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Urban farm, camp tutors and playground touted for Glenthorne Farm transformation

The State Government will transform 208 hectares at Glenthorne Farm into an outdoor community hub with experiences such as a working urban farm, a nature playground and 'camp training' for beginner campers.

A New Future for Glenthorne Farm seeks community input to co-design this expansive greenspace in Adelaide's south into a multi-use public site where individuals and families can connect with nature and learn about sustainability.

While the Labor Government has a broad vision for the site, community and stakeholders are invited to put forward creative ideas to enliven the area with nature-based, sustainable activities for families and friends to enjoy.

Background

Glenthorne Farm is a 208-hectare site 17 kilometres south of the CBD that has been a farm, an Army training site and a CSIRO research station since it was established in 1839.

The Weatherill Government will open the area into a greenspace for the public to use. Ideas include an accessible farm where families can learn to grow and harvest their own food; a network of trails for walking or cycling; and a welcoming café.

A New Future for Glenthorne Farm also suggests a nature playground, like the ones that have been hugely successful at Morialta Conservation Park and Cobbler Creek. Another idea is a beginner campground where rangers would give tips to first-time campers so they can have the confidence to go out and enjoy the camping opportunities in our national parks.

The final cost of the Glenthorne Farm redevelopment will be determined by what the community would like to see included on the site.

Quotes attributable to Sustainability, Environment and Conservation Minister Ian Hunter

Glenthorne Farm has a long and important history in South Australia and it is time to tap its unrealised potential and create a community space for residents in the southern suburbs.

This initiative is a conversation starter: we want the community to help us design this greenspace into an active outdoor space with learning and play areas that will entice individuals and families to come and enjoy their natural surrounds.

We have the budget and the vision to work with the community to transform this space into an open hub for the local community and a destination for all South Australians. We want to make the most of the open green space for the social, physical and mental health of the community.

Quotes attributable to Randall Wilson, Labor candidate for Black

This Government's vision for Glenthorne Farm shows they are committed to delivering public-use spaces and activities for all South Australians to make our communities wonderful places to live, relax and enjoy.

This is an incredible opportunity for our community to get involved in designing a fun and vibrant outdoor space to visit with families and friends.

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