



Media Release

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Council welcomes new ambulance station

Mount Barker District Council has welcomed the State Government's commitment to expanding the capacity of the SA Ambulance Service in Mount Barker and announcement of the site for a new ambulance station.

The location for the new ambulance station is on 4,600m² of council owned land fronting Bald Hills Road.

Mount Barker District Council Mayor, David Leach said that the rapid population increase of the district is placing an increasing demand on health services.

"Council is very appreciative of the State Government's commitment to the health needs of our community and the emergency services personnel working in this important sector," Mayor Leach said.

"Our community will welcome Minister Picton's announcement of the site for the new ambulance station which follows the recent announcement of the location for the new Mount Barker District Soldiers' Memorial Hospital."

The site for the new ambulance station sits within land purchased by the council in 2018 for the potential purpose of accommodating a State Government emergency services hub and being added to adjacent council land for a significant leisure and entertainment precinct.

The council has stipulated that the new ambulance station is to be of a design quality that would not compromise the objectives for the development of the adjacent council owned land as a recreation and tourism precinct and that the new ambulance station operation would not adversely impact on the nearby Laratinga Wetlands.

"The State Government has confirmed to Council that the ambulance station will be a stand-alone facility but that any future adjacent, but separate, emergency services development would not conflict with their operations," Mayor Leach said.

"This is exciting news for our community and Council is continuing to play its role in supporting the wellbeing of our community with major capital investment in infrastructure, including the wastewater treatment plant upgrade and associated

Laratinga Wetlands, and the forthcoming Regional Aquatic and Leisure Centre at sites adjacent to the new ambulance station location.

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