

District Council of Mount Barker Strategic Planning

Community Engagement- Summary of Feedback

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INTRODUCTION

The District Council of Mount Barker (the Council) has embarked on a process to develop a new strategic plan for the District. The purpose of the Mount Barker District Strategic Plan is to:

- Provide a vision for the District;
- Guide Council and its community in ensuring a healthy economy, society and environment; and
- Align Council activities with Federal, State and Regional priorities through linkages with relevant strategies such as the South Australian Strategic Plan and the Planning Strategy.

The Strategic Plan will assist Council to work towards the shared aspirations of residents, workers, businesses and visitors in the District. Success in realising the vision will depend on partnerships with State and Federal Government, neighbouring councils, the private sector, community groups and individuals.

A key component of the development of the Plan is to engage with residents from across the District to identify their priorities going forward.

Consilius was engaged to work with Council to undertake a number of innovative community engagement activities. These activities were specifically designed to complement the existing knowledge and activities undertaken by Council.

The engagement approach was tailored and targeted, with a large focus being on connecting with **new or under represented people/groups** and **staff**.

The approach used was developed in recognition of the Council's planning framework and approach. It built on the work already undertaken and focussed on areas which required further input and clarification.

This report provides a summary of the feedback received from all of the activities undertaken as part of the engagement activities. This report should be read in conjunction with the **District Council of Mount Barker Strategic Planning Engagement Report** prepared by Consilius Pty Ltd which provides a summary and analysis of the feedback.

SUMMARY OF ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

The engagement activities have been undertaken in partnership between Consilius and officers from DC Mount Barker. Outlined below is a brief summary of the activities:

1. **Photo Booth** - at shopping centres and workshops locations capturing over 100 photos and messages;
2. **School Photo booth** - at three local high school, including over 50 students;
3. Workshop with the **DC Mount Barker Leadership group**;
4. Workshop with **DC Mount Barker Councillors**;
5. Three Placed based Workshops including:
 - **Callington** (with over 50 people in attendance),
 - **Meadows** (approximately 15 people in attendance),
 - **Mount Barker** (approximately 8 people in attendance),;
6. Workshop with the '**Barker Crew**' Skate Park Coaches (5 people)
7. Workshop with **Seniors** with over 50 in attendance as part of 'Top Hat';
8. **Commuter's** - a workshop held on the bus from Mount Barker to Adelaide- over 40 people participated in this lively event which also attracted media coverage from the Courier;
9. Workshops with **DC Mount Barker staff (five workshops)**
10. **Survey** - available on line – over 60 respondents; and
11. **Postcards** - over 80 respondents.

More than 400 people (excluding council staff and elected members) participated in engagement activities.

A summary of the feedback from participants at each of the above events is provided within this report.

PHOTO BOOTH



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Leadership Group (Council Managers) **INSIGHT**

Emerging Themes

Technology and the digital revolution - will change how we work, where we work and what we do. This applies to how we do business in Council as well as to the community in general. It will create efficiencies, new businesses and a new way of communicating with the community.

Renewable energy – increased role and opportunities

Green infrastructure – less separation between the built and natural environment and importance of ‘greening’ all parts of our environment

Communication revolution – profound shift in expectations and opportunities. The use of digital communication and social media being the norm; yet also a resurgence of the need to provide face to face communication opportunities

Changing work- life arrangements- As a result of changes in technology more people are working from home, creating opportunities for growth in small businesses in the Council as well as challenges for providing suitable services to support growth.



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Changing Homes and families- Smaller backyards, increased urbanisation which drives the need for better open spaces, cultural spaces that link housing developments

Increased Public Scrutiny – Changing expectation’s from the community for access to information in timely manner and the ability to scrutinise decisions in a public and un-fetted manner. The Council needs to be able to appropriately respond, manage and work with ne communication environment. I is hard to sift through what is meaningful communication- time consuming- less accountability- expectations around timeliness – the need to balance rules with community empowerment

Priorities under Goal Areas

The Economy

- Adequate and appropriate employment opportunities
- Using the rule book to enable outcomes where employment is net benefit
- Bring business and entrepreneurs together
- Education opportunities in the hills
- Support entrepreneurs
- Facilitating small business to thrive
- Harness intellectual capital of people who live in the region but do not work in the region

Community Wellbeing

- Increased investment in active & passive recreational activities
- Making Mount Barker a desirable place to stay for whole of life
- Improved cultural facilities and activities
- Health programs
- Community safety- increased participation within community and council- local media reporting
- Understand how to build on strength of community – e.g. entrepreneurship

Build on the strength and uniqueness of the communities within the District Council of Mount Barker.

Natural Environment

- Leave a high value environment and a highly valued environment
- Embed intergenerational equity & resource existence rights
- Education important
- Ethical purchasing – look at what we do
- Demonstrate complimentary natural and built environment
- Environmental outcomes as equally important as other aspects
- Use urban development as an opportunity to improve the environmental outcomes and often social and recreational value
- What's natural– should we use that term

Urban environment

- Integrated civic centre- meet, socialise, access information,
- Increase quality of urban environment and open space
- E.g. library – becoming a community centre at regional scale
- Working with developers to get better outcomes

- Partnership approach
- Environmental sustainable design
- Quality place to live - safe, recreation, open space & public facilities

Leadership & Governance

- Accountability and transparency to the community
- Sustainability of assets and finances
- Succession planning – next generation of leaders
- Have a clear plan – all know what we are doing, focus, alignment and clarity of purpose
- Excellent/ outstanding delivery/ governance
- The can do Council
- This is what we do here- can't do it anywhere else
- Employer of choice
- Unique culture infuses and informs decision making – outcomes add value to the community
- Clarity in decision making –making decisions more qualitative – performance based and opposed to quantitative – less prescriptive- meaningful- starting together.

“GOING OUTSIDE PATTERN OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO DELIVER WHAT WE NEED TO.”

INSIGHTS from Council (Elected members)

Emerging Themes

- ❖ Changing climate
- ❖ Increased focus and importance of food, agriculture and local production
- ❖ Resource shortages
- ❖ Global downturn
- ❖ Aging population
- ❖ Renewable energy
- ❖ Growth in population
- ❖ More innovation
- ❖ Technology opportunities
- ❖ Disengaged community

**WE WANT TO
DRIVE
SUSTAINABLE
LIVING – TO
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Priorities under Goal Areas

The Economy

- Council should stimulate investment with civic facility
- Invest in water to attract business
- Develop an innovative hub
- Encourage Accommodation for tourism
- Provide niche market in our district to retain clever people – food production e.g. labelling facility

Community Wellbeing

- Adequate youth facilities and programs to service needs of growing youth population
- Youth drop in centre
- Wonderful asset in trail network- use and improve
- Sporting facilities
- Medical facilities- advocate for – appropriate for regional centre- emergency and 24/7 doctor
- Support positive education program
- Encourage and appreciate the natural environment
- Community house

Natural Environment

- Biodiversity corridors
- Walking trails – connect to water
- WSUD – normal practice
- Stormwater re use and recycling
- Significant trees

Urban environment

- Need managed growth
- Density controlled
- District townships must be buffered to maintain identity and individuality
- Transport and rail strategy

- Stop freight at Monarto
- Encourage better policies in terms of types of housing

Leadership & Governance

- More than just council
- Need to work with other leader in community- educational, business, community, government- work with and engender community involvement in leadership
- Encourage LGA in issues to deliver outcomes
- Work together on a shared agenda
- Proactively working to encourage better policies
- Council should demonstrate leadership
- Enable things to become more independent – e.g. sporting, community house- hand up not hand out

INSIGHTS from Callington

Our Community Needs to Plan for:

Population growth – There will be more people. More people need more roads and infrastructure. Let's ensure we have sustainable growth that is well planned and protects the character of the region and our agricultural lands.

Growing Importance of food production- We need to protect our agricultural land. The boundaries of townships should be defined to protect broad acre farming.

Cessation of mining –employs 260 people – when it closes people will leave the district. How will this impact on the community? Need a plan.

Our Issues and Priorities

We need better roads – they are run down and need better drainage and lighting.

Protect and value our Heritage- needs to be investigated and protected. Create a heritage precinct.

Better coordination between the two Council's- We need better collaboration across the two council's. Planning rules, police zones and

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other zones are all different. We need a plan for the 2 Councils to work together.

Improve our public transport – need better access to public transport. Try and get the goods train diverted and a reinstated passenger service.

Look after our youth – need something for the youth such as a skate park. They can't go anywhere without public transport. More discos or other safe social events.

Build a sustainable community - Build on the natural sense of the beauty of the region and protect assets such as wetlands. Ensure our remnant vegetation is protected from development.

Improve our Amenity – There are untidy properties, rubbish and weeds. Clean up the environment. We need better lighting, walking trails and keep our open space. Let's make it more aesthetically pleasing.

We need an integrated Sporting / Community facility- United sporting club that covers all interests and can house play groups, yoga classes, disco's etc. Upgrade the sporting courts.

Improve our access to technology – need access to the internet (NBN)

Tourism- Build an area for holiday makers to come and stay – tent or park sites

INSIGHTS from Meadows

What's Important to us:

Maintaining the rural / township-

Many people have come here for peace and quiet and to raise families- need to protect that

Building a caring and resilient community

- hallmark of any communities. Communities such as this will have increasing elderly communities and will need specialist care – this should come from the community.

Meadows country fair – keep it going – encourage others to come to it – vibrancy

Safe, open environment – good environment to bring kids up. Don't want to become a suburb. Need appropriate development for the environment we have. Can improve on footpaths and lighting.

Localisation of services – instead of depending on large network – be encouraged to be cooperative to supply good deal of power ourselves – possible local purification- shifting environment

Water – need healthy, reliable and secure supply of water for meadow via pipes- critical for expansion

THE COUNCIL NEEDS
TO LISTEN TO THE
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FEEDBACK AND
FOLLOW THROUGH

Our Issues and Priorities

Transport and facilities – need a park a ride

Water is a priority – we rely on rain water and need a secure, clean and reliable supply – particularly if we want to grow.

Better communication with people– Council needs to respect people more, not intimidate them. They need to follow through on what they say they will do. The council does not listen to the community or provide feedback

Technology and change is happening very fast- need the NBN.

Need a clear plan and vision for the whole district.

Noise and dust – we have a lot of traffic on the main roads which is dusty. It needs to be cleaned up.

