MOUNT BARKER
DISTRICT COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MEETING

Pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1999 notice is hereby given that the following meeting will held in the Council Chambers, Mount Barker Homemaker Centre, 6 Dutton Road, Mount Barker on Monday 1 July 2024.

7.00 pm Council Meeting

A. Stuart
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

25 June 2024

Further information on Council's meeting procedures can be found on Council's website – www.mountbarker.sa.gov.au Council / Documents / Code of Practice for Meeting Procedures

Mount Barker District Council – Monday 1 July 2024 – 7.00pm

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1. COUNCIL OPENING

EXPRESSION OF FAITH

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

1.1 Leave of Absence

1.2 Apologies

2. QUESTIONS FROM THE GALLERY (15 MINUTES)

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Recommendation

That the minutes of the council meeting held on 3 June 2024 as circulated to members be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

Council Members are reminded of the requirements for disclosure by Members of a general or material conflict of interest in relation to items listed for consideration on the agenda.

Any declaration of a conflict of interest by a council member needs to include the following:

- If the conflict is general or material;
- Which agenda item the conflict relates to; and
- If a general conflict of interest is declared – whether or not the member proposes to participate in the discussion of the matter and if so, how the member intends to deal with the conflict of interest including whether the member intends to vote on the matter and their reasons for participating in the discussion of the matter.
- If a material conflict of interest is declared, the member is to leave the room for the discussion of the matter unless the Minister has granted an approval to the member to participate in the discussion of the matter.

5. DEPUTATIONS

NIL

6. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

6.1 TITLE: COLLECTION OF FIREWOOD
DATE: 1 JULY 2024
FILE NUMBER: DOC/24/87199

Questions asked by Councillor Grosser

A local MP in recent media interviews, including a Courier article on April 24th, 2024, has supported collection of firewood under permit from forests and reserves. Residents are interested to know Council's position on collection of firewood from reserves and roadsides.

a. What areas fall under Council's existing remit and jurisdiction? What areas and impacts can Council control?

b. What is Council's existing position on the removal of fallen wood from roadsides and parks within its jurisdiction?

Councillor Ian Grosser
21 June 2024

Officer response:

Council has jurisdiction over land under its care and control and ownership which extends to reserves, parks and roadsides. It does not have any jurisdiction over State forests or reserves.

Section 221 of the Local Government Act 1999 stipulates that the removal of vegetation (this includes firewood) from roadsides is prohibited unless authorised to do so under a permit from Council.

Council's Local Government Land By-law (by-law 4) prohibits people from interfering or removing vegetation from all Local Government Land.

Council's endorsed Biodiversity Strategy clearly states that the collection of firewood from roadsides has the potential to damage valuable remnant vegetation. It acknowledges that fallen timber provides shelter and foraging places for native animals. It shelters young seedlings and small plants from heat and drying winds and is important in the recycling of nutrients. Category 1 and 2 Native Vegetation Significant Roadside Marker Sites (NVRMS) have signage that includes no collection of wood on roadsides. An update of Council's Native Vegetation Roadside Management Plan is planned for later in 2024 and a briefing will be provided to Council on this in coming months.

As a side note, any illegal clearance of native vegetation can be referred to the Native Vegetation Council.

Phil Burton
General Manager Infrastructure

7. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE – COUNCILLORS

8. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

NIL

9. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

For

- *requesting a report*
- *a simple matter with minor impact*
- *an urgent matter that without consideration by Council would result in a detriment to Council*

10. PETITIONS

NIL

11. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

11.1 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE – 20 JUNE 2024

11.1.1

REPORT TITLE: **MINUTES OF SECTION 41 COMMITTEE – AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING 20 JUNE 2024**
DATE OF MEETING: **20 JUNE 2024**
FILE NUMBER: **DOC/24/86408**
ATTACHMENTS: *Minutes provided separately on Council's website – Audit and Risk Committee Minutes 20 June 2024 (click here)*

Recommendation

That Council receive and note the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held 20 June 2024 as circulated to Council Members and available on the Audit and Risk Committee page of Council's website.

The recommendation to Council of the Audit and Risk Committee arising from the Committee's 20 June 2024 meeting is provided separately for consideration by Council at Item 12.9 High and Very High Strategic Risks Excluding Wastewater Report.

12. REPORTS

12.1 REPORT TITLE: ADOPTION OF 2024/25 FEES AND CHARGES REGISTER

DATE OF MEETING: 1 JULY 2024

FILE NUMBER: DOC/24/41004

ATTACHMENTS: ATTACHMENT 1. DOC/24/87150 – 2024/25 DRAFT REGISTER OF FEES & CHARGES

Key Contact Kylie Murphy, Finance Business Partner

Manager/Sponsor Steven Ireland, Manager Financial Services, Corporate Services

Executive Alex Oulianoff, General Manager Corporate Services

Community Plan 2020-2035:

Leadership and Good Governance
LGG Strategy 1.8 – Maintain organisational and budget capacity for project delivery and effective and efficient programs and services.

Annual Business Plan:
Nil

Purpose:
To provide the Council with the information necessary to adopt the 2024/25 Fees and Charges Register for fees to be set by Council or under delegation, and to note that statutory fees and charges will be included in the fees and charges schedule available for public inspection in July 2024, subsequent to gazettal by the State Government.

Summary – Key Issues:

1. The Council and Wastewater Service 2024/25 draft budgets include revenue from fees and charges, which are either determined by Council, delegated to Council Staff or are statutory fees set by the State Government.
2. The 2024/25 draft budgeted fees and charges revenue is based on the fee structure included in the attached register.
3. The attached register includes fees that are payable by developers in relation to infrastructure provision.

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. **Adopts the 2024/25 Register of Fees and Charges for fees and charges set by Council and under delegation as attached which includes fees that are payable by developers in relation to infrastructure provision; and**
2. **Notes that statutory fees and charges set by the State Government will be included in the fees and charges register available on Council's website, subsequent to gazettal by the State Government.**

Background:

1. The schedule of fees and charges is to apply for a range of services in the 2024/25 financial year in accordance with Section 188 of the *Local Government Act 1999*. Fees and charges may be fixed, varied, or revoked by decision of Council or by by-law. Council must make the list of fees and charges available on Council's website.
2. Under the Act, responsibility for defining certain fees and charges may be delegated, whilst others must be adopted by Council or are fixed by legislation (i.e. statutory charges).
3. The Register of Fees and Charges details the user charges set by Council, under delegation, and the statutory charges set by the State Government in regulations. The statutory fees and charges included in the attached register are the current charges and may be amended by State Government at any time during the financial year. The Register of Fees and Charges will be updated as statutory charges are amended.
4. In conjunction with the development of the Council and Wastewater Service annual business plans and budgets, fees and charges are reviewed annually. Relevant staff from all departments have undertaken a review of the proposed fees and charges. A Draft Register of Fees and Charges for 2024/25 has been prepared and attached to this report (Refer attachment 1).
5. Wastewater annual service charges and the Urban/ Rural Waste Management charges are not included in the schedule of fees and charges as they are included in the draft rating policy that forms part of the draft Council Annual Business Plan, which was the subject of a separate agenda item at the special council meeting held on 3rd June 2024.

Discussion:

6. Budget holders and managers have reviewed the fees and charges for the 2024/25 financial year. General indexation of 4.3% has been applied to a range of fees and charges, based on the Adelaide All Groups CPI as at March 2024. The actual increase may be slightly higher or lower where fees have been rounded (e.g. to the nearest dollar). Where fees have increased by more

than indexation, it is due to the current fee not covering the cost of providing the service, or where the fee has not been increased for several years.

Examples include:

a. Fee payable for Non-Compliance with Council By laws – an increase of $65 (35.7%) is year two in a three year progressive increase of this fee to the maximum of $312.50 that Council is able to charge. The higher amount provides an effective deterrent and adequately covers administration and staff costs. Council's approach will still continue to be a strong focus on education and working with residents to achieve compliance with the relevant legislation, before any fines are issued;

b. Community Transport and Home Assist fees have increased to adequately cover costs with certain service not having increased for several years.

7. Statutory fees and charges are identified on the attached register (*), these are fees and charges which Council does not set. New statutory fees may not have been advised as at the time of writing this report. It should be noted that for the purposes of this report these fees and charges have been updated where known, or retained at 2023/24 levels and will be updated to reflect gazetted fees when they become available.

8. Fees and charges set under delegation are included on the attached draft register, identified by (#). These are fees and charges that can be waived, reduced or varied by Council administration (Chief Executive Officer or delegate). This delegation enables Council to respond to hardship, amendments to fees and charges for services provided on behalf of Council via management agreements i.e. Adelaide Hills Recreation Centre, Mountain Pool and Mount Barker Tourist Park, or to respond to the change in the cost of providing a service i.e. the price of vaccines may change during the year varying the fee for this service.

<u>Infrastructure Contribution Fees Payable by Developers</u>

9. Financial modelling of the planned future expansion and upgrading of Council's wastewater and recycled water systems demonstrates that for the sustainability of the Wastewater Service, the Wastewater Community Wastewater Management System (CWMS) and Sewer Infrastructure Fee are both recommended to be increased by 8.44%. The increase is above the ABS Road and Bridge construction index due to forecast increases in capital delivery costs for developer required infrastructure. These fees are payable by developers and triggered when development is undertaken.

10. The 2010 Ministerial Development Plan Amendment (MDPA) Developer contributions for Transport Infrastructure and Recreation Sport & Community Infrastructure are also recommended to increase as follows:

a. Transport Infrastructure

This is charged per hectare and has increased by 2.5% (noting that this is index quarterly. This fee applies to all developers who have not entered into a binding deed arrangement with the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport (MIT) . Note that this fee is updated via indexation quarterly, to ensure consistency with MIT and will be updated again at the end of July.

b. Recreation Sport & Community Infrastructure

This is charged per allotment and has increased by 7% for both the Mount Barker and Nairne MDPA growth areas, to coincide with the positive impacts of the planned commencement of construction of the Regional Aquatic and Leisure Centre in 2024/25 and modelling of future community infrastructure requirements arising from growth.

Removed Fees and Charges

11. Nineteen (19) fees have been removed for 2024/25 including:

a. Community programs (17) – Removed all non-pensioner rates from Home Assist fees and Transport fees. Transport fees simplified to a Standard Rate and Short Notice/ Early or late Appointment rate only.

b. Waste Management (2) – Removed Annual Urban and Rural Waste management charge as they are included in the draft rating policy that forms part of the draft Council Annual Business Plan.

New Fees and Charges

12. Twenty four (26) new fees have been added for 2024/25, including:

a. Freedom of Information (1) – inclusion of fee for an application for an internal review under section 29 of the FOI Act 1991.

b. Wastewater and Recycled Water (1) – addition of Sewer Infrastructure fees – Commitment Deed. The fee is POA and applies where Council enters into a legally binding wastewater commitment deed with a Developer who is proposing to undertake development of significant scale and the fee is developed in accordance with applicable policies.

c. Cats (2) - fee included for the provision of a male and female Cat rehoming service including de sexing and microchipping. Council is now playing more of a role in rehoming cats due to capacity issues at the AWL and RSPCA. The rehoming fees are an attempt to recover costs associated with the rehoming of unclaimed cats.

d. Parking (2) – inclusion of Statutory expiation fee for parking and stopping in a designated Electric powered vehicle area.

e. Food act and inspections (2) – Fees have been introduced to charge for sale of items during a non-compliant food premises inspection.

This initiative is aimed at achieving compliance with the Food Act and Food Safety Standards. During an inspection Environmental Health Officer can offer food grade sanitiser and/or a probe thermometer to a food premises if it has been observed during an inspection that the premises doesn't have these items. Offering these items at cost price also addresses public health risks associated with the food business not having these items.

f. Permit Applications (5) – Four new fees introduced to charge for temporary advertising and selling of products on Council Land. One additional processing fee introduced for the sale of a road reserves to cover the external costs incurred by council during this process.

g. Council By laws (2) - Inclusion of permits to fly a Drone over Council land for images to be used by commercial purposes to cover costs of administration fee to asses this permit .

h. Hire of Council Facilities (4) - Three additional fees for vendors who hire facilities where rubbish is left on the premise and requires council clean up. One additional fee for irrigation mark up of grass area where a vendor intends to use marquees.

i. Use of Open Space - (3) Three new fees for the use of Council Open space for community and commercial events. The fee depends on the size and the activity to be undertaken, in addition a refundable bond will also apply.

j. Mt Barker Caravan park – (2) inclusion of off peak and peak rates for the newly instated Deluxe Cabins.

k. Brukunga Hall Hire Charge – (2) new fees for the hire of Brukunga Hall with a minimum 2hr hire and access to kitchen.

13. Other fees and charges may have had minor changes made to their name or description, to ensure that they provide an accurate and clear description of the good/service being provided.

Community Engagement:

Informing only	The fees and charges register will be available on Council's website, and signage for relevant fees updated (e.g. Windmill Hill Transfer Station, Mountain Pool).

Policy:

The Annual Business Plan assesses the financial requirements of the Council for the financial year and sets out a summary of its proposed operating expenditure, capital expenditure and sources of revenue and takes into account Council's long-term financial plan.

Fees and Charges Set Under Delegation Policy – DOC/19/91114.

Long Term Financial Plan:
Fees and charges revenue has been incorporated into the adopted LTFPs.

Budget:
Fees and charges in this register have been used to determine revenue budgets in the draft 2024/25 budget.

Statutory/Legal:
The preparation of the Register of Fees and Charges complies with the *Local Government Act 1999*.

Staff Resource Requirements:
Not applicable.

Environmental:
As per budget/community plan – no comment applicable to this report.

Social:
As per budget/community plan – no comment applicable to this report.

Risk Assessment:
The *Local Government Act 1999* requires that Council assesses the financial requirements of the Council for the financial year and sets out a summary of its proposed operating expenditure, capital expenditure and sources of revenue, including fees and charges.

Asset Management:
Not applicable.

Conclusion:
Council statutory and user charges (excluding wastewater and kerbside waste service charges) contribute circa 8% to annual operating revenue and where practicable those individuals or groups who use or benefit from specific services will be charged fees and charges which will largely, if not wholly, fund those services with the exception of the recreation, sport and community infrastructure fee which is deliberately a contribution by developers to such facilities as the facilities provide benefits beyond the Mount Barker and Nairne growth areas e.g. the Summit Sport and Recreation Park.

Previous Decisions By/Information Reports to Council

Meeting Date	3 July 2023	CM Reference	DOC/23/60107
Title	ADOPTION OF 2023/24 FEES AND CHARGES REGISTER		
Purpose	To provide the Council with the information necessary to adopt the Fees and Charges Register for fees to be set by Council or under delegation and to note that statutory fees and charges will be included in the fees and schedule available for public inspection in July 2023, subsequent to gazettal by the State Government.		

Meeting Date	6 June 2022	CM Reference	DOC/22/55372
Title	ADOPTION OF 2022/23 FEES AND CHARGES REGISTER		
Purpose	To provide the Council with the information necessary to adopt the Fees and Charges Register for fees to be set by Council or under delegation and to note that statutory fees and charges will be included in the fees and schedule available for public inspection in July 2022, subsequent to gazettal by the State Government.		

Meeting Date	7 June 2021	CM Reference	DOC/21/71191
Title	ADOPTION OF 2021/22 FEES AND CHARGES REGISTER		
Purpose	To provide the Council with the information necessary to adopt the Fees and Charges Register for fees to be set by Council or under delegation and to note that statutory fees and charges will be included in the fees and schedule available for public inspection in July 2021, subsequent to gazettal by the State Government.		

Meeting Date	1 June 2020	CM Reference	DOC/20/61596
Title	ADOPTION OF 2020/21 FEES AND CHARGES REGISTER		
Purpose	To provide the Council with the information necessary to adopt the Fees and Charges Register for fees to be set by Council or under delegation and to note that statutory fees and charges will be included in the fees and schedule available for public inspection in July 2020, subsequent to gazettal by the State Government.		

Attachment 1 to Item 12.1

MOUNT BARKER
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Register of Fees & Charges 2024/25

Effective 1 July 2024

Fees and Charges 2024/25

This register of fees and charges is to apply for services from the Mount Barker District Council, for the financial year 1st July 2024 to 30th June 2025, in accordance with section 188 of the Local Government Act 1999.

The Fees and Charges Register details user charges set by Council and the statutory charges set by State Government Regulations. These statutory charges are current charges that may be revised and amended during the financial year.

The Mount Barker District Council adopted this Register of fees & Charges at the Council meeting on 1 July 2024.

The Goods and Services Tax is identified GST where applicable.

Register of Fees & Charges

Andrew Stuart
CEO

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All Fees & Charges are GST inclusive where applicable **GST inc** **2024/25**

Statutory* **Delegation #**

DOCUMENTS

Some of the following documents are available on Council's website, while others are available for public inspection free of charge, at the council offices between the hours of 9.00am to 5.00pm, weekdays.

Register of interest	Yes	$0.40	*Per page*
Annual Financial Statements	Yes	$0.40	*First copy free, subsequent copies $0.40 per page*
Annual Report	Yes	$0.40	*Per page*
Assessment Book	Yes	$8.55	*Per page*
Re-print previous years rates notice	Yes	$8.55	*Per page*
Assets Register	Yes	$0.40	*Per page*
Building Application Register	Yes	$0.40	*Per page*
Committee Agendas - except confidential items	Yes	$0.40	*First copy free, subsequent copies $0.40 per page*
Committee Minutes - except confidential items	Yes	$0.40	*First copy free, subsequent copies $0.40 per page*
Community Land Extract	Yes	$0.40	*Per page*
Council Agenda	Yes	$0.40	*First copy free, subsequent copies $0.40 per page*
Council Budget	Yes	$0.40	*Per page*
Council By-laws	Yes	$0.40	*Per page*
Council Minutes	Yes	$0.40	*First copy free, subsequent copies $0.40 per page*
District Characteristic in Profile	Yes	$0.40	*First copy free, subsequent copies $0.40 per page*
Dog Register	Yes	$0.40	*Per page*
Fees and Charges Register	Yes	$1.50	*Per copy*
Gift Register	Yes	$0.40	*Per page*
Local Heritage Register	Yes	$0.40	*Per page or $5.00 for register*
Parking Controls - Aust. Standards	Yes	$0.40	*Per page*
Plan Amendment Reports	Yes	$0.40	*Per page*
Planning Application Register	Yes	$0.40	*Per page*
Policy Manual	Yes	$0.40	*Per page*
Public Road Register	Yes	$0.40	*Per page*
Register of Elected Members Expenses & Reimbursements	Yes	$0.40	*Per page*
Register of Salaries	Yes	$0.40	*Per page*
Voters Roll	Yes	$0.40	*Per page*
DPA copies	Yes	$0.40	*Per page*

ADMINISTRATION CHARGES

Rate Search Fees *	No	$40.25	
Rates Full Search *	No	$68.75	
Dishonoured Cheque	Yes	$28.00	
Photocopies - A4 Black & White	Yes	$0.10	*Per page*
Credit Card Surcharge	Yes	0.9%	*Surcharge applied to transactions exceeding $50,000 for payments other than General Rates. Surcharge fee is based on cost of acceptance as per RBA surcharging standard. The stated rate is the maximum that will be charged, with fee dependent on type of credit card used and purpose of payment.*
Certificate of Title	Yes	$39.50	*Statutory Fee delivered on 1/07/2024*
Key Deposit	No	$26	
Title by Possession Search	No	$154	
Professional Services	Yes	$110	*per hour*
Private Works - Labour	Yes	$71	*per hour*
Private Works - Plant	Yes		*as per schedule*

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION *

Application Fee	No	$42.00	*Government Gazette 16 May 2024*
Processing	No	$15.90	*Per 1/4 hour, personal affairs no charge first 2 hours.*
Photocopies	No	$0.25	*Per page*
Transcripts	No	$9.35	*Per page*
Copy of photo, video or computer disk	No		*Actual cost*
FOI Information Statement	No	$0.25	*Per page*
FOI Information Summary	No	$0.25	*Per page*
Internal Review	No	$42.00	*Application for review under section 29 of the FOI Act 1991*

APPLICATION FOR REVIEW *

Application for review under section 270 of the *Local Government Act 1999*	No	$20.00

All Fees & Charges are GST inclusive where applicable **GST inc** **2024/25**

	Statutory*	Delegation #		
HOME ASSIST #				***Except where noted, all fees can be negotiated or waived for clients experiencing financial hardship***
Rubbish Removal - Green Waste	No		50% of cost	*All Home Assistance is for individuals referred by 'My Aged Care'*
Rubbish Removal - Hard Waste	No		50% of cost	
Cleaning and Minor Home Maintenance - hourly charge	No		$25.00	*add materials used*
Domestic Assistance & Shopping - hourly charge	No		$15.00	
Gutter Cleaning - Average House	No		$70.00	
Gutter Cleaning - Two Storey House or House + outbuildings	No		$100.00	
Solar Panel Cleaning	No		POA	*Full cost of providing the service.*
COMMUNITY TRANSPORT #				***Except where noted, all fees can be negotiated or waived for clients experiencing financial hardship***
Regional transport 0-15km				*All regional transport fees are for individuals referred by 'My Aged Care' or receiving Centrelink benefits, and not receiving NDIS funding.*
Standard Fare	No		$7.00	
Short Notice/ Early or late Appointment	No		$14.00	
Regional transport 16-30km				
Standard Fare	No		$14.00	*Less than 3 business days notice*
Short Notice/ Early or late Appointment	No		$28.00	
Regional transport 31-45km				
Standard Fare	No		$20.00	
Short Notice/ Early or late Appointment	No		$40.00	
Regional transport 46-60km				
Standard Fare	No		$28.00	
Short Notice/ Early or late Appointment	No		$56.00	
Regional transport 61-75km				
Standard Fare	No		$35.00	
Short Notice/ Early or late Appointment	No		$70.00	
Regional transport 76km - 120km				
Standard Fare	No		$40.00	
Short Notice/ Early or late Appointment	No		$80.00	
Regional transport 121km - 175km				
Standard Fare	No		$55.00	
Short Notice/ Early or late Appointment	No		$120.00	
Hahndorf Loop				*Metro ticketing system applies - cannot be waived*
Shopping Shuttle - Transport Only				*Return trip inclusive*
Standard Fare	Yes		$5.00	
Community Bus Hire				***Bus Hire Fees cannot be waived***
Community Bus Hire (19 seat)	Yes		$220.00	*Daily fee, inclusive of 100k*
Community Bus Hire (19 seat)	Yes		$2.20	*per km in excess of 100km*
Community Bus Hire (12 seat)	Yes		$1.40	*per km*
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS #				
Group Outings within Mount Barker District (transport)				
Standard Fare	No		$5.00	
Group Outings within Adelaide Hills Region (transport)				
Standard Fare	No		$7.00	
Group Outings outside of Adelaide Hills Region (transport)				
Standard Fare	No		$10.00	
LIBRARY #				
Photocopying				
A4 per page - Black & White	Yes		$0.10	*Per page (each side of page if printing double-sided)*
A4 per page - Colour	Yes		$1.00	*Per page (each side of page if printing double-sided)*
A3 per page - Black & White	Yes		$0.20	*Per page (each side of page if printing double-sided)*
A3 per page - Colour	Yes		$2.00	*Per page (each side of page if printing double-sided)*
Replacement Membership Card	Yes		$1.10	*Replacement fee for lost cards*
Toy Library Fee	Yes		$20.00	*Per annum for 1 membership card - 8 toys/2 week loan*
Printing				
A4 Black & White	Yes		$0.10	*Per page (each side of page if printing double-sided)*
A4 Colour	Yes		$1.00	*Per page (each side of page if printing double-sided)*
A3 per page - Black & White	Yes		$0.20	*Per page (each side of page if printing double-sided)*
A3 per page - Colour	Yes		$2.00	*Per page (each side of page if printing double-sided)*

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MOUNT BARKER DISTRICT COUNCIL

	Statutory*	Delegation #		
WASTE TRANSFER STATION				
Clean Green Waste #				
Less than Car Boot		Yes	$2.00	
Car Boot - Full		Yes	$4.00	
Cars		Yes	$8.00	
Wagons & SUVs		Yes	$13.00	
Utilities & small trailers (up to 6x4) flat		Yes	$13.00	
Utilities & small trailers (up to 6x4) raised		Yes	$19.00	
Utilities & trailers (up to 6x4) caged		Yes	$24.00	
Utilities & trailers (up to 7x5) flat		Yes	$19.00	
Utilities & trailers (up to 7x5) raised		Yes	$25.00	
Utilities & trailers (up to 7x5) caged		Yes	$30.00	
Utilities & trailers (up to 8x5) flat		Yes	$25.00	
Utilities & trailers (up to 8x5) raised		Yes	$30.00	
Utilities & trailers (up to 8x5) caged		Yes	$37.00	
Utilities & trailers (exceeding 8x5) flat		Yes	$40.00	
Utilities & trailers (exceeding 8x5) raised		Yes	$44.00	
Utilities & trailers (exceeding 8x5) caged		Yes	$55.00	
Trucks or Trailers exceeding 10x5 - per m^3		Yes	$26.00	
Green Weeds Waste #				
Less than Car Boot		Yes	$7.00	
Car Boot - Full		Yes	$13.00	
Cars		Yes	$16.00	
Wagons & SUVs		Yes	$31.00	
Utilities & small trailers (up to 6x4) flat		Yes	$31.00	
Utilities & small trailers (up to 6x4) raised		Yes	$45.00	
Utilities & trailers (up to 6x4) caged		Yes	$61.00	
Utilities & small trailers (up to 7x5) flat		Yes	$45.00	
Utilities & small trailers (up to 7x5) raised		Yes	$57.00	
Utilities & trailers (up to 7x5) caged		Yes	$71.00	
Utilities & trailers (up to 8x5) flat		Yes	$57.00	
Utilities & trailers (up to 8x5) raised		Yes	$71.00	
Utilities & trailers (up to 8x5) caged		Yes	$97.00	
Utilities & trailers (exceeding 8x5) flat		Yes	$85.00	
Utilities & trailers (exceeding 8x5) raised		Yes	$111.00	
Utilities & trailers (exceeding 8x5) caged		Yes	$132.00	
Trucks or Trailers exceeding 10x5 - per m^3		Yes	$45.00	
General Waste #				
Less than Car Boot		Yes	$14.00	
Car Boot - Full		Yes	$24.00	
Cars		Yes	$31.00	
Wagons & SUVs		Yes	$56.00	
Utilities & small trailers (up to 6x4) flat		Yes	$56.00	
Utilities & small trailers (up to 6x4) raised		Yes	$82.00	
Utilities & trailers (up to 6x4) caged		Yes	$112.00	
Utilities & small trailers (up to 7x5) flat		Yes	$82.00	
Utilities & small trailers (up to 7x5) raised		Yes	$104.00	
Utilities & trailers (up to 7x5) caged		Yes	$129.00	
Utilities & trailers (up to 8x5) flat		Yes	$104.00	
Utilities & trailers (up to 8x5) raised		Yes	$129.00	
Utilities & trailers (up to 8x5) caged		Yes	$178.00	
Utilities & trailers (exceeding 8x5) flat		Yes	$157.00	
Utilities & trailers (exceeding 8x5) raised		Yes	$203.00	
Utilities & trailers (exceeding 8x5) caged		Yes	$240.00	
Other Waste #				
Mattress		Yes	$31.00	
Mattress ensemble		Yes	$54.00	
Waste Oil/coolant - domestic quantities only		Yes	Free	
Gas cylinders - up to 9kg		Yes	$5.00	
Oil containers >6L		Yes	$3.00	
Paint (no spray, no chemicals)		Yes	Free	*Secured in containers of 20L or less, total maximum 100L per visit.*
Scrap Metal		Yes	Free	
Cardboard		Yes	Free	

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E-Waste #				
TV/Monitor/Computers	Yes		Free	
Other e-waste items	Yes		Free	
Commercial & Industrial Rates - General Waste #				
Commercial waste - General waste - per tonne	Yes		$233.00	*Maximum 5 tonnes*
Clean Bricks and Concrete - per tonne	Yes		$71.00	*Domestic quantities only*
Commercial waste - Light Commercial per m^3	Yes		$82.00	
Tyres #				*Truck and Tractor tyres and rims are not accepted*
Motorbike Tyre	Yes		$11.00	
Motorbike Tyre & Rim	Yes		$21.00	
Passenger Tyre	Yes		$16.00	
Passenger Tyre & Rim	Yes		$27.00	
4x4 & Light Truck Tyre	Yes		$27.00	
4x4 & Light Truck & Rim	Yes		$47.00	
Contaminated Tyres Fee	Yes		$10.00	*per tyre, in addition to disposal fees above*
Mulch Purchase #				*Maximum price listed, sales may occur during the year*
Clean Green Mulch - per bucket	Yes		$23.00	
Bark Chip Mulch - per bucket	Yes		$15.00	
Weighbridge weigh #				
Car and trailer	Yes		$12.00	
Car plus caravan	Yes		$17.50	
Trucks	Yes		$23.00	
Other #				
Saleable items	Yes		POA	
WASTE MANAGEMENT #				
Kitchen Caddies and Bags				
Replacement Caddie	Yes		$16.00	
Compostable bags	Yes		$6.00	
HARD WASTE #				***All Hard Waste Services are to be booked through Council's contracted provider***
Hard Waste Collection	Yes		$99.00	*per 2 cubic metres, conditions apply*
Mattress Collection	Yes		$31.00	*per mattress, conditions apply*
DIRECTIONAL SIGNS #				
Standard sign post - existing post	Yes		$290.00	*Plus Administration Fee*
Standard sign and post	Yes		$385.00	*Plus Administration Fee*
Non standard Signs	Yes		POA	*Quote provided for each request*
Administration Fee	Yes		$117.00	
DEVELOPER SIGNS #				
Developer Signage Boards	Yes		$2,500.00	*per 5 year agreement*
Developer Signage Boards - Pro Rata	Yes		$500.00	*per year for new signage, until the next 5 year agreement commencement date (2025)*
TREES #				
Street tree relocation	Yes		$376.00	
Public tree removal offset	Yes		$3,740.00	*6 for 1 assessment as per tree management policy and procedure*

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WASTEWATER & RECYCLED WATER				
CWMS #				
CWMS Infrastructure Fee - Standard	No		$8,234	
CWMS Infrastructure Fee - Nairne MDPA Growth Area	No		$8,425	*Nairne MDPA Growth Area*
Sewer #				
Sewer Infrastructure Fee - Standard	No		$12,221	
Sewer Infrastructure Fee - Commitment Deed	No		POA	*Council enters into a legally binding wastewater commitment deed with a Developer who is proposing to undertake development of significant scale*
Recycled Water #				
per kilolitre - Meadows	No		$3.35	*Recycled Water supply to connected properties in Meadows*
per kilolitre - Commercial	No			*Refer to Recycled Water sale policies*
Connection Fee	No		POA	*Commercial Use Customers*
Cross Connection Audit Fee - Meadows	No		$300.00	
TRADE WASTE				
Application Fees				
Existing Premises Application Fee *	No		$275.00	
New Premises Application Fees *	No		$420.00	
Additional inspections *	No		$145.00	
Additional inspections requested by customer *	No		$145.00	
Volume Charges				
Volume Trade Waste (per 100kL) #	No		$32.28	*The trade waste volume charge will apply to non-domestic loadings being discharged to CWMS. It will be calculated by subtracting the domestic and non-trade waste portion from the total volume of water used (where flow meters are not installed).*
Specific Pollutant Charge #				
Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD)	No		$2.02	*This charge will apply to pollutants being discharged to common effluent drainage within the charging concentration range. It applies for Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD), Suspended Solids (SS), Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN) & Total Phosphorus (Total P).*
Suspended Solids (SS)	No		$1.24	
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN)	No		$0.70	
Total Phosphorus (Total P)	No		$3.42	
Non- compliant Discharges #				*This charge will apply to pollutants being discharged to common effluent drainage over and above the specified concentratino range in the Trade Waste Approval. It applies for Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN) & Total Phosphorus (Total P).*
per 100kL	No		$81.88	
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN)	No		$3.39	
Total Phosphorus (Total P)	No		$19.87	
Annual Licence Fee to Discharge Trade Waste #				
Low Risk	No		$200.00	
Medium Risk	No		$400.00	
High Risk	No		$800.00	
Failure to Service Grease Arrestor/Settling Pit #				
Up to 2,400 L	No		$160.00	*every four weeks*
Greater than 2,400L	No		$320.00	*every four weeks*
Failure to Install/Upgrade/Repair pre-treatment #	No		$450.00	*every four weeks*
Expiations - Water Industry Act*				
Discharge of unauthorised material into water infrastructure	No		$750.00	
Discharge of unauthorised material into sewer infrastructure	No		$750.00	
Cause, permit or allow any rainwater, stormwater or surface water to flow into any sewerage infrastructure	No		$150.00	

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Statutory* Delegation #			
CEMETERY (Resident/Past Resident)			
Interment Right - Allotment Single grave site	Yes	$1,140.00	*Curators fee charged when purchased in advance and not in association with an interment. Inclusive of administration fee.*
Tenure 50 years maximum			
Single Interment	Yes	$955.00	*Inclusive of curator & administration fee*
Double Interment	Yes	$1,040.00	*Inclusive of curator & administration fee*
Triple Interment	Yes	$1,130.00	*Inclusive of curator & administration fee*
Single Interment - Infant	Yes	$582.00	*Inclusive of curator & administration fee*
(Interment fee inclusive of Curators fee)			
Subsequent Interment of Ashes within current licence	Yes	$722.00	*Inclusive of curator & administration fee*
Note: the maximum number of ashes per grave site is 4			
Concrete Vault (sealing vault not included in cost)			
Single depth vault	Yes	$13,660.00	
Double depth vault	Yes	$24,335.00	
Vault Closure	Yes	$1,549.00	
Interment Right - Niche Wall Tenure 50 years maximum			
Interment Right - Niche Wall (single)	Yes	$925.00	*Inclusive of administration fee*
Interment Right - Niche Wall (double)	Yes	$1,543.00	*Inclusive of administration fee*
Niche Wall Interment	Yes	$722.00	*Inclusive of curator & administration fee*
Interment Right - Rose Garden, Remembrance Garden & Rock Garden (Nairne)	Yes	$1,388.00	*Single only*
Tenure 50 years maximum			
Single Interment	Yes	$722.00	*Inclusive of curator & administration fee*
Interment Right - Family Memorial Plots - Mount Barker only	Yes	$3,915.00	
Tenure 50 years maximum			
Single Interment of Ashes only (up to 8 interments)	Yes	$722.00	*Per Interment, curator & administration fee inclusive*
Interment Right - Lawn Cemetery - Mount Barker only	Yes	$1,872.00	*Curators fee charged when purchased in advance & not in association with an interment.*
Single Interment	Yes	$1,165.00	*Inclusive of curator & administration fee*
Double Interment	Yes	$1,250.00	*Inclusive of curator & administration fee*
Triple Interment	Yes	$1,300.00	*Inclusive of curator & administration fee*
Interment Right - Contemplation Garden - Mount Barker only	Yes	$1,871.00	*Inclusive of administration fee*
Tenure 50 years maximum			
Per Interment - Ashes only	Yes	$722.00	*Inclusive of curator & administration fee*
Plaque - The Memorial Garden - Mount Barker only	Yes	$856.00	*Inclusive of curator & administration fee*
Tenure 50 years maximum			
****Non Resident**	Yes	$4,505.00	*Plus Interment Right fees as above***
Curator's Fee includes:			
Site location (interment, niche wall or memorial) inspect nameplate, death certificate and interment of ashes etc.	Yes	$251.00	*Where noted, this fee is included in above charges*
Administration Fee	Yes	$74.00	*Where noted, this fee is included in above charges*
Memorials			
Licence to erect Memorial	No	$259.00	
Additional inscription on existing memorial	No	$226.00	
Interment Right Renewals & Transfers			
Interment Right renewal 50 years - full use	Yes		*Current Rate*
Interment Right renewal 25 years - for historical use only, no additional interments	Yes		*50% Current rate, plus 5%*
Transfer of Interment Right to another person	Yes	$103.00	
Enquiries for historical information	Yes	$67.50	*Minimum charge - discretional option to collect*
After Hours Surcharges			
Weekend / Public Holiday surcharge	Yes	$387.00	
After Hours surcharge - Monday to Friday 4pm to 7pm	Yes	$101.00	

- *A surcharge will apply for services provided after hours, on weekends and public holidays (Curator to advise at time of booking).*
- *When Interment Rights are purchased in advance and not in conjunction with an Interment (Right only), a curator's fee will be charged.*
- *Plaques are purchased through Council and invoiced to the customer. Each plaque incurs the administration fee stated above.*

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DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS				*As per the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016.*
Public Notification - Sign on Land	No		$295.00	*Where the applicant has nominated for the relevant authority to place the notice on land.*
Development Fees *				*Fees under the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016. Refer to relevant Government Gazette* https://plan.sa.gov.au/development_applications/before_you_lodge/application_fees
DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS (PRE 19 March 2021)*				*These fees are only applicable to applications lodged with Council prior to 19 March 2021.Fees under the Development Act 1993*
Development Plan Assessment Fees *				
Development Plan Assess Fee <$10,000	No		$42.50	
Dev Plan Assessment Fee $10K - $100K	No		$116.00	
Dev Plan Assessment Fee >$100,000	No			*0.125 per cent of the development cost up to a maximum of $200,000*
Development Fee - Extension of time	No		$111.00	
Non Complying Development Fee	No		$109.00	
Non Complying Administration Fee - Additional	No		$140.00	
Non Complying Development Fee <= $10K	No		$58.00	
Non Complying Development Fee > $10K & < = $100K	No		$140.00	
Non Complying Development Fee > $100K	No			*0.125 per cent of the development cost up to a maximum of $200,000*
Referral Fees *				
Referral - Minister For River Murray	No		$406.00	
Referral - CFS	No		$243.00	
Referral - DAC	No		$243.00	
Referral - EPA Schedule 21	No		$243.00	
Referral - EPA Schedule 22	No		$406.00	
Referral - Minister Mining	No		$243.00	
Referral - Water Resource	No		$243.00	
Referral - Heritage Branch	No		$243.00	
Referral - DPTI	No		$243.00	
Referral - Technical Regulator	No		$243.00	
Referral - Building Rules Assessment Commission	No		$342.00	
Referral - Building Assessment Commission >$1m	No		$406.00	
Public Notification Fee * CAT2 & 3	No		$116.00	
Category 3 Advertising	Yes		$495.00	
Building Rules Assessment *				
Calculated by Floor area - Class 1, 2 & 4	Yes		$3.29	*Per sqm*
Calculated by Floor Area - Class 3, 5 & 6	Yes		$4.38	*Per sqm*
Calculated by Floor Area - Class 7 & 8	Yes		$2.91	*Per sqm*
Calculated by Floor Area - Class 9A	Yes		$4.97	*Per sqm*
Calculated by Floor Area - Class 9b	Yes		$4.36	*Per sqm*
Calculated by Floor Area - Class 10	Yes		$0.98	*Per sqm*
Building Rules Assessment minimum Fee	Yes		$74.50	
Schedule of Essential Safety Provisions	Yes		$105.00	
Building Rules	Yes		$56.50	
Modification Building Rules	Yes		$170.00	
Change of Classification *				*If the Building Rules Assessment is more than the Minimum Fee then this will be 80% of the total Building Rules Assessment (per sqm).*
Building - Class 1, 2 & 4	Yes		$73.00	
Building - Class 3, 5 & 6	Yes		$73.00	
Building - Class 7 & 8	Yes		$73.00	
Building - Class 9A	Yes		$73.00	
Building - Class 9b	Yes		$73.00	
Building - Class 10	Yes		$73.00	
Building - Demolition Fee *	Yes		$74.50	*If the Building Rules Assessment is more than the Minimum Fee then this will be 20% of the total Building Rules Assessment (per sqm)*
Certificate of Occupancy *	Yes		$49.00	

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DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS				
Carparking Contribution #	Yes		$26,624.00	*per space*
Indirect Developer Contribution #	Yes		POA	*Per allotment multiplied by the average of the increase in the ABS Average Weekly earnings and the Product Prices Indexes - only applicable to developments with Council agreements related to the Residential PAR*
MDPA Area #				
Transport Infrastructure MDPA Area	No		$82,789.00	*per hectare*
Recreation Sport & Community Infrastructure Mt Barker MDPA Area	Yes		$2,780	*per allotment*
Recreation Sport & Community Infrastructure Nairne MDPA Area	Yes		$2,347	*per allotment*
DOGS				
Dog Registration Fees				*New registrations in June will incur no fee*
Standard (Desexed and Microchipped)	No		$43.50	*New registration in April or May will incur a reduced fee of $20.00*
Non Standard	No		$87.00	*New registration in April or May will incur a reduced fee of $40.00*
Microchipped	No		$81.80	*New registration in April or May will incur a reduced fee of $40.00*
Desexed	No		$52.20	*New registration in April or May will incur a reduced fee of $20.00*
Standard - Concession	No		$21.75	*New registration in April or May will incur a reduced fee of $10.00*
Non Standard - Concession	No		$43.50	*New registration in April or May will incur a reduced fee of $20.00*
Microchipped	No		$40.90	*New registration in April or May will incur a reduced fee of $20.00*
Desexed	No		$26.10	*New registration in April or May will incur a reduced fee of $12.00*
Other				
Guide dog / Hearing Dog	No			
Working Dog	No		$26.50	
Assistance Dog	No			*New registration in April or May will incur a reduced fee of $12.25*
Greyhound registered with SA Greyhound Board	No		$23.10	*New registration in April or May will incur a reduced fee of $10.50*
Late registration fee	No		$11.00	
First Registration (applies to puppies under 6 months of age)	No			
Business registration fee per dog	No		$87.00	
Dog Infringements				
Dog Impounding Fee #	No		$65.00	*first 72 hours then an additional $15 per day*
Unregistered Dog *	No		$170.00	
Dog not wearing registration disc *	No		$170.00	
Wandering at large *	No		$210.00	
Failure to remove dog faeces *	No		$210.00	
Creating noise by barking or otherwise *	No		$315.00	
Rushes or chases a vehicle *	No		$315.00	
Attacks, rushes or chases person etc *	No		$315.00	
Dog is at a school, kindergarten or childcare without permission *	No		$315.00	
CATS				
Cat Registration Fees				*New registrations in June will incur no fee*
Standard Cat (Desexed and Microchipped)	No		$21.70	*New registration in April or May will incur a reduced fee of $10.00*
Non Standard Cat	No		$43.40	*New registration in April or May will incur a reduced fee of $20.00*
Non Standard Cat - Concession	No		$21.70	*New registration in April or May will incur a reduced fee of $10.00*
Standard Cat - Concession	No		$10.85	*New registration in April or May will incur a reduced fee of $5.00*
Late Registration Fee	No		$11.00	
Kitten (under 6 months of age)	No			
Cat Trap Hire #				*Refundable when the cat trap is returned clean and undamaged*
Standard	No		$100.00	
Concession	No		$50.00	
Cat Impounding Fee #	Yes		$40.00	*per day*
Cat Rehoming #				
Male kitten/cat	Yes		$150.00	*includes desexing and microchipping*
Female kitten/cat	Yes		$220.00	*includes desexing and microchipping*

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PARKING *				
Private Parking Act *				
Obstructing Pedestrian Or Vehicle Access	No		$94.00	
No standing Zone	No		$114.00	
Disabled Zone	No		$446.00	
Permit Parking	No		$77.00	
Time Limit Area	No		$63.00	
Protrude Over Walkway Or Driveway	No		$96.00	
Australian Road Rules Act *				
Angle Parking	No		$77.00	
Disabled Zone	No		$446.00	
Double Parking	No		$114.00	
No Stopping Yellow Line	No		$116.00	
Parallel Parking	No		$81.00	
No Parking	No		$96.00	
Obstruct Access To and From Driveway	No		$96.00	
Obstruct Access To and From Footpath Ramp	No		$94.00	
Park In A Loading Zone	No		$81.00	
Parking Longer than Indicated	No		$63.00	
Parked In A No Stopping Area	No		$114.00	
Parking In A Public Place	No		$77.00	
Park Near Traffic Lights At Intersection	No		$114.00	
Park Within 10 Metres Of Intersection	No		$116.00	
Pedestrian Crossing	No		$114.00	
Permit Parking	No		$77.00	
Stopping Near A Bus Stop	No		$114.00	
Stopping in a Bicycle Lane	No		$321.00	
Stopping In A Bus Zone	No		$158.00	
Stopping Near A Fire Hydrant	No		$96.00	
Stopping In Or Near An Intersection	No		$114.00	
Stopping on a Painted Island	No		$114.00	
Stopping on a Traffic Island	No		$114.00	
Stopping In A Loading Zone	No		$81.00	
Stopping In Mail Zone	No		$77.00	
Stopping On A Path Dividing Strip	No		$116.00	
Stopping In Permit Area	No		$77.00	
Stopping Near a Post-box	No		$114.00	
Stopping On Roads - Heavy Long Vehicles	No		$140.00	
Stopping In Taxi Zone	No		$158.00	
Stopping in an area for electric-powered vehicles	No		$77.00	
Stopping in parking area for electric-powered vehicles	No		$114	
Other #				
Impounding Vehicle	No		$280.00	*Up to 14 days from notification*
Impounding Vehicle	No		$6.60	*per day post 14 day period*

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WASTE CONTROL SYSTEMS *				
New Waste Control System (CWMS) *	No		$415.00	
New Waste Control System (CWMS) - 2 storey	No		$558.00	
New Waste Control System (on-site system)	No		$558.00	
New Waste Control System (on-site system) - 2 storey	No		$701.00	
Waste Control System Alteration CWMS	No		$272.00	
Waste Control System Alteration - not CWMS	No		$415.00	
Additional fee for each 2EP in excess of 10EP (Equivalent Persons)	No		$28.25	
Additional fee for every 1,000 litres (or part thereof) in excess of	No		$28.25	
Additional inspections	No		$143.00	
Wastewater application variation	No		$129.00	
AIR QUALITY POLICY *				
EPA Air Quality policy Domestic	No		$100.00	
EPA Air Quality policy Non Domestic	No		$300.00	
PROPERTY SLASHING FEES				
Slashing - Standard block <1200m2 #	Yes		$296.00	*Plus Administration Fee*
Slashing larger blocks #	Yes			*Cost plus 60%, and Administration Fee*
Specialized Work - Brushcutting or Reach Arm Slasher #	Yes			*Cost plus 60%, and Administration Fee*
Administration Fee #	Yes		$168.00	
Expiation issued pursuant to Fire & Emergency Services Act, 2005 *	Yes		$473.00	
IMMUNISATION				***All amounts are per dose***
				NB: all off-site programs incur GST for vaccines.
Adult DTP (8 plus years) #	No		$50.00	*Per dose*
Seasonal Influenza #				
Per dose	No		$25.00	*Per dose*
Employees @ workplace	Yes		$25.00	*Per dose plus administration fee*
Administration & travel	Yes		$84.50	*per hour*
Sharps Disposal Containers #				
0.95 Litre	Yes		$8.00	
1.4 Litre	Yes		$12.00	
2.8 Litre	Yes		$12.00	
5 Litre	Yes		$13.50	
19 Litre	Yes		$36.00	
PEST CONTROL				
Wasp Nest Destruction #	Yes		$50.00	*per wasp nest destroyed*
OTHER LICENCES				
Commercial Activity on Council Land #				*Community groups and stalls operating for charitable purposes will have a licence issued free of charge.*
Annual Fee	Yes		$315.00	
6 month Fee	Yes		$158.00	
3 month Fee	Yes		$80.00	
Encroachments				
This shall allow for an encroachment that is up to 25 metres in length along property boundary.	Yes		$75.20	*Annual Fee. Includes encroachments onto unmade roads and road reserves. Encroachment in excess of 25 metres will be subject to negotiation.*
Outdoor Dining Permit				
Outdoor Dining Permit - licensed premises	No		$80.00	*per seat per year*
Outdoor Dining Permit - unlicensed premises	No		$76.00	*per seat per year*
Parklets				
Parklet Lease - 1 year	Yes		$1,172.00	*Installation cost*
Parklet Lease - 3 years - Annual Fee	Yes		$3,545.00	*Annual fee, in addition to initial installation cost of up to $1,000*
Parklet Lease - 3 years - Annual Maintenance Charge	Yes		$390.00	*Annual maintenance charge*
Mobile Food Vendor Permit				
Mobile Food Vendor Permit - 1 month	Yes		$119.50	
Mobile Food Vendor Permit - 12 months	Yes		$1,195.00	

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	Statutory*	Delegation #		
FOOD ACT & INSPECTIONS				
Standard Inspection - Small business *	No		$144.00	*less than 20 Staff*
Standard Inspection - Large business *	No		$361.00	*more than 20 Staff*
Standard Inspection - Home Based Food Premises	No		$72.00	
Failure to comply with an improvement notice *	No		$750.00	
Offence against Division 2 of the Food Act – Body Corporate *	No		$2,500.00	
Offence against Division 2 of the Food Act – Natural Person *	No		$500.00	
Follow up inspection where non compliance identified				
Small business - 20 or less full time food handlers	No		$65.00	
Large business - more than 20 full time food handlers	No		$163.00	
Non compliant food premises inspection, sale of items				
Hand held thermometer	No		$10.00	*Items are at cost*
Food grade sanitiser	No		$22.00	*Items are at cost*
Food Safety Auditing				
For Community and Charitable Organisations				
Onsite Audit	Yes		$86.50	*Per hour*
Desktop Audit	Yes		$43.40	*Per hour*
Follow up Audit	Yes		$86.50	*Per hour*
For All Other Organisations				
Onsite Audit	Yes		$173.70	*Per hour*
Desktop Audit	Yes		$86.80	*Per hour*
Follow up Audit	Yes		$173.70	*Per hour*
Penalties *				
Maximum Penalty set by Act	No		$750.00	
Continuing offence set by Act	No		$50.00	*Per day*
PERMIT APPLICATIONS, SKIP BINS, HOARDINGS ETC				
Application to alter a Road Permit				
Driveway Crossover application fee	No		$43.00	*Includes public space occupation for up to 48m ^{2}*
Stormwater application fee	No		$43.00	*Includes public space occupation for up to 48m ^{2}*
Electrical/underground works	No		$43.00	*Includes public space occupation for up to 48m ^{2}*
Closure of on street car parking space	No		$16.50	*Per day or part thereof*
Other	No		$43.00	*Anything that does not apply to the above, plus a submission of hoarding application*
Permit to advertise/ sell on Council land				
Temporary advertising	No		$43.00	
Temporary sale of product	No		$43.00	
Time extension	No		$11.00	*Per day or part thereof*
Express application assessment	No		$54.00	*Any application requiring assessment within 8 working days*
Skip Bins Permit				
Skip bin on Council land/road application fee	No		$43.00	
Time extension	No		$11.00	*Per day or part thereof*
Express application assessment	No		$54.00	*Any application requiring assessment within 8 working days*
Shipping Containers Permit				
Shipping container on Council land/road application fee	No		$65.00	
Time extension	No		$22.00	*Per day or part thereof*
Express application assessment	No		$77.00	*Any application requiring assessment within 8 working days*
Hoarding Permit				
Hoarding application fee	No		$54.00	
Hoarding occupation - up to 48 square metres in total	No		$22.00	*Per week or part thereof*
Hoarding occupation - between 49 square metres and 72 square m	No		$43.00	*Per week or part thereof*
Hoarding occupation - between 73 square metres and 110 square n	No		$65.00	*Per week or part thereof*
Hoarding occupation - 111 square metres or greater	No		$98.00	*Per week or part thereof*
Express application assessment	No		$65.00	*Any application requiring assessment within 8 working days*
Extension of time - per square metre	No		$1.50	*caclulated on area of occupation per week or part thereof*
Road Permits				
Road Permit - commercial and agricultural (including grazing, agistment, cropping & de pasturing)	Yes		$78.00	*per hectare of part thereof. Minimum fee = 1 hectare.*
Land Care (including tree planting and vegetation)	Yes		$6.50	*per hectare fenced road reserve*
Sale of Road Reserve - Process Fee	yes		POA	*Fee considers external costs incurred by Council*
LOCAL NUISANCE EXEMPTION APPLICATION				
Application Fee	Yes		$54.00	*Request for exemption - out of hours construction noise*

Note: any extra costs will be passed onto the applicant, may include environmental monitoring or advertising etc.

