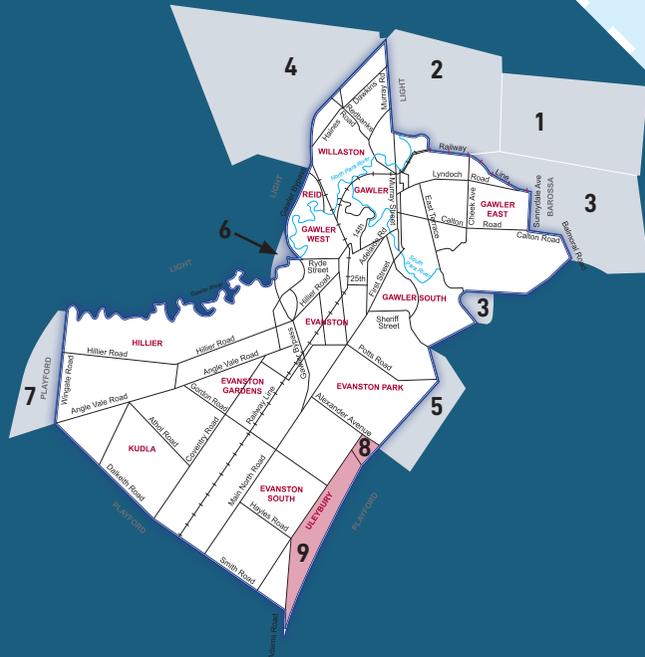


## Areas of Interest



- 1 Concordia GA
- 2 Hewett
- 3 Kalbeeba
- 4 Gawler Belt
- 5 Evanston Park
- 6 Reid
- 7 Hillier

**Include**  
within Gawler

- 8 Bibaringa
- 9 Uleybury

**Remove**  
from Gawler

Two Community Forum's on Boundary Reform are to be held on:

**Monday 21 and Monday 28 September 2020**  
7pm at the Gawler Sport and Community Centre

Verbal representations can be made at this forum

For more information, to review Council's Boundary Change Proposal or to make a comment, please visit:  
[www.gawler.sa.gov.au/your-voice](http://www.gawler.sa.gov.au/your-voice)

Written submissions can be lodged via the following methods:

- **Post** - to PO Box 130, Gawler SA 5118
- **Over the counter** - Town of Gawler Administration Centre, 43 High Street, Gawler East
- **Email** - [council@gawler.sa.gov.au](mailto:council@gawler.sa.gov.au)
- **Your Voice Gawler** - [www.gawler.sa.gov.au/your-voice](http://www.gawler.sa.gov.au/your-voice)

**Comments must be received by 5pm on Wednesday 7 October 2020.**



HAVE YOUR SAY ON

# BOUNDARY REFORM

A change to state government legislation in January 2019 means Council is now able to consider and seek boundary realignment to better meet the needs of our whole community.

## Why consider a change?

- We are one community ... our residents, businesses, ratepayers and visitors always come first... a liveable, cohesive, active, innovative, harmonious and sustainable community.
- The proposed realignment would enable us to provide more comprehensive and competitive services to our community in an economically thriving community where services and amenities are enjoyed by all. Town of Gawler has provided services and infrastructure to our neighbours for many years and it is time for fair and reasonable contributions to be made.
- Each council area has its own unique offering with each capitalising on their strengths. For Gawler it's our unique blend of heritage and culture mixed with economic growth and sustainability.
- The proposed realignment is about making sensible decisions, being more efficient in the delivery of services such as managing parks and open spaces, roads and waste collection, and delivering sustainable business practices. In exploring boundary reform, we are actively engaging with our own and neighbouring Councils because we want the best outcome for our community.
- Our proposal is not about putting other Council areas at economic disadvantage. A key focus of deliberations is being more efficient and facilitating greater investment and jobs for the region. The planned Roseworthy Township is not under consideration to become part of Town of Gawler because Council recognises the significant financial impact this would have on Light Regional Council.
- We understand the historic importance of the region and will continue to honour and recognise this through the boundary readjustment process working hand-in-hand with surrounding councils to ensure the integrity of the region's characteristics are maintained.
- It makes good community and economic sense to adjust the boundaries to future-proof Gawler for generations to come. Boundary reform is important but it is not a distraction. It is just one opportunity that Council is pursuing to create economic prosperity for the community and region.
- From a community, social, economic and environmental perspective – boundary adjustment just makes good sense.

Under this new legislation Council can apply to an independent body, being the South Australian Boundaries Commission (the Commission), to assess and investigate its proposal for boundary change.

The new legislation provides Council with an important opportunity to put forward a case on behalf of our community so we can continue to provide services and infrastructure to our residents, businesses, visitors and community into the future.

We can see strong economic, social and environmental reasons for presenting a submission to the SA Boundaries Commission which is why we are commencing our investigations in this regard. The time is right for Town of Gawler to talk about boundary reform for Gawler, both in terms of coordinated urban growth for the region and so we can maintain our town, steeped in rich South Australian and local history.

### **This Consultation seeks your comments on:**

- Town of Gawler's Boundary Reform Proposal; and
- Whether this Proposal should be presented to the Boundaries Commission for it to further investigate?

## What would boundary reform mean for the Community?

Boundary reform could mean that the footprint of Gawler will realign to include adjacent areas we already see as part of the Gawler community and who already utilise our services and infrastructure. It will embrace communities where there is already a natural association with our town. Gawler will be able to plan and grow in a logical and managed way so that infrastructure and services will be delivered more effectively and efficiently and keep up with the demands of the community.

Over the next 20 years Gawler is forecasted to almost triple in population and surrounding areas are anticipated to grow and be developed as urban infill occurs. We want to be ready to accommodate the extra pressures this will place on our services and infrastructure. A boundary realignment would enable us to provide more services to more people as we realise economies of scale. In addition, those residents now living adjacent the Gawler boundaries who enjoy our services and infrastructure will become part of Gawler and be able to have their say in how the services and infrastructure are formally developed and shaped into the future as our population grows over the next 20 years and beyond.

## How much will boundary reform cost and how long will it take?

This information will become clear as we progress through the boundary reform process and Council will evaluate the financial viability of each stage of the process (once costs are known) and will make decisions accordingly. The formal investigations to be undertaken if Council decides to proceed will be undertaken by the SA Boundaries Commission at Council's cost. This is a new process for the State Government and timeframes are unknown. However, it is a significant matter to consider and is expected to take some time, possibly one to two years.

## Will the value of my property be affected and will my Council rates increase?

Boundary Reform is unlikely to affect the value of your property. Council adopts property valuations (capital values) derived from an independent State Government assessment undertaken by the Valuer-General of South Australia.