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## Joint Media Statement - Community Event Cancelled

The Apex Club of Gawler has advised Council that due to the ongoing restrictions and requirements for large-scale events to mitigate potential risks to public health posed by COVID-19, it has made the tough decision to cancel the 2021 Gawler Carols planned for December.

"We are very disappointed that for two years in a row we are unable to hold this event, but we know it's the right decision based on the information we have today," said Bronte Rhodes from Apex Club of Gawler.

"The Gawler Carols are an annual tradition for many local families however it is completely understandable that the event is unable to be held in 2021, given COVID-19 restrictions, and the subsequent challenges in putting on an event such as this," said Mayor Redman. "Apex has stood tall to make this difficult decision again, however, I know our community will understand and support them as we get through this tough time."

"The decision made by Apex Club is reflective of what is occurring across the local government sector," commented Council's Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Henry Inat. "Council Staff are aware that Christmas events planned in various council areas will not be occurring as they normally have in 2021."

"Council acknowledges the ongoing hard work and effort that all our community groups undertake in planning and delivering events and activities for everyone to enjoy," said Mayor Redman. "It also empathises with these community groups that are making the tough calls to cancel their regular events."

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