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## Community Safety Upgrades Funded

Town of Gawler is pleased to announce that it has been successful in obtaining \$200,000 from the Australian Government's Safer Communities Fund to support the extension of its CCTV system and the installation of improved lighting along pedestrian pathways at various parks and reserves and within carparks at sporting precincts and community facilities.

"Strong communities are underpinned by safe environments and a key objective of the Gawler Community Plan is to create a safe community environment," said Mayor Redman. "There has been considerable growth in the use of CCTV in public spaces as a crime prevention measure as it promotes public safety. People become less fearful of crime occurring in areas that have CCTV and the use of these public spaces increases as a result."

Council has audited its security infrastructure in Gawler's public spaces and, in consultation with SA Police, has prioritised locations which are hotspots for crime and anti-social behavior to be addressed by the CCTV extension. Council has also engaged with local sporting and community organisations to understand their requirements for improved lighting, specifically around carparking at their respective facilities.

The following locations will receive infrastructure upgrades as a result of the funding:

1. Elliot Goodger Reserve (Willaston Oval): improved lighting to internal car park and entrance way
2. Elderly Centre Car Park: improved lighting of internal carpark and footbridge
3. Gawler Oval: improved lighting at the footbridge at the rear of the netball courts
4. Princes Park: improved lighting at the footbridge and river junction
5. Pioneer Park: installation of CCTV cameras
6. Clonlea Reserve Footbridge: Installation of CCTV cameras and lights for the footbridge/recreation area
7. Clonlea Reserve Dog Park/Fitness Trail: Installation of CCTV cameras and solar lighting

"This funding from the Australian Government provides Council with the ability to increase its security infrastructure and improve visibility in key areas that will significantly contribute to enhancing community safety," said Mayor Redman. "It will also encourage greater participation in community events and activities, active lifestyles and community connection to Gawler's riverine environments, parks and reserves. It will enhance the safe, secure, vital and attractive places that residents have to meet, celebrate, reflect, shop, play and socialise."

Council intends to complete works at Elliot Goodger Reserve and Pioneer Park prior to 30 June 2019 with the remainder of the works to be completed by 31 March 2020.

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