Importance of **high quality development** – simple as off street parking and proper size of roads

Sporting facilities within the town- need a plan for the whole district – need to maintain what we have – potentially good facilities – build on it as a hub- can't maintain every facility in every town

Consider making another road- by pass- the main thorough fare- try to calm the traffic- possibly cut the speed

Link Mawson area to school – safe walking opportunities

INSIGHTS from Mount Barker

What's important to us


Development –it does not feel like there is any direction – all about growing as quickly as we can- we are losing rural ambiance with too many small blocks- loss of country town feel- We are re-creating what people are trying to get away from (come to hills to get larger block and rural lifestyle)

Traffic management- with more people there are more traffic issues such as we now have a second freeway exit – but no connector road. Courthouse intersection needs a round about or something

Communication - Don't feel we know what is happening

Beatification and activation of town centre - Town square- eyesore - More central- use the main street as more events, community – improve the vibrancy

Employment – growing town but not many part time jobs. 42 % work in the city – need industry in the town so they don't need to go to town



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Environment - More emphasis on the environment. Need to manage parks and reserves better and ensure we retain open space.

Tourism – better promotion of the food and wine trail – build an Art hub and get some local accommodation to encourage tourism in the area.

Our Issues and Priorities

- Need a long term plan for trees
- A Sport and recreation facility – no high level facilities- regional hub- lots of competing interests- need state and federal funding – polo grounds- aquatic facility
- Need a bigger hospital

INSIGHTS from Senior Citizens

What do you love about this District?

- ❖ The linear park and wetlands
- ❖ Feeling secure and safe
- ❖ Freedom and fresh air
- ❖ Convenience of shopping
- ❖ Access to Adelaide
- ❖ Village life – away from the city surrounded by nature, hills, open space and opportunity to be part of that
- ❖ The great community
- ❖ 'The Mayor of the people'
- ❖ Variety of educational opportunities
- ❖ Shops are open good hours
- ❖ Hospital and Dr after hours service
- ❖ Places to walk the dogs
- ❖ Native animals
- ❖ Council that is prepared to listen to people

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Things to Improve

- Disabled parking in the main street – closer to bank
- Water supply in Meadows
- Growing traffic problem
- Public meeting place
- Adequate lighting

- Public transport for Macclesfield/ Meadows area
- Bus stops – need some more thinking about where and access
- Improve footpaths – many are unsafe
 - Removal of significant trees- need to protect
 - Areas a little further out are not pristine
 - More public toilets

Our Priorities

Footpaths- improve the footpaths along high traffic areas such as Gawler Street.

Community Space- need more community spaces.

Infrastructure- improve infrastructure including footpaths, better roads (seal) and underground power lines.

Mount Barker Summit- make it safe and more inviting

Community Pool – an Olympic size pool for activities such as aqua-aerobics

Semi-rural atmosphere- maintain the semi-rural atmosphere by keeping small towns separate

Health- need an on call 24 hour emergency and specialist centre

Traffic Flow- improve traffic flow and congestion

Open Space- maintain land for open space

Transport- improve bus stops, better access to outer areas

INSIGHTS from Commuters

What do you love about this District?

- ❖ Sense of community
- ❖ Good Facilities
- ❖ Country atmosphere- Small size and landscape
- ❖ Simple easy shopping without crowds
- ❖ Access to local services
- ❖ Proximity to Adelaide – good bus service
- ❖ Clean environment with lots of birds and open space
- ❖ Local heritage
- ❖ Selection of café's
- ❖ Working in the city – when I get home to calm, relaxing place with clean air
- ❖ Away from suburbia hustle and bustle
- ❖ Like living in the country with convenience of the town

I work in the city –
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- The character of outlining towns
- Accessibility to the city
- Support growth with infrastructure
 - Good public transport system
 - connect retail precincts
 - Environment (wetland) as part of town history
 - Significant historic buildings

Things to Improve

- More events and activities and facilities for young people e.g. bowling alley, skirmish, greater variety for young people
- Better public transport including a train
- Extended waking trails
- Vacant block between woollies – Mount Barker central should be a community space
- Improved infrastructure to support growing community
- Emergency department at hospital
- Increased services and support for aged community
- More department stores and shops generally
- Telecommunication – Nairne- need NBN
- Improved roads
- More childcare
- Less ad-hoc development

Important Things to Keep

- Small town feel
- Open space- trees, recreation and streams
- Country family friendly neighbours
- Art and music scene
- Good flow of traffic
- Town square

Our Priorities

Traffic Flow- Relieve freeway congestion

Better public transport- Including a Sunday bus, a train and more evening services

More facilities and Events for Youth- including bowling alley or jump

Improved health Services – including a hospital emergency service

Open Space- More walking trails (possibly between towns), dog-park and more trees

Community- more events that attract families

Town Centre- Clean up the empty block


Local Employment – support local business to employ (including youth)

Infrastructure- build infrastructure to support growth

INSIGHTS from Young People

What do you love about this District?

- ❖ The parks
- ❖ That there are lots of trees
- ❖ It's friendly
- ❖ It feels safe
- ❖ It's peaceful
- ❖ Sporting opportunities
- ❖ Tree
- ❖ Country feel but close to the city
- ❖ Plenty of shopping opportunities
- ❖ Able to walk to the shops
- ❖ Its beautiful
- ❖ Sense of belonging
- ❖ Good schools
- ❖ The Summit



We live in a safe and friendly community. We value the open spaces and environment and education opportunities. We want to actively engage in our future.

What would make it Better

- Less litter
- Better public transport from small towns
- More activities/facilities for young people like a bowling alley
- More art and murals
- More events for young people
- A Swimming pool
- A park between Mount Barker central and Woolworths
- Better footpaths and more trails
- More recreation facilities
- Less housing encroaching on rural land

INSIGHTS from Council Staff

The best things about this District?

- ❖ Rural atmosphere
- ❖ The natural environment (hills) and open space
- ❖ Sense of Community
- ❖ The schools
- ❖ Great shopping
- ❖ Safe
- ❖ Historic townships
- ❖ Sporting culture
- ❖ Health services

Things we could do better

- More things for our youth
- Better infrastructure
- Better roads and less congestion in town centre
- Community services & facilities
- More Public transport
- More local employment
- Community gathering spaces
- Support small business
- Health services
- Traffic safety
- Bottleneck in emergency
- Jobs- particularly youth

Priorities under Each Focus Area

Leadership

- Look after our youth
- Courageous decision making
- Greater role in economic development outcomes including traineeships
- Open communication and information sharing
- Transparency in decision making re capital projects and spending
- More support and resources for community and people oriented initiatives
- More community involvement in decision making (feedback)

Economy

- Caravan park
- Short term accommodation
- University
- Support start-up businesses
- Encourage high tech industry – more local jobs and less commuter travel – broadband and other infrastructure to facilitate
- Capitalize on ‘clean and green’
- Support home based business
- Value adding for farming/business, egg incentives and strategies including through changes to dev plan and zoning
- Land – appropriate zoning
- Strong and effective marketing (tourism, business, lifestyle)

Community

- Youth development program
- Community events
- Sporting facilities
- Services for disadvantages
- 24 hour health
- Support volunteering
- Look after the elderly
- Need better public transport to smaller towns
- Linking townships with trails
- Improve health services and education opportunities and public transport
- Art and cultural facilities
- Promote age friendly communities (inter-generational facilities, multi-hub etc.

Natural Environment

- Revegetation – increase by 10%
- Community awareness & education
- Expand wetlands
- More walking trails
- Wildlife corridors for native species so habitat not lost
- Carefully manage and maintain open space area and biodiversity
- Encourage community awareness and ownership

Built Environment/ Urban Environment

- Traffic management – mount barker to Nairne
- Roads surrounding rural townships – maintenance of road verges so walkers can walk safely.

- Build up rather than out – include provision of infrastructure and rezone to promote private development
- Implementation of low cost, near maintenance free concepts to facilitate sustainable growth
- Sympathetic urban form to fit in with natural environment
- Safe connections for cycling and pedestrians
- Intra and inter township public transport
- Updated standards and integrate fact/information sheets
- Mixed use zones
- More dog parks
- Diversity in residential housing, e.g. affordability, variety of size
- Increase investment in disability/accessible access


Well being

- Services for aged people
- Community safety
- Arts and culture
- Youth facilities
- Community events

INSIGHTS from Online

What do you love about this District?

- ❖ The natural environment – open space
- ❖ The historic buildings
- ❖ The community
- ❖ Access to the city
- ❖ Sporting culture
- ❖ Tree lined streets
- ❖ Country feel
- ❖ Villages and vibrancy
- ❖ Wetlands
- ❖ Shopping and services
- ❖ Safe
- ❖ Peace and tranquility
- ❖ Its beautiful
- ❖ No hustle and bustle
- ❖ Sense of belonging
- ❖ Educational opportunities
- ❖ Country life with city amenities
- ❖ The Summit



Mount Barker and surrounding communities are unique and were all founded upon rich tradition. You never run out of things to do and there are many opportunities to be involved.

What would make it Better

- More/ quicker public transport to Adelaide
- More activities / services for youth
- More vibrant main street/ town square in all villages
- 24 hours Dr / emergency access
- Swimming pool
- More trees
- Sort out the vacant land in the town
- More bikeways and trails
- More recreation facilities
- Regional sporting facilities
- Less housing encroaching on rural land
- NBN
- Regional art gallery/ hub

DC MOUNT BARKER STAFF WORKSHOPS

Workshops were held with staff at various locations including the civic centre, library and depot. The responses have been combined.

