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Have your say on the future of Gawler's Playspaces!

The Town of Gawler is excited to announce the commencement of community engagement for its Draft Playspace Strategy. This initiative aims to create vibrant and inclusive playspaces that cater to the diverse needs of our community.

The Draft Playspace Strategy sets the direction for the future of playspaces in the Town of Gawler. It will guide the forward planning, development and management of playspaces, ensuring an equitable, inclusive, diverse and engaging mix of play opportunities across the town.

The Town of Gawler's Playspace Strategy sets out the following key objectives:

- Develop playspaces for better health, wellbeing and connectedness
- Keep playspaces welcoming and interesting for all children and families
- Improve the quality and diversity of the play experience
- Foster sustainable playspaces that are resilient to a changing climate
- Partner with our community to make better playspaces

After considerable community and stakeholder engagement throughout 2023, we have developed a Draft Strategy.

The Town of Gawler now invites all residents, local businesses, and community organisations to provide feedback on the Draft Playspace Strategy. Your input will be critical in shaping the final Playspace Strategy.

How can I get involved?

Please provide us with your comments by 5pm, Friday 23 February 2024 in one of four ways:

1. Complete the online survey at gawler.sa.gov.au/your-voice
2. Collect a hardcopy survey from Town of Gawler's Customer Service Desk at the Gawler Administration Centre (43 High Street Gawler East SA 5118) and either:
 - i. Complete and submit the form with our friendly staff, or
 - ii. Return the form in a postage paid envelope.
3. Attend a face-to-face feedback session at one of the following locations:
 - i. **Feedback Session #1**
Monday 18 December 2023
1:30pm – 2:30pm
Apex Park Playspace, Gawler
 - ii. **Feedback Session #2**
Monday 18 December 2023
3pm – 4pm
Easton Drive Playspace, Gawler East
 - iii. **Feedback Session #3**
Tuesday 19 December 2023



1pm – 2pm
Fifth Street Playspace, Gawler South

- iv. **Feedback Session #4**
Thursday 21 December 2023
9:30am – 10:30am
Clonlea Reserve Playspace, Willaston

4. Email Council's Landscape Coordinator Hayley Edwards at: hayley.edwards@gawler.sa.gov.au with any comments or suggestions.

To thank our community for completing the survey, all respondents will go into a draw to win 1 x 15 visit family pass to the Gawler Aquatic Centre.

Quotes attributable to Mayor Karen Redman:

"This strategy is a testament to our commitment to creating spaces that bring our community together. We look forward to hearing from our residents and working collaboratively to enhance our playspaces."

"Through this community engagement process, we are eager to harness the collective knowledge of our residents, ensuring that the final strategy reflects the needs and aspirations of our community."

Quote attributable to Acting CEO Andrew Goodsell

"I would like to encourage our community to participate in the development of this new strategy, which will guide our efforts to continually improve our playgrounds for all levels of ability, right across the age spectrum."

"Inclusivity is not just a goal but a fundamental principle in the development of new playspaces. We are committed to creating environments that celebrate diversity and cater to the unique qualities of every resident."

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