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COUNCIL BYLAWS

Cat Bylaws	No	$247.00	
Council Land	No	$247.00	
Dog Bylaws	No	$247.00	
Movable Signs	No	$247.00	
Permits & Penalties Bylaw	No	$247.00	
Roads	No	$247.00	
Permit to fly Drone	No	$54.00	
Express application assessment for Drone	No	$12.00	

HIGH RISK MANUFACTURED WATER SYSTEMS *

Application for Registration	No	$45.25	
Additional Registration	No	$30.25	
Registration Renewal	No	$22.90	
Inspection	No	$181.00	
Additional Inspection	No	$121.00	

LOCAL NUISANCE & LITTER CONTROL ACT 2016 *

Disposal of 50 litres or more of class B hazardous litter or general	No	$1,000.00	
Disposal of up to 50 litres of class B hazardous litter	No	$500.00	
Disposal of up to 50 litres of general litter	No	$210.00	
Post a bill on property without the consent of the owner or	No	$315.00	
Not removing litter if directed by an authorised person	No	$210.00	
Failure to comply with nuisance or litter abatement notice	No	$500.00	

HIRE OF COUNCIL FACILITIES

Mount Barker Town Hall

Hall Hire - per hour	Yes	$26.00	*per hour*
The Den Hire - per hour	Yes	$10.50	*per hour - accessible from Stephen Street*
Kitchen Hire	Yes	$36.00	*Flat rate per booking*
Optional Cleaning fee	Yes	$150.00	*Flat fee*
Refundable Bond	No	$750.00	*For casual hirers or new long term hirers*
Refundable Bond - High Risk	No	$1,500.00	*For casual hirers or new long term hirers*

Mount Barker Polo Grounds

Club Rooms

Hire - per hour	Yes	$36.00	*per hour*
Kitchen and bar use	Yes	$36.00	*flat fee per booking*
Irrigation mark-up (area in front of Clubrooms only)	Yes	$50.00	*flat fee*
Optional cleaning fee	Yes	$150.00	*flat fee*

Sports Grounds

Hire - per hour	Yes	$31.00	*per hour*
Use of toilets/showers	Yes	$31.00	*Flat rate per booking*
Optional cleaning fee	Yes	$150.00	*flat fee*
Irrigation mark-up (old Polo Grounds)	Yes	$100.00	*flat fee*
Refundable Bond	No	$750.00	*For casual hirers or new long term hirers*
Refundable Bond - High Risk	No	$1,500.00	*For casual hirers or new long term hirers*

Brukunga Hall

Hire - per hour	Yes	$15.00	*per hour*
Kitchen Hire	Yes	$35.00	*flat fee per booking*

Laratinga Pavilion

Pavilion Hall with access to outside deck, grassed area, access to 2 external public disabled toilets and shared internal toilets	Yes	$78.50	*per hour*
Solstice Screen Casting, HDMI connections and Wi-Fi for Pavilion	Yes	$35.00	*flat fee*
Pavilion Kitchen	Yes	$36.00	*flat fee*
Optional cleaning fee	Yes	$150.00	*flat fee*
Irrigation mark-up (grass area if using marque/s)	Yes	$50.00	*flat fee*
Refundable Bond	No	$750.00	*For casual hirers or new long term hirers*
Refundable Bond - High Risk	No	$1,500.00	*For casual hirers or new long term hirers*
Access to External Power (240v only)	Yes	$75.00	*flat fee per booking (subject to fair usage)*

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Summit Sport and Recreation Park				
Venue - Building B (adjacent oval) with access to upstairs area only including kitchen and toilets - (accommodates 100 people)	Yes		$80.00	*per hour*
AFL/Cricket Oval including changerooms	Yes		$70.00	*per hour*
Sports Lighting (AFL/Cricket Oval)	Yes		$35.00	*flat fee per booking*
Venue - Building A (between soccer pitches) with access to upstairs area only including kitchen and toilets - (accommodates 100 people)	Yes		$80.00	*per hour*
Soccer pitch hire (per soccer pitch)	Yes		$55.00	*per hour*
Sports Lighting (per soccer pitch)	Yes		$35.00	*flat fee per pitch*
Venue A or Venue B (excluding change rooms) - Cleaning fee	Yes		$150.00	*flat fee per venue*
Venue A or Venue B change rooms only - Cleaning fee	Yes		$150.00	*flat fee per venue*
Venue A or Venue B - Refundable Bond	No		$750.00	*For casual hirers or new long term hirers*
Refundable Bond - High Risk	No		$1,500.00	*For casual hirers or new long term hirers*
Key Replacement				
Key Replacement Fee	Yes		$50.00	*for each lost or damaged key*
Swipe Card Replacement Fee	Yes		$50.00	*for each lost or damaged swipe card*
Rubbish Removal				
Removal of rubbish (1 x 50L bag)	Yes		$30.00	*As per terms and conditions of hire*
Additional rubbish bags (50L bag)	Yes		$10.00	*As per terms and conditions of hire*
Rubbish that requires specialise vehicle to collect	Yes		$100.00	*As per terms and conditions of hire*

MOUNT BARKER TOURIST PARK

		OFF PEAK	PEAK	
Executive Cabin - 2 Bedroom - *per night*	Yes	$180.00	$190.00	*2 adults*
Executive Cabin - 2 Bedroom - *per week*	Yes	$1,260.00	$1,330.00	*2 adults*
Deluxe Cabins - 2 bedroom /night	yes	$170.00	$180.00	*2 adults*
Deluxe Cabins - 2 bedroom /week	yes	$1,190.00	$1,260.00	*2 adults*
Standard Cabin - 2 Bedroom - *per night*	Yes	$145.00	$155.00	*2 adults*
Standard Cabin - 2 Bedroom - *per week*	Yes	$1,015.00	$1,085.00	*2 adults*
Budget Cabin - 1 Bedroom - *per week*	Yes	$400.00	$400.00	*2 adults, minimum 3 month - maximum 12 month stay*
Extra Adult - *per night*	Yes	$20.00	$20.00	
Extra Child - *per night*	Yes	$15.00	$15.00	
Powered site - *per night*	Yes	$43.00	$50.00	*2 adults*
Powered site - *per week*	Yes	$258.00	$300.00	*2 adults*
Extra Adult - *per night*	Yes	$10.00	$10.00	
Extra Child - *per night*	Yes	$10.00	$10.00	
Linen Pack (double/queen size) - additional	Yes	$25.00	$25.00	*Per stay*
Linen pack (single) - additional	Yes	$25.00	$25.00	*Per stay*

• Minimum booking times may apply for weekends, long weekends, Easter and between Christmas & New Year for cabin bookings
• Terms of deposit on application
• Prices for all cabins include linen on queen size or double bed
• Corporate discounts available upon application
• Caravan clubs and group bookings qualify for a 10% discount, however a minimum 2 night stay is required for cabin bookings.

PEAK TIMES:
Cabins - long weekends, Christmas & New Year (24 Dec to 2 Jan)
Sites - long weekends, 24 Dec - 30 April

REFUNDS:
All refunds will be subject to a $25.00 administration fee.
Refunds shall be given only according to the following periods of advance notice:
- More than 7 days: 100% (less administration fee), or whole deposit kept in credit for 12 months
- Up to 7 days: No refund

Refunds shall not be given for the following:
- Early departures.
- If a deposit does not arrive by the due date.
- Less than 7 days notice of cancellation.

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	Statutory*	Delegation #		
USE OF OPEN SPACE (COUNCIL LAND) FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES #				
Small community focused event (eg: market/wedding)	Yes		$100.00	*Per day*
Small Commercial Event (eg: ticketed event)	Yes		$500.00	*Per day*
Large Commercial Event (eg: ticketed event)	Yes		$1,000.00	*Per day*
Refundable bond: Small Community event	No		$100.00	
Refundable bond: Commerical event	No		$500.00	
RV PARKS #				
RV Park usage	Yes		$10.00	*per night*
MOUNT BARKER MOUNTAIN POOL #				
Admissions				
Adults 18 years & over	Yes		$7.70	
Patrons 5 years & under 18 years	Yes		$5.80	
Under 5 years	Yes			
Spectators (Non Swimmers)	Yes		$3.00	
Term-time Swimming (Schools)				
Single Lesson 3/4 of an hour	Yes		$4.20	
Spectators	Yes			
Swimming Club Training				
Swimmers	Yes			*as per contract with Belgravia*
Spectators	Yes			
Vac-swim				
Standard Admission	Yes			*as per contract with Belgravia*
Spectators	Yes			
GoSwim				
Swim School Casual Lesson	Yes		$17.00	
Swim School Direct Debit per Lesson	Yes		$16.00	
Day & Multi Passes				
Aquatic 10 Multi Visit Pass (Adult)	Yes		$69.30	
Aquatic 10 Multi Visit Pass (Concession)	Yes		$52.50	
Season Pass	Yes		$254.00	
Season Pass Adult Weekly Direct Debit	Yes		$11.50	
Season Pass Concession Weekly Direct Debit	Yes		$9.50	
Family Day Pass - up to 6 family members	Yes		$27.50	*Up to 6 family members of any age*
Family Season Pass (2A/2C)	Yes		$436.00	*Additional Children $35*
Concession Tickets - Health / Pensioner / Student				*Concession Tickets can be used for swimming admission, term time swimming, club training or combination of swimming and spectators.*
Card Holder Admission	Yes		$5.50	
Card Holder Season Pass	Yes		$201.00	
Carnival Hire Charges				*as per contract with Belgravia*
Pool Hire				
Pool Lane Hire Per Lane Per Hour	Yes		$18.50	
Whole Pool Hire Per Hour (Main Pool)	Yes		$95.00	
Full Facility Booking Per Hour	Yes		POA	

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	Statutory*	Delegation #		
ADELAIDE HILLS RECREATION CENTRE #				
Casual Admissions				
Gym/Group Fitness		Yes	$18.00	
Gym/Group Fitness (Concession)		Yes	$14.20	
Fit Teen		Yes	$8.95	
Strength 4 Life/Over 50s		Yes	$9.00	
Veteran Service Person		Yes	$5.95	
Court Hire - Casual Shooting 10 visit Pass		Yes	$52.20	
Court 1 Casual Shots		Yes	$5.80	
Casual Roller Skaters - Court 2		Yes	$5.80	
Play Club Court Play - School Holidays		Yes	$5.80	
Kindergym				
Casual		Yes	$8.50	
10 Visit Pass		Yes	$76.50	*Valid for 6 months*
Health Club Membership and Personal Training Sessions				*D/D = Direct Debit*
Joining Fee		Yes	$69.00	
Full Access D/D		Yes	$17.95	
Full Access D/D Concession		Yes	$15.95	
Health Club Only		Yes	$12.75	
Fit Teen Membership D/D		Yes	$11.95	
2 People Family Membership Full Access D/D		Yes	$32.30	
2 People Family Membership Full Access D/D Concession		Yes	$28.70	
Family Membership - Additional Person		Yes	$14.95	
Work Cover 3 Month Upfront Membership		Yes	$410.00	
Personal Training 1 Hour		Yes	$79.00	
Personal Training 1/2 Hour		Yes	$48.00	
Group Personal Training (4 People Max)		Yes	$105.00	
Personal Training 1 Hour 10 Visit Pass		Yes	$711.00	
Personal Training 1/2 Hour 10 Visit Pass		Yes	$432.00	
6 Months Upfront		Yes	$513.40	
6 Months Upfront Concession		Yes	$456.20	
Health Club Visit Passes (6-month expiry)				
Full Access 10 Visit Pass		Yes	$162.00	
Full Access 10 Visit Pass Concession		Yes	$127.80	
Teen Gym 10 Visit Pass		Yes	$80.55	
Gymnastics Membership				*D/D = Direct Debit*
Gymnastics Parent Full Access D/D		Yes	$15.95	
Gymnastics Parent Full Access D/D Concession		Yes	$14.95	
Health Club Gymnastics Parent Membership				*D/D = Direct Debit*
Gymnastics Parent Full Access D/D		Yes	$14.95	
Gymnastics Parent Full Access D/D		Yes	$13.95	
Gymnastics Lessons				
Gym SA Registration Fee - Gymnastics For All (GFA)		Yes	$68.00	*as per charge from affiliated body*
Gym SA Registration Fee - Womens Artistic Gymnastics (WAG)		Yes	$110.00	*as per charge from affiliated body*
Gymnastics for All (GFA) Lessons		Yes	$16.60	
Womens Artistic Gymnastics (WAG) training (per hour)		Yes	$9.50	
Facility Hire				
Court 1 - Full Court Casual Hire Per Hour		Yes	$66.00	
Court 2 - Full Court Casual Hire Per Hour		Yes	$55.00	
Court 1 - Training Per Hour		Yes	$39.50	
Court 2 - Training Per Hour		Yes	$39.50	
Badminton Court Per Hour		Yes	$17.90	
Volleyball Court Per Hour		Yes	$39.50	
Squash Court Hire Peak Rate Per Hour		Yes	$26.30	
Squash Court Hire Peak Concession Rate Per Hour		Yes	$20.00	
Squash Court Hire Off Peak Per Hour (9am-5pm)		Yes	$16.00	
Squash Racquet and Ball Hire		Yes	$5.80	

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	Statutory*	Delegation #			
Social Sport (Netball, Basketball, Futsal)					
Team Nomination Fee		Yes	$23.50		
Player Registration Fee		Yes	$12.00		
Player Insurance (Optional for Players)		Yes	$8.50		
Game Fee Per Team		Yes	$68.00		
Game Fee Per Player		Yes	$9.80		
Social Badminton		Yes	$5.80		
Birthday Parties					
Birthday Parties (2 hours) capped at 16 children		Yes	$330.00		
Additional child/guest		Yes	$12.00		
Ongoing Group Bookings			POA		*ongoing bookings as agreed with Belgravia*

List of SA Legislation

Australian Road Rules
Development Act 1993
Dog & Cat Management Board Act 1995
Environment Protection Act 1993
Fire & Emergency Services Act 2005
Food Act 2001
Heritage Places Act 1993
Housing & Urban Development Act 1995
Libraries Act 1982
Local Government Act 1999
Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016
Passenger Transport Act 1994
Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016
Private Parking Act 1986
Road Traffic Act 1961
South Australian Public Health Act 2011
Water Industry Act 2012

12.2 REPORT TITLE: RAILWAY CREEK/MOUNT BARKER CREEK AND BERNHARDT COURT FLOOD MITIGATION

DATE OF MEETING: 1 JULY 2024

FILE NUMBER: DOC/24/25422

ATTACHMENTS: ATTACHMENT 1 DOC/24/61272– DRAFT CONCEPT DESIGN RAILWAY CREEK/MOUNT BARKER CREEK AND BERNHARDT COURT FLOOD MITIGATION
ATTACHMENT 2 – DOC/24/33781 COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN

Key Contact Matthew Dawkins, Manager Infrastructure Planning

Manager/Sponsor Phil Burton, General Manager, Infrastructure

Community Plan 2020-2035:
CW Goal 4: Undertake town planning, infrastructure provision and asset management to facilitate healthy lifestyles and safety.

ES Goal 3: Plan for and manage healthy and functional water- courses as the spines of the open space network and ecologically functional wildlife corridors.

Annual Business Plan:
Railway Creek/Mount Barker/Bernhardt Court flood mitigation detailed design is included in the 2023/2024 Annual Business Plan.

Purpose:
To present Council Members with the draft concept design for the proposed flood mitigation of portions of Railway Creek/Mount Barker Creek and Bernhardt Court and to seek endorsement to commence community engagement on the design.

Summary – Key Issues:
1. The 2016 Mount Barker Storm Water Management Plan (MBSWMP) identified Railway Creek, Mount Barker Creek, Bernhardt/Frame Courts as flood prone hot spots with a high priority assigned to implementing mitigation works.
2. Consulting engineers have been engaged (50% grant funded by the Stormwater Management Authority) to prepare flood mitigation strategies and have produced a draft concept design for 100 year Average Recurrence Interval (ARI) protection against the flooding of private property.
3. It is proposed to commence community and stakeholder engagement on this draft concept design to capture community feedback and input ahead of finalising detailed design later in 2024.

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. **Endorse the draft concept design and proposed works (as shown in Attachment 1) for community engagement in accordance with the community and stakeholder engagement plan (as shown in Attachment 2)**
2. **Note that a further report on the results of community engagement will be presented to Council in September 2024 ahead of progressing further detailed design.**

Background:

1. Mount Barker Creek is the main creek system within Mount Barker carrying very high flows.

2. Siltation of Mount Barker Creek occurs east of the SteamRanger Heritage Railway (SHR) line as a result of the very flat grade and the dense build-up of Common Reed and Bulrush growth.

3. Mount Barker Creek is subject to overtopping near the railway corridor allowing overland flow to enter the north western end of the Bernhardt Court catchment.

4. Railway Creek (a significant tributary) enters Mount Barker Creek 150 metres east of the SHR railway line.

5. Ongoing growth through new land development to the south has been designed with effective stormwater detention in place and as such this flood management project is not triggered especially by the growth of land development in the Railway Creek catchment.

6. Railway Creek at its confluence with Mt Barker Creek is subject to overtopping at its northern end into Bernhardt Court under high flows as frequent as the 1 in 10 year Average Recurrence Interval (ARI) flood.

7. Back flow in the storm water system between Bernhardt Court/Frame Court and Railway Creek also causes flooding in local streets when the creek is running at greater than 1 in 10 year ARI flows.

8. Kerb flow from the Fletcher Road catchment also enters Bernhardt Court due to an inadequate drainage system in Fletcher Road and adds significantly to the flooding potential.

9. The 2016 Mount Barker Storm Water Management Plan (MBSWMP) identified Railway Creek, Mount Barker Creek, Bernhardt/Frame Courts as flood prone hot spots with a high priority assigned to implementing mitigation works.

10. The 2022 Flood Hazard Mapping and Assessment undertaken by the State Government (PLUS) reinforces the findings of the 2016 MBSWMP.

11. Water depths of up to 600mm could occur in Bernhardt Court with the potential of flooding a number of properties for the 1 in 100 year ARI flood event.

Discussion:

12. Council included the detailed design for flood mitigation work on portions of Railway Creek, Mount Barker Creek, Bernhard Court and Frame Court in its 2023/24 Annual Business Plan.

13. A grant application to the Stormwater Management Authority (SMA) was made in March 2023 for the detailed design and specification work and Council was successful in getting 50% funding toward the $160,000 design project.

14. Consulting engineers were appointed via a formal tender process in December 2023 to undertake the detailed design.

15. The key principles contained within the design brief were:
    - Retain the 1 in 100 year ARI flow within the existing drainage corridors for both creeks by way of channel widening and/or levee bank treatment,
    - Examine the structural condition and hydraulic capacity of the existing Fletcher Road culvert on Railway Creek
    - Provide a stormwater drainage system within Bernhardt Court and Frame Court to protect against the inundation of dwellings for the 1 in 100 ARI flood event
    - Provide a stormwater drainage system in Fletcher Road to prevent kerb flow from entering Bernhardt Court
    - Have regard for Council's Mount Barker Creek Management Plan (2019)
    - Provide a landscape plan with suitable plantings within the creek channels and embankments together with a creek maintenance plan for the specific locations, and
    - Provide a design that limits the siltation of the creek invert that currently occurs, particularly in Mount Barker Creek.

16. The draft concept design and proposed works (shown in attachment 1) in response to this brief has now been completed. It includes the following:
    - Identification of the flood prone areas for various rainfall events up to the 1 in 100 year ARI event.
    - Suggested works plan to provide protection to private property against inundation for the 1 in 100 year ARI event which includes:
        - Clearing of exotics trees/weeds and some common reeds from Mount Barker Creek between the rail

corridor and Railway Creek and the installation of silt ponds.
- Removal of exotic trees and weeds from Railway Creek.
- An upgraded stormwater drain in Fletcher Road.
- A stormwater drain and pumping system in Bernhardt Court.
- A minor levee bank system along parts of Mount Barker Creek and Railway Creek.

Community Engagement

17. Given the importance of this project to local residents and the proposed impacts to local creeks, it is now recommended to undertake community and stakeholder engagement on the draft concept design and proposed works. Key stakeholders to be consulted are impacted residents and local environment groups such as the newly formed Voice of the Environment.

18. Consultation with the Landscape Board will be held and a Water Affecting Activity Permit will be sought for upgrading works within the creek.

Staging

19. Completion of detailed design will occur in 2024 and this will inform future revisions of the Long Term Financial Plan and Annual Business Plans subject to availability of funding from external parties such as the SMA.

20. A portion of the works including an upgraded stormwater drain in Fletcher Road under the SHR tracks is proposed to be completed in early 2025. In January 2025, SHR will be upgrading the crossing (new rail track, sleepers and ballast) and the opportunity exists to lay the drain whilst these works are being undertaken resulting in a significant cost saving than would otherwise be the case.

Funding

21. The preliminary cost estimate for this portion of new drain under the tracks is $75,000 inclusive of contingency.

22. The total cost of construction for the complete flood mitigation scheme is in the order of $2.5million based on the draft concept design prepared to date. Note that as the project evolves and the details are better defined, the project cost estimate will be updated.

23. There is a high probability that the SMA will fund 50% toward some of the works relating to the greater catchment area (greater than 40 hectares). The local catchment of Fletcher Road however may not be deemed eligible. A formal application to SMA will be made in conjunction with future Long Term Financial Plan reviews.

Community Engagement:

Decision to be made	Endorsement of the Railway Creek, Mount Barker Creek and Bernhardt Court Flood Mitigation Concept Plan and Proposed Works.
Key factors to be considered in decision (dot points)	• Community and stakeholder feedback on proposed works • Local knowledge on the performance of the stormwater system • Treatments along Railway Creek and Mount Barker Creek • Impacts on residents • Impacts on the environment • The cost benefit of the works • The priority and staging of works
Area of community influence	Aspects that are fixed: • the extent of the works, • technical aspects, and • the level of flood protection (1 in 100 year ARI) Key areas for community input: • Creek landscaping treatment • Creek formation/shape/alignment • Access from Frame Court along a portion of Railway Creek • Providing local knowledge on the impact of previous high water level flows
Method of consultation, informing community & cost	Refer attachment 2.
Feedback to stakeholders/Council	A report summarising all feedback and recommendations will be presented to Council.
Timeframe for consultation	3 – 24 July 2024
Community input	
Recommendations	

Policy:

In accordance with Council's Public Consultation Policy

Long Term Financial Plan:
The LTFP includes expenditure on stormwater assets but this project is not specifically provisioned for. It would need to be considered in future revisions.

Budget:
Railway Creek/Mount Barker/Bernhardt Court flood mitigation detailed design is included in the 2023/2024 Annual Business Plan at a total cost of $160,000. A Stormwater Management Authority subsidy of $80,000 has been granted.

Statutory/Legal:
The project will gain all necessary approvals before beginning construction.

Staff Resource Requirements:
The design work is contracted to a consultant and Project Management is being undertaken internally using current resources.

Environmental:
The proposed works aims to improve the health and appearance of local waterways.

Social:
The project will have a positive benefit for local residents impacted by flooding and the general community will benefit from the enhancement of the creek environment.

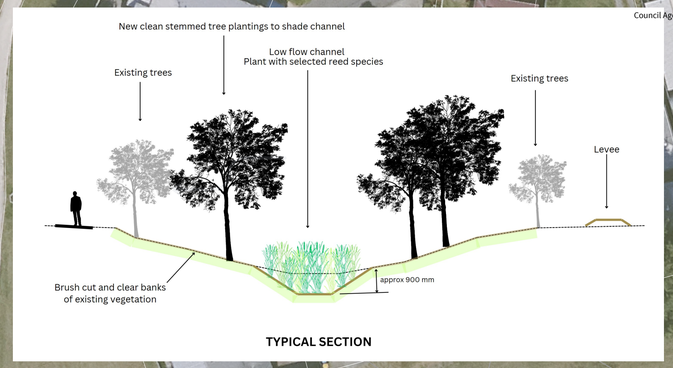
Risk Assessment:
A safety in design assessment as well as a full project risk assessment will be completed. The project will mitigate the risk of local properties being flooded and the possibility of future claims for damages.

Asset Management:
The project will create new storm water assets in Fletcher Road and Bernhardt Court that will require ongoing maintenance.

Conclusion:
This project is a high priority to mitigate against the flooding of properties in the vicinity of Railway Creek/Mount Barker Creek junction and the adjacent Bernhardt Court. The draft concept design and proposed works is now ready to be released for community and stakeholder engagement.

Previous Decisions By/Information Reports to Council

Meeting Date	6 November 2023	CM Reference	DOC/23/139955
Title	STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (SMA) GRANT FUNDING SUCCESS		
Purpose	To advise that Council has been successful in securing a grant from the Storm Water Management Authority (SMA) for the design of rejuvenation works along Railway Creek Mount Barker, from Mount Barker Creek to Fletcher Road including a small portion of Mount Barker Creek itself.		



TYPICAL SECTION

Silt Basin

Access Track

Install flap gate to end of culvert

STAGE 3 : Mount Barker and Railway Creek Works

Mount Barker Creek

Install flap gate to end of culvert

Clear entire channel of existing reeds, woody weeds and exotic trees. Excavate low flow channel back to original design invert (approx. 900 mm). Re-plant cleared banks with scattered clean stemmed trees. See Typical Section.

Silt Basin

Access Track

Install flap gate to end of culverts

+300 mm

+800 mm

Provide flap gate to end of existing pipe. Regrade downstream channel and provide rock scour protection

Remove pest plants and woody weeds from Railway Creek

Provide flap gate to end of existing pipe. Regrade downstream channel and provide rock scour protection

Railway Creek

0 mm

+50 mm

+150 mm

+550 mm

+350 mm

Provide new pipe with flap gate through levee to replace existing

Construct levee by building up existing path/road. Heights as shown.

STAGE 2 : Levee and Bernhardt Court Drainage

New pipe outlet to Mount Barker Creek. Normally gravity operation except when creek level above level of Bernhardt Court.

Provide pumps in existing sump to provide 200 L/s capacity. Pumps operate only when creek level above level of Bernhardt Court.

Adjust footpath and bikeway levels to pass over levee.

Bernhardt Court

Frame Court

Fletcher Road

Clear silt and weeds from existing concrete aprons. Extend downstream wingwalls and provide rock scour protection to creek bed.

STAGE 1 : Fletcher Road Works

New underground drainage system in Fletcher Road to intercept 1 in 100 yr flows prior to Bernhardt Court

Adjust footpath, verge and driveway levels to prevent overtopping in 1 in 100 yr event

Extension of pipework to western side of railway to assist in flow interception

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District Council of Mount Barker
Mount Barker and Railway Creek Works

PROPOSED WORKS

Map C-3



Railway Creek Flood Mitigation

Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan

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INTRODUCTION

Our Mission

The Mount Barker District Council is committed to open, transparent and meaningful community engagement with its residents by providing opportunities for the community to access and participate in the many decision-making processes of Council. This commitment is demonstrated through the formulation of a Community Consultation Policy (DOC/20/45761) and the values outlined in Council's Community Plan 2020-2035.

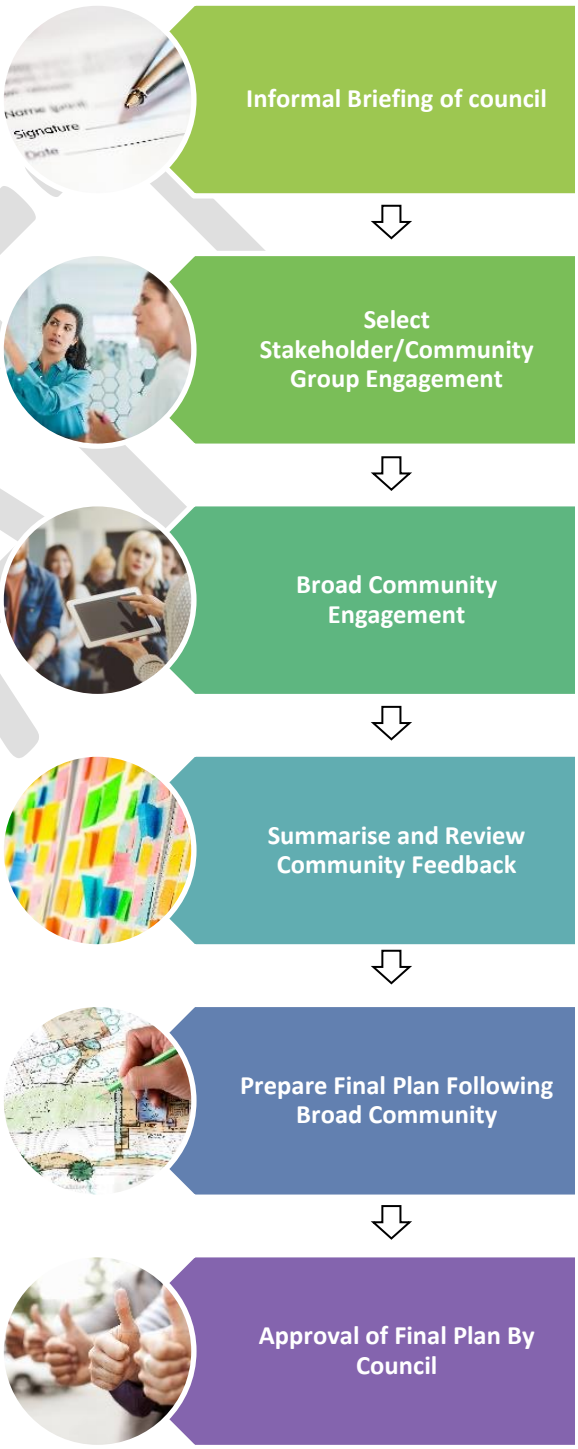
> *Involved – Decision-making processes are transparent and open to community scrutiny. Partnerships are valued and individuals and communities can be involved in influencing policies and local activities.*

Effective community engagement not only provides Council with an opportunity to strengthen its relationship with the community, but also provides for sound investment in better decision making by ensuring decisions are informed by community needs and aspirations. When meaningfully undertaken, it contributes to building trust between the community and Council, raises the quality of project outcomes, strengthens representative democracy and builds community capacity.

What is Community Engagement?

Community engagement is a considered and transparent two-way information sharing process by which specifically identified community groups along with the broader community are provided with the opportunity to understand and provide input into the decision-making processes of Council. Community engagement works to strengthen the trust between the community and Council and provides an opportunity for Council to deliver projects which are well informed and consistent with community sentiment and in turn vastly improve project outcomes.

Community Engagement Process



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BACKGROUND AND PROJECT INFORMATION

The Mount Barker Storm Water Management Plan identifies portions of Railway Creek, Mount Barker Creek, Bernhardt Court/Frame Court as flood prone hot spots. A flood hazard mapping and assessment undertaken by the State Government in 2022 reinforces the floodmapping work by Council prepared in 2014.

Mount Barker Creek is the main waterway passing through Mount Barker and can carry high water flows. Railway Creek is tributary that enters Mount Barker Creek to the north-east of Bernhardt Court.

In high creek flows, water can spill to Bernhardt Court from overflow from Mount Barker Creek, backflow from the storm water pipe system to Railway Creek and gutter flow from Fletcher road.

Consulting engineers have been engaged by Council to prepare a design that:

- Contains the 1 in 100 year Average Recurrence Interval (ARI) flow within the existing drainage corridors for both creeks by way of channel widening, vegetation management and/or levee bank treatment,
- examines the structural condition and hydraulic capacity of the existing Fletcher Road culvert on Railway Creek,
- includes a storm water drainage system within Bernhardt Court and Frame Court to protect against the inundation of dwellings for the 1 in 100 ARI flood event,
- includes a storm water drainage system in Fletcher Road to prevent gutter flow from entering Bernhardt Court.
- includes a landscape plan with suitable plantings within the creek channels and embankments together with a creek maintenance plan for the specific locations and,
- limits the siltation of the creek invert that currently occurs, particularly in Mount Barker Creek.

The draft concept design will be presented to Council for consideration and to endorse wider community consultation, particularly on the treatments to Railway Creek.

Following a period of community consultation, work will proceed on the detailed design, specification and cost estimating.

Subject to Council's Annual Business Plan, construction work may commence in the 2025/2026 financial year subject to ongoing funding from the Stormwater Management Authority.

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PURPOSE OF THE ENGAGEMENT

The purpose of this engagement is to consult the community and key stakeholders on the draft concept design to mitigate flooding of properties in the vicinity of Railway Creek and Mount Barker Creek junction and Bernhardt Court/Frame Court.

Engagement Objectives

The objectives for this engagement are to:

- Provide meaningful information in such a way that it is understandable by our audiences.
- Obtain public feedback on the draft concept design specifically relating to the treatments of Railway Creek.
- Instil confidence in our community that once we have made a commitment, we will deliver on that commitment.

LEVEL OF INFLUENCE

This Plan has been developed in accordance with the internationally recognised International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) public participation spectrum. This articulates the varied levels of influence and associated commitments made during engagement with stakeholders. The spectrum identifies the following levels of engagement:

- **INFORM** level of engagement commits to providing information that helps stakeholders to understand the problem/issue, alternatives, opportunities or solutions. It commits to keeping stakeholders informed.
- **CONSULT** level of engagement builds on the inform level to also seek feedback on the problem/issue and may include looking at options, alternatives etc. It commits to keeping stakeholders informed and letting them know how their feedback was used.
- **INVOLVE** level of engagement builds further to work directly with stakeholders to ensure that their views are consistently understood and considered. It commits to ensure stakeholder views are reflected in project outcomes and letting them know how this impacted on decision making.
- **COLLABORATE** sees stakeholders as partners in developing solutions or alternatives and commits to using their input in project outcomes.
- **EMPOWER** commits to allowing the stakeholder to be the decision maker and that their decisions will be implemented.

It is recognised that different stakeholders will be engaged with at different levels at different stages of the project. Ensuring that stakeholders understand their level of influence is critical in managing expectations and undertaking engagement in accordance with the accepted principles. This process will predominantly use **INFORM** and **CONSULT** levels of engagement.

SCOPE OF INFLUENCE

Aspects of the project that stakeholders and the community **can** influence are:

- Creek landscaping treatment
- Creek formation/shape/alignment
- Access from Frame Court along a portion of Railway Creek
- Providing local knowledge on the impact of previous high water level flows.

Aspects of the project that stakeholders and the community **cannot** influence are:

- The extent of the works
- The level of flood protection (1 in 100 year ARI)
- Technicalities of the storm water drainage system within Bernhardt Court and Frame Court
- Technicalities of the storm water drainage system in Fletcher Road to prevent gutter flow from entering Bernhardt Court

RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk	Management Measure
Mistrust of Council through previous engagement leads to lack of participation	• Provide multiple access points for information, including going directly to key stakeholders where possible. • Ensure communications materials are clear. • Consistent messaging using the key messages. • Use graphic/visual presentation to simplify and support information wherever possible.
The community has engagement fatigue and does not participate	• Use a targeted engagement approach where appropriate, focusing on relevant community groups, and key stakeholders with influence in the community. • Understand what other engagement activities are occurring and seek opportunities to leverage these to avoid engagement fatigue. • Make it easier to engage by going out to the community rather than expecting them to come to us.
Community expectations or misconception on what they can influence	• Use clear communications that accurately conveys what can the community can influence.

PROJECT ROLES / POINT OF CONTACT

Project Engagement Coordinator – Kylie Norris, Communications and Engagement Officer

Responsible for ensuring that actions in the engagement plan are undertaken and modifying the plan as required

Project Sponsor – Phil Burton, General Manager Infrastructure

Responsible for timely provision of information to CGG, Council Members, local Members of Parliament, and Government Ministers.

Project Manager – Matthew Dawkins, Manager Infrastructure Planning

Responsible for provision of information as contract progresses to Project Sponsor, Project Control Group, Project Communications Coordinator. First point of contact for community enquiries.

Project Communications Coordinator – Ian Hildebrand, Manager Communications and Engagement

Responsible for timely actioning of communications. First point of contact for media enquiries.

KEY MESSAGES

The following key messages will enable the use of a clear 'narrative' and provide an important guide to the style and tone of communication which will form the basis of written and verbal communication with stakeholders.

- The aim of the draft concept design is to mitigate flooding in Bernhardt Court and Frame Court.
- The draft concept design considers:
    - retaining the 1 in 100 year flood event within the public realm,
    - ensuring that the structural condition and hydraulic capacity of the existing Fletcher Road culvert on Railway Creek is adequate
    - providing a storm water drainage system within Bernhardt Court and Frame Court,
    - providing a storm water drainage system in Fletcher Road to prevent gutter flow from entering Bernhardt Court,
    - landscaping and creek maintenance within the creek channels, and
    - limiting the siltation of the creek.
- A period of community consultation will occur to get the community's feedback on the treatments to Railway Creek. Council is keen to hear feedback from the community.
- There are particular aspects of the draft concept design that are not able to be influenced, that includes the extent of the works, technical aspects and the level of flood protection (1 in 100 year ARI).

- Following a period of community consultation, work will proceed on the detailed design and specification.
- Subject to Council's Annual Business Plan, construction work may commence in the 2025/2026 financial year subject to ongoing funding from the Stormwater Management Authority.

CONSULTATION MATERIAL AND EVENTS

- Council website
- Your Say information page including draft concept design
- Online engagement tools
- Information email
- Dedicated email/letter to select stakeholder groups e.g. abutting residential properties and environmental groups
- Meetings with select stakeholders
- Social Media posts
- District Matters article

KEY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Engagement Activity	Date/s
Engagement period	3 – 24 July 2024 (estimated)
Meetings with key stakeholders	As required
Adoption of concept design at Council meeting	2 September 2024

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STAKEHOLDER MAPPING

The following stakeholder groups have been identified to be engaged during the consultation period, as they represent portions of the community who have an interest in the draft concept design for the flood mitigation of properties in the vicinity of Railway Creek and Mount Barker Creek junction and adjacent Bernhardt Court.

The table below lists the stakeholders along with their (known or anticipated) issues and concerns and the approach we will use to engage them.

Listed below are the common engagement elements that will go across most stakeholders:

- Easy to understand and access to information sources that clearly outlines what can be influenced
- Website – source of online engagement materials
- Your Say – source of online engagement materials and tools
- Social media, traditional media, District Matters, signage

Stakeholder	Issues/ Concerns	Engagement Approach	Level of Influence	Responsibility	Medium
Residents with property abutting Railway Creek, residents in Bernhardt Ct and Frame Ct, residents in Fletcher Rd (between rail line and Railway Creek	• Interest in ensuring quality, fit for purpose engagement is undertaken. • A need for easy to understand and accessible information. • Interest in the impact on their property.	• Easy to understand and access information sources to clearly tell the why/what and what can be influenced • Seeking feedback directly from them • Keep regularly informed	CONSULT	Project Manager	• Letter/email • Meetings as required
				Project Communications Coordinator	• Website • Your Say • Social media, District Matters

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Stakeholder	Issues/ Concerns	Engagement Approach	Level of Influence	Responsibility	Medium
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Community Voice for the Environment	• Interest in ensuring quality, fit for purpose engagement is undertaken. • A need for easy to understand and accessible information. • Interest in the impact on the creek and environment.	• Easy to understand and access information sources to clearly tell the why/what and what can be influenced • Seeking feedback directly from them • Keep regularly informed	CONSULT	Project Manager	• Letter/email • Meetings as required
				Project Communications Coordinator	• Website • Your Say • Social media, District Matters
General community	• Mixed levels of interest. • Interest in ensuring quality, fit for purpose engagement is undertaken. • A need for easy to understand and accessible information.	• Easy to understand and access information sources to clearly tell the why/what and what can be influenced • Reach community where they are, when feedback is sought. • Keep regularly informed	INFORM	Project Engagement Coordinator	• Website • Your Say • Social media, District Matters
Council Members	• Interest in representing and/or understanding the views of their constituents.	• Information briefings • Endorse concept design to proceed to detailed design	EMPOWER	Project Sponsor	• Information/Briefing Sessions • Council reports

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Stakeholder	Issues/ Concerns	Engagement Approach	Level of Influence	Responsibility	Medium
	• Decision makers	• Endorse budget	INFORM	Project Communications Coordinator	• Memos • Website • Your Say • Social media, District Matters
Landscape Board	• Interest in the preservation of landscapes	• Easy to understand and access information sources to clearly tell the why/what and what can be influence	CONSULT	Project Sponsor	• Letter/email • Meetings
			INFORM	Project Communications Coordinator	• Website • Your Say • Social media
SteamRanger	• Potential impacts on railway corridor	• Provide information on the draft concept design	CONSULT	Project Communications Coordinator	• Letters/emails • Website • Your Say • Social media
Residents Group Associations • Mount Barker and District Residents' Association	• Mixed level of interest • Interest in accessibility and connectivity throughout townships.	• Easy to understand and access information sources to clearly tell the why/what and what can be influenced	INFORM	Project Communications Coordinator	• Website • Your Say • Social media, District Matters
Online/Social Media Groups	• Mixed level of interest and the desire to be kept informed	• Easy to understand and access information sources to clearly tell the why/what and what can be influenced	INFORM	Project Communications Coordinator	• Website • Your Say • Social media

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Stakeholder	Issues/ Concerns	Engagement Approach	Level of Influence	Responsibility	Medium
Dan Cregan Member for Kavel	• Mixed level of interest	• Easy to understand and access information sources to clearly tell the why/what and what can be influenced	INFORM	Project Sponsor	• Letter/email
Rebekah Sharkie Member for Mayo	• Mixed level of interest	• Easy to understand and access information sources to clearly tell the why/what and what can be influenced	INFORM	Project Sponsor	• Letter/email
Corporate Governance Group (CGG) (internal)	• Interest in representing and/or understanding the views of their constituents.	• Information briefings • Workshop • Receive draft concept design	INVOLVE	Project Sponsor	• Emails • Memos • CGG Reports • Information briefings • Workshop
Peramangk and Kaurna	• Mixed level of interest • Interest in sites of significance	• Easy to understand and access information sources to clearly tell the why/what and what can be influenced	CONSULT as required	Project Manager	• Meeting as required
			INFORM	Project Communications Coordinator	• Website • Your Say • Social media, District Matters

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APPROVAL OF ENGAGEMENT PLAN

Recommendation to approve

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12.3 REPORT TITLE: PERMANGK RUWE (LAND) MANAGEMENT USING KIRI (FIRE) - GRANT APPLICATION

DATE OF MEETING: 1 JULY 2024

FILE NUMBER: DOC/24/42543

ATTACHMENTS: NIL

Key Contact Larissa Jennings, Community Resilience Project Officer

Manager/Sponsor **Ben Footner, Manager Customer Experience**

Executive Alison Hancock, Executive Manager

Community Plan 2020-2035:
Community Wellbeing
CW Objective 2.1 Promote and support a connect-learn-lead, and strength-based community development model that engages the community and empowers it to demonstrate leadership, autonomy and sustainability

CW Objective 3.4 Recognise the cultural heritage and history of Australian Aboriginal people and promote and support reconciliation.

