**Town Hall Extension**

Construction of the new building to the rear of the existing Town Hall is well underway. The concrete slab for the new building has been poured to the same height as the new floor in the Town Hall and wraps around the building providing a seamless transition to the basement level of the Institute building. The finished concrete floor provides a connection between the basement level of the existing Town Hall and Institute buildings that has not previously been possible.

Cranes were then used to lift structural steelwork and pre-cast concrete panels into place to form the outer structure of the new building.

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**Murray Street Retaining Wall**

Excavation between the Institute and Town Hall Buildings created the need for a new retaining wall to be constructed adjacent to Murray Street. The process required the concrete wall to be poured in situ then stripped in preparation for a waterproofing treatment to be installed. The final step in the process was back-filling with compressed dirt.

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**Existing Services Temporarily Relocated**

As the Town Hall and Institute buildings are closed, the Town of Gawler Customer Service and Library areas have been relocated. Customer Services are now provided at the new Town of Gawler Administration Centre, 43 High Street, Gawler East.

Full Library services can be accessed at the Evanston Gardens Library, 65 Angle Vale Road, Evanston Gardens and Gawler Sport and Community Centre, Nixon Terrace, Gawler. Pick up reservations and returns can also be accessed at the Town of Gawler Administration Centre.

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**Project Outcome**

The redevelopment of the State Heritage Listed Town Hall and Institute buildings will deliver a new library, gallery and performance spaces and house the Gawler Heritage Collection within a new Heritage Centre. It will also create a hub for Government, Economic and Social Enterprise and become the pre-eminent Cultural and Business Innovation Centre for the region.

This project is being jointly funded by the Australian Government through the National Stronger Regions Fund ($5.6M) and the Town of Gawler.
The Gawler Civic Centre redevelopment is transforming the iconic and culturally significant Town Hall and Institute buildings to create an architecturally significant hub for government, economic and social enterprise. The project will act as a renaissance catalyst for the Gawler Town Centre to be the business and cultural centre for the region.

The Gawler Civic Centre will contain six functions that intend to collectively drive significant economic development in the region, namely:
1. Business Innovation Hub
2. Gawler Cultural Heritage Centre
3. Regional Multipurpose Function Venue
4. Social Enterprise Café
5. Gawler Library
6. Youth Area

The redevelopment commenced in March 2017. The 20 month building works schedule and future operations of the Civic Centre deliver approximately 70 new jobs for our region.

The funding partnership between the Australian Government and Town of Gawler enabling this major redevelopment provides Council with an opportunity to make bold decisions that shape our community. Council is using the Civic Centre redevelopment as the catalyst for additional funding and support from all tiers of government to deliver future strategic initiatives. Some of these (yet to be funded) strategic initiatives are:

Incubator Support Initiative
The objective of the Incubator Support initiative is to improve the prospects of local businesses achieving commercial success in their respective business markets. The initiative will support entrepreneurial activity and contribute to the development of the growing innovation ecosystem. Incubators help innovative businesses to rapidly transform their ideas into globally competitive businesses by giving them mentorship, funding, resources, knowledge and access to business networks. More high-performing incubators will mean that more startups can realise their economic potential earlier.

Smart Cities and Suburbs Program
“Virtual Vibrancy” is the proposed Smart City Project for the Town of Gawler. An ambitious and transformational project, “Virtual Vibrancy” will create a virtually connected smart community using innovative, multi-use, digital infrastructure for public access and information. The installation of smart poles and intelligent technical systems will provide a range of community-centred digital services including: sensored street lighting; CCTV; high-speed WiFi; traffic management solutions; signage and wayfinding information; advertising and entertainment; live access to emergency services; public phones; chilled water, and much more.

Smart technologies will be integrated into the smart poles enabling access to real time community information, making Gawler a more liveable town for both residents and visitors.

“Virtual Vibrancy” will have a significant impact on both the region and South Australia. It will contribute to local, regional and national smart city regulatory and policy reform, reinforcing partnerships between all levels of Government, key industry partners, research institutions, local and regional businesses and the community.

Inclusive Communities Program
Council has applied for Australian Government support to deliver a program specifically developed to address unmet community needs that have created disadvantage in the Gawler region.

Offering a ‘whole of community approach’ to community inclusion and resilience, the project will leverage and activate the refurbished Civic Centre to engage marginalised residents, unemployed people, Indigenous Australians and youth, increasing their participation in community life.

GigCity Adelaide
Australia’s first and only GigCity network is in Adelaide and is being offered by the State Government for high speed internet services through the SABRENet fibre optic network to key innovation sites. The Town of Gawler is well positioned to take advantage of this network providing users of the Business Innovation Hub with access to internet speeds of up to 10-gigabits-per-second. SABRENet runs along High Street, directly behind the two buildings.

The use of GigCity Adelaide will transform the Town of Gawler as an early adopter of technologies driving innovation and growth. The Hub will be a significant advantage to the regional businesses and startups who are competing in the local, national and global digital economy.