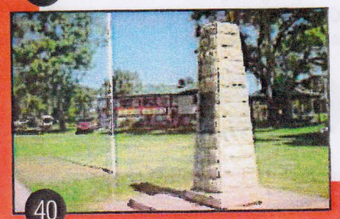
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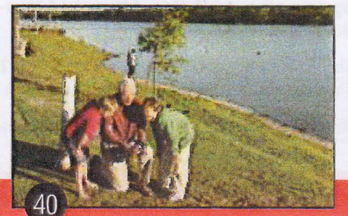
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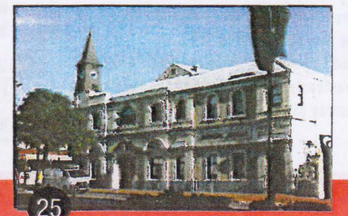
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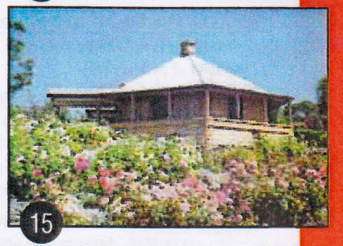
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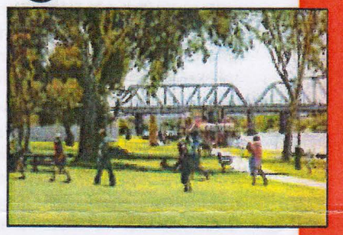

