

Teen takes to screen to promote town square proposal

By Melissa Keogh

Nairne teenager Charlie Butler has created a short film to help attract investors to a \$113m crowdfunding campaign to secure the last block of undeveloped land in Mt Barker CBD.

The Cornerstone College student was tracked down by the Mt Barker and District Residents' Association which was looking for a talented photographer to create a short film advertising the grand plan for the town square.

Thirteen-year-old Charlie's four minute film clip *A Heart For Mt Barker* was launched on fractional property investment company DomaCom's website last week.

DomaCom is managing the multi-million dollar crowdfunding campaign for the residents' association, which hopes to secure the land bordered by Druids Avenue and Morphett Street from its owner Woolworths.

The land is estimated to be worth in excess of \$10m and the residents' association wants to raise a further \$90m to build a European-style town square.

Charlie said a member of the residents'



Thirteen-year-old Charlie Butler of Nairne has created a four minute film clip to help attract investors for a town square in Mt Barker's CBD.

association contacted him after watching one of his films at an event at Cornerstone College.

Charlie and his father Paul drove around Mt Barker, filming scenes of

the Mt Barker Summit, Gawler Street, Auchendarroch House and Jurlique.

"It took about a day of filming and then three or four days to put it together and edit," Charlie said.

Residents' association secretary Laurence Gellon briefed the Year 8 student on the shots required for the film.

Mr Gellon said the clip was likely to be viewed by people "throughout the world". "Charlie has done an absolutely brilliant job and he followed the script and the storyboard while embellishing it with his own creativity," he said.

"A visual story has a great impact, and not everyone knows about Mt Barker."

Charlie said a town square in the heart of Mt Barker would be a "really big improvement" for the town.

"I'm excited about it and it will be really good if it comes together ... it will give it a heart," he said.

Charlie began his passion for filmmaking at the age of 11.

The Year 8 student has since filmed a number of clips for other community events and school projects.

Charlie said the secret to capturing a good shot was creativity.

"What you can do when you have a bit of creativity is endless," he said.

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They are among six extra drop-off days being provided by the council at three depots across the district to help residents affected by the new Environment Protection Authority (EPA) burn-off bans.

Gumeracha's extra day is on Sunday, October 23, while Woodside will have Wednesday, November 30.

Drop-off days on Saturday, October 8, and Saturday, November 5, are already scheduled.

Heathfield depot, the busiest drop-off point in the district, will have four extra days with green waste dumping available from Saturday, October 8, to Monday, October 10, and from Friday, November 4, to Sunday, November 6.

The council has offered a Sunday and a week day option to assess which is most popular.

A spokesman said they elected to offer a separate October date for Gumeracha to provide an alternative day for ratepayers, even if they needed to travel.

"Woodside is scheduled for the last collection before the fire danger season which generally commences on December 1," he said.

"The central location makes it easier for all residents to attend with limited travel times.

"Having this date on a Wednesday is an opportunity to trial a mid-week collection day."

Water cuts net, phones

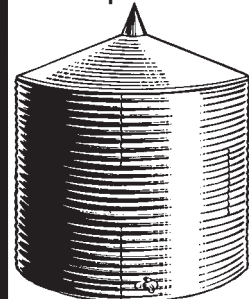
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