



ATTACHMENTS

Ordinary Council Meeting

15 December 2020

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#1

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Q1

Work

What is your relationship to the Town of Gawler? (tick all that apply)

Q2

Respondent skipped this question

If a resident which suburb do you live?

Q3

Male

Gender

Q4

26-35

Age Bracket

Q5

Direct Contact

How did you find out about this opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+?

Q6

Do you support the proposed 'Vision' and 'Mission' Statements?

No,

If answered 'No' how do you believe they should be refined?:
given the town of gawler is a growth area, the mission statement should incorporate the management of growth (within established and new areas)

Q7

Yes

Do you think the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+ appropriately identifies our community's aspirations for the next 10 years?

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Q8

Are you supportive of the Goals / Objectives / Strategies presented in the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+?

No,

If answered 'No' how do you believe they should be refined?:

generally supportive however beautification of public realm should be a key area - i.e. investment in landscaping of key urban areas to promote an aesthetic and sustainable town centre. increase in tree plantings to assist in reducing heat island effect. with urban sprawl increasing, the investment in the town centre should be promoted to ensure it remains the central location of business in the region.

Q9

Do you have any further suggestions for how the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+ could be improved?

No

Q10

Do you have any further comments you wish to make about the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+?

"our growth" should include consideration of urban consolidation and not be limited to new zoned areas. management of infill development needs to be greater considered to ensure sustainable growth.

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Q1

What is your relationship to the Town of Gawler? (tick all that apply)

Resident,
Business Owner,
Play

Q2

If a resident which suburb do you live?

Willaston

Q3

Gender

Male

Q4

Age Bracket

26-35

Q5

How did you find out about this opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+?

Social Media

Q6

Do you support the proposed 'Vision' and 'Mission' Statements?

No,
If answered 'No' how do you believe they should be refined?:
Leave Hewett out of the reform

Q7

Do you think the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+ appropriately identifies our community's aspirations for the next 10 years?

No,
If answered 'No' how do you believe they should be refined?:
Leave Hewett out of the boundary reform

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Q8

Are you supportive of the Goals / Objectives / Strategies presented in the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+?

No,

If answered 'No' how do you believe they should be refined?:

Leave Hewett out of the boundary reform

Q9

Do you have any further suggestions for how the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+ could be improved?

Yes,

If answered 'Yes' how do you believe they should be refined?:

Leave Hewett out of the boundary reform. Learn how to look after your own backyard first.

Q10

Do you have any further comments you wish to make about the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+?

Leave Hewett out of the boundary reform. Focus on what you have and already cannot control/improve.

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#3

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Q1

Resident

What is your relationship to the Town of Gawler? (tick all that apply)

Q2

If a resident which suburb do you live?

Kudla

Q3

Male

Gender

Q4

66-75

Age Bracket

Q5

Direct Contact

How did you find out about this opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+?

Q6

Do you support the proposed 'Vision' and 'Mission' Statements?

Yes,

If answered 'No' how do you believe they should be refined?:
Yes - but the devil will be in the detail. Don't bugga Kudla.

Q7

Do you think the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+ appropriately identifies our community's aspirations for the next 10 years?

Yes,

If answered 'No' how do you believe they should be refined?:
Preserve the past; create the future.

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Q8

Are you supportive of the Goals / Objectives / Strategies presented in the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+?

Yes,

If answered 'No' how do you believe they should be refined?:

Yes - in principle.

Q9

Do you have any further suggestions for how the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+ could be improved?

No,

If answered 'Yes' how do you believe they should be refined?:

Good job.

Q10

Do you have any further comments you wish to make about the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+?

1. Locate walking / cycling path east of railway reserve to maintain public safety in Kudla.
2. Locate flood retarding basin / wetlands east of railway reserve, using dual-purpose widened embankment.

Harvey Dunkley
37 Salem Road, Kudla

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#4

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Q1 **Volunteer**

What is your relationship to the Town of Gawler? (tick all that apply)

Q2 **Respondent skipped this question**

If a resident which suburb do you live?

Q3 **Female**

Gender

Q4 **36-45**

Age Bracket

Q5 **Direct Contact**

How did you find out about this opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+?

Q6 **Yes**

Do you support the proposed 'Vision' and 'Mission' Statements?

Q7 **Yes**

Do you think the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+ appropriately identifies our community's aspirations for the next 10 years?

Q8 **Yes**

Are you supportive of the Goals / Objectives / Strategies presented in the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+?

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Q9

Yes

Do you have any further suggestions for how the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+ could be improved?

Q10

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have any further comments you wish to make about the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+?

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#5

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Q1 **Resident**

What is your relationship to the Town of Gawler? (tick all that apply)

Q2

If a resident which suburb do you live?

Gawler East

Q3 **Female**

Gender

Q4 **36-45**

Age Bracket

Q5 **Direct Contact**

How did you find out about this opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+?

Q6 **Yes**

Do you support the proposed 'Vision' and 'Mission' Statements?

Q7 **Yes**

Do you think the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+ appropriately identifies our community's aspirations for the next 10 years?

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Q8**Yes**

Are you supportive of the Goals / Objectives / Strategies presented in the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+?

Q9**Yes**

Do you have any further suggestions for how the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+ could be improved?

Q10

Do you have any further comments you wish to make about the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+?

No

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#6

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Q1 **Resident,**
What is your relationship to the Town of Gawler? (tick all **Volunteer**
that apply)

Q2
If a resident which suburb do you live?

GAWLER SOUTH

Q3 **Female**
Gender

Q4 **56-65**
Age Bracket

Q5 **Social Media,**
How did you find out about this opportunity to provide **Council's Website**
feedback on the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+?

Q6 **Yes**
Do you support the proposed 'Vision' and 'Mission'
Statements?

Q7 **Yes**
Do you think the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+
appropriately identifies our community's aspirations for the
next 10 years?

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Q8**Yes**

Are you supportive of the Goals / Objectives / Strategies presented in the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+?

Q9**No**

Do you have any further suggestions for how the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+ could be improved?

Q10

Do you have any further comments you wish to make about the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+?

I would like to see and hope that the Council has the vision to include things such as Community Gardens and know that they will support them with funding and help required to get one started and continue supporting it as needed.

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#7

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Q1 **Resident**

What is your relationship to the Town of Gawler? (tick all that apply)

Q2

If a resident which suburb do you live?

EVANSTON PARK

Q3 **Female**

Gender

Q4 **56-65**

Age Bracket

Q5 Other (please specify):
 How did you find out about this opportunity to provide friends
 feedback on the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+?

Q6 **Yes**

Do you support the proposed 'Vision' and 'Mission' Statements?

Q7 **No,**
 Do you think the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+ If answered 'No' how do you believe they should be refined?:
 appropriately identifies our community's aspirations for the next 10 years? I'd like community gardens mentioned specifically

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Q8**Yes**

Are you supportive of the Goals / Objectives / Strategies presented in the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+?

Q9

Do you have any further suggestions for how the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+ could be improved?

If answered 'Yes' how do you believe they should be refined?:
community garden specific

Q10

Do you have any further comments you wish to make about the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+?

Didn't respond to attend a community consultation for this as a previous consultation seemed not to answer questions raised on the boundaries issue.

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#8

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Q1 **Volunteer**

What is your relationship to the Town of Gawler? (tick all that apply)

Q2

If a resident which suburb do you live?

5118

Q3 **Female**

Gender

Q4 **66-75**

Age Bracket

Q5 Other (please specify):
How did you find out about this opportunity to provide explored my emails
feedback on the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+?

Q6 **Yes**

Do you support the proposed 'Vision' and 'Mission' Statements?

Q7 **Yes**

Do you think the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+ appropriately identifies our community's aspirations for the next 10 years?

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Q8**Yes**

Are you supportive of the Goals / Objectives / Strategies presented in the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+?

Q9**No**

Do you have any further suggestions for how the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+ could be improved?

Q10

Do you have any further comments you wish to make about the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+?

Urgently need a new road from the north say from the Sturt Highway to connect to say Lyndoch Road or higher to remove the heavy vehicles off the well used and beautiful Willaston Bridge over the River. The bridge needs to be appreciated as a Significant structure and be preserved before it is too late and maybe the cause of a major accident, due to its narrow construction.

The use of Aquifers harvesting water to be used in council playing fields and parks is a huge asset, I am not aware of any of this type of natural water procurement???

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#9

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Q1

Resident

What is your relationship to the Town of Gawler? (tick all that apply)

Q2

If a resident which suburb do you live?

Evanston Park

Q3

Male

Gender

Q4

36-45

Age Bracket

Q5

Council's Website

How did you find out about this opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+?

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Q6

Do you support the proposed 'Vision' and 'Mission' Statements?

No,

If answered 'No' how do you believe they should be refined?:

The vision and mission statements should relate to matters within the Town of Gawler boundary or can be implemented by the Gawler LGA. Broad motherhood statement such as "area's natural beauty and accessibility to both Adelaide and Barossa Valley" do not relate to vision or mission. Perhaps the statements could acknowledge Gawler LGA as being part of a broader region, taking in both Peri Urban area and as such the Council will work proactively with neighbouring council and communities, on matters of common interest. This include the provision of regional services and facilities, particularly where Gawler Council is unable to adequately service an area with the Gawler LGA.

Q7

Do you think the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+ appropriately identifies our community's aspirations for the next 10 years?

No,

If answered 'No' how do you believe they should be refined?:

No I think the focus is skewed to 'boundary realignment' (as evidenced by key action 1) when this has not been determined by the community as a key issue for Gawler to pursue. Further, much of the future population growth within Gawler LGA is focused in Southern Gawler, however the focus for facilities/infrastructure is on the town centre, rather than acknowledging the need to strategically locate future Council facilities (community buildings, rec centres, public amenities within the growth area and extending outer Gawler suburbs (such as Evanston Park) to adequately service those areas.

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Q8

Are you supportive of the Goals / Objectives / Strategies presented in the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+?

No,

If answered 'No' how do you believe they should be refined?:

Goal 1 - A uniquely Identifiable Township' is commendable, however this doesn't require boundary realignments to achieve. Further, realistically there are area of Gawler LGA (such as southern Gawler) which hasn't been included in this 'township character' and in some respects is already better serviced by the adjoining Council area. Goal 2 'Managed and Sustainable Growth' need to acknowledge that future Council facilities should be spread throughout the Council area rather than constrained to the town centre, noting residents in Southern Gawler are unlikely to travel into the town centre to utilise Gawler Council provided facilities/services. Goal 2 action 4- Water proofing Gawler - This should be a priority so that Gawler can adequality water it's parks and reserves to provide an expected level of amenity for the community, rather than browning them off over summer. Council should work cooperatively with neighbouring Councils to access there already establish water reuse schemes. Goal 3.2 'Provide sporting and recreational facilities to meet local and regional needs'. Suggest acknowledge the role that private providers play in this space currently to fill the gap created by a lack of Gawler Council facilities, and the need to improve this situation moving forward to better support local sporting clubs and individuals. Goal 3, Action item 5 & 6 relating to cyclingh and walking connections and open space, sport and recreation should reference the need to improve these services throughout the Council area to a suitable baseline.

Q9

Do you have any further suggestions for how the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+ could be improved?

Yes,

If answered 'Yes' how do you believe they should be refined?:

The community Plan shouldn't reference 'boundary realignment, rather working proactively with other local council's in the region to provide the township and regional environment (both metro and regional) that the community expects. The plan should also acknowledge that 'communities of interest' are unrelated to an LGA boundary and are many and overlap and encompass different areas. The plan should also acknowledge that capturing that "Gawler township' character and community within southern Gawler required investment with those areas to create linkages.

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Q10

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have any further comments you wish to make about the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+?

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#10

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Q1	Resident
What is your relationship to the Town of Gawler? (tick all that apply)	
Q2	Respondent skipped this question
If a resident which suburb do you live?	
Q3	Female
Gender	
Q4	36-45
Age Bracket	
Q5	Social Media
How did you find out about this opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+?	
Q6	No,
Do you support the proposed 'Vision' and 'Mission' Statements?	If answered 'No' how do you believe they should be refined?: No. The statement need to say what the Gawler community needs to become a more livable place.
Q7	No,
Do you think the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+ appropriately identifies our community's aspirations for the next 10 years?	If answered 'No' how do you believe they should be refined?: It might identify councils aspirations but not the community.

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Q8

Are you supportive of the Goals / Objectives / Strategies presented in the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+?

No,

If answered 'No' how do you believe they should be refined?:

Some, but not all. There need to be more focus on improving the parks and paths in all of Gawler and proving other facilities For communities in each neighbourhood.

Q9

Do you have any further suggestions for how the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+ could be improved?

Respondent skipped this question**Q10**

Do you have any further comments you wish to make about the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+?

Respondent skipped this question



Government of South Australia
Department of Primary Industries
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26 October 2020

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Dear Mayor Redman

Thank you for your recent letter to the Chief Executive of The Department of Primary Industries and Regions about the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+.

I congratulate council and staff on their review of the existing Gawler Community Plan 2017-2027 and developing the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+ and undertaking this consultation process.

There is no doubt that Gawler is a fast-growing regional centre and that COVID 19 is presenting new and challenging issues that we all must consider and plan for to ensure the sustainability of our communities in what will be a new paradigm.

I note that while the plan has been developed locally it has a regional and state context and will contribute to the realisation of the strategies and objectives outlined in the Government of South Australian Strategic Plan.

I believe that Gawler will continue to be that regional hub and this new plan will be crucial in guiding council to achieve the best economic, social and environmental outcome for the community while maintaining its rich heritage and sense of identity.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A Barclay".

Ann Barclay
Director, Regions
Department of Primary Industries and Regions

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6 November 2020

Mayor Karen Redman
Town of Gawler
PO Box 130
GAWLER SA 5118

Dear Mayor Redman, *KAREN.*

Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+ Consultation

Thank you for your letter of 30 September 2020 providing the opportunity to comment on the Town of Gawler's *draft Community Plan 2030+*.

The Town of Gawler's strategic vision for its community is noted.

Council considered your correspondence and draft *Community Plan 2030+* at its meeting held on 27 October 2020.

Following this consideration, I am directed to advise that:

- a) Light Regional Council (Council) remains unsupportive of the Town of Gawler's boundary reform agenda.
- b) Council does not agree that the Town of Gawler currently serves a catchment of an estimated 120,000 people.
- c) Council noted that Gawler is a 'District Centre' under the State Government's Planning Strategy – *The 30 Year Plan for Greater Adelaide – 2017 Update* (30 Year Plan Update) while Elizabeth is the 'Regional Centre' for this part of Greater Adelaide.
- d) Council also noted that:
 - a. Gawler is significant as the location of South Australia's first country township and it has a rich heritage resulting from this.
 - b. Growth at Gawler will continue within designated areas.
 - c. The strategic focus for Gawler, as per the 30 Year Plan Update, is required to be on its immediate district; and
 - d. Attempting to position Gawler as 'Regional Centre' in competition with Elizabeth is not supported and could have the undesirable

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effect of compromising the continued development of Elizabeth and its functional responsibilities as is envisaged in the 30 Year Plan Update, as State Government's current strategic planning for this part of Greater Adelaide.

In the circumstances, Council respectfully suggests that the Town of Gawler's draft Community Plan 2030+ should be amended to align with the 30 Year Plan Update in respect of these matters.

Thank you again for providing the opportunity to provide comments with respect to this matter. If you have any questions with respect to this submission, please contact Mr. Craig Doyle, General Manager Strategy & Development, via 8525 3200 or cdoyle@light.sa.gov.au

Yours sincerely,



Bill O'Brien
Mayor

Cc: SA Boundaries Commission

Jessica Lewig

From: Anne Sawtell
Sent: Tuesday, 10 November 2020 02:16 PM
To: Council (E-mail)
Cc: Darren Starr
Subject: Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030 +

Good afternoon Henry Inat

On behalf of Adelaide Plains Council I would like to thank you for allowing us to have the opportunity to provide feedback on your Draft Community Plan.

Below I have summarised my comments:

- acknowledgement of country of the original owners of the traditional lands - should be commended for having it included in both English and Kurna languages;
- the Draft Community Plan is an important document for Council to determine the type and standard of future infrastructure and services that it provides to the community;
- Gawler Council is developing a Climate Emergency Action Plan – which will be incorporated into all of its other Strategic documents - certainly agree with this forward thinking initiative;
- both APC and Gawler are experience increasing population growth and it is imperative that Council needs to plan to meet the needs of new residents;
- recognition of the role of Kurna people and the importance of Gawler's rich history - agree it needs to be preserved, as Gawler's past is reflected in the town's unique sense of identity;
- support your five goals and key actions;
- Reconciliation Action Plan - support this plan - important to build an understanding between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people;
- community's health and social wellbeing is fundamental and is an ongoing responsibility of Council - strongly support this concept;
- Council's commitment to develop appropriate measurement tools to monitor Council's performance against goals and delivering outcomes - should be applauded to ensure that the Plan becomes a 'living' document that is duly actioned by Council and its staff.

Please contact me if you require further information and I sincerely wish you all the best with the implementation of this Plan.

Kind regards

Anne

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Climate Emergency Action Plan Working Group

Contribution to Gawler Community Plan 2030



Dear David,

The Climate Emergency Action Working Group appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Gawler Community Plan to 2030.

The Working Group commends the work that has gone into developing a broad range of sustainability ideas incorporated into the plan.