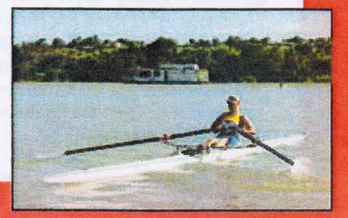

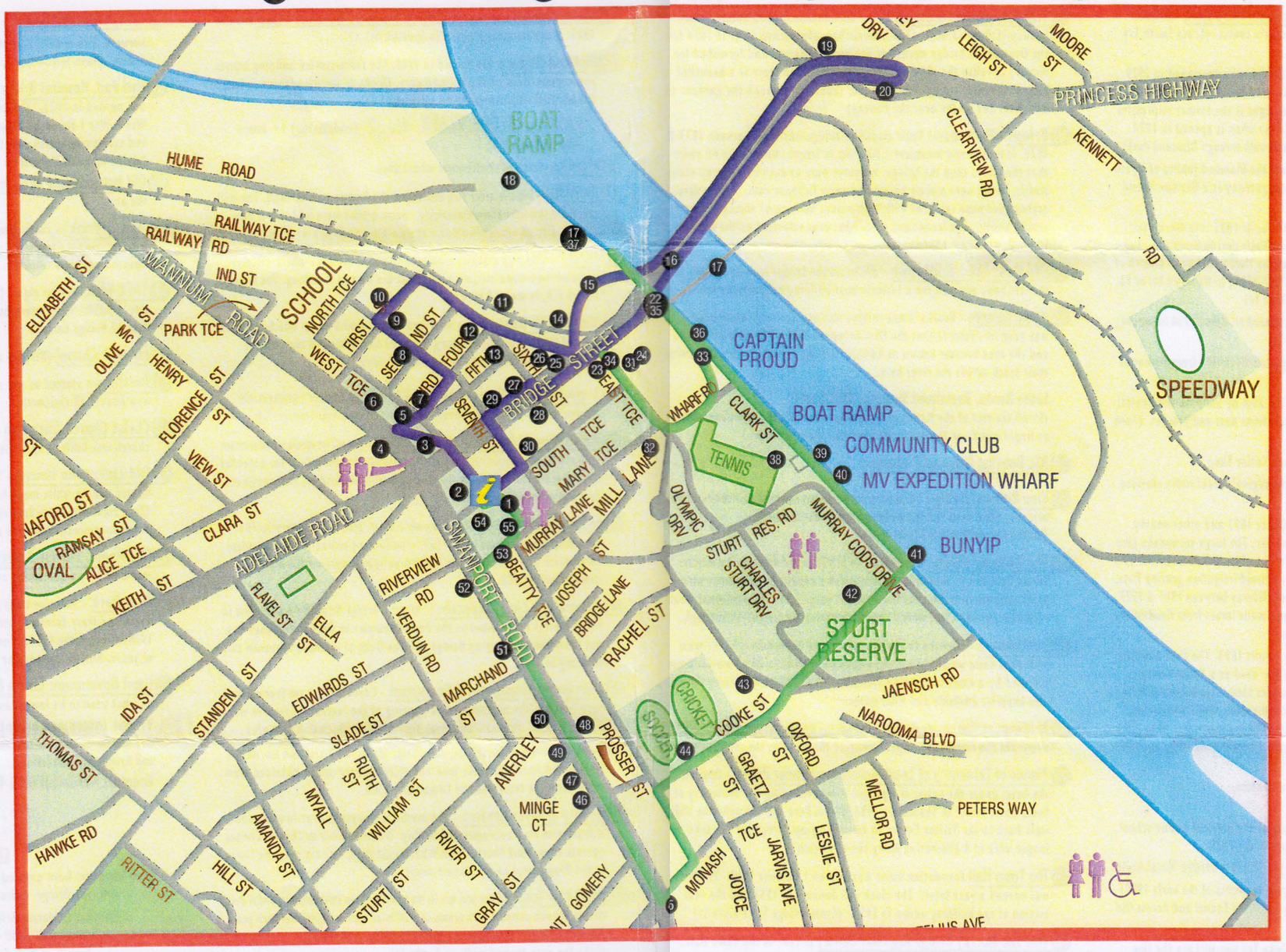

MURRAY BRIDGE RAIL & RIVER HERITAGE WALKS

RAIL & RIVER WALK No. 1 (undulating) 1• hours approx. (Combined walks 3 hours approx).

1. **Visitor Information Centre & Local Government Centre**, officially opened in June 1990 on what were lawn tennis courts. (Cross South Tce and head up West Tce)
2. **Senior Citizens & Edwards Square** on the left was developed in 1979. The Square is named as a memorial to the first European settlers who settled at Murray Bridge in 1856. On your right is the former impressive Lyric picture theatre. The façade is similar to when it opened in 1924. (cross Bridge St, the main business street and walk through Diamond Park)
3. **Diamond Park** was named to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1870. Just near the ornamental gateway is a German World War I cannon and the Anzac memorial.
4. **Anglican Cathedral** is across Mannum Rd. Built 1887 it is the oldest church in Murray Bridge and is the smallest Cathedral in Australia. Saint John the Baptist Pro-Cathedral, Diocese of the Murray Anglican Church of Australia can be viewed by appointment. Visit office in McHenry St. or Ph. 8531 3522. (on leaving the park cross Third St)
5. **Memorial Gates at Old Playground** was opened on 8 May 1954 in memory of World War 2. (Turn right down Third St)
6. **Child Care Centre** is behind the old playground (visible from Memorial Gates)
7. **Mural** - was painted by locals in 1995. The 30m by 5m painting depicts a dreamtime legend, landmarks, and personalities past and present. (Turn left down Seventh St)
8. **Church of Christ** - Church, Book Shop and Coffee Shop
9. **5 MU & Power FM** across the road are the region's local radio stations. (Turn right in First St)
10. **Old Houses** - The Correctional Services Office 1893 and other nearby homes are built of limestone with lime mortar. The large verandahs give shade from the summer heat. From the corner of First & Railway Tce you will see a northern view of the river and reclaimed irrigation grazing flats. Reclamation was carried out along the lower Murray between 1905 & 1929. Willow trees were planted to shelter the man-made levees from floodwaters and boat wash. (Turn right in Railway Tce)
11. **Railway Station** Now called The Station - Built 1886. The first building was the kitchen and refreshment rooms (now used as a Youth Centre), with dormitories and manager's living quarters above. The second building built in 1914 became the offices and parcel dispatch. Once a busy rural and interstate stopping point, there is now only one passenger train daily between Adelaide and Melbourne. Take a walk onto the platform and have a look at the façade.
12. **Old Shop** Opposite the station was a general store.
13. **The Post Office 1972** was built on the site of the original public school. There is a hitching post that was first used in the 1920s.
    Looking further up Sixth St. you can see the **Murray Bridge Hotel** built in 1914. The **verandahs** of Sixth St are good examples of the early 1900s shops and guesthouses. (Go Along Railway Tce, Over Tunnel and Across Old Cutting)
14. **Tunnel & Cutting** - As you go along Railway Tce you will see the line disappear into a tunnel that emerges towards the river below the date palms. The tunnel, an open cut type was completed in 1925.
    As you go over the tunnel and around to your left, cross the small bridge over the old cutting where trains previously ran between 1886 & 1925 to cross the first bridge to span the Murray River. (Go through the gate of the first house on the right)
15. **Visit Roundhouse & Gardens** The Roundhouse is open Saturday and Sunday 11.00am-3.00pm. The historic Roundhouse was built in 1874 for the Overseer of bridge works. It has been renovated and furnished for visitors to relive the old days. From the verandah there is a beautiful view of the river, bridges and beyond. (Continue through the gardens to walk over the bridge over the Murray)
16. **Bridge** - The National Trust classified bridge was built between 1873 & 1879. It is iron and measures 1,980 feet in length. During the 40 years that the trains used the bridge, tollgates were at each end to stop other traffic, which were mainly horses and carts in those days. The original arches have been replaced with higher ones because of damage by heavy vehicle traffic. The foundation plaque has been relocated on the stonework in the downstream abutment.
17. **Old Boat Shed & Slipway** - Whilst on the bridge look upstream. On the left bank you will see a historic boat building and slipway area.
18. **Hume Reserve** - Nearby Hume reserve was popular with water skiers. It was near this reserve that the first European settlers built their homes and the area became known as Edwards Crossing. Drovers used to swim their stock across the river here.