Annual Business Plan:
Key objective: Develop an open space fire mitigation plan for the district incorporating traditional land and fire management techniques.

Purpose:
To seek retrospective Council endorsement to auspice a Peramangk led, Sugar Shack Aboriginal Corporation Disaster Ready Grant Fund application to the Australian Government for the purpose of progressing Peramangk ruwe (land) management using kiri (fire).

Summary – Key Issues:
1. Peramangk Country extends across the Mount Barker District Council that is a high risk, bushfire prone environment with significant numbers of people, assets, and areas of cultural and environmental significance.

2. Peramangk people were known as the ‘Fire Makers’ because of their use and access to flint and mineral pyrites to create fire. Fire was used to open up the country by removing the understorey to allow easier travelling, safer camping and to promote the future growth of grass for game species. Frequent burning reduced the fuel load, while creating firebreaks and a vegetation mosaic that gave protection from more serious fires.

3. Fire to Flourish staff have supported the Sugar Shack Aboriginal Corporation and broader Permangk community to develop, write and submit a grant funding application to revive Peramangk ruwe (land) management using kiri (fire).

4. If successful, Council will auspice the grant administration and employment arrangements for the program delivery for the project.

Recommendation:

That Council retrospectively endorse for Council to auspice the Sugar Shack Aboriginal Corporation grant submission to the Australian Government National Emergency Management Agency (via the SA Fire and Emergency Services Commission) Disaster Ready Fund for a $2.4 million grant to awaken Peramangk cultural practices through kiri (fire).

Background:

1. Information reports (3 October 2023, 3 April 2023 and 5 December 2022) and memo (27 February 2024) have previously been presented to Council to provide updates on 'Exploring Traditional Land and Fire Management' as part of the Fire to Flourish project.

2. Fire to Flourish is a community led resilience project funded by an Australian Government $1.377 million grant with one of the three objectives being 'to engage with Traditional Owners to explore the relationship between Indigenous land and fire management and natural disaster resilience and to implement insights that can support better land management practices in our region'.

3. The National Emergency Management Agency's Disaster Ready Fund (The Fund) was established in response to Australia's continuing increased and emerging disaster risk. Due to the climate emergency, it is believed that extreme heat, flooding and bushfires, along with other natural hazards, will increasingly impact the wellbeing and functioning of our communities, our environment and economy. The Fund aims to increase the resilience, adaptive capacity or preparedness and reduce the exposure to risk, harm or severity of a natural hazard's impacts to all governments, communities, service organisations and affected communities.

4. Peramangk Country extends across the Mount Barker District Council that is a high risk, bushfire prone environment with significant numbers of people, assets, and areas of cultural and environmental significance.

5. Peramangk people were known as the 'Fire Makers' because of their use and access to flint and mineral pyrites to create fire. Fire was also used to open

up the country by removing the understorey to allow easier travelling, safer camping and to promote the future growth of grass for game species. The frequent burning reduced the fuel load, while creating firebreaks and a vegetation mosaic. This gave the country protection from more serious fires.

6. When European settlers arrived in the region, Peramangk people were forced out of their traditional ruwe (land) by the activities of early European settlers. As a result, many have been displaced and knowledge, experience and skills has been lost or interrupted.

7. The combination of population growth across the district with environmental drivers of changing landscape, including impacts of climate change, pose great risks and challenges for all community to address into the future. Extended and more intense fire seasons, decreased rainfall and strong summer westerly winds, coalesce toward severe fire disaster risk for our communities.

Discussion:

1. Through exploring traditional ruwe (land) management using kiri (fire) with both Kaurna and Peramangk Nations (see community engagement section), Fire to Flourish has identified strong interest, support and aspiration from Peramangk elders, leaders and broader community to revive these cultural practices.

2. On the 20 March 2024 the Sugar Shack Aboriginal Corporation (a Peramangk representative body) submitted a grant application to the grant funding agency with the support of Council staff.

3. If successful, the grant would fund staffing, the development of a Peramangk Ruwe (Land) Management Strategic Plan, contemporary and traditional (Kaurna mentoring Peramangk) training, identification of appropriate sites for ongoing Peramangk access to develop and maintain, community education, personal protective equipment and work wear, travel and transport and facilitating multi-agency support.

4. The project will build the capacity of the Peramangk Nation to manage ruwe (land) using kiri (fire) on an ongoing basis, meaningfully engaging and participating in action planning for disaster readiness with the broader community.

5. The project will increase the resilience of the region through measurably improved revegetation activities, additional weed management, fuel load reduction regimens, empowerment of the Peramangk Nation and more.

6. The project will be delivered by staff who will be employed by the Mount Barker District Council and will be 100% funded by the grant funds.

7. Peramangk Land extends into the Adelaide Hills Council, Alexandrina Council and The Barossa Council. At the appropriate time these other LGA's will be invited by the Peramangk Nation to support management of ruwe (land) using kiri (fire).

8. If successful, the Sugar Shack Aboriginal Corporation would support Mount Barker District Council to enter a funding agreement directly with the National Emergency Management Agency and Council will be responsible for administering the grant funding.

9. On the 13 May 2024 the SA Fire and Emergency Services Commission (SAFECOM) advised that the funding application has successfully progressed through to the National Emergency Management Agency for assessment with an outcome expected from July 2024.

Community Engagement:

Decision to be made	What do the Peramangk Nation need to revive traditional ruwe (land) and kiri (fire) management?
Key factors to be considered in decision (dot points)	• Peramangk Nation readiness • Funding opportunities • Council strategic alignment
Area of community influence	All project elements were determined by representatives of the Peramangk Nation
Method of consultation, informing community & cost	The Peramangk Nation was informed about the project and engagement opportunities via: • Email communication to key contacts, community groups, service providers and Aboriginal Corporations • Council's website • Face to face meetings • Whole of Nation gathering/workshop • Traditional Owner presentation to key agencies • Walking of Country
Feedback to stakeholders/Council	Peramangk want to 'heal Country' that will 'heal their people' by reviving traditional cultural practices through developing a guiding strategic plan, skills and knowledge development and learning and sharing from other Nations. An understanding has been reached for the Kaurna Nation (employed and insured by Firesticks Alliance) to mentor the Peramangk Nation.

	The three priority areas of where support is needed from fire and management agencies is access to ruwe (land), investment in the people and the cutting of 'red tape'.
Timeframe for consultation	Ongoing
Community input	- 11 Peramangk people attended the gathering/workshop - 4 Peramangk people and 2 Kaurna people presented to 6 land and fire management agencies - More than 20 people identifying as Peramangk have been involved in face to face meetings.
Recommendations from the engagement phase	That a funding application be submitted to progress the revival of Peramangk ruwe (land) management using kiri (fire).

10. Fire to Flourish is continuing to coordinate and facilitate meetings with the land and fire management agencies to progress Traditional Owner priorities. A session was held on 16 April 2024 where land owners Forestry SA, Department Environment and Water, SA Water and Mount Barker District Council provided in principle support for access to land.

11. If the grant is successful significant Peramangk engagement is planned including the coordination of a project advisory group made up of Peramangk elders and leaders for high level project guidance, Peramangk Elders mentoring Aboriginal Liaison Officers (employed by Council) and all of Peramangk engagement to develop and implement all aspects of the project.

12. To increase broader community awareness and acceptance of traditional ruwe (land) management using kiri (fire) a communications and engagement plan will be developed and implemented as part of the project should the grant be successful.

Long Term Financial Plan:

The project is not included in the Long Term Financial Plan. If the grant is successful, the project will be funded 100% by the Australian Government with discretionary inkind support across council management, support and assistance including but not limited to procurement, customer service, people and culture and administration.

Budget:
An Annual Business Plan key objective is to 'develop an open space fire mitigation plan for the district incorporating traditional land and fire management techniques'.

The total amount of funding being sought from the grant fund is $2,399,633.

An in-kind Council contribution via existing resources is estimated at approximately $324,187 which includes labour/labour on cost, use of meeting rooms and use of the Laratinga Pavilion for gatherings.

This would be considered to be a discretionary service offered by Council.

Staff Resource Requirements:
If successful, through council the grant will fund the employment of 1 FTE Project Coordinator, 1 (0.8) FTE Training Officer, 2 FTE Aboriginal Liaison Officers and the equivalent of 1 FTE for all Peramangk people engaged for cultural knowledge, attendance and participation for all elements of the project.

Environmental:
The Peramangk people are the traditional custodians of the Adelaide Hills and have deep knowledge, care and respect for this country (both lands and waterways). Pre colonisation Peramangk cared for the environment and sustainably for more than 60,000 years.

The project aligns with the 'Bushfire and Biodiversity' project undertaken through the Resilient Hills and Coasts (RH&C) climate partnership, also funded by the Federal government. A key recommendation of this report was 'Funding First Nations groups to provide RH&C stakeholders with a model of engagement and involvement'.

Social:
Indigenous Australians remain the most disadvantaged and marginalised people in Australia. They suffer significant poverty and disadvantage including high levels of unemployment, extremely poor health outcomes, far shorter life expectancy than other Australians and high levels of incarceration.
Poverty and disadvantage is compounded by intergenerational trauma, stemming from colonisation, violence and dispossession and ongoing systemic racism.

Peramangk people have deep cultural desires to heal country by reviving ruwe (land) management using kiri (fire) and that will also go a long way to healing their people.

The project is an important step in supporting reconciliation with the Traditional Owners.

Risk Assessment:
As part of the funding application a risk assessment was undertaken.

An additional risk is if the Disaster Ready Fund grant application is unsuccessful. Potential mitigations include submitting again and to future rounds of the Disaster Ready Fund, seeking alternate external funding (such as through SAFECOM's Aboriginal Disaster Resilience fund).

Conclusion:
It is recommended that council agrees to auspice the Sugar Shack Aboriginal Corporation grant submission to the Australian Government National Emergency Management Agency Disaster Ready Fund for a $2.4million grant to awaken Peramangk cultural practices through kiri (fire) is successful.

Previous Decisions By/Information Reports to Council

Meeting Date	3 October 2023	CM Reference	DOC/23/115433
Title	Fire to Flourish – Project Update		
Purpose	To provide an update on the progress of the Fire to Flourish project		

Meeting Date	3 April 2023	CM Reference	DOC/23/25944
Title	Fire to Flourish – Project Update		
Purpose	To provide an update on Fire to Flourish's 'Exploring Traditional Land and Fire Management' and other projects		

Meeting Date	5 December 2022	CM Reference	DOC/22/145925
Title	Fire to Flourish – Project Update		
Purpose	To provide an update on the progress of the Fire to Flourish project		

Meeting Date	7 February 2022	CM Reference	DOC/22/1201
Title	Preparing Australian Communities – Local Stream		
Purpose	To seek endorsement for a Community Led Emergency Resilience Project submitted to the Preparing Australian Communities – local stream grant round, administered by the Federal Government		

12.4 REPORT TITLE: CHILD AND YOUTH ACTION PLAN FOR ENDORSEMENT

DATE OF MEETING: 1 JULY 2024

FILE NUMBER: DOC/24/62293

ATTACHMENTS: A1. DOC/24/79835 - CHILD AND YOUTH ACTION PLAN (FINAL) FOR ENDORSEMENT

A2. DOC/24/62770 - SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY FEEDBACK AND AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT PLAN

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Community Plan 2020-2035:

Theme 1: Community Wellbeing
CW Goal 1 Activity and movement- Physical and mental health and wellbeing is supported by opportunities to access parks and natural areas, quality open space and recreation and sporting facilities.

CW Goal 2 Health and social connection – Our community feels engaged, confident and proud. We work together and support each other to be healthy , thrive and achieve our potential.

Annual Business Plan:
The development and endorsement of the Child & Youth Action Plan is listed as an objective and performance measure of the Annual Business Plan 2023-2024 and a key action from the Community Development Lead Strategy (endorsed 7 June 2021).

Purpose:
To present to Council the analysis and amendments following community engagement on the draft Child and Youth Action Plan, and seek Council's endorsement of the final Child and Youth Action Plan.

Summary – Key Issues:
1. On 6 May, Council endorsed staff to undertake a period of community engagement on the draft Child and Youth Action Plan 2024-2028.

2. The Plan was distributed through the Council's communications channels (website, social media, YourSay and newsletter) and 101 letters to key stakeholders (schools, community groups and agencies).

3. A total of 11 email submissions and 21 online contributions through YourSay over a four week public consultation period were received.

4. Resulting from the four week engagement period, minor amendments have been made to the draft Plan, with the remaining community feedback being considered more broadly in the key actions identified in the plan.

5. The Child and Youth Action Plan has been amended to take into account both community and Council staff feedback and is now presented for Council endorsement and implementation.

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. **Note the community feedback received and the summary of consultation contained in Attachment 2.**

2. **Endorse the Child and Youth Action Plan in Attachment 1 for implementation.**

Background:

1. Local government plays an important role in providing and supporting children and youth services which has been identified as a priority action in the Council's Community Development Lead Strategy 2021-2026.

2. The child and youth population (ages 0-25) constitutes a significant portion of the community, with diverse needs and interests. It is crucial to have a dedicated focus on this demographic to address their evolving requirements, including access to recreational facilities, social services, education, and healthcare.

3. The inaugural Child and Youth Action Plan stands as a comprehensive four-year plan, outlining key actions and services wherein the Council pledges investment and on-going commitment to address the needs and aspirations of children and young people within the district. This Action Plan serves as a guiding framework for decision-making processes in program development, strategic planning, collaborative partnerships and advocacy.

Discussion:

4. The key actions in the Plan are:
    - Explore the feasibility for programmed youth spaces
    - Establish a Youth Advisory Group and a register of young people to inform projects
    - Appoint a Community Development Officer (Children and Youth)
    - Attract or develop entertainment and leisure offerings
    - Identify opportunities to improve children and youth play spaces in townships
    - Improve the ability of children, young people and their families to safely move around the district via effective public transport
    - Improve promotion of local activities and opportunities for young people and families
    - Explore funding avenues to enable initiatives led by children and young people

5. Reporting
   Over the duration of the Plan, an annual report will be prepared for Council to provide an update on the progress of the Plan's actions. The report will include the following
    - Number of participants in programs and events
    - Number of partnerships
    - Number of activities and/or facilities delivered
    - Amount of funding/grant received

6. Public Consultation

Community Engagement:

Decision to be made	Endorsement of the Child and Youth Action Plan
Key factors to be considered in decision (dot points)	• Suitability for engagement • Community support • Social benefits • Sustainability • Competing priorities
Area of community influence	Aspects that are fixed: Issues regarding community safety, equity and social justice and legal requirements have been considered by Council are not subject to community influence. Key areas for community input: During the engagement phase, the community added value regarding: • information on the impacts and acceptability of details in the Plan • local knowledge, experience and ideas that will

	improve the Plan • feedback on the priorities within the draft Plan.
Method of consultation, informing community & cost	The community was informed about the draft Plan via: • Social media (Facebook) • Council's website and YourSay page • Council community newsletters • Displays in the Library and Civic Centre • Email communication with key stakeholders, including community groups, community service providers and government agencies. Feedback on the draft Plan was sought via: 1. YourSay Mount Barker 2. Feedback form – hard copy and online 3. Social media (Facebook) 4. Written submissions The cost of the engagement was funded within the current operational budget allocation and undertaken internally by staff.
Feedback to stakeholders/Council	A report summarising all feedback and recommendations is attached.
Timeframe for consultation	There was a 28 day consultation period from 8 May 2024 to 5 June 2024.
Community input	The public was invited to provide feedback on the eight key actions outlined in the Plan and to rank these actions by priority. We received 11 email submissions and 21 online survey responses. The primary issues identified include the need to improve public transportation, support townships with new or upgraded recreational spaces, and expand leisure offerings in Mount Barker. A detailed report on the feedback is provided in Attachment 2.
Recommendations	The Child and Youth Action Plan aligns well with the community feedback received and is recommended for Council endorsement.

Policy:
Council's Public Consultation Policy was applied.

Long Term Financial Plan:
A business case/budget bid for a Community Development Officer (Youth Officer) has been submitted within the Annual Business Plan for FY25 with an on-going annual cost of $116,818.30.

Budget
The development and endorsement of the Child & Youth Action Plan is a key deliverable in the Annual Business Plan and key action arising from the Community Development Lead Strategy.

The current operational budget and the additional headcount (Community Development Officer – Youth Officer) will deliver the actions of the Plan and a budget FTE bid has been placed into the FY25 budget deliberations at a cost of approximately $120,000 including on-going costs.

Program funding will need to be factored into the operating budget in the future Council budgets to ensure success of the implementation of the Action Plan and youth programs. A $50,000 operating budget has been provisioned into the 2024/25 budget.

Statutory/Legal:
Council has prepared the Child and Youth Action Plan as per its obligations under the Local Government Act 1999, Chapter 2: 6 – Principal Role of Council, *(b) to provide and co-ordinate various public services and facilities and to develop its community resources in a socially just and ecologically sustainable manner; and (c) to encourage and develop initiatives within its community for improving the quality of life of the community.*

Staff Resource Requirements:
A budget bid for a Community Development Officer (Youth Officer) has been submitted for approval.

Environmental:
N/A

Social:
The Plan proposes initiatives which will have a positive impact on health, wellbeing and social inclusion for all people who live, work, study and socialise in our community.

The Plan takes into account the special needs of identified populations such as people from different cultures, people experiencing social, economic and environmental disadvantage, people of diverse lifestyles, our Elders, and people with disabilities, their families and carers.

Risk Assessment:
The Plan is not expected to have significant risks associated with its content, albeit there will be an community expectation to deliver the actions. If actions are not delivered, there may be an impact on Council's reputation.

Asset Management:
N/A

Conclusion:
The Council has developed a comprehensive Child and Youth Action Plan to address the needs and aspirations of children and young people in the district. This Plan demonstrates the Council's on-going commitment to support the wellbeing and development of children and youth throughout the district.

Given the strong community interest in the elements of the Plan, and the alignment of the Plan with our strategic goals, the Child and Youth Action Plan is now recommended for Council endorsement.

Previous Decisions By/Information Reports to Council

Meeting Date	6 May 2024	CM Reference	DOC/24/43891
Title	Child and Youth Action Plan – For community engagement		
Purpose	To provide Council with the draft Child & Youth Action Plan (the Plan) (Attachment 1) and seek authorisation to commence community and stakeholder engagement on the draft Plan, for a period of 28 days from 8 May 2024 to 5 June 2024.		

Meeting Date	16 February 2024	CM Reference	DOC/24/016885
Title	Child and Youth Action Plan (revised dates)		
Purpose	Informing members on the updated timelines leading to the endorsement of the Child and Youth Action Plan.		

Meeting Date	5 January 2024	CM Reference	DOC/24/2820
Title	Child and Youth Action Plan info briefing on 21 Jan 2024		
Purpose	Further to the memo provided on 13 October 2023 & 4 December 2024 about the Child and Youth Action Plan at the Information or Briefing Session, we will provide an update on the progress of the Child and Youth Action Plan accompanied by an interactive presentation from URPS consultant who has been contracted to draft the Child and Youth Action Plan.		

Meeting Date	13 October 2023	CM Reference	DOC/23/137420
Title	Children and Youth Action Plan – Project status & Public Consultation		
Purpose	To inform members the current status of the Children and Youth Action Plan, and a public consultation process starts from 16 October 2023.		

Attachment 1 to Item 12.4

Child and Youth Action Plan 2024–2028





Thank you to the following organisations that helped in the development of the Child and Youth Action Plan:

- Dan Cregan MP, Member for Kavel
- Rebekha Sharkie MP, Federal Member for Mayo
- Camp Australia
- Mount Barker South Primary
- St Francis de Sales College
- Cornerstone College
- Mount Barker High School
- Adelaide Hills Vocational College
- Youth Affairs Council of South Australia
- Willows Children Centre
- Mount Barker Community Centre
- Greenwood Institute
- St Michael's Lutheran Primary School
- Waldorf Mount Barker
- Macclesfield Community Association
- Department of Child Protection (Mount Barker)
- Headspace Mount Barker
- Department of Education (Aboriginal Services)
- RecLink South Australia
- Sammy D Foundation
- Paths and Trails Mount Barker and Beyond Group
- Australian Red Cross
- Alcohol and Drug Foundation

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About this action plan

The child and youth population (0–25 years) in the Mount Barker District Council (Council) represents a significant portion of the community and has diverse needs and interests. In 2020, the total child and youth population was 12,548. By 2035, child and youth population is projected to increase by 38.8% to 17,415 people.

A dedicated child and youth focus is essential to ensure that the growing population's needs are met and changing demographics are catered for across areas including access to education, healthcare, recreational facilities, and social services.

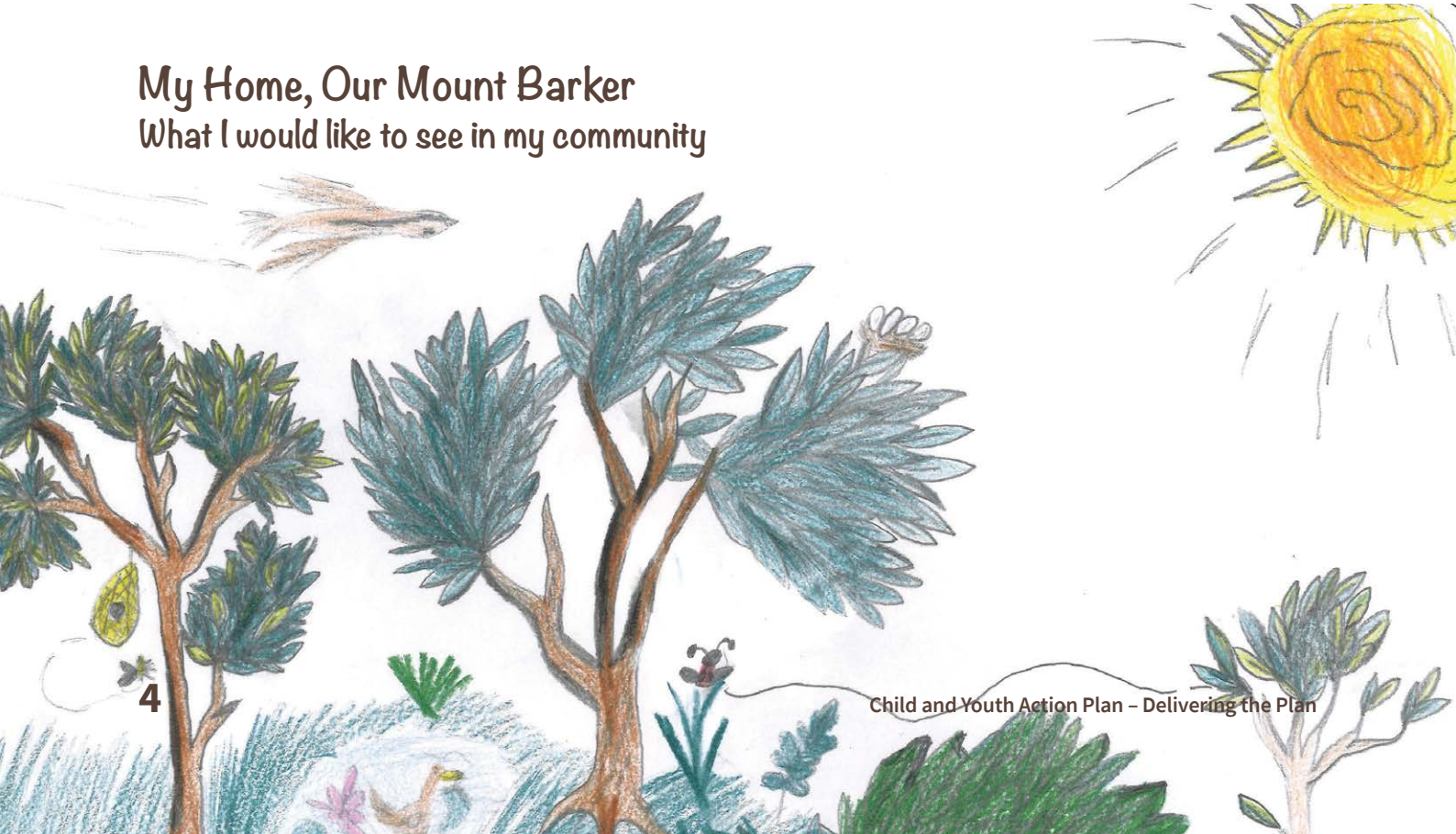
This Child and Youth Action Plan is a key deliverable in the Council's Community Development Lead Strategy 2021–2026.

The Child and Youth Action Plan is a four year plan that lists the key actions and ongoing services that the Council will implement to support the needs and aspirations of children and young people in the Council area. It has been informed by the challenges and ideas shared by our children and young people, community and stakeholders during consultation.

The action plan's key actions are aligned to the Child Development Council's South Australian Outcomes Framework for Children and Young People.

Child Development Council's South Australian Outcomes Framework for Children and Young People

Outcome 1	Physical health, and social and emotional wellbeing and mental health
Outcome 2	Safety and justice
Outcome 3	Education and employment
Outcome 4	Connections and access to resources
Outcome 5	Citizenship and participation







What we do currently

Council plays a variety of roles in children and youth planning, facilities and services. We will continue to provide the following services, programs and facilities that support the needs of children and young people.

Provide	• Playgrounds, skate parks, open space, trails and recreation planning • Library spaces, digital resources, collections, early literacy and school holiday programs • Grants programs (Community, Environmental, Arts, Event Support) that support children and youth focussed initiatives • Community events • Children and youth arts activities and events (e.g. 'Street Beats') • Immunisation clinics • Volunteering, traineeships and employment opportunities through Council • Australia Day youth awards • Providing information about local and other services
Support	• Community led programs, activities and events through the provision of grants and venues • Sector support through the Adelaide Hills Youth Sector Network (quarterly meetings of agencies and service providers) • Community crime prevention and safety
Advocate	• Advocate for improved services and infrastructure that are delivered by other governments or providers to better meet the needs of children and young people (e.g. public transport, health services)

2022–2023 children and youth programs and activities (snapshot)

Across July 2022 to June 2023, there were more than 7,000 participants of Council run children and youth programs and activities – this equates to 63% of the District's population of people aged 0–25 years old. Programs and activities included:

- Mount Barker Community Library activities (Giggle Time and Story Time; events, programs and activities during school term; and school holiday programs)
- AusDrive Young Driver Awareness Program
- Community events at townships
- Cooking Cabinet sessions (high school students cooking and sharing issues with local politicians)
- Coordinating the Adelaide Hills Youth Sector Network
- Cycling school holiday program – mountain bike workshops
- Drugs and alcohol information and awareness programs
- Mount Barker Community Centre activities (cooking, art and craft, movies, bike maintenance, writing, table tennis, young mums' group, multicultural community dinner, and nature playgroups)
- RecLink South Australia social and sporting inclusion program
- Sammy D Foundation for community mentoring for young people
- School immunisation program
- Youth Makers Market and Mini Makers Markets





What children, young people, parents and service providers told us

Engagement with the community, service providers, council staff and Elected Members has been an important part of developing the Child and Youth Action Plan.

We used a range of engagement methods to best connect with different ages and organisations.

The input we received has informed the development of the Child and Youth Action Plan.

How we engaged	• Four high school workshops • Three 'Cooking Cabinet' sessions where young people shared there ideas with local Members of Parliament and Council • Six meetings with organisations working with youth • Two Elected Member workshops • Two Council staff workshops • Two surveys: Children (0–11 years) and Youth (12–25 years) • A creative drawing competition for playgroups and primary schools • Community feedback booth at the Mount Barker Community library • Two written submissions were received
Children, young people, parents and service providers told us they want…	• More engagement with young people (e.g. Youth Advisory Council) • Safe hang out spaces for young people (e.g. Youth Hub) • More things to do (e.g. entertainment, events) • To be able to get around easily (public transport, walking and cycling) • Safe and fun play spaces for variety of ages • To focus on all townships • Services for at risk young people • More free wifi access and device charging stations • More local opportunities to work, volunteer and learn skills


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Our key actions

This action plan identifies the below key actions Council will deliver to work towards the Outcomes Framework for Children and Young People. The following sections provide a description of each key action and how it will be delivered.

1. Youth Space
2. Children & Youth Engagement
3. Community Development Officer (Children & Youth)
4. Mount Barker Regional Attractions
5. Township Play Spaces
6. Getting Around
7. What's On?
8. Funding Young People's Ideas

KEY ACTION 1: Youth Space

Description	**Explore the feasibility for programmed youth space/s.** Preliminary feedback from young people, the youth sector and the broader community has indicated some interest in a youth space. The space could serve as a free, safe and welcoming space where young people can access the resources they need, meet their friends, create, have fun, learn and be a part of community life. This initiative aims to collaborate with young people, their families, and community service providers to understand if a youth space is desired and explore what activities, services or types of spaces are wanted. It will identify and assess the feasibility of locations for the space. This could include existing Council or other facilities or development of a new facility in Mount Barker, or satellite hubs in townships. Establishing a space for young people will be dependent on community and stakeholder support. Depending on scale and if construction is required, external funding may be necessary to enable the establishment of the youth space/s.
Actions	1. Engage with young people, families and service providers to ascertain: • The desire and potential usage of a youth space/s. • The kind of spaces, services, information or activities young people would want. 2. If the need and desire is established through step 1, assess the ability of a range of locations to accommodate the services. Activities and spaces identified in step 1 will inform the preferred youth space location and approach option(s). Also explore external funding options to enable delivery. 3. Conduct benchmarking and identify best practices within other councils on the development, design and operations of youth space/s. 4. Develop high level concepts and business case of the preferred option(s) to determine those that are feasible for Council to deliver. 5. If option(s) deemed feasible in step 3, consult with young people, families and service providers on the feasible options(s). If existing facility proposed for the space, consult with users of that facility also. 6. Identify potential partners to support funding for designing, constructing or providing the services, information or activities desired by young people. 7. Upon securing adequate support in step 5, formalise service and funding agreements and commence detailed design with partners and young people.
Council team(s)	• Community Development • Community Planning & Wellbeing • Communications & Engagement • Customer Experience • Projects & Capital Delivery



KEY ACTION 1: Youth Space continued...		
Outcomes Framework	Outcome 1 – Physical Health, and Social and Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health	The space could provide a space for young people to connect with each other and participate in activities (e.g. recreation or art), or connect them with services (e.g. mental health) or resources (e.g. health) that support their wellbeing.
	Outcome 2 – Safety and Justice	The space could provide a safe and free space for young people to go. It could connect young people and family members to social support programs for families and children in financial need or experiencing other challenges such as bullying or domestic violence.
	Outcome 3 – Education and Employment	The space could provide opportunities for life or employment skills training. It could also provide information on education or career pathways.
	Outcome 4 – Connections and Access to Resources	The space could provide free access to information and resources relating to health, social services, entertainment, education and employment.
	Outcome 5 – Citizenship and Participation	The space could provide information to young people about opportunities to take part in Council consultations and a venue for consultation. Young people could also be engaged in volunteering to support operation of the space.

KEY ACTION 2: Child & Youth Engagement

Description	**Establish a Youth Advisory Group and register of young people, stakeholders and families to inform projects or plans that impact the lives of children and young people.** Youth advisory groups are made up of young people from a local community and can take a variety of forms (e.g. group, board or committee). They provide civic leadership opportunities for young people, insight into the issues and strengths of young people, and support the design or review of plans, projects or programs. This action will explore different options for the structure and operation of a Youth Advisory Group. It will develop a preferred option, recruit members and commence operation of the Group. It will also establish a register of young people, stakeholders and family members who want to have input to children or young people initiatives. Engagement with the Group and register will enable meaningful input that informs the development and promotion of all actions in this plan and other programs, services events, projects and plans of Council.
Actions	1. Benchmark the operational structure of youth advisory groups in other councils. Determine whether they function as official committees of the council or as advisory groups. Investigate the composition of their membership, frequency of meetings, and level of support and evaluate the associated benefits and costs of each approach. 2. Develop a terms of reference for the Group that outlines its purpose, membership and operating procedure. Ensure inclusivity by considering representation from young people of different ages, as well as from First Nations and other multicultural backgrounds. 3. Develop a systematic approach for operating a register of young people, stakeholders and family members who want to be informed of consultation on projects or plans that impact the lives of children and young people. 4. Allocate appropriate budgetary and resource provisions to establish and sustain the preferred operational approaches identified for the Youth Advisory Group and consultation register. 5. Launch targeted promotional campaigns to recruit young people as members of the Group or to encourage them to sign up for the consultation register, emphasising the importance of their involvement in shaping decisions that impacts their lives. 6. Create a forward program outlining upcoming opportunities for engagement and involvement for both the Group and consultation register, ensure transparency and clarity about future activities and initiatives. 7. Implement and oversee the operations of the Youth Advisory Group and consultation register, ensuring adherence to the established terms of reference and procedures while fostering meaningful engagement and collaboration among all stakeholders involved.
Council team(s)	• Community Development • Communications & Engagement • Risk & Governance
Outcomes Framework	Outcome 5 – Citizenship and Participation — The Youth Advisory Group and register will provide the opportunity for citizenship and participation that influences other key projects and services from this plan.

KEY ACTION 3:	Community Development Officer (Children & Youth)	
Description	**Appoint a Community Development Officer to be focused on children and young people to enable delivery of this action plan. The additional resource will support the increase in demand for service for our growing community.** The Officer is responsible for the implementation of the Child and Youth Action Plan. The Officer will also actively pursue external funding opportunities and collaborate with stakeholders to implement the actions in the plan, while also supporting other key projects and ongoing services outlined in the action plan. The Officer will be a key point of contact for young people and stakeholders for youth related issues.	
Actions	1. Prepare a Community Development Officer (Children & Youth) position description and determine staff accountabilities and team arrangements. 2. Allocate budget and resourcing to appoint and manage position. 3. Appoint the Officer (if possible, a young person from within the Council area).	
Council team(s)	• Community Development • People & Culture	
Outcomes Framework	Outcome 3 – Education and Employment	The Community Development Officer (Children & Young People) provides the opportunity for the recruitment of a young person from within the Council area. The position would deliver initiatives that address all the outcomes of the Framework.



KEY ACTION 4: Mount Barker Regional Attractions

Description	**Attract or develop entertainment and leisure offerings in Mount Barker that meet the wider district's need.** There is a desire for more 'fun' things to do in Mount Barker. This includes new indoor and outdoor entertainment providers (e.g. bowling, arcades, high ropes, trampolining, rock climbing) or outdoor free activity spaces (e.g. basketball, skate, pump tracks, adventure play). This action aims to address this demand by expanding the range of enjoyable activities available in Mount Barker, catering to the recreational needs of the community.	
Actions	1. Work to attract private investment for indoor and outdoor entertainment activities in Mount Barker (e.g. ten pin bowling, mini golf, aerial ropes or trampolining). 2. Program the new Regional Aquatic and Leisure Centre to provide fun activities for children and young people. 3. Through the Open Space Strategy (to be endorsed), ensure sufficient outdoor activity space(s) in Mount Barker (e.g. including basketball, skate, pump tracks or adventure play) and involve children and young people in the process. 4. Seek external funding partnerships to support delivery.	
Council team(s)	• Communications & Engagement • Community Development • Community Planning and Wellbeing • Projects & Capital Delivery • Strategic Projects & Economic Development	
Outcomes Framework	Outcome 1 – Physical Health, and Social and Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health	The offerings could provide spaces for children and young people to connect with each other and participate in activities that are fun or support their physical health and wellbeing.
	Outcome 2 – Safety and Justice	The offerings could provide a safe and free or low cost spaces for young people to go
	Outcome 3 – Education and Employment	The offerings could provide employment opportunities for young people
	Outcome 5 – Citizenship and Participation	The offerings could provide the opportunity for children and young people to be involved in the design and programming of facilities.



KEY ACTION 5: Township Play Spaces

Description	**Identify opportunities to improve children and youth play spaces in townships.** It is essential to ensure the needs of children and young people are considered in all townships. This action will engage with children, young people and their families in the townships to identify opportunities to better meet their recreational needs. This could include playground or play space (e.g. hoops) or hang out spaces. This project will identify initiatives across the townships which will be dependent upon partnerships and external funding.	
Actions	1. Through the Open Space Strategy and Townships Plans, undertake engagement when required to understand what children, young people and their families see as key opportunities for their townships. 2. Taking a district wide approach to provide improved equity across the townships to ensure that children and young people have reasonable access to appropriate facilities and activities. 3. Allocate budget and seek external funding. 4. Involve townships in the detailed design of initiatives or facilities.	
Council team(s)	• Assets • Communications & Engagement • Community Planning and Wellbeing • Customer Experience • Infrastructure Planning • Projects & Capital Delivery	
Outcomes Framework	Outcome 5 – Citizenship and Participation	This project provides the opportunity for children and young people to be involved in civic engagement.

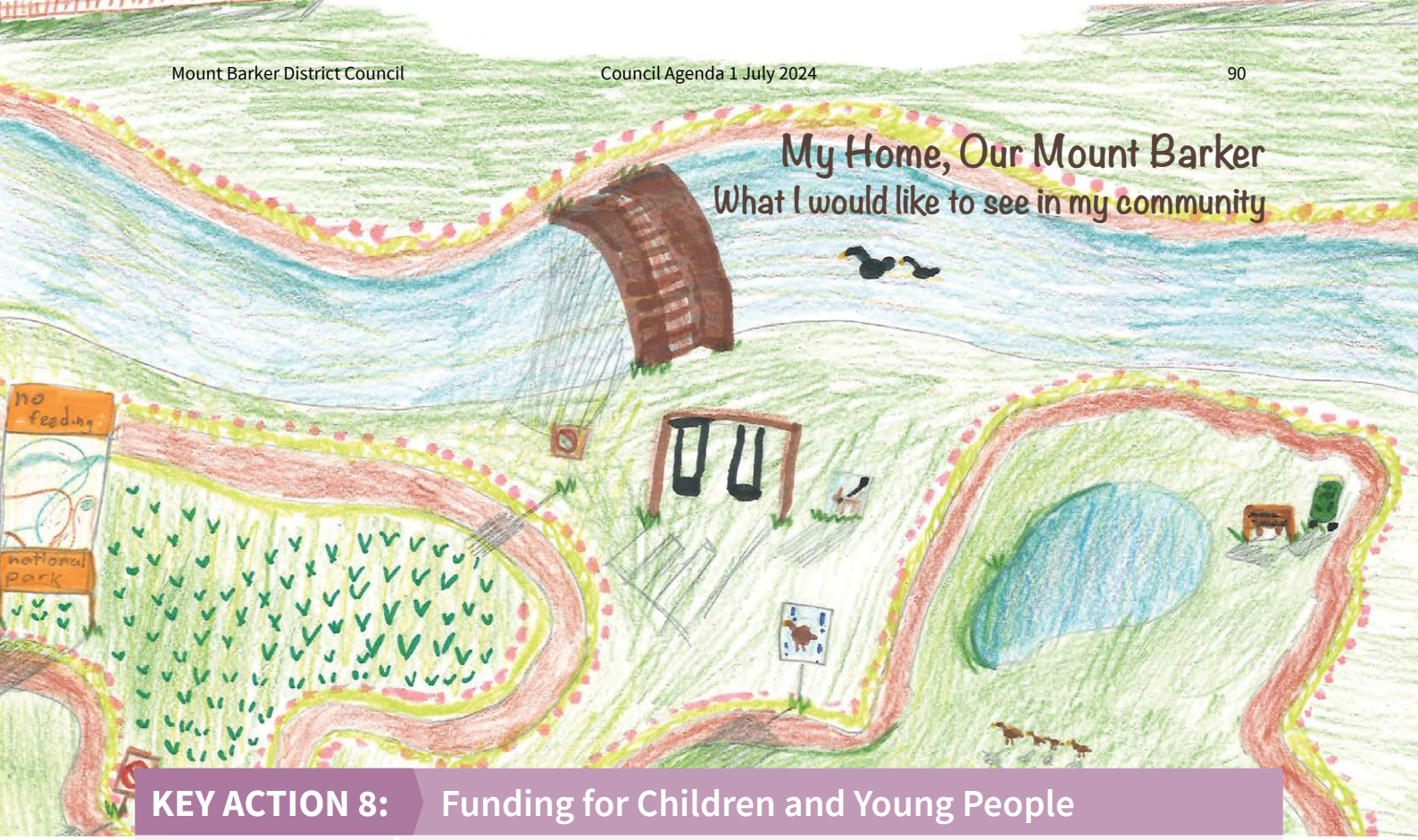
KEY ACTION 6: Getting Around

Description	**Improve the ability of children, young people and their families to safely move around the district.** Young people are very dependent on walking, cycling and public transport to get around. In regional communities, accessibility between townships and centres is important for connection to services and experiences. Caregivers and families also rely on good transport networks. Paths and transport need to be accessible for a range of abilities and equipment. This project will identify improvements to the walking and cycling network and will explore and advocate for improvements to the community and public transport network.	
Actions	1. Through the Open Space Strategy and Integrated Transport Plan (both plans to be endorsed), engage with young people and the community to identify hot spots where walking, cycling or bus access needs to be improved 2. As part of the Trails Action Plan undertake desktop mapping of the path and road network to identify priority upgrades to address key footpath and cycle network gaps identified in step 1. 3. Explore allocation of path, road and lighting asset renewal budgets and seek external funding to deliver upgrades identified at step 2. 4. Advocate to the state government to explore how the needs of young people (and other community members) could be met across Council's community bus service and the public transport service.	
Council team(s)	• Assets • Communications & Engagement • Community Planning and Wellbeing • Infrastructure Planning • Projects & Capital Delivery	
Outcomes Framework	Outcome 1 – Physical Health, and Social and Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health	This project will provide opportunities for people to get active with cycling and walking or enabling them to travel to meet loved ones or access experiences or services.
	Outcome 2 – Safety and Justice	The project will consider safety in the design of transport networks.
	Outcome 4 – Connections and Access to Resources	This project will improve transport networks to support the ability of children and young people to access services and experiences.
	Outcome 5 – Citizenship and Participation	This project will involve children, young people and their families in the identification of transport network access issues.

KEY ACTION 7: What's On?

Description	**Improve promotion of local activities and opportunities for young people and families. Communicate in ways that reach them best.** Children, young people and families want a range of things to do across the year beyond just sports. They are interested in music, gaming, markets and family friendly events. Council already offers a range of activities and has the opportunity to increase participation in these or promote activities being provided by other businesses or organisations. This action aims to establish improved methods for promoting district activities, collaborating with young people and families to identify the most effective communication channels to reach them.	
Actions	1. Engage with young people and families to identify the best way to promote opportunities to them. 2. Implement enhancements to how Council promotes what is on offer in the district.	
Council team(s)	• Communications & Engagement • Community Development • Customer Experience • Events	
Outcomes Framework	Outcome 1 – Physical Health, and Social and Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health	This project will promote a range of activities for children and young people and their families to have fun and participate in their communities.
	Outcome 4 – Connections and Access to Resources	This project will improve digital promotion of what's on in the district.
	Outcome 5 – Citizenship and Participation	This project provides opportunity for children and young people to identify or lead activities in the district.





KEY ACTION 8: Funding for Children and Young People

Description	**Explore funding avenues to enable initiatives led by children or young people or that support their needs.** Children and young people have ideas for how their lives, or the local area can be improved. These ideas could relate to providing things to do such as activities, events or places to play. Or the ideas could be about improving education, employment or quality of life or the local environment. This project will review and explore establishing new funding programs to support children and young people ideas and needs.	
Actions	1. Ensure appropriate funding to deliver the actions of the Child and Youth Action Plan. 2. Review existing Council grant programs to consider projects initiated and led by young people in the community. 3. Provide support and resources to encourage the Youth Advisory Group to develop and implement their own ideas, activities and events.	
Council team(s)	• Communications & Engagement • Community Development • Customer Experience • Events	
Outcomes Framework	Outcome 1 – Physical Health, and Social and Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health	This project will promote a range of activities for children and young people and their families to have fun and participate in their communities.
	Outcome 5 – Citizenship and Participation	This project provides opportunity for children and young people to identify or lead activities in the district.

Delivering the plan

Listening to and working with children and young people

When we are delivering this action plan we will listen to the voices of children, young people and those who care about them to find out:

- What do children and young people want or need?
- Will our plan, design or program provide what they need? Is it accessible for children or young people of different cultures, abilities, genders and means?
- How can children, young people and those that care about them be involved in planning, design or delivery?