Some suggestions have been identified in the text below

RE: 4.1 Act on climate change

~~4.1.1 Plan for a sustainable urban form to reduce the community's ecological footprint.~~

Support sustainable urban form decisions in accordance with the Planning Design Code requirements including efforts.

Advocate for improvements in the 30 Year Plan and the application of the Planning Design Code to support a sustainable urban form, climate resilient communities and to limit urban sprawl.

4.1.3 Complete and implement the Town of Gawler ~~Develop and implement a~~ Climate Emergency Action Plan which seeks to take effective, targeted and scalable actions ~~towards addressing climate change~~ **to reduce emissions and adapt to climate change impacts.**

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Once finalised, support the implementation of the Climate Emergency Action Plan with a strong focus on engaging and collaborating with the Gawler community, businesses and regional partners.

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~~reduce car dependency and improve energy efficiencies and water conservation.~~

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Contribution to Gawler Community Plan 2030**

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CLEAN COPY**4.1 Act on climate change**

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RE: 1 ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

The Town of Gawler was the first Council in South Australia to declare that we are facing a 'Climate Emergency'. Council recognises the importance of leading by example and ~~will be~~ **is** developing an action plan to enhance our resilience and reduce Climate impacts. **The Plan is scheduled for public consultation in and subsequent adoption in 2021.**

Yours sincerely

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On behalf of the CEAP Working Group

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GAWLER COMMUNITY PLAN 2030+**FEEDBACK AS PART OF CONSULTATION PROCESS**

I would like to address a couple of aspects of the Town of Gawler draft Community Plan 2030+.

1. GOAL 2: MANAGED AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

2.1.4 Refine and develop land use policies to build attractive, accessible, integrated and resident-friendly areas, supporting a range of housing, lifestyles, recreation and rural opportunities.

This needs to be read in conjunction with

2.2.4 Seek appropriate land use policy in the existing Rural Zone to provide surety to residents, guide development and encourage investment.

These two subparagraphs can be interpreted as having alarming implications, and need to be clarified in the plan. They should not be left without explanation. Because the immediate conclusion that I first came to upon reading them is that we have a Council amenable to replacing the beautiful open space, green surrounds of Gawler with housing. How else should one interpret it? Investment and development are to be encouraged in the green belt. That statement could not be clearer. So much for all the beautiful green hillsides around Gawler full of wheat fields and livestock.

Both 2.1.4 and 2.2.4 need to be expanded to clearly explain the scope of what is stated therein to leave no room for doubt as to Council's intentions. How does it integrate with the goals expressed in the following subpara 1.1.2?

1.1.2 Safeguard views and vistas to retain Gawler's defined township identity, open landscape character and sense of arrival into Gawler from all directions through the provision of open space.

2. GOAL 2: MANAGED AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

2.1.2 Provide clear strategic direction in response to transport and traffic management measures in new growth areas and ensure integration with existing areas.

This needs to be read in conjunction with

2.3.5 Seek to minimise traffic congestion through the Town Centre.

2.3.6 Improve management of Town Centre car parking provision to optimise availability in high demand areas.

With respect, this whole area seems to me to be Council's Achilles heel. You are well aware that traffic along Main North Road / Adelaide Rd as you head north and approach Gawler CBD, slows down to a snail pace many times of the day. Trying to get a park to grab something from the chemist or the newsagent can be most difficult. This Community Plan has a fair emphasis on the growth that is going to take place around the township, but there has been absolutely NO CLEAR STRATEGIC DIRECTION espoused by Council to date on how we're going to cope with the additional traffic through the township. Presumably Council supports residents going into Gawler CBD to shop, eat and have a coffee? So what is proposed to make that a feasible, easy quick process in the future? I feel it's inadequate to simply insert the above subparagraphs espousing empty meaningless

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sentiments in this Community Plan. They need to be backed up by Key Actions on page 21. I find **Key Action # 7** insufficient in that regard as it, too, is simply a generalisation without a clear course of action; viz.

7 TOWN CENTRE CAR PARKING Council will be focussed on the ongoing management of existing car parking, as well as identifying opportunities which Council can work towards addressing.

I'm well aware that the problem is that every apparent solution or course of action, creates other problems.

For example, if Murray Street became a four lane thoroughfare (two lanes in each direction) at the expense of parking in the main street, then what has to happen is what happens in cities around the world - parking stations have to be constructed. This does not have to be at the expense of the town's character. Anyone who has been to Barcelona, for example, is familiar with the architecture of Gaudi. Absolutely delightful to the eye. A parking station does not have to be an ugly "metal and steel bars" construction. Gawler could construct them with a completely innovative, fresh exterior that actually enhances the CBD.

BUT people (particularly seniors like myself) would stop going to the CBD altogether because we like to be able to grab (if possible) a car park in the main street while we do our quick piece of shopping. Driving into a car park, getting a ticket, paying on the way out – it's all too hard. This is why more and more people avoid city CBDs like Adelaide and shop at suburban shopping centres.

And for every other solution that is proffered, valid objections are raised.¹²

HOWEVER, despite all the difficulties, this Community Plan needs to offer some hope that specific action is going to be taken to address the increase in Gawler CBD traffic due to future growth around Gawler. Whatever you decide, now is the time to start making some hard decisions.

Paralysis by analysis must be avoided going forward. Options are limited if massive expansion of housing is going to occur around the township.

Respectfully referred,

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¹ To my mind the best outcome would be to build a tunnel underneath Murray Street to cater for through traffic, and have cars angle parking along the middle of Murray Street. But the finance for such a massive project would NEVER be forthcoming.

² Another possible solution would be to make Murray St one-way with angle parking on one side only, with Julian Tce replicated in the opposite direction.

GAWLER **COMMUNITY** **PLAN** 2030+

Town of Gawler is
a liveable, cohesive,
active, innovative and
sustainable community



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Town of Gawler acknowledges this land we meet on today is the traditional lands for the Kurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country.

We also acknowledge the Kurna people as the custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kurna people today.

Acknowledgment in Kurna language

Kadlitiyarlu tampinhi yalaka ngadlu Kurna yartangka inparrinhi. Ngadludlu tampinhi, parnaku tuwila yartangka. Kurna Miyurna yailtya yarta-mathanya Wama Tarntanyaku, parnaku yailtya, parnaku tapa puru purruna.

Kurna Miyurna ithu yailtya purruna, yarta kuma puru martinhi, puru warri-apinhi, puru tangka martulayinhi.



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VISION



Town of Gawler is a liveable, cohesive, active, innovative and sustainable community.

MISSION



The Town of Gawler is committed to fostering a liveable urban environment, taking advantage of the area's natural beauty and accessibility to both Adelaide and the Barossa Valley. We enjoy a cohesive and active local community which Council is proud to support. Moving forward, the Town of Gawler recognises the serious impacts associated with Climate Change on our environment and are committed to more sustainable practices and enduring innovation in this regard.



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TOWN OF GAWLER COMMUNITY PLAN 2030+



A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

The Community Plan 2030+ is the Town of Gawler's highest level strategic document. Formulated at a time when we are confronted by a number of complex local and global challenges, particularly COVID-19, it is crucial that we have a truly coordinated approach moving forward. This latest variation of the Community Plan is particularly exciting as we work towards the year 2030 and beyond.

Gawler is a growing township with a vibrant community that truly values the lifestyle this area affords as well as the Town's unique history and the local environment.

The Community Plan 2030+ provides direction for how we continue to deliver our vision – 'Town of Gawler is a liveable, cohesive, active, innovative and sustainable community'.

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who contributed through the consultation periods. It's our community's collective effort that provides us with the information and vision needed to produce documents like the Community Plan.

As Mayor of the Town of Gawler I look forward to working alongside you all in achieving the goals and objectives in this plan and further strengthening our local community as we work towards the year 2030.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karen Redman'.

Karen Redman
Mayor



INTRODUCTION

In October 2019 the Town of Gawler commenced a review of its Community Plan 2017-2027. Councils are obligated under the *Local Government Act 1999* to review their Community Plan within 2 years of a general election of Council. Nevertheless Council are always enthusiastic about reviewing and updating our Community Plan to ensure this important document remains a true reflection of community sentiment. The need to think strategically and creatively into the future is no more pressing now than before given the COVID-19 crisis as we rebuild and embrace future opportunity.

Through the development of the Community Plan 2030+ the Town of Gawler has been committed to empowering its citizens by engaging through an inclusive and dynamic consultation process which has ensured that the vision outlined in the Community Plan is based on credible information.

Community consultation is an essential part of this process and always at the centre of each review. Due to the unprecedented times we find ourselves in due to COVID-19, Council have focused an increase amount of energy into online platforms when engaging on the plan. Although traditionally face to face consultation may have played a greater role in the process, community buy in has been fantastic and very encouraging. As a result Council is confident that this process and the new plan been produced is a true reflection of our community's ambitions.

The five pillars (themes) '**Identity, Growth, Environment, Community and Leadership**' have continued to guide the Community Plan and remained steadfast with this iteration. These pillars persist to be pertinent with the community's vision for the future.





OUR PLANNING FRAMEWORK

The Local Government Act 1999 requires The Town of Gawler to develop and enact numerous plans for the management of its council area. Through the development and implementation of these plans Council must assess its financial sustainability, level of service delivery, provision of infrastructure and any anticipated demographic or developmental change.

Whilst *Section 122* of the *Local Government Act 1999* requires the development of a number of Strategic Management Plans, it has proven instrumental for councils to prepare an overarching plan. The Gawler Community Plan 2030+ is the document that holistically guides the future allocation of resources for the type and standard of infrastructure and service provided to the community by Council.

The Community Plan has been developed locally, however a broader regional and state context is present. The Community Plan must also contribute to the realisation of the strategies and objectives outlined in the South Australian Government's Strategic Plan.

To ensure the vision described in the Gawler Community Plan 2030+ is ultimately achieved at a local level, its goals, objectives and strategies need to cascade down and be reflected in all Council plans by way of actions, responsibilities and performance measures.

The Town of Gawler's Annual Report is one formal mechanism used to report back to the community on an annual basis the progress against the goals, objectives, strategies, actions and performance measures of the Community Plan.

The Council is also developing a Climate Emergency Action Plan. This plan will permeate through all of Council's strategic documents as we seek to act meaningfully on this very real and pressing matter.

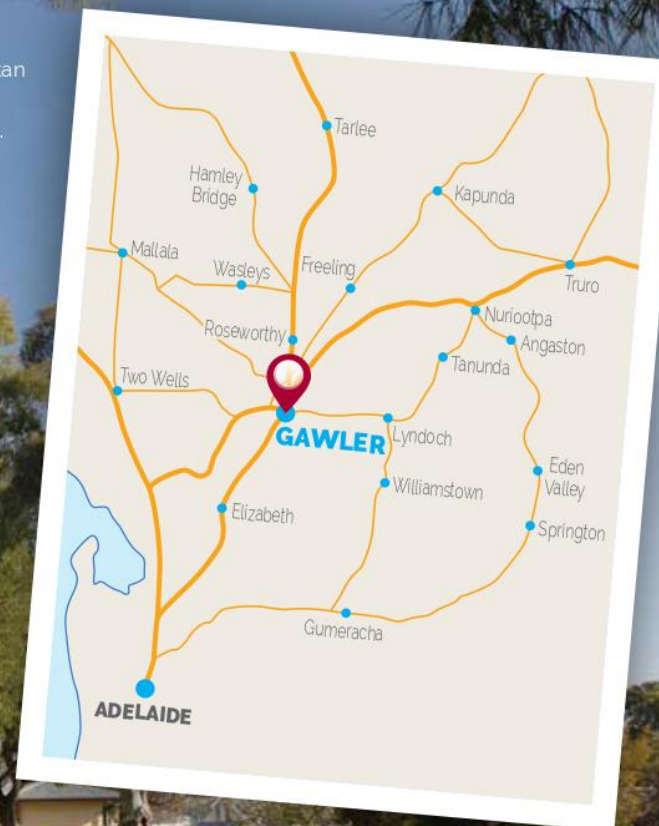
COMMUNITY PLAN 2030+
LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN
LONG TERM INFRASTRUCTURE
AND ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN
ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN
DIVISIONAL BUSINESS PLANS
ANNUAL REPORT
...AND SO MUCH MORE

OUR TOWN

GEOGRAPHY

Gawler is located 42 kilometres north of Adelaide at the edge of the metropolitan area and identifies itself as a separate township from Adelaide, acting as a key regional hub for communities to the north of Adelaide and the lower mid north.

It covers 41 square kilometres and includes the areas of Evanston, Evanston Gardens, Evanston Park, Evanston South, Gawler, Gawler East, Gawler South, Gawler West, Hillier, Kudla, Reid, Uleybury (part) and Willaston.

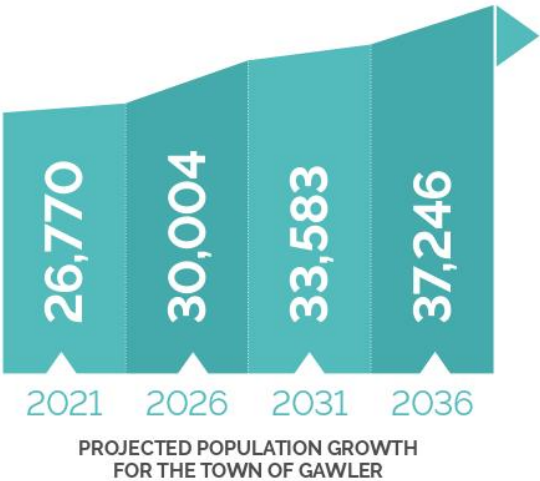




POPULATION

The population of Gawler as recorded in the 2016 Australian Bureau of Statistics Census (ABS) increased from 20,536 in 2011 to 23,034. This growth represents a population increase in excess of 12% through this period. This increase in population is significantly higher than the growth experienced by the State of South Australia which grew by approximately 5% over the same period.

In December 2019 the Department of Planning transport (DPTI) and Infrastructure released revised population projections. These projections predict Gawler to grow by a further 14,212 residents over the next 16 years.



In addition there are over 4,000 people who live on Council's immediate boundaries and form part of the greater Gawler community, however these residents and businesses are not within Council's formal boundary.

Furthermore the proposed development of Concordia located in the Barossa Council, will also naturally form part of the Gawler Township. When completed this development will have the capacity to essentially double the existing population of our town.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Gawler has a slightly greater number of citizens aged between 0-19 and over 65 than South Australia. Almost a quarter of Gawler's population is under 20 (24.1), which is higher than South Australia (23.5%) but lower than that of Australia (24.8%).

In addition, 46.5% of Gawler's population is over 45, which is higher than South Australia (44.6%) and Australia (40.9%).

Gawler has a lower proportion of citizens aged between 20-44 years old at 29.5%, compared to South Australia at 31.9% and 34.6% Australia wide.

EMPLOYMENT

Gawler has a relatively high employment participation rate. The major industry employer is Retail Trade (26%) followed by Health and Community Services (16%), Education (11%), Cultural and Recreational Services (3%), Personal and Other Services (5%) and Accommodation, Cafes and Restaurants (6%).

A significant percentage of Gawler citizens work outside of the council area and many people working in Gawler live outside the council area. Since the last census, "Many of these people come to Gawler on a daily basis for employment, education, healthcare and a range of retail services".





REGIONAL CONTEXT

The State Government (DPTI) last updated the 30-Year Plan for Greater Adelaide in 2017. As per the original version the updated version seeks to shift further away from Greenfield development over the next three decades, with Greater Adelaide meeting its previous target of 70% of new residential development occurring within infill areas and 30% occurring in Greenfield periphery or more rural areas.

It is however worth noting that Gawler East, Evanston Gardens, Roseworthy, Concordia and numerous areas within Northern Adelaide are still all shown as significant Greenfield development areas to assist in accommodating Greater Adelaide's future population.

The role Gawler Township plays as a regional hub servicing communities north of Adelaide is widely acknowledged, with the town currently servicing a catchment of an estimated 120,000 people, with this figure expected to grow considerably. It is anticipated that Gawler will continue to act as a regional hub into the future and this is a major consideration for The Town of Gawler in terms of service delivery and infrastructure provision.

This regional service centre function is acknowledged by both state and federal governments through the ongoing provision of appropriate levels of infrastructure and service support as well as through Council having access to key regional funding programs.

OUR HISTORY

The Kaurna people are the traditional custodians of Adelaide and the Adelaide Plains, including the land that is now the Town of Gawler. The Kaurna cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kaurna people today. For more than 40 000 years the Kaurna people have occupied the land of the Adelaide and Adelaide Plains region.

Linked by a spiritual connection to the land, Kaurna knowledge and history has been handed from generation to generation through Songlines; intricate maps of land, sea and country that describe travel and trade routes, the location of waterholes and the presence of food.

Teaching young people was, and still is, a central part of Kaurna life. Understanding the environment was important for more than just food, shelter, tools and medicine. Kaurna spirituality recognises the connectedness of people and culture through plants, animals and stars.

The Town of Gawler encompasses numerous areas of significance for Aboriginal people past and present, most notably its three rivers – the North and South Para

Rivers and the Gawler River. Parridla Taikondi Park, the river junction, was used as a place for meeting and trading of commodities such as ochre, plant and animal products. The rivers flowing through Gawler provided the Kaurna people with many resources.

