

Participatory Budgeting

Council is seeking nominations from the community for projects and events to be completed or delivered on community land such as parks, reserves, road verges and community centres in the Town of Gawler. These projects will be installed and maintained or run by Council.

Have you ever thought of great and creative ideas that would improve your experience at your local park?
Can you suggest improvements to community spaces or buildings in Gawler Council area?

How do I apply?

Complete a nomination form at: gawler.sa.gov.au/your-voice

Key dates to remember:

- Nominations open Monday 13 March 2023
- Nominations close 5pm, Friday 7 April 2023
- Voting opens Monday 1 May 2023
- Voting closes 5pm, Monday 29 May 2023

Time frames

Projects must be able to be implemented within a 12 month time frame from 1 July 2023.

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Things to keep in mind

Council will be available to provide guidance and advice to help you with your submission. It is important that you consult with Council regarding the location you select for your project, and the costs of materials, by phone on 8522 9270 or council@gawler.sa.gov.au

How are the winning projects selected?

Participatory Budgeting is a two-part process.

Part 1 - Nomination.

Nominations are sought from the community for projects and events to be completed or delivered on community lands such as parks, reserves, road verges, and community centres in the Town of Gawler. Completed nomination forms must be emailed to council@gawler.sa.gov.au or dropped off at the Gawler Administration Centre and/or the Gawler Civic Centre before 5pm Friday 7 April.

Nominations open

Monday 13 March 2023 and close 5pm, Friday 7 April 2023

Part 2 - Voting.

The nominations will then be collated and presented to the Council's working committee. The working committee will assess the nominated projects and decide the top projects for the community to vote on. The community will then need to vote via the Your-voice portal, Council's social media platforms of Facebook and Instagram or via the Gawler Administration Centre. The projects which receive the most public vote will be included in the Council Annual Business Plan 2023/2024

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HAVE



YOUR



SAY

Tell us what community project you think will benefit the Town of Gawler!

Winning projects announced July 2023

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What is Participatory Budgeting?

To encourage community engagement in Council's annual budget considerations, Council is again running their a 'Participatory Budgeting Initiative' for the 2023/2024 financial year. Participatory Budgeting is a different way to manage public money and for residents and ratepayers to engage with Council by giving you, the Gawler community, the chance to present your ideas and then vote on how to spend part of the Council's budget.

This initiative invites residents and ratepayers of the Town of Gawler Council area to nominate minor projects or events, up to a value of \$20,000, which would provide benefits to the Gawler community. These projects will then be considered by Council's working committee and the preferred projects presented back to the community to vote upon.

Who can apply?

Residents and ratepayers of Gawler are encouraged to submit a nomination form. All that is required is a clever idea that meets the criteria. Individuals, community groups, schools, and businesses are all eligible to apply. Voting is only open to Town of Gawler residents and ratepayers.

What kind of projects are eligible?

Any creative ideas, suggestions, project, or event that will improve the community experience of a public place are eligible. Last years eligible projects were; solar lights at Apex Park, drink container recycling shelves, an electric BBQ at Hemaform Grove Reserve, a small shelter and picnic setting at Humphrey George Reserve and drinking fountains in local playgrounds. The most voted projects were - solar lights in Apex Park and drinking fountains at local playgrounds.

Some other possible ideas include edible pocket gardens, little libraries, water fountains, rubbish bins and picnic benches. We look forward to creative ideas coming back from the community.

Cost

To be eligible, the maximum cost for any one project is \$20,000. The cost must include the price of materials and installation. If you are unsure and would like guidance on how much projects and materials cost, we encourage you to call Council on 8522 9270 or email: council@gawler.sa.gov.au

Safety and risk

Your proposal must take into account the safety, or risks to safety, of the community – in particular who will use or pass by the project.

Location

Any public location within the Town of Gawler (not on State/Federal Government land or private properties) such as parks, reserves, road verges and community centres, could be an eligible location for a project.

Maintenance

Council staff will be required to maintain the project for its life span, so cost and ease of maintenance must be considered. Talk to Council on 8522 9270 or email: council@gawler.sa.gov.au to investigate what these costs may be for your project.

What types of things are ineligible?

Everyone should be able to enjoy what you create. This means your idea shouldn't be exclusive to members of a particular club or group, or in a space that isn't publicly accessible the majority of the time.

Other activities that are not eligible for funding include:

- Major infrastructure or building repairs or upgrades.
- Items in Council buildings which are covered under Council's ongoing building maintenance program.
- Non-complying forms of development or land uses.
- Projects, venues, or facilities already currently funded, supported or subsidised by the Town of Gawler
- Maintenance works, such as pruning vegetation.
- Design or research projects.

