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Mount Barker celebrates

Mount Barker celebrated the completion of town centre improvements on Tuesday 21 August.

Wagin MLA Terry Waldron opened Town Centre Enhancement Program (TCEP) works that provided better facilities in Short Street and Lord Street.

Mount Barker received \$123,000 of Royalties for Regions funding through the Great Southern Development Commission towards a \$250,000 upgrade of the precinct.

Mr Waldron congratulated the Shire of Plantagenet on the works and said the project enhanced Mount Barker's attractive town centre.

Improvements in Short Street included new footpaths, landscaping, drainage, parking, street furniture and underground power, and the road was resurfaced.

GSDC Board Chairman Peter Rundle said the Short Street project complemented previous works in Lowood Road.

"The Shire of Plantagenet has already expended about \$1 million on improvements to Lowood Road in the centre of Mount Barker," Mr Rundle said.

"The TCEP funding enabled the shire to continue enhancing the town's centre to provide a better environment for residents and visitors.

"Short Street now has parking for people with disabilities, who will also appreciate the smoother footpaths," Mr Rundle said.

Short Street is now one-way from Lowood Road to Lord Street.

The Shire of Plantagenet also gained TCEP funding for promotional banners displayed on power poles in Lowood Road.

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