The Kaurna language is the original language of Adelaide and the Adelaide Plains. Kaurna people from the Gawler district spoke a different dialect from those in other districts. The Kaurna language was sophisticated and complex and reflected the extensive knowledge of the environment that the Kaurna people possess. The word 'Para' is derived from the Kaurna word 'Pari' meaning a stream of flowing water. From around 1920 until the 1990s the Kaurna language went into hibernation, though fortunately, in recent times, the language has undergone a remarkable recovery.



In 1837 Colonel William Light, Surveyor General for the new Colony of South Australia camped twice in a local area that became known as 'Dead Mans Pass' on the South Para River. During his exploration of the Barossa Valley Light recognised the potential of the location, for South Australia's first country township. Light's subsequent plan for Gawler included streets aligned with town topography and broad parklands on the major river floodplains, reflecting his design of Adelaide.

2020 marks 181 years since the settlement of Gawler, with the first European settlers arriving in February 1839. The Municipality of the Town of Gawler was proclaimed in July 1857. The town's history is closely aligned with that of the State, with Gawler becoming a regional hub for the surrounding farming communities and playing an important role in supporting the copper mining communities located in Kapunda and Burra.

In the second half of the 19th century Gawler boomed with the construction of public infrastructure such as rail and tramways, bridges, public baths, an Institute

and a Town Hall as well as the establishment and expansion of many industries such as flour mills, foundries, brickworks, manufacturing and retail outlets. Many of the buildings constructed during this period remain standing and provide Gawler with a unique and distinctive character.

Gawler was and continues to be a major regional and cultural centre for communities to the north of Adelaide including the nearby agricultural and horticultural communities located in the mid-north, northern Adelaide Plains and Barossa Valley.

Gawler continues to celebrate its history with the redevelopment of the Gawler Civic Centre. Officially opened on Sunday 7 April 2019, the primary purpose of the Gawler Civic Centre is to revitalise and redevelop existing Main Street, community buildings that will drive economic growth, create new jobs and strengthen the social and cultural base of Gawler and the broader region.



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OUR IDENTITY



Gawler has a long history and rich heritage beginning with the Kurna people, who are recognised as the Town's original custodians.

Following European settlement the Town of Gawler as we know it today was surveyed by Colonel William Light and became South Australia's first regional settlement. Gawler's community remains steadfast in its desire to protect and reinforce its unique character and sense of community.

Gawler's rich history is evident through its built and natural form including its striking architecture, heritage collections, natural riverine environments, large areas of open space and traditional 'mainstreet'.

Today the local community benefits from its surrounds and this rich history is personified through many community events and festivals.



Over the past 181 years, Gawler's has grown considerably and this trend is expected to continue, with latest projections forecasting population growth at more than twice the state average.

To enable our future community to experience Gawler's unique sense of identity, this Community Plan will seek to preserve not only what has contributed to Gawler's identity but will create an evolving character and distinctive sense of place.

GOAL 1**A Uniquely Identifiable Township****1.1 Gawler remains unique and distinct from its neighbouring areas.**

- 1.1.1 Continue to develop town planning policies which promote Gawler as a Regional Hub and maintain a real sense of distinction from its surrounding areas.
- 1.1.2 Safeguard views and vistas to retain Gawler's defined township identity, open landscape character and sense of arrival into Gawler from all directions through the provision of open space.
- 1.1.3 Promote local government boundary realignments to reflect the township of Gawler's population with communities of interest.

1.2 Foster a vibrant and active local community that is proud of Gawler

- 1.2.1 Champion the activation of key civic buildings and areas within the public realm, creating attractive destinations.
- 1.2.2 Encourage and promote our welcoming country-friendly community.
- 1.2.3 Develop areas of planted visual amenity that complement Gawler's country town appeal.
- 1.2.4 Develop a vibrant township which is reinforced by its historic character and variety of readily accessible parks, shops, services, sports, events and entertainment.
- 1.2.5 Strengthen the position and promotion of Gawler as a regional hub.
- 1.2.6 Build community capacity through leadership and support that responds to community needs.
- 1.2.7 Maintain local amenity through an adequate maintenance and cleaning regime.

1.3 Protect and promote Gawler's unique history

- 1.3.1 Promote respect for the Kaurna people as the traditional custodians of the Kaurna Plains and all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people within the community, their heritage, culture and beliefs.
- 1.3.2 Facilitate community understanding of the significance of the three rivers to the Kaurna people as the traditional custodians.
- 1.3.3 Be a community leader in promoting Reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and other Australians.
- 1.3.4 Celebrate and promote the national significance of Gawler's heritage.
- 1.3.5 Encourage the adaptive reuse, of heritage buildings to contribute to economic revitalisation and heritage conservation.
- 1.3.6 Further identify, conserve and enhance Gawler's historic character and unique architecture.

KEY ACTIONS ► OUR IDENTITY

1 BOUNDARY REALIGNMENT

Boundary reform could mean that the footprint of Gawler will realign to include adjacent areas that are already seen as part of the Gawler community and already utilise our services and infrastructure. It will formalise communities where there is already a natural association with our town.

2 RURAL AREAS INVESTIGATIONS

Council will continue investigations to support a potential Planning and Design Code Amendment to align policy with Council's vision.

3 LOCAL AND STATE HERITAGE

The Town of Gawler is undertaking a heritage survey of all existing Contributory Items listed within the Development Plan with the intention to transition some of these structures to Local Heritage Places if and where appropriate. The intent being to ensure the protection of such places into the future.

4 PUBLIC REALM UPGRADES

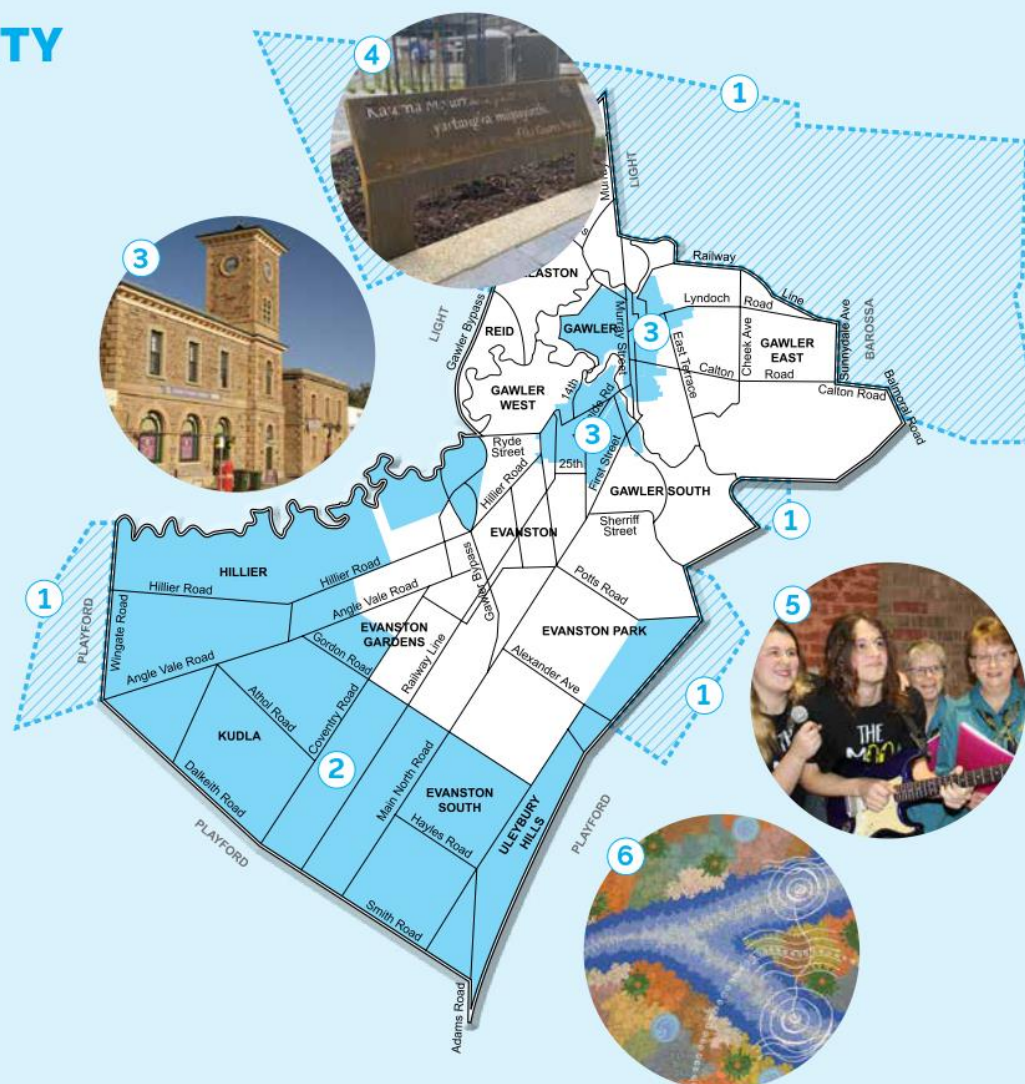
Upgrading the public realm is a high priority for Council, upgrades to provide the community and visitors with an improved experience which seeks to create for place making and community activities.

5 ACTIVATION STRATEGY

Through this strategy Council will focus on activating designated spaces through events and activity which celebrate Gawler's culture and diversity while delivering the community benefits of broad community participation, inclusion and collaboration.

6 RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

The Town of Gawler's vision for reconciliation is about building respect, understanding and dialogue between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people, with a focus on creating environments and experiences where interactions and meaningful relationships can occur.



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OUR GROWTH



Enable growth to occur in a sustainable and integrated manner with a holistic approach to town planning, ensuring that development is coordinated in a supportable manner across the council area. It is important to recognise that many planning decisions are currently outside the control of the Town of Gawler Council.

Actively pursuing the Vision in this Community Plan is essential to maximise the ability of the Gawler community and Council to manage its destiny.

As a result of anticipated population growth over the next 15-25 years, the demand for additional infrastructure and augmented community services will rise significantly.

This will place pressure on Gawler's natural and built environments as well as its sense of identity.

The Town of Gawler is committed to working with the community, Natural Resources agencies, State and Local Government, the private sector, Non-Government Organisations and emergency services to develop policies and undertake initiatives to ensure these elements are preserved and our impact on the natural environment is minimised.

GOAL 2**Managed and Sustainable Growth****2.1 Physical and social infrastructure to service our growing population and economy**

- 2.1.1 Aim for an adequate supply of well-located and affordable industrial, commercial and residential land.
- 2.1.2 Provide clear strategic direction in response to transport and traffic management measures in new growth areas and ensure integration with existing areas.
- 2.1.3 Support the timely provision of community, social and recreational facilities and services to meet community expectations and where appropriate seek financial contributions from other potential contributors.
- 2.1.4 Refine and develop land use policies to build attractive, accessible, integrated and resident-friendly areas, supporting a range of housing, lifestyles, recreation and rural opportunities.
- 2.1.5 Ensure council owned infrastructure is managed and maintained in a sustainable manner to provide a quality experience for our community.
- 2.1.6 Ensure neighbourhoods and residential developments have appropriately designed areas for play and leisure.

2.2 Growth to be sustainable and respectful of cultural and built heritage

- 2.2.1 Implement planning policies to protect Gawler's heritage and character with flexibility to encourage investment, building maintenance, adaptive re-use and appropriate infill development.
- 2.2.2 Ensure new development reinforces local character.
- 2.2.3 Encourage infill and development opportunities, including multi-storey, mixed-use development in appropriate locations.
- 2.2.4 Seek appropriate land use policy in the existing Rural Zone to provide surety to residents, guide development and encourage investment.

2.3 Manage growth through the real connection of people and places

- 2.3.1 Encourage the appropriate redevelopment of all train station precincts and associate infrastructure.
- 2.3.2 Plan for the associated growth and renewal which is anticipated to occur along the rail corridor and around station precincts to take advantage of the significant State Government investment.
- 2.3.3 Continue to implement and develop a safe and interconnected network of cycle/walking paths along with appropriate wayfinding signage to and intra Gawler.
- 2.3.4 Design and develop pedestrian-friendly areas.
- 2.3.5 Seek to minimise traffic congestion through the Town Centre.
- 2.3.6 Improve management of Town Centre car parking provision to optimise availability in high demand areas.

2.4 Local economic activity to create local job opportunities and generate increased local wealth

- 2.4.1 Investigate opportunities for tourism and continue to support investment in tourist accommodation, leveraging Gawler's geographical location relative to the world renowned Barossa Valley.
- 2.4.2 Engage with the business community to attract business and job opportunities and promote Gawler as a regional hub.
- 2.4.3 Take advantage of state and federal government initiatives that create local and regional jobs, and more flexible work from home opportunities in a post COVID-19 business environment.
- 2.4.4 Support existing education providers and encourage additional opportunities and facilities in Gawler.
- 2.4.5 Support entrepreneurship, investment and job creation through the Gawler Civic Centre's Business Innovation Hub.

KEY ACTIONS ► OUR GROWTH

1 GAWLER EAST

The Gawler East area was rezoned via a Ministerial Development Plan Amendment in 2010. This is a significant growth area within Gawler, with capacity to accommodate approximately 4,500 allotments. The orderly development and timely provision of infrastructure is critical to the success of the precinct.

2 TIVER ROAD EXTENSION

The Gawler East Link Road (GELR) will provide local traffic with direct access to Main North Road without the need for travelling through the Gawler Town Centre. An extension of the GELR to Tiver Road is envisaged to occur to further reduce congestion.

3 SOUTHERN URBAN AREAS

The urban growth area commonly known as the Southern Urban Areas includes parts of Evanston South, Evanston Gardens and Hillier. This is a significant growth area within Gawler, with capacity to accommodate approximately 2,500 allotments. The orderly development and timely provision of infrastructure is critical to the success of the area.

4 WATER PROOFING GAWLER

As part of a Water Proofing Gawler initiative, the Council will seek to not only investigate the delivery of a broader stormwater harvesting and reuse scheme throughout the Township for use on irrigated public open spaces, but also advocate for the State Government driven future Northern Adelaide Irrigation Scheme (NAIS) extension to consider the servicing of the rural areas of Gawler.

5 CONCORDIA

The Concordia Growth Area is one of the most significant (unzoned) metropolitan fringe/township growth areas defined in the State Government's 30 Year Plan for Greater Adelaide 2017. This growth area is approximately 978 hectares in size and is anticipated to yield up to 10,500 allotments and a population of approximately 23,000 people. This growth will form part of Gawler and needs to be managed by the Town of Gawler.

6 ELECTRIFICATION OF THE GAWLER RAIL LINE

The \$615 million electrification and modernisation of the Gawler rail line will deliver a faster, cleaner and more reliable service, delivering an electrified network through Adelaide from Gawler to Seaford. The electrified rail line is expected to further stimulate growth and regeneration in Gawler and planning for this growth will be imperative for Council.

7 TOWN CENTRE CAR PARKING

Council will be focused on the ongoing management of existing car parking, as well as identifying opportunities which Council can work towards addressing.







OUR COMMUNITY



Community health and social wellbeing is a fundamental and ongoing responsibility for The Town of Gawler. A vibrant town centre, pedestrian and cycle connectivity, all age friendly neighbourhoods, new and upgraded sport and recreation facilities and improved healthcare services have been identified by the community as essential.

Gawler has a growing number of older citizens however is also home to many children and young people. Council is committed to supporting residents of all ages and fostering our collective skills and abilities. Planning will need to continue to address issues associated with the availability of appropriate housing, access to social and allied health services and access to community programs and facilities.



Council plays a vital role in the provision and management of sport and recreational facilities and opportunities to the local and regional community. Recreation opportunities are provided across Gawler and take varied forms that suit the broad interests and desires of the community, including sporting and aquatic facilities, open space for both active and informal pursuits and natural spaces.

The role of volunteers, the arts as well as supporting community groups/services clubs which all play crucial roles within our community. Their contribution towards community development, growth and cohesion is overwhelming and as a result Council's support will remain steadfast.

GOAL 3**A Healthy, Active, Safe, Engaged Community****3.1 Gawler to be an inclusive community with quality health and social wellbeing services to meet the needs of our growing community**

- 3.1.1 Advocate all spheres of government, the private sector and Non-Government Organisations for increased and improved healthcare facilities and social housing services, including services for mental health, the disadvantaged and homeless, aged care and people with disabilities.
- 3.1.2 Encourage healthy lifestyles and community wellbeing
- 3.1.3 Advocate for vulnerable members of the community and provide relevant services.
- 3.1.4 Improve disability access across the town and promote inclusion.
- 3.1.5 Provide a welcoming, relevant, accessible, and inclusive services that supports the lifelong learning needs of the community.
- 3.1.6 Provide a socially inclusive place to interact and access services, collections, programs and events that enhance the life and lifestyle of the community.

3.2 Provide sporting and recreational facilities to meet local and regional community needs

- 3.2.1 Ensure appropriate sporting and active recreation facilities are provided to the community and distributed equitably.
- 3.2.2 Ensure strategic planning and development of Gawler's sporting precincts.
- 3.2.3 Foster co-operative relationships between sporting organisations to co-invest and fully utilise infrastructure.

- 3.2.4 Ensure a range of usable open space and passive recreation facilities are provided for local and regional community needs.

- 3.2.5 Advocate to and liaise with all spheres of government, community and sporting bodies, Non-Government Organisations and the private sector to encourage shared resource and facility use opportunities for sport and recreation.

3.3 Recognise, respect, support and advocate on behalf of volunteers

- 3.3.1 Support and promote volunteering opportunities to meet community need.
- 3.3.2 Foster partnerships with volunteers and community volunteer organisations.

