

## Italian Monument Proposal

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### 1. How did this project come about?

The Murray Bridge and Districts Italian Association Inc. (MBDIAI) presented a concept of an Italian Monument Project to Councillors at a briefing.

Following the briefing, the MBDIAI has worked with Council staff to explore potential locations and carried out preliminary consultation with key stakeholders to create a project plan.

Once the project plan was created, a proposal was taken to Council on 9 December 2024 to endorse the project, the monument location and to commence community consultation.

A copy of the Council minutes can be found here:

<https://www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au/council/council-and-elected-members/council-meetings/fullcouncilmeeting>

#### 2. What is the purpose of the monument?

The monument aims to honour and celebrate the contributions of Italian migrants to the Murraylands region. It recognises the roles they played in developing key industries such as market gardening, construction, stone masonry, logistics -transport, and pays tribute to their enduring legacy.

#### 3. Who is funding the project?

The MBDIAI is using the proceeds from the sale of their assets to fund the purchase and installation of a monument that pays tribute to the Italian migrants who established new lives in the Murraylands.

The monument is a **funded gift**, from the MBDIAI as a tribute to the Italian migrants who made their homes in the Murraylands region. Once complete the monument will be in the care and control of Council.

The monument honours the industries and skills they brought to the area, specifically through market gardening, logistics, construction, culture, and family connection all of which has contributed to the development of the community's fabric.

#### 4. Will the monument be a permanent installation?

Yes, once completed the monument will be gifted to the Rural City of Murray Bridge and the community and will form part of the 'places of interest' for the region.

#### 5. How was the design of the monument chosen?

The statue depicts a man wearing a hat and carrying a briefcase with immigration documents, symbolising that men were often the first in their families to migrate to Australia to settle prior to their families joining them. The statue will be positioned South West facing home-Italy.

#### Key elements:

##### Materials:

- The top section will be crafted from Italian Carrara white marble sourced from Italy.

- The base will use black marble.
- The marble will be shipped from Italy to Adelaide, where an Italian stonemason will carve both pieces.

**Lighting:**

- Subject to approval, the design will feature up-lighting in green, white and red the colours of the Italian flag.
- All lighting will be solar powered.

**6. Will there be an official opening?**

Yes, this opening will be funded and coordinated by the MBDIAI. Details will be announced closer to the competition of the project.