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## Council welcomes resumption of Gawler train services

## Please attribute the following statement to Gawler Mayor Karen Redman:

"Town of Gawler welcomes Monday's announcement from the State Government that trains will resume services on the Gawler line as of Sunday morning, June 12.

"Gawler commuters have been patiently waiting for these upgrades to be completed ever since the Gawler Electrification Project was first announced nearly 14 years ago, in 2008.

"Having been without a direct train service to Adelaide since December 2020 while recent works have been carried out, commuters will no doubt be both delighted and relieved by Monday's news that electric trains will, after a 17-month hiatus, once again welcome passengers aboard from Sunday onwards.

"While the Gawler line will use an electric-diesel mix until mid-2023, as per the State Government announcement, the resumption of services remains a positive step towards the future and Council looks forward to the line transitioning to using 100 percent electric trains by mid next year.

"Gawler remains a central hub for residents north of Adelaide – not just from Gawler, but from the Barossa Valley, Clare Valley and surrounding regions as well – to catch trains into the city, whether it be for work, study or leisure.

"Having a modern, functioning train service is vital for our region, particularly as our population continues to grow in coming years.

"We thank the State and Federal Governments for the significant funding contributions they have made to transform the Gawler line into one that is cleaner, greener, quieter and faster and will provide an improved service for commuters in our region."

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