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Looking into the future - 2021

As 2021 commences the Town of Gawler continues with its delivery of a range of significant projects in accordance with the recently adopted Gawler Community Plan 2030+.

“2021 will deliver a range of infrastructure and stimulus projects for Gawler,” said Mayor Redman. “Council is committed to investing locally, creating jobs and partnering with the State and Federal Governments to support our local economy and assist with recovery from the COVID pandemic.”

Key projects to be undertaken in 2021 include:

- Murray Street Stage 7, revitalisation of the road corridor from the Gawler Mill Inn Bridge to the Twelfth Street intersection (\$1,780,000), which is subsidised by State Government Roads to Recovery Funding (\$854,000) and Federal Government Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program Funding (\$463,000).
- Apex Park Public Toilet, Julian Terrace Mural Pocket Park and Martins Place Public Toilet (including Changing Places toilet). Construction estimated at \$840,382 which is subsidised by State Government Places for People Grant Funding (\$321,448), State Government Changing Places Funding (\$100,000) and Federal Government Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Extension Funding (\$100,000).
- Gawler Visitor Information Centre Upgrade, including ground floor display space refurbishment and the installation of a lift enabling the upper level of the Centre to become a community art gallery space, total project cost approximately \$654,470 which is subsidised by the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Extension (\$569,970).
- Hemaforde Grove Reserve Playspace and Irrigation renewal (\$320,645) which is subsidised by the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (\$127,865).
- Lyndoch Road and High Street Intersection Upgrade (\$138,700) which is subsidised by the Federal Government's Black Spot Project (\$115,000).
- Solar Panel Installation on two Council buildings \$120,000
- New Footpath Construction as part of the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program \$257,000.
- Shade Sail installation at as part of the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program \$250,000.
- Commencement of Council's Strategic Bikeway Connections Project that is being delivered in partnership with The Barossa Council, providing a formalised link between the Stuart O'Grady Bikeway and The Barossa Trail, total project cost \$1,815,672 which is subsidised by the State Government's Regional Growth Fund (\$678,269) and The Barossa Council (\$504,396).

Council has also allocated \$320,000 in funding to support 21 local community and sporting organisations recover from the impacts of COVID-19 and is providing a general rate rebate of \$40 to all ratepayers (excluding those who have received a full 25% rebate and properties which already receive a mandatory or discretionary rebate from Council). These payments are part of Council's \$3.4 million financial relief / economic stimulus package that is included in the current budget.

Recreation Services – Sport and recreation is known to improve mental and physical health. Council has invested in the development of two regional sporting precinct master plans (Karbeethan Reserve and Essex Park) that will accommodate the growing needs of our community and deliver positive health and social outcomes for the entire region. Council is seeking funding support from Government and private enterprise to implement stages of these master plans including a \$1.8 million upgrade to baseball, softball and soccer facilities at Karbeethan Reserve and a \$3.2 million upgrade to netball facilities within Essex Park.



Boundary Reform – Gawler has and will continue to function as a Regional 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. Council and our Gawler community feel it makes good sense to formally embrace everyone in our community, with boundary reform the most appropriate way to do this. Council has submitted a Stage 2 General Proposal to the Boundaries Commission for its consideration. If the Commission deems it appropriate to formally investigate the Town of Gawler's boundaries, then Council will be provided the opportunity to consider further investing in this outcome.

Climate Emergency Action Plan – This important work continues with a draft plan expected to be presented to Council for consideration in 2021.

"As you can see there's a lot going on in Gawler during 2021. Council continues to lead and advocate on behalf of our community ensuring that Gawler receives its share of State and Federal Government support. This then ensures we can deliver significant services and outcomes to our local residents and businesses as envisaged by the Gawler Community Plan 2030+," said Mayor Redman.

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