The best things about the District

- Trees and rolling hills
- 30 minutes to town, beach etc.
- Country feel
- Country culture
- Trails and pathways
- Wetlands
- Good shopping /hours
- Air quality
- Schools/ hospital
- Sense of community
- Foot paths
- Tourist attractions
- Open space
- Wineries
- Fresh food
- Sports club
- Safe for all
- Quality rural landscape
- Not many traffic lights
- Mixed demographic
- Historic townships
- Medium socio/economic
- Know neighbours
- Community events
- Variety of lifestyles
- Dynamic volunteers/ community groups
- High level of community pride
- Community ownership
- Sporting culture
- Maternity unit at hospital
- Summit health services
- Access to parks
- Mount Barker Summit
- Opportunities from growth
- Exciting future

- Cinema

The things we could do better

- More gardening staff
- Better roads
- Infrastructure
- More for young people
- Better planning
- Communication
- Be proactive not reactive
- Congestion in town centre
- Appreciate benefits of area
- Staging infrastructure
- Community services & facilities
- Sense of place in town
- Rural roads
- Tree selection- more natives
- Watercourse design/ management
- Maintenance consistent in design
- Car parking in town centre
- Intersection design/ safety
- Proactive road maintenance
- Take politics out of decisions
- Communication on decisions
- Better depot
- Public transport
- Social well being
- Promote regional centre status
- More innovation in construction
- Higher education
- More local employment
- Community gathering spaces
- Arts, culture
- More attractions
- Better relationships between towns
- Support small business
- Health services

- Asset management
- Business incubators
- Social enterprise
- Youth services
- Traffic safety
- Bottleneck in emergency
- Poor pedestrian movement
- More investment in youth facilities
- No night life
- Foster creativity
- Groups work better together
- Tourism in rural areas
- Jobs- particularly youth
- Council connects to community
- Biodiversity
- Higher quality shopping
- Provide incentives to attract business
- Target industry/business we want
- Reduce red tape for business
- Open communication and information sharing
- Could do more in leading community re impact of change/change management
- Don't drive things according to external funding
- Transparency in decision making re capital projects and spending
- More support and resources for community and people oriented initiatives – remember why we do things
- Harness and increase organizational knowledge
- Encourage different models of leadership
- More community involvement in decision making (feedback)
- Engagement models
- Increase Council resources (we are time poor)
- Better understand work force
- Strong leadership
- Communication
- Cut red tape
- Courageous decision making
- Training and development
- Healthy community discussion
- Transparency in decision making
- Fund community not driven by funding/ grants
- Engagement model with community
- Greater role in economy
- Asset management
- Lead business attraction
- Share information
- Transparency
- empowering

Focus Areas

Governance/ leadership

- Cultural leadership
- Walk the talks
- Succession planning
- Fitting roles with people who have appropriate skills – vision
- Adaptive to change
- Opportunity to change
- Look after our youth
- Courageous decision making
- Empowering and enabling information
- 2 way communication
- True process and transparency
- Active citizenship
- Good relationships between LG and community
- Training and development opportunities and support for staff
- Ongoing maintenance of facilities
- Empower staff with delegations
- Greater role in economic development outcomes including traineeships

Economy

- More efficient use of resources
- Jobs for growth
- Caravan park
- Short term accommodation
- University
- Increase events
- Support start-up businesses
- Education
- Attract/ support entrepreneurs
- High tech industry
- Clean and green
- Jobs for locals
- No more petrol stations
- Encourage high tech industry – more local jobs and less commuter travel – broadband and other infrastructure to facilitate
- Capitalize on ‘clean and green’
- Support home based business
- Generate local jobs
- Encompass new technology
- Stimulate the rural economy
- Diversity of employment opportunities
- Value adding for farming/business, e.g. incentives and strategies including through changes to dev plan and zoning
- Essential services, health, service SA,
- Marketing the district, towns for locals and tourists
- Land – appropriate zoning
- Council’s own enterprise park
- Beeline/circle bus linked to tourism parks
- NBN
- Establish call centres
- Strong and effective marketing (tourism, business, lifestyle)
- Nightlife, vibrancy, more to do – entertainment

- More receptive/response to start up business – e.g. business incubator, flexible policies, manage interface and impacts to community barriers to jobs, development
- Foster more private investment
- Job diversity – advocacy role
- More training opportunities for young people (role for TAFE?)
- Encourage small business (provide the best possible environment for them to thrive)
- Provide workshops and training opportunities

Community

- Youth development program
- Community events
- Sporting facilities
- Careful how to promote area
- Community program support
- Services for disadvantages
- Safe communities
- Active citizenship
- Active lifestyles
- Public transport
- Youth facilities
- Car pooling
- Linking townships
- 24 hour health
- Events
- Swimming pool aquatic centre
- Leisure centre
- Athletics stadium for track and field events (ala SANTOS stadium)
- More festivals
- Anembo park hockey pitch upgrade
- Community spaces in town centre
- Theatre as part of a new library
- Somewhere with a dance floor
- Move Christmas pageant end back to oval

- Rec centre for bowling, skating, concerts
- Support volunteering
- Look after the elderly
- Support local community groups with WHS and insurance
- Need better public transport to smaller towns
- Need a major hospital
- “Hidden” disadvantaged
- Safe and connected communities
- Community ownership and acceptance
- Service provision by state and federal govt and NGOs.
- Avoid the creation of ‘soulless” urban development
- Educational facilities
- Public transport linkages and frequency/availability
- Community events and engagement
- Linking townships with trails
- Bypass for Hahndorf to separate commercial and tourism traffic
- Improve health services and education opportunities and public transport
- Promote active lifestyle (e.g. trails and open space)
- Art and cultural facilities
- Be entrepreneurial and experimental
- Better relationships with community groups. Support them to flourish and do more for their towns.
- Heightened awareness of mental health and connection
- Cultural connection and inclusivity
- Community profile knowledge and literacy
- Increase facility access for all sectors of the community
- Promote age friendly communities (inter-generational facilities, multi-hub etc.

- Promote accessibility to community programs, e.g. for commuters, longer opening hours etc.

Natural Environment

- Stormwater
- Infrastructure
- Revegetation – increase by 10%
- Community awareness & education
- Native trees
- Expand wetlands
- WSUD
- More walking trails
- Link wetland to Amy Gillett bike path
- Wildlife corridors for native species so habitat not lost
- Enrich what we have
- Manage growth
- Create habitat/corridors for marginalised species
- Do something about cats
- Carefully manage and maintain open space area and biodiversity
- Tourism for rural areas
- Invest in managing natural areas
- Promote biodiversity
- Invest in our waterways
- Increase biodiversity
- Upskill staff to understand biodiversity
- Incorporate technology into our natural assets
- Enrichment of what we have – enhance positive perceptions and justify rate increases
- Preserve quality environments, trees and creeks
- Encourage community awareness and ownership
- More environmental education
- Promote the environment within urban development

Built Environment/ Urban Environment

- Keep heritage/ walks

- Linear trails
 - Council standards review
 - Innovation in infrastructure
 - Mixed use
 - Density
 - Sustainable
 - Green infrastructure
 - Edible street trees
 - Improved parking
 - Climate aware
 - Corner shop
 - Town uniqueness
 - Quality open space
 - Manage growth
 - Support vibrancy
 - Walkability
 - Disability access
 - Parking
 - Footpaths (pedestrian connectivity)
 - Water conservation
 - Traffic management – mount barker to Nairne
 - Playgrounds that fit the natural environment (not plastic)
 - Roads surrounding rural townships – maintenance of road verges so walkers can walk safely. At the moment they walk on the road (bugle ranges)
 - Build up rather than out – include provision of infrastructure and rezone to promote private development
 - Implementation of low cost, near maintenance free concepts to facilitate sustainable growth
 - Sympathetic urban form to fit in with natural environment
 - Safe connections for cycling and pedestrians
 - Intra and inter township public transport
 - Climate aware and friendly
 - Innovation in infrastructure – capital and renewal
 - Updated standards and integrate fact/information sheets
 - Community hubs
 - Mixed use zones
 - Make Mount Barker more walkable
 - New developments should encourage 'leafy green'
 - More selective re heritage, public realm investment and better parks and trails
 - Need a premium park (park facilities are tired and daggy)
 - Retain character
 - Increase vibrancy
 - More dog parks
 - 'Urban environment' goal area should be 'Built Environment'
 - Diversity in residential housing, e.g. affordability, variety of size
 - Increase investment in disability/accessible access
- Well being**
- Services for aged people
 - Community safety
 - Arts and culture
 - Youth facilities
 - Community events

ONLINE SURVEY

A total of 41 responses were completed and a further 25 were completed in part.

Survey Responses Questions 1-3

What do you love about the Mount Barker district and its communities?	Why do you live here?	What do you tell others about the place you live?
A gorgeous hills location, close proximity to the city, lots of services and amenities - but doesn't feel like a suburb. It has a community vibe and is just picturesque.	It's beautiful. It's close to the city without being in it, or just another suburb - it feels a million miles away, without being a million miles away.	I tell them it's beautiful. It has everything you need, shopping and services - a great community feel and it's so close to Adelaide!
The beautiful countryside and strong community spirit.	For a restful life style and opportunity to make connections with others while still close enough to keep up with arts/ theatre etc. in Adelaide	About the beautiful surroundings, the slower pace of life and the positive aspects of small community living.
The nice communities and all the activities and groups that the council and organisations have to offer. I also enjoy the calm scenery of the country side.	I moved here when I was one year old, my parents always said they wanted a small amount of land and a few animals.	We often tell others many things about the place we live, it's a lovely place with many unique features including all the wild animals which we wake up to see most mornings.
Opportunity to live near work , great free activities at library, good public parks, plenty of room to play for kids, the birds & native vegetation, great little hospital	To have. Good lifestyle	Great mix of country living & urban access
The amount of greenery. Trees, grass and parks are something we need more of.	To be honest? It was to be closer to the school but now it's because of the cheap rental properties.	Quiet usually. Some parts are good and some need work but it's getting there.
Its history, old buildings and trees! We need to be so careful we do not lose the history of our township with all the development, and that the development is undertaken beautifully. There is no reason Mount Barker can be just as beautiful as Stirling! More deciduous trees.	Because of the beautiful old buildings and trees. We are not liking some of the new development and the type of people this is attracting to our area. Mount Barker should not be seen as another 'Woodcroft' or Northern Suburbs development. It is a historic, beautiful location - with stunning old and new homes. We need to attract people who have CARE and love the area - like our family does.	I tell them we live in the beautiful Adelaide Hill! Trees, rolling green hills - and people who love the district and care about it. This is NOT a suburb of Adelaide, it's a historic town.
Don't like anything about Mount Barker - the Council has destroyed this over the decades	Wistow	Wistow is a rural lovely area - luckily Mount Barker Council aren't involved. I tell others Mount Barker is a horrible town, the Council has destroyed the area with urban growth, shopping spread across the town from one side right out to the other, lack of infrastructure, public transport and development of improved roads. They agree!
It's still a 'community', people still know others as they walk down the main street. I am 30 minutes from Adelaide and only 5 minutes from the country. And it's growing, which is an exciting time for all residents as new infrastructure is developed and businesses come into the town.	Mount Barker and surrounding townships lack the hustle and bustle of the city and suburbs and everything is in close proximity - even other townships.	It's much quieter than the plains and we are so close to the countryside. Beautiful streetscapes, terrific coffee shops and the shopping is getting better.

