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The primary purpose of the Gawler Civic Centre is to revitalise and redevelop existing community (main street) buildings that will drive economic growth, create new jobs and strengthen the social and cultural base of Gawler and the broader region.

Social connection, community celebration and lifelong learning are key outcomes for this unique, regional facility.

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Consideration of the heritage and importance of both buildings has been at the forefront of this project and the final outcome is one that provides our community with an appropriately remediated and structurally sound asset for many years to come.

This redevelopment contains six functional areas that are set to collectively drive significant economic development in the greater Gawler region – **Public Library, Cultural Heritage Centre, Function Venues and Meeting Rooms, Youth Space, Business Innovation Hub**, and a **Social Enterprise Café**.

From community groups, service clubs, the business community, local artists, to young people, senior citizens and library groups...Gawler Civic Centre provides something for everyone.

Gawler Civic Centre showcases local and regional cultural heritage, provides support to start-up and existing businesses, houses a contemporary library, is a centre for visual and performing arts and includes youth programs to facilitate 21st century learning and community wellbeing.

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Gawler Public Library

Gawler Public Library is part of the SA 'One Card' network, which connects more than 130 public libraries across South Australia to let you borrow and return items wherever you go, using your current library card.

Gawler Public Library provides a welcoming, relevant, accessible and inclusive library service that enhances the recreational life and lifestyle of the community.

*The Library will consist of two branches, at the **Gawler Civic Centre** and the **Evanston Gardens Community Centre**, delivering a range of programs and events.*

The modern Library will offer lifelong learning opportunities, research areas, creative and social engagement spaces, and access to information through both hard copy and digital mediums.

The Library also offers a Home Visits service, delivering books and other library materials to community members who are unable to visit the Library.

For further information contact the Library team.

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Cultural Heritage Centre

The **Cultural Heritage Centre** will allow the community to experience and interact with the Gawler Heritage Collection through two distinct spaces - an exhibition gallery and a research facility.

Housed within the original Council Chambers, the **Cultural Heritage Gallery** will deliver diverse presentations showcasing the multi-faceted aspects of Gawler's history as well as select touring exhibitions from other cultural institutions.

*The **Cultural Heritage Centre** will assist the community to: view the past through our understanding of the present, evoke memories, learn, reinterpret and shape our ideas and experiences of Gawler.*

The **Cultural Heritage Research Centre**, will provide researchers, students and the public access to the large and unique Gawler Heritage Collection. This dedicated learning space will broaden our understanding of the thoughts, actions, people and events which have shaped Gawler.

There will be opportunities for volunteers with a passion for history to contribute to the continuing scholarship, understanding and appreciation of the cultural heritage of Gawler.

For further information contact the Cultural Heritage Centre Coordinator.

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Function Venues and Meeting Rooms

Community access to high quality meeting and function spaces is a key outcome for the Gawler Civic Centre redevelopment.

The refurbished Town Hall will provide a range of **meeting and workshop spaces**. These spaces range from an intimate three person meeting room to a larger twelve person boardroom. Potential uses are community and corporate meetings, workshops, staff training or temporary offices.

Performances, presentations, boutique conventions, dinners, conferences, live music, theatre and cabaret shows, along with visiting and local arts and cultural exhibitions can all be accommodated.

The first floor of the Institute building contains **a Hall, Seating Gallery and Council Chambers**.

These distinct function spaces can be used separately or as a combined venue to assist a variety of community and corporate hire outcomes.

Also on this floor, the **James Martin Room** serves as a small independent multipurpose room or it can act as a foyer/reception area for the larger function spaces.

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Youth Space

Council continues to position itself as a leader in the child and youth friendly arena with the provision of a **Youth Space** in the new Civic Centre.

This space will assist to increase youth participation in community life, improve youth health and wellbeing and build capability in the Town's young people.

*The **Youth Space** will provide a much needed central place for young people to meet and participate in a range of activities.*

Young people aged 12 – 25 experience significant life transitions such as moving from primary to secondary school, and school to adult life. The Youth Space will provide age appropriate programs, support groups, workshops and other activities to help young people find their feet.

Opportunities offered will seek to provide the fine balance of social, creative and life skills. This will be achieved by working with youth services and groups, where possible locally.

Young people will receive great benefits engaging in the Youth Space, supporting them on the path and direction they are seeking to walk.

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Business Innovation Hub

An exciting component of the Gawler Civic Centre redevelopment is the creation of the **Business Innovation Hub** and the announcement that this Hub will be one of 15 new **GigCity Adelaide Precincts**.

The Business Innovation Hub will be a commercially-focused, flexible working space occupied by businesses that are intent on wealth generation as well as local and regional job creation. A vibrant, welcoming space exuding a sense of business purpose, innovation, resilience and success. The hub's commercial focus is the catalyst for achieving local and regional job creation and investment outcomes.

The Hub will provide opportunities for business to business collaboration, mentoring, home-based businesses to get out of their homes, innovative solutions to civic issues and business engagement with the digital economy.

GigCity Adelaide is providing fast and affordable gigabit internet connection speeds (100 times faster than the national average) for start-ups, entrepreneurs and big businesses. The use of GigCity Adelaide will transform the Town of Gawler as an early adopter of technologies driving innovation and growth. This connectivity, coupled with the digital advisors in residence programs and business mentoring, will provide a significant advantage to our local and regional entrepreneurs and start-ups who are competing in the local, national and global digital economy.

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Social Enterprise Café

Café facilities located within the Gawler Civic Centre will play an important role in the cultural and corporate services that will be on offer in the building. As a social enterprise, the Café will provide a community benefit to Gawler with a specific focus integrated within its operations that complements and supports the hospitality offerings in the broader Gawler Town Centre.

The Social Enterprise Café provides the opportunity for local employment and real education, training and career pathways for the broader community.

Red Centre Enterprises will operate an Australian Bush Foods Social Enterprise Café that uses the best of local South Australian produce, provides high quality meals and has a significant positive impact within the local community.

Council has engaged Red Centre Enterprises to manage the Café. Capitalising on Red Centre's successful agribusiness that works to give Aboriginal communities access to commercial markets for produce and in support of Council's Reconciliation Action Plan, Red Centre Enterprises will encourage young people to train and work in the café and support the local Kaurna community by sourcing the native foods for the Café from this local resource where possible.

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