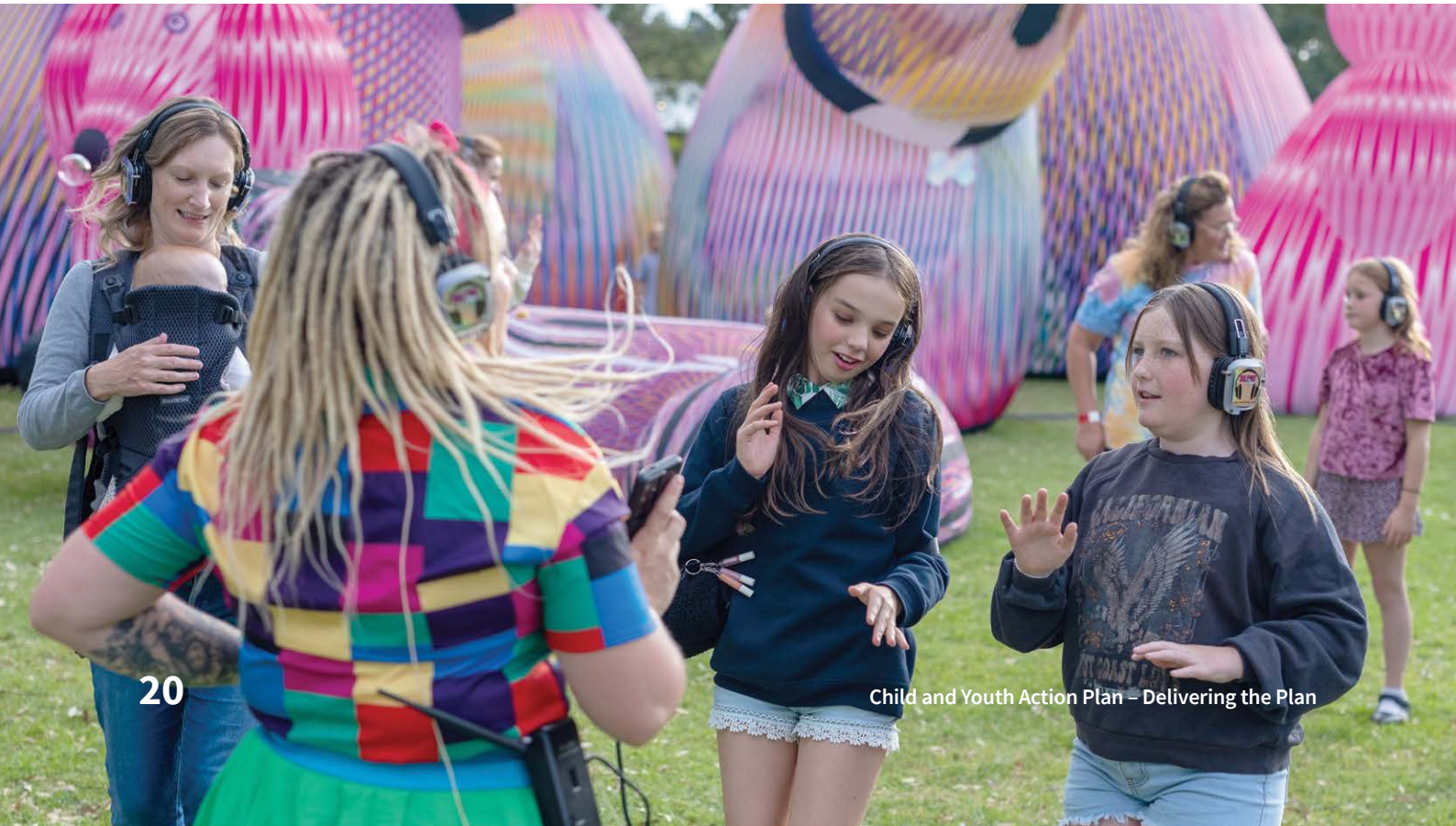
This action plan proposes establishment of a Youth Advisory Group and consultation register, and a Community Development Officer (Children & Youth) to enable engagement with children, young people and those who care about them.

Partnerships

This action plan will not happen without partnerships and collaboration. Delivery of initiatives will be dependent on participation of children and young people, their families, community leaders, service providers, organisations and state agencies. Some activities may be dependent on external funding.

To deliver this action plan, Council will work with external partners including:

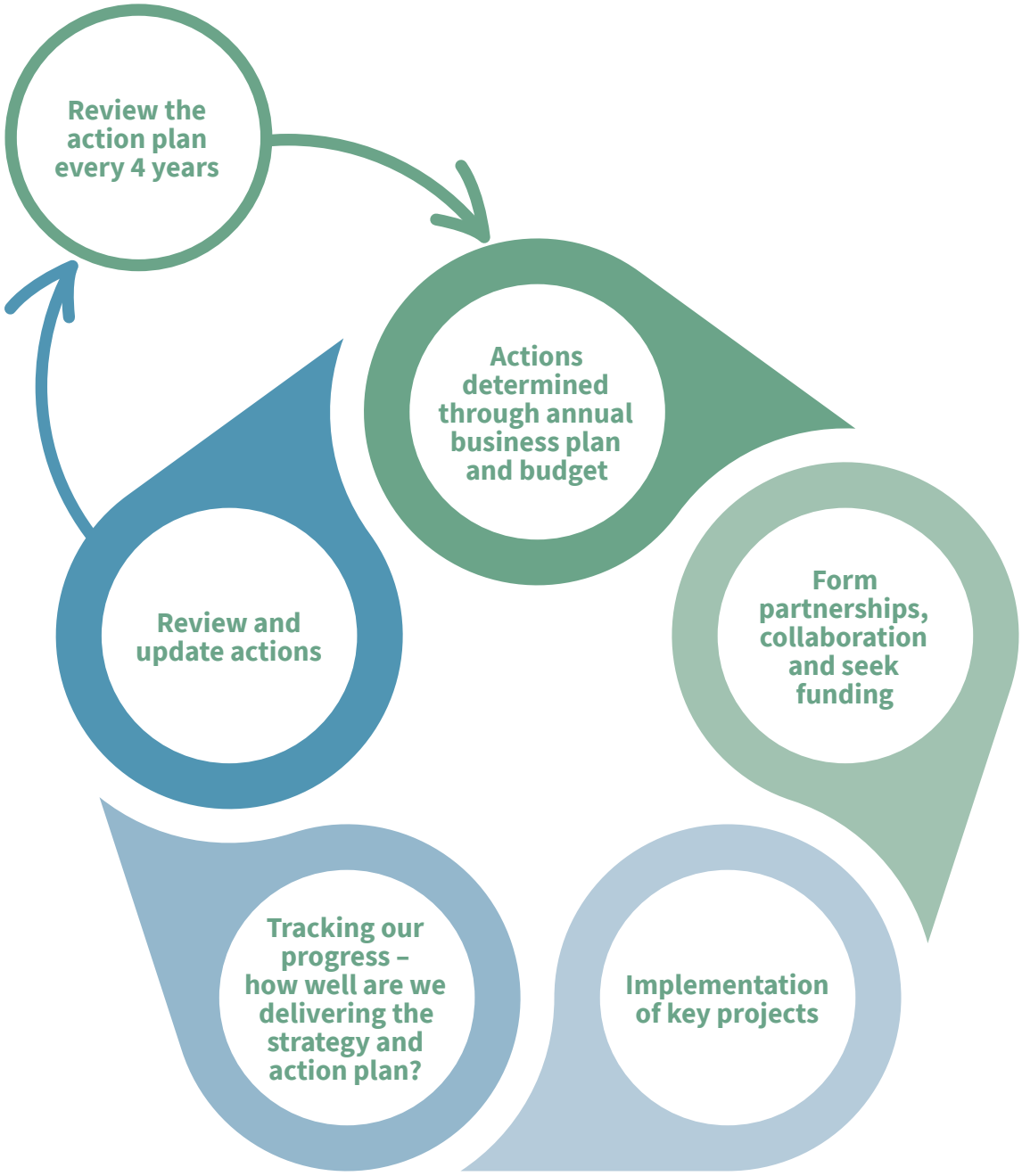
- **Adelaide Hills Youth Sector Network**
- **Mount Barker Community Centre**
- **Youth Affairs Council of SA**
- **Local service providers, interest groups and associations**
- **Preschools, primary and high schools**
- **South Australian Government agencies**
- **Local members of state and federal parliament**



Project delivery

The cycle of delivery and review of this action plan is shown in the figure below.

This action plan will remain in effect from 2024 to 2028. Projects to deliver each key action will be identified each year through the Annual Business Plan and Budget Process.



Measuring success

Council will regularly track progress in delivering this Action Plan. The review will include two parts:

1. Measurement of direct outputs of the action plan each year.
    - Activities or facilities delivered
    - Number of participants in programs or events
    - Partnerships formed
    - Funding received ($)
2. As part of Council's annual MARKYT Community Survey, measure results of community perception and priorities in the child and youth space, including indicators to assess the level of disengaged youths in the region.

The results of the annual review will be used to refine and improve the approaches undertaken in subsequent years of delivery.

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Attachment 2 to Item 12.4

Child and Youth Action Plan – Summary of Feedback and Proposed Amendments (SCPA) Table

This feedback is based on 21 online survey contributions and 11 email submissions.

Summary

The Child and Youth Action Plan is well-received by the community, with residents sharing valuable feedback and highlighting potential opportunities for improvement in a range of key focus areas. These include the necessity for improved amenities and public transportation, particularly the lack of public bus services connecting areas like Meadows to Mount Barker. Enhanced recreational and play facilities are also a priority, with specific calls for updates to existing playgrounds, and new bike jumps. Safe and accessible options for children are paramount, highlighting the need for bike tracks and safe routes.

Residents stress the importance of inclusive infrastructure that accommodates children of all ages and abilities. There is a strong demand for the efficient use of funding, with suggestions to leverage external funding and partnerships to minimise the financial burden on ratepayers. The community underscores the importance of involving youth in decision-making processes, advocating for the establishment of a youth advisory group to ensure their voices are heard and their needs are met.

There is a call for more engagement with youth outside the main township, ensuring that smaller communities like Macclesfield and Meadows also benefit from the Plan.

The community was invited to rank the actions and the top three actions (based on average ranking) that are important to the community is 1) Getting Around, 2) Township Play Spaces followed by 3) Mount Barker Regional Attractions.

Overall, there is strong support for the Child and Youth Action Plan, with the community eager to see its successful implementation and positive impact on the district's youth and families.

Engagement statistics

Consultation period	8 May to 5 June 2024
Total visits	301
Aware visits	240
Informed visitors	109
Engaged visitors (survey submissions)	21
Doc downloads - Draft Child and Youth Action Plan 2024-2028	90
Doc downloads - Engagement Plan	15
Doc downloads - Community Development Lead Strategy	4
Doc downloads - Community Plan 2020-2035	2
Latest News page views	25
Social media post 8 May	Post reach 4,408 Engagement 322
Social media post 1 June	Post reach 1,808 Engagement 81
District Matters article	21 May 2024
Letters sent to stakeholders listed in engagement plan	101

Community ranking of key actions

1

Getting Around
Improve the ability of children, young people & their families to move safely around the district

2

Township Play Spaces
Identify opportunities to improve children and youth play space in townships

3

Mount Barker Regional Attractions
Attract or develop entertainment and leisure offerings in Mount Barker

4

Community Development Officer (Children and Youth) -
Appoint a dedicated Children and Youth Officer at the Council

5

Youth Space/s -
Explore the feasibility for programmed youth space/s

6

Funding for Children and Young People -
Explore funding avenues to enable initiatives led by children or young people

7

Child and Young People Engagement -
Establish a Youth Advisory Group and register of young people

8

What's on - Improve promotion of
local activities and opportunities for young people and families

Summary of Consultation and Proposed Amendments (SCPA) Table

Feedback from community	Issues/ points raised	Council response	Proposed amendment
Submission from Macclesfield Community Association – Attachment 1	• Inequality of service provisions to smaller townships • Public transport needs • Supports the dedicated Community Development Officer in Children and Youth • Potential to develop outdoor recreational spaces at Macclesfield	Council acknowledges and values MCA's submission, and the issues will be addressed through the Child and Youth Action Plan, Council's Integrated Transport Plan, Open Space Strategy and Macclesfield Township Plan.	No proposed amendment to the Plan.
Submission from Mount Barker & District Residents' Association – Attachment 2	• Limitation in public transport • Open spaces reaching capacity • Ineffective Council communications • Drawing ideas from other Councils • Disillusion among young people • Support of youth advisory committee	Council acknowledges and values MBDRA's submission, the issues will be addressed through the Child and Youth Action Plan, Council's Integrated Transport Plan, and Open Space Strategy.	Propose to add one more dot point under Key Action 1 : Youth Space: 3. Conduct benchmarking and identify best practices within other Councils on the development, design and operations of youth space/s.
Submission from Ink Pot Arts Inc – Attachment 3	• Offer to partner with Council to activate youth spaces and provide programming for children and youth • Request the organisation to be added onto the partnership list under "Partnerships"	Council recognises Ink Pot Arts' submission and will engage with all community partners (including Ink Pot Arts) during the implementation of the actions. The list of partnerships listed in the Plan broadly covers all community organisations, and Ink Pot Arts comes under the category of "Local service providers". As such, Ink Pot Arts Inc will not be added onto the Plan.	No proposed amendment to the Plan.
Submission from Meadows Primary School (Governing Council) – Attachment 4	• Support the 8 key actions • Need for improved services and facilities to meet with population growth rate in Meadows	Council acknowledges and appreciates Meadows Primary School's effort to conduct a survey to gather insights on child and youth services in Meadows. The issues raised align with the actions in the Plan, and Council will engage with the Meadows community during the implementation of the actions.	No proposed amendment to the Plan.
Submission from Meadows Primary School (Year 5/6 students) – Attachment 5	• Ideas from students about what they value on the Meadows Township	Council appreciates the inputs from the students and will engage with the community during the implementation of the actions.	No proposed amendment to the Plan.

Feedback from community	Issues/ points raised	Council response	Proposed amendment
Submission from Paths and Trails Group (Mount Barker)- Attachment 6 Key Action 6: Getting Around - and we support the Actions in that section, however we suggest that provision of bicycle parking also be incorporated into the Actions in that section. We would also like to re-iterate the suggestion from our previous submission of November 2023 that Council establishes a centrally located bike jumps track – with children and youth involved in the planning and design – with sections for beginners, intermediate and advanced. The soon-to-be-vacant Mountain Pool site, which is easily accessible on foot or on a bike and is centrally located, would make a great location for such a jumps track	• Need for an extensive network of paths and trails • Infrastructure for children and youth • Bike jumps tracks with various levels of difficulties • Suggest a centrally located bike jump track at the Mountain Pool site. • Suggest adding “provision of bicycle parking” into Action 6: Getting Around	Council acknowledges the inputs and the points raised will be addressed through Action 4 – Mount Barker Regional Attraction and Action 6 – Getting Around. “Provision of bicycle parking” will be considered under Action 6 through “identify improvements to the walking and cycling network”. As such, the suggested changes will not be made.	No proposed amendment to the Plan.
YourSay Feedback: All I care about is spending some money in Meadows. Our rates are astronomical yet we get nothing. Where's public buses to and from Mt barker? Updated the revolting playground that not suitable for ages 2-10. Skate park? Take over the school pool and make it a public pool? – Brekkie4	• Lack of amenities in Meadows • Public transportation - absence of public bus services connecting Meadows to Mount Barker • Poor playground conditions: • Lack of recreation facilities	The concerns were raised during the development of the Child and Youth Action Plan, and the issues are being addressed through two key actions outlined in the CYAP: "Getting Around" and "Township Play Spaces." These actions will specifically target these issues by integrating them into the Integrated Transport Plan and Open Space Strategy.	No proposed amendment to the Plan.
YourSay Feedback: It’s hard to rank the above as the(y) are all integral to implement the project it’s just the order in which they are executed. For me personally my children would struggle to access a resource safely so my priority would be access- bike tracks/bus route etc. along Flaxley road would solve a lot of problems. We cannot expect to expand residential estates out without providing safe access into the youth facilities but that is what has happened. I don’t want to have to drive my kids into town all the time, plus I work down the hill so it isn’t practical during school holidays etc. regarding the plan - sounds great, but definitely relies on external finding and sponsorship in order to get buy in from community otherwise you’ll get the usual grumbling relating to rate risings/I don’t have kids why should I pay for that etc. we definitely need something like the flip out bowling etc would be amazing and works save the driving into Adelaide would keep spends in mount barker so should keep $$ here. Should definitely include voice and consultation with youth stakeholders. What do they want? That way - they can’t complain by not being involved. Lessons learned - what has been learned from the swimming pool project? Have there been any takeaways from that project that can been included here? – TK1	• Access priority: safe access for children • Reliance on external funding to deliver the key actions • Need for recreational facilities • Importance in Youth consultation	The concerns were raised at the development stage of the CYAP, and the issues are being addressed through two key actions outlined in the CYAP: "Getting Around", “Mount Barker Regional Attractions”, and "Township Play Spaces." Council recognises the importance of external funding and it is the role of the Children and Youth Officer to seek out for grant opportunities offered in all levels in government.	Propose to add additional role description in Key Action 3 - Community Development Officer (Children and Youth): The Officer will also actively pursue external funding opportunities and collaborate with stakeholders to implement the actions in the plan, while also supporting other key projects and ongoing services outlined in the action plan.

Feedback from community	Issues/ points raised	Council response	Proposed amendment
YourSay Feedback: There needs to be more emphasis placed on finding ways to have children and youth in the area engage in activities away from screens and gathering in unsupervised groups. The increased prevalence of drugs, vaping and bullying, together with the socio economic status of many families does not require just.laod activities but areas and activities where kids can be together without cost but is attractive to them. – JJAnder	• More youth engagement • Need for more low cost activities	Issues are being addressed through two key actions – "Children and youth engagement" and "what's On". Council will continue to offer free/low cost activities for families and youth.	No proposed amendment to the Plan.
YourSay Feedback: One things that would vastly help is something that caters for young kids during the winter when outdoor playgrounds are not as much of an option. We only have one play cafe (Cheeky Monkey) that is very very dated and not a lot by way of other indoor options. The library is good, but naturally not a space for play. Some form of indoor space catered towards families with young children would be very very helpful. We are looking forward to the aquatic centre opening for this reason. – Dan Stark	• Lack of indoor play options (during winter) • Need for family-friendly indoor spaces	Feedback was raised earlier in the engagement session with focus groups. The issues will be addressed under the key action 4 – "Mount Barker Regional Attractions".	No proposed amendment to the Plan.
YourSay Feedback: It is nice to see many of the items I raised on the survey a few months ago in the plan and being implemented. I have already seen actions taking place such as the Glebe bike track and additional readers at the library. It is very nice to have my voice heard. I'm hoping for additional school holiday programs and more programs like story time, craft sessions, information programs such as 'the little buggers club' and the bat night offered. The library staff and the volunteers such as Trish are an integral part to the councils child and youth programs. Depending on the requirements, I would like my child (and possibly myself) to be involved in the advisory group. – Michelle	• More school holiday programs • Recognition of library staff and volunteers • Interest in youth advisory group involvement	The library team will continue to offer a variety of programs during school holidays and Council acknowledges the positive feedback of the library staff and volunteers. Council will engage with the community during the implementation of the actions.	No proposed amendment to the Plan.
YourSay Feedback: We would like to see safe spaces for kids aged 12+ there is nothing for them, they cant even use the netball courts because they are so unsafe! Think Parkour, spaces where the older kids can be creative. Make proper bike riding safe paths, fix the footpaths so we can walk without tripping. Fix the netball courts! We pay the same rates as Mount Barker do something for it. A dog park once the dogs cant be off leash in the forest or the oval. if you don't put infrastructure in for kids vandalism will happen through boredom. Create an inclusive space, Its meadows why does the park have an awful playgroup, you should be encouraging Nature play since we live next to the forest, use equipment for younger and older children. –Jodie	• Lack of safe spaces for kids aged 12+ (netball court) • Improvements/Upgrades at Council recreational sites • Dog Park: The resident suggests the creation of a dog park (off-leash). • Inclusive and recreational infrastructure for young people.	The concerns were raised at the development stage of the CYAP, and the issues are being addressed through two key actions outlined in the Plan - "Getting Around", and "Township Play Spaces."	No proposed amendment to the Plan.

Feedback from community	Issues/ points raised	Council response	Proposed amendment
YourSay Feedback: Dear Mount Barker District Council, I appreciate that action is being taken to draft a Child and Youth Action Plan (CYAP) for the Mount Barker District Council. I find it to be incredibly vital as young people are the future so setting them to have every chance for success in the future is and should continue to be a fundamental part of our community. It is great to see that young people are being queried regarding the youth spaces and activities that could be created, however the most important first step in my opinion is to create an advisory group of young people. These young people will be able to give their own insight but will likely find it easier to engage and communicate with other young people, which will be more efficient and less costly. I am a young person myself, just turned twenty four and have moved up to Mount Barker about six months ago. I am passionate, studying social work, love community work and work with young people currently for Life Without Barriers and previously volunteered with Puddle Jumpers, a children's charity in Adelaide. I would love to get involved in this whole process, both to gain an insight into government and these processes as I find this fascinating, but to also make a difference in the community for young people. Young people need the best start they can have as early as we can provide this for them. Thank you, I hope to hear from someone from our district council soon as to how I can get involved further or with any other queries or comments. Many thanks, Zac – Zachery Gurn	• Establishment of youth advisory group as the first step. • Interest in youth advisory group involvement.	Council acknowledges and agrees that the establishment of a youth advisory group will be one of the priorities in the Plan, under Key Action 2 – Children and Youth Engagement.	No proposed amendment to the Plan.
YourSay Feedback: Well overdue. A youth advisory group is very important to guide these decisions, funding should not be taken up with the administration however. Needs to be a broad range of 0-25 year activities and programs however. Not focused solely on one age demographic. Areas outside of Mt Barker township should be utilised too - towns and halls and spaces around the whole district. – Jacki	• Importance of a youth advisory group • Efficient use of funding • Inclusivity across age groups • Utilisation of space outside Mount Barker	Council acknowledges the feedback and will consider them during the implementation of the actions.	No proposed amendment to the Plan.
YourSay Feedback: Some of these are unrankable and should already be there. – Lily Shaw	• Difficulty to rank the actions as they are important	Council acknowledges that all proposed actions are important and this demonstrates the need for a Child and Youth Action Plan.	No proposed amendment to the Plan.
This form is not user friendly, and most of these points should not be negotiable - August	• YourSay form not user-friendly • Proposed actions are essential	Council will review the format of YourSay and make any changes for further consultation.	No proposed amendment to the Plan.

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YourSay Feedback: Key Action 3 – I am uncertain why this is included in the action plan, is it necessary to consult with community on this point? It seems to an outsider like myself, that if the MBDC wants to implement the action plan, then it goes without saying that they will need to create a role for a Children and Youth officer. Maybe there are nuances to the roles, and the workflow of community development officers that I don't understand, which means it's necessary to consult. I don't understand the nuances to the roles and workflow of council community development officers, so why am I being asked to consult on the necessity of the role being created when I don't have anything valuable to contribute? What if the Your Say prioritisation, Key Action 3 is prioritised last. Does the community understand that this will impact the ability of council to implement the other actions? Or is that the point? If action 3 is prioritised low, then the community will have said "we don't want Mount Barker to be child or youth friendly. That doesn't seem fair to the young people who are a marginalised and often voiceless group. – Tristan	• Uncertainty about including Child and Youth Officer for consultation • Lack of understanding of Council roles • Concerns about prioritisation	Consulting with the community ensures transparency and gather valuable insights that may inform the implementation of the action plan. Prioritising actions ensures that resources are allocated efficiently throughout the duration of the Plan.	No proposed amendment to the Plan.
YourSay Feedback: Key Action 4 (Mount Barker Regional Attractions) Council should 100% run "fun" things to do in Mt Barker as a social enterprise. If there is a legitimate gap in the market to be filled, and private business refuses to fill the void, then council should capitalise on it! Funds could be reinvested into making Mt Barker the best place to raise kids in South Australia. Maybe consider Impact Investment, so that the investor is looking to make an impact not just high returns, might be easier to make	• Council to consider invest and operate recreational facilities in the district.	Council acknowledges the innovative proposal aimed at enriching recreational options within the community. Pursuing the venture independently would incur significant costs and risks, potentially compromising the core functions of the Council.	No proposed amendment to the Plan.

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an investment argument too, unlikely to see high financial returns quickly on youth and family activity places like a bowling alley, but you might see immediate "impact" on the local community. – Tristan			
Please consider places outside of Mount Barker to develop for youth. As a Macclesfield resident, it would be nice to see Davenport Square playground under shade as well as Crystal Lake being more user friendly -bike track, nature play, pickle ball or something similar in the old tennis court. More public transport would be good too – Lynn B	• Youth friendly spaces outside Mount Barker (e.g. Macclesfield) • Provide shade at Davenport Square playground • Youth friendly space at Crystal Lake • More public transport	These issues were raised at the development stage of the CYAP, and they will be addressed in Action 5 – Township Play Spaces and Action 6 – Getting Around.	No proposed amendment to the Plan.
You also need to be aware of disability inclusions. Keith Stevenson playground is a great example of this, there were several amazing ideas from the committee that was formed from the disability community and not many of those where actually used. – Renee	• Consider and incorporate suggestions from the disability community	This issue was raised during the development stage of the Plan. Council acknowledges this feedback and will actively seek input from the disability community during the implementation of the actions. Additionally, the Council has a Disability Access and Inclusion Plan in place.	No proposed amendment to the Plan.
Lots of great ideas. Our biggest request would be an indoor entertainment/exercise area for kids like Bounce, for active birthday parties. And a water play area - perhaps at the old pool? for summer fun. – ClareD	• Need for an indoor entertainment area • Water play area at the old pool (Mountain Pool)	This issue will be addressed under Action 4 - Mount Barker Regional Attractions.	No proposed amendment to the Plan.
It's important for our youth to have options, play spaces as well as support outside the home. – EM2023	• Importance to providing youth with options and supportive environment outside their homes	The issue will be addressed under Action 1: Youth Space and Action 2: Child and Young People Engagement.	No proposed amendment to the Plan.
Over all a good balance is provided between engagement and action. I think measures could be targeted with KPI for the difference age groups 0-12 and 12-25 as their needs are quite different to ensure both groups needs are met and delivered against. What's missing - intergenerational activities, greater focus on drugs and alcohol prevention though it is acknowledge that this could be embedded in a number of the key actions. Actions and supports for access and inclusion for young people with disabilities should also be included. I also wonder how employment, education and training might also be strengthened in the plan? Getting around action could also include improving connectivity between new housing developments i.e. developers having to meet connectivity with the broader community as well as connecting existing new developments where this is lacking – Johanna	• Targeted KPIs • Focus on intergenerational activities • Drugs and Alcohol Prevention • Access and Inclusion for young people with disabilities • Connectivity in new housing development (public transport)	Council acknowledges the feedback and will consider them during the implementation of the actions.	No proposed amendment to the Plan.

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Key action 6: Getting Around As a long term resident within the Mt Barker Council area, I believe the need for accessible transport options for young people is a priority in delivering effective outcomes for Outcome 1 - Physical Health, and Social and Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health. Children and Youth (particularly those who reside in the 14 other townships other than Mt Barker centre) are limited in their capacity to engage more independently in social, recreational and employment opportunities. A strategy which enables young people to move more autonomously between townships will build stronger social networks and facilitate increased participation in community activities, both of which can have long-lasting benefits for youth development and community cohesion. Improving transport options expands access to social networks for young people outside of their township, to other townships recreation facilities and to meaningful casual employment (paid and volunteer) across the region. The current proposal of increased walking and cycling trails will benefit only a proportion of young people who reside in Mt Barker and/or possibly Littlehampton. Outlying townships require accessible regular safe public transport options, weekends and after hours. Council needs to advocate very strongly to State Government to address the needs of these smaller regional townships or even consider implementing its own internal Council public transport system. Supporting the ability of children and young people to safely and more easily access services and experiences contributes to the overall liveability index of the region, making it more attractive for young people and their families. – June C	• Need for Council to advocate strongly to state government to provide safe and accessible public transport for young people especially at the outlying townships.	Council acknowledges the feedback and the issues raised will be addressed in the Integrated Transport Plan.	No proposed amendment to the Plan.
Key action 5: Township Play Spaces I encourage the Council to work towards improving equity of access to recreational spaces for children and young people across all townships'. Recreational spaces in smaller townships are often limited to sporting grounds or playground equipment for younger children. Creating recreational spaces for older children and youth is desirable particularly those which include an element of safe risk taking behaviour increasing confidence; activities which include positive stressors contribute to young people developing self regulation. Initiatives which include recreation spaces for older children such as dedicated 'mountain' bike or 'pump' trails, canoeing or kayaking, flying fox courses could be complementary to existing outdoor playground spaces. There are underdeveloped large recreational areas within the Council region which could attract families with careful planning for 'all age group' type outdoor activities. Crystal Lake reserve and Lord Robinson Park is one precinct which is large enough to accommodate multifunctional recreation spaces; it could incorporate a significant nature play area for younger children and dedicated areas for 'pump' tracks or disc golf as example. Coupled with improved transportation between townships, the development of smaller township, fee free or low	• Equity of access to recreational spaces across all townships • Limited recreational spaces in smaller townships • Spaces for older children and youth • Call to improve transport between townships	Council acknowledges the feedback and the issues raised will be addressed under Action 1: Youth Space, Action 5: Township Play Spaces and Action 6 : Getting Around.	No proposed amendment to the Plan.

Feedback from community	Issues/ points raised	Council response	Proposed amendment
cost whole family oriented recreational facilities improves community wellbeing. – June C			
Email submission from Macclesfield RSL – Thank you for providing us with the Draft of the Child and Youth Action Plan. We look forward to seeing its evolution and implementation going forward. Whilst it is a broad-brush document at this time, we are keen to see real progress in this area while paying particular attention to Key Actions 5 and 6 as they are most pertinent to our local youth. We also encourage positive action in the inclusion and promotion of raising Citizenship and Community Ownership and Responsibility into any future programs to futureproof our community from increased social breakdown.	• Highlighting the importance of Key Actions 5 (Township Play Spaces) and 6 (Getting Around) • Call for Citizenship and Community Ownership	Inclusion and promotion of raising Citizenship and Community Ownership and Responsibility is a key outcome in Action 2 – Child and Youth People Engagement.	No proposed amendment to the Plan.
Email submission from resident - I have had a look at the youth advisory group that is proposed in the child and youth cation plan draft, and my idea aligns with many of those in the action plan. Some of the steps mentioned in creating this advisory group, were ones I was considering taking as well. I did however have many other ideas of ways we could go about each step some examples including; advertising the group to schools; having some university students come and contribute their ideas; and ideas on projects the group could undertake. I would love to make this group environmental-based, if the council was okay with that.	• Expressing interest in participating in the youth advisory group.	Council will engage the resident to take part in the youth advisory group.	No proposed amendment to the Plan.
Email submission from resident – Dear Council, Since when does the council feel they are now responsible for children and the young youths of Mount barker? This is a parent responsibility. I assume money has been wasted on consultant fees to draw up a professional draft plan? Who pays? The good old ratepayers through increase councils "wealth tax" rates. Absolutely discussed.	• Dissatisfaction with the perceived involvement of Council addressing the needs of children and concerned of the financial burden on ratepayers	Supporting children and youth is a shared responsibility among families, communities, and local government. With a growing number of disadvantaged families and youth, this Plan addresses crucial needs in the community. Council is dedicated to using resources efficiently and transparently, ensuring programs that benefit the entire community.	No proposed amendment to the Plan.

Attachment 1

Mt Barker & District Residents' Association Inc.

PO Box 19 Mount Barker, South Australia 5251

For the Community

5 June 2024

Mr Egon Loh
Mt Barker District Council
Dutton Road, Mt Barker 5251

Dear Egon,

RE: Child and Youth Action Plan 2024 - 2028

The Mt Barker & District Residents' Association (MBDRA) welcomes the opportunity to participate in consultation regarding the Child and Youth Action Plan 2024 - 2028.

MBDRA see the Child and Youth Action Plan as contributing an important element in the transitioning of younger residents from childhood to citizenship through integration into the wider community, starting at our local level. While this will also be occurring through schooling and tertiary education and training for many, crucial, even revelatory experience may come from participation in democratically structured community activities. Such participation hopefully transcends the social boundaries of structured education or of cultural, physical or socio-economic difference, towards a more cohesive, inclusive and caring local community.

This Action Plan, we hope, will also assist young people to transition from consumers to creators within their community, particularly through support for Visual and Performing Arts facilities and activities.

In terms of creating a youth action plan, it is vital the process is a bottom up, not top down in terms of involving our youth, wherever possible, and not something primarily driven by older adults and consultants. This is to ensure our youth have a real say in what happens in our community and drive the direction in terms of their future. This is something many older adults often take for granted, particularly those in decision making positions, elected members at local councils and those in positions of power.

We already have large levels of disillusionment amongst young people in our Council area. In principle this is due to an inability to vote and be heard at a local government level for those under 18, and others for other so many other reasons. So, to not include young people at a grass-roots level when creating a youth action plan and not see them drive a process like this one, only entrenches such disillusionment now and into the future.

As a result, it would have been advantageous for the Mount Barker District Council to establish a Youth Council akin to the one in place at the City of Bendigo, which would have helped create, develop, drive and shape a Youth Action Plan for the Mount Barker District Council and its youth.

The Youth Council at Bendigo was directly involved in the creation of their Youth Action Plan and the Youth Council there will work through the recommendations in the plan and see them put in place over time.

The plan put out by the Mount Barker District Council and consultant URPS on the other hand comes across as impersonal and bureaucratic in nature and will not resonate with young people in our area. When one compares the two reports, one from the City of Bendigo Youth Council and the District Council of Mount Barker and URPS the differences are obvious.

Youth Council - City of Bendigo - https://www.yobendigo.com.au/city-of-greater-bendigo-youth-council

Youth Action Plan - City of Bendigo - https://www.yobendigo.com.au/youth-action-plan/youth-action-plan

Extend and expand consultation

The tight timeframe for feedback and responses to the Child and Youth Action Plan may have limited participation, especially from young people. The MBDRA strongly recommends the consultation time frame is extended by the Council. Also, very few young people will visit the Council's website, Your Say page or go to the Council Facebook page for example to find out how to actively get involved consultation wise, when much of our youth use Instagram, TikTok and other ways to communicate.

On those grounds it is vital the Council develops better ways to get out and connect with young people with any consultation processes, including this one relating to the Child and Youth Action Plan.

The plan also lists a range of schools in the area, but direct consultation included only four workshops at high schools, so the MBDRA are not sure how many young people were engaged with in real terms. Are you engaging with children in primary schools as well? We potentially see a huge number of young people left out of the initial consultation process. This is where a future Youth Council (or something similar) would have an important role to play. It could be a forum to get out to youth in the Council area that were left out of any initial consultation processes and expand and improve any recommendations in the Child and Youth Action Plan put out by the Council, so they better resonate with young people and see actions come to reality.

Youth advisory committee / Youth council

It is imperative to address the shortcomings in project and policy delivery at the Mount Barker District Council in areas relating to young people and in the Child and Youth Action Plan (some covered in this submission). This would be done via the establishment of a youth advisory committee, youth council or something else that will directly involve young people in our area in terms of decision making. One example as already mentioned previously includes the Bendigo Youth Council, at the City of Bendigo in which the City of Bendigo aims to: "Support the Youth Council to be a voice of young people and provide strategic advice on City plans, strategies, policies and projects so that they better align to the needs of young people in their community."

In principle the MBDRA is supportive of some type of youth voice but is concerned the process will be lost in bureaucracy. Too much assessment of a youth voice to Council, at a Council level could delay any potential implementation of a Youth Council or advisory panel of some sort and any positive outcomes coming from such activity as a result.

The MBDRA suggests the establishment of an informal 'youth roundtable' set up as soon as possible involving youth ambassadors to get discussions and actions going straight away, with moves to a more formal setup occurring over time, in collaboration with those on the roundtable. Young people involved would be a contact point between young people and the Council and help firm up a Youth Council or youth advisory committee/panel of some sort. The roundtable would have regular reports coming back to Council with recommendations included for those at a Council level to consider.

It is also important to allow youth to have more say in the Annual Business Plan and budgeting, so something like the implementation of participatory budgeting at Council is vital.By engaging young people in decision making, it will have them feeling empowered and improve their knowledge in terms local government and local politics, with a youth voice working towards getting more young people to vote and stand for Council at local Council elections.

Youth Space

A proposal for the Council to earmark $40,000 in the Annual Business Plan 2024/25 for a feasibility study on a youth space requires more analysis in terms of value. Considering the lack of action in this type of area over the years (the creation of a youth space) there is a need for proactive action and implementation here. Expecting young people to sit through a drawn out feasibility study will very likely drain out young people in our area and we face some dropping out of any youth Council (or something similar) if they do not see reasonable outcomes within a good to reasonable time period.

The MBDRA takes the view the Council should be drawing inspiration from a range of ideas put here and talk directly to those involved.

- **Milang Youth Hub:** This has been established by Alexandrina Council in 2023, which has activities weekly and includes its own Instagram page to promote activity to youth in the area. The Council has done an amazing job here, particularly for a place such as Milang.

  Newspaper story: https://www.southernargus.com.au/milang-youth-hub-kicks-off-with-some-summer-fun

  Milang Hub Instagram page: https://www.instagram.com/milangyouthhub/

- **Makerspace Adelaide Hills:** This is a mobile makerspace operating across Mount Barker and Adelaide Hills Council areas which started in late 2022, where people can borrow makerspace items from the Mount Barker Community Centre and use them for makerspace activity. The items include a scan n cut machine, sewing machines, badge maker, camera for film making and photography and robotic kits.

  Activity has occurred at the Harrogate Hall and Brukunga Hall for example, alongside the Mount Barker Community Library during SA Youth Week in 2023 and 2024. See Facebook:

  1. Harrogate Hall Facebook link: https://rb.gy/4uax6r

2. Brukunga Hall Facebook link: https://rb.gy/zbic0x

3. Mount Barker Community Library Facebook link: https://rb.gy/kthtfp

- **Library of things:** This involves the borrowing of items, for people to use. Currently there are activities for young people being undertaken on a semi-regular basis by the Macclesfield Community Association for example and they and other community associations and organisations across our Council area would benefit from a borrowing system, akin to a library of things and run programs specifically aimed at young people in our district.

  https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-07-18/mount-gambier-library-of-things-tackles-cost-of-living/102597728

The MBDRA recommends the Council invests directly into programs (like Makerspace Adelaide Hills or a library of things) in terms of items that can be borrowed by Community Associations and organisations which they can use to run programs directly aimed at youth in their towns and areas - and have a set up like Milang which includes activities once per week, during school terms. Some outside funding directly provided to community associations for youth activities each year would also be beneficial and could value add to such programs provided.

For Mount Barker something different regarding a youth space may be more suitable but borrowed items could still be used. It would be worthwhile to develop a working party to see what options are best there, involving various parties and young people to make something happen, particularly in the short/medium term. This could include the use of underused TAFE SA classrooms, rooms at the Mount Barker Community Centre, spaces for more activity at the Mount Barker Community Library or underutilised spaces elsewhere, like at the Mount Barker Town Hall.

Consideration should be given to including a Youth Space in the Mount Barker Town Centre Development.

Youth Grants

The completion of a Council grants review late last year by the Mount Barker District Council included no reference to a youth grants program, despite such an idea being put to the consultant involved. The Council's draft Child and Youth Action Plan does include recommendations for a youth grants program and this is supported by the MBDRA.

It does though raise questions about the alignment and collaboration across the Council administration at Mount Barker when it comes to youth development, implementation of policies and outcomes in terms of community development. Also, the Council should consider easy ways for young people to directly access grant funds. For those under 18, expecting them to go through the smartygrants system is complex, difficult and not easy to use. This is something that a youth voice to Council could discuss further with funding being part of a direct Council program – with no need to use smartygrants. For example, Makerspace Adelaide Hills, has at present a once-a-year grant program seeing young people paid for running their own makerspace workshops, with a very simple application process in place.

Facebook link: https://rb.gy/p3fy82

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Transport, getting around, open space and places to visit

MBDRA supports the 'Getting Around' proposals in the Draft Plan with regard to walking, cycling and bus access

Getting around via public transport is something important for young people, particularly those in smaller towns across the Adelaide Hills area and outer residential areas in Mount Barker. An expansion of the Council community bus service would work, alongside an increase in state budgeting for local public transport services across the whole Council area. From that young people can visit the vast array of attractions we already have in our area and nearby such as Tree Climb at Kuitpo Forest, Mount Barker Summit, Fox Creek Bike Track Cuddlee Creek, Cleland Wildlife Park and events such as the Meadows Country Fair and Mount Barker District Show.

Many young people do not go to these places due to transport limitations. The Adelaide Hills is a place full of places to visit and special bus trips specifically aimed at young people and others as day trips to places would be a positive.

We also have open space in our area some reaching capacity in terms of use, so any investment by the Council in the purchase of open space for future informal recreation must be addressed, alongside better open space in new housing areas for young people not into formal sports and recreation.

Communications

The MBDRA takes the view there is a need to review all Council communications, including what they do in terms of social media and how they get out to young people, particularly when most young people do not use Facebook, go to the Council's website, read an e-newsletter, go to their Yoursay page or a read Council press release.

There is a need for the Council to promote youth activity from other organisations also (that the Council is not financially supporting) via their social media platforms, including Facebook, which will see such activities promoted to parents, relatives and older adults who can pass such details onto young people, enabling a broader involvement in activities on offer, something that will cost the council nothing in terms of finance. The Council can do this straight away.

Council funding, staffing and youth officer

A youth officer seems reasonable, but we do not have a clear understanding of how this person will fit in to the operations of the Council. Could funds for a youth officer go directly into programs via existing staff and via the Mount Barker Community Centre and community associations, or is an excessive workload involved? Collaboration with nearby Councils is also important here. We have young people that live on the borders of nearby Councils and there are ways for all Councils to work together and get good outcomes with Mount Barker, but we need detail on what the Council will do in this area.

Raw data

The MBDRA would like to see all raw data collected by the Council here regarding consultation. This is so people can take and use such data to implement things put forward by young people and others as part of the consultation process that are not included in the Child and Youth Action Plan or do not happen at a Council level. It will also enable people to see what young people and

stakeholders wanted, compared to what is in the draft plan put out by the Council and consultants URPS.

Conclusion

The MBDRA hopes the Council will take comments in this submission into account and makes changes to its Child and Youth Action Plan for the betterment of young people in our area. Our youth are our future and we must provide them with a place today they can enjoy, engage at a local level, improve their lives and be part of a future they can look forward to.

Kind regards

Douglas McCarty

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Chairperson

Attachment 2

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5/06/2024

Mayor David Leach
Mount Barker District Council

Dear Mayor David Leach

Thank you for the invitation to review the Draft Child Youth Action Plan (1/5/2024).

As an organisation committed to fostering community development, the Macclesfield Community Association (MCA) welcomes initiatives aimed at enhancing the wellbeing of all townships within the Mount Barker District Council. We commend Council for the development of this Child Youth Action Plan. The MCA support the timely implementation of the Plan, and offers the following feedback on 4 of the 8 Key Action areas and their deliverables.

Key Action 1: Youth Space/s.
We note the plan proposes to explore the feasibility for programmed Youth Centre/spaces to determine the desire for and potential utilisation of a dedicated Youth Centre/spaces; the demand for which will inform the preferred Youth Centre/space location and approach option(s). The MCA express our support in principle to this Key Action.

We have previously raised our concerns with Council re the growing concentration of amenities and facilities in the Mount Barker Township, with little outreach to smaller population centres. This creates inequality of service provision to the outlying towns of the District. We encourage Council to include outreach to other smaller townships in the youth centre feasibility study, in recognition there are opportunities outside of Mount Barker Township for delivery of youth programs. These could be delivered from a dedicated outreach youth space, or could be accessed by youth via a regular pop up or mobile youth centre arrangement.

Alexandrina Council's partnership with Reclink to establish the Milang Youth Hub is a commendable initiative in addressing the lack of public transport and service equity for young people in smaller outlying communities. By providing a dedicated space and program 1 day per week by a paid youth worker, they are able to offer a range of recreational and social activities in the township which previously had little or no after-school or weekend youth activities. This model could serve as inspiration for Mount Barker District Council which faces similar challenges. Collaborating with organisations like Reclink and investing in youth programs can help bridge the gap in service accessibility and ensure that young people in all areas have opportunities for growth, development, and community engagement.

Key Action 3: Employ a Community Development Officer (Children & Youth).
Employment of a dedicated Officer to enable delivery of this plan will increase the Councils capacity to respond more effectively to the needs of children and youth. The MCA supports the allocation of

additional Council budget resources for a position which improves the social wellbeing and health of children and youth in the District.

The context for the proposed position is a Community Development role, and the MCA express their support for Council to seek an Officer who is experienced in Child and Youth Development, with skill in motivating young people, including youth who are disengaged, vulnerable and at risk, to participate in activities and programs which may be offered from a Youth centre/space.

Key Action 5: Township play spaces.
At a local level the Macclesfield Community would welcome the opportunity to contribute to the Open Space Strategy (to be endorsed), and Townships Plans. The community has already identified 2 key opportunities for their township with respect to actions 1 & 2 of Key Action 5: Township play spaces.

Davenport Square is a vibrant and attractive precinct for families with children and youth, due to Community and Council investment in infrastructure in the last decade (Skate Park, cycle path, shelters and picnic tables, children's book house and playground).

The playground however requires regular maintenance and equipment renewal, with some items needing replacement already due to mould. In addition, mould is associated with respiratory and skin effects such as infection and allergies, and its visible presence has the potential to deter use.
The playground also requires shade cover to permit use during periods of high UV and heat exposure. With climate change and the inherent environmental impact of increasing temperatures, without protective shade cover, the play equipment will become increasingly less accessible for use during the warmer months. Our Community would welcome the opportunity to be involved with the renewal of the playground equipment.

The MCA also encourages Council to expand this Action beyond existing playgrounds to consider other play and recreation opportunities in townships. We believe there is a significant opportunity at Lord Robinson / Crystal Lake Park for investment in outdoor recreational activities such as mountain bike trails and nature play, developments which effectively promote physical health, social and emotional wellbeing, and mental health within the child, youth and broader community.

Mountain bike trails offer an exciting and challenging way for residents to engage in physical activity while enjoying the natural surroundings of the park. They provide an avenue for individuals of all ages to stay active and healthy.

Additionally, incorporating nature play experiences into the park encourages children to explore and interact with the natural environment, fostering a deeper connection with nature while promoting creativity, problem-solving skills, and wellbeing. This aligns perfectly with the goal of enhancing social and emotional wellbeing and mental health (Outcome 1: Child Development Council's South Australian Outcomes Framework for Children and Young People).

