



Round table discussion for Southern Rec Hub

Council has hosted a workshop for stakeholders to comment on draft masterplans for four recreation sites as part of the Southern Barossa Recreation Hub project.

The project is in response to demand for recreation, sporting and community facilities in the south, and will also identify economic opportunities around tourism development.

Council has appointed Jensen Planning and Design to draft concept plans for Queen Victoria Jubilee Park, Lyndoch Recreation Park, Curdnatta Park and a greenfield site, which were tabled at the recent workshop.

"This was an important step in the process and

gave sporting and user groups a chance to consider potential options to relieve the pressure on infrastructure and facilities," said CEO Martin McCarthy.

"The dialogue at the workshop was positive and the break-out sessions were informative and constructive.

"A key theme that emerged from this initial session is that clubs greatly value additional space and facilities, and we will continue the dialogue to flesh out the feedback we have received."

The wider community will also have a second opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed options as the project is progressed.



Stakeholders work through the concept plans at the workshop.



Green light for landmark community plan

A year in the making, the landmark Barossa Community Plan has been formally adopted by Council.

The aspirational Plan provides a 20 year vision for the community and reflects more than 500 public comments received during two stages of public consultation.

Mayor Bob Sloane (pictured) said the Plan is a flagship example of how community input can influence decision-making.

"We'd like to thank everyone who contributed to this plan by giving their feedback," he said.

"We are immensely proud of the way the community engaged with us and how that feedback helped shape the final document.

"We believe the Plan is a genuine reflection of community sentiment and will hold us in good stead as we plan for the future of the Barossa."

The Plan shows commitment to

the values of *Land and Place, Community, Leadership and Achievement*, with targets that reflect five key themes:

- Natural Environment and Built Heritage
- Community and Culture
- Infrastructure
- Health and Wellbeing
- Business and Employment

The document is available to view on Council's website and at www.ourbetterbarossa.com



News in brief

People can provide feedback on the composition of Council, including ward structure and number of elected members, until July 8.

The elector representation review is aimed at ensuring all electors across the Council area are fairly and adequately represented.

Details about making a submission can be found on Council's website or at www.ourbetterbarossa.com

Gallery shop showcases artisans

The new-look Gallery Shop at Barossa Regional Gallery has been redesigned into a unique and dynamic retail space filled with inspiring artisan wares.

The shop is a showcase for distinctive pieces for people of all ages and demographics, with over 80 per cent of the stock made locally in South Australia

Project Officer Dayna Brassil and her team of volunteers have also sourced alternative displays and unique wall hanging systems that create a beautiful setting featuring natural textures and tones.

The unique product range includes textiles, jewellery, ceramics, clothing, prints, wall hangings, homewares and more from a range of almost 50 artists.

The Gallery Shop is open every day from 11am to 4pm.



Council formally recognised the contribution of volunteers Arthur Mousamas and Ray Duance (Barossa Bushgardens) and Felicity Hage (Barossa Visitor Information Centre) whose contributions have enriched community life in the Barossa. Mayor Bob Sloane presented each with a certificate of service at last week's Council meeting.

Rate rebates for community

Organisations with a community focus will benefit from rate rebates totalling around \$550,000 in 2016-17.

The mandatory and discretionary rebates have been applied to a range of groups representing churches, the RSL, education, emergency services, health and community services and other groups that deliver a community benefit.

The rebates alleviate the financial burden on smaller groups or organisations with reduced capacity to pay.

The mandatory rebate amount has increased from last year, particularly in the area of community services, with housing associations entitled to a rebate of 75% of total rates.