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Phase 1 Consultation - Community Plan 2030+

The Community Plan is the Town of Gawler's highest level strategic document and a reflection of our collective future aspirations for Gawler. It is an evolving and living document, used at all levels of the organisation and importantly informed by ongoing community consultation.

The Town of Gawler is due to review its Community Plan in 2020 to ensure it remains consistent with community aspirations as we look to the year 2030 and beyond.

Reviewing our Community Plan is always a worthy project as it helps Council to continue aligning its strategic direction decision-making functions with the local community's views and priorities.

The Community Plan seeks to embrace ideas and create new opportunities whilst looking to create the right environment for the community to prosper.

Mayor Redman said "The Plan details Council's and the community's aspirations for the future. It seeks to provide the road map into such important matters as set out in the four key Goal areas."

- Goal 1 – A uniquely identifiable township
- Goal 2 – Managed and Sustainable Growth
- Goal 3 – A healthy, active and engaged community
- Goal 4- To respect and Nurture the Environment
- Goal 5 – A strong vibrant community

Mayor Redman goes onto say "As all tiers of Government work together to help limit the spread of COVID-19 in our communities, daily activities and business will continue as and where we can, albeit within the restrictions".

Mayor Redman further reflects at this time, "As we now turn our minds to Gawler's future amidst COVID-19, it's timely that we review this strategic document that guides everything we do as a Council".

"This unprecedented experience of a global pandemic and the restrictions that have needed to be put in place for our collective safety, may or may not alter the views of our community as it relates to the community plan", said Mayor Redman

"Although our approach to consultation at this time will need to change, Council will be working hard to make sure all relevant information will be available online and that we will be available to discuss any matters or questions you may have about the project. We are fortunate to be able to communicate electronically, and we strongly encourage members of our community to engage with Council via its online platforms", said Mr Henry Inat CEO.

Mr Inat goes onto clarify "As part of this review process, Council will be undertaking a two phase consultation process. The preliminary phase will seek to gauge matters of importance within the local community as well as their thoughts about the existing Community Plan. This preliminary consultation period will commence on **Wednesday 29 April 2020 and conclude COB Friday 22 May 2020**".

The information gathered through this initial consultation phase will assist Council with formulating a Draft Community Plan 2030+ which will then be the subject of further consultation (Stage 2). The second phase of public consultation will now be totally online. Although Council will no longer be conducting any public gatherings for the foreseeable future, we will still be available to discuss the community plan and answer any of your queries.

Council is eager to support our community in every way possible and look forward to a strong future post the pandemic.

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