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I love the fact that I am 45 minutes from the city - can enjoy both, country and city living. I like the community spirit the towns have - sport and recreation gels communities together. I love the trees, open space and the hills generally - it is beautiful.	I can live here and work locally. My family can live in the hills and it is close enough to commute to Adelaide for work and further education. I enjoy country living any day that living in the city - in fact have never lived in a city.	The beautiful Adelaide Hills - picturesque, trees, greenery, open spaces. It is only 45 minutes or less up the freeway if you need to visit the city for doctor appointments, work etc.
The encouragement children have to play and be involved in many sporting opportunities - and the consequent encouragement for families to be engaged in the local community.	For the children to grow up and develop in this community.	There is probably not a better location to bring up children.
The tree lined streets, the sense of community, feeling like we live in the country yet being so close to Adelaide.	To give our children the opportunity to be children. We live on a 2 acre property where they can run, play, grow veggies and keep animals. All skills that will set them up for life. My husband loves being able to work in the city but come home every day to the country.	That we live in the best place on earth. We are surrounded by gum trees and creeks, yet just out of town. We feel like we are part of the community and love the community spirit which is alive up here.
open space and farmlands	because of the open spaces and farmland	It is no longer the beautiful farmlands and open spaces, just crowded housing (rooftops nearly touching each other)
Established vegetation, majestic gum trees and native wild life - it still feels like a country town	quality of life at an affordable price	It's an oasis in the hills - but cold in winter!
fresh air country feel	fresh air country feel and the beauty of the Adelaide hills	How beautiful it is but why do so many people drive down to Adelaide for work and schooling. council should develop the best education center in the state with the biggest and most varied curriculum to keep our young people here
community ,except Mount barker that still lacks soul	environment, proximity to city	peacefulness
I love its vibrancy and the location. There is an exciting tension between the old and the new and a sense of community within many of the little 'villages' in the district.	I work here, but live in another regional area. But I work here as I am keen to help build and support a flourishing community	I tell others that Mount Barker has the potential to be a learning city that attracts and nurtures small businesses, fosters strong sporting and community events and has the potential to become a Learning City for all generations who live and work in the region.
Well I used to love the rolling green land that surrounded the township, but that is no more. I love the history, the historical buildings and significant trees. The town is losing the community feel with the population growth, but it is not lost completely which is very special. We still have some warmth and compassion of a small town community, without the prejudices of being small town minded. Autumn in the hills is magical. Leave the trees alone.	As mentioned above I like the connection of being in a small country/suburban town in the hills. I enjoy the country environment and the town conveniences.	It's growing too quickly. A beautiful historically important town and area that is being swallowed up quickly by houses and cars and very ugly concrete buildings. We are being taken over by the 'outside world' of fast food joints and petrol stations. Not too happy, as you can guess.

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Mount Barker and surrounding communities are unique and were all founded upon rich tradition. You never run out of things to do in Mount Barker and there are many opportunities to be involved within the community and beyond. It has great schools, significant employment rates, endless shopping centres, friendly parks/ playgrounds and astounding community projects.	Moving here from Queensland, it didn't take long for me to feel a sense of belonging within the community and before I knew it Mount Barker had become my home.	It is situated in a magnificent location, it has so much to offer: -wonderful shops -parks/ playgrounds -Flourishing schools
The wetlands, the park lands, the great playground	I grew up in the hills and want my children to be a part of this community too	It's beautiful, but the traffic is terrible and the parking is awful. Too many shops
Mount Barker is in the middle of a lot of diverse localities. It is located in the Adelaide Hills with its rural character and farm lands right at its perimeter. It is 40 minutes to the Murray River, south coast beaches, Barossa and Adelaide.	Originally because I came from a rural back ground and did not want to live in Adelaide. Now I have a business based here and my wife works at a local school. The regional centre of Mount Barker is now large enough that there are lots of diverse opportunities for education (for my children) and entertainment.	We are located so we are only 40 minutes to the Murray River, south coast beaches, Barossa and Adelaide. The regional centre of Mount Barker is now large enough that there are lots of diverse opportunities for education (for my children) and entertainment. Although traffic with in the town is struggling with the road network once out of the town travel times are good because of the freeway and also many route options. There is good work being done in regards to walking and riding trails and networks within town.
Mix of safe and attractive neighbourhoods, good shopping, easily accessible medical and dental services, walkable access to attractive cafes and pubs in or near the town centre, heritage buildings and plenty of green trees maintaining the Hills atmosphere and protecting local real estate values.	We like living in the Hills and our house was affordable. We have stayed 30 years and renovated at considerable expense, greatly increasing the value of our house in the township, instead of retiring to the beach or back to the CBD because Mount Barker, as a developing regional centre, offers improved health, shopping and recreational facilities. We will stay as long as the town does not lose its character or become a lower socio-economic destination, such as Port Willunga, with an over investment in welfare housing.	That Council is endeavouring to balance rapid population and housing development with community concerns about the environment, community safety and access to services. We tell others that, at this time, Mount Barker is not becoming a less desirable place to live and that we want to be part of the solution to the town's challenges.
The country feel, the community spirit, the library, the open spaces & the merge of old with new	Affordable property, good place for children, accessible to city but not the city, can live and work in the same region	Great life style, easily accessible, many community services & no need to go down to Adelaide every day (but you could if you needed to)
The rural scenery, wildlife, particularly bird and aquatic life, the wetlands, the space, ease of getting around the district and lack of crowds	We have always been in the Hills and in Mount Barker there has always been the best of the Hills together with the services a rural centre provides	The air is clean and fresh, there is space to move and to live without being on top of others
green, open spaces trees diversity of community	country life with city amenities	country life with city amenities
Near Winery, affordable, proximity to the city, beautiful landscape	I only work in the hills not live	Beautiful landscapes, community spirit, amazing local food, wine and produce

What do you love about the Mount Barker district and its communities?	Why do you live here?	What do you tell others about the place you live?
Lovely shopping centre, main street. Friendly, helpful, easy access to public transport	Schools, good size house plots, Good place to bring up children	Beautiful countryside, ease of access to city and Murray Bridge, Excellent schools, shops, sporting
Sense of community. Diversity. All services and shops are here	To be close to schools and work	Good mix of urban and rural
I like that mount barker is small and easy to get around. I defiantly wouldn't say I like the community though. the people who are living up here now are pretty low class	lived here all my life	I tell them in a shameful voice where I live, then lie and say it's not as bad as what people have heard. I try not to go into detail
It is easy to drive around and to other towns. I like the way people from other nationalities are moving up here; the SAPOL district headquarters are in Mount Barker; the Wallis cinema; the great public library; that there are paddocks, agriculture between towns, not one merging into another	We moved to Nairne 20 years ago and haven't been able to afford to move again	
The people being very community focused.	Mount Barker.	That it's a fantastic place to live, the mix between country and urban surroundings. Shops not being overly far away as well as beautiful scenery.
the trees, the bush, the rolling hills, village atmosphere, unique townships, festivals and fairs, markets, cinema in Mount Barker, good shopping	because of the lifestyle, because of our property, because of our friends	good local schools, the beauty of the bush, the change of seasons, social opportunities, community involvement
The peace and tranquillity, heritage and history of the areas and the open space	Historical home and peaceful setting	Some of the community members have much to be desired and councils transparency and trustworthiness is questionable
I love the location in the Adelaide Hills, far enough away from the city without being too far. The fresh air and the greenery (or brown in summer!) is just so refreshing and never gets old. I like that people know each other in the Hills and are generally pretty friendly.	My family has lived in the Nairne region for at least 5 generations on both sides...how could I live anywhere else? It's in my blood! I did a year-long stint in the middle of the desert living and working at Uluru and although it is one of the most beautiful and unique places and I loved it dearly, the Hills will always be my home and I could not be away from this place for a long time!	I just LOVE where I live. I love the heritage, I love the natural beauty, I love the people, and I love the feeling of a 'getaway' even though I'm at home.
It's rural feel, however it is so close to the cbd	For connection to community, for the fresh air and the feeling of living in a semi-rural area	Great surrounds, open spaces, community connection, able to get away from the rat race, some great eateries, ease of travel to the cbd and affordable housing on large blocks
It's not the city!	Because it's not the city it's urban & country mixed. Its home.	Most things are here & no need to go to the city unless you need to visit BigW, Medicare/health care, Car Registration. We have ample petrol stations & food outlets.
Still being surrounded by open space and the rural environment. Having a certain number of quality shops, cafes and restaurants available is great. Still being close to the city.	Because I was born and raised here and my family live here and it's my home. I went away for 20 years but came back because it's a beautiful part of the state.	It's in the beautiful Adelaide Hills and has great restaurants, cafés and walk/bike ways.
Native vegetation, open spaces, relatively unhurried lifestyle.	There was an opportunity to restore some of the ecology of the area. So we bought an environmentally wrecked piece of land & began revegetating. As our indigenous trees & shrubs grew we found that there were many small native plants recovering to provide wonderful habitat for small native creatures.	That it's now a wonderfully natural piece of land but that it's threatened by urbanisation creeping ever closer.

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Not much actually. There is no culture, apart from the popular and sport, and the developers are ruining the landscape.	It was cheaper to buy here than in Adelaide. But I like it OK.	It is in the Adelaide Hills.
The sense that each community is contained, it's not just one big mass of houses. This gives each township its own sense of identity and community ownership.	It was convenient when I worked in Mount Barker. As inconvenient as the city commute now is, now that we're settled in, it'd be too disruptive to uproot the family (change schools etc.) and move closer in.	Although it has changed and become a lot bigger in the 25 years since we've been here, a lot of the change has been for the better and it still has a great community feel about it.
The shops like Farrago, cafes, cinema, wetlands, the surrounding towns like Hahndorf, the library, Giovannis, Keith Stevenson Park.	Because it is the best place in South Australia.	Not much.
That it once was a county town	Because I like living in the country - with all this development I might have to shift	That I once lived in the country

Survey Responses Questions 4-6

What's a word or phrase that describes your community?	What would be one thing that would make this a better place for you?	What landmarks or places matter to you?
Connected	Confused	The natural rural countryside and areas of native vegetation. Crystal Lake Park.
it's something not like any other	Better/more/quick public transport to Adelaide	In my spare time like to walk through the mount barker summit trying to spot my house and I also like riding and walking through the wetland area.
c		The history & old buildings, steam ranger, the sculptures and public art in the district, the bike tracks & waking paths
	A fun park like green hills adventure park.	Nothing really. I would be/am upset when any area of Mount Barker becomes damaged or vandalised but no place or space matters most.
Confused	A regional art gallery & community hub	Nothing really. I would be/am upset when any area of Mount Barker becomes damaged or vandalised but no place or space matters most.
Confused	More trees (deciduous)	Every historical and old building and trees! Especially deciduous ones. What makes Stirling so beautiful? - Its trees. They attract loving, caring people to live in the district.
Changing due to Council involvement and greed	New council and plans	An improved sign for Mount Barker!! It is horrible! And better signage that doesn't cost the earth, which increases rates! Improved shopping facilities, guarantee you will kill the area with whatever plans you have for the old Big W site! Trains for public transport up through to Murray Bridge if you want cars off the roads!!! Improved roads - that would be amazing! A new freeway exit like 2 decades ago! 3 lanes on the freeway! And way above all please stop the urban growth in Mount Barker - you have ruined the future of Mount Barker and areas! This is only the start of the list ...
Relaxed	More vibrant main street areas in the smaller townships of the district.	The Big W site. It's a concern as to what will end up being built there. I know that a majority of the community would like to see some kind of a town square / user friendly area incorporated (somehow) into the site. The Mount Barker Summit - wasn't this location to be upgraded? Keith Stephenson Park

