

## 2019-20 Pre-Budget Submissions

### Priority Projects of the Mount Barker District Council Community

#### Introduction

The rapid population growth that continues in Mount Barker places the Council in a unique and challenging position as it progressively moves to becoming the second largest (to Adelaide) city in South Australia.

A significant challenge is the funding of the investment required in infrastructure. In the case of Mount Barker, this includes sewer and recycled water infrastructure upgrading and expansion.

From a tourism and economic perspective, the historic German settlement of Hahndorf in 1839 has seen the town flourish and it is now ranked as the 7<sup>th</sup> most visited Main Street in Australia, with an estimated 2 million tourists each year.

Please find below a list of Council's priority projects with brief accompanying information.

#### Priority Projects

##### [Project Title: Delivery of New Connector Road to Service Growth](#)

*Location:* Mount Barker

*Brief description:* To enable the timely and orderly delivery of the remainder of the connector road in the Mount Barker growth area within 6 years, including the associated infrastructure required for cyclists and pedestrians.

*Current status:* Council Proposal prepared in December 2018 for the delivery of the remaining 6.5 kilometre (70%) of the connector road.

*Estimated total project cost:* In the order of \$40 million (excluding GST and expressed in current day dollars).

*Amount of Federal Funding sought:* **\$40 million** with subsequent payment from Council to the Australian Government as financial contributions are progressively received from developers as development is undertaken.

*Community benefit:* Significant economic and social benefits as outlined within the proposal.

[Project Title: Mount Barker Regional Sports Hub Stage 1 Construction Project](#)

*Location:* Mount Barker

*Brief description:* The project will construct a premier standard Australian rules football / cricket oval, two synthetic soccer pitches and associated amenity.

*Current status:* 100% designed and documented, preparing to proceed to construction tender, subject to budget and final funding approvals

*Estimated total project cost:* \$20.225 million (Stage 1) (excluding the cost of the land purchased by Council).

*Amount of Federal Funding sought:* **\$2 million** (additional)

*Community benefit:* The facility will partially address existing gaps in sporting facilities for the rapidly growing community (>1000 new residents per year) contributing to community health and wellbeing. The Mount Barker regional sports hub will provide a destination for community events as well as regional, state and national sporting events. It will contribute to the local economy an estimated \$14.24 million increase to gross regional product (GRP) during construction, 89 local full time equivalent (FTE) jobs during construction and 9 FTE ongoing jobs.

[Project Title: Regional Indoor Aquatic and Leisure Facility](#)

*Location:* Mount Barker

*Brief Description:* A new regional indoor aquatic and leisure facility, incorporating a number of leisure, lap, learn to swim and rehabilitation pools to cater for a growing and diverse community. Indoor sports courts, gym and café are also proposed as part of the new facility.

*Current Status:* Finalising design, undertaking consultation, seeking further financial support.

*Estimate project cost:* \$30 million (Stage 1) (excluding the cost of the land purchased by Council).

*Federal funding sought:* **\$5 million** (additional – application lodged as part of BBR3)

*Community Benefit:* Health and wellbeing, safety, social connections, employment during and post construction.

[Project Title: Economic & Social Development through Recycled Water Initiative](#)

*Location:* Callington Region

*Brief description:* The project scope includes the expansion of the existing recycled water precinct within the Callington region to provide ultimate supply capacity of around 1.8GL per annum through the construction of new recycled water storage facilities and extension of the existing Council recycled water pipeline.

*Current status:* Currently progressing concept development including storage location and development approval for the construction of new storage facilities.

*Estimated total project cost:* \$9.24 million (Stage 1)

*Amount of Federal Funding sought:* **\$3.93 million** (application lodged as part of BBR3)

*Community benefit:* The project will considerably strengthen the regional economy and provide significant social and environmental benefits for the community including growth in the agriculture and horticulture industries with direct new employment (both full-time and seasonal) and flow on jobs in production and processing, including for export markets.

[Project Title: Hahndorf Mainstreet Upgrade](#)

*Location:* Mount Barker Road, Hahndorf

*Brief description:* Public realm and streetscape upgrades along Hahndorf Main Street.

*Current status:* In planning and design phase.

*Estimated total project cost:* \$6 million.

*Amount of Federal Funding sought:* **\$3 million** (application lodged as part of BBR3)

*Community benefit:* The Main Street Upgrade will support Hahndorf as one of South Australia's premiere tourist destinations and deliver increased civic pride, preservation and enhancement of heritage, and increased safety through crime prevention through urban design.

[Project Title Mount Barker Innovation and Gig City Precinct](#)

*Location:* Mount Barker TAFE campus

*Brief description:* The project will establish a dedicated innovation precinct and collaboration hub for startup business incubation and social enterprise development.

*Current status:* Concept and partnership development and space design stage.

*Estimated total project cost:* \$500,000.

*Amount of Federal Funding sought:* **\$250,000.**

*Community benefit:* Local employment opportunities, business development and investment attraction are the key objectives. The Mount Barker Innovation and Gig City precinct will provide space, ICT resources and support programs for startup businesses, entrepreneurs and social enterprises to work collaboratively to develop and expand business activity and innovation in the region. The aim is to provide quality facilities and run development programs in a supported environment that encourage innovation and business growth.

**Council Commitment**

Council has made significant commitments to the above projects as evidenced by the purchase of land parcels, other project expenditure to date such as on design, the securing of external funding from project partners and provision for future expenditure by Council as reflected in the Council Budget and Long Term Financial Plan. Further information can be provided on request on each of these projects.

**Further Information**

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