

2026/2027 FY

Township Prospectus

Central Township • Hahndorf



MOUNT BARKER
DISTRICT COUNCIL

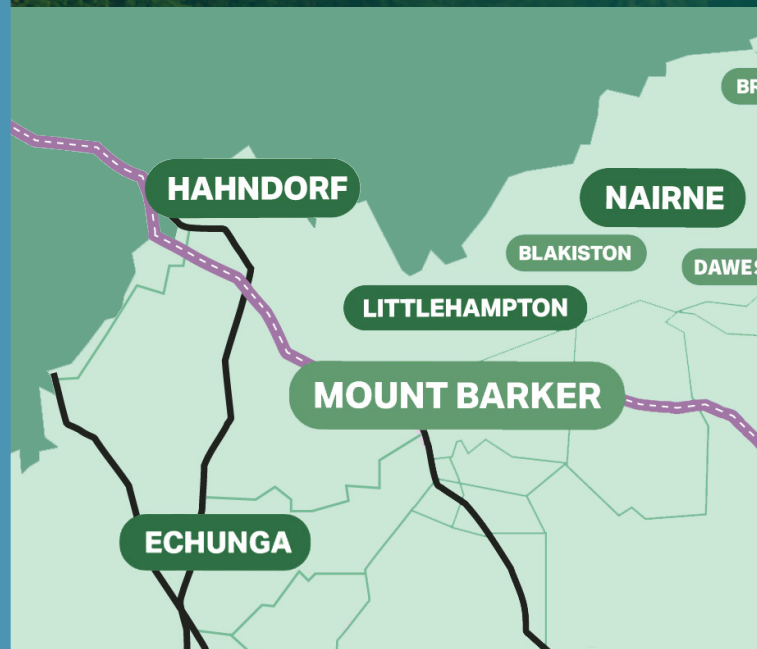
The Township Prospectus will:

- provide an annual report summarising the work undertaken to implement lead strategies and action plans;
- identify key priorities and actions to be delivered in the upcoming financial year; and
- better communicate Annual Business Plan budget allocations that support the implementation of actions within the Township Plan actions;

This prospectus is an annual document explaining how Mount Barker district's lead strategies and action plans. This prospectus document will be an important annual reporting tool summarising work completed to implement the Plans, prioritising actions for delivery over the next over the next year and communicating Annual Business Plan budget allocations to support the delivery of plan actions.

There will be three prospectus documents to cover the whole of the Mount Barker district:

- **Southern Townships** – Echunga, Macclesfield, Meadows
- **Central Townships** – Hahndorf, Nairne, Littlehampton
- **Northern Townships** – Brunkunga/Harrogate, Callington, Kanmantoo



STRENGTHENING COMMUNICATION

In April 2026, Council adopted a new Corporate Strategy Framework to better connect our long term goals with the actions and funding needed to deliver them.

The Framework links Council strategies to action plans with timeframes and budgets, helping ensure community priorities are delivered and aligned with Council's resource planning.

As part of this change, standalone Township Plans no longer exist as separate strategic documents. Instead, township actions and priorities have been incorporated into Council's Lead Strategies and supporting Action Plans.

To ensure communities can still clearly see what is being delivered in their local area, Council will prepare an annual Township Plan Prospectus (an annual report) for each township. These easy to read updates will bring together the relevant actions, projects and investments from across Council's strategies and action plans into a single local document.

The Prospectus will highlight what has been delivered, what is currently underway, and key short term future actions and timing for each township. It is intended to improve communication and engagement with local communities and provide a clearer understanding of how Council is delivering on township priorities.

Key Initiatives:



Key Community group
update meetings



Annual Township
Plans Prospectus



HAHNDORF IN FOCUS

2016 —————> 2026
2,919 0.5% p.a. **3,072*** (+153 people)



Population Growth

*Estimated – Forecast id Hahndorf and District

2016 —————> 2026
1,181 0.7% p.a. **1,267*** (+86 homes)



Number of Homes

* Estimated – Profile id Hahndorf and District/Total Dwellings

2016 —————> 2021
5.8% -1.0% **4.8%*** (7.5% MBDC)



Disengaged Youth (15-24 age)

*Profile id Hahndorf and District/Disengagement by Age

2016 —————> 2021
22.3% +0.9% **23.2%*** (+109 people)



Senior Residents (70+ years)

*Profile id Hahndorf and District/Service Age Groups

2017 —————> 2025
236 -3.7% p.a. **166** (-70 students) HPS
250 -3.6% p.a. **186** (-64 students) STMLS



Hahndorf Primary School/St. Michael's Lutheran Primary School Students

*Data: SA Enrolments/Bettereducation.com.au/Hahndorf Primary/St Michael's Annual Reports

Rental Stress

→ **33.1%** (31.8% MBDC)

Mortgage Stress

↓ **6.5%** (10.7% MBDC)



Housing Stress > 30% of Income

Profile id Hahndorf and District/Rental-Mortgage Cost >30%

Key Issues:



Supporting economic development and tourism – Main Street upgrade.