What's a word or phrase that describes your community?	What would be one thing that would make this a better place for you?	What landmarks or places matter to you?
Friendly	To have a town square in every town - even though I live in Nairne, I feel Mount Barker needs an enjoyable relaxed area.	Keith Stephenson Park Mount Barker Summit Auccendorach Hahndorf Wineries
Active.	A significantly better public swimming pool.	The swimming pool (which reflects a sad state of neglect from the council) & the linear trail (which is a credit to the council)
A true community who bands together	Having access to an emergency department and 24hr Dr at the hospital.	While development needs to occur, it's important to retain the feeling of a country town. Trees, the beauty of having a main street like original country towns (Gawler Street) where people go to shop also increases the sense of community spirit.
Greedy developers	stop the massive developments	the farmlands and rural vibes
down to earth	better public transport from Meadows	historic main streets and local shops, not global corporations and parks and green belts along main roads to suburbs
Friendly	A centre square for meeting events /festivals. Similar to the town squares in Europe. The council should consider purchasing land /property in the town itself to achieve this. Expensive but once achieved it would be the highlight of the community.	I don't really think of any landmarks.
still struggling to be community		historical buildings
Committed	Better well-being support	Places where there can be live music and where young people between the ages of 8-28 feel they are accepted and belong
Transitioning.	Put yourself in the shoes of an international visitor and visit. Would you like to see what is happening?	The entrance to Mount Barker is ugly and embarrassing. Imagine Stirling or Hahndorf agreeing to such ugliness. Never. The main street is pretty and the avenue leading to the train station. The wetlands and bike trails. Open spaces. The new development near Cafe Aqua is well done.
tenaciously enhancing	Reducing the speed limit on some of the main roads and investing in more zebra crossings. To make Mount Barker a more tourist friendly community would be placing signage regarding local history in a variety of languages at local landmarks.	I personally love the Laratinga Wetlands, it is a place where I enjoy going with my friends and family. It has wonderful aboriginal art and endless history.
Hustle and Bustle	A town heart! Let's use the vacant land in the middle of the shopping district and make it a market place, a concert oval, a picnic ground, an art gallery, let's get some cultures	The wetlands!
evolving	More resources dedicated to recreation facilities and trails and paths that link them.	I use the Laratinga wet land trail a lot. Vistas of rural land from around the town. Small pockets of land around the town that contain significant native trees. The Mount Barker Summit

What's a word or phrase that describes your community?	What would be one thing that would make this a better place for you?	What landmarks or places matter to you?
A town undergoing major transition.	A focus on setting up and maintaining quality of life for residents. Keeping the town of Mount Barker safe and visually attractive.	Mature trees. Heritage buildings. Dunn Oval and the linear trail.
The best of country living, close to the city	More bikeways	Historical landmarks, Steam Ranger, Public artwork in the Main Street & local parks, the village atmosphere in Littlehampton
Country living	Responsible planning instead of indiscriminate development	The Summit, Laratinga, the open space on Martindale
diverse	commitment to retaining and/or planting as many trees as possible, and creating and maintaining high percentage of open spaces in and around Mount Barker as possible	pockets of remnant vegetation Laratinga wetland - unique, and an exemplar of environmental stewardship and sustainability
Green	more people to encourage local businesses	
Friendly	Cheaper council rates	Mount Barker, town hall, court house
friendly	More cycle paths on road and off road	Summit. Laratinga wetlands
low class, second rate, backwards	Less housing trust homes/families. Less housing estates. MORE shops so you don't have to go to the city for everything	The summit. but please don't change anything about it, it's the only place left that is still nice
Happy	No barking or aggressive dogs	
Friendly	Regional Sporting Facilities	The vibrancy of the town centre and local parks / sporting facilities.
dynamic and supportive	A skate park in Macclesfield's Davenport Square for our young people	Crystal Lake, Macclesfield Wetlands, Mount Barker Mount Barker summit Kuitpo forest
Potential for a village feel	an appreciation of peace and history by council and residents associations	Historical buildings and residences
Energised	What we REALLY need are more platforms for youth to gather, connect and do things! Getting kids involved in community and encouraging volunteering and helping others will add so much value and help to grow an amazing generation of the next leaders!	Mick Murphy Park (while small) is really important to me as it was named after my Great Grandpa Murphy, who I loved and miss dearly. I like all of the places you can go for a nice walk and have recently been enjoying talking my puppy for a walk around the Mount Barker Wetlands (and the Matthew Smile Drive park is also our daily walking place as it is close to home). There is only one off-leash dog-park in the Hills, so maybe we could look into some more places to safely exercise dog's off-leash?
Connected	Better sporting facilities, specifically an artificial turf hockey pitch. The potential to have a strong Adelaide hills club has yet to be realised - however it will be one day when the facilities are up to the same standard of metro pitches.	Main Street of my barker, the wide streets of nairne, esp. the Main Street. Also the heritage buildings - having these maintained and restored

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Too big & too busy.	Roller skating rink, bowling alley, Hoot! Festival. Better roads.	Steam Ranger.....should be made a major tourist attraction. The Steam Ranger & Train Station is a very important part of Mount Barker & should be used to its full potential. Hoot! Festival should be brought back every year too!! Bring back the Country Music Festival!!! All fantastic events gone missing & need to be brought back!!!
Busy	Less housing estates encroaching on rural lands.	Landscape zone on the hill heading from Mount Barker to Littlehampton; the historic unspoiled township of Macclesfield; the Mount; Keith Stephenson Park; Laratinga walkways and park; Auchendorroch; Gawler Street; all of the historic buildings in the town; Mount Barker Institute; rural landscapes; native vegetation patches.
Distant	A halt to Mount Barker's expansion.	Our piece of land; the native vegetation at Mount Barker summit; the road to home.
Average	Intelligent, 21st century town planning, including public transport.	The mountain and the creeks; also the pine trees adjacent to the railway station. KS Park and other parks.
Good people making the best of it.	Council should lose the mean spirit (see extra comments below in landmarks)	The oval/showground, Keith Stephenson Park, the trails network & Laratinga wetlands, Gawler Street precinct. From the box above - a better place Council should lose the mean spirit and be a little more tolerant for example with the rates notices: - Many families are under pressure and struggle to pay on time, to hit them not just with fines, but collection agency threats and legal action and fees for late quarterly instalments - makes all the warm fuzzy community speak a little hollow.
BUSY	Less housing more parking for cars.	Mount Barker Summit, the Wetlands, Keith Stevenson Park.
Spoilt	Stop the rampant development	Laratinga wetlands - one of the Council's success stories

POSTCARD RESPONSES

A total of 80 responses were completed by young people and the general public.

Postcard Responses Questions 1-3

What do you love about the Mount Barker district and its communities?	Why do you live here?	What do you tell others about the place you live?
St Francis De Salle		
It's a happy and safe environment		it's a safe and friendly community
How involved and friendly everyone is	More options	the best place to live
it's safe and has a lot of colour to make people think it's a good place	Because dad wanted a big place with animals and able to ride bikes	it's a safe community
The trees are everywhere and make the town look beautiful	We lived in WA and my dad got a job in Port Adelaide. We chose Mt Barker because it was the place we loved the look of and the schools	the town is absolutely beautiful with all the trees and is very friendly
It is safe and it has lots of plants and natural environment. I like the parks	Because of the bigger properties to live on and it peaceful.	It is a safe community with lots of plants.
that it is a very peaceful place, lots of things to do and it's a kind place	Because my mum and dad lived here	that it's a great place to live if you like peace and quiet
That we have a warm community	That we are close to the shops	that it is a supportive community
Fast growing and active	Because it is a lovely country location	Littlehampton is a peaceful but relatively fast growing town
That it's a fun community with good opportunities	Because this is where my parents live	That it's a clean, neat, safe neighbourhood
the educational facilities		It's a safe and happy environment
it is a nice and friendly district		safe and lovely
it's a friendly but busy community	Because its quieter than Adelaide and Stirling	it's a nice place
They support your opinions	It's cheap	the people are friendly and cool
That they are close and they have lots of historic figures	Near family and its safe	it's awesome
It is quite safe and friendly	Because it's close to the city but not too close	it's nice and civilised
That it is safe and close knit community	So my parents could build a house	that it is very nice and welcoming

What do you love about the Mount Barker district and its communities?	Why do you live here?	What do you tell others about the place you live?
Mount Barker High School		
Its variety of sporting clubs and shops	I was born here	that it is vibrant and busy and there is a lot to do
I love how welcoming it is and the opportunities or facilities we have	it's the only place I know	that it's a nice community where everyone gets opportunities
I'm never afraid of walking alone, I always feel safe and there are a variety of groups and sports all over town	I don't like cities but I like living in a place with everything you need	it's a perfect place and has all that you need for a good life
	I was born here	that its growing too fast
I like mount barker because it has everything that Adelaide has but less busy and cleaner	parents moved here but I wouldn't want to live anywhere else	that it's clean and safe and less busy
the vibe, the cafes and little shops	moved to my stepfathers	it's cold but a nice community feel
my school	my parents moved here	very quiet, peaceful, love to live here
I like the way that all the shops are in one area	parents wanted somewhere quiet	cold in the hills(for people who don't know where)
the organisation and operation	because I didn't get a choice	it's very peaceful and calm
I love how it is not densely populated and how involved the Council is	Because its peaceful at times and I and near relatives	How peaceful and clean it is
The connectedness of community members - how we all know each other and all come together in times of need	because its easily accessible and close to both the city and the beach	it is growing and expanding rapidly and isn't too much of a hidden gem anymore
I like that the mount barker district is relatively close to Adelaide while still being a separate community	I live here because it is near a quiet yet big town	
the nice parks and gardens	because my parents wanted me to live in a nice place	I live on a nice green hill
I love the way Mount Barker has an inviting and friendly persona	I live here because its quiet and chill	I tell them its "chill", modern area
Cornerstone College		
I love everything about Mt Barker especially the respect people have for the land and its history	My parents moved here from central Australia because it was close to family, has good educational opportunities and seemed friendly	Peaceful, respect, involvement
The fact that Mt Barker is a rural area but still has urban qualities, e.g. entertainment	Because my parents wanted to live in a small town and own a farm	It's very scenic and beautiful
Variety of shops in walking distance, lots of nice places for sport and leisure	parents bought their block and built their house where we have lived ever since	Beautiful view, nice open space, fresh air
The clean beautiful environment. The resources available and how close it is to the city.	because it offers a country lifestyle but is close to the city	Its vibrant and colourful and hosts tourism
How I feel safe being alone or without adults	I always have - I like the land though rather than the city	That is a lot nicer then they assume

