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Approved – 150 New Local Heritage Places.

The Town of Gawler is pleased to announce that it has been successful in its request to elevate 150 buildings to Local Heritage Places, following advice received from the Minister for Planning.

In late 2019, Council commissioned a heritage survey to review all 604 Contributory Items listed in Council's Development Plan, with the intention to transition them to Local Heritage Places, if and where appropriate.

This Heritage Review and subsequent Development Plan Amendment was a consequence of significant changes proposed by the State Government via the Planning and Design Code, which may have negatively impacted on the preservation of Gawler's unique heritage.

"Council is really pleased with the approval of the Local Heritage Transition Development Plan Amendment. This project required a significant investment by the Council and did not come with any guarantees. A Local Heritage DPA of this scale has never been completed in such a quick timeframe, which is a true testament to the quality of our historic buildings and the important role they played in the State's development." said Mayor Redman.

In response to significant community concern at the time, the Minister for Planning agreed to consider Development Plan Amendments from Councils from across the State. Given the significant contribution these historic buildings provided to Gawler and the communities' sense of identity, Council seized the opportunity.

"The elevation of these items to their rightful status as Local Heritage Places not only reflects their heritage value, but will be vitally important for the retention of Gawler's historic character moving forward" said Mayor Redman.

"The Council has been steadfast in its commitment to ensure the town's rich historic fabric and cultural heritage, depicted through its built form, was preserved as part of the transition to the State Government's new Planning and Design Code" said CEO Inat.

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