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Protecting a valuable park

A popular park in Macclesfield will soon have physical barriers installed to help prevent vandalism. Crystal Lake Park (Lord Robinson Park) has been the site of recurring vandalism caused by vehicles driving recklessly onto its grassed areas.

Following discussions with regular users of the park, Mount Barker District Council plans to work with the local community to install recycled plastic bollards, large rocks and access gates along the length of the entrance driveway at a cost of \$25,000.

Mount Barker Mayor, Ann Ferguson said Council was concerned about the ongoing vandalism in the park and looks forward to the installation of new barriers along the driveway.

“It’s a shame that a few people ruin it for others. Our local community and visitors regularly enjoy the park and it is home to the largest collection of permanent stone sculptures in South Australia. Vehicle vandalism puts many of these sculptures at risk of damage,” Mayor Ferguson said.

The bollards that are planned to be used are made from recycled material from kerbside waste collections which supports the council’s commitment to diverting waste from landfill.

Large rocks that are already on the site at Crystal Lake Park will be moved to provide a visual contrast and opportunity for informal public seating along the driveway.

Access for maintenance and emergency vehicles, such as the CFS and ambulances, have been considered with gates proposed to be fitted at appropriate points to allow entry to the open space areas of the park.

Groups such as the Adelaide Hills Ceramics Association, Sculptors @ Crystal Lake, South Australian Stone Sculptors Association, Bushcare and the Macclesfield Community Association frequently use the site.

“We’re working closely with local community groups to provide an effective solution to a problem. The local Men’s Shed, Bushcare, and Battunga Lions Club have all shown interest in working with us to install the new barriers, which really shows how much they care about their community, Mayor Ferguson said.

“This is a great outcome for users of Crystal Lake Park and our community”.

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