Overall, a development at Lord Robinson / Crystal Lake Park has the potential to create a diverse range of recreational opportunities that cater to various age groups, ultimately contributing to a healthier, happier, and more vibrant community.

Key Action 6: Getting around.

The MCA strongly encourage Council to work on transport solutions for small townships, including advocacy to State Government for improved public transport networks. I reiterate comments included in the MCA submission to Council regarding the development of a Child and Youth Plan for the District (dated 16 Nov 2023)

> 'Public transport services are needed so teens can travel independently, have after-school jobs and participate in social and recreation activities that are an important part of healthy adolescent development... We'd like Council to be a strong voice for the transport needs in the small towns around Mount Barker (as well as advocate for Mount Barker to Adelaide transport)... Better public transport between small towns and Mount Barker would benefit other residents as well' [as our youth population].

Smaller communities should have at the very least, a daily bus which services connections between and to Mount Barker.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft Child Youth Action Plan. We strongly encourage Council to commit the necessary resources for the implementation of this Action Plan commencing with its 2024/25 budget; to deliver the desired results and build community confidence in the Council's commitment to children and youth in the district.

Please don't hesitate to contact the Association if you would like further information about the contents of this submission.

Sincerely,

June Conroy
Secretary

Attachment 3

ink pot arts inc

ARTS for LIFE

Ideas for feedback for the draft child and youth plan for council

Action 1

Identify potential partners to support funding for designing, constructing or providing the services, information or activities desired by young people

Ink Pot Arts has been providing diverse Arts and well-being activities for children and young people in the Mount Barker Community for 19 years. Our projects and regular workshops include Bubble and Squeak (Music & Movement for babies and preschool children), ukulele classes, drama and improv classes, theatre & musical theatre productions, and arts-based well-being programs. We confer with our young people regularly in regard to the theatre & musical theatre programming and co-designed our FLOURISH arts-based wellbeing program 2021-2023 with the Harrogate community. This has proven to be a successful model for engagement and a sense of ownership. We are keen to respond to need and thus are interested in what young people would like to activate in our region.

Ink Pot Arts has been able to activate programs through grants and sponsorship from local business, as well as participants paying for some classes. In the past some administration support was accessed through a Disability Employment Service. As an inclusive organisation, we seek staff of all ages & abilities.

The space could serve as a free, safe and welcoming space where young people can access the resources they need, meet their friends, create, have fun, and learn and be a part of community life

Ink Pot Arts have had conversations with Council staff (2023) around the idea of partnering to activate a youth hub with some shared spaces. As mentioned, we regularly respond to community need and our programs could be co-designed with youth. We could host ongoing programs with the help of council resources.

Action 4

Outcome 1 - Physical Health, and Social and Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health.
The offerings could provide spaces for children and young people to connect with each other and participate in activities that are fun or support their physical health and wellbeing.

Ink Pot Arts already offer diverse Arts and well-being workshops and classes (including drama, musical theatre, ukelele, singing, dance, storytelling, & visual arts).

These classes are often taken up with those children and families who may not access other programs at schools, eg home schoolers, and children who have neurodivergent needs and find the small classes more suitable. These children or young people often go onto other programmes offered in the organisation, e.g. drama to musical theatre, improv to ukulele, thus building in skills, social interaction and community connections.

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In previous years workshops at Claret Ash Farm, Flaxley, have been provided and attended by young people for example: clay workshops, Indigenous workshops by David Booth and Water Colour painting with Zina King. With a dedicated, welcoming safe space for children and young people, Ink Pot Arts could supply workshop artists for all ages.

Many of our workshop presenters and teachers are young people who could relate to this group and be a great support.

Outcome 3 - Education and Employment

The offerings could provide employment opportunities for young people

There could be many opportunities for young people to be employed either paid or voluntary for Ink Pot Arts as workshop presenters, in theatre production tasks, digital media, marketing & publicity and project/event management. Previously we have hosted work experience students from Flinders University, and work placement students. With council support this could happen more and could give local young people an opportunity to have an insight into diverse Arts practice.

Action 7

Children, young people and families want a range of things to do across the year beyond just sports. They are interested in music, gaming, markets and family friendly events.

Ink Pot Arts would love to be part of this to help to facilitate family-friendly events around Music, Arts and Wellbeing. We are interested in training young people to become event managers.

Partnerships

To deliver this action plan, Council will work with external partners including: • Adelaide Hills Youth Sector Network • Mount Barker Community Centre • Youth Affairs Council of SA • Local service providers, interest groups and associations • Preschools, primary and high schools • South Australian Government agencies • Local members of state and federal of parliament

Ink Pot Arts would like to be added to this external partnership. As a NFP organisation offering diverse services, we are uniquely placed in our community and have enabled bespoke programs addressing local needs. This has ranged from a commissioned theatre work for the 175th celebrations of Mount Barker (2014) to hosting the Heart Lands Aboriginal Cultural Program (2017-2021), to activating bushfire recovery via Arts engagement (2021-2023). We are currently developing our regular program offers. We very much appreciate the support we already have from the Mount Barker District Council, and could do so much more with additional resources. We are well known in the community for providing support for young people and their families.

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RE: Yoursay: Mount Barker District Council Child and Youth Action Plan- Meadows Primary School Governing Council & Community feedback

Dear Community Development team,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and provide feedback to the Mount Barker District Council on the Draft Child and Youth Action Plan 2024- 2028.

Overall, we agree with the content and intention of the Action Plan. We support the 8 key actions and believe if the plan can be implemented across the Council district, the opportunities and services for children and youth will be greatly improved from the current position.

As a School Governing Council, we represent the families, carers, supporters and friends within our school community. As part of our feedback to the Mount Barker District Council, we wanted to gather the thoughts from the wider Meadows community and provide that feedback to the Council as a more wholistic representation of the needs for our township. To do this we surveyed our community via an anonymous online survey asking 4 key questions. We have provided the feedback we received as part of this response. As active members of the wider community, unsurprisingly, the feedback from both groups was of a similar nature.

Similarly, in seeking a broader view of the needs of the township, we recognise that as adults our ideas do not always align with the wants, needs or ideas of younger generations. We value the ideas and opinions of the children and youth within our town and believe we need to have them actively involved in providing their thoughts and involvement on what facilities and services they need or would like to see in Meadows. We have therefore also asked the children to provide feedback on their ideas and needs and their responses are provided with this submission.

Central to many discussions and feedback we have received, is the need for improved services and facilities within Meadows. We acknowledge the Action Plan has deliverables for within the central areas of Mount Barker but also opportunities for townships. Meadows is a rapidly growing town, arguably one of the fastest outside the central Mount Barker area. With 2 large housing developments nearing completion, the demographic of the town has moved substantially from that of the past. We now have a greater proportion of younger families with multiple children who live within the town boundaries. They along with the other new and previous residents are placing a growing demand on community areas and resources. This influx of young people has been highlighted with significantly increased enrolments and attendance at the Meadows and Districts Kindergarten, Meadows Primary School and the Meadows Primary School - Out of Hours School Care (OHSC). In line with current growth in the need for services, these three facilities will reach capacity within the next 6 years, or potentially much sooner.

Whilst Meadows has some facilities for younger children within the town (Kindergarten, Primary School, Toddler Moosic sessions, playgroup sessions, 2 small playground equipment sets), we have an ever-increasing number of preteens and youth who have limited facilities and opportunities due to ageing infrastructure (bike track and

playground) or facilities that support this age group have not been present in the town before. We can foresee a range of social, economic and recreational challenges ahead for our town and the community, if we do not actively plan now to meet our current and future needs, particularly for our youth.

We look forward to further discussions on the Action Plan, and welcome the opportunity to discuss and explore what options could be promoted and supported in Meadows, with the Council's Community Development Officer, Egon Loh, at our next School Governing Council meeting on 18th June.

Warm regards,



Caroline Taylor
Chair, Governing Council
Meadows Primary School

Specific comments from the Governing Council to the proposed actions:

Key action 1: Youth Space

Explore the feasibility for programmed youth space/s.

- Could free counselling also be offered, including mental or sexual health advice or assistance either by a counsellor or qualified youth worker? If needed, they could then be referred to doctors or clinics if more expert/specific advice if needed.

-providing a dedicated space for youth to gather would go a long way towards preventing gathering in local parks (particularly at night), the upcoming supermarket carpark or other areas of the town.

-great opportunity to increase sense of connectedness within the community and get involved in community driven activities that youth are interest in (street art, music, skateboarding, basketball)

-activation of used buildings within the town

Key action 3: Community Development officer (children and youth)

Appoint a community development officer to be focussed on children and young people to enable the delivery of this plan

-this will be a fundamental need to support towns that want to engage and support this plan but have limited capacity as already committed to existing voluntary roles and community projects for the town.

-ensure focus and have capacity to deliver actions in townships within the council not just within Mount Barker.

Key action 4: Mount Barker Regional Attractions

Attract or develop entertainment and leisure offerings in Mount Barker that meet wider district's need.

- Love this idea but without access to more frequent public transport, this wouldn't really be achievable for most children outside of Mt Barker.

-most children and youth are reliant on family members or carers to transport them to Mount Barker as connectivity of public services between many towns (including Meadows) to Mount Barker is non-existent.

Key action 5: Township Play Spaces

Identify opportunities to improve children and youth play spaces in townships.

- staged approach of implementation. What can be achieved quickly and easily, (runs on the board and active engagement with children and youth) and what projects requirement greater planning, investment and long term delivery.

-Upgrading and more regular maintenance of the existing bike/pump track making it more inviting for kids, even seating and shelter. Adding a skate ramp in the same area.

Actions

1. Through the Open Space Strategy and Townships Plans, undertake engagement when required to understand what children, young people and their families see as key opportunities for their townships.
2. Taking a district wide approach to provide improved equity across the townships to ensure that children and young people have reasonable access to appropriate facilities and activities.
3. Allocate budget and seek external funding.
4. Involve townships in the detailed design of initiatives or facilities.

- we support the concept but don't really see any of this in Meadows at the moment to be honest! All we have is a run-down bike track.

Key action 6: Getting Around

Improve the ability of children, young people and their families to safely move around the district.

- Need more public transport options. One bus, 12 hours apart, is not good enough. Taxis are too expensive and Uber doesn't operate around this area. If a centre is opened in Mount Barker, maybe having a free shuttle bus, i.e. people mover style van, to do pick ups in local areas, accessible using a high school ID.

Considering the above feedback we propose the following plan with a focus on Meadows Township including:

1. **Introduction of Meadows Township-Specific Initiatives**

   -Develop initiatives specifically targeting the unique needs and interests of children and young people in the Meadows Township.

2. **Youth Space Development in Meadows**

   -Explore the feasibility of creating a dedicated youth space in Meadows, ensuring it includes input from local young people and families regarding desired activities and resources.

3. **Enhanced Play Spaces in Meadows**

   -Identify opportunities to enhance existing play spaces and recreational facilities in Meadows, engaging with the community to ensure these upgrades meet local needs.

4. **Community Development Officer Focused on Meadows**

   -Appoint a Community Development Officer with a specific focus on the Meadows Township to coordinate and implement youth-focused programs and services.

5. **Improved Transportation Links for Meadows**

   -Advocate for improved public transportation and safer walking and cycling paths to and from Meadows, ensuring better connectivity for children and young people to access services and recreational activities.

6. **Promotion of Meadows-Specific Activities**

   -Implement targeted communication strategies to promote activities, events, and opportunities available in Meadows, ensuring young people and their families are well-informed and engaged.

7. **Funding for Meadows Initiatives**

   -Secure and allocate funding for youth-led initiatives and projects that specifically benefit the Meadows community, encouraging local participation and leadership.

8. **Community Engagement and Feedback in Meadows**

   -Conduct regular engagement sessions in Meadows to gather feedback from young people, families, and service providers, ensuring their voices shape the action plan's implementation.

9. **Partnerships with Meadows-Based Organisations**

   -Develop partnerships with local schools, businesses, and community organisations in Meadows to support and deliver programs that benefit children and young people.

10. **Measuring Success in Meadows**

    -Establish specific metrics to measure the impact of the action plan in Meadows, ensuring ongoing evaluation and adjustment to meet the community's evolving needs.

Community feedback from online survey

The following survey (see Attachment 1) was access online via the following link https://forms.office.com/r/qEBHpyet3P and a QR code was also supplied. The link was shared on the towns 2 Facebook sites (The Meadows Buzz and the Better Meadows Buzz) with respondent given until 2 June 2024 to provide responses (approx. 10 days).

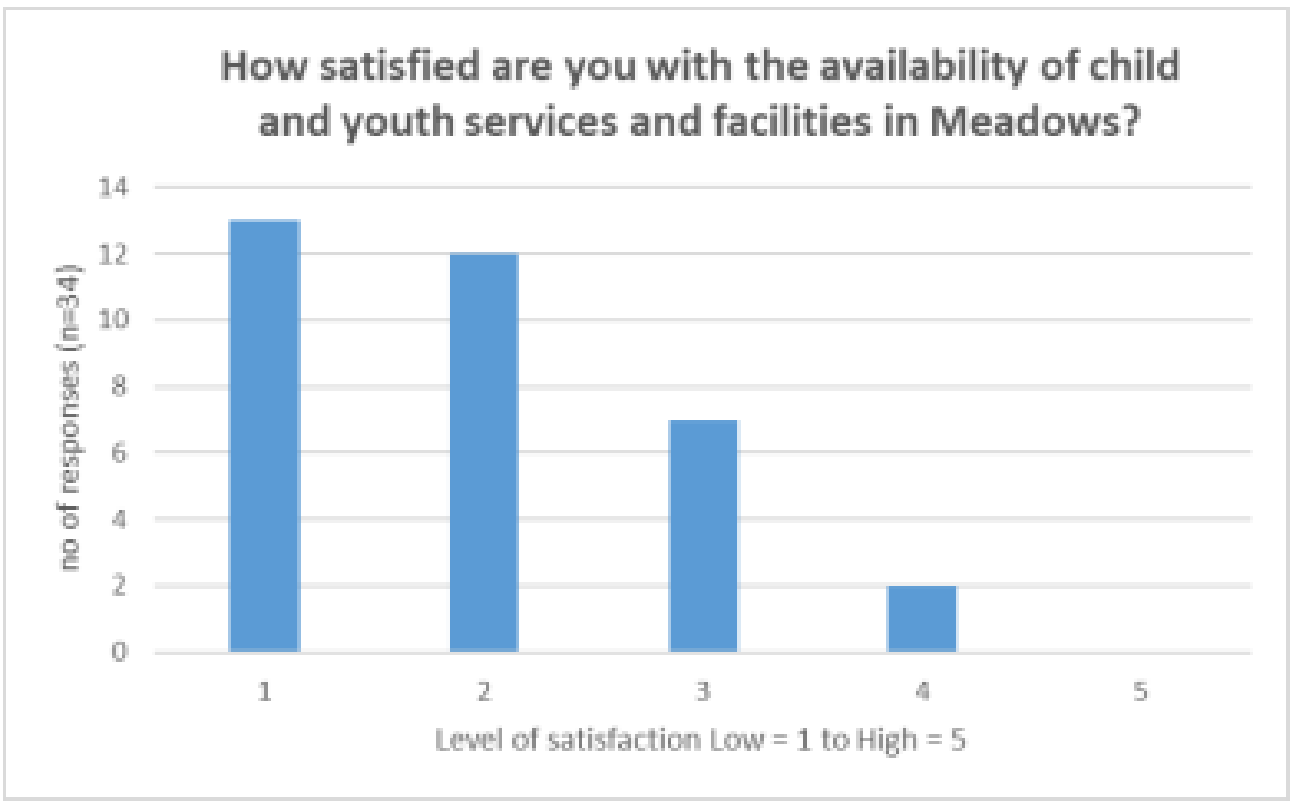
34 responses were received. (n=34)

The context of the survey provided residents of the town with the following information.

> Meadows Child and Youth services survey
> The Meadows Primary School Governing Council are conducting a survey to gather insights and feedback on the child and youth services available in Meadows community. Your participation is essential in helping us understand the needs and experiences of families and young individuals in our area. The information collected will be used to improve existing services and identify areas where new programs and infrastructure may be needed.
>
> **Confidentiality:** All responses will be kept confidential and will be used solely for the purpose of providing feedback to the Mount Barker Council. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us create a supportive and effective environment for our children and youth.
>
> To view the Mount Barker Council Child and Youth Plan please visit the following link.
>
> https://yoursay.mountbarker.sa.gov.au/draft-child-youth-action-plan

Below is a summary of the results:

Question 1. **How satisfied are you with the availability of child and youth services and facilities in Meadows?**
1 (lowest) to 5 (highest) (n=34)



Question 2. What are the biggest challenges or barriers you face in accessing child and youth services and facilities in Meadows and surrounds?

Many barriers were identified with a representation of responses detailed below. Common responses were **transport, no facilities, childcare, healthcare services** and are shown in the word cloud below (note: Larger the word the more common that response was recorded) (n=34)



Responses from participants:

-There are no youth facilities
-They don't exist. No public transport and nothing for young people to do leaving them bored
-Travel, there's nothing here for them to do
-No services, no activities, no transport
-Nothing local to meadows and kids not interested in church-based stuff
-My child requires allied health services such as speech pathology and occupational therapy services. I have been advised these services are only available in the clinics in Mount Barker and not in home visits in Meadows. Although in home services are available through the same providers for those who live in mount barker and other surrounding towns.
-There are no initiatives for teenagers to engage with in meadows
-We don't have anything here that has been well thought out or implemented
-I am a Shift worker
-They only have use of a football oval & no town lighting to safely get around.
-adequate childcare
-No day time care for young children
-Knowledge of what's available
-Lack of Council funding and support.
-Minimal services available
-Not knowing what is available
-Transport/lack of
-Needing to travel elsewhere
-I wish there was a daycare service available.
-No childcare facilities for before or after school for kindy and school aged children outside of OSHC in holidays and nothing for younger children (childcare centre).

-Having to travel, cost of fuel
-Services for kids with additional needs
-Health and well-being care
-None around
-There is nothing here
-Availability and accessibility. Knowing what is currently offered.
-That there isn't enough!
-There appear to be so few services and facilities to access.
-Kindy does not have long enough hours. Doctors clinic closed down. No child care.
-Childcare centre in town would be awesome and more play groups on different days
-Healthcare - we need to travel
-Lack of services in town and very limited public transport to services in the Mt barker district

Question 3. In your opinion, what additional child and youth services, facilities or programs are needed in Meadows?

A variety of needs were proposed including **Childcare, Basketball court, Skate park/ pump track, transport, upgrade facilities and a need to engage the children and youth.** (note: Larger the word the more common that response was recorded) (n=34)



Responses from participants:

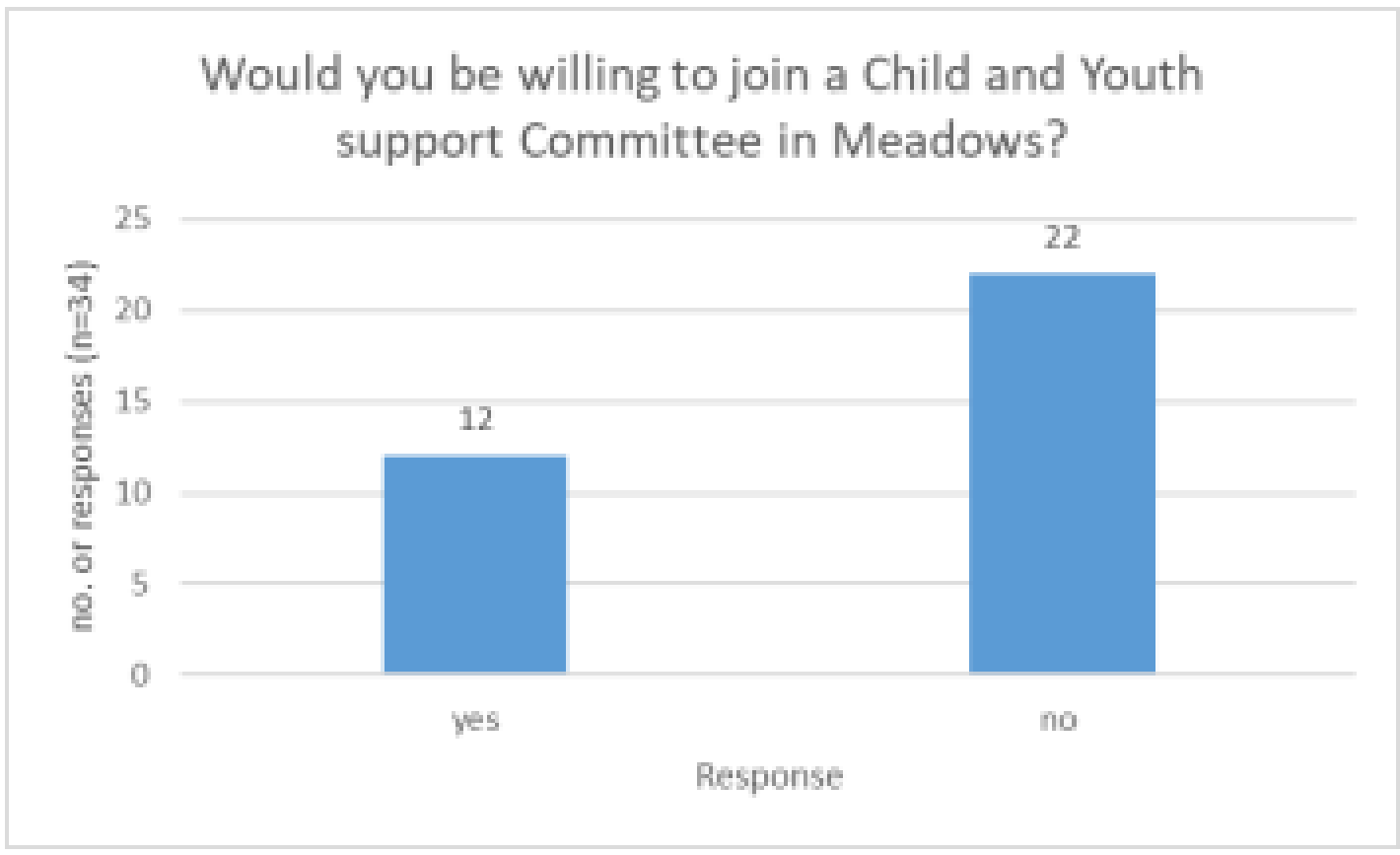
-Child care centre
-Activities for kids that are not sport
-A Scout group
-A bike/ pump track
-Wading pool like burnside
-Better foot paths and bike paths
-A drop-in program with a dedicated youth officer would be ideal where youth can go to "hang out" in a safe space with their peers.
-Money spent on teenager things to do
-Transport
-Some stuff focused on engaging older kids, 12-17! There's nothing here at the moment. Less focus on mt barker and more focus on our actual towns where the teens are! Ask them what they want, come out and talk to them!

-Allied health services. Providers need to be able to offer in home services for children living in Meadows.
-Something that kids of that age want, how about asking them and letting them cohesion!
-Something for older kids to do - proper skate park, basketball court, upgraded tennis courts, updated playground to cater for older children as well, bike and walking trails around the town etc. ---Outside of 3 basic sports we also have no local sports teams eg soccer, tennis or basketball. No visiting public library bus, no health services offered (visiting or otherwise) requiring travel outside meadows for almost all things. There is plenty of scope just no cash or interest from council to actually upgrade our services and facilities here.
-LGBTIA programs
-A basketball court a skate Park. Running tracks
-The council needs to provide more infrastructure to the town, with implementing approvals for childcare and infrastructure to support the growth of the community by upgrading roads and intersections enabling community expansion with commercial infrastructure we could welcome dentists and medical facilities for family's(children). Council rates are exorbitant and none of this money is being invested into the town of meadows itself it's all being sent back to mount barker
-Daycare centre
-Youth centre or more available areas with basketball rings etc
-Health nurse
-Makerspace Adelaide Hills coming to the area would be great. Visit their Facebook page. I fully support a youth support committee. Please get young people on board to assist.
-Childcare, school sports,
-Doctor and Daycare
-Decent playground, skate park like Macclesfield has, public bus to Mt barker
-Soccer, art programs community kid and youth programs and special events
-A daycare service.
-A childcare centre - urgently
-Child care centre
-Child care.
-Better nature playground and bike track
-Skate park
-Child care Center
-Doctor
-Skate park
-Playground at football/netball area
-Additional early childhood and parenting supports.
-A hub/connection/meeting point.
-Information sessions on available local services.
-Child care.
-More structured/inviting playgroups not on a Wednesday.
-A better bike track or pump track (plenty of space at the playground or at the current 'bike track' site). There's not much here for kids/youth to do other than kick a footy at the oval. The current playground is also outdated and could do with an overhaul.
-Growing numbers of young families would also benefit from a child care facility. Meadows school will also continue to grow in numbers.
-More monetary assistance for the Meadows Netball Club who are growing in numbers (so lucky for a small town netball club to be thriving!) but have to play on cracked courts and use a dingy old tiny club room and shed, with the only access to toilets being under the football club - these toilets are an embarrassment, always dirty and doors getting jammed/no toilet paper. "
-Age specific and age appropriate movie/game nights
-Dedicated time, space and activities for teenage hangouts

-Upgraded bmx/pump/skate park
-Improved footpaths and pedestrian crossings to get around the township safely
-Improved facilities at netball club rooms
-Monthly 'drop in' service with child and family health nurse
-Weekly 'drop in' clinic with mental health nurse
-Dog park
-Upgraded play spaces
-Workshops for teenagers eg. budgeting, tax returns, road safety, changing a tyre, drug and alcohol use, growing vegetables etc.
-Cooking classes for children and teens
-Non-church affiliated youth group
-Longer kindy hours, possible childcare and doctors clinic
-Offering different arts programs like dance, gymnastics ect.. locally would be awesome
-Bike track/skate park/public sports courts, youth drop in centre, planned and regular youth engagement activities like arts/music/dance etc

Question 4. Would you be willing to join a Child and Youth support Committee in Meadows?
Yes/ No

Clearly there is a desire for our community to be involved in the future planning and opportunities in Meadows as demonstrated below (n = 34).



Attachment 1 -Copy of the online survey by Meadows Primary School Governing Council re Child and Youth services and facilities in Meadows, South Australia

Meadows Child and Youth services survey

The Meadows Primary School Governing Council are conducting a survey to gather insights and feedback on the child and youth services available in Meadows community. Your participation is essential in helping us understand the needs and experiences of families and young individuals in our area. The information collected will be used to improve existing services and identify areas where new programs and infrastructure may be needed.

Confidentiality: All responses will be kept confidential and will be used solely for the purpose of providing feedback to the Mount Barker Council. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us create a supportive and effective environment for our children and youth.

To view the Mount Barker Council Child and Youth Plan please visit the following link.

https://yoursay.mountbarker.sa.gov.au/draft-child-youth-action-plan

1.**How satisfied are you with the availability of child and youth services and facilities in Meadows?**
1 (lowest) to 5 (highest)

2.**What are the biggest challenges or barriers you face in accessing child and youth services and facilities in Meadows and surrounds?**

3.**In your opinion, what additional child and youth services, facilities or programs are needed in Meadows?**

4.**Would you be willing to join a Child and Youth support Committee in Meadows?**
Yes
No

Attachment 5

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5/6/2024

RE: Student Perspective for Meadows township development

To whom it may concern,

Our year 5 and year 6 cohort were recently surveyed about what they would value in the township of Meadows, now and into the future.

Please see their list of suggestions;

- Skate Park- lighting, ramps, grinds, half pipes, jumps, bowl and landscapes (like the one in Strathalbyn)
- Caravan or camping spot with fire pit
- A 'Drop in Centre' ran by youth workers that host clubs and a place to hang out
- A lit basketball court
- Soccer pitch/ goals
- Swimming pool
- A 12 or 24 hour gym facility
- Water park
- Movie nights ran by the council
- A round about near pik a pie for safety
- A dog park
- Running and walking trails
- Community centre with indoor facilities like Ninja Warrior/ Parkour/ Arcade Games
- In ground trampoline at the playground
- Nature Play facility
- Graffiti wall
- Bike lane for safety
- Lights to help visibility at night
- Fitness centre (gym, indoor courts, pool/ spa,rooms for meetings etc.)

Thanks for taking on our feedback

Year 5/6 students at Meadows Primary School

Attachment 6

Submission for the Children and Youth Action Plan, 8 November 2023

The Paths and Trails Mount Barker and Beyond Group was founded in 2022 to promote and celebrate the fantastic paths and trails in and around the Mount Barker District and beyond. The group has grown rapidly and now has over 3,100 members, demonstrating how popular paths and trails are in the district, for both recreation and for getting from A to B in a cheap, environmentally friendly, healthy, and sociable manner. In this way the provision of paths, trails and road crossings contributes to achieving the Councils key objectives **Community Wellbeing, Economic Prosperity,** and **Ecological Sustainability** as set out in the 2020-2035 Community Plan

An extensive network of quality paths and trails throughout the district, including safe crossings of busy roads, is vital to ensure that people of all ages and abilities can get around the district safely and directly.

For **Children (0 to 11 years)** an extensive network of good quality off road paths and trails (including safe crossings of busy roads) is vital to ensure that they can walk and ride to kindy/school/ childcare/playgrounds/shops/library – usually with their parents/carers. Children love riding their bikes for the joy, freedom, and adventure that they bring, and this should be encouraged by providing quality riding infrastructure particularly around kindergartens, schools, childcare facilities, playgrounds, shops, the library and other places enjoyed by children.

For **Youth (12 to 25 years)** an extensive network of good quality off road paths and trails (including safe crossings of busy roads) is also vital to ensure that they can walk and ride to school/playgrounds/shops/library/bus-stops – usually without their parents/carers. Walking and cycling provide a lot of freedom and independence for youth (particularly those who do not have a driving licence and/or their own vehicle) to make their own plans and do their own thing without having to rely on lifts.

In addition to the provision of paths, trails and crossings, we also suggest that Council establishes a centrally located bike jumps track – with children and youth involved in the planning and design – with sections for beginners, intermediate and advanced. The soon-to-be-vacant Mountain Pool site, which is easily accessible on foot or on a bike and is centrally located, would make a great location for such a jumps track.

For further information contact Dave Hemmings at pathsandtrails1@gmail.com or on 0410 130 285.

12.5 REPORT TITLE: CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF FIDLER LANE

DATE OF MEETING: 1 JULY 2024

FILE NUMBER: DOC/24/74893

ATTACHMENTS: 1. DOC/24/64094 - SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION
2. DOC/24/40617 - MAP OF PROPOSED CLOSURE OF FIDLER LANE

Key Contact Matthew Dawkins, Manager Infrastructure Planning, Infrastructure

Manager/Sponsor Phil Burton, General Manager Infrastructure

Community Plan 2020-2035:

CW Goal 4: Safety and Resilience

CW Objective 4.3 Undertake town planning, infrastructure provision and asset management to facilitate healthy lifestyles and safety.

CW Goal 5: Mobility and accessibility

CW Objective 5.3 Apply a strategic, planned and consistent approach to the provision, development and maintenance of roads and footpaths.

Annual Business Plan:

This network management objective is linked to the operation and maintenance of a safe local road network.

Purpose:

To present a summary of the feedback received during community engagement on the proposal to install permanent traffic management measures to restrict motor vehicle access along a section of Fidler Lane, Mount Barker.

Summary – Key Issues:

1. The section of Fidler Lane, Mount Barker considered in this report is a local track of limited access that is unsuitable for use as a made road to service the volumes that are predicted for an urbanised catchment north and south of the road. This section of road reserve is heavily constrained with mature remnant native vegetation and is a difficult road to maintain and operate as an all-weather local access road.
2. Master planning of the land development activity north and south of the segment shown in Attachment 2 has provisioned for new roads that effectively eliminate the need for the existing Fidler Lane to service motor vehicles.

3. All of the feedback received has been collated as shown in Attachment 1 with names and addresses deleted. There was a majority of support for the closure of the road to motor vehicles and so it is now formally recommended to Council to implement this traffic control.

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. **Note the results of community engagement (as shown in attachment 1);**

2. **Pursuant to Section 32(1)(b) of the *Road Traffic Act 1961* authorise the closure of a portion of Fidler Lane, Mount Barker at its western end from Barker Road to 1100m east (as shown in attachment 2) to motor vehicles.**

3. **Note the considerable community support for keeping Fidler Lane open to pedestrians and cyclists and the further work required to prepare a suitable safety argument to the satisfaction of SteamRanger to enable a compliant at-grade crossing to remain open.**

4. **Note that further design development and implementation of rail crossing improvements will be required and this will be considered at a future budget review.**

Background:

1. The section of Fidler Lane east of Barker Road is on a narrow road reserve that is studded with mature remnant native vegetation. It is narrow and in the master planning of the surrounding land development, Fidler Lane has been excluded from consideration as a corridor for 2-way road traffic.

2. As part of land development, the developers of the land south of the lane will build new roads to connect those new land developments north-south across the Fidler Lane road reserve.

3. Connection to the collector road network will be at Heysen Boulevard via the two existing roads, Polo and Equine Drive. No new land development access is planned to be permitted to connect directly to Barker Road.

4. The section of Fidler Lane that is the subject of this report is classed as a “Natural Surface - Track Limited Access” meaning that is not an all-weather road currently and is not maintained or re-sheeted with rubble materials. It is therefore difficult to traverse in a 2WD vehicle from time to time in wet conditions.

5. The Fidler Lane road reserve is an east-west walking and cycling trail route between Barker Rd and the north-south section of Fidler Lane and is well used by local residents. Council's new "Active Transport" and associated trail planning will very likely identify this as a formal trail route and recognises some existing (2011) trails planning documents that identify Fidler as a "future growth" primary trail.

6. On 2 April 2024, Council resolved to commence community engagement on the proposal to install permanent traffic management measures at each end of the segment of road shown in red in attachment 2 to restrict motor vehicle access along a section of Fidler Lane, Mount Barker.

Discussion:

How we engaged

7. The consultation period between 10 April 2024 and extended to 13 May 2024 included the following community engagement activities:
    a. An information letter was mailed to directly abutting properties on Fidler Lane, advising the consultation period and information on how to provide feedback.
    b. "Latest News" article on the Council website
    c. A Public Notice was published in The Courier on 10 April 2024.

What we Heard

8. In response to the feedback received, a Summary of Consultation (attachment 1) has been prepared. A total of 51 written submissions were received which is an exceptionally high written response rate for similar road closure related engagements. A small number of responses were from groups representing a larger group e.g. Paths and Trails Mt Barker, Mt Barker Residents association.

9. Analysis of the responses indicated:
    - 31 supported closure to motor vehicles
    - 4 were not supportive on the basis of motor vehicle access for emergency egress during fire
    - 18 responses focused only on maintaining pedestrian and cyclist access without specifically indicating support to close the road to motor vehicles.
    - As a subset of the 51 responses, 14 submissions specifically made mention of retaining pedestrian and cyclist access over the railway line. It could be inferred also that all of those offering support for pedestrian and cyclist access also support access over the railway line.

How we Listened

10. As a result of the feedback received from the community, no changes have been made to the draft concept plan given the strong support overall to close the road to motor vehicles.

11. Although the proposed gates will be locked to prevent motor vehicle access, emergency vehicles will still be able to access the closed section as required.

Next Steps

12. Subject to Council resolution, Council staff will proceed to undertake the installation of permanent traffic management measures to restrict motor vehicle access along a section of Fidler Lane, Mount Barker. This will include fencing, a gate and a clear opening to allow unimpeded access for pedestrians, cyclists and other mobility devices (similar to recent installations in other locations).

13. Council staff will continue to work closely with SteamRanger Heritage Railway (SHR) with regard to maintaining pedestrian and cyclist access at the railway line to reflect the community's desire to use the laneway as a trail. Concept designs for pedestrian and cyclist safety improvements at the rail crossing will be prepared in consultation with SHR ahead of preparing a safety argument to the Office of National Rail Safety Regulator.

14. There is no current budget for design and delivery of any rail crossing works and so this will need to be considered at a future budget review. Planning and design of an upgraded crossing is estimated to cost up to $150k. If an at-grade crossing is not supported then an underpass or overpass could be required at an estimated cost of between $1million to $2million.

Community Engagement:

Informing only	Via Council's website and social media.

Policy:

Public Consultation Policy

Long Term Financial Plan:

Not applicable to the road closure process. No provision for trail construction nor upgraded rail crossing at this time.

Budget:

The cost to close Fidler Lane to unauthorised motor vehicle traffic (fences and gates) can be accommodated within existing maintenance and operating expenditure which is offset by a reduction in costs to maintain this section of road. There is currently no budget for the planning, design and implementation of rail crossing works on Fidler Lane. It is estimated that up to $150,000 would be required to develop designs for a compliant pedestrian and cyclist crossing of the railway line and rail safety argument in liaison with SHR. This will be considered at a future budget review.

Statutory/Legal:
This proposed road closure is in accordance with the Road Traffic Act 1961 and the Local Government Act 1999.

Staff Resource Requirements:
The process will be coordinated by existing staff.

Environmental:
The proposed road closure will allow local remnant vegetation to flourish and will restore this corridor to a more natural form with less demand for road making material and an associated reduction in silt and rubble runoff into watercourses.

Social:
The proposed closure will facilitate a safer walking and trail riding experience along this portion of Fidler Lane. Work will be required to improve safety at the railway line crossing for pedestrians and cyclists.

Risk Assessment:
There is a high risk that the existing rail level crossing on Fidler Lane will be closed to pedestrians and cyclists if Council and SHR cannot reach agreement on the design of a suitable and compliant trail crossing of the railway line. There is also a high risk that the desired rail crossing solution could be very expensive and beyond the capacity of Council to fund and deliver.

Asset Management:
Minor reduction in length of unsealed Local Road to maintain. The proposed barriers to prevent motor vehicles will be similar to that used on Sims Rd. This will enable maximum accessibility for all.

Conclusion:
Council approving this recommendation to close a portion of Fidler Lane to unauthorised motor vehicles is an important step in better managing the unsealed road network in Mount Barker within areas of land development and demonstrates a commitment to providing fit for purpose and safe trails to connect the community.

Previous Decisions By/Information Reports to Council

Meeting Date	2 April 2024	CM Reference	DOC/24/14698
Title	Closure of a portion of a portion of Fidler Lane		
Purpose	To seek Council authority to cause notice of the proposal to install permanent traffic management measures to restrict motor vehicle access along a section of Fidler Lane, Mount Barker.		

Invitation to Provide Feedback on the Proposed Closure of Fidler Lane

Attachment 1 to Item 12.5

MOUNT BARKER DISTRICT COUNCIL

9 April 2024

At the meeting held on 2 April 2024, Council resolved to consult on the proposal to close a portion of Fidler Lane to all motor vehicles. This letter is to inform you and seek your feedback.

Pursuant to Section 32(1)(b) of the *Road Traffic Act 1961* Mount Barker District Council hereby gives notice of the proposal to close a portion of Fidler Lane, Mount Barker at its western end (from Barker Road to 1,100m east) to all motor vehicles as marked in the attached map.

What does this mean?

- Council is proposing to install traffic management measures to restrict all motor vehicles to the section of Fidler Lane from Barker Road to 1,100m east.
- Fidler Lane will continue to be a public road reserve to be maintained by Council.
- There will be no property access points within the proposed section to be closed.
- The existing pedestrian and cyclist movement along the proposed section to be closed will be maintained.

There is a potential for a full closure to all forms of transport, including pedestrians and cyclists, at the Fidler Lane rail crossing. This closure is to be determined by the Office of the National Rail Regulator. The potential closure of the Fidler Lane rail crossing is related to the requirement that a new level crossing will be opened at Heysen Boulevard that will provide a safer signalised crossing.

Further information can be found in the Council Report on page 19 of the 2 April 2024 Council Meeting agenda.

Council is seeking your feedback on both the proposed closure of a portion of Fidler Lane and the potential closure of the Fidler Lane rail crossing.

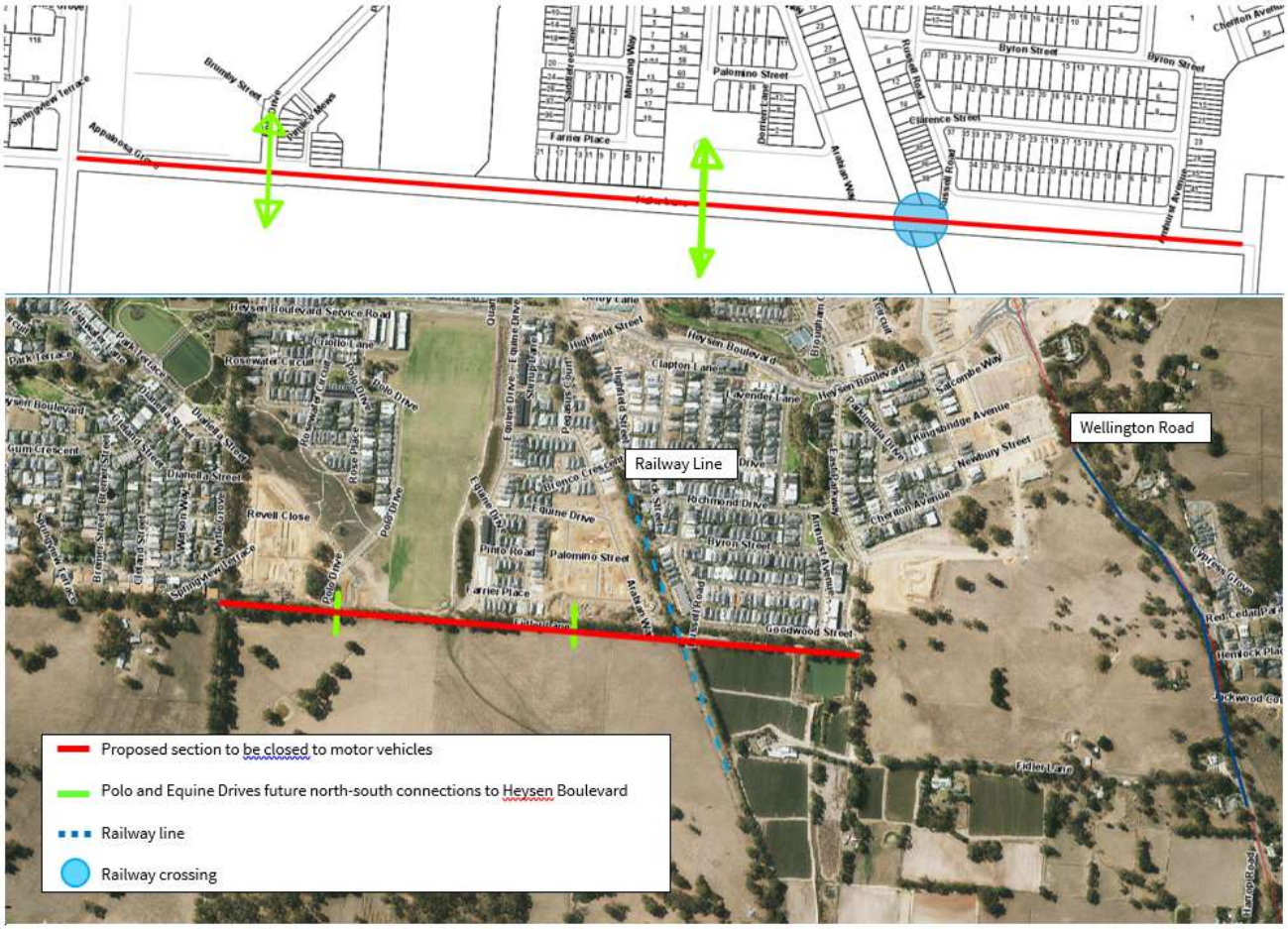
You can provide feedback via email to council@mountbarker.sa.gov.au with Proposed Road Closure Fidler Lane in the subject line. All submissions must be received in writing by Council by 5pm Thursday 9 May 2024.

If you have questions or require further information, please contact me as per the details below.