    Levee Banks, Reclaimed Swamps, Cliff Quarry
    (Stroll the rest of the length of the bridge and carefully cross the highway to linger awhile at the gazebo in pleasant Sims rest area.)
19. **RSL Bowling Club and Clubrooms**
20. **View Between Bridges** - From here there is a grand view of the town and bridges. (Now take the left walkway back over the bridge)
    (Watch the ANIMALS & BIRDS below)
21. **The Railway Bridge** was opened in 1925 for the Adelaide to eastern States line. Under the bridge is the historic wharf and rail yards where paddle steamers and barges used to load cargo. The 1886 original wharf included a goods shed, which had double lines running right through.
22. **Pumphouse** - Between the bridges is the old Pumphouse, 1897, from where the town water supply was pumped until 1960. Town water is now supplied by a modern pumping station a few kilometres up stream - this also supplies Adelaide and Hills water.
23. **Bridgeport Hotel** - At the top of the hill the Bridgeport Hotel, built in 1884, overlooks the river and bridges. Imagine the scene in the riverboat days.
24. **Plaque of Centenary of Local Government under Palms** - Opposite the hotel under the palms is a plaque commemorating the centenary of Local Government in September 1984. (From here you can take the short walk back to the Visitor Centre by continuing up Bridge St) or (take the longer walk of 4 kilometres along the riverfront)
25. **The Town Hall** foundation stone was laid on 1 October 1910. The hall was opened a year later. The clock was donated in 1953 and the rear section of the building added in 1971. (Cross Bridge St at Sixth St)
26. Visit **The Murray Bridge Regional Gallery** in rear of the Town Hall. Open times Tue - Fri 10.00am- 4.00pm, Sat 9.30am-12.30pm (Return to Bridge St and turn right)
27. Sixth St **Verandahs** - Beehive corner was built in 1897.
    The Balcony on Sixth Accommodation is on the first floor.
28. Neds was once **Bells Store**, a general store which opened in 1906.
29. The Newsagents once was **Eudunda Farmers General Store** built in 1920. (Turn left at the lights in Seventh St)
30. **Mobilong House** was opened in 1986. The three-storied building houses government offices and public Library. (Right at the roundabout in South Tce back to Visitor Information Centre)

RAIL & RIVER WALK No. 2 (undulating) 1• hours (Down East Tce)