3.4 Encourage the development of the Arts and creative sector

- 3.4.1 Provide opportunities for local artists to be involved in and contribute to the activation of community spaces.
- 3.4.2 Activate urban and recreational spaces through appropriate public art management and encourage investment in the Arts by business, community and government.
- 3.4.3 Be a leader and advocate for the development of Public Art in Gawler, particularly through the implementation of Art and Culture strategic themes - Place, Activity and People.

KEY ACTIONS ► OUR COMMUNITY

1 KARBEETHAN RESERVE

The Karbeethan Reserve Master Plan proposes new facilities that would provide for existing clubs and associations as well as allow for further consideration to be given to complimentary sports to utilise facilities on the site, while providing open space recreational areas for the broader community.

2 GAWLER AQUATIC CENTRE

The Gawler Aquatic Centre Needs and Feasibility Analysis reinforces planning for this facility should continue to ensure the provision of a State of the Art facility for existing and future generations.

3 ESSEX PARK & GAWLER SHOWGROUNDS MASTER PLAN

The project will provide strategic direction to enable precinct facilities to accommodate population growth, be adaptable and flexible to the changing needs of current and new community members, and to enable Gawler to host high level sporting competitions and events.

4 DISABILITY ACCESS AND INCLUSION

Through the implementation of the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan, Gawler and the region more generally will seek to become more accessible for and inclusive of people living with a disability.

5 CYCLING AND WALKING CONNECTIONS

Via improved cycling and walking connection Councils wishes to enable people of all ages and abilities across the Town of Gawler to choose walking and/or cycling as a regular day-to-day activity for transport or recreation, and further promote the Town of Gawler as a unique, vibrant and accessible tourist destination.

6 OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND RECREATION

Quality sport and recreation areas provide opportunity for social interaction between neighbours and help maintain safe and healthy communities. Parks and other areas of public open space allow for physical activity and recreation, which is proven to improve the mental and physical health. Providing and maintaining quality open spaces will remain a key priority for Council.







OUR ENVIRONMENT



Gawler's projected population growth will place added pressure on the natural resources and the river's ecosystems. The community has recognised this and wants to protect these assets for future generations by endeavouring to mitigate the effects of climate change, population increase and development growth by improving local and regional water, waste and energy management practices.

Managing our natural resources in a sustainable manner and protecting areas of remnant vegetation for habitat and biodiversity conservation remains a priority for the community and for The Town of Gawler.

The Gawler Rivers are iconic and intrinsic features of the township with the North and South Para Rivers and Gawler River being recognised as areas of significant cultural importance to the Kaurna people.

The natural biodiversity values of these riverine areas are still adored by the entire community and enjoyed through active and passive activities on a daily basis.

GOAL 4**To Respect, Protect and Nurture the Environment****4.1 Act on climate change**

- 4.1.1 Plan for a sustainable urban form to reduce the community's ecological footprint.
- 4.1.2 Develop adaptation and mitigation strategies for Council and the community to effectively respond to the impacts of climate change.
- 4.1.3 Develop and implement a Climate Emergency Action Plan which seeks to take effective, targeted and scalable actions towards climate change.
- 4.1.4 Limit urban sprawl, reduce car dependency and improve energy efficiencies and water conservation.
- 4.1.5 Develop and implement disaster resilience procedures to assist all members of the community in preparing for natural disasters.
- 4.1.6 Seek to mitigate the heat island effect within our township and improve our community's resilience to heat waves.

4.2 Create and maintain a riverine environment that reflects the social, cultural and landscape values of the river corridor

- 4.2.1 Manage open space along the three rivers corridors to provide improved use and greater visual appeal.
- 4.2.2 Conserve and enhance local biodiversity through appropriate landscaping.
- 4.2.3 Conserve areas identified as cultural sites along the river corridors.

4.3 Protection of environmentally significant areas of native vegetation for present and future generations

- 4.3.1 Ensure native flora, fauna and ecosystems are protected and restored through the retention and rehabilitation of environmentally significant areas of native vegetation.

- 4.3.2 Develop management plans for council-managed land and reserve areas including setting aside specific areas of open space for conservation purposes.
- 4.3.3 Effectively deal with feral birds and animals and over abundant native species.
- 4.3.4 Encourage responsible dog and cat ownership in order to reduce nuisance, social and environmental harm.

4.4 Support sustainable use of natural resources and minimise waste

- 4.4.1 Investigate affordable, appropriate and sustainable water for horticultural/agricultural purposes in Council's Rural Zone.
- 4.4.2 Generate a holistic approach towards dealing with and utilising stormwater.
- 4.4.3 Implement the waste management hierarchy – avoid, reduce, reuse, recycle, recover, treat and dispose.
- 4.4.4 Retain, protect and restore natural resources by ensuring development minimises energy consumption and water usage.
- 4.4.5 Identify flooding extents in the Town of Gawler and plan for mitigation measures as well as seek to integrate recycled water capabilities in existing and new growth areas.
- 4.4.6 Develop water-sensitive urban design (WSUD) requirements for the design, function and maintenance of open spaces.

4.5 Support the provision of useable public realm that preserves and enhances the environment and biodiversity

- 4.5.1 Develop a strategic approach to the management of trees in the Town which reinforces amenity, preserves identity, enhances our biodiversity and improves our climate resilience.
- 4.5.2 Continue to improve our natural landscapes by restoring and enhancing biodiversity as well as fostering habitat corridors.

KEY ACTIONS ► OUR ENVIRONMENT

1 ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

The Town of Gawler was the first Council in South Australia to declare that we are facing a 'Climate Emergency'. Council recognises the importance of leading by example and will be developing an action plan to enhance our resilience and reduce Climate impacts.

2 GAWLER URBAN RIVERS REHABILITATION WORKS

Through rehabilitation works to Gawler's rivers corridors, Council is seeking to and will continue to improve the natural and built environment, improve biodiversity, promote community awareness and upgrade active and passive recreation opportunities.

3 BIODIVERSITY AND VEGETATION

The Town of Gawler has biodiversity assets that are considered to be significant including native species that predate European settlement. This makes our remnant habitats, flora and fauna critical to conserve and enhance. Furthermore Council's Tree and Vegetation Program aims to improve amenity, repair environmental damage and improve local biodiversity as well as ensure the region is more resilient to the effects of climate change.

4 STORMWATER

Implementation of the Gawler and Surrounds and Smith Creek Stormwater Management Plans will guide the management of the majority of stormwater runoff in the Town of Gawler and immediately beyond the Council's boundaries.

5 COMMUNITY SAFETY

Council is seeking to help residents and visitors feel safe in their local community by improving various passive surveillance measures. This includes the upgrading of public lighting as well as improved CCTV throughout Gawler. Such initiatives are key tools in supporting local businesses and communities and contributes to a perception of safety.





OUR LEADERSHIP



Council elected members are voted in by the community as leaders to advocate, advise, empower as well make informed decisions on their behalf with the community's best interests in mind.

Councillors provide the connection between Council and administration and the community. Council administration is responsible for the delivery of quality services, infrastructure and facilities to the community. This is achieved through the development of strategies, policies and budgets that reflect community needs, capacity and aspirations.

Community consultation remains a fundamental process which Council endeavours to spark conversation and empower the community. Effective and ongoing engagement with the Gawler community will ensure elected members are informed and able to represent their desires across projects which impact the community.

The Town of Gawler aspires to be an organisation of excellence and one that is professional, transparent, prudent and credible to the local community and external organisations, key stakeholders and communities. This is achieved through sound governance processes and effective communication between the general and business community and the Council.



GOAL 5**A Strong, Vibrant Community****5.1 Be recognised as a best practice organisation and collaborate regionally**

- 5.1.1 Provide professional services with a continuous improvement focus to proactively achieve the goals envisioned by our community.
- 5.1.2 Advocate for the needs, interests and aspirations of the community.
- 5.1.3 Position Council as a regional centre for excellence in local government.
- 5.1.4 Be an employer of choice, focusing on attracting and retaining quality staff.
- 5.1.5 Develop and implement strategies to encourage and empower all members of the community to participate in consultation activities as part of strategic decision making of Gawler's future.
- 5.1.6 Pursue the development of the local economy by ensuring that Council gives due consideration to local suppliers in its procurement activities.

**5.2 Foster and encourage community teamwork**

- 5.2.1 Encourage and facilitate opportunities for community interaction, connection and collaboration.
- 5.2.2 Value, support and advocate on behalf of community groups, organisations and volunteers.
- 5.2.3 Foster leadership opportunities that support and develop passionate and effective community leaders.
- 5.2.4 Support the establishment of scholarships/traineeships and mentoring programmes to support young future leaders.
- 5.2.5 Identify areas of community expertise, experience, capacity and interest to assist in the delivery of this Community Plan.

5.3 Continue to deliver effective services and refine management processes

- 5.3.1 Provide transparent, accountable and informed decision-making to assist in ensuring effective and efficient outcomes for the community.
- 5.3.2 Maintain and implement prudent financial policies and practices to ensure long term financial sustainability.
- 5.3.3 Provide quality support services to Council Members to facilitate effective and informed decision-making.
- 5.3.4 Provide a quality customer service experience which includes digital solutions that are efficient, reliable and add value for residents, businesses and visitors.
- 5.3.5 Implement and monitor health, safety and injury management services to achieve continual improvement and provide a safe work environment for all workers and volunteers.

① FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

2 GOVERNANCE

3 ADVOCACY

④ CUSTOMER SERVICE

5 CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT





COMMUNITY SCORECARD

An important new focus area for Council moving forward is better understanding business data and the analysis of such data to drive business process improvements and community outcomes, through the development of a Community Scorecard.

This Community Scorecard is currently under development, however once completed will be used both internally within Council and externally to the community by way of an on-line 'dashboard' to communicate how Council is performing against the goals and delivering the outcomes envisaged in the Community Plan.



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GAWLER **COMMUNITY** **PLAN** 2030+

Town of Gawler is
a liveable, cohesive,
active, innovative and
sustainable community



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Town of Gawler acknowledges this land we meet on today is the traditional lands for the Kurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country.

We also acknowledge the Kurna people as the custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kurna people today.

Acknowledgment in Kurna language

Kadlitiyarlu tampinhi yalaka ngadlu Kurna yartangka inparrinhi. Ngadludlu tampinhi, parnaku tuwila yartangka. Kurna Miyurna yailtya yarta-mathanya Wama Tarntanyaku, parnaku yailtya, parnaku tapa puru purruna.

Kurna Miyurna ithu yailtya purruna, yarta kuma puru martinhi, puru warri-apinhi, puru tangka martulayinhi.



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VISION



Town of Gawler is a liveable, cohesive, active, innovative and sustainable community.

MISSION



The Town of Gawler is committed to fostering a liveable urban environment, taking advantage of the area's natural beauty and accessibility to both Adelaide and the Barossa Valley. We enjoy a cohesive and active local community which Council is proud to support. Moving forward, the Town of Gawler recognises the serious impacts associated with Climate Change on our environment and are committed to more sustainable practices and enduring innovation in this regard.



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TOWN OF GAWLER COMMUNITY PLAN 2030+



A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

The Community Plan 2030+ is the Town of Gawler's highest level strategic document. Formulated at a time when we are confronted by a number of complex local and global challenges, particularly COVID-19, it is crucial that we have a truly coordinated approach moving forward. This latest variation of the Community Plan is particularly exciting as we work towards the year 2030 and beyond.

Gawler is a growing township with a vibrant community that truly values the lifestyle this area affords as well as the Town's unique history and the local environment.

The Community Plan 2030+ provides direction for how we continue to deliver our vision – 'Town of Gawler is a liveable, cohesive, active, innovative and sustainable community'.

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who contributed through the consultation periods. It's our community's collective effort that provides us with the information and vision needed to produce documents like the Community Plan.

As Mayor of the Town of Gawler I look forward to working alongside you all in achieving the goals and objectives in this plan and further strengthening our local community as we work towards the year 2030.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Redman'.

Karen Redman
Mayor



INTRODUCTION

In October 2019 the Town of Gawler commenced a review of its Community Plan 2017-2027. Councils are obligated under the *Local Government Act 1999* to review their Community Plan within 2 years of a general election of Council. Nevertheless Council are always enthusiastic about reviewing and updating our Community Plan to ensure this important document remains a true reflection of community sentiment. The need to think strategically and creatively into the future is no more pressing now than before given the COVID-19 crisis as we rebuild and embrace future opportunity.

Through the development of the Community Plan 2030+ the Town of Gawler has been committed to empowering its citizens by engaging through an inclusive and dynamic consultation process which has ensured that the vision outlined in the Community Plan is based on credible information.

Community consultation is an essential part of this process and always at the centre of each review. Due to the unprecedented times we find ourselves in due to COVID-19, Council have focused an increase amount of energy into online platforms when engaging on the plan. Although traditionally face to face consultation may have played a greater role in the process, community buy in has been fantastic and very encouraging. As a result Council is confident that this process and the new plan been produced is a true reflection of our community's ambitions.

The five pillars (themes) '**Identity, Growth, Environment, Community and Leadership**' have continued to guide the Community Plan and remained steadfast with this iteration. These pillars persist to be pertinent with the community's vision for the future.





OUR PLANNING FRAMEWORK

The Local Government Act 1999 requires The Town of Gawler to develop and enact numerous plans for the management of its council area. Through the development and implementation of these plans Council must assess its financial sustainability, level of service delivery, provision of infrastructure and any anticipated demographic or developmental change.

Whilst *Section 122* of the *Local Government Act 1999* requires the development of a number of Strategic Management Plans, it has proven instrumental for councils to prepare an overarching plan. The Gawler Community Plan 2030+ is the document that holistically guides the future allocation of resources for the type and standard of infrastructure and service provided to the community by Council.

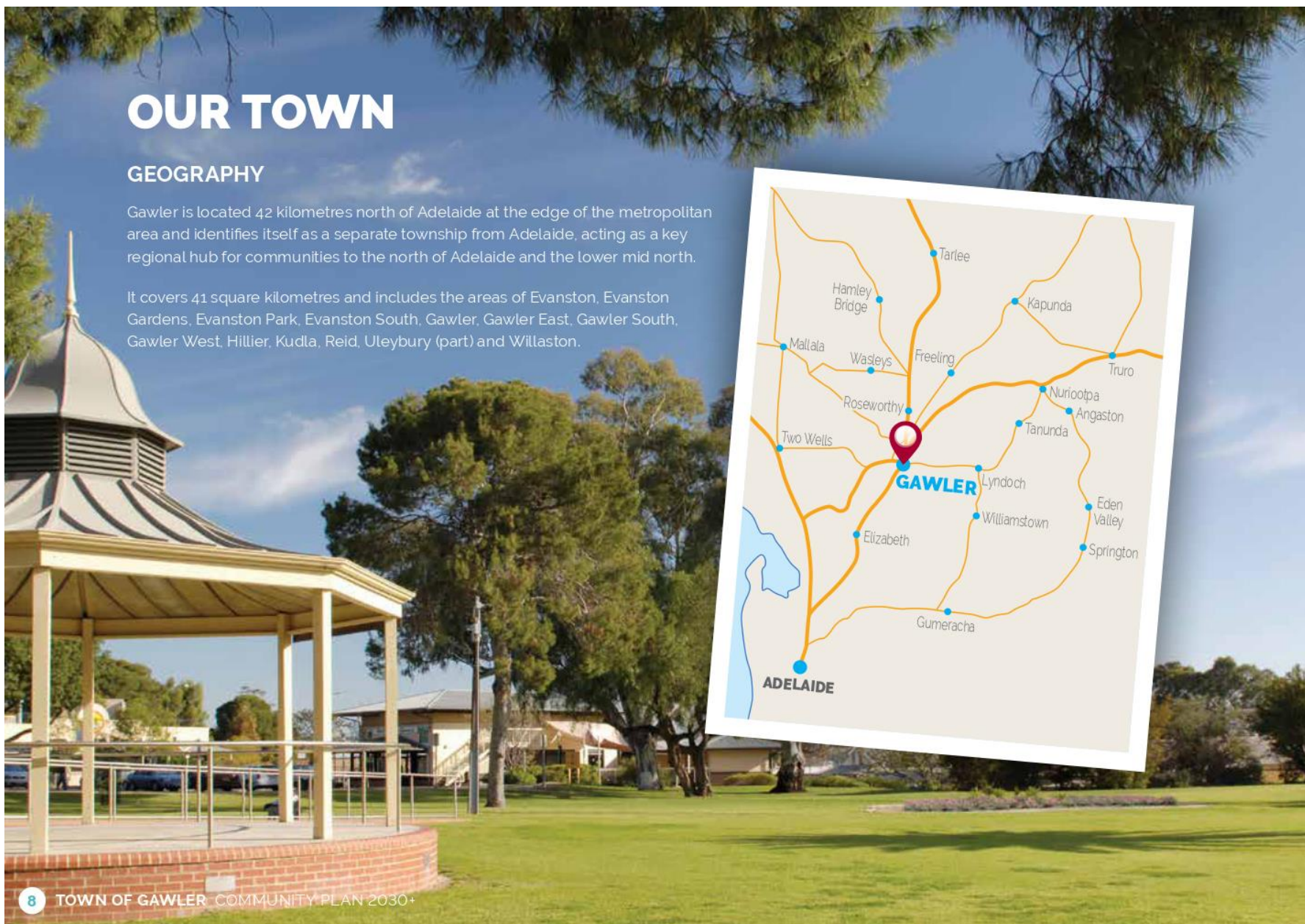
The Community Plan has been developed locally, however a broader regional and state context is present. The Community Plan must also contribute to the realisation of the strategies and objectives outlined in the South Australian Government's Strategic Plan.