Yours sincerely

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Railway Line
Wellington Road
Proposed section to be closed to motor vehicles
Polo and Equine Drives future north-south connections to Heysen Boulevard
Railway line
Railway crossing

Response	Comment	Support Road Closure to Vehicles	To Remain Open to Walkers
1	As a resident of farrier place, with a property rear facing to Fidler Lane, I support the movement to close the section of trail in question for all vehicles. However, I would be deeply saddened for this trail to be closed for pedestrian traffic. This section of bush trail holds a significant part in why we love living in the Minters Fields estate. We, along like many other residents in surrounding estates, walk our dog around the perimeter of the estate and down this path through to Bluestone estate to enjoy the country character of undeveloped trail paths and mature trees, one of the key reasons we chose to move to this area of the hills. Understandably, the land behind us, including and adjacent Minters Rise, will in time, be developed but we request that the character of living in the hills be preserved where reasonably practicable, which in this instance could be agreed as this path. I put forward my suggestion to implement a pedestrian crossing, where existing rail crossing runs through Fidler Lane in the same format that is existing at the rear of Siding Court properties and also on Hurling Drive, to allow pedestrians to continue to safely travel this path.	yes	yes
2	After reviewing the details of the proposal, I am in agreement with the decision to restrict motor vehicle access to Fidler Lane. The initiative is in line with continuous efforts to maintain the quality of the dirt road and keeping the traffic to a minimum on this road. Moreover, I appreciate the considerations for maintaining the existing pedestrian and cyclist movement along the proposed section. However, I would like to emphasize the importance of preserving Fidler Lane as a walking trail. The lane holds significance as a recreational space for walkers and pedestrians, offering a serene environment for outdoor activities. Therefore, while supporting the closure to car traffic, I urge the council to ensure that Fidler Lane remains accessible to walkers and pedestrians. Maintaining access to this beautiful walking trail not only promotes physical activity and well-being but also preserves the natural and cultural heritage of the area. I trust that the council will take into account the community's interest in retaining Fidler Lane as a pedestrian-friendly environment while implementing the proposed changes.	yes	yes
3	No issue with the proposed closure to motor vehicles, however do have an issue to the future plans to close it to pedestrians as many people currently walk animals or run along fidler lane so you would be limiting people from excersing around that area.	yes	yes
4	Good idea.Trucks and cars causing too much dust and noise.Also vehicles going from Fidler Lane onto Goodwood St and vice versa.Not short cut	yes	
5	I am in favour of closing this section of Fidlet Lane.Too many people using it as short cut into the back of Bluestone Estate.	yes	
6	Yes we are for closure	yes	
7	I personally consider Fidlers Lane as a good weather dirt track. Eg during wet weather I wouldnt drive down it unless I had a four wheel drive. My wife and I routinely walk down the lane and enjoy it. We dont walk down it during wet weather or at night. This is due to their being no lights and a very healthy red bellied black snake and his mates being sighted in the area. It is also quite slippery when wet. With the greatest respect to the idea of upkeep I dont think it is a high priority for council. Their is occasional mowing of the verges but it is either being done by newbies or your mower person has whiskey rather than water in his bottle. The verges are mostly over grown, with many dead trees with large tyre ruts and many pot holes along its length. I have also begun to see graffiti in some areas. The offender likes the colour blue. I would suggest using the blue graffiti person obvious lack of talent to paint and use it instead to plant c02 absorbing trees, if thats your thing. I personally like trees but dont like moronic graffiti vandals. Some people use the lane to enter Goodwood st thru a open gate. I have seen large semis, trucks and farm machinery drive up and down it. We have a semi frequent visit from a moron on a dirt bike. We have had to call Police for a cow wandering down the train track and onto Fidlers Lane. The Police man wanted to know what he was expected to do about it. I said well you can either shoot it or go over to the farm house on the next hill and find the owner. Fortunately, he saw the funny side of things. Police communications thought the whole thing was hilarious. I dont think the train crossing should be closed to foot traffic. People will just go around whatever you put there. Ample signage warning people of the possible approach of trains should be enough. The current signage is covered by the aforementioned blue graffiti. I fully support the councils push to get the train from Adelaide back into Mt Barker. If by some miracle that happens then pushing it further to Strath, Goolwa and Victor down the steam ranger line should be an option. I predict that in a hundred years there will be a million people living in Mt Barker. We will thus need a train. Probably thats when it will get built.	no	yes
8	I wish to agree with the closure of Fidler land as this road is unsafe with careless drivers and constantly leaves my property and vehicles covered in unnecessary dirt and dust.	yes	
9	I am supportive of the closure and feel strongly about taking the opportunity to preserve the vegetation along the Lane. There are so few opportunities left to conserve native habitat and this is a very important patch for birdlife. I would like to request that the Council Members prioritise this and perhaps use the conservation efforts as a means to share with the community how the Council are being proactive with opportunities like this. Having recently lost a significant number of trees that my children and I planted along the railway corridor, we feel very passionate about raising awareness around protecting remnant vegetation. I appreciate why our revegetation efforts were demolished, however the nature of the demolition was appalling. Hours of work and expense completely lost in one foul swoop, despite many attempts to discuss plans and reassurance that it would only be 'several trees' that would be impacted. I would love the opportunity to discuss this incident with the council (as the body who managed the contractors). I look forward to being kept in the loop regarding the Fidler Lane closure and look forward to hearing from someone regarding the tree loss on the railway.	yes	
10	. I'm in support of this closure, but would like to see pedestrian access (including the railway crossing) to remain. Fiddler lane is a beautiful corridor for a walk or run and is of great benefit to the health and well-being of the community.	yes	yes
11	Support the closure to motor vehicles. Do not support the closure to pedestrians and cyclists as this is part of a network of roads and trails used by walkers and cyclists. I regard to the railway crossing and the irregular use I would support the use of a ‘maze way” like other railway crossings such as on Hurling Road. With the support of signage this would facilitate movement for cyclists and pedestrians.	yes	yes
12	I own some land i.e. Lot 1 Fidler lane which is in the process of being developed as a residential site for about 300 homes. This is being undertaken by myself (and others) and Metro homes. I would like to be able to access the property by car, which means I would not be in favour of having the lane closed and stopping me from accessing my property. NOTE that staff have had further discussions and arrived at arrangements that manintain access for the development to occur.	No	
13	we love walking together down Fidler Lane, and it is one of my favourite and regular jogging spots. To see this closed off would be a travesty. I can’t remember the last time I walked that path without running into other people enjoying the outdoors, especially on a tree lined dirt road, that makes this area so special.		yes
14	closure of the Fidler Lane rail crossing for pedestrians and cyclists will be very disappointing. It is a very popular route given its great scenery, ambience and low traffic volume. I dearly hope you will listen to the needs of the people living in our community.		yes

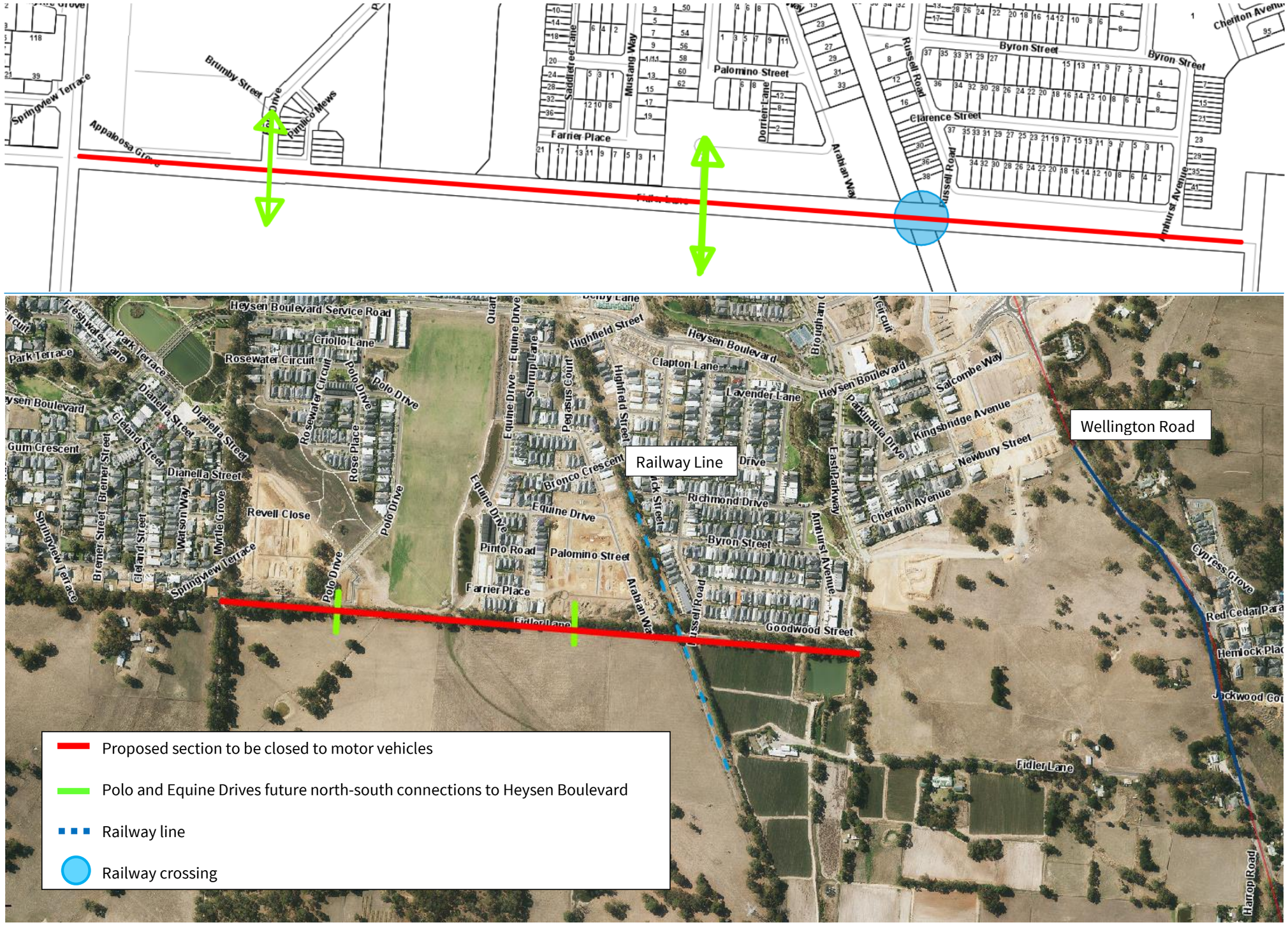
15	I write to lodge my strong objection to the proposal to close the Fidler Lane rail crossing to pedestrians and cyclists. This is a popular recreational route, and given the age of the road reserve, has served the community for generations. Evidence of its continued use and recreational value is readily available. Evidence of the importance of such recreational activities for community physical and mental health and wellbeing also abound. I understand that the proposal is part of the considerations around the fact that numbers of level crossings should not increase. This is not a new rule, and was known before the work to construct the Heysen Boulevard level crossing commenced. If the closure is being considered seriously, then I require council to provide me as a rate payer their rationale for not being up front with the community about Fidler lane when that work was being planned. I also require that council consider alternative plans for a crossing so that circular recreational routes that use Fidler Lane may continue. I also raise some scepticism that closing the crossing will stop people attempting to cross the line there, thus actually increasing the risk to safety. It goes without saying that the abysmal planning of the Heysen crossing is laughable in any case. How a future arterial road could be planned and constructed without consideration for what is one of the oldest train lines in the state simple beggars belief. It is this incompetence that has led to the current situation.		yes
16	This road reserve needs to remain open to pedestrians and cyclists. It should include a railway crossing for pedestrians and cyclists similar to other crossings along the train line. It allows access for people living in this area to walk/ride to other parkways/play areas and coffee shops. It also provides a natural corridor of which few remain in the area.		yes
17	I am not opposed to closure to motor vehicles, but as a keen bicycle rider and walker it would be great to see this kept open for pedestrians and cycle access. The Mount Barker area will only benefit from retaining human scale pathways that offer immersion in vegetated environments.	yes	yes
18	As a resident of Goodwood Street, adjacent to Fidler Lane I agree that restricting traffic along Filder Lane is a reasonable measure. There is no need for traffic to travel along this road anymore, and I have witnessed drivers only using it in irresponsible ways, and at dangerous speeds. However, it would be a great loss to the Mt Barker and especially the Bluestone, Minters Field and Aston Hills community to close it off to pedestrians and cyclists. I witness 100s of people each day using Fidlers Lane as a walking, running and cycling path, and witness how much joy it brings to each of those who do. As someone who has lived in Mt Barker for my lifetime, and have already witnessed the loss of almost all 'country' features about the town, Fidlers lane continues to offer the unique and refreshing feel of space and 'country' life. Each and everybody who uses this road for recreational purposes would agree. I hope the needs of the community are considered in the final decision.	yes	yes
19	Please do not close this road to pedestrians and Cyclists it is one of the few walks around the area that is welcomed by a lot of people to enjoy a little bit of what is left of a calming nature walk free of traffic, we also need to keep as much nature area as possible, we have lost too much habitat for wildlife as it is, we used to see kangaroos in the paddocks but since housing has been developed they are no longer seen. We moved here to live in a rural country town but are disappointed how cramped housing is being developed.		yes
20	Please keep fidler lane open to pedestrians It is a fabulous walking track and utilised by hundreds of locals weekly		yes
21	I live in the Bluestone estate and Fidler Lane is one of my favourite walks. It's a lovely shady country lane with the added benefit of a strawberry farm! I'm very concerned that the walk to and from Barker Road could be blocked to pedestrians at the railway crossing. I'm sure with proper signage it can be made safe for pedestrians. There should be no need for expensive over engineering (if cost is the main reason for the proposed closure). Even if it must be closed to vehicles, please do not close it to pedestrians.		yes
22	As a local resident, members of my household walk and ride along Fidler Lane every day and we always meet others doing the same. This is an essential route for recreation and fitness in the area, linking the formal paths and trails in the Bluestone, Minters Field and Springlake developments. Easy access to such trails is a major drawcard for this part of Mount Barker. Notice the popularity of this route as recorded in Strava heatmaps. Heysen Blvd cannot effectively replace it as that's an urban street better suited to vehicles. Pedestrians, dogs and cyclists are far safer on traffic-free routes. I accept the need to close Fidler Lane to vehicle traffic, but *strongly* request that pedestrian and cyclist access be retained and formally connected to the other local trails (such as currently for the linear trail near Amhurst Ave).	yes	yes
23	I would like to object to the proposal to close the Fidler Lane level crossing to cyclists, pedestrians and horse riders. This level crossing is part of a number of useful gravel riding circuits. It would seem very likely that if the level crossing were closed, informal crossing would still occur. There is almost zero rail traffic on the heritage rail track at that point so it seems a massive overreaction to completely close off the level crossing to peds and cyclists on the grounds of rail safety. There are many, many locations on the rail track where there are no fences at all in the Mt Barker suburbs that would be much greater risk exposure. With the completion of the Heysen Boulevard level crossing I do agree that there is no longer a need for Fidler Lane to allow for cars to cross. I am a Hills resident that often rides gravel around this area. (Most recently yesterday on Barker Rd. By the way - someone has removed the Fidler Lane road sign.)		yes
24	I would urge the Council to keep Fidler Lane open either as a local road or as a road reserve. It is heavily used by cyclists and walkers as a thru-way. Additionally, the low traffic volumes make it an ideal route & much safer than some adjoining roads. With Mt Barker growing rapidly in population you should look to preserve any walking / cycling / available land for recreational purposes. In recent years there has been a huge growth in gravel riding, where people seek to ride dirt rds. and road reserves because of the huge increase in safety that these routes give, with little traffic. In fact, there are now specific "gravel" bikes made which are a hybrid between road & mt bikes. The Adelaide Hills are ideal for such activity and many cyclists utilise both the Adelaide Hills Council & Mt Barker Council areas because of their closeness to Adelaide & ideal roads. These include various regular veteran cycling groups, such as the SA Recreational Cycling Club (meet at Woodside on Thursdays) & Bike SA's Tuesday Treadlers (meet at Balhannah on Tuesdays). Just last year the AHC kept open a road reserve (which was going to be acquired by a farmer) after submissions from cyclists about its use & benefits. I urge the Mt Barker Council to maintain access for walkers & cyclists at least & to consider maintaining other local roads or at least making them accessible as road reserves. Although I live in the NE of Adelaide, I drive up to the hills for at least 2 rides during the week and sometimes longer ones on the weekend. This is advantageous to the Council area in other ways, as I and all cyclists riding in the area stop at local cafes & spend money.		yes
25	I can understand blocking off part of Fidler Lane, as it is a rough dirt track that at times floods. However, closing off the railway line to pedestrians and cyclists will prevent many people walking and riding in this area. We live close by and often walk along Fidler Lane and we always see others enjoying the rural environment. Please reconsider closing the rail crossing to pedestrians and cyclists.	yes	yes
26	I would like to provide my support for the proposed closure of Filder Lane (as outlined at: https://www.mountbarker.sa.gov.au/council/news/latest-news/proposed-partial-road-closure-fidler-lane-east-of-barker-road). I would like to see pedestrian and cycle access maintained, but with native revegetation undertaken for the remainder of the roadway. I imagine that local environmental volunteer groups could be engaged to undertake native revegetation at very low cost to the Council.	yes	yes
27	As discussed, some friends and I have undertaken some user-counts at the Fidler Lane Rail crossing and I've tabulated and attached the results: • On Thursday 18 April, 6:15am to 11:15am, I recorded 33 crossings by walkers/joggers/cyclists and pram riders (youngsters in prams) in half a day which suggests that there would be around 65 crossings of the rail line over the course of a full weekday. • On Sunday 21 April, 6:40am to 12noon, we recorded 59 crossings by walkers/joggers/cyclists and pram riders in half a day which suggests that there would be around 120 crossings of the rail line over the course of a full Sunday. These numbers reinforce the anecdotal evidence I've heard over the years regarding how popular Fidler Lane is for walkers/joggers and cyclists. Many of the walkers had dogs with them indicating this is a popular dog walking route. Given this popularity – and the relatively low numbers of train movements through the crossing – I strongly support keeping the rail crossing open for pedestrians and cyclists provided that a maze crossing is installed at the crossing to improve safety.		yes

28	I am writing to express my strong support for keeping Fidler Lane open to pedestrians and cyclists. As more of our country side is converted to small housing blocks the importance of Fiddler Lane and others like Sims and Martin Rds (the closed dirt Rd parts) for local residence's physical and mental wellbeing is becoming more and more important. Taking into consideration - Between Steam Rangers rail yard and Fiddler Lane there are eight crossings of which about half have signal's and the other half don't. At these eight crossings some you can walk straight across some while others have the zigzag fencing. Going by this, I can see no reason why Fidler Lane can't be the ninth. A recent survey completed by a local group found approximately 500 people walk or cycle along the lane each week. This is mostly likely to increase as more subdivisions are built in the area and people look for places to walk/ride especially when most streets in the new areas are basically parking lots. I belong to the Flying Fossils a Mt Barker bike group and we regularly use Fidler Lane as part of our loop around Mt Barker via pathways and quiet dirt roads like this. Stream Ranger's website shows there will be only about 26 scheduled train trips in a 12 mth period. In my opinion not enough to see the closure of a crossing that is used daily by local residents. For such small usage by rail and the reasonable daily usage by pedestrians and cyclists keeping the crossing open with a zigzag fence crossing (like on Sims & Martin's Rd's) I believe would be the way to go.		yes
29	I live on Goodwood Street in the Bluestone Estate, and I am very much in favour of this road closure. Specifically the closure to vehicles, keeping the track open to pedestrians as a walking path.		
30	I live on Goodwood Street in the Bluestone Estate, and I am very much in favour of this road closure as there is so much dust that is blown when cars use the road to the point where I cannot leave my windows open. In favour of closure to vehicles, keeping the track open to pedestrians as a walking path.	yes	yes
31	We are writing to express our strong support for keeping the Fidler Lane rail crossing open to pedestrians and cyclists. Fidler Lane is a very popular walking and cycling route and it would be a very poor outcome for the community if this route was closed, particularly as there are relatively few train movements along this section of track, with no trains running for long periods of the year. MDBRA members undertook half-day user counts at the crossing on Thursday 18 April and Sunday 21 April and these indicate the following crossings of the rail line per day by pedestrians and cyclists: • on weekdays approximately 65 crossings per day, and • on Sundays approximately 120 crossings per day. If extrapolated this equates to over 500 people (pedestrians, joggers, cyclists) per week using the crossing. Our observations revealed that the route is very popular for dog-walkers particularly people from the nearby new developments north of Fidler Lane. We believe the late afternoon and evening use may be even greater than our observations suggest. There are likely horse riders also using this lane. We understand that there are safety concerns at the existing Fidler Lane rail crossing but believe that safety would be vastly improved with the provision of a maze crossing for pedestrians and cyclists. We would further ask that trail/mud motorbikes be explicitly excluded as well as motor vehicles. We would be happy to meet with you to discuss this further and we would also be keen to meet with representatives of the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator and SteamRanger Heritage Railway regarding the potential closure of the rail crossing. With regards to the closure of Fidler Lane to motor vehicles we suggest that the road remain as an emergency access and egress route in case of bushfire or other emergency requiring evacuation. We also implore Council to preserve and maintain all native vegetation along Fidler Lane during and after residential development.		yes
32	We use this lane for walking as we find it's a nice alternative to walking along the walking and bike tracks around the estate. If Fidlers Lane could be retained as foot and bike traffic only, it would be a great asset for the community who use it.		yes
33	After hearing about a possibility of closing fidlers lane to pedestrians, I'd very much appreciate it if this can stay open for walking, I love walking along the lane each morning with my dog, I'd hate for this to be closed and I'd have to walk around man made roads, it's just so beautiful to be so close to natural bush, the old gums amazing. We are slowly loosing all the natural walkways to concert paths.		yes
34	I would like to put forward my opposition to the proposal of the closure of Fidler Lane crossing to pedestrians. We frequent the trail on a regular basis to walk our dogs and most often than not there are several other people making use the trail and crossing at the same time. Therefore, surely further thought needs to be put into the expanse of people affected by such a closure.		yes
35	I am a mount barker resident and building a town house along side this lane. I would like to see it remain open to pedestrians as we walk a lot along there. It's a lovely walk. Glad to hear it's closing to cars etc as it will keep the dust down and not have trailer bikes join through there.		yes
36	I would like to cast my vote for Fidler Lane to remain open to all, but as a minimum for walkers & bikes. We live in Springlake and as seniors use our bikes for exercise. Keeping off main roads is essential for us for safety reasons. We are very aware that we have few roads out from Heysen Blvd to use our bikes & should there be a fire, there are not many directional choices by car. Lastly the train runs so few times in a year that fixating on closing Fidler Lane because of a train crossing seems 'overdone'. I understand state law on train crossings but maybe the legislation needs to be amended and be more flexible.		yes
37	I understand that The Fidler Lane rail crossing could be closed by the state government once the Heysen Boulevard rail crossing is completed. I also understand that your Council supports closure to vehicular traffic but advocates for it to remain open to walkers and cyclists. I consider this to be a great solution, as walking and cycling are both excellent forms of exercise, and anything that makes it easy for people to get good healthy exercise, without the cost of a gym membership, is a win-win. I often come and walk around Laratinga wetlands, for example, although I live in Aldgate. I sincerely hope that your Council will keep this crossing open.	yes	yes
38	I am writing to ask that the crossing remain open for some uses once it has closed to vehicles. Mount Barker District Council support closure to vehicular traffic - I would like to advocate for it to remain open to walkers and cyclists.	yes	yes
39	We wish to express our strong support for keeping the Fidler Lane rail crossing open to pedestrians and cyclists. Fidler Lane is a very popular walking, jogging and cycling route and it would be a very poor outcome for the community if this route was closed particularly as there are very few trains scheduled along this section of track, with no trains scheduled for a long period of the year. Group members undertook half-day pedestrian/cyclist user counts at the crossing on Thursday 18 April and Sunday 21 April and these indicate that on weekdays there would be around 65 people per day and on Sundays 120 people per day crossing the rail line on foot or on wheels. If these numbers are extrapolated there would be more than 500 people (pedestrians and cyclists) per week crossing the rail line. Our observations revealed that the route is very popular for dog-walkers particularly people from the nearby new developments north of Fidler Lane, and this usage is likely to increase as new residential developments are established along Fidler Lane. Furthermore, we have reviewed the 2024 SteamRanger timetable and have found that trains are scheduled along this section of line just 26 days this year – meaning that trains aren't scheduled for 339 days of the year including a five-month period over summer/autumn. We understand that there are safety concerns at the existing Fidler Lane rail crossing but believe that safety would be improved with the provision of a maze crossing for pedestrians and cyclists. We would be happy to meet with you to discuss this further and we would also be keen to meet with representatives of the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator and SteamRanger Heritage Railway regarding the potential closure of the rail crossing.		yes

40	We are writing to express our strong support for keeping the Fidler Lane rail crossing open for cyclists and pedestrians. Cyclist/pedestrian user counts undertaken at the crossing in April indicate there would be more than 500 people (cyclists, pedestrians and joggers) per week crossing the rail line at Fidler Lane. Gravel roads such as Fidler Lane are very attractive for cyclists and pedestrians given the low traffic volumes and speeds and the beautiful scenery and ambience. Other gravel roads south of Mount Barker – such as Barker Road, Harrop Road, Native Avenue etc – are also very popular with cyclists and walkers. It would be a very poor outcome for the community if this route was closed particularly as there are relatively few train movements along this section of track, with no trains running for a long period of the year. To address safety concerns at the existing Fidler Lane rail crossing we suggest that a maze crossing for cyclists and pedestrians be installed.		yes
41	I support closure of Fidler Lane to vehicles but I believe that it should remain open to cyclists, joggers, walkers and mobility devices.	yes	yes
42	Response to Dave Hemmings		
43	I think closing Fidler Lane at the railway crossing is very unsafe. Mount Barker is in a bushfire zone, people living there will need the road to be open as an escape route if they decide to leave. Having it closed at the railway is restricting vital escape route in an emergency	no	
44	I support closure of Fidler Lane to vehicles but strongly believe that it should remain open to cyclists, joggers, walkers and mobility devices, for whom the threat of closure is causing considerable concern. Fidler Lane is a well used, well loved and important part of Mount Barker's quality and developing trails network. Mount Barker District has a very strong community of active transport users, exemplified by 3,700 followers of the local Facebook site "Paths and Trails Mount Barker and Beyond." Fidler Lane connects the nearby rapidly growing communities of Bluestone, Minters Field, Springlake and Pakindula. It will provide faster access to the future sports hub, adjacent to Fidler Lane, for residents living east of the rail line. The next closest crossing to the south is Native Avenue, at a distance of 2.3 kilometres and well outside the urban growth boundary. Consequently, if Fidler Lane closes then it is likely that some will cross the line informally at random points, a more dangerous outcome than having a designated and well designed crossing with safety measures incorporated into it. The trail is well treed with remnant mature vegetation and provides a peaceful and natural experience of therapeutic benefits to users. It facilitates many aspirations of Mount Barker District Council's Community Plan, including economic development through tourism, an active community with good physical and mental health, equality of access for non-vehicle owners, social connection, environmental improvement and lower carbon emissions. Mount Barker District Council is attempting to develop a comprehensive and connecting trails network. Closing the crossing on a line which carries only about 26 trains per year plus maintenance vehicles, and without a good alternative, would be a major setback for the Council and thousands of active transport enthusiasts. I commend Council for its advocacy to state government and the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator to maintain non vehicular access and urge it to continue to vigorously represent it's and the community's views.	yes	yes
45	As a community organisation, dedicated to the restoration and protection of the natural environment for biodiversity conservation and community wellbeing, we provide our absolute support for the call to keep Fidler Lane open for use by cyclists, joggers, walkers and mobility devices. We support the recent submission and the points made within by Councillor Ian Grosser as below. Furthermore, the connection Fidler Lane provides to the developing recreational trail network within the Mount Barker district ties directly in to work we have been actively pursuing in the restoration of farmland in the Mount Barker Springs to Summit area in collaboration with local landholders. We appreciate the District Council of Mount Barker's strong leadership in this matter.		yes
46	I support closure of Fidler Lane to vehicles but strongly believe that it should remain open to cyclists, joggers, walkers and mobility devices, for whom the threat of closure is causing considerable concern. Fidler Lane is a well used, well loved and important part of Mount Barker's quality and developing trails network. Mount Barker District has a very strong community of active transport users, exemplified by 3,700 followers of the local Facebook site "Paths and Trails Mount Barker and Beyond." Fidler Lane connects the nearby rapidly growing communities of Bluestone, Minters Field, Springlake and Pakindula. It will provide faster access to the future sports hub, adjacent to Fidler Lane, for residents living east of the rail line. The next closest crossing to the south is Native Avenue, at a distance of 2.3 kilometres and well outside the urban growth boundary. Consequently, if Fidler Lane closes then it is likely that some will cross the line informally at random points, a more dangerous outcome than having a designated and well designed crossing with safety measures incorporated into it. The trail is well treed with remnant mature vegetation and provides a peaceful and natural experience of therapeutic benefits to users. It facilitates many aspirations of Mount Barker District Council's Community Plan, including an active community with good physical and mental health, equality of access for non-vehicle owners, social connection, environmental improvement and lower carbon emissions. Mount Barker District Council is attempting to develop a comprehensive and connecting trails network. Closing the crossing on a line which carries only about 26 trains per year, and without a good alternative, would be a major setback for the Council and thousands of active transport enthusiasts.	yes	yes
47	As a walker and a cyclist I am pleased that a section of Fidler Lane will be closed to motor vehicles. In fact, from my experience, very few cars use this track so there will be minimal impact on motorists. Therefore, I support the proposed closure of a portion of Fidler Lane at its western end near Barker Road. I would like to see Fidler Lane revegetated with indigenous native plants to encourage more wildlife, particularly native birds. It is the trees and vegetation along Fidler Lane which makes it an enjoyable 'country' walk – even though there are housing estates popping up adjacent to it. As Fidler Lane is a great active transport connector route between Barker Road and Wellington Rd I ask that the Fidler Lane rail crossing not be closed to pedestrians and cyclists. This forms part of the many wonderful walking trails throughout Mt Barker connecting the new estates. Also, by keeping this railway crossing open encourages active transport and less reliance on cars. So, please do your utmost to keep Fidler Lane rail crossing open to pedestrians and cyclists so that its entire length can be enjoyed and so it can become one of the great walking path connectors across the district.	yes	yes
48	Please retain Fidler Lane rail crossing (and road) open, at the very least for walkers, horse riders, cyclists and all those who use our existing trails. It is appalling that in 2012 I moved a Motion which was unanimously supported by all elected members to retain open, in the very least as secondary, unsealed roads for walking/riding trails and as emergency fire escape routes over the dry season Martins Road, Sims Road and Fidler Lane. One by one these roads have been closed and the developers permitted to encroach into the roadside vegetation, destroying it in order to squash in one more minimum size building alotment. The native vegetation has been lost on Martins Road and replaced at the Barker Road end with agapanthus and other inappropriate, exotic plants which support none of our wildlife or native biodiversity. A promise was made with regard to Sims Road in that it was to remain open and the elm tree grove known and loved locally as "Lovers' Lane" retained. That about two thirds of "Lovers Lane" remains, yet access to it is near impossible due to "road closed" signage and has even further destroyed any faith by local residents in this council. Did the developers on Martins Road and Sims Road pay for the land encroached on? The very well known (only about a century) walking/riding/cycling loop of Sims Road, Barker Road, Fidler Lane and Native Avenue will be utterly compromised should this road and rail crossing be closed. Not only do we all now know that road closure - rather than ensuring conservation and protection of the roadside vegetation - writes its death knell with the perfectly evidenced examples of Sims and Martins Roads - but Mount Barker Council gave assurance that these roads would remain open to the public and the high conservation value vegetation would be retained. Due to the devastation being wrought in what is now a 'high density' urban sprawl across all of the 1300ha so far developed, over 100 kangaroos and numerous koalas and a host of other wildlife has been pushed into the remaining farmland and rural small holdings sandwiched between the town boundary and the SE Freeway. This is neither wise or fair and will ultimately result in demise of the wildlife and more local extinction of species. A wise council would do its utmost to preserve and protect those existing vital corridors of roadside vegetation to enhance and protect our remaining biodiversity. Martins Road has been replaced with a 'walking trail' a shadow of its former self, Sims Road has suffered the same fate (with loss of century old She-Oak native trees and other native vegetation) and it appears Fidler Lane is about to suffer the same fate? How does this in any way benefit the community? Old and new residents alike will suffer diminished living standards due to loss of trees, native wildlife, amenity and the only beautiful walking/riding trails which still exist in the area. Where is real progress? Where is the will of local government to stand up and defend minor roads with high conservation value roadside vegetation on behalf of community? The overall impact of this high density residential housing development will be felt far into the future if opportunities to retain green open space continue to be neglected. In 2012 the entire council voted unanimously to retain Sims and Martins Roads (with their roadside vegetation intact) as well as Fidler Lane. The third (and last) of these scenic roadways is now in the firing line - Council needs to consider the combined impact at the landscape scale and protect Fidler Lane and its little used rail crossing. Council needs to consider the impact of such high density housing development on native vegetation loss, wildlife and biodiversity loss and not least of all neighbouring food production lands which are suffering unforeseen consequences due to lack of adequate buffer between livestock keeping and high density housing. Not only do we lack suitable wildlife corridors but sensible open space to ensure health and well being is achieved by buffering residential development from livestock production land. Please do not remove yet another secondary road/lane from the many who use these long established trails for their health and well being, as well as the wildlife which rely on critical roadside vegetation.	no	yes
49	We support closure of Fidler Lane to vehicles but strongly believe that it should remain open to cyclists, joggers, walkers and mobility devices, for whom the threat of closure is causing considerable concern. We have lived in the Mount Barker District for almost thirty years and, as the housing growth continues we have been delighted to witness the increasing number of walking / cycling trails. Fidler Lane is a well used, well loved and important part of Mount Barker's quality and developing trails network. Mount Barker District has a very strong community of active transport users, exemplified by 3,700 followers of the local Facebook site "Paths and Trails Mount Barker and Beyond." The trail is well treed with remnant mature vegetation and provides a peaceful and natural experience of therapeutic benefits to users. It facilitates many aspirations of Mount Barker District Council's Community Plan, including an active community with good physical and mental health, equality of access for non-vehicle owners, social connection, environmental improvement and lower carbon emissions. Mount Barker District Council is attempting to develop a comprehensive and connecting trails network. Closing the crossing on a line which carries only about 26 trains per year, and without a good alternative, would be a major setback for the Council and thousands of active transport enthusiasts. We commend Council for its advocacy to state government and the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator to maintain non-vehicular access and urge it to continue to vigorously represent it's and the community's views.	yes	yes

50	I am supportive of the partial road closure to cars, but would like to see the Fidler Lane railway crossing remain OPEN to pedestrians and cyclists. It's very popular and forms a great connection between the housing estates	yes	yes
51	I understand the logic in the proposal to close the Fidler Lane rail crossing to vehicular traffic once the Heysen Boulevard rail crossing is completed. However, I strongly support the proposal to keep the Fidler Lane rail crossing open to be used by people on foot, bike riders and users of mobility devices. We want such attractive lanes as Fidler Lane to be open for people's recreational use, not closed. I support MBDC in its advocacy to keep Fidler Lane open for use by non-vehicular traffic.	yes	yes
52	I agree with the proposal as outlined in the attached document, however, i think it is important to maintain pedestrian access at the rail line on Fiddler Lane to allow folk to fully utilise the reserve and also provide access to the polo field area for all.	yes	yes

Attachment 2 to Item 12.5



12.6 REPORT TITLE: ADELAIDE HILLS RALLY ROAD CLOSURES FOR EVENT

DATE OF MEETING: 1 JULY 2024

FILE NUMBER: DOC/24/80915

ATTACHMENTS: 1. DOC/24/81351 ADELAIDE HILLS RALLY PROPOSAL

Key Contact Chloe Head, Events Officer, Planning & Community

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Executive Alison Hancock, Executive Manager

Community Plan 2020-2035:
Community Wellbeing
CW Goal 3 objective 3.1
Promote, support and help deliver community, cultural, music arts and sporting activities that encourage social interaction, connection and celebration.

Annual Business Plan:
N/A

Purpose:
To seek Council's approval for the closure of several roads within the Council district on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 September 2024 to accommodate the Adelaide Hills Rally motorsport event.

Summary – Key Issues:
1. A proposal to utilise roads within the Mount Barker district for motorsport has been submitted by event manager Ultimate Motorsport Events for the 2024 Adelaide Hills Rally.

2. Ultimate Motorsport Events, have been made aware of Council's *Procedure for Application of Motor Sport Rallies* in the district, and Council Officers are satisfied that they have met their obligations to this point under that procedure.

3. Council endorsement of the proposed road closures is required to facilitate the running of the Adelaide Hills Rally in September 2024.

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. **Pursuant to the powers conferred by virtue of Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act 1961 and Clause G of the Minister's "Instrument of General Approval and Delegation to Council – Use of Traffic Control Devices, Road Closure and Granting of Exemptions for Events" dated 2013, order road closures of roads under Council's care and control for the 2024 Adelaide Hills Rally for those roads required for the event as contained in Attachment 1.**

2. **Authorise that persons taking part in the 2024 Adelaide Hills Rally event be exempted, in relation to the specified roads, from the duty to observe an enactment, regulation or by-law prescribing a rule to be observed on roads by pedestrians or drivers of vehicles during the timeframe of the road closure.**

3. **Note detours will be placed to divert traffic around the affected areas, supervised by SA Police personnel, authorised traffic management personnel and Rally Marshalls.**

4. **Authorise the CEO or delegate to enact any minor amendments to the proposed road closures.**

Background:

1. Adelaide Hills Rally is a two-day motorsport event conducted on public roads in the Mount Barker district, Alexandrina Council and Murray Bridge Council with an event hub proposed to be located this year at Mount Barker's Summit Sport & Recreation Park (SSRP).

2. Adelaide Hills Rally, formerly Scouts Rally SA, has conducted stages on roads within the Mount Barker district since 2014.

3. Event organisers, Ultimate Motorsport Events, implement all required risk mitigation and event management processes. There have been no major incidents in the history of this event being held in the Mount Barker district.

4. To note, Council in June 2024 endorsed a 3 year agreement to host the Adelaide Rally (a sealed road orientated rally event) within our district.

Discussion:

5. The 2024 Adelaide Hills Rally is concurrently held with the Bosch Australian Rally Championship and MRF SA Rally Championship Competition with further partnerships with Shannon's Nationals and The Bend Classic.

6. Dubbed a 'Festival of Motorsport', the various rallies are broadcast live on commercial television and attract international and national visitation with an expected economic spend over $2 million in 2024.

7. Ultimate Motorsport Events have lodged a preliminary notification of intent as per Council's *Procedure for Application of Motorsport Rallies*. The intent outlines the proposed four event stages of the 2024 Adelaide Hills Rally within the Mount Barker district and requests that Council close those road sections on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 September 2024 only.

8. Provision is made for Council to close roads by virtue of Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act and Clause G of the Minister's Notice to Council to order road closures for roads under Council's care and control for road events. Each road may be closed up to six and a half hours for rally events, however it is encouraged that the road be opened earlier if proceedings have concluded and this is often the reality. The list and details of the roads proposed is contained within Attachment 1.

9. The SSRP is proposed to host the Service Park and Rally HQ component of the event and it is the intent that the SSRP remain open to the public as to provide suitable access for visitors. Council staff are working through the details of the permit agreement for the use of the SSRP.

10. The official launch of the Rally is proposed to occur on Friday 13 September at the Pop Up Park on Morphett Street where there is proposed to be a Community Celebration and people can meet the Rally Teams & inspect Rally Cars.

11. As per Council's *Procedure for Application of Motorsport Rallies*, if the road closure request is granted, Ultimate Motorsport Rallies will certify to:
    - Engage Workzone Traffic Management to prepare and execute all traffic management plans and closures for this event at no cost to Council.
    - Detail emergency response plans, traffic management plans and risk management plans.
    - Ensure reconnaissance and rally car drivers adhere to normal road rules when using roads outside of road closures and when in transit between stages.
    - Engage with SAPOL to monitor roads during the event.
    - Prepare an environmental impact statement and work with Council Officers to ensure desired outcomes are achieved.
    - Conduct communication with impacted ratepayers and residents. Refer to the Community Engagement section of this report.
    - Participate in pre and post event road inspections with a nominated Council staff member.
    - Reinstate any or all damage caused as a result of the event including repairs to road surfaces, fences and other property damage (to the satisfaction of Council).

12. The 'Festival of Motorsport' consists of two rallies with different event organisers: the Adelaide Hills Rally (the subject of this report) and the Shannon's Adelaide Rally. Council and Shannon's Adelaide Rally have a three year agreement (ending 30 June 2027) to conduct the event in Council's district (see June Council report).

Community Engagement:

Informing only	Initial communication to impacted ratepayers and residents on the proposed road closure with opportunity to provide feedback on any issues arising. Second communication to impacted ratepayers and residents advising of the road closure and confirmation of stage details, safety, opportunities to spectate, procedure to access/egress, and contact details of event staff. Public Notice of closures and traffic management arrangements will be advertised in appropriate media at the organisers cost. Advance road closure warning signs will be in place one month before the event takes place.

Policy:
Officers seek a decision from Council to support this activity type occurring in the district. The Chief Executive Officer will then exercise delegation under Clause G of the Minister's Notice to Council to order road closures for roads under Council's care and control for road events.

Long Term Financial Plan:
N/A

Budget:
This report relates to the road closures within our district. No budget is required to facilitate this initiative.

Statutory/Legal:
The Local Government Act and Road Traffic Act apply to this report. The organisers have a $100 million public liability insurance policy which also covers Council and public for any property or road damage arising as a result of the event.

Staff Resource Requirements:
Council Event Staff will continue to work with the organisers to ensure they fulfil their planning and safety obligations. A Council Infrastructure delegate will be required to conduct a pre and post inspection of the proposed roads; and if required oversee reinstatement works as managed/incurred by the Event Organiser until Council is satisfied the asset is restored.

Environmental:
Organisers will provide Council with an environmental impact statement in relation to the event. Rally organisers have previously factored in all Council requirements into their plans and are keen to meet Council needs.

They will also have on board as a partner of the event, Adelaide and Hills Koala Rescue - 1300KOALAZ Inc. They will be aiding if there are any issues and satisfy those that may have concerns.

Social:
Car Rallies have wide public appeal from a spectator point of view and this event will provide additional opportunities for attracting visitors and locals to the area. Mount Barker Library will be engaged by the event organiser to establish a an interactive 'come and see' display.

Sometimes we hear from impacted landowners regarding the use of Council roads for rally events, to date we have not received a significant number of issues raised during public consultation.

Risk Assessment:
Risk Management, public health and safety issues are key components in the planning and staging of events, involving the public, participants and volunteers. Once road closures are granted, the event organiser will submit a comprehensive risk assessment addressing the nuances of each stage.

Asset Management:
Pre and post road inspections will be arranged with event organisers meeting the costs of any repairs identified. The Event Organiser certifies to incur costs to reinstate the asset to a condition Council deems satisfactory.

Conclusion:
Council's Events Framework outlines the economic importance of facilitating major tourism events such as the Adelaide Hills Rally to be held in the District. Through the endorsement of this recommendation, Council will provide legal parameters for the event organiser to proceed in planning and delivering a safe event.

Previous Decisions By/Information Reports to Council:

Meeting Date	3 July 2023	CM Reference	DOC/23/61806
Title	2023 Adelaide Hills Rally Road Closures for event		
Purpose	To seek Council's approval for the closure of roads within the Mount Barker District Council area for the conduct of the 2023 Adelaide Hills Rally On Saturday 14 October 2024		

Meeting Date	1 August 2022	CM Reference	DOC/22/74662
Title	ADELAIDE HILLS RALLY EVENT ROAD CLOSURES REQUIRED FOR THE EVENT		
Purpose	To seek Council's approval for the closure of roads within the Mount Barker District Council area for the conduct of the 2022 Adelaide Hills Rally between Saturday 22 October to Sunday 23 October 2022.		

Meeting Date	6 August 2018	CM Reference	FOL/18/239
Title	2018 BOTT Adelaide Hills Rally Road Closures		
Purpose	To seek Council's approval for the closure of roads within the Mount Barker District Council area for the conduct of the 2018 Bott Adelaide Hills Rally between Thursday 20th September to Sunday 23rd September 2018.		

Attachment 1 to Item 12.6

ADELAIDE HILLS RALLY

Partnering with

MOUNT BARKER DISTRICT COUNCIL

2024 ADELAIDE HILLS RALLY

September 11th to 15th, 2024

Dear Council

The Event:

The 2024 Adelaide Hills Rally is a major event in the Australian motorsport calendar, featuring the Bosch Motorsport Australia Rally Championship (ARC) and the MRF Motorsport Australia SA Rally Championship (SARC). The rally will take place from September 11th to 15th, starting and finishing in Mount Barker, South Australia.

The rally will showcase some of the best drivers and teams in the country, competing in various categories such as the ARC 2WD Cup, ARC Production Cup, ARC Junior Cup, ARC 2WD Classic Cup and ARC 4WD Classic Cup. The rally will also attract local and regional competitors in the SARC, who will battle for points and glory on their home turf.

The rally will offer plenty of opportunities for spectators and fans to get close to the action and enjoy the festive atmosphere. The Summit Sport and Recreation Park will serve as the service park and rally HQ location, as well as the Subaru rally village, where visitors can find food, drinks, entertainment, and merchandise. The rally will officially launch on Friday evening, September 13th, at Morphett Street Mount Barker, where the public can meet the rally teams and see the rally cars up close.

The rally will consist of two days of competitive stages, covering a total distance of over 300 km. The stages will run through some of the most scenic and challenging roads in the Adelaide Hills region, featuring a mix of open and twisty sections, over differing surfaces, and varying elevation changes. The stages will test the drivers' skills and endurance.

The Saturday itinerary will take the rally to the northern Adelaide Hills, visiting locations such as The Glen and Callington Back in the morning, and Kenton Valley and Charligate in the afternoon. The Sunday itinerary will explore the southern Adelaide hills, passing through places like Clarendon, Meadows and Bugle Ranges, Wattle Flat and Old Bull Creek, with the Power Stage ending at Strathalbyn Town Centre. The rally will conclude with a podium ceremony on Sunday at 6:30 pm at the Subaru Rally Village, where the winners will be crowned and celebrated.

The 2024 Adelaide Hills Rally promises to be an exciting and spectacular event for both competitors and spectators alike. It will showcase the best of Australian rallying, as well as the beauty and diversity of the Adelaide Hills region. The rally will also be broadcast live on 7+, so that fans across the country can follow the action and cheer for their favourite drivers and teams.

Yours sincerely

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Director

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The Program Snaphot:

The **2024 Adelaide Hills Rally** promises an exhilarating showcase of Australian rally competition. As the fifth round of the **Bosch Motorsport Australia Rally Championship**, it features six distinct national categories:

1. **Bosch Motorsport Australia Rally Championship (Outright)**: The pinnacle of the competition.
2. **ARC 2WD Cup**: A thrilling contest for two-wheel-drive vehicles.
3. **ARC Production Cup**: Showcasing production-based cars.
4. **ARC Junior Cup**: Fostering young talent in rallying.
5. **ARC 2WD Classic Cup**: Celebrating classic two-wheel-drive cars.
6. **ARC 4WD Classic Cup**: Honouring four-wheel-drive classics.

Additionally, it serves as round 3 of the **MRF Motorsport Australia SA Rally Championship**, which includes the intriguing **SA Rally Regularity Series** where drivers compete against their own target times.

Event Details:

- **Dates**: September 11th to 15th.
- **Starting Point**: The picturesque town of **Mount Barker** in the Adelaide Hills.
- **Service Park**: The innovative **Subaru Rally Village** at the **Summit Sport and Recreation Park** (also the event's Rally HQ).
- **Fan Experience**: Fans can get up close to the action, interact with rally teams, and witness the adrenaline-fueled spectacle.
- **Launch Event**: On Friday evening, September 13th, head to the **Pop Up Park, Morphett Street, Mount Barker** for a chance to meet the rally teams, admire the rally cars, and enjoy entertainment and activities.
- **Partners and Sponsors**: A special function awaits event partners and sponsors on Saturday evening, September 14th, at the Summit Sport and Recreation Park.
- **Scenic Routes**: The rally covers challenging terrain and scenic routes across the northern and southern Adelaide Hills and forests.
- **Saturday Stages (September 14th)**:
    - Morning: **The Glen** and **Callington Back**.
    - Afternoon: **Kenton Valley** and **Charligate**.
- **Sunday Stages (September 15th)**: Shifts to the southern hills:
    - Morning: **Clarendon, Meadows,** and **Bugle Ranges.**
    - Afternoon: **Wattle Flat** and **Old Bull Creek**.
    - **Power Stage** will be **Televised live** on Channel 7 from **Strathalbyn.**
- **Podium Ceremony**: The rally culminates with a podium ceremony at **6:30pm** at the Subaru Rally Village, where the champions will be crowned and celebrated.

Mark your calendars: The **2024 Adelaide Hills Rally** is a must-see event for all rally enthusiasts!

