

# Walker Place and Public Toilet facilities

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Why are there temporary toilets in Walker Place?**

Council has installed temporary public toilets in Walker Place to maintain access to public toilet facilities while the existing Julian Terrace public toilets are being demolished.

### **How long will these temporary toilets be in Walker Place?**

Temporary toilets will be situated in Walker Place until at least one of the two new Town Centre public toilet facilities are complete and opened to the public. The Martin's Place public toilet facilities are scheduled first for completion in mid-2021.

### **What hours will the temporary toilets be open?**

The temporary toilets will be open at the same hours that the existing Julian Terrace toilets are currently open - 7am until sunset daily.

### **Where are other public toilets that can be accessed?**

The closest other public toilets are located in the Gawler Civic Centre. The Gawler Civic Centre, 89-91 Murray Street, is open during the centre's standard opening hours 9am - 5pm weekdays (open later until 6pm on Thursdays), and 9am - 1pm on Saturdays. The Gawler Visitor Information Centre on Lyndoch Road also has public toilets open from 7am until sunset daily.

### **Where and when are the new public toilets being built?**

The new Apex Park public toilets are being constructed opposite the Apex park playground approximately 250 metres south from the existing Julian Terrace toilet facility. They are scheduled for completion in mid-2021. These new public toilet facilities will include two unisex toilets, two accessible unisex toilets, and two baby change tables. The new toilets will be opened at 7am and closed at sunset, seven days per week.

The new Martin's Place Changing Places public toilet facility is being constructed in the reserve area, opposite the Gawler Post Office, approximately 80 metres north of the existing Julian Terrace toilet block (which will be demolished). They are scheduled for completion in mid-2021. The Martin's Place toilet facility will include a Changing Places facility, one accessible unisex toilet with a baby change table, and one unisex ambulant toilet.

The Changing Places facility will be accessible at all times using an MLAK key. The accessible and ambulant toilets will be opened at 7am and closed at sunset, seven days per week.

### **What is Changing Places?**

Changing Places is a project to advocate for public toilets with full sized change tables and hoists in public spaces across Australia to meet the needs of people with severe and profound disabilities. Changing Places toilets are widely recognised as an example of best practice to enable

people with disability to participate in society with more independence and dignity.

The Changing Places facility at Martin's Place will be the first public facility of its kind in the Gawler District. The closest Changing Places facility (as at March 2021) is in Elizabeth. More information about Changing Places is available at: <https://changingplaces.org.au/>

### **Where can I access an MLAK key?**

Council will hold MLAK keys that may be borrowed on proof of identity and current contact details at the Gawler Administration Centre Customer Service counter located at 43 High Street Gawler East. Council is also seeking to have an MLAK key available at the near-by businesses, subject to final negotiation.

An MLAK key can be purchased by people with disabilities, their carers, assistants and support workers. The MLAK key can be ordered through the Master Locksmiths Association of Australia by completing the MLAK Order Form (available here <http://masterlocksmiths.com.au/mlak/>).

### **Why is Council not refurbishing the Julian Terrace Toilets?**

The new toilets at Apex Park and Martin's Place and the demolition of the existing Julian Terrace Toilets to create a Mural Pocket Park, meet the objectives of the Gawler Central Urban Precinct Design Framework which was endorsed by Council in 2016. They were further supported by the outcomes of the 2018 master-planning for the Central Urban Precinct, and take into consideration the community feedback from the 2019 public consultation for the new Apex Park toilet facility and community artwork retention.

### **What is the Mural Pocket Park?**

The Mural Pocket Park will be a new park area that connects the Walker Place plaza (and the Town Centre) to the South Para River. The park will be landscaped to tie into the Walker Place plaza and have new seating, lighting, and Kaurua language elements. The ceramic mural will be reinstalled onto new structural supports to retain the heritage character of the area.

### **Will the ceramic mural be retained?**

The ceramic mural is being retained. It will be a key heritage and artistic element of the new Mural Pocket Park. The mural is being retained based on community feedback obtained through the community engagement done in 2019 about the Apex Park public toilet and retention of community artwork. For information about this prior community engagement on this matter please visit: <https://www.gawler.sa.gov.au/your-voice/consultations/apex-park-toilet-development-and-community-artwork-project>