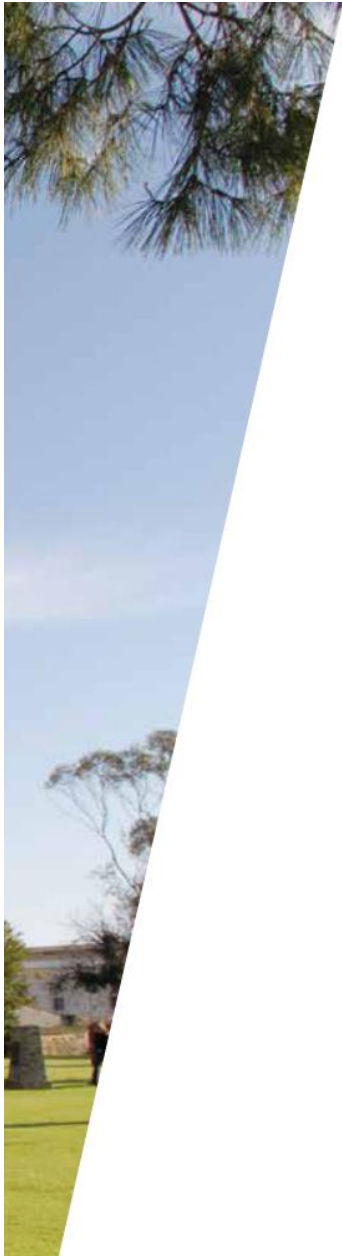
To ensure the vision described in the Gawler Community Plan 2030+ is ultimately achieved at a local level, its goals, objectives and strategies need to cascade down and be reflected in all Council plans by way of actions, responsibilities and performance measures.

The Town of Gawler's Annual Report is one formal mechanism used to report back to the community on an annual basis the progress against the goals, objectives, strategies, actions and performance measures of the Community Plan.

The Council is also developing a Climate Emergency Action Plan. This plan will permeate through all of Council's strategic documents as we seek to act meaningfully on this very real and pressing matter.

COMMUNITY PLAN 2030+
 LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN
 LONG TERM INFRASTRUCTURE
 AND ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN
 ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN
 DIVISIONAL BUSINESS PLANS
 ANNUAL REPORT
 ...AND SO MUCH MORE

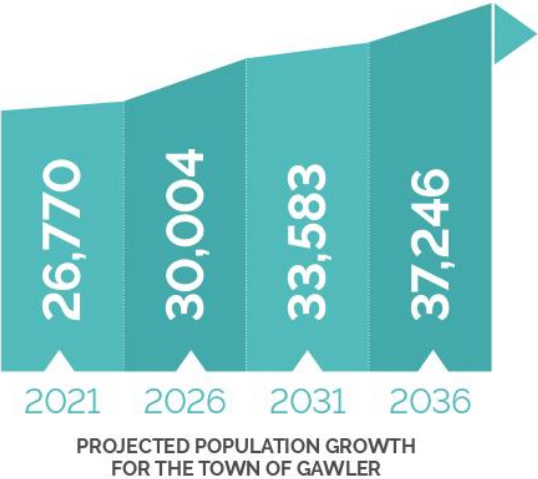




POPULATION

The population of Gawler as recorded in the 2016 Australian Bureau of Statistics Census (ABS) increased from 20,536 in 2011 to 23,034. This growth represents a population increase in excess of 12% through this period. This increase in population is significantly higher than the growth experienced by the State of South Australia which grew by approximately 5% over the same period.

In December 2019 the Department of Planning transport (DPTI) and Infrastructure released revised population projections. These projections predict Gawler to grow by a further 14,212 residents over the next 16 years.



In addition there are over 4,000 people who live on Council's immediate boundaries and form part of the greater Gawler community, however these residents and businesses are not within Council's formal boundary.

Furthermore the proposed development of Concordia located in the Barossa Council, will also naturally form part of the Gawler Township. When completed this development will have the capacity to essentially double the existing population of our town.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Gawler has a slightly greater number of citizens aged between 0-19 and over 65 than South Australia. Almost a quarter of Gawler's population is under 20 (24.1), which is higher than South Australia (23.5%) but lower than that of Australia (24.8%).

In addition, 46.5% of Gawler's population is over 45, which is higher than South Australia (44.6%) and Australia (40.9%).

Gawler has a lower proportion of citizens aged between 20-44 years old at 29.5%, compared to South Australia at 31.9% and 34.6% Australia wide.

EMPLOYMENT

Gawler has a relatively high employment participation rate. The major industry employer is Retail Trade (26%) followed by Health and Community Services (16%), Education (11%), Cultural and Recreational Services (3%), Personal and Other Services (5%) and Accommodation, Cafes and Restaurants (6%).

A significant percentage of Gawler citizens work outside of the council area and many people working in Gawler live outside the council area. Since the last census, "Many of these people come to Gawler on a daily basis for employment, education, healthcare and a range of retail services".





REGIONAL CONTEXT

The State Government (DPTI) last updated the 30-Year Plan for Greater Adelaide in 2017. As per the original version the updated version seeks to shift further away from Greenfield development over the next three decades, with Greater Adelaide meeting its previous target of 70% of new residential development occurring within infill areas and 30% occurring in Greenfield periphery or more rural areas.

It is however worth noting that Gawler East, Evanston Gardens, Roseworthy, Concordia and numerous areas within Northern Adelaide are still all shown as significant Greenfield development areas to assist in accommodating Greater Adelaide's future population.

The role Gawler Township plays as a regional hub servicing communities north of Adelaide is widely acknowledged, with the town currently servicing a catchment of an estimated 120,000 people, with this figure expected to grow considerably. It is anticipated that Gawler will continue to act as a regional hub into the future and this is a major consideration for The Town of Gawler in terms of service delivery and infrastructure provision.

This regional service centre function is acknowledged by both state and federal governments through the ongoing provision of appropriate levels of infrastructure and service support as well as through Council having access to key regional funding programs.

OUR HISTORY

The Kaurna people are the traditional custodians of Adelaide and the Adelaide Plains, including the land that is now the Town of Gawler. The Kaurna cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kaurna people today. For more than 40 000 years the Kaurna people have occupied the land of the Adelaide and Adelaide Plains region.

Linked by a spiritual connection to the land, Kaurna knowledge and history has been handed from generation to generation through Songlines; intricate maps of land, sea and country that describe travel and trade routes, the location of waterholes and the presence of food.

Teaching young people was, and still is, a central part of Kaurna life. Understanding the environment was important for more than just food, shelter, tools and medicine. Kaurna spirituality recognises the connectedness of people and culture through plants, animals and stars.

The Town of Gawler encompasses numerous areas of significance for Aboriginal people past and present, most notably its three rivers – the North and South Para

Rivers and the Gawler River. Parridla Taikondi Park, the river junction, was used as a place for meeting and trading of commodities such as ochre, plant and animal products. The rivers flowing through Gawler provided the Kaurna people with many resources.

The Kaurna language is the original language of Adelaide and the Adelaide Plains. Kaurna people from the Gawler district spoke a different dialect from those in other districts. The Kaurna language was sophisticated and complex and reflected the extensive knowledge of the environment that the Kaurna people possess. The word 'Para' is derived from the Kaurna word 'Pari' meaning a stream of flowing water. From around 1920 until the 1990s the Kaurna language went into hibernation, though fortunately, in recent times, the language has undergone a remarkable recovery.



In 1837 Colonel William Light, Surveyor General for the new Colony of South Australia camped twice in a local area that became known as 'Dead Mans Pass' on the South Para River. During his exploration of the Barossa Valley Light recognised the potential of the location, for South Australia's first country township. Light's subsequent plan for Gawler included streets aligned with town topography and broad parklands on the major river floodplains, reflecting his design of Adelaide.

2020 marks 181 years since the settlement of Gawler, with the first European settlers arriving in February 1839. The Municipality of the Town of Gawler was proclaimed in July 1857. The town's history is closely aligned with that of the State, with Gawler becoming a regional hub for the surrounding farming communities and playing an important role in supporting the copper mining communities located in Kapunda and Burra.

In the second half of the 19th century Gawler boomed with the construction of public infrastructure such as rail and tramways, bridges, public baths, an Institute

and a Town Hall as well as the establishment and expansion of many industries such as flour mills, foundries, brickworks, manufacturing and retail outlets. Many of the buildings constructed during this period remain standing and provide Gawler with a unique and distinctive character.

Gawler was and continues to be a major regional and cultural centre for communities to the north of Adelaide including the nearby agricultural and horticultural communities located in the mid-north, northern Adelaide Plains and Barossa Valley.

Gawler continues to celebrate its history with the redevelopment of the Gawler Civic Centre. Officially opened on Sunday 7 April 2019, the primary purpose of the Gawler Civic Centre is to revitalise and redevelop existing Main Street, community buildings that will drive economic growth, create new jobs and strengthen the social and cultural base of Gawler and the broader region.





OUR IDENTITY



Gawler has a long history and rich heritage beginning with the Kurna people, who are recognised as the Town's original custodians.

Following European settlement the Town of Gawler as we know it today was surveyed by Colonel William Light and became South Australia's first regional settlement. Gawler's community remains steadfast in its desire to protect and reinforce its unique character and sense of community.

Gawler's rich history is evident through its built and natural form including its striking architecture, heritage collections, natural riverine environments, large areas of open space and traditional 'mainstreet'.

Today the local community benefits from its surrounds and this rich history is personified through many community events and festivals.

Over the past 181 years, Gawler's population has grown considerably and this trend is expected to continue, with latest projections forecasting population growth at more than twice the state average.

To enable our future community to experience Gawler's unique sense of identity, this Community Plan will seek to preserve not only what has contributed to Gawler's identity but will create an evolving character and distinctive sense of place.

GOAL 1**A Uniquely Identifiable Township****1.1 Gawler remains unique and distinct from its neighbouring areas.**

- 1.1.1 Continue to develop town planning policies which promote Gawler as a Regional Hub and maintain a real sense of distinction from its surrounding areas.
- 1.1.2 Safeguard views and vistas to retain Gawler's defined township identity, open landscape character and sense of arrival into Gawler from all directions through the provision of open space.
- 1.1.3 Promote local government boundary realignments to reflect the township of Gawler's population with communities of interest.

1.2 Foster a vibrant and active local community that is proud of Gawler

- 1.2.1 Champion the activation of key civic buildings and areas within the public realm, creating attractive destinations.
- 1.2.2 Encourage and promote our welcoming country-friendly community.
- 1.2.3 Develop areas of planted visual amenity that complement Gawler's country town appeal.
- 1.2.4 Develop a vibrant township which is reinforced by its historic character and variety of readily accessible parks, shops, services, sports, events and entertainment.
- 1.2.5 Strengthen the position and promotion of Gawler as a regional hub.
- 1.2.6 Build community capacity through leadership and support that responds to community needs.
- 1.2.7 Maintain local amenity through an adequate maintenance and cleaning regime.

1.3 Protect and promote Gawler's unique history

- 1.3.1 Promote respect for the Kaurna people as the traditional custodians of the Kaurna Plains and all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people within the community, their heritage, culture and beliefs.
- 1.3.2 Facilitate community understanding of the significance of the three rivers to the Kaurna people as the traditional custodians.
- 1.3.3 Be a community leader in promoting Reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and other Australians.
- 1.3.4 Celebrate and promote the national significance of Gawler's heritage.
- 1.3.5 Encourage the adaptive reuse, of heritage buildings to contribute to economic revitalisation and heritage conservation.
- 1.3.6 Further identify, conserve and enhance Gawler's historic character and unique architecture.

KEY ACTIONS ► OUR IDENTITY

1 BOUNDARY REALIGNMENT

Boundary reform could mean that the seen footprint of Gawler will realign to include adjacent areas that are already seen as part of the Gawler community and already utilise our services and infrastructure. It will formalise communities where there is already a natural association with our town.

2 RURAL AREAS INVESTIGATIONS

Council will continue investigations to support a potential Planning and Design Code Amendment to align policy with Council's vision.

3 LOCAL AND STATE HERITAGE

The Town of Gawler is undertaking a heritage survey of all existing Contributory Items listed within the Development Plan with the intention to transition some of these structures to Local Heritage Places if and where appropriate. The intent being to ensure the protection of such places into the future.

4 PUBLIC REALM UPGRADES

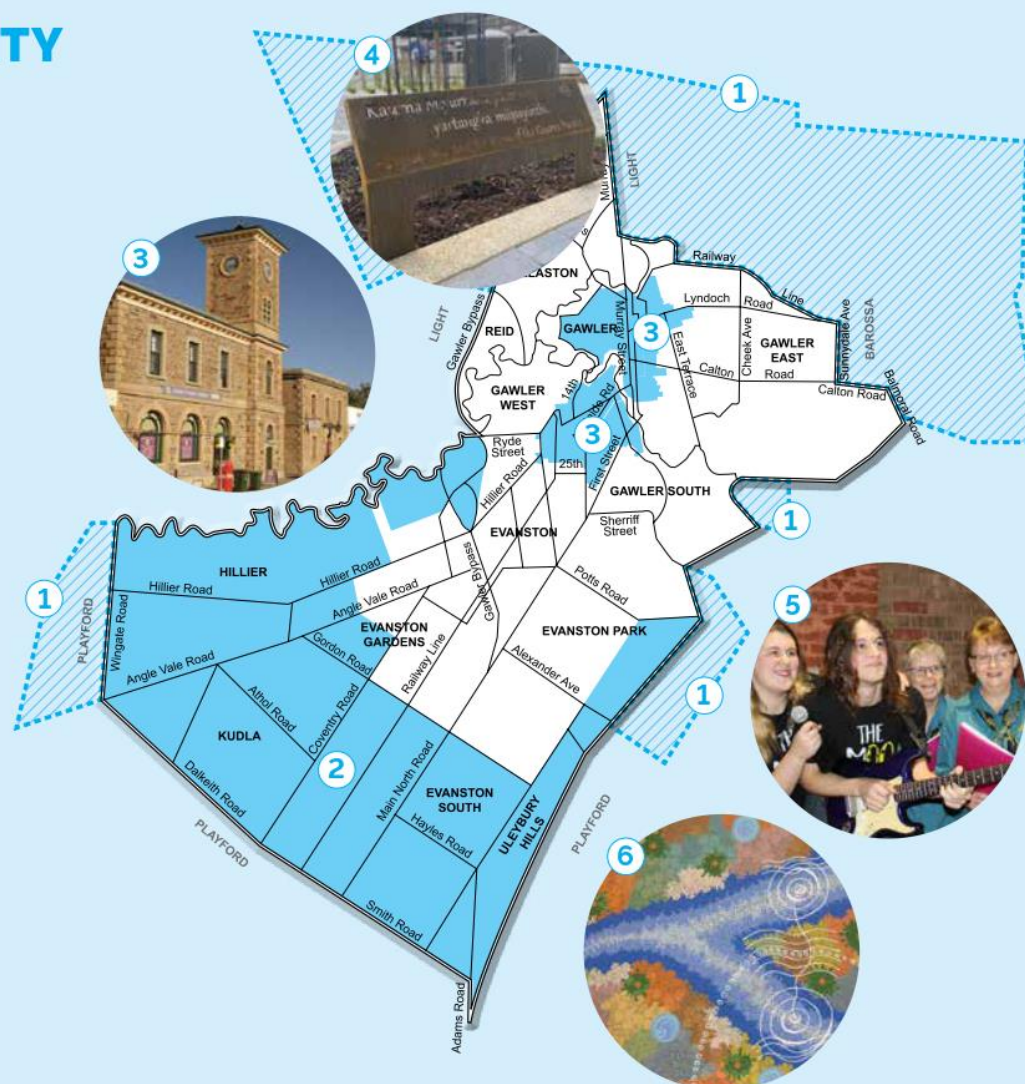
Upgrading the public realm is a high priority for Council, upgrades to provide the community and visitors with an improved experience which seeks to create for place making and community activities.

5 ACTIVATION STRATEGY

Through this strategy Council will focus on activating designated spaces through events and activity which celebrate Gawler's culture and diversity while delivering the community benefits of broad community participation, inclusion and collaboration.

6 RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

The Town of Gawler's vision for reconciliation is about building respect, understanding and dialogue between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people, with a focus on creating environments and experiences where interactions and meaningful relationships can occur.



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OUR GROWTH



Enable growth to occur in a sustainable and integrated manner with a holistic approach to town planning, ensuring that development is coordinated in a supportable manner across the council area. It is important to recognise that many planning decisions are currently outside the control of the Town of Gawler Council.

Actively pursuing the Vision in this Community Plan is essential to maximise the ability of the Gawler community and Council to manage its destiny.

As a result of anticipated population growth over the next 15-25 years, the demand for additional infrastructure and augmented community services will rise significantly.

This will place pressure on Gawler's natural and built environments as well as its sense of identity.

The Town of Gawler is committed to working with the community, Natural Resources agencies, State and Local Government, the private sector, Non-Government Organisations and emergency services to develop policies and undertake initiatives to ensure these elements are preserved and our impact on the natural environment is minimised.

