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TOWN OF GAWLER ESTABLISHES YOUTH AND COMMUNITY INSIGHTS FORUM

The Town of Gawler has established a new Youth and Community Insights Forum to strengthen information sharing, identify emerging community trends and support positive outcomes for young people and their families.

The forum brings together leaders from Gawler and District College B-12, Trinity College, Xavier College, The Town of Gawler, Gawler Police and the Member for Light, James Agness, creating a regular opportunity to share local insights, discuss emerging challenges and identify opportunities for a coordinated approach to community wellbeing.

Mayor of Gawler Nathan Shanks said the initiative reflects Council's commitment to building strong partnerships and working collaboratively to support the community.

Quote attributable to Mayor Nathan Shanks:

"By bringing together key organisations that work closely with young people every day, we can develop a deeper understanding of both the opportunities and challenges facing our community and identify ways to respond collaboratively,".

Town of Gawler CEO Chris Cowley said the forum would provide an important platform for sharing local knowledge and strengthening relationships between organisations with a shared interest in community wellbeing.

Quote attributable to CEO Chris Cowley:

"Our schools and local police have a unique perspective on the experiences of young people and families in our community. By creating a regular platform for discussion, we can identify trends earlier, improve coordination and help ensure that local and state services are responsive to community needs,".

Member for Light, James Agness welcomed the initiative, highlighting the value of establishing an ongoing dialogue between Council, local schools and police as the region continues to grow.

Quote attributable to MP James Agness:

"With the growth our community is experiencing, I commend Mayor Shanks and the Town of Gawler's CEO, Chris Cowley for establishing a dialogue with the three senior schools – Gawler and District College B-12, Trinity College and Xavier College - who service our community."

Given the daily intel, the observation of trends and the challenges the student cohort may be facing which each school is exposed, establishing a regular forum enabling for information sharing can only be of benefit and enhance the manner in which local and state government deliver the services it provides."

Schools and police are often among the first organisations to observe emerging social, wellbeing and community trends. Through regular engagement, forum participants will have an opportunity to share observations, strengthen communication and identify areas where a coordinated response may help address local needs.

The forum will meet regularly to discuss issues affecting young people, emerging community challenges and opportunities to improve local service delivery through collaboration.

The initiative forms part of the Town of Gawler's ongoing commitment to fostering strong community partnerships that support safety, wellbeing, youth development and responsive local governance.

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