

## Gawler Club Billiard Table Relocation

The redevelopment required the Gawler Club Inc. to (temporarily) move from the Gawler Institute/Town Hall for the first time in its 143 year history. The Club's major historic asset, the Billiard table, has been given the best of care during this historic move.

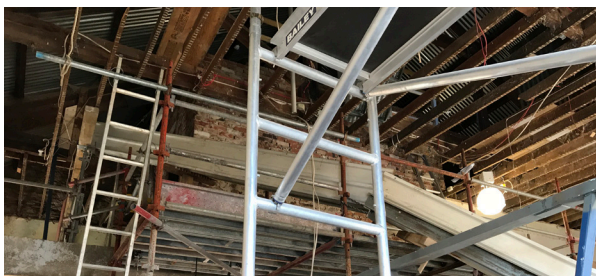
The Club's full size (12 foot by 6 foot) Squatters Favourite billiard table was manufactured in Melbourne by Alcock & Co. Made out of Blackwood the table has very rare cushion rails where the timber is fiddleback, which means the timber is cut across the grain and not along the grain. The table number is 788 which is one of the lowest on record at Alcock's.

The Gawler Club has temporarily relocated to the Elderly Centre in Gawler South while construction of the Gawler Civic Centre occurs. During this time, the Club will be restoring its billiard tables to their former glory, ready to return them to their home in the Town Hall in late 2018.



## James Martin Room

Did you know that a projection room was constructed within the roof space above the James Martin Room (western room on the Institute first floor) so that moving pictures could be shown in the Institute Hall? The room is solid masonry as reel film is extremely flammable. The masonry projection room has been perched on a concrete beam since it was constructed. The projection room will be removed opening up the space to its original size.

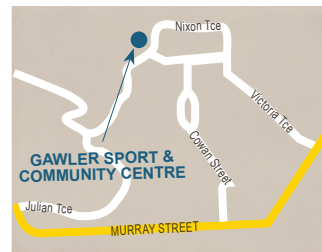


## Existing Services Temporarily Relocated

As the Town Hall and Institute buildings are closed, the Town of Gawler Customer Service and Library areas have been relocated. Customer Services are now provided at the new Town of Gawler Administration Centre, 43 High Street, Gawler East.



Full Library services can be accessed at the Evanston Gardens Library, 65 Angle Vale Road, Evanston Gardens and Gawler Sport and Community Centre, Nixon Terrace, Gawler. Pick up reservations and returns can also be accessed at the Town of Gawler Administration Centre.



## Project Outcome

The redevelopment of the State Heritage Listed Town Hall and Institute buildings will deliver a new library, gallery and performance spaces and house the Gawler Heritage Collection within a new Heritage Centre. It will also create a hub for Government, Economic and Social Enterprise and become the pre-eminent Cultural and Business Innovation Centre for the region.

This project is being jointly funded by Australian Government through the National Stronger Regions Fund (\$5.6M), and the Town of Gawler



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## Project Overview

The Gawler Civic Centre redevelopment is transforming the iconic and culturally significant Town Hall and Institute buildings to create an architecturally significant hub for government, economic and social enterprise. The project will act as a renaissance catalyst for the Gawler Town Centre to be the business and cultural centre for the region.

The redevelopment does not increase Council's carbon footprint and contains six functions that will collectively drive significant economic development in Gawler, the Mid North, Northern Adelaide Plains and the Barossa regions. The project uses innovative architecture that utilises smart, environmentally friendly materials and smart design that will create a seminal example of adaptive reuse of nationally, historically significant buildings.



### 1. Business Innovation Hub

The Business Innovation Hub will be located on Level One of the Town Hall extension. Proposed facilities of the Hub include business incubator services for entrepreneurs, teleworking (hot desking), networking and video conferencing facilities, meeting rooms, business coaching, training and education facilities, admin support suite with photocopy and printer stations, lounge area, home office, gaming area and an area for private phone calls.

### 2. Gawler Cultural Heritage Centre

Located on the Ground and Lower Ground Floors of the Town Hall, the Gawler Cultural Heritage Centre will serve two main functions. The Ground Floor will house the Cultural Heritage Gallery within the original Council Chambers. This Gallery will showcase items from the nationally significant Gawler Heritage Collection.

The Lower Ground Floor will house the Cultural Heritage Research Centre enabling access to the large and unique collection of significant 19th century colonial artwork, artefacts, archives, photographs and books that compose the Gawler Heritage Collection. It is intended that much of the Collection will be accessible both physically and in digitised form to maximise public access, interest and research. Restoration work will be required for many items in the Collection.

### 3. Regional Multipurpose Function Venue

A large multifunction venue that can accommodate public theatre performances, smaller boutique conventions, banquets, live music and visiting and local art and cultural exhibitions. It will also house the new Council Chambers.



### 4. Café

Located on the Ground Floor of the Town Hall extension, the Café will serve a variety of food and beverages, including locally grown native foods. The Café is also proposed to provide training opportunities.

### 5. Library

A new 'smart' library will offer lifelong learning opportunities, research areas, creative and social engagement spaces, and access to information through both hard copy and an expanded range of digital mediums.



### 6. Youth Area

The Youth Space will provide a much needed central place for young people to meet and create a range of activities. Digital connection will support capacity building opportunities. A vital social space to make friends, improve health and wellbeing and plan and undertake creative activities.

## Demolition

Demolition of the 1980s extension to the rear of the Town Hall and the Murray Street entrance have been completed. The initial stages of this demolition were labour intensive as it was done by hand to preserve the State Heritage listed building walls. Once these walls were cleared heavy machinery was brought in to demolish the remaining structure. Approximately 85% of all waste materials from the demolition will be recycled via a waste transfer station. Metals will be extracted using electromagnets and smelted to create new materials, bricks and cement will be crushed and used in road bases and timber will be chipped for use in landscaping.



## Excavation

Excavation has been completed at the rear of the Town Hall in preparation for construction of the new building that forms part of the Civic Centre redevelopment. The extensive excavation around the Town Hall has uncovered the full extent of walls that will be exposed once the redevelopment is completed. The now exposed walls were found to be in excellent condition. These walls were never pointed when originally constructed so have a rough stone finish rather than a smooth flat finish that can be seen where the walls were always above ground. These rough-edged walls will be made safe (ie no sharp protuberances) and mortar joints will be filled however they will not be pointed so that the heritage fabric of the buildings is retained.

