



MOUNT BARKER
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Media Release

Growth Area Assets Gifted to Council for Community Enjoyment

In a significant contribution to the local community, developers within the growth area gift all assets that have reached practical completion to the council. Once gifted, these assets, including parks, roads, and bridges, are under the council's jurisdiction for ongoing maintenance and public use.

A gifted asset is a valuable addition to the community. The process involves the council setting infrastructure standards, working with developers during the Development Application (DA) process, overseeing the quality of construction, and finally approving the handover of the asset.

While developers usually maintain assets for the first 12 months, this period can be extended to two, three, or even more years, depending on mutual agreement.

Newly gifted assets are incorporated into the council's existing maintenance programs with the council maintaining all parks under its jurisdiction in the district, ensuring they are in excellent condition for community use.

The annual cost of maintaining these council assets, regardless of their origin, is included in the Annual Business Plan. All parks and assets are meant for the benefit of the whole community, with costs calculated and funded through the entire rates base.

Council is thrilled to accept gifted assets and is committed to maintaining them to the highest standard for the enjoyment and benefit of all community members.

Details of community land, including parks that have been gifted to council, as of November 2022 can be found in the Community Land Register on the council's website www.councilmbdc.online/CommunityLandRegister2022

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