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## Temporary Christmas Parking

Council has been approached by the Gawler Business Development Group seeking support to increase the provision of long term car-parking options in the Town Centre.

In the lead up to Christmas, a known peak period for retail trading, some business owners have suggested that this increase in retail activity will only place greater pressure on the availability of convenient parking in the Town Centre.

In response, and to assist local businesses and their customers during this busy period, Council has resolved to support a number of initiatives in this regard:

1. Creation of 90 temporary all-day parks on Goose Island.
2. Extending existing 3 hour limits in the Tod Street, High Street and the Visitor Information Centre off-street car parks to 4 hours.
3. Increased promotion of existing and under utilised all-day parking options, such as the 60 unsealed car parks at Murray Street South (land abutting SA Water Depot).

“Council always seeks to listen and work with local businesses when matters are raised relative to the functionality and the operating success of the Town Centre. These are a range of temporary solutions to increase all day parking options in the Town Centre during a very busy period that can be actioned quickly by Council and at low cost, but can assist local businesses and their customers greatly in the lead up to Christmas ” said Mayor Redman.

The temporary all-day parking trial on Goose Island will operate within the following parameters, noting this land has previously been utilised successfully on a temporary basis in order to increase parking supply during peak periods, such as The Gawler Show:

1. Available from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 2019 to Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> of December 2019;
2. Open at 7.00am and closed at 8:30pm (gate locked overnight);
3. Monitoring will occur on daily basis by Council Community Safety Officers; and
4. Morning watering with a water cart to reduce dust and other potential risks.

“Council recognises that allowing temporary parking on Goose Island will increase the number of vehicle movements along Eighth and Tenth Street. However the intention is to promote this to local businesses as an all-day parking option for their employees. This will limit the number of vehicle movements in any one day on these streets, whilst freeing up capacity in premium retail precincts for customers use” said Mayor Redman.

Further to the above temporary Christmas car parking changes, Council will also work with the Gawler Business Development Group and local businesses to further promote existing parking options, and to continually strive to strike the right balance between short and long term parking options.

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