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The Town of Gawler Draft 2023-2024 Annual Business Plan & Budget endorsed for Community Engagement

At its meeting held on 3 May 2023, the Council endorsed the Draft 2023-2024 Annual Business Plan and Budget for Community engagement.

Key features of the Draft Budget include:

- Development of a Growth Framework to shape how future growth occurs,
- An Integrated Transport Strategy to ensure the Town has a road hierarchy which meets current and future growth and a focus on active transport options
- More than \$3 million in footpath, road, kerb & gutter and bridge renewals,
- \$1.2million for new footpaths, kerb & gutter, drainage improvements and erosion control.
- Commitment to major community infrastructure projects where planning commenced during the 2022-2023 financial year. These projects include;
- An adventure themed playground located at Reid Reserve;
- New netball Courts, improved lighting, new shelter, improved disability access and car park improvements for the Gawler & District Netball Association;
- New filtration system for 50 Metre Swimming Pool located at the Gawler Aquatics Centre; and
- Stage 1 Redevelopment of Karbeethan Reserve

To fund the Plan, the average residential ratepayer, whose property is valued at \$419,000, will see an increase for 2023-2024 in rates to be \$92 for the year. This equates to \$1.77 a week, or 5.2%.

“The development of the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget is an important process for the Council and engagement period provides the community with the opportunity to provide feedback on what we are proposing for 2023-2024, so I encourage everyone to be involved” says Mayor Redman.

CEO Henry Inat says “We are doing this to minimise the financial pressures on households where possible.”

If you want to have a say, you have until 5pm on Monday 29 May 2023 to provide a written response. Alternatively, you can provide a verbal response by speaking at the at the Council Meeting scheduled for 6 June 2023.

The draft Annual Business Plan and Budget can be viewed online at gawler.sa.gov.au/your-voice. Hard copies are available for viewing at the Councils Customer Service Centres, located at 43 High Street, Gawler East or at the Gawler Civic Centre, 89-91 Murray Street.

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