



Special Bulletin



Mayor's Message: Managing Growth

Since the Ministerial DPA was authorised (notwithstanding the position of council) I have met with the Premier; Deputy Premier/Minister for Urban Development, Planning and City of Adelaide; Minister for Infrastructure; and Minister for Water.

In all of these meetings I have stressed the need to achieve the best possible community outcome for our unique hills environment.

I have been impressed with the constructive discussions reflecting a genuine understanding of what is needed. The State Government is aware of the need for the growth to be managed.

A critical element in achieving this objective is the preparation of a Structure Plan for Mount Barker, Nairne and Littlehampton.

There will also be various mechanisms to facilitate ongoing two way communication with the community.

More detail on these initiatives is provided in the supporting article on the next page.

The cards have been dealt so we now need to work together with all of the stakeholders in order to do everything we can to 'get it right'.

[Mayor Ann Ferguson](#)

Ministerial Rezoning of Land in Mount Barker District

The State Government approved the rezoning of a large amount of land in Mount Barker, Nairne and Littlehampton in December 2010. This means that Council is now legally bound to process a development application that are lodged within the rezoned area.

Council has now turned its attention to working hard to address the issues identified during the Ministerial DPA process and is taking a lead role in progressing strategies to ensure the best outcome possible for our District. In doing so, we are committed to maintaining open and transparent engagement so that our community is kept up to date with our progress.

The key strategies Council is progressing are:

Developing a structure plan for Littlehampton, Nairne and Mount Barker.

The structure plan will outline how development will be staged, identify the location of major infrastructure such as recreation areas and roads and as such, is an important tool for the assessment of future development applications.

Council will then submit the draft structure plan to the State Government for approval where it will undergo a public consultation process pursuant to the Development Act.

Co-ordinating a Council/Government/Landholders/Developer Forum.

Council convened a forum on April 12th for State Government, developers and landholders within the area of the Ministerial DPA to enable information sharing and to identify and agree on the priority planning issues. This will help to ensure a planned approach for infrastructure such as roads, wastewater and community recreation.

Updating Council's planning framework

Council is currently working on a number of planning processes, all of which will inform the Structure Plan and guide the way in which Council manages additional growth in the area. More information on each of these projects is provided on page 2 of Council's current District Matters newsletter.

Want more information?

Council will hold two open Community Information Forums to provide more information about the above strategies and the next steps and provide an opportunity for the community to ask questions. You are invited to come along to:

Wednesday 4 May, Mount Barker, Wallis Cinema Complex, Cinema 6, 7pm – 9pm.

Thursday 5 May, Nairne Soldiers Memorial Hall, 7pm – 8.30pm.

For more information, please contact Paula Overy: poverly@dcmtbarker.sa.gov.au or on 8391 7290, or log on to www.dcmtbarker.sa.gov.au.

Email update register

Want to be kept up to date with what is happening on this project? Register on the 'Ministerial DPA information register' to receive periodical email updates from Council. Simply log onto www.dcmtbarker.sa.gov.au and click on the link under 'Township Expansion' and fill out the webform.