Event Deliverables:

Please note the below list of the key deliverables that are indicative of what we would bring to the region with the 2024 Motorsport Australia Australian Rally Championships Adelaide Hills Rally.

We would expect to achieve better results for the 2024 event as the ARC has had good growth in the last 12 months.

A round of the ARC would consist of approximately 60 teams.

20 Teams consist of a team of 12 people/35 Teams consist of a team of 7 people.

Motorsport Australia (MA) will provide (via its own media team) media messaging through all media channels (digital, social, print, daily VNR's)

Live broadcast of Power Stage for the event via Channel 7

ARC Facebook – 20,183 Followers

These media numbers would be supplemented by the Adelaide Hills Rally events' social media channels as well as the Ultimate Motorsport Events (and subsidiaries) media channel and the SA Rally social media channel.

The numbers stated below have a genuine follower base with high ongoing engagement that has grown organically as UME events continue to mature.

Adelaide Hills Rally Facebook – 2,434 Followers

Ultimate Motorsport Events (and subsidiaries) Facebook – 14,780 Followers

SA Rally Facebook – 1,900 Followers (currently SA centric)

DirtFish Facebook – 81,000 Followers (Worldwide Rallying Page)

ROUND REVIEW

R6 ADELAIDE HILLS RALLY
21-23 OCTOBER 2022

RSEA SAFETY | ARC MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

NB: Figure are based on 2022 as 2023 figures are not yet available.

TV

7 NOVEMBER — 7MATE

Metro	7,148
Regional	12,620
National	19,768

Streaming total viewership will be included in the End of Year Review



EVENT RESULTS TOP 10

Outright Top 10 — Driver/Co-Driver

1. Lewis Bates/Anthony McLoughlin
2. Richie Dalton/Dale Moscatt
3. Troy Dowel/Bernie Webb
4. Daniel Gonzalez/Larisa Biggar
5. Jamie Luff/Bradley Luff
6. Nathan Quinn/Ray Winwood Smith
7. Zayne Admiraal/Matthew Heywood
8. Taylor Gill/Daniel Brkic
9. Molly Spalding/Douglas Johnson
10. James Dimmock/Paul Bennett

EVENT CLASS WINNERS

Shamrock Haulage ARC 2WD Cup
James Dimmock/Paul Bennett

White Wolf Constructions Production Cup
Jamie Luff/Bradley Luff

Glendun ARC Junior Cup
Molly Spalding/Douglas Johnson

ARC Classic Cup
David Thompson/Matthew Sanders

DIGITAL STATS

FB/IN/TW ENGAGEMENTS
13,135

FB POST REACH
235,824

FB POST IMPRESSIONS
240,637

FB/TW/IN/YT TOTAL VIDEO VIEWS
112,273

IN REACH
94,116

IN IMPRESSIONS
38,649

WEBSITE PAGE VIEWS
19,993

WEBSITE UNIQUE VIEWS
16,675

ATTENDANCE

ADELAIDE HILLS RALLY
FRI, SAT, SUN
4,947

RSEA SAFETY · Hoosier Tire Australia · EROAD · White Wolf Constructions · Panta Racing Fuel · Shamrock Haulage · Glendun Crushing and Screening · SuperCheap Auto · Meguiar's · Mobil 1 · Racer Industries · Red Bull · motorsport australia

RALLY.COM.AU

The Benefits:

	No. People	No. Days	$ per day	No. Nights	$ per night	Total
Rally Competitors						
Competitors/Crews	580	6	$75	5	$150	$696,000
Competitors Recce	150	2	$75		$150	$22,500
Officials						
Pre-Event						
Officials Management	14	7	$75	3	$150	$13,650
Event						
Officials Management	14	5	$75	4	$150	$13,650
Officials Rally	280	3	$75		$150	$63,000
Media	29	4	$75	3	$150	$21,750
Motorsport Australia	10	4	$75	3	$150	$7,500
Spectators Local	3,000	1.5	$75		$150	$337,500
Spectator Interstate	450	2	$75	3	$150	$270,000
Total forecast $ spend in region						**$ 1,445,550.00**

The Compliance:

To ensure the safety of the competitors and the public we request a short-term closure under Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act, of the roads, which we would like to add to the competitive part of the route.

If Council approves our request, we will make every effort to run the rally with minimum inconvenience to residents.

Additionally, we will:

- Notify adjoining landowners in writing at least 3 months beforehand.
- Compile a Traffic Management Plan
- Employ a Traffic Management company to undertake the Traffic Management Plan
- Leave all control areas in a clean and tidy state (repair any damage??)
- Notify the police of the running of the event and obtain permission to close the roads under Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act
- Notify the emergency services in the area.
- Affect a public risk insurance policy through the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (CAMS) which includes $100 million public liability insurance. (A copy of the permit and insurance cover can be supplied if required).
- Place advice signs along all roads 4 weeks before the event to forewarn road users of impending road closure.
- Advertise the road closures in the local papers the week before the event.
- During the event, man the access points to these roads to advise users of the temporary restrictions.

We run our events to Australia's best standards and have medical vehicles at the start of each competitive stage. If a landowner has an emergency during the road closure period, upon receiving notification we will stop the event and send in our medical vehicles which have trained Paramedics and a Fire Marshal. If an emergency worker lives on one of the roads we are using, and is called for duty, we will stop the event to let them attend the emergency.

We appreciate the consideration extended to us in our efforts to organise this event.

The Community:

The event will be utilising and supporting many sporting, volunteer emergency service and social groups through the region to aid in the running of the event. From an event perspective, all these groups will be getting both financial and social benefits.

In 2024, the route chosen will bypass the areas that have been challenging in the past. We will also have on board as a partner of the event, Adelaide, and Hills Koala Rescue - 1300KOALAZ Inc. They will be aiding if there are any issues and satisfy those that may have concerns.

With the national focus on the Adelaide Hills and Fleurieu Peninsula Regions through the fact that it is a true Motorsport National Championship, the media coverage that the event will bring as well as all the teams that will be competing will highlight and showcase all the wonderful benefits that we know we have here. This will have positive financial flow on to businesses in the region.

The Remediation Process:

The Ultimate Motorsport Events team will:

Liaise with the engineering team from the Mount Barker District Council to evaluate the route before and immediately after the event to determine if any remediation is required.

The event course vehicles, Course Closer (000) & Course Checker (00), will have front mounted cameras to provide footage of the route immediately prior to competition. Course Opener (Sweep) will also have a front mounted camera to provide footage of the route immediately after competition. This footage will be made available to the engineering team.

It is requested that any scheduled road engineering works on the route that are part of standard council practise, and within the council budget, be held until after the running of the event. This will allow any required repairs on the route caused by the event to be amortised into the scheduled ongoing maintenance.

It is requested that if the route requires remediation that is greater than that performed via scheduled maintenance, that the Mount Barker District Council and Ultimate Motorsport Events possibly companion in the cost.

The Consultation Process:

Submissions on the proposed road closures were invited via email and post until June 7, 2024. We have thoughtfully reviewed and responded to the four submissions received. The insights gained from this consultation have been formally presented to the Mount Barker District Council for their consideration. Further actions and communications will be appropriately directed onwards.

Feedback was to:

Email: secretary@ume.cool or

Post: PO Box 10213, Adelaide BC, SA, 5000

The Request:

We would like to apply for the following roads to be closed for the event and are seeking written feedback in relation to the proposed closures.

Please see detail on the two routes to be held in Mount Barker District Council below.

Saturday 14th of September 2024: (MBDC)

The Glen 0730hrs to 1330hrs

A 365 The Glen Rd, Harrogate, SA 5244, Australia

B 408 Wooley Rd, Harrogate, SA 5244, Australia

C 205 Wooley Rd, Harrogate, SA 5244, Australia

E 184 Jones Rd, Harrogate, SA 5244, Australia

F 605 Burnbrae Rd, Harrogate, SA 5244, Australia

G 1421 Military Rd, Kanmantoo, SA 5252, Australia



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ADELAIDE HILLS RALLY
motorsport australia MEMBER OF FIA

Saturday 14th of September 2024: (MBDC)

Callington Back 0800hrs to 1400hrs

A Back Callington Rd, Kanmantoo, SA 5252, Australia

B 438 Back Callington Rd, Petwood, SA 5254, Australia

C 410 Back Callington Rd, Petwood, SA 5254, Australia

D 256 Cattle Route Rd, Mount Barker Summit, SA 5254, Australia



Sunday 15th of September 2024: (MBDC/AC)

Meadows 0730hrs to 1330hrs

A 7 Nicol Rd, Meadows, SA 5201, Australia

B 8 Mount Ephraim Rd, Meadows, SA 5157, Australia

C 12 Valley Rd, Prospect Hill, SA 5157, Australia

D 32 Bald Hill Rd, Bull Creek, SA 5157, Australia



Sunday 15th of September 2024: (MBDC/AC)

Bugle Ranges 0800hrs to 1400hrs

A 222 Stamps Rd, Flaxley, SA 5153, Australia

B 246 Stamps Rd, Flaxley, SA 5153, Australia

C 281 Bonython Rd, Bugle Ranges, SA 5251, Australia

D 704 Bugle Range Rd, Bugle Ranges, SA 5251, Australia

E 598 Bugle Range Rd, Bugle Ranges, SA 5251, Australia

F Bugle Range Rd, Macclesfield, SA 5251, Australia

G 416 Bugle Range Rd, Macclesfield, SA 5153, Australia

H 368 Bugle Range Rd, Macclesfield, SA 5251, Australia



12.7 REPORT TITLE: ADELAIDE HILLS REGION WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY FINAL STRATEGIC PLAN 2024-34 FOR APPROVAL

DATE OF MEETING: 1 JULY 2024

FILE NUMBER: DOC/24/78905

ATTACHMENTS: 1. DOC/24/78896 – AHRWMA STRATEGIC PLAN 2024-34 LETTER FROM THE CHAIR TO MBDC
2. DOC/24/78889 – AHRWMA STRATEGIC PLAN 2024-34

Key Contact Alex Oulianoff, General Manager Corporate Services

Executive Andrew Stuart, CEO

Community Plan 2020-2035:
Ecological Sustainability
ES Goal 2 Waste reduction is the priority objective followed by reuse, repurpose and recycling

Annual Business Plan:
N/A

Purpose:
To provide the final endorsed Adelaide Hills Region Waste Management Authority (AHRWMA) Strategic Plan 2024-34 to Council for endorsement.

Summary – Key Issues:
1. This comprehensive 10 year plan sets out the AHRWMA vision, objectives, and strategies for the next decade
2. Developed through consultation and collaboration with stakeholders, including Council representatives, the AHRWMA Board and Audit & Risk Committee
3. This Strategic Plan recognises AHRWMA as a provider of services, leadership and education in the field of waste and resource management

Recommendation:

That Council:
Endorse the AHRWMA Strategic Plan 2024-34 as shown in Attachment 2

Background:

1. The AHRWMA is a Local Government Regional Subsidiary of the Rural City of Murray Bridge, the Adelaide Hills Council, the Mount Barker District Council and the Alexandrina Council.
2. The AHRWMA operates the Brinkley landfill to receive waste from its member Councils and commercial Customers in the region.
3. Continued change in the waste and resource recovery landscape provides AHRWMA the opportunity to respond and reshape its services to maximise the benefits for Constituent Councils.
4. The Strategy was developed by the AHRWMA with board members and proxies participating in a strategy day.
5. AHRWMA Executive presented / workshopped the plan with each constituent member Council membership.
6. Mount Barker District Council provided feedback on the draft plan. This final draft has been endorsed by the AHRWMA Board for each constituent member Council's endorsement.

Discussion:

7. AHRWMA are recognised as a provider of services, leadership and education in the field of waste and resource management
8. There are changing priorities around waste and heightened attention on the environment.
9. This Strategic Plan considers the imperative to reduce waste into the future, focus on building a circular economy and the implication of changing compliance measures.
10. AHRWMA recognises that well planned and considered landfills will continue to be important assets in the short to medium term, however they aim to divert as much waste away from landfill as possible.
11. AHRWMA have successfully delivered numerous projects including but not limited to a joint kerbside tender, Resource Recovery Centre Management, Community education across the Councils etc.
12. The AHRWMA Strategic Plan 2024-2034 includes 4 goal areas, these being:
    a. Best Practice
    b. Collaborate
    c. Empowered Community
    d. Good Governance.
13. The Strategic Plan includes ambitious targets which will require constituent member Councils working collaboratively to achieve them in the medium to long term.
14. The AHRWMA will develop a reporting mechanism to ensure that reporting on the achievement of the targets for each Council individually and collectively can be prepared on a regular basis.

Community Engagement:

Informing only	Councils website and AHRWMA website

Policy:
N/A

Long Term Financial Plan:
Assumptions relevant to Council's LTFP have been included from the AHRWMA LTFP (Share in equity, operating result).

Budget:
Council share of the AHRWMA operating result is included within the assumptions of the Draft ABP and budget.

Statutory/Legal:
N/A

Staff Resource Requirements:
Within existing staff resources.

Environmental:
As per budget/community plan – no comment applicable to this report.

Social:
As per budget/community plan – no comment applicable to this report.

Risk Assessment:
As per budget/community plan – no comment applicable to this report.

Asset Management:
N/A

Conclusion:
The AHRWMA Strategic Plan 2024-2034 is a key strategic document for the Authority and each of its constituent member councils.

AHRWMA
Adelaide Hills Region Waste Management Authority
"Sustainable Waste Management Through Shared Services"

Andrew Stuart
Chief Executive Officer
Mount Barker District Council
PO Box 54
Mount Barker SA 5251

27 May 2024

Dear Andrew,

RE: AHRWMA Final Strategic Plan

I am pleased to present the Strategic Plan 2024-34 on behalf of the Adelaide Hills Region Waste Management Authority (AHRWMA) Board. This comprehensive, ten-year plan sets out the Authority's vision, objectives, and strategies for the next decade, aligning our collective efforts to advance sustainable waste & resource management practices across our Constituent Councils.

The Strategic Plan 2024-34 has been developed through consultation and collaboration with stakeholders, including Council representatives, the AHRWMA Board and Audit & Risk Committee. It represents our commitment to prudent environmental stewardship, innovation, and operational excellence in waste and resource management.

We have completed a consultation process across the Member Councils and thank you for your feedback. We recognise that the stretch goals, outlined in the plan, are ambitious targets that go beyond the standard expectations and current capabilities. These goals are designed to challenge the status quo, drive innovation, and inspire exceptional performance together. The Authority is pleased to partner with Constituent Councils in this journey, to make these targets become a reality.

The Board has now endorsed the final Strategic Plan and I forward it to Council for approval.

We now plan on holding an all-member council event involving the Board, Audit Committee and staff involved in waste, to consider how we will work together to achieve our targets and lead the way in waste and resources. The aim is to also introduce a monitoring protocol and reporting mechanisms to notify all Member Councils of progress against the plan individually and collectively.

We look forward to receiving Councils' final approval of this plan, in accordance with the AHRWMA Charter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or the AHRWMA Executive Officer, Leah Maxwell, if you have any questions or require further information.

Yours sincerely,

Adrian Skull

Chair, AHRWMA Board

Attachment 2 to Item 12.7



2024-34
STRATEGIC PLAN





Adelaide Hills COUNCIL

ALEXANDRINA

MOUNT BARKER DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Rural City of MURRAY BRIDGE
Bridge to Opportunity

AHRWMA
ADELAIDE HILLS REGION WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY



SUSTAINABLE WASTE MANAGEMENT THROUGH SHARED SERVICES

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1 FOREWORD

I am pleased to present the Adelaide Hills Region Waste Management Authority's (AHRWMA) Strategic Plan – a shared Vision for 2034. The Plan details our aspirations for the next ten years which will see us work collaboratively for the benefit of our environment and our community.

Continued change in the waste and resource recovery landscape provides AHRWMA the opportunity to respond and reshape its services to maximise the benefits for Constituent Councils.

This Strategic Plan recognises AHRWMA as a provider of services, leadership and education in the field of waste and resource management. It has been developed in a time of changing priorities around waste and heightened attention on the environment. It considers the imperative to reduce waste into the future, focus on building a circular economy and the implication of changing compliance measures.

In addition to providing landfilling services, AHRWMA has successfully delivered numerous projects over recent years including:

- A joint kerbside tender
- Resource Recovery Centre management
- Community education across the Councils
- FOGO implementation across the Councils
- Closed landfill management
- Resource recovery (C&D, polystyrene, green organics management and processing)
- A community chemical drop off facility
- A cost effective and compliant landfill
- Bulk waste transport services

We recognise that well planned and considered landfills will continue to be important assets in the short to medium term, however we aim to divert as much waste away from landfill as possible.

AHRWMA will continue to define itself as more than a landfill operator and become a holistic waste and resources management entity.



We hope to see reduced waste to our landfill facility, which we recognise may result in reduced economies of scale and an increased cost per tonne for waste disposal. However, it will also enable increased landfill airspace, potential for additional resource streams or technologies and a change of direction for AHRWMA to embrace.

We are transforming our waste management facilities into circular economy precincts. We will achieve this if we work together with a shared vision. We will divert and repurpose waste and create products for our Constituent Councils and communities to use.

This Strategic Plan has been prepared in consultation with our Board, Audit & Risk Committee & Constituent Council Representatives.

ADRIAN SKULL
Independent Chairperson





2 OUR VISION FOR OUR FUTURE

2024 WHERE ARE WE NOW?

- We are providing a cost-effective service to Constituent Councils at the landfill and achieving an annual surplus.
- We are managing efficient and effective Resource Recovery Centres directly for two of our Constituent Councils, running at a small annual deficit.
- We are achieving a 70% diversion rate at the AHRWMA operated Resource Recovery Centres.
- We are diverting 17% of all materials received at the landfill.
- Our Constituent Councils are achieving an average diversion rate of 52% at the kerbside.
- We are commencing a regional education program.

2034 WHERE WILL WE BE?

- We are leaders in the State – our group of Councils are working together on the same mission to do great things for our community.
- The Brinkley Facility is a best practice Circular Economy Community Hub, including a community education facility, compliant model landfill, promotes regenerative biodiversity, generates clean energy through LFG flares and solar array and facilitates academic research into best practice in phytocapping of historic landfill cells and recovery of wastewater.
- AHRWMA Operated facilities have transitioned into Circular Economy Community Hub(s).
- Resource Recovery Centres will be managed by AHRWMA under a shared model, achieving a break even or surplus financial result.
- Our community is empowered through our regional education program to take positive action to contribute their part in separating waste streams and recognise the value to the South Australian economy of recoverable materials.
- Our staff are motivated and proud to work at our best practice and safe regional subsidiary. Our HR practices are recognised as valuing diversity, mentorship and local employment.
- We provide a cost-effective adaptable and versatile service for our members.
- We are an adaptable and responsive regional subsidiary that is in touch with our members and customers needs.
- We are:
  - Managing our members kerbside collection services and contracts,
  - Working together, including tendering for waste services collectively, achieving economies of scale and positive outcomes for our community,
  - Educating the community,
  - Providing closed landfill management expertise,
  - Seeking out, sharing and developing best practice initiatives with our members,
  - Managing our Constituent Council's waste and resource policies and plans,
  - Representing our Constituent Councils on all waste and resource matters with full support to undertake this role.
- We are achieving a 90% diversion rate at the Resource Recovery Centres.
- We are diverting 40% of all materials received at the landfill.
- Our Constituent Councils are achieving an average diversion rate of 70% at the kerbside.



3 ABOUT AHRWMA

The Adelaide Hills Region Waste Management Authority (AHRWMA) is a Local Government Regional Subsidiary coordinating waste management and recycling on behalf of its Constituent Councils.

Our Constituent Councils comprise:

- Adelaide Hills Council
- Alexandrina Council
- Mount Barker District Council
- Rural City of Murray Bridge

AHRWMA receives and processes waste material at its facilities. We promote a cleaner and healthier environment by increasing recycling options and reducing waste going to landfill.



Figure 1: Constituent Councils serviced by AHRWMA.

5048.7 SQUARE KMS

26.7 PEOPLE PER SQUARE KM

POPULATION
134,841



IN 2022/23

Managing difficult waste streams and driving a circular economy

Diverted, Recovered & Reprocessed	
300 tonnes	of cardboard
848 tonnes	of metal & batteries
109 tonnes	of mattresses
12 tonnes	of tyres
19 tonnes	of polystyrene & hard plastics
72 tonnes	of E-waste
0.45 tonnes	of x-rays

Over 6,000 tonnes

OF GREEN ORGANICS PROCESSED IN TO MULCH AND COMPOST

Over 9,900 tonnes

OF C&D & SOILS DIVERTED FROM LANDFILL

SAFELY DISPOSED

48 tonnes

OF CHEMICALS

4 OUR DRIVERS

The waste and resource management industry is continuously evolving. It is shaped by many factors including international, national and state strategies and legislation. Continued change in the waste and resource recovery landscape provides AHRWMA the opportunity to respond and reshape its services to maximise the benefits for Constituent Councils.

CIRCULAR ECONOMY

The principles of the waste hierarchy and circular economy are key drivers for AHRWMA.

A Circular Economy is a self-sustaining system driven by renewable energy which keeps materials and resources at their highest value for as long as possible. Moving away from a linear 'take, make, use & dispose' wasteful economy to a Circular Economy can deliver significant job creation and greenhouse gas reduction benefits for South Australia.

Transitioning to a circular economy is a national and state priority. Driving the transition to a circular economy is a significant opportunity for AHRWMA.

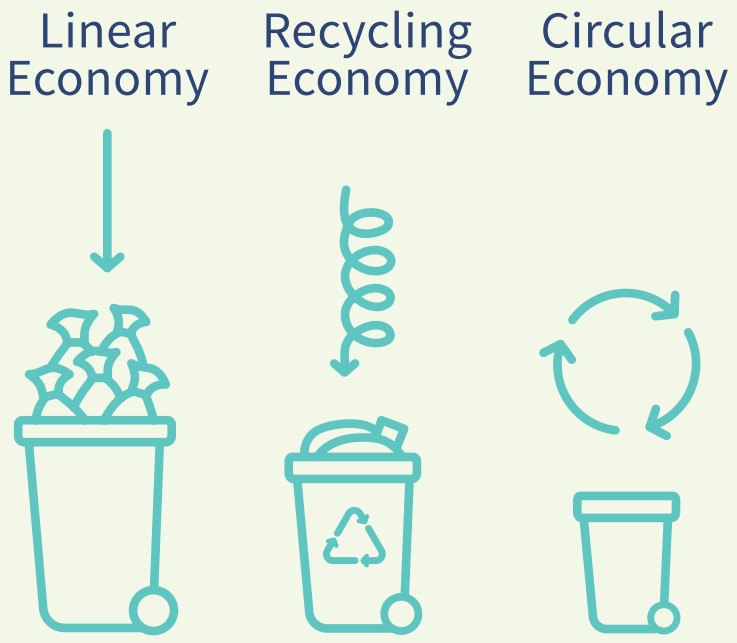


Figure 2: Comparison of Linear, Recycling and Circular economies. (Referenced: longevity-partners.com/our-expertise/sustainable-design/circular-economy/ on 31.10.23)

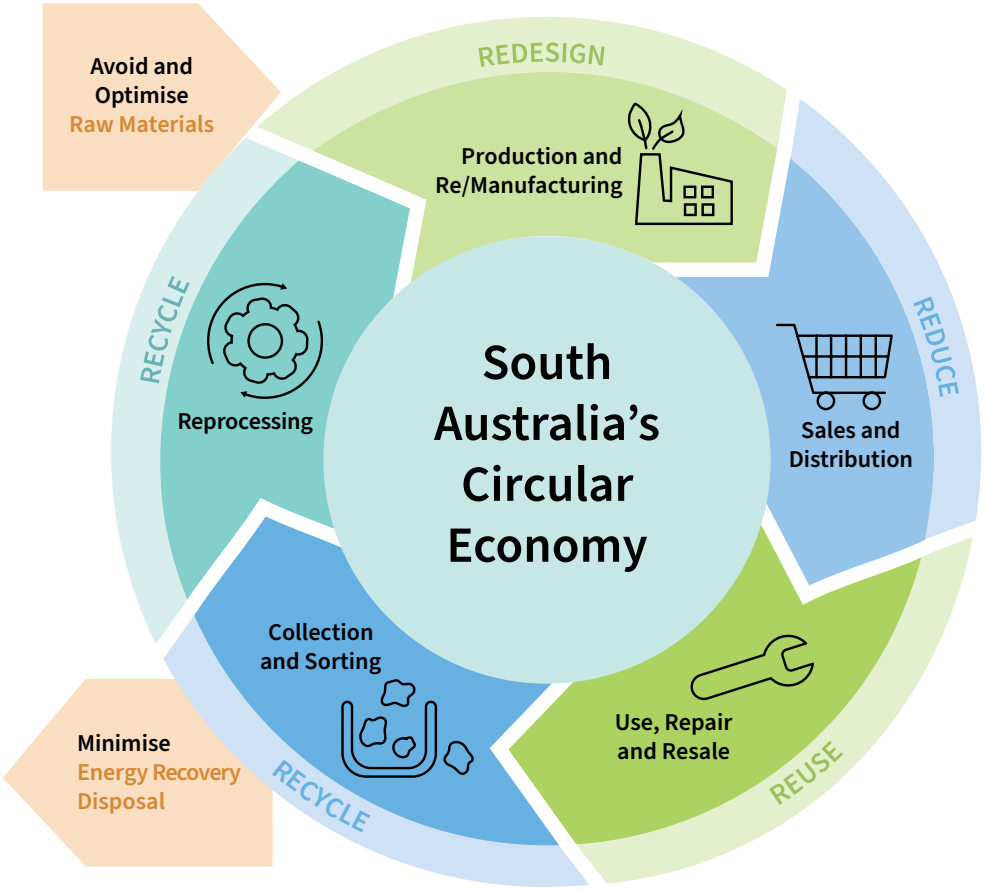


Figure 3:
South Australia's Circular Economy. (Referenced: www.greenindustries.sa.gov.au/driving-the-circular-economy 31.10.23)

We will continue to explore waste and recycling services for Constituent Councils that align with actions as high as possible on the Waste Management Hierarchy to keep avoidable material out of the Brinkley landfill (Figure 4).

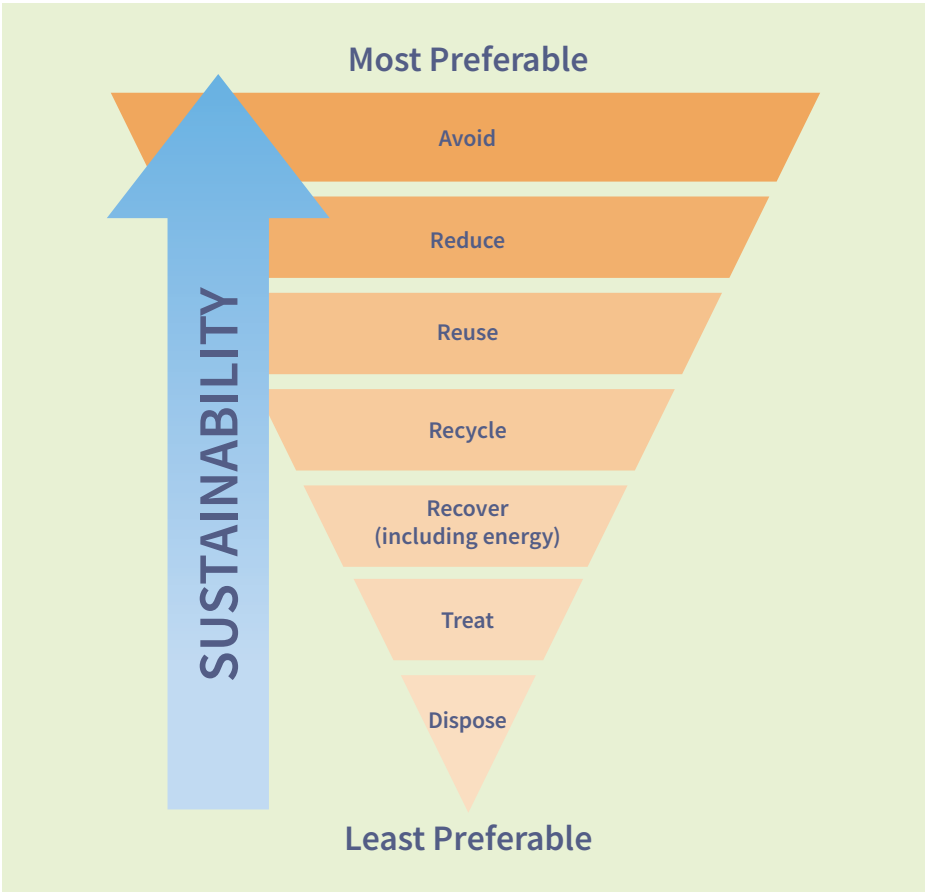


Figure 4:
The Waste Management Hierarchy (Referenced: www.epa.sa.gov.au/environmental_info/waste_recycling 31.10.23)

5 GOVERNANCE

AHRWMA operates in accordance with its Charter, Long Term (10 year) Financial Plan, Asset Management Plan, Annual Business Plan and Budget.

Its activities are guided by this Strategic plan which is developed in line with Clause 4 of the Charter, where AHRWMA must:

- Prepare, and adopt a ten-year Strategic Plan for the conduct of its business which will identify the Authority's objectives over the period of the Strategic Plan and the principal activities that the Authority intends to undertake to achieve its objectives.
- Submit the Strategic Plan to the Constituent Councils for their approval.
- In consultation with the Constituent Councils, review the Strategic Plan at least once in every four years. In preparing and when reviewing the Strategic Plan, the Board must at a minimum have regard to the following:
  - any State government agency waste plan then in force in relation to the area of a Constituent Council and any proposed changes to such plan;
  - any initiatives proposed by the Commonwealth of Australia or the State Government which may impact upon or affect proper waste management in the area;
  - any plan or policy of a Constituent Council for waste management then in force and any proposed changes to such plan or policy;
  - the current strategic management plans of each Constituent Council; and
  - the current annual business plan and budget of each Constituent Council.





STRATEGIC CONTEXT

INTERNATIONAL

There is global recognition of the role that the waste and resource industry can play in reaching shared goals for reducing consumption of virgin materials and carbon emissions. The following documents influence AHRWMA's actions:

- **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals** [1]
- **Montreal Protocol** [2]
- **European Commission Circular Economy Action Plan** [3]
- **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change** [4]
- **Basel Convention** [5]

NATIONAL

The Australian Federal Government is guided by international publications. Federal legislation in turn influences both State and Local Government policy.

- **National Waste Policy and Action Plan** [6]
- ***Product Stewardship Act 2011*** [7]
- **Extended Producer Responsibility schemes** [8]
- ***Recycling and Waste Reduction Act 2020*** [9]
- **National Food Waste Strategy** [10]

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STATE

AHRWMA aspires to be a leader in South Australia in the waste and resource recovery industry. As such, AHRWMA responds to State government bodies guiding sustainable industry and environmental protection.

Green Industries SA Act 2004[11]

The guiding principles of the Act include:

- Waste management hierarchy (refer Figure 4).
- The circular economy (refer Figure 2 and 3).
- Ecologically sustainable development.
- Best practice methods and standards.
- Policy development through open dialogue and consultation.
- No further development of landfills servicing metropolitan Adelaide.
- Source separation of waste.

Environment Protection Act 1993[12]

The objects of the Act include:

- Promotion of the principles of ecologically sustainable development.
- Protection, restoration and enhancement of the environment.
- Regulation of waste management.
- Promotion of the waste management hierarchy and a strong market for recovered resources.

Environment Protection (Waste to Resources) Policy 2010[13]

Key features of the policy include:

- Sustainable waste management.
- Resource recovery processing requirements for most metropolitan Adelaide waste.
- Landfill bans.
- Illegal dumping offences.

Supporting the Circular Economy – South Australia's Waste Strategy 2020-2025[14]

South Australia's Waste Strategy 2020-2025 outlines actions that can contribute to the development of a circular economy in South Australia.

The State Waste Strategy Targets include:

- Zero avoidable waste to landfill by 2030.
- Metropolitan municipal solid waste 75% diversion.
- Regionally appropriate and progressive waste diversion targets to be set for regional areas.
- Commercial and industrial waste 90% diversion.
- Construction and demolition waste 95% diversion.

Regional Waste Management Plans

Regional Waste Management Plans are in place for all South Australian regional local government areas and/or regional city clusters by 2023 and set regionally appropriate and progressive waste diversion targets.

Priorities for action described in the Strategy are:

- Transitioning to a circular economy.
- Market development.
- Infrastructure capability and capacity.
- Food waste.
- Plastics and packaging.

Additional reference documents include:

Beverage Container Act 1975

Plastic Shopping Bags (Waste Avoidance) Act 2008

Single-use and Other Plastic Products (Waste Avoidance) Act 2020

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OUR COUNCILS ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO DO GREAT THINGS FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

OUR CONSTITUENT COUNCILS

AHRWMA strives to support its Constituent Councils to meet their goals relating to waste management and resource recovery. We recognise that our Council's populations are growing. The Mount Barker Council in particular has been experiencing significant population growth and urban development in recent years, with population expected to increase from 33,000 to 55,000 by 2036. Murray Bridge has been identified as a satellite city location, within the Greater Adelaide Region Discussion Paper and Alexandrina Council is also earmarked to experience growth into the future. The growth within our region brings with it opportunities and challenges in relation to waste and resource management and the Authority aims to position itself to support our Constituent Councils and meet future demands.

MOUNT BARKER DISTRICT COUNCIL

Strategic Plan 2035

- Limit and reduce carbon and other greenhouse gas emissions in capital investment projects and operational practices.
- Promote, practice and enable best practice waste minimisation, waste reduction and recycling systems.
- Increase recycling rates.

Waste to Resources Management Plan

- Reduce waste to landfill by 20% per capita.
- Provide resource efficient and sustainable waste management services, facilities and programs that help to reduce the ecological footprint of Council and the Mount Barker district community.
- Improve community understanding and engagement on waste reduction and recycling.
- Plan for the future needs of the district.





THE RURAL CITY OF MURRAY BRIDGE

Strategic Plan 2020—2024

- The environment is protected to retain its natural beauty and diversity; impacts are minimised protecting and preserving for future generations to access and enjoy.
- Waste is managed through a variety of programs that encourage waste reduction, redirection and reuse of recycled materials.

The Rural City of Murray Bridge Waste Management Strategy

Council seeks to use the most effective waste management technologies and methods available while also striving to protect environmental and public health.

The overall targets and objectives;

- Establish the Brinkley Transfer Station as a key resource recovery facility.
- Comply with the Environment Protection Act.
- Comply with EPA's Waste to Resources Policy, with a particular focus on landfill bans.
- Investigate and implement options as they become available to increase recycling and reduce waste to landfill.
- Investigate options to improve efficiency of waste contracts into the future.
- Implement a waste policy to ensure services are being managed accordingly, with an aim to improve efficiency of those services and reduce cost to Council.
- Utilise the services of AHRWMA as and when available to improve efficiencies by achieving economies of scale and collaborate regionally.
- Participate in programs and obtain funding as and when available to offer residents improved and/or additional services.
- Assist to meet ZWSA's Resource Recovery targets – reduce waste to landfill by 35% by 2020, divert 70% of municipal solid waste from landfill, divert 75% of commercial and industrial waste from landfill, and divert 90% of construction and demolition waste from landfill.
- Educate the regional community on responsible waste choices that enhance and maintain their environment.
- Explore new markets for clean technology in waste management Aim for zero waste – recycling, reusing and reducing consumption whenever possible.
- Follow the principles of the waste management hierarchy with a focus on avoiding and reducing waste.
- Manage waste as a resource to achieve better environmental, social and economic outcomes.
- Meet community expectations.

ALEXANDRINA COUNCIL

Strategic Plan - Alexandrina 2040

Key Action: Environmental Innovation.

- It is clear that we can go well beyond the management of waste, water and energy and extend to circular resource systems, regenerative farming, aquaculture and nature-based recreation and ecotourism.
- We want to be a community that reuses our resources in a circular nature. We will innovate and transform our community and region to enable it to take advantage of the benefits of a circular economy. Central to this is learning from and educating communities and partners on the benefits of consuming less and reusing more. Council can lead by example through the delivery of 'plastic free' community events and the creation of policies and guides for plastic free private events and destinations across the Fleurieu. We can also commit to low-waste procurement policies and contracts that support the circular economy. There may be opportunities to make use of all our organic waste within the region. It is also worth considering better ways to process, reuse and recycle resources, and use mulch and upcycled plastics in infrastructure projects and everyday Council operations.
- Research that underpins Environmental Innovation will help us to identify opportunities to better understand the district's waste profile, decouple carbon emissions from economic growth (by better understanding our community and corporate carbon profile), explore circular economy market development initiatives (in partnership with government and the region), and encourage new industries to emerge.
- Contribute to the development of a long-term approach to waste management on the Fleurieu Peninsula.
- In partnership with FWRA increase the diversion of all Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) from landfill by 75%.





ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL

Strategic plan 2020-24

- Reduce the impact of waste to landfill by maintaining a robust waste and resource management framework.
- Assist our community to reduce the impact of waste to landfill on the environment.

Waste and recycling priorities listed within the Strategic Plan

- Support residents so they avoid, reduce and reuse, in order to minimise the impact on the environment and rates.
- Work with partners to analyse the benefits and feasibility of introducing a fee incentive to property owners to produce less waste in relation to the kerbside bin service.
- Explore more Green Organics options to achieve improved environmental and financial outcomes.
- Provide specific education to the community to increase their level of food scrap recycling.
- Implement new or improved waste service opportunities whilst continuing to provide ongoing resource recovery and waste service to our community.
- Encourage and educate the community to help minimise the generation of household waste by advocating the principles of the Waste Management Hierarchy to avoid, reduce and reuse.
- Support and assist the community to prevent valuable resources going to landfill and reduce contamination in kerbside recycling bins.
- The Adelaide Hills Council recognises AHRWMA among its regional subsidiaries which assist Council in its strategic planning and service delivery activities.

Adelaide Hills Council Resource Recovery and Recycling Strategy Edition 1

This Strategy builds on the Council's Waste and Resources Management Strategy 2016-2021.

The principal purpose of this Resource Recovery and Recycling Strategy (the Strategy) is to:

- Increase the amount of recycling material placed in the kerbside yellow and green bin from material currently going to landfill.
- Educate the community on the Waste Management Hierarchy to minimise the generation of waste and recycling material in the first instance followed by appropriate recycling practices.
- Practice and promote circular economy principles.

6 AHRWMA'S VISION, MISSION AND PURPOSE

OUR VISION

To work together with our Constituent Councils to provide cost effective, progressive, and best practice waste and resource management services across our region.

OUR MISSION

To provide leadership and management services to deliver best practice waste and resource management solutions for the communities within our region.

OUR PURPOSE

To facilitate, co-ordinate and provide waste and resource management services, including waste collection, treatment, disposal and recycling within the Region.


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7 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY

We encourage the reduction of waste to landfill and maximise diversion.

We lead the shift towards a circular economy.

We meet environmental compliance requirements in our operations.

COLLABORATION AND COMMUNITY

We are in touch with our Constituent Councils and community needs and provide value adding services.

We empower our communities with a strong education program targeting positive behaviour change.

COST EFFECTIVENESS AND FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

We provide value for money waste and resource management solutions through economies of scale and shared services.

We ensure financial sustainability by charging adequate fees for service.

BEST PRACTICE AND INNOVATION

We actively seek out best practice in the industry and bring it back to our region.

We are agile and responsive to industry changes, innovation, and new technology.

We advocate for positive change throughout the entire waste management process.





8 OUR STRATEGY



GOAL 1 BEST PRACTICE

We aim to establish our facilities as best practice community hubs for waste and resource management across the Region with circular economy, waste diversion and local employment at the forefront.

We will consider new and emerging technology that may benefit Constituent Councils and achieve our common goals to increase diversion rates, reduce waste to landfill and reduce our ecological footprint, while balancing costs for service provision. We will advise and encourage our Constituent Councils to implement best practice systems and services, where appropriate.

STRATEGIES

- **Investigate and implement:**
  - A bulk up facility at Brinkley or a central locale to increase transport efficiencies.
  - Circular economy programs and projects that increase resource recovery and create community benefit.
  - Best practice model for managing concrete and demolition material across the region.
  - Emerging waste processing technologies, such as advanced recycling methods, waste to energy processes, and smart waste monitoring systems.
- **Explore optimal ownership, management and operational models for all sites, including the Resource Recovery Centre network throughout the region including:**
  - Fee for service models.
  - Public Private partnerships.
  - Land tenure.
- **Continually monitor advances in the latest developments in waste management nationally and internationally and share this information with stakeholders. Adopt and implement viable options.**
- **Evaluate kerbside service models and consider best practice options for Constituent Councils to minimise waste to landfill.**
- **Prioritise projects that minimise carbon emissions and assist Constituent Councils to meet emissions reductions targets.**



PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- Increase diversion at the Resource Recovery Centres by 20% by 2033.
- Increase material recovered from landfill to 40% by 2033.
- Increase diversion rates across the Constituent Council's kerbside services to 70% by 2033.
- Complete a feasibility study to establish a strategic regional facility.
- Regional hubs and facilities are co-located at AHRWMA sites, which facilitates our circular economy goals.
- Measure emissions and set an emissions reduction target.
- Projects that reduce emissions are implemented.



GOAL 2 COLLABORATE

AHRWMA will maximise engagement and leadership across the region. We will coordinate and communicate with our Constituent Councils and beyond to meet the needs of our stakeholders in all areas of waste and resource management.

STRATEGIES

- **Represent Constituent Councils, the region and Local Government, on waste management issues to all stakeholders.**
- **Maximise our presence across Constituent Councils and within the waste and Local Government sectors.**
- **Implement projects that engage and connect with Constituent Councils and other stakeholders across the region.**
- **Support Constituent Councils to utilise the AHRWMA and the services we offer and collaborate regionally to achieve economies of scale.**
- **Foster a regional approach between Constituent councils wherever possible and beneficial and work across boarders when opportunities arise.**
- **Provide expert advice and information to our Constituent Councils regarding waste and resource management.**
- **Pursue considered opportunities to expand the scope of input streams to the Brinkley Landfill and identify alternative revenue streams.**
- **Communicate and collaborate with other Regional Waste Subsidiaries, private partners and local government where there is benefit for our Constituent Councils.**
- **Increase our service offerings which enhance our utility to Constituent Councils.**
- **Provide a coordinated role in disaster waste management which ensures environmental compliance and supports health and wellbeing.**



PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- Facilitate individual annual meetings and collective biannual meetings with Constituent Council CEOs.
- Deliver annual presentations to Constituent Council Elected Members.
- Host annual meetings with neighbouring Local Government Council representatives and major commercial customers.
- Manage all aspects of waste for our Constituent Councils.
- Attend regional meetings, waste industry meetings and represent constituent Councils in all relevant forums, with Councils support.
- Increase and diversify our service provision to all customers.
- Increase the volume of resources received from non-Constituent Councils.
- Review options for additional Constituent Council membership.
- Facilitate quarterly regional knowledge sharing forums.



GOAL 3 EMPOWERED COMMUNITY

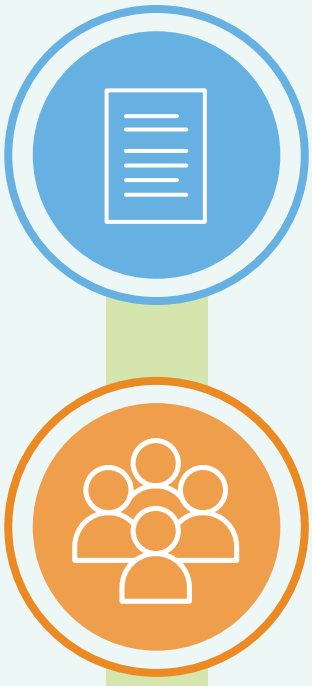
AHRWMA will take a leading role in planning and implementing community engagement and education strategies across the region. This will reinforce effective behaviours relating to waste management and strengthen positive attitudes towards Constituent Council, State and Federal waste management and resource recovery actions.

STRATEGIES

- **Develop and deliver on a regional education plan and program.**
- **Collaborate with stakeholders to implement education services across the region.**
- **Connect with community groups that align with the values of the Authority.**
- **Recognise community and business efforts with an annual award.**

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- Implement a wide-reaching regional education program in collaboration with Constituent Councils, other stakeholders such as GISA, collection partners and other subsidiaries.
- Deliver a commercial education program to increase source separation and recovery of C&D waste.
- Support community groups by providing information on resource recovery and waste management.
- Award a community group and business annually for efforts relating to resource recovery and the circular economy.



GOAL 4 GOOD GOVERNANCE

STRATEGIES

- **Continue to implement and improve WHS and governance programs.**
- **Operate a compliant and well-planned landfill.**
- **Ensure sound financial management.**



PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- Achieve best practice hazard reporting.
- Achieve no lost time injuries.
- Ensure landfill cell management, capping and closure and landfilling airspace is planned as a minimum 7 years ahead.
- Complete Brinkley site master plan by 2025.
- Achieve a landfill compaction target of 0.8 tonnes per cubic metre.
- Ensure financial planning considers future liabilities and services are costed effectively. In additional to annual budget setting processes and LTFP reviews;
  - Detailed liability reviews undertaken at least every five years.
  - Input models and tonnage planning reviews undertaken at least every 3 years.
- Review the Authority's Charter, plans, policies and documents in accordance with required timelines.
- Implement an adequate records management system, which achieves a fit for purpose standard.