31. **Gazebo** - view of the historic wharf area.
32. **Flour Mill** - Built after fire destroyed the former mill in 1920. The mill provided the first town electricity. Square silos were added. It now produces stock foods. (Go down the walking path to River)
33. **Wharf** - This was a busy cargo area in riverboat days where the river, rail and road trade met, also known as the Port of Mobilong. The Captain Proud P.B. is moored here.
34. **Union Milk Boat** - There were two fleets of milk boats which collected cans of milk from dairies along the river and delivered them to the factories at Murray Bridge. (Go under Bridges)
36. **Sunken Boats & Barges** - There are 29 sunken paddle steamers and barges in this area of the river. (Turn here or continue on to ...)
37. **Moritz Slipway & Boat Building Yards** was once an irrigation department works and boat repair depot. (From here you can continue on the Lavender Federation Trail, but our walk returns under the bridges and continues south along the riverfront)
38. **Site of Milk Factories** - Beauchamp's built first milk factory in 1914, then a larger SAFU was built 1923. The factory moved to new premises on Maurice Rd in 1983, which left the buildings derelict until being demolished in 1990.
39. **Community Club - Boatshed** Murray Bridge Rowing Club started in 1909. A local team rowed in the Paris Olympics in 1924. The Kings Cup has been rowed in Murray Bridge and the Duke of Edinburgh opened this building in 1974.
40. **Sturt Reserve Monument & Restaurant** - Captain Sturt set foot on land here in 1830. The monument and opening of the recreation reserve was made in 1930. Festivals and river sports are conducted in this area.
    Annual events are Pedal Prix, Auto Fest, Water Ski Titles and Christmas Parade and Fireworks. Fine food and refreshments can be obtained from the Riverscape restaurant or Community Club.
41. **Bunyip & River Cruises** - The mythical Bunyip is kept in a cage and will perform via a coin-operated facility. Afternoon Tea or Charter Cruises operate from Sturt Reserve and Wharf most days. (Cross over the lawns to the Playground or Recreation area)
42. **Pedal Prix Track** - Here you are in the middle of the International Pedal Prix circuit. Schools compete with teams in a 24 hour race in September each year. This event attracts thousands of visitors to the town each year.
    (Take the path to, and walk up Cooke St)
43. **Old Jaensch House** - 'Bridgeview' built 1882. F W Jaensch gave much of his land for the hospital, schools and reserves.
44. **Cricket & Soccer Grounds** - On what was the former High School grounds between 1920 and 1972. The Old High School is now Regional Education Centre. (Turn left in Beatty Tce, then right in Monash Tce)
45. **Heli Pad, Hospital & War Memorial** - The Soldiers Memorial Hospital was opened in 1923. The Heli-pad was opened in November 2000. The World War I Memorial Pillars were erected as part of the gates in 1921 and are now relocated near the visitors entrance. (Turn right into Swanport Rd)The St Johns Volunteers Centre is on the corner.
46. **Old House Corner of Gray Street** - Typical of the late 1800s homes in the area.
47. **'Sunny Bank'** - commenced building in 1940 and due to material being scarce during the war was not completed till 1944. Was used as the Funeral Chapel from 1960 till 1988.
48. **TAFE SA** is on your right. The first Adult Education building was on this site in 1950. The present building was opened in 1970 and is now the Murray Bridge campus.
49. **Funeral Chapel** (Directly across the road from TAFE) was built in 1988.
50. **Resthaven** started as two early substantial homes. With additions, it now houses 73 residents.
51. **Christ Church Lutheran** - erected in 1938. Founded in 1882, a former church was built on this site in 1896.
52. **Old Limestone Houses** - Still some of the grand limestone and mortar houses remain while many have been demolished for progress.
    (Turn right into Mary Tce and continue on to walk around the front of the Local Government centre to the VIC.)
53. **Old Home, Corner Beatty Tce** - Is a grand home, for many years it was owned by a succession of doctors.
54. **Pine Park** - The pine trees in Pine Park, bordered by Swanport Road, South and Mary Terraces, were planted by F.W. (Bill) Lehmann in the late 1920s. During the 1950s Pine Park became a Caravan Park for a number of years. Now it is a popular rest area for travellers to picnic.
55. **Local Government Centre & Gardens** - Officially opened in June 1990 on what used to be lawn tennis courts.
    Visitor Information Centre - Has plenty of information for travellers and locals. The Centre handles bus bookings for Premier Stateliner, Firefly and Greyhound bus services.

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We hope you have enjoyed your Rail & River Heritage Walks of Murray Bridge. Drive safely, and please visit again.

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