

## Managing Growth

Update on Council's Progress regarding:

- Draft Structure Plan for Mount Barker, Nairne and Littlehampton;
- Future Infrastructure Provision and;
- Important Planning Initiatives

The Minister for the Department of Planning and Local Government, John Rau recently confirmed that there will be no 'winding back' of the State Government decision to rezone a large area of land in Mount Barker and Nairne in 2010.

The draft Structure Plan was submitted to the State Government in early July this year and is being revised following State Government feedback. It is anticipated that the State Government will undertake a public consultation process for this in early 2012.

Progress to date includes:

### Continued discussions with State Government

Advocating for community outcomes sooner rather than later from the State Government for areas such as:

- Bringing forward key transport infrastructure such as the provision of the first additional Park 'n' Ride facility for Mount Barker;
- Seeking additional funds to pursue more recreational facilities for the community;
- Access to State Government land to meet future educational and employment needs.

### Preparation of Master Plans

An important initiative is the recent commencement of the preparation of Master Plans for the townships of Mount Barker and Nairne. The Master Plans will provide more detail for desired spatial outcomes such as the preferred locations for significant stormwater and recreational facilities.

### Progress on Key Infrastructure Issues

- SA Water has commenced an Expression of Interest process for the provision of potable water and wastewater. This includes a community engagement component.
- Work is continuing on a number of traffic and stormwater issues resulting from the Ministerial DPA.

A number of related initiatives are also being undertaken, separate to the work outlined above, but with important outcomes that will also contribute to how the community is shaped in the future. These include.

- Mount Barker Town Centre Strategy
- Community Plan and;
- Updated Recreation Plan

For more information visit Council's website: [www.dcmtbarker.sa.gov.au](http://www.dcmtbarker.sa.gov.au) and click on the 'Managing Growth' Button or contact Council on 8391 7200.

## Willow Close Reserve and Playground Upgrade

Recently Council completed the refurbishment of a playground at Willow Close Reserve in Mount Barker adjacent to the local kindergarten.



"This is a part of the first stage of a Council playground renewal program aimed at installing new, or improving existing playgrounds throughout the District," said Mayor Ann Ferguson.

The kindergarten provides a wide range of programs for families within the community and the reserve provides a resource used by parents dropping off or collecting children.

"We met with the local community to discuss what was desired, what safety issues were present, and to explore the current type/nature and amount of use of the reserve and have worked within budgets to improve the park. It has now been fenced, remedial tree work has been undertaken and new plantings and new playground installed in partnership with the local community," said David Cooney, Project Manager.

Play equipment has also been installed or extended in Echunga Oval, Keith Stephenson Park in Mount Barker, Battunga Park in Meadows, Davenport Square in Macclesfield, and Bythorne Park in Nairne. Soon we hope to upgrade playground equipment in Keith Stephenson Park (stage 2), Miels Park in Mount Barker and Pioneer Park in Hahndorf.