Traffic movement and parking – Busy and often congested Main Street.



Improving community facilities – Recreation ground facilities and bowling club grounds.



Alec Johnston Park Playground, Hahndorf

DELIVERING TOWNSHIP PLAN OUTCOMES IN HAHNDORF

Council-led Initiatives



Main Street Upgrade Design Ready for Construction

ACTIONS #37-41

Comprehensive engagement with residents and traders shaped the Hahndorf Main Street upgrade design which is now pending government funding which we are advocating for.



Stages 1 of Yantaringa Reserve upgrade

ACTIONS #25-27

Yantaringa Reserve has been upgraded with bike trails, walking paths and improved signage while supporting biodiversity.



Beerenberg Pedestrian crossing

ACTION #10

A new pedestrian crossing has been installed next to Beerenberg Family Farm.



Trucks off the Main Street

ACTION #20

Successful advocacy in getting heavy vehicles off the Main Street.



Hahndorf Academy Upgrades

ACTION #42

The courtyard has been upgraded to better support exhibitions, community events, and private functions.



Heart of the Hills Youth Art Project

ACTIONS #42-44

Delivered six workshops for 18 young people creating environmental art with Laura Wills, culminating in SALA Festival exhibitions.



✓ DELIVERED

Spring Slam in the Hills poetry slam

ACTIONS #42-44

Council's annual slam poetry night drew a sell-out crowd of 80+, showcasing local and guest spoken word talent at Adelaide Hills Wine Bar.



✓ DELIVERED

Low Key A Haus Party

ACTIONS #42-44

Youth Week event brought together 200 young people at Hahndorf Academy with live music, DJs and creative activities.

Other initiatives

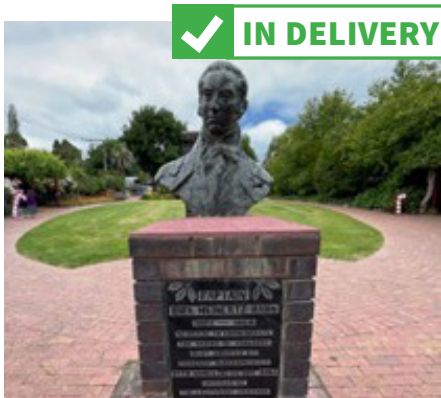
- Provided ongoing support to Hahndorf Academy and The Cedars, including project advice, KPI development, and grant assistance.
- Provided grants for local events, including the Dog Exhibition & Dog Fashion Parade at Hahndorf Academy.
- Assisted community groups, such as the Hahndorf Memorial Institute, with external grant applications.
- Supported two sold-out RDA Grant Writing Masterclasses by covering attendance costs for approximately 15 local committee members.
- Maintained regular engagement with community groups through meetings and collaboration (e.g. HCA, National Trust).

✓ DELIVERED



Tara-Illa Bike Path, Hahndorf

Community-led Initiatives



Captain Hahn Memorial Plinth Restoration



Hahndorf Heritage Barn Relocation



Stobie Pole Mosaic Art

The Hahndorf Community Association, together with the National Trust, recently installed their first Stobie pole mosaic art piece. Located near the intersection of River Road and Mount Barker Road, the mosaic reads ‘Hahndorf’ as it welcomes travellers into the township. More mosaic artworks are to come as part of this exciting township beautification initiative.

To help protect and celebrate the township’s heritage, the Hahndorf Community Association has also led a relocation project for a heritage barn to Alec Johnston Park. The project has progressed to the development application stage and subsequent referral to Heritage SA. These projects, along with the restoration of the Captain Hahn monument in Pioneer Memorial Gardens and the Lutheran rose display in Alec Johnston Park, are excellent examples of community-driven and inspired initiatives.



