



MOUNT BARKER
DISTRICT COUNCIL



Salary Range :

\$136,061 – \$144,156 pa
commensurate on skills and
experience
plus superannuation



Work Conditions:

Full Time

Permanent Position



Applications close 5pm
30 October 2026



For further enquiries:

contact Geoff Parsons,
Manager City Development on
8391 7277

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Principal Planner (Major Development)

Shape the Future of One of South Australia's Fastest-Growing Regions

Mount Barker is at the heart of dynamic growth in South Australia. As our community expands, we are seeking a passionate and experienced Principal Planner to play a key role in guiding sustainable development, delivering high-quality assessment services, and contributing to the future vision of our district.

If you are a highly experienced planning professional who thrives in a fast-paced local government environment and is committed to excellence in service delivery, we would love to hear from you.

About the Role

The Principal Planner (Major Development) is responsible for leading and administering Council's development assessment functions under the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* and associated legislation during a period of sustained growth. The successful candidate will undertake the assessment of complex development proposals and be a senior leader and planning expert, mentoring less experienced staff.

Key Responsibilities

- Act and be accountable as a senior specialist development assessment expert, handling complex matters and providing high level advice and problem-solving expertise.
- Guide, mentor, coach and lead staff and work effectively with stakeholders to develop and support an effective Council brand and reputation.
- Collaborate across the organisation to foster a cohesive, customer-focused culture in development assessment.
- Represent Council in complex matters, including proceedings in the Environment, Resources and Development Court.
- Support continuous improvement in planning systems, processes, and technology.

About You

You are a confident, knowledgeable and experienced planning professional with strong legislative expertise and a commitment to delivering high-quality outcomes for communities.

For further information about the role please refer to the Position Description on our website or contact Geoff Parsons, Manager City Development on 8391 7277.

Applications will be reviewed as received and appointment may be made prior to the expiry date.

We respect and value diversity and strive for an inclusive workplace.