What do you love about the Mount Barker district and its communities?	Why do you live here?	What do you tell others about the place you live?
The sporting opportunities	it has all the necessities for a growing family	It's cold
There are plenty of shops and businesses so you don't have to go to the city	It's safe, scenic and clean	It's pretty scenic and a quieter lifestyle compared to the city
I love the amount of greenery and the vegetation interwoven into towns and communities		It's a place with everything you need and with a fantastic natural feel
The safe, friendly community and people	I moved here from Kanmantoo because Mt Barker was closer to school and sport	That it is a beautiful town
Peaceful vibe, full of history, I like the enclosed cosy feeling of the hills	Because my parents liked the cold and greenery and there are good schools	Nice atmosphere
The schools and the way everyone knows each other	My parents loved the seclusion and country-ness	That it is a nice private, small community
The current and previous farming land that makes the areas rural/country	It's a beautiful place out from the big city	That it is beautiful with trees etc. but still close to the city
I love the community and the many sporting opportunities	My parents moved here 21 years ago for the rural lifestyle	The sport and farming
The people, the environment		Busy, close to everything
How everyone knows everyone. It's a pretty tight knit community	for the peace and rurality	It's a safe neighbourhood
The open air and tranquillity of surrounding districts	my parents lived in the area all their married lives	Accessible and tranquil
The kind accepting community. If I ever need help I feel I could ask anyone	I live on a farm in Woodside	How friendly and pretty the environment is
Easy to get to places, convenient walking distance	we moved from England in 2007	Social and friendly
The liveliness	both my parents have jobs here	It is quiet, friendly and homely
I love all the small townships that are unique in their own way		Bustling, close to the city
Skate Park Coaches		
The Skate park, schools and people	It's nice and the people	Chill
Local quality skate park,		great place, skate park
How close everyone is and everyone are friends	it's nice	Fun
Indoor skate park	because it's a great country	G'day mate
General Public		
Shops	Do not	you will love it
Library and staff; diversity or rural and suburbs	Quiet rural setting, but close enough to the city	quiet and peaceful
the rural aspect so close to Adelaide	A small community in beautiful surroundings	friendly, well cared for
Open spaces, trees and rural settings	No hectic pace as is living in the city	that it's great and a great place for kids to grow up

What do you love about the Mount Barker district and its communities?	Why do you live here?	What do you tell others about the place you live?
Everything is here that I need	House that suits my requirements	that it's a nice place to live
it is in the Adelaide Hills	Has accessible amenities by walking	close to shops etc.
	Was offered independent living rent free	people are so friendly and helpful
surrounding countryside, easy access to city, weather, wetlands, walks	Lovely country town	no longer a country town
Playgrounds	My family lives here	Fun
I have lived here majority of my life approx. 40 years. I like the feel that you are still in the country but have so many facilities	Because of the above. When we came 40 years ago it was a lovely country town	A great place to live with so many opportunities close to Adelaide
there are lots of activities and wonderful local markets	My family lives here	Friendly people, country feel, close to city
The open spaces, rural aspects. In town the streetscape of Mt barker central	My parents always lived in the Mt Barker/Echunga area and we moved to Mt Barker when I was young	Hahndorf - a quaint town with history and character
We have everything at hand	The rural, fresh hills lifestyle with space and not suburban living	Got everything here
I love the trees, the birds, the open space, the summit and the effort by the council	Close to city with country feel	All of the above but also the history and heritage and community involvement in Callington
The community atmosphere. Friendly, easy going living	Mt Barker	It's country feel, close to shops, and very community orientated
It still (just) has the feel of a country town but with all the city-type amenities in walking distance	For all the above - lifestyle before work	All of the above and that we are just a bus trip away from Adelaide CBD
Lots of things to do nearby, good sport options for kids	Mt Barker	Quiet and peaceful
Affordable community housing. My friends are here	It's a great place to retire	People are friendly. Schools are good
Climate	Country feel, city convenience	I like it
Harrogate	We live in a co-operative house	Pleasant. Rural Lots of wildlife and birds
wide open farm land	Close to Waldorf school	Friendly, good, peaceful
Council people (mostly) do their best, despite developers	The environment and independence	Urban sprawl, traffic congestion
The country feel still and the friendliness	Older resident - long term	It's close to Adelaide with a country feel and plenty of shops
The hills landscapes, the trees and sense of community	It's a great community	It's a great place to come home to
Country style yet plenty of shops	As above	Clean. Fresh. Nice. Friendly
Community feel. Open spaces, playgrounds, friendly vibe, great lifestyle pace	Community housing	Great place - move here
The open space, trees, rural	Community involvement	Varied, lively
It's progressive, inclusive and welcoming. I love laratinga wetlands too	It's beautiful	That it's a great place to be
Beautiful landscape with trees. Small and friendly communities	Affordable, near shops, close to Adelaide, healthy living (low industry)	Don't move here now - too many house developments, poor though in infrastructure, bitsy town 9bits of shops here and a

bit more there)

Postcard responses Questions 4-6

What's a word or phrase that describes your community?	What would be one thing that would make this a better place for you?	What landmarks or places matter to you?
St Francis De Salle		
Happy	Cleaner environment	playgrounds
awesome	Bowling alley or golf course	schools and shopping
beautiful and safe	We need a massive pool	wetlands
inviting	More big grass areas to have fun	the park across from the high school
natural environment	More parks to hang out with friends and a support fun minigolf course	parks - wetlands - movies
very interactive	More out of school activities	MT barker football club, my home, school, restaurants
fantastic	To have community gardens. More places for the community to go. Recreational for families	The old land marks and the wetlands
calm, quiet, peaceful	A more interconnected community	ANZAC war memorial in Littlehampton. Littlehampton nature reserves
safe	A new basketball stadium or the current one upgraded	Recreation centre
warm and inviting	Cleaner recreational facilities (cigarette butts everywhere)	Playgrounds, parks and learning facilities
happy and kind people	Cleaner places (too many cigarettes)	Parks and clean places
Fanfairytastic	An orphanage and ice creamery	Wetlands and the Summit
Fun	More pools and hospital	The rec centre. My house/school parks, pool, shops, playgrounds
we have respect for each other's privacy	Less new housing development	The coloured letters
friendly	More opportunities for kids, multicultural shops	Home, Laratinga, school
Mount Barker High School		
busy	Rec activities (bowling, laser skirmish etc.)	KSP, Mount Barker oval
welcome, friendly, caring	having lights and AstroTurf hockey pitch at Anembo Park	Laratinga wetland and parks where there is space and peace.
friendly, safe, welcoming	less houses destroying wildlife	my school because education is important to me for my future goals
crowded	for planned projects to go ahead with new infrastructure	the library
fun and safe	less houses	War statue
	Entertainment (bowling alley etc.)	Hahndorf, visiting the street)
helpful, neat	buses a bit more often to places many people wouldn't normally go to (for people who don't drive or don't have a car)	My school, things that help my community
changing	an attraction/hangout for young people	Mt Barker HS as a lot of time is spent here

clean and peaceful	bigger youth involvement and places	anything that is like an oasis with peace and quiet
	I love how it is not densely populated - more fun	Mount barker summit
What's a word or phrase that describes your community?	What would be one thing that would make this a better place for you?	What landmarks or places matter to you?
bustling, environmentally sustainable	less congested traffic and slow the increasing rate in housing estates	the wetlands, historic monuments/landmarks
Quiet	more things to do, less housing developments	
happy	more youth groups and events	the empty hills without homes and shops
friendly	more activities	I'm not really sure
Cornerstone College		
a united community with fun, friends and family	I would appreciate more gardens so the visual aside of Mt barker is nice	the summit, old heritage buildings and ancient trees, open space
safe	more events for young people, concerts etc.	the wetlands and general farming areas
touristy, quaint, peaceful	don't develop land and stop cutting down trees	open places like parks and shops and cinema in walking distance
tourism focus (Hahndorf)	A larger shopping centre offering more resources	Hahndorf because I live there and it has so much to offer like shops and restaurants
close-knit	more footpaths	sporting complexes
Beautiful, united	more paths to walk on	football ovals (sport facilities), food places
welcoming	Less housing estates and more parks	movies, sporting venues
supportive and secure	A park between mount barker central and Woolworths	the parks and wetlands
safe community	Drainage on the footy oval	The football oval , KSP
cosy	more art, i.e. sculpture, murals	The main street is really interesting, lots of locally owned businesses. It would be cool to see more local owned businesses popping up
Private, small, picturesque	more trees	Wallis Mt barker
urbanising too much	Stop using good farm land for houses! Also better wheelchair accessibility in main streets	The farmland. Rural qualities and peacefulness
loving and caring	broadband where I live	The farms and creeks
best of both worlds	more things for youth to take part in	the walking trails
naturally warm, inviting and homely	more culturally diverse	seeing fields and rural landscape mixed in with urban
Warm, welcoming, homely	a town square in mount barker	the traditional and historic frontages throughout district townships
happy	have more landmarks and more clean environment	the laratinga wetland and the wood carvings at the wetlands
friendly and helpful	more walking/running tracks/ indoor sport facilities	sporting facilities, ovals and tennis courts
Homely, safe community	better pool for the community	Anembo park because of soccer
best of both worlds	more youth activities/centres/opportunities	the wetlands, KSP, bike trails