Alec Johnston Park, Hahndorf

What's happening in Hahndorf over the next four years

Key Initiatives to be Delivered:



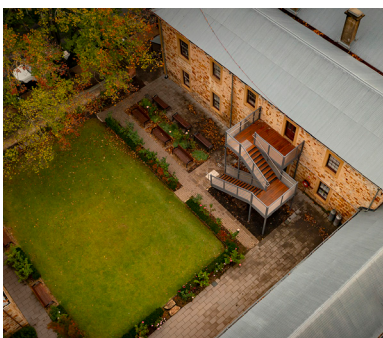
Transport

- Auricht Road (Pine Ave to Mt Barker Rd) **Renewal**
- Auricht Road (Pine Ave to Johns Ln) **Renewal**
- Boehm Drive (Mt Barker Rd to End) **Renewal**
- Byard Place (Auricht Rd to End) **Renewal**
- Church Street (Balhannah Rd to Victoria St) **Renewal**
- Hereford Avenue (24 Hereford Ave to End) **Renewal**
- Johns Lane (Mt Barker Rd to Auricht Rd) **Renewal**
- Kaesler Road (Cnr of Balhannah Rd DL Patch) **Renewal**
- Molens Road (Balhannah Rd to Kramm Ave) **Renewal**
- Molens Road (Schubert Dr to English St) **Renewal**
- Wittwer St (Hereford Ave to End) **Renewal**



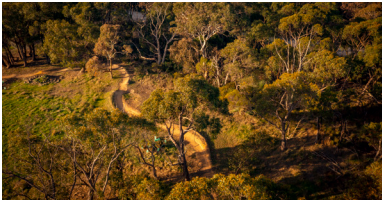
Footpaths

- Molens Road (Balhannah Rd to English St) **New**
- English Street (Molens Rd to Collins St) **New**
- Mount Barker Road (Discovery Park to River Rd) **New**
- Ambleside Road (Mount Barker Rd to Ambleside Service Rd) **New**
- Balhannah Road Left (11m E Mt Barker Rd to Church St) **Renewal**
- Church Street Right (Victoria St to Balhannah Rd) **Renewal**
- Pine Avenue Left (24m Sth Mt Barker Rd to Auricht Rd) **Renewal**
- Pine Avenue Right (41m Sth Mt Barker Rd to Auricht Rd) **Renewal**
- Mount Barker Road Left (Auricht Rd to Infinite Aged Care) **Renewal**



Property

- Hahndorf Academy - Ongoing Internal/External Repairs **Action #42**
- Hahndorf Bus Park Toilet Refurbishment
- 108 Mount Barker Road- Parking Design/Redevelopment Optioneering **Action #8**



Open Space

- Tara-Illa stage two design (bike track extension) **Actions #25-27**



Arts

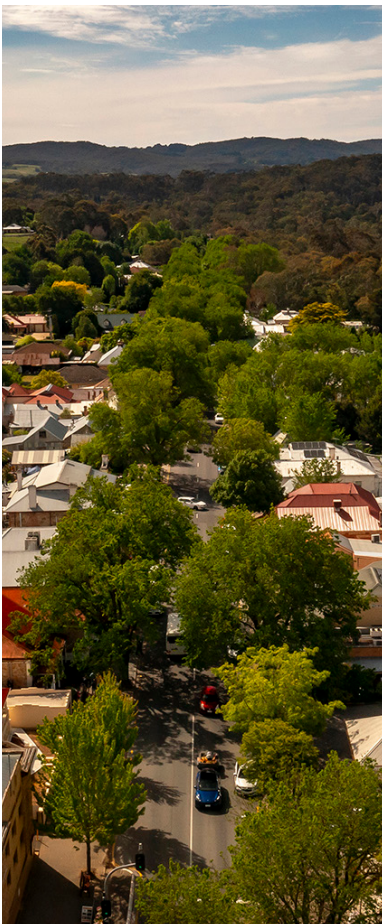
- SALA Festival Regional Bus Tour **Actions #43-44**
- Arts Networking Event at The Cedars **Actions #43-44**
- Regular ongoing support to Hahndorf Academy **Action #42**
- Regular ongoing support to The Cedars



Advocacy

Seeking State and/or Federal funding / delivery of:

- Hahndorf Main Street upgrade **Actions #43-41**
- Pioneer Womens Trail
- Balhannah / Mount Barker Road intersection upgrade
- Pine Avenue / Mount Barker Road intersection upgrade
- Bypass



District wide

Environment and Sustainability

Council focus:

- Adapting to sustainability challenges and embedding biodiversity and environmental outcomes within Council projects and business practices
 - o Environmentally Sustainable Design Guidelines
 - o Township planting guidelines
 - o Integrated Water Design Toolkit
- Establishing the Nature Conservation program and embedding best practice conservation practices across all Council-managed biodiversity sites
 - o New management plans for (potential sites include Coppins Bush, Macclesfield Day Paddock, Yantaringa and Mount Barker Summit)

Community focus:

- Enabling and supporting the community to get involved in environment and sustainability initiatives
- New education and support resources for greening, biodiversity, climate change and water



MOUNT BARKER
DISTRICT COUNCIL