SUMMARY OF GOALS, STRATEGIES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

	Strategies	Performance Indicator	Timeframe
GOAL 1: Best Practice	Investigate and implement a bulk up facility at Brinkley or a central locale to increase transport efficiencies.	Complete a feasibility study to establish a strategic regional facility.	2026
	Explore optimal ownership, management and operational models for all sites, including the Resource Recovery Centre network throughout the region including: • Fee for service models • Public Private partnerships • Land tenure.	Regional hubs and facilities are co-located at AHRWMA sites, which facilitates our circular economy goals.	2027
	Investigate and implement: • Circular economy programs and projects that increase resource recovery and create community benefit. • Best practice model for managing concrete and demolition material across the region. • Emerging waste processing technologies, such as advanced recycling methods, waste to energy processes, and smart waste monitoring systems.	Increase diversion at the Resource Recovery Centres by 20%. Increase material recovered from landfill to 40%.	2033
	Continually monitor advances in the latest developments in waste management nationally and internationally and share this information with stakeholders. Adopt and implement viable options. Evaluate kerbside service models and consider best practice options for Constituent Councils to minimise waste to landfill.	Increase diversion rates across the Constituent Council's kerbside services to 70%.	
	Prioritise projects that minimise carbon emissions and assist Constituent Councils to meet emissions reductions targets.	Measure emissions and set an emissions reduction target Projects that reduce emissions implemented.	2026 2026 ongoing
GOAL 2: Collaborate	Represent Constituent Councils, the region and Local Government, on waste management issues to all stakeholders. Maximise our presence across Constituent Councils and within the waste and Local Government sectors. Implement projects that engage and connect with Constituent Councils and other stakeholders across the region. Support Constituent Councils to utilise the AHRWMA and the services we offer and collaborate regionally to achieve economies of scale. Foster a regional approach between Constituent councils wherever possible and beneficial and work across boarders when opportunities arise. Provide expert advice and information to our Constituent Councils regarding waste and resource management. Increase our service offerings in order to enhance our utility to Constituent Councils. Provide a coordinated role in disaster waste management which ensures environmental compliance and supports health and wellbeing.	Facilitate individual annual meetings and collective biannual meetings with Constituent Council CEOs Deliver annual presentations to Constituent Council Elected Members Facilitate quarterly regional knowledge sharing forums. Manage all aspects of waste for our Constituent Councils Attend regional meetings, waste industry meetings and represent constituent Councils in all relevant forums, with Councils support. Increase and diversify our service provision to all customers.	2024 ongoing 2034 2024 ongoing 2034
	Communicate and collaborate with other Regional Waste Subsidiaries, private partners and local government where there is benefit for our Constituent Councils. Pursue considered opportunities to expand the scope of input streams to the Brinkley Landfill and identify additional revenue streams.	Increase the volume of resources received from non-Constituent Councils. Review options for additional Constituent Council membership. Host annual meetings with neighbouring Local Government Council representatives and major commercial customers	2034 2026 2024 ongoing

	Strategies	Performance Indicator	Timeframe
Goal 3: Empowered Community	Develop and deliver on a regional education plan and program. Collaborate with stakeholders to implement education services across the region.	Implement a wide-reaching regional education program in collaboration with Constituent Councils, other stakeholders such as GISA, collection partners and other subsidiaries.	2025 ongoing
		Deliver a commercial education program to increase source separation and recovery of C&D waste.	2025 ongoing
	Connect with community groups that align with the values of the Authority.	Support community groups by providing information on resource recovery and waste management.	2025 ongoing
	Recognise community and business efforts with an annual award.	Implement an annual awards program for community groups and businesses for efforts relating to resource recovery and the circular economy.	2025 ongoing
Goal 4: Good Governance	Continue to implement and improve WHS and governance programs. Operate a compliant and well-planned landfill. Ensure sound financial management.	Achieve best practice hazard reporting.	2024 ongoing
		Achieve no lost time injuries.	
		Ensure landfill cell management, capping and closure and landfilling airspace is planned as a minimum 7 years ahead.	
		Complete Brinkley site master plan.	2025
		Achieve a landfill compaction target of 0.8 tonnes per cubic metre.	2024 ongoing
		Ensure financial planning considers future liabilities and services are costed effectively. In additional to annual budget setting processes and LTFP reviews; • Detailed liability reviews undertaken at least every five years • Input models and tonnage planning reviews undertaken at least every 3 years.	2024
		Review the Authority's Charter, plans, policies and documents in accordance with required timelines.	2024 ongoing
		Implement an adequate records management system, which achieves a fit for purpose standard.	2025







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ADELAIDE HILLS REGION WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

12.8 REPORT TITLE: COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE AT ST FRANCIS DE SALES COLLEGE - COMMUNITY USE

DATE OF MEETING: 1 JULY 2024

FILE NUMBER: DOC/24/71433

ATTACHMENTS: NIL

Key Contact Laura Morgan – Manager Property

Executive Alex Oulianoff – General Manager, Corporate Services

Community Plan 2020-2035:
Community Wellbeing
CW Goal 1 Activity and movement Physical and mental health and wellbeing is supported by opportunities to access parks and natural areas, quality open space and recreation and sporting facilities.

Annual Business Plan:
Community Wellbeing – Key Annual Objectives
- Improve property and facilities for community use.

Purpose:
To seek Council's support to appoint Alex Oulianoff – General Manager, Corporate Services as the Member, and Laura Morgan – Manager Property as the Proxy Member to the St Francis de Sales College Community Sports Centre Management Committee, and to report to Council community use and overall performance of the Community Sports Centre (CSC).

Summary – Key Issues:
1. Council is required to appoint a Member and Proxy Member of the Management Committee for the community sports centre due to a staff retirement.
2. It is proposed that Alex Oulianoff – General Manager, Corporate Services be appointed as the Member, and Laura Morgan – Manager Property be appointed as the Proxy Member.
3. Community Use of the CSC, has increased over the past few years, which can be attributed to the growth of enrolments at the college, and growth of residential population across the district.
4. However, with this growth, the spilt of community use remains on average to be approximately 60% of overall bookings.

Recommendation:

That Council:

1) **Appoint to the Management Committee of the St Francis de Sales College Community Sports Centre for the period of two years commencing on 1 August 2024:**
   a) **Mr Alex Oulianoff, General Manager, Corporate Services to be a Member; and**
   b) **Mrs Laura Morgan, Manager Property to be a Proxy Member.**

2) **Note the summary of community use at the Community Sports Centre as detailed at Table 1 and Table 2 of this report.**

Background:

1. St Francis de Sales Community Sports Centre (CSC) is a significant community recreational facility which Council has contributed to via an annual contribution over 5 years.

2. The CSC was designed to be a centre of excellence and a hub for competition basketball in the Mt Barker district within a school 'gymnasium' setting.

3. The previous Joint Use Agreement (JUA) with the Catholic Church Endowment Society (CCES) Inc (on behalf of St Francis de Sales College) dating back to 31 March 2011 and associated background information relating to ensuing years was articulated in a report to Council on 6 September 2021.

4. On 21 March 2016 Council resolved to enter into a partnering arrangement and funding agreement with the CCES/College to reflect a Council capital commitment to a new four court indoor gymnasium, suitable for community and elite level basketball and other indoor sports.

5. On 7 August 2017 Council resolved to contribute annually to asset renewal of the indoor sports facility to be built by the College commencing in year 6 and concluding when the new joint use agreement concludes.

6. The Sports Centre construction commenced in February 2018 and was completed in November 2018.

7. The official opening of the St Francis de Sales Community Sports Centre (CSC) occurred on 16 November 2018. Shortly thereafter, the Mavericks Basketball Club and Eastern Hills Basketball Association relocated from the Adelaide Hills Recreation Centre (AHRC) and took tenancies in December 2018.

8. A new Sports Centre Community Use Agreement (CUA) was executed by the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer on 14 June 2019.

9. Key elements of the CUA include:-
   a. supersedes previous agreements (viz JUA from 2011).
   b. annual Council capital contribution of $250,851 per annum over 5 years (total $1.254m).
   c. establishment of a Management Committee with two School representatives and one Council representative.
   d. defines hours of use for the School and the Community (for the Sports Centre) and reporting of the same.
   e. Council's asset renewal and resealing contributions based on the Community's pro-rata share of the Sports Centre payable from the 5th anniversary from commencement.
   f. The parties acknowledge the development of lighting facilities for the playing fields by the School but places no obligation on timing.
   g. The initial term is for 25 years.

10. The CUA is silent on external courts (tennis/netball) and the playing fields.

11. Council maintains the roadway adjacent the Environmental Services Centre that is utilised for southern access to the School site. Council and St Francis De Sales entered into an agreement in 2024 to jointly fund the sealing of the access road.

Discussion:

12. The College has employed a Sports Centre Manager on a part-time basis to manage the Sports Centre. They are responsible to provide usage reports to the Management Committee, which are generally programmed to occur at the beginning of a school term.

13. The CUA defines School Use and Community Use of the CSC. Community Use is defined as the combined total hours of both "General Community Use" and "Community Club Use", and requires that:
    a. at least 2 courts be available to Community Club Users during school hours (8.30 am to 3.30 pm) in the first 7 years, and that
    b. the College provide
       i. a quarterly report to the Management Committee on the hours of use by the community and the College, and an
       ii. annual report to Council that extends to include each of the sports played as well as the hours used by the community. This information is provided in the below tables.

14. It has been reported to the Management Committee that promoting Community Use and access has proven difficult due to issues related to child safety and community use supervision during school hours. However, community use during school holidays has been a popular choice with hirers.

15. A large portion of Community Use detailed in both Table 1 and Table 2 can be attributed to the following regular hirers of the courts:
    a. Eastern Hills Basketball Association,
    b. Eastern Mavericks District Basketball Club,
    c. SA Country Basketball,
    d. Basketball SA, and
    e. Walking Football.

16. The facility, including the hire of the function room has also been utilised by community for:
    a. Monthly Lions Club Meetings,
    b. Quiz nights,
    c. SA State Schools,
    d. Walking Netball,
    e. SAPSA Knockout Basketball, and
    f. SA Country commenced High Performance training after school with current St Francis students.

17. As regular users of the courts and facility, Eastern Mavericks ran a school holiday basketball clinic in April 2024 with over 50 young players attending over 3 days. Their club members also take up individual practice sessions during the “school day”. Further they are proactive in managing the Sports Centre Café to assist with their fund raising efforts that contributes to cover club overheads.

18. It is evident that both day time school usage and broader community usage has increase over the past few years, which can be attributed to the growth of enrolments at the school, and growth of residential population across the district. However, with this growth, the spilt of community use remains on average to be 60% of overall bookings.

19. The following table (Table 1) summarises Community Use on a calendar year basis for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and the first 6 months of 2024, and Table 2 summarises Community Use for the first 5 months of 2024.

Table 1 – Community Use calendar year comparison

	2019	2020 #	2021	2022	2023	2024 (YTD)
School Use (hours)	2,393	1,455	2,522	2,918	3,235	1891
Community Use (hours)	3,912	2,126	3,875	4,402	4,333	2284
TOTAL (hours)	6,305	3,581	6,397	7,320	7,568	4175
% Community Use	62%	59%	61%	60%	58%	55%

hours impacted by Covid-19 related closures.

Table 2 – Community Use 2024 monthly comparison

	Jan 2024			**Feb 2024**			**March 2024**			**April**			**May 2024**		
	Used hrs	Available (Hrs)	%	Used hrs	Available (Hrs)	%	Used hrs	Available (Hrs)	%	Used hrs	Available (Hrs)	%	Used hrs	Available (Hrs)	%
School Use 9am-3pm	0	0	0	426.3	504	85%	381.3	456	84%	237.5	480	49%	456.3	552	83%
Community Use 9am-3pm	0	0	0	41	504	8%	42	456	9%	76	480	16%	42	552	8%
Community Use 5pm-10pm	0	0	0	363.5	420	87%	211	380	56%	77.5	400	19%	337.5	460	73%
Community Use Weekends 8am-8pm	0	0	0	173	384	45%	134	480	28%	140	384	36%	121.5	384	32%

20. Council has now paid all five of its required capital contribution payments towards the design and construction of the facility, totalling $1,254,255.

21. Cleaning and maintenance of the facility is the responsibility of the College under the CUA.

22. Council's Asset Renewal Contribution is determined by a formula based on cumulative community use from commencement and applies from years 6 (current year) through to 31.

23. For years 6 to 10 (14 June 2025 – 13 June 2030), it is expected that the annual amount will be approximately $10k per year, indexed as at each anniversary date.

24. As this is a 31 year agreement, the annual asset renewal expenditure required to maintain the facility varies across the life of the agreement. For example, Council's contribution for years 11 to 15 is currently estimated to be approximately $60k per year, indexed as at each anniversary date.

25. The CUA also requires Council to pay annually a floor resealing contribution from year five onwards, again based on the percentage of community use from commencement date.

Management Committee

26. Pursuant to the CUA a Management Committee of school and Council staff is in place to provide advice to the College Principal. At the moment it is Mr Alex Oulianoff, General Manager, Corporate Services and dependant on Councils decision it will be Mrs Laura Morgan, Property Manager as his Proxy Member.

27. The CUA Management Committee Objectives and Responsibilities are to provide advice to the School Principal in relation to (but not limited to) the following:-
    - the best way to promote, operate, use and manage the Sports Centre;
    - required expenditure on asset renewal throughout the Term;
    - maximising the use of the Sports Centre by Community Users and the School;
    - business planning for the Sports Centre
    - promotion and marketing of the Sports Centre;
    - performance monitoring and review of the Sports Centre's operation, use and management;
    - consideration and determination of Determined Rate (ie hire fee); and
    - such other issues and matters as the Management Committee regards to be appropriate in the context of the Agreement.

28. This would continue to provide a connection to the current oversight roles provided the Property Team of the management of the Adelaide Hills Recreation Centre and other sport and recreational facilities.

Community Engagement:

Informing only	Promotion of the sports centre for community use will continue to occur.

Policy:
Strategic Partnerships Policy.

Long Term Financial Plan:
Not as a result of this report

Budget:

- Refer DOC/23/81909
- For years 6 to 10 (14 June 2025 – 13 June 2030), it is expected that the annual Asset Renewal Contribution amount will be approximately $10k per year, indexed as at each anniversary date.

Statutory/Legal:

Community Use Agreement as executed on 14 June 2019.

Staff Resource Requirements:

The implementation of the recommendations can be accommodated within existing staff resources.

Environmental:

Not as a result of report

Social:

- Community use both during and outside of school hours provides significant community benefit.

Risk Assessment:

- The CUA caters for the community use of the sports centre and includes Council holding security and if the College defaults, the College repaying some of the Council's capital contribution (in proportion to the extent of community use and benefit that has already occurred at the time of the default.
- Balancing external community use during school hours.

Asset Management:

- The sports centre is owned by the College/nominee.
- Council contribution to asset renewal will commence in 2025 at the start of Year 6 on account of the community use of the centre.

Conclusion:

- Community use as defined in the CUA continues to be at a consistent ratio (60%).
- The re-appointment and appointment of a new proxy by council to the Management Committee are necessary due to Alex Oulianoff's two year term ending on 31 July 2024 and a staff retirement for the proxy.

Previous Decisions By/Information Reports to Council

Meeting Date	4 September 2023	CM Reference	DOC/23/79385
Title	Community Sports Centre at St Francis De Sales College – Community Use		
Purpose	To provide an annual report on the performance of the St Francis De Sales College Community Sports Centre and the Community Use Agreement with Council.		

Meeting Date	1 August 2022	CM Reference	DOC/22/75103
Title	Community Sports Centre at St Francis De Sales College – Community Use and Council Appointment to the Management Committee		
Purpose	To provide an annual report on the performance of the St Francis De Sales College Community Sports Centre and the Community Use Agreement with Council and to appoint a replacement Member and Proxy member to the Management Committee for the Community Sports Centre at St Francis de Sales College.		

Meeting Date	6 September 2021	HPRM Reference	DOC/21/140953
Title	ST FRANCIS DE SALES COLLEGE COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE – COMMUNITY USE AGREEMENT		
Purpose	To provide an annual report on the performance St Francis De Sales College Community Sports Centre and the Community Use Agreement with Council.		

Meeting Date	7 August 2017	HPRM Reference	DOC/17/67426
Title	Indoor Sports Facility for Shared Use		
Purpose	To seek authority for two matters regarding the proposed indoor sports facility at St Francis de Sales College ('the College') that are additional/further to the March 2016 Council meeting resolutions.		

Meeting Date	3 April 2017	HPRM Reference	DOC/17/24501
Title	Shared use facility partnership with St Francis de Sales College - update		
Purpose	To provide an update on the progress of the shared use facility partnership with St Francis de Sales College for a multi-use building.		

Meeting Date	19 December 2016	HPRM Reference	DOC/16/124394
Title	Shared use facility partnership with St Francis de Sales College - update		
Purpose	To provide an update on the progress of the shared use facility partnership with St Francis de Sales College for a multi-use building.		

Meeting Date	15 August 2016	HPRM Reference	DOC/16/82191
Title	Shared use facility partnership with St Francis de Sales College - update		
Purpose	To provide an update on the progress of the shared use facility partnership with St Francis de Sales College.		

Meeting Date	21 March 2016	HPRM Reference	DOC/15/109792
Title	Joint Use Community Facility Partnering Opportunity Proposal		
Purpose	To present the partnering opportunity provided by St Francis de Sales College for joint use of infrastructure for decision by Council.		

12.9 REPORT TITLE: COUNCIL HIGH STRATEGIC RISKS (EXCLUDING THE WASTEWATER SERVICE)

DATE OF MEETING: 1 JULY 2024

FILE NUMBER: DOC/24/86776

ATTACHMENTS: 1. DOC/24/80955 – STRATEGIC RISK SUMMARY (EXCLUDING WASTE WATER)
2. DOC/24/6793 – STRATEGIC RISK SUMMARY (EXCLUDING WASTE WATER) (Reported to ARC 25 JANUARY 2024)

Key Contact Sue Miller, Corporate Governance and Risk Officer

Manager/Sponsor Alison Hancock, Executive Manager

Community Plan 2020-2035:
Leadership and Good Governance - LGG Strategy 1.9 Identify and manage strategic and operational risk and liabilities.

Annual Business Plan:
NIL

Purpose:
To provide to Council the recommendation from the Audit and Risk Committee for Council to receive and note information related to high and very high strategic risks (excluding the Wastewater Service) which is reported on separately, as considered by the Committee at its 20 June 2024 committee meeting.

Summary – Key Issues:

- Only high and very high strategic risks will be reported to the Audit Committee and Council.
- There are 8 High and 0 Very High strategic risks excluding wastewater.
- The previous report to the Committee (24 January 2024) advised there were 10 High and 1 Very high strategic risks excluding wastewater.
- There are 4 strategic risks for which the rating has changed.
- The Wastewater Service strategic risks are reported separately.
- The ICT Strategic risks are reported separately.
- The ARC noted a correction to Risk 9: WHS & Safety was required due to the residual risk being higher than the inherent risk.

Recommendation 1:

That Council:

1. **note the Audit and Risk Committee 20 June 2024 recommendation to Council that the High and Very High Strategic Risk Report be received and noted with corrections highlighted by the Committee.**

Recommendation 2:

That Council:

2. **receive and note the High and Very High Strategic Risk Report, noting the correction requested by the Audit and Risk Committee as it relates to Risk 9: WHS & Staff safety has been reviewed and actioned.**

Background:

1. The Local Government Act 1999 section 99-Role of Chief Executive Officer includes the following additional prescribed function, effective 30 November 2023:
   (1)(ia) Establishment and maintenance of effective policies, systems and procedures for the identification, assessment, monitoring, management and annual review of strategic, financial and operational risks;

2. Council has a Risk Management Policy, available on the Policies and By-Laws page of Council's website. The Policy is supported by a Risk Management Framework.

3. Reporting is on a quarterly basis to the Corporate Governance Group and half-yearly to the Committee, and subsequently Council, in the form of a short report summary – refer attachment 1.

4. A key driver for the high number of high/very high risks is the significant growth that is occurring in the district and the implications arising from that growth in relation to the concurrent delivery of required major infrastructure projects.

5. There are 8 High and 0 Very High strategic risks (excluding Wastewater and Recycled Water) after controls measures and treatments have been applied.

6. The ARC at its 9 May 2024 meeting received reports on:

   a. Cybersecurity Uplift Program Status Update (confidential); and
   b. City Centre Project – Introduction and High and Very High Strategic Risks Summary.

7. For the Wastewater Service, a separate strategic risk register is in place and this has been informed by recent updates to the project specific risk registers for major infrastructure projects.

8. Council's Strategic Risk Register is managed in RelianSys software which has significantly automated (and simplified) risk registering, assessment of the effectiveness of applied controls and risk treatments, and reporting. The maturity of this strategic risk register continues to evolve.

9. The ARC at its 20 June 2024 committee meeting received and noted the High and Very High Strategic Risk report and sought a correction to Risk 9 WHS & Staff safety, given the Inherent Risk rating was Medium and the Residual Risk rating was High.

Discussion:

10. Mount Barker District Council recognises how important it is to understand and manage risk. The Council is committed to embedding a culture of routine risk management in all of its business processes to efficiently achieve its strategic objectives. Effective management of risks will protect the community, Council's assets and employees.

11. The complexity and variety of risks are changing at a rapid rate within Council (and the Local Government sector). Management of these risks creates both opportunities and challenges.

12. The definition of Strategic Risks:
    a. high level concepts with
    b. broader trends (global, recruitment, political unrest) which
    c. impact the whole organisation; and
    d. can be individual divisional risks (e.g. large projects) and/or external (e.g. Government/Legislative)

13. At Mount Barker District Council few strategic risks reside within just one functional area of Council and are often shared and/or are broad-reaching.

14. Causes can be individual risks and risks can also be causes to other risks.

15. The short form summary report format (attachment 1) provides a high level summary of high and very high strategic risks; these risks all have control measures and critical treatment plans.

16. The short form summary report now includes target risk (Attachment 1).

17. Details regarding the effectiveness of controls is not publicly reported.

18. Medium and low risks are not reported to the Audit and Risk Committee or Council.

19. High or very high risks for which the rating has changed since the last report (25 January 2024) and after treatments have been applied are:

#	Risk Short Name	Was Residual Risk	Now Residual Risk	Commentary
1	Project Delivery Governance	**High**	**Medium**	Responsibility for the Project Management Framework governance and assurance program is in place, including streamlining of reporting and application of PMF consistently applied across the organisation. Routine reporting is occurring to the executive team.
4	Major Project - Regional Aquatic and Leisure Facility	**High**	**Medium**	The project is now well and truly into construction phase and the risks surrounding funding and design have largely been mitigated.
6	Growth Management	**High**	**Low**	Internal Audit Revenue from Developers Infrastructure Deeds complete and actions in progress. Assurance to be integrated into Internal Audit framework.
20	Major Project – City Centre Catalyst	**Very High**	**High**	City Centre Project – Risk Register reporting to Executive Team for High and Very High Strategic Risk commenced in April. A project manager has been appointed and a project team is being established.

20. Further to point 9 above, the ARC at its 20 June 2024 committee sought a correction to Risk 9 WHS & Staff safety, given the Inherent Risk rating was Medium and the Residual Risk rating was High.

9	Risk 9: WHS & Staff safety: Staff, contractor or volunteer death or serious injury OR subject to physical, sexual, emotional or psychological abuse.	Medium (29.14%)	High (22.29%)	Medium

21. Council's Strategic Risk Register is managed in RelianSys software which has significantly automated (and simplified) risk registering, assessment of the effectiveness of applied controls and risk treatments, and reporting. The maturity

of this strategic risk register continues to evolve and it appears in the instance of Risk #9, the risk assessment has been conducted the wrong way around. The Committee will be advised, and the next report to the Committee will reflect the correction.

Community Engagement:

Informing only	On website via ARC and Council minutes.

Policy:
Risk Management Policy and Framework

Long Term Financial Plan:
NA

Budget:
NA

Statutory/Legal:
Local Government Act 1999
S99 –prescribed functions of CEO:

- (ia) Establishment and maintenance of effective policies, systems and procedures for the identification, assessment, monitoring, management and annual review of strategic, financial and operational risks; and

Staff Resource Requirements:
The Corporate Governance and Risk Officer coordinates the review of Strategic Risks in preparation of reporting to the Committee and Council.

Environmental:
NA

Social:
NA

Risk Assessment:
There is a risk of significant negative impact on delivery of major projects, financial implications, community safety and Council's reputation if strategic risks are not regularly reviewed and monitored, causes understood and effective controls applied.

Similarly the effectiveness of these processes needs to be reviewed from time to time.

Asset Management:
NA

Conclusion:

Council is a multi-faceted, community-focussed service provider. Management of strategic risks creates both opportunities and challenges for Council. The Council can be confident that Council's Strategic Risk Register captures inherent risks that are monitored regularly, and controls are in place to mitigate the strategic risks.

Previous Decisions By/Information Reports to the Audit and Risk Committee and/or Council:

Meeting Date	20 June 2024 (ARC)	CM Reference	DOC/24/73780
Title	High Strategic Risks (excluding the Wastewater service)		
Purpose	To provide updated information related to high strategic risks, excluding the Wastewater Service which is reported on separately.		

Meeting Date	25 January 2024	CM Reference	DOC/23/157716
Title	High Strategic Risks (excluding the Wastewater service)		
Purpose	To provide updated information related to high strategic risks, excluding the Wastewater Service which is reported on separately. *(Note: received by Council at 5 February 2024 council meeting)*		

Meeting Date	3 May 2023	CM Reference	DOC/23/45181
Title	High Strategic Risks (excluding the Wastewater service)		
Purpose	To provide updated information related to high strategic risks, excluding the Wastewater Service which is reported on separately.		

Meeting Date	23 June 2022	CM Reference	DOC/22/72079
Title	Strategic Risks – Register Review and Update		
Purpose	To provide information related to high strategic risks, and provide an overview of the recent Strategic Risk Register Review initiative.		

Meeting Date	21 October 2021	CM Reference	DOC/21/165985
Title	Strategic Risks – Register Review and Update		
Purpose	To provide information related to high strategic risks, and provide an overview of the recent Strategic Risk Register Review initiative.		

Meeting Date	11 February 2021	CM Reference	DOC/21/12966
Title	High Operational and Strategic Risks		
Purpose	To provide information related to high operational and strategic risks.		

Meeting Date	20 August 2020	HPRM Reference	DOC/20/103147
Title	High Operational and Strategic Risks		
Purpose	To provide information related to high operational risks and strategic risks		

Attachment 1 to Item 12.9

Risk Overview Report

Risk Register – June 2024

High and Very High Risks

Risk ID	Risk Description	Risk Ratings (%)		
		Inherent	Residual	Target
3	Risk 3: Workforce Planning - not having the workforce sized, skilled and role clarity in place to deliver on the Council's strategic and operational planned tasks	High (8.00%)	High (14.86%)	Medium
7	Risk 7: Financial Sustainability - Poorly considered decisions which have on impact of the financial sustainability of Council	High (12.00%)	High (12.00%)	Medium
8	Risk 8: Major Transport Infrastructure - Poor or ineffective delivery of new transport infrastructure (on time, budget or within scope/objectives)	Very High (14.86%)	High (22.29%)	Medium
9	Risk 9: WHS & Staff safety: Staff, contractor or volunteer death or serious injury OR subject to physical, sexual, emotional or psychological abuse.	Medium (29.14%)	High (22.29%)	Medium
10	Risk 10: Cyber Security - Inability to respond and recover effectively from Cyber Security events	High (6.86%)	High (6.86%)	Medium
15	Risk 15: ICT Enabling Strategy - Council does not achieve community and organisational expectations regarding Information Technology	High (6.86%)	High (6.86%)	Medium
20	Risk 20: Major Project - City Centre Catalyst Project - Poor or ineffective implementation of City Centre Catalyst project.	Very High (29.14%)	High (25.71%)	Medium
22	Risk 22: Community Engagement - Poorly planned or absence of appropriate community engagement activities	Very High (16.00%)	High (12.57%)	Medium

Risk Overview Report

Risk Register – January 2024

Risk	Risk Level	Due Status	Review Date
Risk 1: Project Delivery Governance - projects are not completed effectively (on time, budget or within scope/ objectives)	**High**	Current	30/06/2024
Risk 3: Workforce Planning - not having the workforce sized, skilled and role clarity in place to deliver on the Council's strategic and operational planned tasks	**High**	Current	30/06/2024
Risk 4: Major Project - Regional Aquatic and Leisure Facility - Ineffective implementation of Regional Aquatic and Leisure Facility	**High**	Current	01/03/2024
Risk 6: Growth Management - Poor or ineffective management of growth (residential development, commercial and related infrastructure delivery)	**High**	Current	01/03/2024
Risk 7: Financial Sustainability - Poorly considered decisions which have on impact of the financial sustainability of Council	**High**	Current	01/03/2024
Risk 8: Major Transport Infrastructure - Poor or ineffective delivery of new transport infrastructure (on time, budget or within scope/objectives)	**High**	Current	30/03/2024
Risk 9: WHS & Staff safety: Staff, contractor or volunteer death or serious injury OR subject to physical, sexual, emotional or psychological abuse.	**High**	Due Soon	19/01/2024
Risk 10: Cyber Security - Inability to respond and recover effectively from Cyber Security events	**High**	Current	30/06/2024
Risk 15: ICT Enabling Strategy - Council does not achieve community and organisational expectations regarding Information Technology	**High**	Current	31/03/2024
Risk 20: Major Project - City Centre Catalyst Project - Poor or ineffective implementation of City Centre Catalyst project.	**Very High**	Current	01/03/2024
Risk 22: Community Engagement - Poorly planned or absence of appropriate community engagement activities	**High**	Current	30/06/2024

Likelihood	Consequences				
Likelihood priority	**1 : Insignficant**	**2 : Minor**	**3 : Moderate**	**4 : Major**	**5 : Catastrophic**
Rare:	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Unlikely:	**0**	**3**	**1**	**3**	**0**
Possible:	**0**	**1**	**11**	**7**	**1**
Likely:	**0**	**0**	**6**	**0**	**0**
Almost Certain:	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**

13. INFORMATION REPORTS

Recommendation
That the following information report be noted.

13.1 REPORT TITLE: ROAD SPEED LIMIT CHANGES UPDATE

DATE OF MEETING: **1 JULY 2024**

FILE NUMBER: **DOC/24/85439**

ATTACHMENTS: **NIL**

Key Contact Matthew Dawkins, Manager Infrastructure Planning, Infrastructure

Manager/Sponsor Phil Burton, General Manager, Infrastructure

Purpose:
To provide an update to Council on the requests made to the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) to reduce speed limits on various local roads.

Summary – Key Issues:
1. DIT assess requests for speed limit change against the guiding document titled Speed Limit Guideline for South Australia.
2. Council has previously endorsed proposed speed limit reductions on a number of local roads to improve road safety and reflect the changing nature of the road network.
3. Council has been very successful in its applications to DIT for speed limit changes with 73% of all applications approved over the past 3 years.

Background:
1. Speed limits in South Australia are determined and applied by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) in accordance with the requirements and criteria set out in the Speed Limit Guideline for South Australia (the Guideline).

2. Speed limits are set by DIT having regard to factors such as road function, abutting roadside development and road and traffic characteristics. Roadside development is a most important aspect to be considered in the determination of speed zones.

3. The following factors have led Council to previously identifying a number of road segments that have merit for a proposed lowering of the speed limits:
    a. Conditions that align with the DIT guidelines for the setting of speed limits,

b. Increased extent of urban growth,
c. Where development is now generating higher traffic volumes,
d. Where the proximity of roadside hazards combined with poor existing road geometry prevail, and
e. Community requests for speed limit reduction.

4. At its meetings in August 2021 and November 2023, Council endorsed the following group of road segments for which a reduced speed limit is considered appropriate:
    a. Hahndorf 40km/h township speed limit;
    b. Summit Sport and Recreation Park (SSRP) 30km/h for all internal roads;
    c. Environmental Services Centre (ESC) access road permanent 30km/h;
    d. Springs Road (east) from Bald Hills Rd roundabout to Mount Barker Springs township, reduce from 80km/h to 60km/h;
    e. Wellington Road from Long Valley Road to Council boundary, reduce speed limit from 100km/h to 80km/h;
    f. Sydney Road, Nairne extend 50kph township zone by approximately 120m towards the Recreation Grounds;
    g. Old Mt Barker Rd, Echunga between Churchill Rd and Flaxley Roads reduction to 60kph;
    h. Bollen Road reduction from 60km/h to 50km/h.
    i. Barker Road (Hunt Road to Heysen Boulevard), to be signed 60km/h (upon completion of the sealing of this segment of road).
    j. Bald Hills Road (Springs Road to Golf Course existing 50km/h zone), reduced from 80km/h to 60km/h.
    k. Paech Road (Potts Road north to existing 60km/h zone), reduced from 80km/h to 60km/h.
    l. Potts Road (Wellington Road to Paech Road), reduced from default rural 100 km/h to 60km/h.
    m. Yunkunga Road (250m section of road on approach to Paech Road), reduced from default rural 100km/h to 60km/h.

5. Following these meetings Council staff have progressed the applications for speed limit reduction with DIT in accordance with the Speed Limit Guideline for South Australia. This involves the preparation of detailed Traffic Impact Statements for each.

Discussion:

6. The following speed limit reductions have now been approved by DIT and implemented by Council:
    - Hahndorf 40km/h township speed limit;
    - Summit Sport and Recreation Park (SSRP) 30km/h for all internal roads;
    - Environmental Services Centre (ESC) access road permanent 30km/h;

- Springs Road (east) from Bald Hills Rd roundabout to Mount Barker Springs township, reduce from 80km/h to 60km/h (approved only to Heysen Boulevard Roundabout)
- Barker Road (Hunt Road to Heysen Boulevard), to be signed 60km/h (upon completion of the sealing of this segment of road).
- Bald Hills Road (Springs Road to Golf Course existing 50km/h zone), reduced from 80km/h to 60km/h.
- Paech Road (Potts Road north to existing 60km/h zone), reduced from 80km/h to 60km/h (progressive implementation).

7. The following speed limit reductions have now been approved by DIT and are pending implementation:
    - Wellington Road from Long Valley Road to 2300m east, reduce speed limit from 100km/h to 80km/h (Note: DIT have only given a partial approval of the original request and so approximately 3km of 100km/h to the Council boundary with Alexandrina Council will remain)

8. The following speed limit reductions have been lodged with DIT and are pending a decision:
    - Bollen Road reduction from 60km/h to 50km/h.
    - Potts Road (Wellington Road to Paech Road), reduced from default rural 100km/h to 60km/h.

9. The following speed limit reductions have been declined:
    - Sydney Road, Nairne extend 50km/h township zone towards the Recreation Grounds (Note: Council staff are seeking extension of the 50km/h past the recreation grounds based on community sentiment. Ongoing work underway to identify an agreed treatment and reassessment of the request.)

10. The following speed limit reductions have not yet been lodged pending development of the Traffic Impact Statement and related documentation required:
    - Yunkunga Road (250m section of road on approach to Paech Road), reduced from default rural 100km/h to 60km/h.
    - Old Mt Barker Rd, Echunga between Churchill Rd and Flaxley Roads reduction to 60km/h (Note: not formally submitted as external assessment has found the request will not fulfil requirements of the DIT Speed Limit Guidelines)

11. Wellington Rd speed limit changes are expected to be implemented in the first quarter of 2024/25 once the final Traffic Impact Statement has been signed off.

12. In summary, Council has had a success rate of 73% over the past 3 years (11 applied for, 8 successful, 1 declined, 2 pending).

13. Council staff continue to work with DIT to pursue the remaining speed limit changes including those that have only been partially approved at this time.

Conclusion:

The reduction in speed limits has a positive impact on creating a safer road network and Council continues to work with DIT to optimise speed limits within the district in line with community expectations.

Previous Decisions By/Information Reports to Council:

Meeting Date	6 November 2023	HPRM Reference	DOC/23/142941
Title	Road Speed Limit Changes		
Purpose	To seek Council endorsement of proposed road speed limit changes on selected segments of the local road network to improve road safety and authorise staff to request formal approval for the change from the Department for Infrastructure and Transport.		

Meeting Date	2 August 2021	HPRM Reference	DOC/21/106048
Title	Road Speed Limit Changes		
Purpose	To seek Council endorsement of speed limit changes on identified parts of the road network for which have been discussed and agreed with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT).		

Meeting Date	6 August 2018	HPRM Reference	DOC/18/76672
Title	Council Resolution Report 6 August 2018 Speed Limit Reductions Town Centre, Hawthorn Road, Paech Road		
Purpose	To seek Council endorsement of speed limit changes on identified parts of the road network for which the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) have given their in-principle agreement.		

14. QUARTERLY REPORTS

Recommendation

That the following reports be noted enbloc.

14.1 REPORT TITLE: SOUTHERN & HILLS LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION UPDATE

DATE OF MEETING: 1 JULY 2024

FILE NUMBER: DOC/24/79940

Key Contact **Alison Hancock, Executive Manager**

Manager/Sponsor **Andrew Stuart, Chief Executive Officer**

Purpose:
To provide a report on the outcomes of the Southern & Hills Local Government Association (SHLGA) Board meeting held 19 April 2024.

Summary – Key Issues:

- A key outcomes summary is provided following each SHLGA Board meeting.

Background:

1. The SHLGA is a regional subsidiary established pursuant to the Local Government Act.

2. Membership of the SHLGA Board comprises the Mayors and CEOs of each of the constituent Councils, being Adelaide Hills Council, Alexandrina Council, District Council of Yankalilla, City of Victor Harbor, Kangaroo Island Council and Mount Barker District Council.

3. The Mayor and CEO are Council's representatives on the S&HLGA Board and Councillor Rebecca Hewett and Alison Hancock, Executive Manager are deputy board members.

4. Mayor David Leach and Executive Manager Alison Hancock attended the 19 April 2024 meeting.

Discussion:

1. The agenda key outcomes summary for 19 April 2024 meeting is available via the S&HLGA's website – refer link below:

   Meetings | Southern and Hills LGA

   19 April 2024 meeting, hosted Adelaide Hills Council, included updates on:
   - Regional Health Plan
   - 2030 Regional Transport Plan
   - RDA Regional Economic Development Network and Infrastructure Plan
   - Regional Climate Change Adaptation Study (RH&C committee)
   - Regional LGA EO Management Group
   - Resilient Hills and Coast (RHC)

2. Regional Health Plan
   - The S&HLGA Regional Public Health Committee last met on 14 February.
   - Advice was received that S&HLGA ILC application for "Supporting people with communication disability to participate in parks, trails and bikeways across the Southern and Hills region" for a total of $368,998 was unsuccessful.

3. 2030 Regional Transport Plan
   - HDS and the Road Working Party committee met on 27 February and 11 April 2024.
   - Key outcomes included:
     - updates to Council road action plans and build critical roads database
     - agreed SLRP applications 2024/25
     - canvassing of issues relating to heavy vehicles on Fleurieu-Kangaroo Island road network (such as Native Vegetation reform and Tree interference issues from freight forum)

4. RDA Regional Economic Development Network and Infrastructure Plan
   - The RDA Roadmap and Regional Infrastructure Plan Technical Reference Group consisting of each of the member Councils' Economic Development Officers met on 25 March 2024. Key outcomes were:
     - REMPLAN will replace Id.
     - Announcement of South Coast University Hub

5. Regional Climate Change Adaptation Study
   The Resilient Hills and Coast committee met on 5 April 2024, and appointed BRM Advisory to deliver the new Regional Climate Adaptation Plan; partner updates were received and consideration will be given to future governance and administration options.

6. S&HLGA Guest Speaker

Annette Scanlon, Senior Bio Security, PIRSA
Jason van Weenen and Dr Liberty Olds from Green Adelaide – Little Corella Management

Conclusion:

Regular reports will keep Council updated on matters involving the S&HLGA. Council Members may wish to regularly check the S&HLGA website for most recent activities and publications.

Previous Decisions By/Information Reports to Council

Meeting Date	2 April 2024	HPRM Reference	DOC/24/36885
Title	Southern and Hills Local Government Association Update Report		
Purpose	To provide a report on the outcomes of the Southern & Hills Local Government Association (SHLGA) Board meetings held 8 December 2023 and 23 February 2024.		

Meeting Date	4 December 2023	HPRM Reference	DOC/23/160845
Title	Southern and Hills Local Government Association Update Report		
Purpose	To provide a report on the outcomes of the Southern & Hills Local Government Association (SHLGA) Board meetings held 25 August 2023 and 20 October 2023		

Meeting Date	7 August 2023	HPRM Reference	DOC/23/88593
Title	Southern and Hills Local Government Association Update Report		
Purpose	To provide a report on the outcomes of the Southern & Hills Local Government Association (SHLGA) Board meeting held 23 June 2023		

Meeting Date	5 June 2023	HPRM Reference	DOC/23/64697
Title	Southern and Hills Local Government Association Update Report		
Purpose	To provide a report on the outcomes of the Southern & Hills Local Government Association (SHLGA) Board meeting held 28 April 2023.		

14.2 REPORT TITLE: REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA AHFKI QUARTERLY PROJECT REPORT (JAN-MAR 2024)

DATE OF MEETING: 1 JULY 2024

FILE NUMBER: DOC/24/77885

Key Contact Brian Jackway, Economic Development Officer.

Manager/Sponsor Maddie Walker, Acting Manager Economic Development & Planning Strategy.

Executive Alison Hancock, Executive Manager.

Purpose:

To provide a quarterly update (Jan-Mar 2024) on the activity of Regional Development Australia – Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island (RDA AHFKI) as part of their on-going partnership role with Council, in delivering economic outcomes for our district and broader region.

Summary – Key Issues:

1. RDA has continued to progress a number of key initiatives consistent with its Project Plan 2022-2025.

2. Council staff have continued to engage with RDA staff on providing improved and new avenues to business funding including grant and non-grant based structures.

3. The Federal Government's announcement on Monday, 25 March, that a funding submission to establish a University Study Hub at Victor Harbor had been approved, with the RDA AHFKI a major contributor of the submission. In addition, MB Council staff continue to progress a Regional University Study Hub with the RDA within Mount Barker.

Background:

1. Council has a three-year funding agreement with RDA.

2. The current funding agreement of $65,979 per annum commenced 1 July 2022 and concludes on 30 June 2025.

3. Council funds and is a member of RDA to enhance economic development and liveability in our district and across the region through a collaborative approach to regional issues.

4. RDA receives additional funding from five other member councils, State and Federal Government. The split of funding between the three levels of government is Federal Government 22%, State Government 52% and local government (six member councils) 26%.

5. RDA works in partnership with Council to deliver and agree on programs to support the development and implementation of projects or activities identified in their respective strategic plans.

6. RDA provides quarterly reports on their activities and project status to member councils. A copy of the latest quarterly report will be available to Council Member via the Elected Members Extranet/Communication.

Discussion:

7. The RDA Quarterly Report (Jan-Mar 2024) includes the following key highlights of activities;
   a) The Federal Government's announcement on Monday, 25th March, that a funding submission to establish a University Study Hub at Victor Harbor had been approved. This culminates more than four years work led by RDA AHFKI, along with funding and participation from Fleurieu councils. Regional university study hubs have proven to increase tertiary education participation and completion rates.
   RDA have been active with MBDC economic development team in looking for locations and funding for a Mount Barker University hub.

   b) In other funding news, PIRSA announced the extension of the Regional Leadership Development Program until 2026. This program funds the Inspired Leadership Program, Community Upskilling program, targeted sponsorships, and leadership scholarships for individuals that grow leadership capacity across the region. The Leadership program is open to business and community leaders from across Mount Barker District Council and other areas across the Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island. Several people have applied from the MBDC area.

   c) RDA AHFKI met with proponents of the $100m surf park development proposed for Port Willunga. This is an exciting development that will drive serious visitation by domestic and international visitors. RDA have been actively introducing the project proponents to potential investors and partners.

   d) Education & Training is the 5th highest employer in the AHFKI region. It includes units primarily involved in providing and supporting education and training, except those focused on animal training such as dog obedience and horse training. Education takes place in various settings, including educational institutions, workplaces, or homes.

e) RDA AHFKI, in collaboration with MBDC's economic development team, were pleased to bring the Business Fundamentals workshop to Mt Barker in February. This supports digitisation and increased business knowledge for local business. It was also great to see the initiative of the Mount Barker Council in organising retail-specific workshops for the Hills region in May 2024.

f) In mid-March, RDA participated in the Mount Barker District Council integrated transport plan workshop for stakeholders. RDA shared knowledge and insights into regional transport, particularly around public transport and freight as it pertains to the Mount Barker District Council area.

Conclusion:

The RDA have provided Council with their Quarterly Report (Jan - Mar 2024) providing an update on their activities and project status and the report is on the Council Members Extranet site. Council staff work closely on projects relevant to the district and provide input into initiatives with regional context.

Previous Decisions By/Information Reports to Council

Meeting Date	2 Apr 2024	CM Reference	DOC/24/39959
Title	Regional Development Australia Quarterly Project Report October - December 2023.		
Purpose	To provide the Regional Development Australia – Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island quarterly update on its projects to its member Councils.		

Meeting Date	4 Sep 2023	CM Reference	DOC/23/105424
Title	Economic Development Program Update Regional Development Australia Quarterly Project Report April-June 2023 and July-September 2023. ..		
Purpose	To provide the Regional Development Australia – Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island quarterly update on its projects to its member Councils.		

Meeting Date	5 June 2023	CM Reference	DOC/23/65173
Title	Regional Development Australia Quarterly Project Report January – March 2023		
Purpose	To provide the Regional Development Australia – Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island quarterly update on its projects to its member Councils.		

Meeting Date	6 February 2023	CM Reference	DOC/23/9400
Title	Regional Development Australia Quarterly Project Report October-December 2022		
Purpose	To provide the Regional Development Australia – Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island quarterly update on its projects to its member Councils.		

Meeting Date	5 September 2022	CM Reference	DOC/22/102048
Title	Regional Development Australia Quarterly Project Report April-June 2022		
Purpose	To provide the Regional Development Australia – Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island quarterly update on its projects to its member Councils.		

Meeting Date	6 June 2022	CM Reference	DOC/22/60759
Title	Regional Development Australia Quarterly Project Report January-April 2021		
Purpose	To provide the Regional Development Australia – Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island quarterly update on its projects to its member Councils.		

Meeting Date	7 March 2022	CM Reference	DOC/22/21028
Title	Regional Development Australia Quarterly Project Report Oct-Dec2021		
Purpose	To provide the Regional Development Australia – Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island quarterly update on its projects to its member Councils.		

Meeting Date	6 December 2021	CM Reference	DOC/21/194113
Title	Regional Development Australia Quarterly Project Report July- September 2021		
Purpose	To provide the Regional Development Australia – Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island quarterly update on its projects to its member Councils.		

15. MAYOR'S REPORT

16. MEMBERS' REPORTS

16.1 Councillor Szilassy

Date	Activity
3 June	Council meeting
3 June	Confidential briefing session
3, 11, 17 June	Information and briefing sessions
5 June	Meeting with Council staff & Nairne Oval Committee
6 June	Adelaide Hills Reconciliation Working group, online meeting
11 June	Littlehampton Community Association June meeting
11 June	CFS: PFAS Community Consultation Session at Brukunga State Training Centre
13 June	Council's Winter Arts Networking Event
17 June	Public meeting for Annual Business Plan
20 June	Friends of the Library meeting, Mt Barker Community Library
22 June	Nairne Bremer United Football Club, Sponsors & Supporters Day
24 June	Strategy Day, Elected Members and Executive staff
25 June	Industry event, South Australia's Housing Roadmap
Ongoing	Phone calls and emails with North Ward residents

17. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING

18. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS