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Statement from Gawler Mayor Karen Redman

After 10 years of strong leadership and an exceptional commitment to the Gawler community, our CEO Henry Inat, will be leaving us when his contract expires in June, next year.

Ten years is an outstanding tenure for a CEO that is rarely seen in local government.

However, Council has determined it is time for renewal.

When Henry joined the Town of Gawler in 2013, we were not ready to deal with the growth our community has since experienced.

We didn't have the capability to develop the long-term strategic visions and master plans needed to guide and manage the many changes we've seen, nor did Council have the contemporary business processes and practices that are critical for smooth operations and navigating growth and opportunity.

Henry also assembled a hard-working administration who have galvanised around our vision and are delivering great results for our region.

The foundation that Henry laid brought the Town of Gawler into the 21st century.

That foundation underpins a raft of achievements that he should be very proud of, including:

- The Gawler East Link Road, which was 10 years in the making.
- Establishing a \$25m Gawler East developer/council contribution model.
- Attracting \$26m in grant funding.
- The Gawler Civic Centre redevelopment, which has won multiple awards and created a cultural heart for our beautiful town.
- Recognising the opportunity that lay in buying the former TAFE building to house council Administration.
- Prudent financial management that has delivered multiple budget surpluses across the past decade, and
- Completing the recent Greater Adelaide Regional Plan discussion work, particularly his work around the Kudla area.

Henry has always acted in the best interests of Council and the community. I would like to sincerely thank him for his outstanding service to Gawler.

Council will now begin a recruitment process to find a suitable candidate to take the Town of Gawler into its next chapter.

Ever the professional, I am pleased that Henry remains committed to contributing to the community and Council over the coming months. He has much to give, and I am sure that he will contribute his wisdom and expertise to benefit other communities and organisations in the future, just as he has done for Gawler.

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