GOAL 2**Managed and Sustainable Growth****2.1 Physical and social infrastructure to service our growing population and economy**

- 2.1.1 Aim for an adequate supply of well-located and affordable industrial, commercial and residential land.
- 2.1.2 Provide clear strategic direction in response to transport and traffic management measures in new growth areas and ensure integration with existing areas.
- 2.1.3 Support the timely provision of community, social and recreational facilities and services to meet community expectations and where appropriate seek financial contributions from other potential contributors.
- 2.1.4 Refine and develop land use policies to build attractive, accessible, integrated and resident-friendly areas, supporting a range of housing, lifestyles, recreation and rural opportunities.
- 2.1.5 Ensure council owned infrastructure is managed and maintained in a sustainable manner to provide a quality experience for our community.
- 2.1.6 Ensure neighbourhoods and residential developments have appropriately designed areas for play and leisure.

2.2 Growth to be sustainable and respectful of cultural and built heritage

- 2.2.1 Implement planning policies to protect Gawler's heritage and character with flexibility to encourage investment, building maintenance, adaptive re-use and appropriate infill development.
- 2.2.2 Ensure new development reinforces local character.
- 2.2.3 Encourage infill and more sustainable development opportunities, including multi-storey, mixed-use developments in appropriate locations.
- 2.2.4 Seek appropriate land use policy in the existing Rural Zone to provide surety to residents, guide development and encourage investment.

2.3 Manage growth through the real connection of people and places

- 2.3.1 Encourage the appropriate redevelopment of all train station precincts and associate infrastructure.
- 2.3.2 Plan for the associated growth and renewal which is anticipated to occur along the rail corridor and around station precincts to take advantage of the significant State Government investment.
- 2.3.3 Continue to implement and develop a safe and interconnected network of cycle/walking paths along with appropriate wayfinding signage to and intra Gawler.
- 2.3.4 Design and develop a pedestrian-friendly town.
- 2.3.5 Seek to minimise traffic congestion through the Town Centre.
- 2.3.6 Improve management of Town Centre car parking provision to optimise availability in high demand areas.

2.4 Local economic activity to create local job opportunities and generate increased local wealth

- 2.4.1 Investigate opportunities for tourism and continue to support investment in tourist accommodation, leveraging Gawler's geographical location relative to the world renowned Barossa Valley.
- 2.4.2 Engage with the business community to attract business and job opportunities and promote Gawler as a regional hub.
- 2.4.3 Take advantage of state and federal government initiatives that create local and regional jobs, and more flexible work from home opportunities in a post COVID-19 business environment.
- 2.4.4 Support existing education providers and encourage additional opportunities and facilities in Gawler.
- 2.4.5 Support entrepreneurship, investment and job creation through the Gawler Civic Centre's Business Innovation Hub.

KEY ACTIONS ► OUR GROWTH

1 GAWLER EAST

The Gawler East area was rezoned via a Ministerial Development Plan Amendment in 2010. This is a significant growth area within Gawler, with capacity to accommodate approximately 4,500 allotments. The orderly development and timely provision of infrastructure is critical to the success of the precinct.

2 TIVER ROAD EXTENSION

The Gawler East Link Road (GELR) will provide local traffic with direct access to Main North Road without the need for travelling through the Gawler Town Centre. An extension of the GELR to Tiver Road is envisaged to occur to further reduce congestion.

3 SOUTHERN URBAN AREAS

The urban growth area commonly known as the Southern Urban Areas includes parts of Evanston South, Evanston Gardens and Hillier. This is a significant growth area within Gawler, with capacity to accommodate approximately 2,500 allotments. The orderly development and timely provision of infrastructure is critical to the success of the area.

4 WATER PROOFING GAWLER

As part of a 'Water Proofing Gawler' initiative, the Council will seek to not only investigate the delivery of a broader stormwater harvesting and reuse scheme throughout the Township for use on irrigated public open spaces, but also advocate for the State Government driven future Northern Adelaide Irrigation Scheme (NAIS) extension to consider the servicing of the rural areas of Gawler.

5 CONCORDIA

The Concordia Growth Area is one of the most significant (unzoned) metropolitan fringe/township growth areas defined in the State Government's 30 Year Plan for Greater Adelaide 2017. This growth area is approximately 978 hectares in size and is anticipated to yield up to 10,500 allotments and a population of approximately 23,000 people. This growth will form part of Gawler and needs to be managed by the Town of Gawler.

6 ELECTRIFICATION OF THE GAWLER RAIL LINE

The \$615 million electrification and modernisation of the Gawler rail line will deliver a faster, cleaner and more reliable service, delivering an electrified network through Adelaide from Gawler to Seaford. The electrified rail line is expected to further stimulate growth and regeneration in Gawler and planning for this growth will be imperative for Council.

7 TOWN CENTRE CAR PARKING

Council will be focussed on the ongoing management of existing car parking, as well as identifying opportunities which Council can work towards addressing.







OUR COMMUNITY



Community health and social wellbeing is a fundamental and ongoing responsibility for The Town of Gawler. A vibrant town centre, pedestrian and cycle connectivity, all age friendly neighbourhoods, new and upgraded sport and recreation facilities and improved healthcare services have been identified by the community as essential.

Gawler has a growing number of older citizens however is also home to many children and young people. Council is committed to supporting residents of all ages and fostering our collective skills and abilities. Planning will need to continue to address issues associated with the availability of appropriate housing, access to social and allied health services and access to community programs and facilities.

Council plays a vital role in the provision and management of sport and recreational facilities and opportunities to the local and regional community. Recreation opportunities are provided across Gawler and take varied forms that suit the broad interests and desires of the community, including sporting and aquatic facilities, open space for both active and informal pursuits and natural spaces.

The role of volunteers, the arts as well as supporting community groups/services clubs which all play crucial roles within our community. Their contribution towards community development, growth and cohesion is overwhelming and as a result Council's support will remain steadfast.

GOAL 3**A Healthy, Active, Safe, Engaged Community****3.1 Gawler to be an inclusive community with quality health and social wellbeing services to meet the needs of our growing community**

- 3.1.1 Advocate all spheres of government, the private sector and Non-Government Organisations for increased and improved healthcare facilities and social housing services, including services for mental health, the disadvantaged and homeless, aged care and people with disabilities.
- 3.1.2 Encourage healthy lifestyles and community wellbeing
- 3.1.3 Advocate for vulnerable members of the community and provide relevant services.
- 3.1.4 Improve disability access across the town and promote inclusion.
- 3.1.5 Provide a welcoming, relevant, accessible, and inclusive services that supports the lifelong learning needs of the community.
- 3.1.6 Provide a socially inclusive place to interact and access services, collections, programs and events that enhance the life and lifestyle of the community.
- 3.1.7 Seek to strengthen community resilience in dealing with the ongoing impacts of climate change.

3.2 Provide sporting and recreational facilities to meet local and regional community needs

- 3.2.1 Ensure appropriate sporting and active recreation facilities are provided to the community and distributed equitably.
- 3.2.2 Ensure strategic planning and development of Gawler's sporting precincts.

- 3.2.3 Foster co-operative relationships between sporting organisations to co-invest and fully utilise infrastructure.
- 3.2.4 Ensure a range of usable open space and passive recreation facilities are provided for local and regional community needs.
- 3.2.5 Advocate to and liaise with all spheres of government, community and sporting bodies, Non-Government Organisations and the private sector to encourage shared resource and facility use opportunities for sport and recreation.

3.3 Recognise, respect, support and advocate on behalf of volunteers

- 3.3.1 Support and promote volunteering opportunities to meet community need.
- 3.3.2 Foster partnerships with volunteers and community volunteer organisations.

3.4 Encourage the development of the Arts and creative sector

- 3.4.1 Provide opportunities for local artists to be involved in and contribute to the activation of community spaces.
- 3.4.2 Activate urban and recreational spaces through appropriate public art management and encourage investment in the Arts by business, community and government.
- 3.4.3 Be a leader and advocate for the development of Public Art in Gawler, particularly through the implementation of Art and Culture strategic themes - Place, Activity and People.

KEY ACTIONS ► OUR COMMUNITY

1 KARBEETHAN RESERVE

The Karbeethan Reserve Master Plan proposes new facilities that would provide for existing clubs and associations as well as allow for further consideration to be given to complementary sports to utilise facilities on the site, while providing open space recreational areas for the broader community.

2 GAWLER AQUATIC CENTRE

The Gawler Aquatic Centre Needs and Feasibility Analysis reinforces planning for this facility should continue to ensure the provision of a state-of-the-art facility for existing and future generations.

3 ESSEX PARK & GAWLER SHOWGROUNDS MASTER PLAN

The project will provide strategic direction to enable precinct facilities to accommodate population growth, be adaptable and flexible to the changing needs of current and new community members, and to enable Gawler to host high level sporting competitions and events.

4 DISABILITY ACCESS AND INCLUSION

Through the implementation of the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan, Gawler and the region more generally will seek to become more accessible for and inclusive of people living with a disability.

5 CYCLING AND WALKING CONNECTIONS

Via improved cycling and walking connection Councils wishes to enable people of all ages and abilities across the Town of Gawler to choose walking and/or cycling as a regular day-to-day activity for transport or recreation, and further promote the Town of Gawler as a unique, vibrant and accessible tourist destination.

6 OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND RECREATION

Quality sport and recreation areas provide opportunity for social interaction between neighbours and help maintain safe and healthy communities. Parks and other areas of public open space allow for physical activity and recreation, which is proven to improve the mental and physical health. Providing and maintaining quality open spaces will remain a key priority for Council.





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OUR ENVIRONMENT



Gawler's projected population growth will place added pressure on the natural resources and the river's ecosystems. The community has recognised this and wants to protect these assets for future generations by endeavouring to mitigate the effects of climate change, population increase and development growth by improving local and regional water, waste and energy management practices.

Managing our natural resources in a sustainable manner and protecting areas of remnant vegetation for habitat and biodiversity conservation remains a priority for the community and for The Town of Gawler.

The Gawler Rivers are iconic and intrinsic features of the township with the North and South Para Rivers and Gawler River being recognised as areas of significant cultural importance to the Kaurna people.

The natural biodiversity values of these riverine areas are still adored by the entire community and enjoyed through active and passive activities on a daily basis.

GOAL 4**To Respect, Protect and Nurture the Environment****4.1 Act on climate change**

- 4.1.1 Advocate for improvements in the 30 Year Plan and the application of the Planning and Design Coe to support a sustainable urban form, climate resilient communities and to limit urban sprawl.
- 4.1.2 Complete and implement the Town of Gawler Climate Emergency Action Plan which seeks to take effective, targeted and scalable actions to reduce emissions and adapt to climate change impacts.
- 4.1.3 Engage and collaborate with the Gawler community, businesses and regional partners.
- 4.1.4 Review and enhance disaster resilience planning, procedures and safer places to assist all members of the community in preparing for natural disasters.

4.2 Create and maintain a riverine environment that reflects the social, cultural and landscape values of the river corridor

- 4.2.1 Manage open space along the three rivers corridors to provide improved use and greater visual appeal.
- 4.2.2 Conserve and enhance local biodiversity through appropriate landscaping.
- 4.2.3 Conserve areas identified as cultural sites along the river corridors.

4.3 Protection of environmentally significant areas of native vegetation for present and future generations

- 4.3.1 Ensure native flora, fauna and ecosystems are protected and restored through the retention and rehabilitation of environmentally significant areas of native vegetation.
- 4.3.2 Develop management plans for council-managed land and reserve areas including setting aside specific areas of open space for conservation purposes.

- 4.3.3 Effectively deal with feral birds and animals and over abundant native species.

- 4.3.4 Encourage responsible dog and cat ownership in order to reduce nuisance, social and environmental harm.

4.4 Support sustainable use of natural resources and minimise waste

- 4.4.1 Investigate affordable, appropriate and sustainable water for horticultural/agricultural purposes in Council's Rural Zone.
- 4.4.2 Generate a holistic approach towards dealing with and utilising stormwater.
- 4.4.3 Implement the waste management hierarchy – avoid, reduce, reuse, recycle, recover, treat and dispose.
- 4.4.4 Retain, protect and restore natural resources by ensuring development minimises energy consumption and water usage.
- 4.4.5 Identify flooding extents in the Town of Gawler and plan for mitigation measures as well as seek to integrate recycled water capabilities in existing and new growth areas.
- 4.4.6 Develop water-sensitive urban design (WSUD) requirements for the design, function and maintenance of open spaces.
- 4.4.7 Continue to refine and implement development policies which improve sustainability outcomes in our built environment.

4.5 Support the provision of useable public realm that preserves and enhances the environment and biodiversity

- 4.5.1 Increase Gawler's urban tree canopy cover to assist in mitigating the heat island effect within our township, reinforce amenity, enhance biodiversity and improve our community's resilience to heatwaves.
- 4.5.2 Continue to improve our natural landscapes by restoring and enhancing biodiversity as well as fostering habitat corridors.

KEY ACTIONS ► OUR ENVIRONMENT

1 ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

The Town of Gawler was the first Council in South Australia to declare that we are facing a 'Climate Emergency'. Council recognises the importance of leading by example and will be developing an action plan to enhance our resilience and reduce Climate impacts.

2 GAWLER URBAN RIVERS REHABILITATION WORKS

Through rehabilitation works to Gawler's rivers corridors, Council is seeking to and will continue to improve the natural and built environment, improve biodiversity, promote community awareness and upgrade active and passive recreation opportunities.

3 BIODIVERSITY AND VEGETATION

The Town of Gawler has biodiversity assets that are considered to be significant including native species that predate European settlement. This makes our remnant habitats, flora and fauna critical to conserve and enhance. Furthermore, Council's Tree and Vegetation Program aims to improve amenity, repair environmental damage and improve local biodiversity as well as ensure the region is more resilient to the effects of climate change.

4 STORMWATER

Implementation of the Gawler and Surrounds and Smith Creek Stormwater Management Plans will guide the management of the majority of stormwater runoff in the Town of Gawler and immediately beyond the Council's boundaries.

5 COMMUNITY SAFETY

Council is seeking to help residents and visitors feel safe in their local community by improving various passive surveillance measures. This includes the upgrading of public lighting as well as improved CCTV throughout Gawler. Such initiatives are key tools in supporting local businesses and communities and contributes to a perception of safety.





OUR LEADERSHIP



Council elected members are voted in by the community as leaders to advocate, advise, empower as well make informed decisions on their behalf with the community's best interests in mind.

Councillors provide the connection between Council and administration and the community. Council administration is responsible for the delivery of quality services, infrastructure and facilities to the community. This is achieved through the development of strategies, policies and budgets that reflect community needs, capacity and aspirations.

Community consultation remains a fundamental process which Council endeavours to spark conversation and empower the community. Effective and ongoing engagement with the Gawler community will ensure elected members are informed and able to represent their desires across projects which impact the community.

The Town of Gawler aspires to be an organisation of excellence and one that is professional, transparent, prudent and credible to the local community and external organisations, key stakeholders and communities. This is achieved through sound governance processes and effective communication between the general and business community and the Council.



GOAL 5**A Strong, Vibrant Community****5.1 Be recognised as a best practice organisation and collaborate regionally**

- 5.1.1 Provide professional services with a continuous improvement focus to proactively achieve the goals envisioned by our community.
- 5.1.2 Advocate for the needs, interests and aspirations of the community.
- 5.1.3 Position Council as a regional centre for excellence in local government.
- 5.1.4 Be an employer of choice, focusing on attracting and retaining quality staff.
- 5.1.5 Develop and implement strategies to encourage and empower meaningful engagement with all members of the community to participate in consultation activities as part of strategic decision making of Gawler's future.
- 5.1.6 Pursue the development of the local economy by ensuring that Council gives due consideration to local suppliers in its procurement activities.

5.2 Foster and encourage community teamwork

- 5.2.1 Encourage and facilitate opportunities for community interaction, connection and collaboration.
- 5.2.2 Value, support and advocate on behalf of community groups, organisations and volunteers.
- 5.2.3 Foster leadership opportunities that support and develop passionate and effective community leaders.
- 5.2.4 Support the establishment of scholarships/traineeships and mentoring programmes to support young future leaders.
- 5.2.5 Identify areas of community expertise, experience, capacity and interest to assist in the delivery of this Community Plan.

5.3 Continue to deliver effective services and refine management processes

- 5.3.1 Provide transparent, accountable and informed decision-making to assist in ensuring effective and efficient outcomes for the community.
- 5.3.2 Maintain and implement prudent financial policies and practices to ensure long term financial sustainability.
- 5.3.3 Provide quality support services to Council Members to facilitate effective and informed decision-making.
- 5.3.4 Provide a quality customer service experience which includes digital solutions that are efficient, reliable and add value for residents, businesses and visitors.
- 5.3.5 Implement and monitor health, safety and injury management services to achieve continual improvement and provide a safe work environment for all workers and volunteers.

KEY ACTIONS ► OUR LEADERSHIP

1 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The key principle driving the preparation of annual budgets continues to be Council's core target of maintaining a financially sustainable operating position, whilst at the same time being cognisant of longer-term considerations and aspirations outlined in Council's Long Term Financial Plan.

2 GOVERNANCE

As a Local Government authority, the Town of Gawler is required to comply with numerous legal requirements. Strategies and policies are in place to ensure Council operates effectively and manages community resources and assets responsibly.

3 ADVOCACY

The Town of Gawler is experiencing substantial growth, this change brings with it a range of matters that impact on our community. Council plays a crucial role in helping to influence decision makers to support appropriate policy change and positive outcomes, as well as investment in our town. Strategic Advocacy is focused on achieving the longer term and substantive outcomes Council seeks.