What do you love about the Mount Barker district and its communities?	Why do you live here?	What do you tell others about the place you live?
Mount Barker Skate Coaches		
chill	more events	Skate Park and school
great place, skate park	indoor skate facility	Skate park, mall, KFC
fun	bigger skate park	Skate park
G'day mate	A spa	
General Public		
peaceful		The sign on the freeway at Mt Barker at night
friendly	No goods trains and the occasional passenger service. NBN at Callington	All old stone buildings whether complete or not
Country community	A home for U3A that is affordable	Laratinga, farmland
Delightful	A regional hospital with all facilities	Mt Barker summit - serene and peaceful
Building relationships	better footpaths and facilities for those that don't drive, e.g. better bus timetables	churches, community centres and facilities for marginalised people
Friendly	Less traffic on Adelaide road	Dunn memorial church
Rural living at its best	Can't think of anything. Love it as it is	Outside dining areas and wonderful bakeries (too tempting)
Changing	Stop the 'progress'. Improvements in infrastructure - very happy about Nairne freeway interchange	Parks and gardens. Central Mt Barker character preserved Laratinga wetland, the summit
Fun	Safer roads	library, playgrounds, bike paths, shops, open spaces
Friendly. A diverse and growing lifestyle	better and safer road crossings, i.e. Albert rd./wellington rd. and junction and Victoria rd. and Wellington rd. crossing	Auchendorroch. Older buildings. Open paddocks. Green grass
Friendly	Better public transport	Keep building developments to a minimum the old cottages
Friendly	More activities and places to eat at night (Europe) no trucks driving down main street	Hans Heysen's house. Mt Barker summit
Quiet, friendly, convenient to city	More car parking and more shops	Wetlands/parks
friendly undulating hills and red gums: peaceful country living	More public toilets	Hospital and GP clinic
vibrant	fewer new housing developments	Mt barker summit, all remnant vegetation on roadsides and in reserves and private land. Heritage buildings, Gawler st, small charming towns.
	widening and upgrading Wellington rd.	
a beautiful landscape which changes with the seasons	more recreation facilities to meet demand	sporting facilities and the vibrancy of the Mt barker town centre
pleasant	Don't leave the clover leaf off the new logo. Turn Big W area into a park	Laratinga, KSP, Auchendorroch, the library
friendly	footpaths on Woodside rd. Nairne	Laratinga Wetlands

What do you love about the Mount Barker district and its communities?	Why do you live here?	What do you tell others about the place you live?
diverse	more community housing for families	Playgrounds, laratinga, the long bike path, shops
friendly	pool upgrade, more bike tracks	hall and park
peaceful but challenging	less big trucks rumbling through town	
mixed - mostly disconnected from each other	restrictions on future growth	prospect hill and Meadows
rural feel with city perks	pocket parks, cultural arenas	parks/playgrounds, Summit, hospital, KSP, bike track
connected	better transport	the summit
Country living with shopping close by	better footpaths, more appropriate development more places like the hut at Aldgate	the beautiful old cottages that are still around
friendly	better family supports and emergency accommodation Callington Smelter chimney	Summit, playgrounds, Littlehampton
my community is full of ideas	Can't think of anything. Love it as it is	all areas and leave more farmland
growing (sadly)	playgrounds with toilets, bike paths, better shops and paths in carparks	parks, wetlands, shops, schools and kindy

SUBMISSION FROM MACCLESFIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AND CRYSTAL LAKE PARK SUB-COMMITTEE.

The Macclesfield Community Association (MCA) appreciated a Council representative attending our recent meeting and trust that the issues brought up at that meeting will be included in the Council's Strategic Plan. In particular we believe that Council's Strategic plan should include ways in which it can build better partnerships with organisations like MCA and support MCA in its work to build a better community. This will be achieved not just by assisting to manage Council assets (including land) but also by working to develop other ways to improve quality of life for the communities in the District, especially with and for our young people.

Further to information provided to Greg Sarre (DCMB) at our meeting and with reference to the Council's document "Planning now for the future – BACKGROUND INFORMATION", we request that the following additional matters be taken into consideration in formulating the next Strategic Plan for the District Council of Mount Barker.

1. 'The community' is much wider than the township of Mount Barker and its smaller towns, and rural areas need to be given more consideration in the planning of Council services and activities. Decisions about these are mainly driven by actual or anticipated population growth and the needs and potentials of smaller, non-growth communities are overlooked. There is a need for balance between centralised and de-centralised services and activities and a need to re-assess the potential for small towns to enhance the economic and cultural fabric of the whole district.
2. De-centralising some services/activities to smaller communities will bring a stronger 'district' emphasis to Council activities, and to the outlook of residents throughout the district. Decision making should take into consideration the potential for improvement of social infrastructure, social cohesion and access to opportunities to participate in community life for everyone in the district. In particular, decentralising the development of arts and cultural venues and events across the district will help to achieve this by enriching the whole region both economically and culturally.
3. Strong community spirit and well-being across the district will be fostered by building on existing potentials in the *district* rather than focussing energy and enterprise only in the main growth areas. There is a need therefore for Council to re-assess the potential of its non-growth areas – not to make them grow, but to improve the assets of the whole district by helping improvements in small towns.
4. It is noted that the Mount Barker district is already a tourist attraction and there is a desire to build its "reputation for niche food, wine and tourism products and the role of tourism in economic development". This needs to involve a search for suitable venues in communities which will welcome and benefit from such development.
5. Macclesfield's Crystal Lake Park, currently rated by Council as a Category 4 Undeveloped Reserve, and is a good example of potential which could be sympathetically developed as both a tourist destination in the district and a site that can demonstrate sustainable 'green' development. The Park has already been used for several exhibitions and events which drew visitors from across the region and the State. The award winning Laratinga Wetlands are a 'feather in the cap' of the Council, and additional 'environmentally friendly' and sustainable developments can only increase district pride and prestige for Council.

6. While it is not appropriate in this submission to put forward specific plans, we request re-assessment of the status of this reserve with a view to building on its assets and on aspects of its use to date, which fit with the general principles of the Council's Focus Areas:
 - a. The district, town and park are steeped in well recorded history and offer a slice of country life not too far from the city – both assets in the tourist trade.
 - b. This large reserve has had much native revegetation work done over the past 6 or more years by the Macclesfield Bushcare Group in consultation with Council, and such environmental work will continue in future. The park can be developed with solar energy and composting toilets to become a 'showcase' for such technology.
 - c. In addition, the installation of the sculpture "Water Song" has put Crystal Lake Park on the Adelaide Hills Sculpture Trail and triggered the concept of a multi-purpose Art and Recreation Park with a mini sculpture trail to add interest and enjoyment for tourists.
 - d. The availability of the large shed/gallery gives space for potential exhibitions and workshops in the arts and sustainable development.
 - e. Business enterprises in the district will benefit from increased spending on food, wine and accommodation, and community well-being will benefit from additional volunteering opportunities and a focus for community pride in achievement. Some additional casual employment is also likely to result.
7. The Macclesfield community has been in agreement with the concepts expressed in this submission at community meetings held by the MCA in the past (November 2012 and July 2014) i.e. that the Crystal Lake Park area should remain 'natural', that native revegetation work should continue and that the park also function as a venue for art and other events.
8. We believe that appropriate development of Crystal Lake Park, as outlined above, should be included in Council's future plans and request that reference to this be included in the Strategic Plan.

SUBMISSION FROM HAHNDORF COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Mr. Greg Waller

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Dear Mr Waller,

Hahndorf Strategic Plan

It has been many years since the Hahndorf Master Plan was reviewed. Of significant change since the last plan has been the growth in development. Although consistent with the development plan generally, this growth was in many ways not consistent with contemporary thinking.

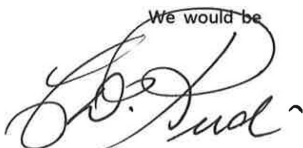
The integration of the township, its residents and the need for a sustainable growth reflective of the somewhat conflicting objectives of the commercial, cultural, traffic, heritage, landscape, drainage and security aspects of the town, need to be reviewed.

The Hahndorf Community Association view issues such as parking, major landscaping along Hahndorf Creek, the integration of the township from Hahndorf Resort at one end of the township to Beerenburg at the other, an entry statement, and the diversification of commercial activities, as essential to grow the township as a high quality tourist village with a focus on living and working as some of the key objectives.

We believe a series of consultation days which canvass the views of the community and visitors through a series of inspirational image presentations to prompt discussion on topics such as tourism, lighting, transport, heritage, parking, landscape, drainage and recreation. This consultation would be a good starting point for the development of a series of strategies for further consultation and input from all stakeholders.

We envisage the outcomes will be the basis for amendments to the Council Strategic Plan, the Development Plan, and the capital and operational upgrades for the township. This in no way should detract from the excellent work done by the Council and proposed by the Council in the short term.

We have articulated our thoughts on the flow chart attached. We would be pleased to meet with you to discuss the process at your convenience.

