

Draft Open Space, Stormwater and Transport Asset Management Plans

The Town of Gawler has prepared draft Open Space, Stormwater and Transport Asset Management Plans (AMPs) and wants the feedback of community and stakeholders.

The Town of Gawler is changing – our population is growing; residential development is increasing and we are needing to respond to a changing climate. These changes are putting increased demand on the assets that Council manages. We need to carefully plan to ensure that we can provide assets that best meet community needs within the resources we have available.

This factsheet explains why and how Council has prepared the draft AMPs and the key features of the plans.

ABOUT ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANS

What are asset management plans?

Councils own, operate or manage many assets on behalf of the community including:

- Open space (eg. parks, playgrounds, playing fields)
- Stormwater (eg. pipes, pits and culverts)
- Transport (eg. roads, footpaths and bridges)
- Buildings (eg. community centres, club rooms)
- Strategically acquires assets (eg. land, buildings) to support future needs or its financial position.

Asset Management Plans (AMPs) are a requirement of the Local Government Act, they:

- Identify the funding to maintain and upgrade assets into the future to an agreed level of service and considering changing demands.
- Outline principles by which decisions will be made to provide or manage assets in a way that balances community expectations, risk, and financial means.

Asset Management Plans are for a 10 year period and are linked to a Long-Term Financial Plan to ensure that the management of assets is financially sustainable.

What asset management plans does the Town of Gawler have?

Council has four AMPs which combined form its Long-Term and Infrastructure AMP:

- Open Space AMP
- Stormwater AMP
- Transport AMP
- Building AMP.

Council is seeking feedback on the draft Open Space, Stormwater and Transport AMPs. The draft Building AMP is being prepared and will be released for public consultation later this year.

How do they consider future needs?

Council carefully plans how to provide and manage assets into the future considering how the council area and the demands on it may change. The AMPs consider factors such as:

- Growing population
- Increasing populations of older and younger people (i.e. >65 and 0-25 year olds)
- Increasing urbanisation (e.g. greenfield housing and higher density development)
- Legislative requirements (e.g. stormwater and disability compliance)
- Climate change (e.g. flood mitigation, urban cooling, lowering emissions, low footprint materials).

How are they funded?

All Councils have limited finances. As such AMPs will manage existing assets and carefully consider when upgrades or new assets need to be created to meet new demands.

There are always more things that Council or the community would like to do but cannot be done within the budget available. As such each AMP includes a list of other partially or unfunded upgrades or new assets. Delivery of these is dependent finding savings elsewhere in Council's budget or sourcing additional funding.

ABOUT THE DRAFT OPEN SPACE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

What are open space assets?

The open space network includes:

- Active open spaces (e.g. for sports, exercise or active play)
- Natural areas supporting native plants and animal habitats (e.g. river banks)
- Passive open spaces (e.g. unstructured physical activities such as picnics, walking and cycling)
- Specific purpose open spaces (e.g. cemetery, dog parks, and open spaces with heritage significance)
- Linear trails along river corridor.

Assets include furniture and fittings, fences and retaining walls, infrastructure and structures, irrigation systems, playgrounds and equipment, monuments and feature structures, and signs. These assets have a total estimated renewal value of \$12 million.

What does the draft Open Space Asset Management Plan propose to deliver over 10 years?

- Operation, maintenance, renewal and upgrade of existing open space assets to current service levels.
- New or strategic projects including:
 - Parking facilities at Gawler Oval and Dead Mans Pass

- Karbeethan Reserve Master Plan implementation
- Upgrade playgrounds to the current community expectations and standards
- Implement Council's Biodiversity Management Plan and Gawler Open Space, Sport and Recreation Plan 2025 directions in stages
- Design and commission iconic public art projects
- Other works that have been identified in the Long Term Financial Plan.

The following initiatives are desirable but cannot be fully funded within available budgets. Delivery of these is dependent on finding savings elsewhere in Council's budget, delaying other upgrades or sourcing alternative funding.

- Operation and maintenance of Karbeethan Reserve / Essex Park Master Plan or Iconic Project implementation
- Car park upgrades at reserves
- Additional off-leash dog facilities
- Pioneer Park heritage wall restoration
- Open spaces and facilities that are close and convenient to the local community
- Essex Park and Gawler Showgrounds Regional Sporting Precinct Master Plan implementation.

ABOUT THE DRAFT STORMWATER ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

What are stormwater assets?

Stormwater drainage assets including pipes, pits, stormwater quality improvement devices, headwalls, river outfalls, channels and detention basins. These assets have a total estimated renewal value of \$81 million.

Flood mitigation levee banks and infrastructure along Gawler Rivers are not included as they are managed under Gawler River Flood Management Authority.

What does the draft Stormwater Asset Management Plan propose to deliver over 10 years?

- Operation, maintenance and renewal of existing stormwater drainage assets to meet service levels set by annual budgets.
- Operation and maintenance of contributed stormwater drainage assets (e.g. those built by developers and handed to council to manage) to meet service levels set by annual budgets.

ABOUT THE DRAFT STORMWATER ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN *(continued)*

- Upgrades to increase the capacity of some existing drainage network sections identified in the Stormwater Management Plans for Gawler and Surrounds, and Smith Creek catchments.
- Southern Urban Area stormwater harvest and distribution system and miscellaneous drainage improvement works.

The following initiatives are desirable but cannot be fully funded within available budgets. Delivery of these

is dependent on finding savings elsewhere in Council's budget or sourcing additional funding.

- Willaston drainage upgrade Stage 2
- Upgrading to other existing under capacity systems identified in the Stormwater Management Plans for Gawler and Surrounds, and Smith Creek catchments
- Establishing the Gawler River Racecourse detention basin Upgrading Milne Road drainage

ABOUT THE DRAFT TRANSPORT ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

What are transport assets?

Transport assets include sealed and unsealed roads (excluding those managed by the State Government), footpaths, shared paths, bridges and culverts, roundabouts, kerbs and water tables. These assets have a total estimated renewal value of \$202m.

What does the draft Transport Asset Management Plan propose to deliver over 10 years?

- Operation, maintenance, and renewal of existing roads, roundabouts, bridges, culverts, footpaths and kerb and water tables to meet current service levels set in annual budgets.
- New or strategic projects: Adelaide Road between Gawler Mill Inn Bridge and Twelfth Street, upgrade Dalkeith Road, Jane Street reconstruction, Barossa Trail to Stuart O'Grady Bike Track, and a portion of identified new footpaths and kerb and gutter works.

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- Tiver Road and Bentley Road upgrade
- All required new footpath and kerb and gutter construction
- Upgrade of some old road pavements that do not have engineered pavement structures.
- New footpath construction over \$350,000 per year (i.e. approx. 1.6km)
- New kerb and water table construction over \$223,000 (i.e. approx. 1km)
- Walking and cycling network linkages
- Goose Island footbridge upgrade
- Sealing unsealed roads
- Eighteenth Street upgrade.

MORE INFORMATION AND HAVE YOUR SAY

Visit www.gawler.sa.gov.au/your-voice to read the draft plans in full and to complete an online survey by 5pm 6 July 2022.