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**Media Release**

## Council seeks interest in new leisure precinct

Mount Barker District Council is seeking to attract interested parties to invest, or bid for operation of key community leisure assets within the Summit precinct - approximately 50 hectares of land at the corner of Bald Hills and Springs Roads.

The Summit precinct currently accommodates the Summit Sport and Recreation Park, soon to be built Regional Aquatic and Leisure Centre, Laratinga walking trail, heritage barns and a planned adventure playground.

Mt Barker Council Mayor, David Leach said that the Summit precinct has the potential to be one of Australia's leading recreation, leisure, sport and entertainment destinations while supporting the growth of Mount Barker; one of South Australia's fastest growing regions.

"The precinct is capable of generating a level of private sector investment able to create considerable local employment," Mayor Leach said.

"Early market research shows an interest in the site being used for a range of accommodation and conference facilities, indoor recreation activities, and outdoor recreation like mini golf and aerial ropes course.

Property advisors Alinea Group will assist the council to administer the expression of interest process which will include a national campaign and targeted approaches to groups that are known to be interested in this opportunity.

The request for expressions of interest is being issued to the market this month with submissions due in July 2023.

There will be opportunities for community engagement on specific elements of the overall precinct when council decisions have been made about shortlisted applicants later in the year.

The public can stay informed by signing up to receive project updates on the council's website [www.mountbarker.sa.gov.au/aquatic](http://www.mountbarker.sa.gov.au/aquatic).

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