4 CUSTOMER SERVICE

Council will seek to better serve our community through the delivery of high-quality customer service and ultimately improve our Customer's journey.

5 CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT

Continuous improvement is a key strategy of Council to ensure our procedures, methods, and practices are as efficient, accurate, and effective as possible. This is done by periodically examining and improving our processes to improve bottlenecks and take advantage of more efficient practices.



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COMMUNITY SCORECARD

An important new focus area for Council moving forward is better understanding business data and the analysis of such data to drive business process improvements and community outcomes, through the development of a Community Scorecard.

This Community Scorecard is currently under development, however once completed will be used both internally within Council and externally to the community by way of an on-line 'dashboard' to communicate how Council is performing against the goals and delivering the outcomes envisaged in the Community Plan.



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Town of Gawler

2020/21 COMMUNITY GRANTS GUIDELINES



The Town of Gawler, through its Community Grants, aims to encourage community development by supporting a range of cultural and community projects, events and activities occurring within the Town of Gawler.

The information contained within this document outlines the types of projects and activities that will be considered for funding under the Community Grants. Eligible groups and organisations are invited to apply for up to **\$1000** to assist with community-focused projects and activities.

Please Note: Community groups and organisations that receive funding through one of Council's Stimulus Programs - Community Events and Activation, Sporting Organisations (Lease Holder), or Council and Community Facility Upgrades - WILL NOT be eligible to receive funding through the 2020/21 Community Grants program.

Objectives

- Stimulate community development through support of groups and organisations that are delivering community projects, events and activities within the Town of Gawler.
- Foster or provide new services, initiatives and resources to address the needs of the local community.
- Create opportunities that develop the knowledge, skills and confidence of community members of all ages.
- Encourage increased participation in local community and cultural activities, building a greater sense of community pride.
- Recognise the importance of heritage conservation within the Town of Gawler.

Examples of Projects

Projects can include activity in the following areas:

- Health – supporting a healthy community through awareness, service provision and activities, for example, community health forum, purchase of mobility equipment.
- Recreation and Sport – supporting local individuals, clubs and organisations in the area of sport and recreation, for example, purchase of sporting equipment, uniforms, development of sporting or storage facilities.
- Community Development – addressing areas such as social justice, crime prevention, volunteering, employment and training, emergency relief and social inclusion for the Gawler community, for example, awareness raising campaign, activities or services for marginalised community groups.
- Arts and Culture – encouraging artistic expression and activity or creating opportunities for the awareness and celebration of cultural diversity, for example, an art exhibition, writing workshop, cultural learning session.
- Environment – promoting positive environmental outcomes for the local area, including initiatives that enhance and protect the natural environment or foster environmentally sustainable practices through community education and engagement, for example, upcycling workshop, composting system, awareness raising campaign.

Council encourages applicants to consider and demonstrate a proactive approach to environmentally sustainable practices in all projects.

Eligible Criteria

- Incorporated bodies, not for profit community groups, non-government organisations and individuals within the Town of Gawler, that satisfy the guidelines, are eligible to apply.
- Projects and activities of national and/or international significance that are an initiative of an incorporated body or not for profit community group that will benefit residents in the Gawler area.
- It is expected that applicants will meet at least 50% of the project or activity cost. This can be by way of in-kind support.
- Please note that if the requested funds are only part of the total required, details of how the balance will be raised will need to be provided.

Non-Eligible Criteria

- Organisations or individuals that are seeking commercial gain from the project (either directly or indirectly).
- The application must not come from a commercial enterprise.
- Organisations or individuals that have outstanding acquittals and/or associated documents for any previous Council grant funding.
- Monies already spent or funding of existing debts or shortfalls.
- Salaries (initial or ongoing).
- Fundraising purposes.
- Ongoing operational costs.

Conditions of Application

- No more than one (1) application can be submitted per organisation, group or individual.
- Applications must be made on the current Council Community Grants application form.
- All questions on the form must be answered.

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- The application must clearly outline the involvement of, and benefit to, the Town of Gawler or the national/international community as appropriate.
- The application must come from an eligible body with a formal structure capable of responsible management of funds received; or an individual with demonstrated accountability procedures.
- Grants are considered to be a donation and will not incur GST.
- In order to assist as many groups as possible, grants will not normally exceed \$1000 and applications for lesser amounts are encouraged. Some projects may be funded for a greater amount but this is dependent on the number of applications received and the amount of funds available.

Conditions of Accepted Application

- Funded projects and activities are expected to be completed within 12 months of the funding being received.
- If the project is cancelled or cannot be realised within 12 months of receiving the grant, the funds are to be returned to Council. Special circumstances will be considered.
- Council reserves the right to photograph the project and document the project for unlimited use in publications, website and social media that promotes the Town of Gawler.
- Appropriate acknowledgement of Council support should be given on relevant promotional materials.
- At conclusion of the project, a brief written assessment and expenditure statement is to be provided using the Council Grant Acquittal form.

Assessment of Application

Each application will be assessed on merit by a Council appointed panel. Final decisions on all applications are at the discretion of Council.

Priority will be given to projects and activities that:

- Have not received funding in the previous round of Community Grants.
- Address high areas of need, particularly those identified in Council or regional plans.
- Have long term benefits to the community.
- Are innovative and responsive to the brief.
- Demonstrate cooperation and encourage participation.
- Have a clearly defined plan outlining key outcomes.
- Promote community partnerships
- Encourage participation, activation and community pride.
- Are able to be realised within budget and timeframes.

Submitting an Application

The current Community Grants application form can be downloaded from the Town of Gawler website www.gawler.sa.gov.au/communitygrants

A hard copy application can be posted by contacting Council's Community Development Officer on 8522 9208 or email communitygrants@gawler.sa.gov.au

Applications must be properly completed and successfully received by Friday 20 November 2020.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the application form, along with all other relevant documentation, is properly completed and successfully submitted before the deadline. An acknowledgement will be provided on receipt of applications and it is the applicant's responsibility to contact Council if an acknowledgement is not received. No late applications will be accepted.

All applicants will receive written notification via mail or email regarding the outcome of their application.

Successful applicants will be invited to attend a presentation of the grant cheque.

Applications can be submitted via email to: communitygrants@gawler.sa.gov.au

Or posted to: Community Development Officer
Town of Gawler
PO Box 130
Gawler SA 5118

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: Friday 20 November 2020 at 5pm NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Enquiries to Community Development Officer: 8522 9208 or communitygrants@gawler.sa.gov.au

2020/21 Community Grants – List of Applicants

	Organisation/ Group/ Individual	Project Category	Project Name and Description	Grant Application Amount	Applicant Contribution	Meet 50% Contribution	2019/20 Recipient	Comments
1	Trinity Old Scholars Hockey Club	Recreation and Sport	<u>Portable Pitch Divider</u> Looking to purchase a barrier to divide the hockey pitch into two halves to allow for 2 x games of half field hockey. This will allow for a more continuous flow of games.	\$212	\$212	Yes	No	
2	Gawler Girl Guides	Community Development	<u>Mobile Computer Trolley</u> Materials for the construction of mobile trolley for the Girl Guides computers. The group has four computers but given the limited floor space in the Girl Guides Hall, a mobile trolley is the best option to accommodate the computers, monitors and printer. Two volunteers have offered to design and build the trolley.	\$400	\$450	Yes	No	
3	Lions Club of Gawler	Health	<u>Defibrillator</u> The Lions Club of Gawler requires a defibrillator for their Sunday Market that occurs at the Gawler Railway Station carpark every Sunday.	\$1,000	\$1,600	Yes	No	
4	Hope Chapel	Community Development	<u>Community Food Truck Launch - Evanston</u> The Hope Chapel Food Truck currently serves free meals to the community once a month from Britton Street in Gawler West. The program started in July 2019 and has seen a steady turn-out of families all from the more vulnerable parts of the wider Gawler community. Most people however, come from the immediate Gawler West area and in walking distance of Britton Street Reserve. In early 2021 Hope Chapel would like to replicate the success of the program at Bacton Street Reserve, Evanston, an area with similar demographics to Gawler West. There is also an opportunity for the Food Truck to again participate in the Fringe in the Park Event.	\$1,000	\$1,700	Yes	No	

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5	Rotary Club of Gawler	Health	<u>Gawler Hospital TV Replacement</u> Over the past few years, Rotary has worked towards the installation of new televisions in the ward rooms at the Gawler Health Service, assisting the hospital to provide a higher level of patient service. The existing TVs are old technology with a small screen, making them difficult to see. Previously these TVs incurred a hire cost for patients (as they were hired through an external company), so patients are now benefitting from not having to pay for this service. The grant will go towards installing another 8 televisions.	\$1,000	\$2,260	Yes	Yes	
6	Wheels in Motion Gawler	Other: Youth Development	<u>Safety While Learning to Drive</u> The Wheels in Motion program supports young people struggling to obtain their Provisional Licence, providing them with access to a vehicle and licenced driver to support the mandatory 72 hours of supervised driving. The grant would assist in installing cameras to protect both mentors and participants in the instance of an incident or accident. The program charges a small fee that only covers vehicle running costs, so any additional financial support to provide security, safety and peace of mind to participants would be extremely beneficial.	\$600	\$140	No	No	50% contribution not met for this initiative, however many volunteer hours are contributed to the Wheel in Motion program overall.
7	Melissa Currinckx	Community Development	<u>Gawler and Barossa Kids Club (Autism Support Group)</u> The Gawler and Barossa Kids Club is an Autism support group that currently runs once a month. The program uses a holistic approach to support children with Autism, their siblings and parents/caregivers. The Kids Club involves interaction, parents and children engage in play and can make friends when typically they would struggle socially with an Autism diagnosis. Children are free to be themselves which can involve loud shouting, non-verbals, meltdowns and agitated behaviour which is managed by carers and facilitators. This grant would go towards resources, a jumpy castle and big foam blocks that encourage therapeutic play.	\$1,000	\$2,080	Yes	No	

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8	Gawler Town Band	Arts and Culture	<u>Gawler Town Band Performance Marquee</u> COVID restrictions this year has meant the band has been unable to meet and perform for several months. Income from performances has been significantly reduced due to lack of opportunities to perform. This grant would allow the band to purchase a branded marquee to be used for future performances.	\$1,000	\$1,747.80	Yes	No	
9	Gawler Art Society	Arts and Culture	<u>Art For All</u> This project aims to provide a day where people in the community can have a chance do artwork using different mediums. This would provide the opportunity for people to try without outlaying a lot of money for materials, etc. This would be open to all community members but would particularly benefit those who are older, those who are isolated, those who have a disability, and those who would like to have a go at art but do not know where to get started. The grants would assist in advertising the event, materials and room hire.	\$500	\$950	Yes	No	
10	Gawler Floral Art Group Inc.	Arts and Culture	<u>Gawler Floral Art Group</u> The Gawler Floral Art Group is a not for profit community arts group interested in developing floral art skills and floral arrangements. The group, open to both men and women, has been running in Gawler since 1969 and is the only floral art group/club in the northern areas of Adelaide. The group meets monthly and has instructors/demonstrators (accredited by the State body) who provide workshops, demonstrations, coaching and instruction in floral arts. The group has been self-supporting for many years, however with COVID preventing involvement in community events and activities this year, is looking for a grant to part subsidise expenses in conducting its community artistic activities.	\$630	\$650	Yes	No	

2020/21 Community Grants – List of Applicants

	Organisation/ Group/ Individual	Project Category	Project Name and Description	Grant Application Amount	Applicant Contribution	Meet 50% Contribution	2019/20 Recipient	Comments
11	Meryl McDougall	Health, Arts and Culture, Community Development	<u>Mega-Waves Art Exhibition (Community Mental Health Event)</u> The art exhibition aims to provide a creative outlet, platform and voice to those in the community who have lived experience of psychosocial disability and/or chronic mental health conditions. It is anticipated that the exhibition will occur in the Gawler Civic Centre during Mental Health Month (October) and will involve a broad range of community stakeholders. The grant will contribute towards venue hire, catering, marketing and entertainment for the art exhibition launch event.	\$995	\$2,350	Yes	No	
12	Zonta Club of Gawler	Arts and Culture	<u>Community Women's Studio of Gawler</u> To provide a safe space for women to meet and connect through creative arts, particularly those women who may be isolated and disconnected due to COVID. The Studio will be located at the Gawler Community House and the funds will be used to purchase a range of art supplies and materials.	\$1,000	\$7,020	Yes	No	The Zonta Club of Gawler has submitted a Community Events & Activation Stimulus Program application.
13	Gawler Central Sporting Club (Netball)	Recreation and Sport	<u>Upgrade Women's Bathroom Facilities</u> The Club would like to engage a local supplier to replace the current vanity unit in the women's toilets, which was donated by a Club member many years ago. In addition, the Club would like to purchase a paper towel dispenser and an automatic soap dispenser for a more safe and hygienic environment.	\$1,000	\$1,000	Yes	No	The Gawler Central Sporting Club has submitted a Sporting Organisation (Lease Holder) Stimulus Program application.

Town of Gawler

BOUNDARY CHANGE PROPOSAL – STAGE 2 GENERAL PROPOSAL



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1. OVERVIEW

The Town of Gawler is a unique place with a strong sense of history. Although now considered a part of metropolitan Adelaide, it was the first country town to be established in South Australia in 1839 and the Town closely connects to the Barossa Valley and smaller rural towns such as Roseworthy.

The Town of Gawler is located 42 kilometres to the north of Adelaide City and is relatively small at 41.1 square kilometres. The Town has been a regional centre since its inception, including as a stop off point for the towns to the north (Burra and Kapunda) in the early years. The Town of Gawler remains a regional centre today, catering for sporting activities, schooling, events and community activities.

The heart of Gawler is triangular rather than square due primarily to the topography and river systems. The Town of Gawler is defined geographically by its river systems including the Gawler River, the South Para River and the North Para River. Parts of the Town of Gawler are hilly (to the north and east) and other parts to the west and south are flatter. The Town of Gawler has large sections of natural area, particularly along its river systems.

The Town of Gawler remains a Regional Service Centre and whilst the latest population data (2016) states that Gawler has a residential population of 23,034, it services a regional catchment which is estimated to be in excess of 110,000 people and growing.

Today, the Gawler Town Centre maintains its longstanding role as a service centre for a predominantly rural hinterland however, it is also emerging as the regional centre for a rapidly urbanising region. The areas around Gawler to the south, east and north-east are undergoing significant and rapid residential development and, in the longer term, the urban catchment for Gawler will extend to Concordia. Consequently, Gawler will be required to service this growing catchment and meet its future economic, social and environmental demands.

The Town of Gawler is seeking to realign its boundary in accordance with *Chapter 3, Part 2 of the Local Government Act 1999* (the Act) and seeks, through the submission of this General Proposal, consideration of the matter by the Boundaries Commission (the Commission) on the proposed realignments.

Town of Gawler's proposed boundary adjustments are focussed on:

- Formalising Gawler's existing (and future) Community of Interest, which currently extends past existing boundaries.
- Ensuring people who consider themselves to be part of Gawler have a say and are appropriately represented in decision making processes.
- Planning for future growth, through the alignment of the Town of Gawler boundary to the State Government's Urban Growth Boundary.
- Removing current administrative anomalies such as property boundary interceptions and/or realign boundaries so that entire suburbs are included (or excluded).
- Ensuring Gawler continues to function as a Regional Service Centre, providing greater opportunity for investment and job creation.
- Creating a local government administrative construct that can best work with the market to facilitate investment and job creating opportunities relative to the One Gawler community that will be created.

This Proposal seeks both the inclusion of new areas as well as the renouncement of land within the current Town of Gawler Local Government Area boundary as follows:

Areas to be included in the Town of Gawler:

- Area 1 - Concordia Growth Area
- Area 2 - Hewett
- Area 3 – Kalbeeba (including Springwood)

- Area 4 - Gawler Belt
- Area 5 - Evanston Park
- Area 6 – Reid
- Area 7 – Hillier

Areas to be removed from the Town of Gawler:

- Area 8 - Bibaringa
- Area 9 - Uleybury

An overview map of the proposed changes and detailed maps of each area of interest are presented in **Attachment 1**.

Councils affected by the Proposal include The Barossa Council, Light Regional Council and City of Playford.

2. KEY CONSIDERATIONS

2.1 Overview

The key rationale applied to Town of Gawler's deliberations when considering boundary adjustments for Gawler include:

- The Gawler Township has and will continue to function as a Regional Service Centre to the lower mid north servicing a catchment in excess of 110,000 people and growing. This is expected to increase significantly over the coming decades.
- As development occurs immediately adjoining the current Town of Gawler boundary the equity of residents living adjacent its borders utilising the Gawler community's services (particularly current Hewett and Gawler Belt residents and future Concordia residents) needs to be addressed to provide Council with capacity to provide quality infrastructure and services to its Community of Interest and the region.
- Future generations forming part of the Gawler community in real and functional terms should have equal and appropriate representation in local decision making rather than being governed by distant entities.
- The formation of a community that is based on collective responsibility and engagement are the foundations on which a community that is harmonious and sustainable will flourish.
- Coordinated local governance (including but not limited to urban development expansion) by one entity, as opposed to potentially four separate local government bodies, will ensure more coordinated decision making, the most cost effective provision of services and best facilitate investment to drive job creation and economic prosperity for the region.

Town of Gawler has adopted a strategic approach to boundary reform. A number of factors have been key to Council's deliberations, as summarised below.

