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PRESS RELEASE FROM THE PREMIER, MR. DUNSTAN.

NEW CITY - NEW VISION.

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Murray New Town will provide "a new vision of the Australian city", the Premier, Mr. Dunstan, said today.

He was opening a summer school on "Man and his Environment" at Adelaide University.

South Australia's planned decentralised city would be "a new, refreshed and rational place in the sun", Mr. Dunstan said.

Mr. Dunstan gave the first public outline of detailed planning for the new city to the school which is making a particular study of the Murray project.

Considerable research by both the State and Commonwealth Governments was underway:

- The Commonwealth Bureau of Meteorology had set up six micro-stations in the area to obtain information essential to planning;
- The E.W.S. was working to ensure that adequate sewerage treatment could be carried out; and to minimise water pollution;
- The State Planning Office was studying topography, vegetation and landscape quality of the site;
- Studies of regional recreational centres were underway;
- Detailed consideration was being given to establishing a tree nursery for builders and residents;
- The S.A. Museum, National Parks and Wildlife Service and learned societies were surveying Aboriginal relics and areas of biological, archaeological and historic importance;
- The Murray New Town Steering Committee was examining the type of authority needed to plan and build the new city. This would eventually take over from the committee;
- A general manager is to be appointed.

"Murray's climate and site could demand an entirely different type of city from that which has developed in Australia over the past 150 years", the Premier said.

"I would expect a city very strongly oriented towards pedestrian and public transport communication, with a variety of housing styles and street-scapes that take into account the local wind, sun and rain configurations".

The new city could be expected to be "shady, compact, walkable, easy-to-live-in".

Mr. Dunstan also forecast that it would be the first city in which the beauty and environmental advantage of Australian native flora were understood.

It would require less water consumption because the trees, shrubs, plants and grasses belonged to the land in which they grew.

"What we can expect in Murray is a new vision of the Australian city - one that takes with it the best of what we have in social planning and family convenience, and gives it a new, refreshed and rational place in the sun", the Premier said.