We would be


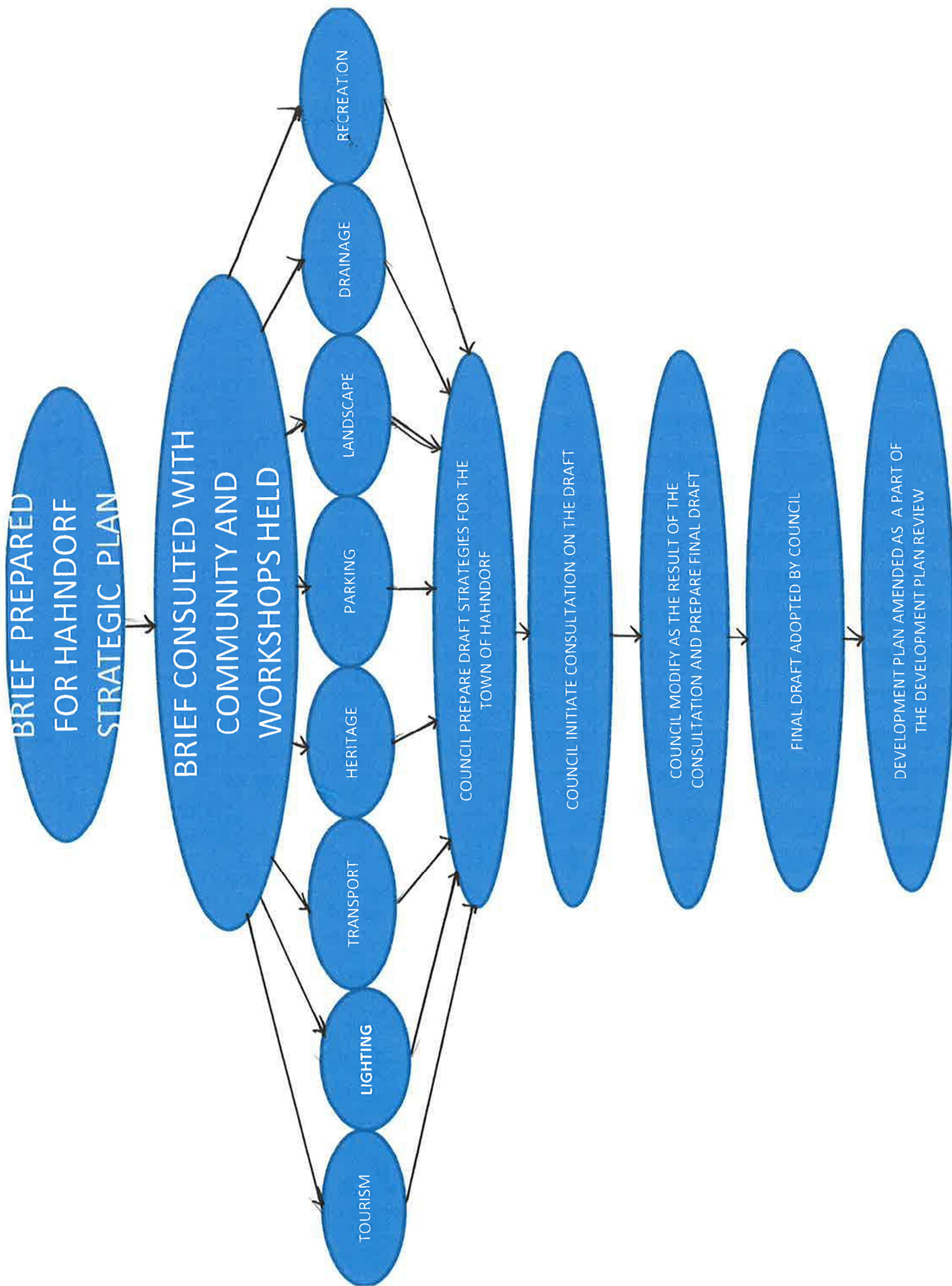


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Chairman

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Chair, Subcommittee on Hahndorf Strategic Plan



SUBMISSION FROM KANMANTOO CALLINGTON COMMUNITY CONSULATIVE COMMITTEE (KCCCC)

MASTER PLANNING PROCESS

The role of the KCCCC is to provide a forum and encourage community input to decision making related to the development of Hillgrove's Kanmantoo Copper Mine.

A Master Planning Working Party has been established by the KCCCC to focus on the Mine Closure Plan and related programs. The working party will provide input for Hillgrove's consideration that may help it to align aspects of the Plan like the mine's rehabilitation, native vegetation program and final landscape design with the community's priorities for the future.

As part of this process, the KCCCC is seeking to involve the wider community in identifying social, environmental and economic drivers, key strengths of the community and potential programs that may be relevant to the Mine Closure Plan. A Discussion Paper has been prepared and circulated and feedback on this is currently being finalised by the Working Party. Timing is important because the District Council of Mount Barker is currently reviewing its Strategic Plan for the District that will provide a planning blueprint for the next 10 or more years.

Outline

The following outline is provided on the understanding that the details are still to be confirmed with the wider community.

Likely drivers of future development of the Kanmantoo Callington area may include:

Social	Environmental	Economic
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. limited residential development 2. a healthy, rural lifestyle for residents 3. local community facilities for sports and recreation 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. sustainable management of the unique natural environment 2. valuing and utilising water resources 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. food production and value adding 2. tourism 3. art and culture 4. education 5. existing businesses 6. new businesses that are consistent with the community's social and environmental priorities

The main strengths of the community that could complement development based on these drivers may include:

1. mining history and heritage
2. Aboriginal history and heritage
3. environmental values
4. Strong contingent of artisans – artists, sculptors, etc.
5. healthy rural lifestyle (recreation and leisure)
6. education and research

Concept

It has been suggested to the KCCCC that the Kanmantoo Callington area could be developed as an Ecological or Geological Park or something similar. This suggestion was made recognising that the ecology and geology have been key factors in shaping the history of the area and led to its important mining and environmental legacy.

Kanmantoo / Callington was a hub for early Cornish and German settlement in the early 1840's. This made the area the first Cornish mining district in the state, before Burra and Kapunda. Activity extended to mining and smelting and a number of the artefact landmarks are still visible today.

There were six major smelting sites in the Callington – St Ives - Kanmantoo area that operated for a period of 30 – 40 years in the 1800's. The Bremer Mine / Smelter at the back of the Callington School and the Paringa smelter are examples still visible today.

The land around Kanmantoo Callington was originally surveyed as a 'special survey' for purposes of promoting its development as a mining province. An area 8 miles by 4 miles (about 20,000 acres) was divided into 20 strips that could be purchased. The Kanmantoo Callington area was one of only five areas in the state that were surveyed in this way.

Like Burra, the Kanmantoo Callington area was of interest to two major mining investors (SA Company and Paringa Mining Company) and to make the process of land allocation fair, the strips were the subject of a ballot.

Moonta and Burra are currently seeking National Heritage listing as Australian Cornish Mining Sites. Such listing could in turn link them to the global Cornish World Heritage site. Kanmantoo Callington may be able to leverage off this and form part of the Cornish Copper Trails.

The concept would involve encouraging programs like:

1. environmental rehabilitation that restores parts of the degraded landscape in a planned way that reflects the unique native vegetation and supports healthy ecosystems
2. the preservation and protection of relics from the European mining history of the area
3. highlighting the history and heritage of the Peramangk people through art and other culturally appropriate initiatives
4. providing a forum for artists to represent the area through Landscape Art and perhaps linking up with the region's Sculpture Symposium
5. encouraging healthy lifestyle and recreational use of the area through walking and bike trails

Should this concept be adopted, the KCCCC believes that the Mine Closure Plan could be aligned to add significant value for the community with minimal disruption or cost to the company.

Private landowners in the special survey area may also be able to leverage off the work of Hillgrove to develop contiguous ecological structures and benefit from the company's experience and resources like its seed bank and propagation centre.

The concept would draw on the key strengths of the area and would likely involve the development of key infrastructure to link these programs together such as walking and riding trails.

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Why do you live here?
What do you tell others about the place you live?

**MESSAGE FROM
MAYOR FERGUSON**
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SCHOOL PHOTOS





COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

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MOUNT BARKER CREW - SKATE PARK COACHES FEEDBACK

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What do you love about the Mount Barker district and its communities?
It is quite safe and friendly.

Why do you live here?
because it's close to the city but it's nice and quiet.

What do you tell others about the place you live?
I'd like to see it developed.

What's a word or phrase that describes your community?
We have respect for each other.

What would be one thing that would make this a better place for you?
Less new housing development.

What landmarks or places matter to you?
The coloured leaders.

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What do you love about the Mount Barker district and its communities?
That they are close and they have lots of historic figures.

Why do you live here?
Near family and that it's safe.

What do you tell others about the place you live?
It's awesome.

What's a word or phrase that describes your community?
Safe.

What would be one thing that would make this a better place for you?
More pools, hospitals.

What landmarks or places matter to you?
Parks, pool, shops, playgrounds.

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What do you love about the Mount Barker district and its communities?
They support your opinions.

Why do you live here?
It's quiet.

What do you tell others about the place you live?
The people are friendly and cool.

What's a word or phrase that describes your community?
Friendly.

What would be one thing that would make this a better place for you?
An orphanage and an academy.

What landmarks or places matter to you?
The race centre and the hospital.

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What do you love about the Mount Barker district and its communities?
It's a friendly but busy community.

Why do you live here?
because it's quiet than outside.

What do you tell others about the place you live?
It's a nice place.

What's a word or phrase that describes your community?
Friendly.

What would be one thing that would make this a better place for you?
More parking and a soccer field.

What landmarks or places matter to you?
Wetlands and soccer field.

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What do you love about the Mount Barker district and its communities?
It is nice and friendly district.

Why do you live here?
It's safe.

What do you tell others about the place you live?
Safe and lovely.

What's a word or phrase that describes your community?
Safe and lovely.

What would be one thing that would make this a better place for you?
Cleaner places, more playgrounds.

What landmarks or places matter to you?
Parks and clean places.

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What do you love about the Mount Barker district and its communities?
The educational facilities.

Why do you live here?
I'd like to see it developed.

What do you tell others about the place you live?
I'd like to see it developed.

What's a word or phrase that describes your community?
Warm and inviting.

What would be one thing that would make this a better place for you?
Cleaner educational facilities.

What landmarks or places matter to you?
Parks, shops, parks and learning.

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What do you love about the Mount Barker district and its communities?
That it's a fun community good opportunity.

Why do you live here?
I live here because this is the community.

What do you tell others about the place you live?
That it's a clean, neat, safe neighborhood.

What's a word or phrase that describes your community?
Safe.

What would be one thing that would make this a better place for you?
A new basketball stadium or the race centre.

What landmarks or places matter to you?
Parks.

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What do you love about the Mount Barker district and its communities?
How involved and friendly everyone is.

Why do you live here?
More options.

What do you tell others about the place you live?
The best place to live.

What's a word or phrase that describes your community?
Diverse.

What would be one thing that would make this a better place for you?
More walking or so it could be.

What landmarks or places matter to you?
Schools and shopping.

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What do you love about the Mount Barker district and its communities?
It's a happy & safe environment.

Why do you live here?
It's a safe & friendly community.

What do you tell others about the place you live?
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What's a word or phrase that describes your community?
Happy.

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Cleaner environments.

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What do you love about the Mount Barker district and its communities?
That it's safe and close knit community.

Why do you live here?
So my parents could build a house.

What do you tell others about the place you live?
That it's very nice and welcoming.

What's a word or phrase that describes your community?
Friendly.

What would be one thing that would make this a better place for you?
More opportunities for kids.

What landmarks or places matter to you?
Hill, Launceston, School.

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It is safe and it has lots of plants and natural environment.

Why do you live here?
Because of the bigger properties to live.

What do you tell others about the place you live?
It is a safe community with lots of plants.

What's a word or phrase that describes your community?
Safe.

What would be one thing that would make this a better place for you?
More opportunities for kids.

What landmarks or places matter to you?
Parks.

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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR EDWINSON
The Mount Barker District Council is pleased to announce that it is now open for public consultation on the Mount Barker Strategic Planning process. This is a unique opportunity for the community to have their say on the future of Mount Barker. The Council is committed to ensuring that the community's views are taken into account in the development of the Strategic Plan. We encourage all residents to participate in the consultation process and to provide their input on the future of Mount Barker. The Council will be holding a series of public meetings and workshops to discuss the Strategic Plan and to gather feedback from the community. We will also be using a variety of other methods to engage with the community, including online surveys and social media. We look forward to hearing from you and to working together to create a bright future for Mount Barker.

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