2.2 Community of Interest

There are many elements that contribute to the recognition of a Community of Interest, some are tangible and easy to identify/measure whereas others are more difficult to substantiate as they are intangible but felt strongly through the community which makes them equally important.

The Gawler Community of Interest can be illustrated as follows:



Town of Gawler is one of the fastest growing Local Government Areas (LGA) in the State and is also under significant pressure from residential growth adjacent to its current boundaries. While it is acknowledged that Gawler is a regional service centre for the wider region, it is clear that Gawler's Community of Interest extends well beyond its current boundary.

Council has supported residents of its neighbouring areas through the provision of infrastructure and services for many years. Indeed, it would be fair to say that neighbouring councils and developers in those areas have leveraged the proximity of Gawler's services and community infrastructure to support the success of their residential developments.

Council has not only recognised that its true Community of Interest extends beyond its current boundaries but has actively been working to incorporate the needs of the extended community in its strategic planning for a number of years. In doing so, Council has also recognised the increased pressure that this places on both Gawler's services and its existing ratepayers.

It is difficult to provide data on the levels of Council funded infrastructure and services that would be attributed to the members of the community who reside beyond the current LGA boundary as not all activities require membership or registration for the use of a service/facility. From data Council has recorded, it could be assumed that the utilisation rate would be relatively high when considering the following few examples of community facilities and services provided by Council and their utilisation rates from members of the community who reside beyond Council's boundary as provided below:

- Approximately 50% of Gawler's Aquatic Centre Learn to Swim students reside outside of

Gawler.

- 7 schools outside of the Gawler LGA utilise the Gawler Aquatic Centre for DECD swimming lessons.
- 46% of students who participated in DECD swimming lessons attend schools outside of the Gawler LGA.
- 36% of Gawler Aquatic Centre season pass members reside outside of Gawler.
- 33% of Gawler library members reside outside of Gawler.

During the recent Community Consultation on Boundary Reform (see section 4 for more details) the overall survey results clearly showed that 55% of all respondents felt that they, or others in their household, most associated with Gawler despite only 44.1% of the respondents to the survey indicating they were residents of the Gawler LGA.

To further demonstrate the strong connections that exist between the Areas of Interest and Gawler, showing that Gawler's Community of Interest extends beyond its current boundaries, respondents were asked to provide information in the survey regarding the main area that they undertake a series of everyday activities. Responses clearly indicated strong connections between the majority of respondents and the Gawler Community with the results shown below for activities undertaken within the Gawler LGA:

- 78% of respondents do their grocery and other food shopping
- 74% of respondents access general medical services
- 70% undertake their religious observance activities
- 63% access services such as public library, justice of the peace and other community services
- 61% are involved in Community groups and social clubs etc in Gawler
- 59% participate in organised sport/fitness for themselves or children
- 50% leisure /entertainment.

To further demonstrate how our community extends beyond the current Council boundary the following has also been noted:

- Public transport routes connect Hewett residents with the Town of Gawler LGA but not to areas/services of Light Regional Council.
- Approximately 1 in every 4 volunteer enquiries to Council are from outside of the Gawler LGA
- Council's Home Assist program has, on occasion, serviced some residents from outside the Gawler LGA because a client crosses boundary lines and other providers or The Barossa Council's Home Assist program has refused to service them.
- In the past, due to their contribution to the Gawler community, two (2) Hewett residents have been awarded Australia Day honours by the Town of Gawler.
- Over 34% of the Members of the Youth Space are from outside the Gawler LGA with 14% of the members residing in Hewett.

From a service perspective, the Town of Gawler remains the primary service centre for the region, with approximately 560 rate paying businesses located within the Town. These businesses are scattered throughout the Town in a number of shopping and service precincts with the most predominant being:

- The Town Centre & Adelaide Road Precincts.
- Gawler Green Shopping Centre.
- Gawler Park Home Maker Centre.
- Light Industry Zone in Willaston.

Gawler is also a regional service point for many allied health services, Federal Government (Centrelink, Medicare) and State Government departments (Service SA, Education, Gawler Health Service, Emergency Services, SA Police).

While not formally within the Town of Gawler LGA, Council already recognises the proposed Areas of Interest as being part of the Gawler community. Planning for both the current and future Community of Interest which is anticipated to come to fruition over the next 20-30 years is critical and challenging. A perfect example of how Council has been actively working to incorporate the needs of the extended community in its strategic planning. For a number of years Council has been supporting and planning for the expansion of its sporting and recreational facilities and infrastructure to service the wider catchment not just Town of Gawler residents.

With regards to providing sport and recreation facilities, Gawler has the two court Gawler Sport and Community Centre; Starplex at Trinity College (located on private school land) which has four courts, a 25 metre indoor pool and theatre; and the 50 metre outdoor Gawler Aquatic Centre. In addition to these built facilities, it has Essex Park/Showgrounds and adjacent river parklands which is a 16 hectare sports precinct that includes linear trails. There are eight council owned district level sports facilities in the region and a further six located on private or school grounds.

The Gawler Open Space, Sport and Recreation Plan (GOSSRP), adopted in July 2016, already takes into consideration a more regional context due to the vicinity of areas such as Hewett and Roseworthy and the likely pressures these growth areas will place on the Gawler township.

The Gawler Aquatic Centre is at its end of useful life having served local and regional communities since it opened in 1962. In 2016-2017 Council undertook a feasibility analysis to allow a high level understanding of the future provision of an aquatic facility within Gawler for not just local residents but the regional communities that have been its customers. At the time, the cost of a new Aquatic Centre was estimated at \$25million. The actual cost of the redevelopment will be considerably higher than this estimate due to annual cost escalation and scope change requirements that will evolve over time.

Council is in the process of developing Master Plans for two key recreation precincts: the Karbeethan Reserve Master Plan and the Essex Park and Gawler Showgrounds Regional Sporting Precinct Master Plan, with the latter taking into consideration the regional Aquatic Centre. Planning for these significant recreational precincts is not just to serve Gawler rate payers but also the wider region.

Consideration of the wider Community of Interest via strategic planning is just one example of how Town of Gawler demonstrates its commitment to communities within the Areas of Interest identified in this Proposal that are currently outside its LGA boundary. Other key documents where these Areas of Interest have been included in considerations relative to the broader regional function of Gawler include:

- Gawler Community Plan 2017-2027 and the development of the Draft Gawler Community Plan 2030+
- Gawler Walking and Cycling Plan 2018-2028
- Environmental Management Plan
- Biodiversity Management Plan
- Stormwater Management Plan
- Gawler Open Space, Sport and Recreation Plan
- Gawler Urban Rivers Master Plan
- Social Infrastructure and Services Study
- Youth Development Plan

Not only is it important that Council has the capacity to provide for its immediate community, it is also important that those broader Areas of Interest that form part of the Gawler Community of Interest and have a vested interest are able to participate in the planning process and are appropriately represented when decisions are made. In this regard the beneficiaries of these and other such infrastructure outcomes should also be making an appropriate contribution with respect to both upfront delivery and ongoing maintenance.

2.3 Regional Economic Considerations

Boundary changes must enhance the capacity of local government within the region, so the region can continue to deliver results to local communities in a more strategic and effective way. In this respect, Town of Gawler has had due regard for the importance of protecting and maintaining the following industries for the benefit of the region:

Agriculture – Light Regional Council, Adelaide Plains Council

Light Regional Council and Adelaide Plains Council areas are mostly rural in nature, with small townships distributed throughout these Council areas. Rural land is used largely for farming, particularly grain growing (wheat, barley and oats), and sheep grazing as well as horticulture being predominant along the Gawler River in the Adelaide Plains Council.

Viticulture – The Barossa Council, Light Regional Council

Viticulture is a critical industry within the Barossa Council and wineries situated throughout a number of towns within the Barossa Council. The Barossa Council had clear regard to the Barossa Geographical Indication (GI) Zone in its Stage 1 Proposal for boundary reform seeking that portions of viticultural land from Light Regional Council (e.g. Seppeltsfield) and Mid-Murray Council (e.g. Eden Valley) be included within its council boundaries. Light Regional Council opposed this Proposal.

The intent of The Barossa and Light Regional Councils to protect their respective viticulture industries is acknowledged. As is the intent of the Australian Wine Industry, the creator of the Barossa GI zone for product origin identification and marketing purposes.

It is noted that the Barossa GI Zone also covers current Gawler township areas, Hewett (Light Regional Council) and the Concordia Growth Area (Barossa Council). Town of Gawler is of the view that significant urban areas, either current or proposed, that are located at the periphery of the GI Zone, and at Gawler's doorstep, should not be included within the GI Zone and would best be situated within the Town of Gawler.

Services and other economic sectors (Town of Gawler)

While the population of the Town of Gawler LGA is currently approximately 23,000, Gawler is a regional service centre to the lower mid north servicing an existing catchment of 110,000 people and growing. Noting that this catchment will increase over the coming decades, there is a need to ensure that Town of Gawler has the capacity to deliver services and infrastructure for its Community of Interest and the wider region. This is further discussed above, in section 2.2, and in section 2.4 below.

2.4 Infrastructure, Resources and Planning

Town of Gawler delivers, and is continually planning for, improved services and facilities to benefit this regional catchment, investing heavily in servicing and representing its community and the region. It is continually striving to improve and contribute towards the town's economic and environmental sustainability, the social and recreational services it provides and, as a whole, to realise the collective vision within the Gawler Community Plan, which is to create "a liveable cohesive, active, innovative and sustainable community".

The existing and planned areas located on the immediate periphery of the Gawler LGA form, or will form, a natural extension to the Town of Gawler. Due to location, these communities do and/or will rely upon the services and infrastructure provided by and within the Town of Gawler.

Town of Gawler's proposed boundary changes will enable a strategic and holistic way of planning for the future of our community. A planned, organised way forward is preferred rather than a 'tacked on'

approach as was sometimes past experience which assumed that the existing township (Gawler) would essentially absorb the new community and service its residents sufficiently. A planned approach will alleviate the pressures on the Town of Gawler by providing additional capacity that enables services and infrastructure to be created and enhanced in line with community needs.

Town of Gawler will be able to create efficiencies and seek greater integration in the areas of urban growth management, social infrastructure, open space, connectivity and walking and cycling trails that will continue to be required.

In addition to the above, further efficiencies can be realised and appreciated by the private sector through consistent policies and procedures. Often differences exist between development and council policy and procedures that are applicable to areas which are essentially identical in nature and adjacent to one another. This will engender greater confidence in the market and seek to promote more opportunity for investment and job creation.

2.5 30 Year Plan for Greater Adelaide (Urban Growth Boundary)

Developed by the State Government, the 30 Year Plan for Greater Adelaide (first published in 2010 and updated in 2017) provides a vision for how Greater Adelaide would function in 30 years' time with the following objectives:

- a. Maintain and Improve Liveability.
- b. Increase Competitiveness.
- c. Drive Sustainability and resilience to Climate Change.

The 30 Year Plan details future urban growth areas as well as an Urban Growth Boundary – Planned Urban Lands to 2045 which extends beyond Town of Gawler's boundary to Roseworthy, Hewett, the Concordia Growth Area, and sections of Hillier, Kalbeeba and Gawler Belt.

Town of Gawler is of the view that the majority of the urban growth area (with the exception of Roseworthy and part of Gawler Belt) should be included within the Town of Gawler LGA.

2.6 Section 26 – Principles

Town of Gawler's Proposal strongly aligns with the Objects of the *Act* and Principles under section 26 (1) (c) of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

A description of how Council's Proposal aligns with the above principles is provided in detail for each Area of Interest in the following Section 3.

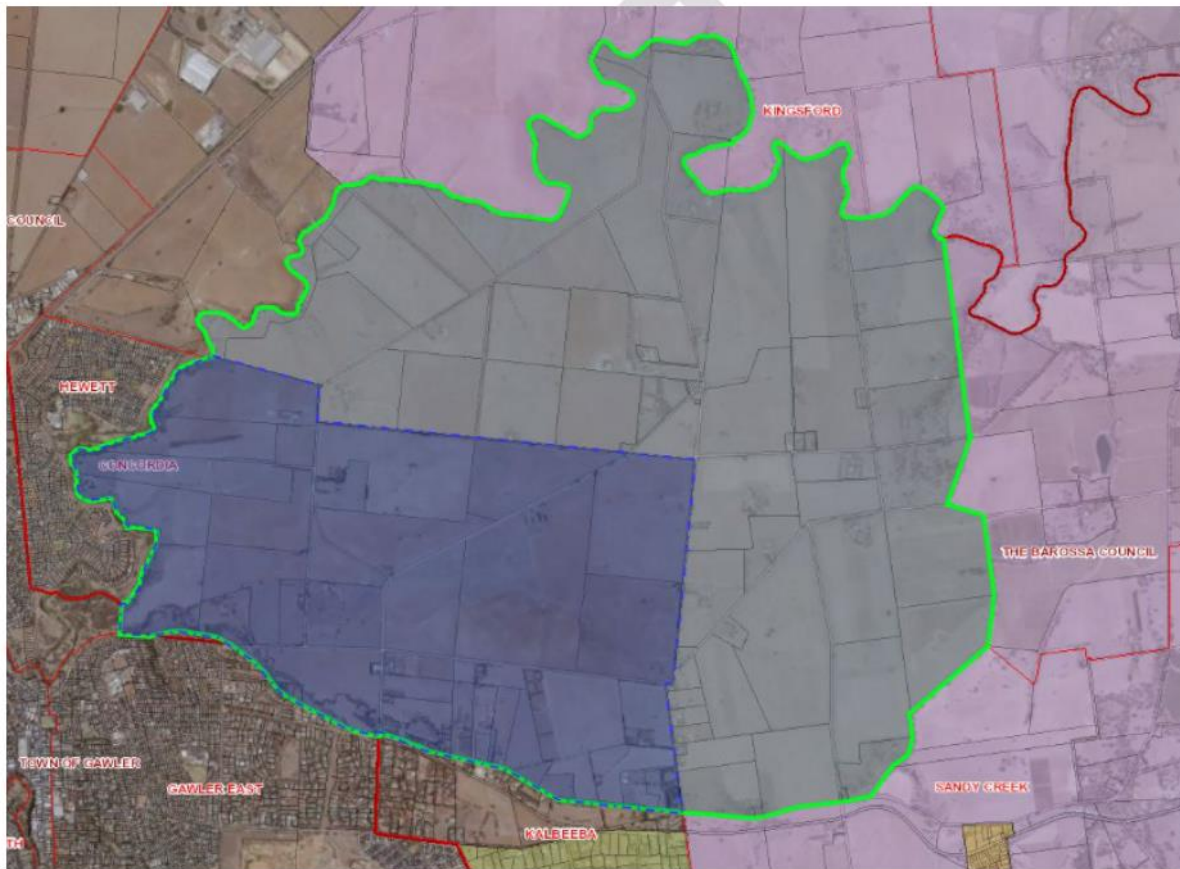
3. PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGES

3.1 Concordia Growth Area (Area 1)

The Concordia Growth Area (Concordia) is approximately 984 hectares in size and is bounded by the north para river to the north-west and the Town of Gawler LGA to the south-west.

At its closest point, the land is only 730m from Murray Street within Town of Gawler. In contrast, the land is more than 9km from Lyndoch, the closest township within The Barossa Council. Further to which Concordia is located up to 30km from Nuriootpa which is where The Barossa Council's administration centre is located.

The land has the capacity to accommodate in the order of 9,785 lots/dwellings and approximately 23,000 people in a master planned community that will form a natural extension to the existing township of Gawler.



The suburb of Concordia is outlined above in green. This proposal seeks to realign the boundary to include the Concordia Growth Area (highlighted in blue above) currently located in the Barossa Council into the Town of Gawler. This proposal is not seeking to include the portion of Concordia which lies within the Character Preservation District (Shaded in grey).

A larger, more detailed map of the Concordia Area of Interest is available in **Attachment 1**.



Concordia proximity to Gawler - Source: <https://concordialand.com.au/concordia-and-gawler/>

Town of Gawler provides the following information in respect to how this proposed boundary adjustment meets the principles under section 26 (1) (c) of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

1. The resources available to local communities should be used as economically as possible while recognising the desirability of avoiding significant divisions within a community

For many years, Town of Gawler has been providing for a community that is much larger than its LGA. A planned, organised way forward is preferred rather than a “tacked on” approach as has sometimes been the experience of the past which assumes that the existing township (Gawler) can essentially absorb the new community (Hewett) and service its residents sufficiently. It is important that the Hewett scenario is not repeated, particularly as it relates to the Concordia development.

The Concordia development may commence construction in the coming 3-5 year period and, as outlined above, is forecast to increase population in the community by some 23,000 residents (matching Gawler LGA’s current population). While community infrastructure and a retail precinct are planned for this development, this will require significant investment in infrastructure and resources. The timing of delivering such assets is likely to be out of sync with community needs and is unlikely to deliver the totality of infrastructure requirements for the community.

Due to location, the future Concordia community will heavily rely upon the services provided by and within the Town of Gawler. Council already delivers a significant number of services (library, administration centre, community centres etc.) and it makes sense that this type of community infrastructure is not duplicated less than 1 km away.

If Concordia is integrated within the Town of Gawler it will allow government and the private industry to generate efficiencies through coordinated planning and service delivery and enable Council to provide more comprehensive and competitive services to our community.

Greater economies of scale will be achieved, resulting in improved commercial arrangements and ultimately improving the value for money proposition for Council and the community. Service delivery