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## Gawler Civic Centre Wins National Award

Last night, Mayor Karen Redman and CEO Henry Inat attended the national Planning Institute of Australia Awards for Planning Excellence virtual awards ceremony, where the Town of Gawler Civic Centre was awarded the President's Award.

In his presentation, Steve O'Connor, the National President of PIA stated to all the winners that the Town of Gawler project was the sole recipient of the President's Award this year. He was most impressed in respect to the quality and scope of the heritage restoration and use of what are obviously two of the most significant heritage buildings within the Gawler township. He also acknowledged it was a difficult decision within a very competitive field and that the Gawler Civic Centre was the "Best of the Best" in respect to the projects under consideration.

The Town of Gawler Civic Centre was entered under the category of the Great Place Award, which it won at the South Australian PIA Awards for Planning Excellence in November 2018. On that occasion, it also had the great honour of receiving the Minister's Award (Minister for Planning), a prestigious recognition as the best of all entries.

Mayor Redman was delighted with the win stating, "I'd just like to say thank you to all involved in this amazing, complex, innovative project that has set my community of Gawler on its path to success." You can view the announcement of our win at: <https://youtu.be/mioB4XvNUtM>

The national recognition of this amazing project is a well-deserved acknowledgement of the sensitive revitalization and integration of these two State Heritage buildings, preserving them for generations to come and transforming them into an amazing community and business hub.

"The significance of this award win is even more special, in that it won the PIA President's Award - one would suggest the most prestigious of the award categories," said CEO Henry Inat.

The other projects entered into the Great Place category were: Revitalisation of Howard Smith Wharves, Brisbane City Council; Princess Street Transformation, Brimbank City Council, Victoria and Manning Community Hub, City of South Perth.

The National Awards ceremony was held virtually on Youtube and would otherwise have been held in Adelaide in May of this year as part of the PIA National Congress, which was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



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