CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

There is continued momentum with the building works with the site workforce being approximately 50-60 workers per day. The critical works externally are progressing well with the upper level of the Institute scaffold removed, the Town Hall waterproofing to the balcony has commenced and the balustrading has also been installed. The transom to the Murray and High Street entries is being installed and the final windows have been delivered to site.

Internally within the Town Hall the works are well advanced with joinery being installed, hard sheeting applied prior to the carpet and painting completed other than the final coat. The works within the Institute Building have focussed on the finishing trades, ceilings are essentially complete, walls on level 1 have been patched and prepared ready for painting. The lower and ground floor wall rendering in the library is well advanced and the last ceiling panels installed. Door frames and doors have also started being installed.

In the New Building the floor grinding has commenced to the street corridor walkways. Painting is well advanced and joinery units are being installed. The works to the external light well on the northern elevation of the Institute building has had the concrete pavements placed, the stairs on the western side have been poured and the Cribb retaining wall construction has commenced.

Most of the works remaining are critical as there is essentially two months’ construction left on the project. Practical Completion is expected to occur on 19 January 2019. With time added for defect rectification, decanting and relocation it is hoped that operations can commence on 1 March 2019.

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.

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.
Volunteers Wanted

As the Civic Centre redevelopment nears completion, Council is seeking expressions of interest from members of the public who would like to provide professional, personalised and informative guided tours of the completed facility. Tours of the Gawler Civic Centre’s State Heritage Listed Institute and Town Hall Buildings, as well as the new Social Enterprise Café and Business Innovation Hub building, are planned to be held every day once the Centre officially opens in early 2019.

These tours provide the opportunity for everyone in the community to have an “access all areas” experience, understand what each of the six functional areas within the Centre will be providing and connect with this amazing, revamped community space.

Tours will be conducted at different times of the day during the official opening celebration week (morning, afternoon and evening) to enable as many people to attend as possible. Tour groups will be limited in size so that everyone can hear the guides and have a more personalised experience.

Council will provide all selected Civic Centre volunteers with the training and support that they require to successfully participate in this exciting new volunteer program.

If being a “Tour Guide” is not something you are interested in, there are plenty of other volunteering opportunities at the Gawler Civic Centre. The Centre will need enthusiastic Heritage, Library, Youth and Event Program volunteers to be a truly successful community facility.

To register your interest in being a Gawler Civic Centre volunteer, please contact: Sanna Brauman, Coordinator of Volunteering on (08) 8522 9225 or email: Volunteering@gawler.sa.gov.au

Opening Program Participation

Council is planning to deliver a seven-day program of events and activities to celebrate the opening of the Gawler Civic Centre. This program will showcase each functional area within the Civic Centre as well as provide a platform for both individuals and organisations to showcase their talents.

The first event of the opening program will be a big community Street Party starting at 5am on Sunday 7 April 2019. Murray Street will be closed from Calton Road to Tod Street (as a minimum) and local businesses, individuals and organisations are invited to provide market stalls along Murray Street.

The Civic Centre will be closed when the Street Party starts but officially opened at approximately 10am with the entire community gathered at the event invited inside to discover the Centre. Programmed activities within each functional area of the Centre will entertain visitors throughout the day and roving performers will ensure that the Party atmosphere runs both inside and out. The Street Party is planned to finish at approximately 4pm.

Key to the success of such an expansive program is community participation. Therefore Council seeking expressions of interest from community groups, schools and individuals who want to participate in the program – especially the Street Party.

To register your interest in either performing during the Gawler Civic Centre Opening Program or having a Street Party stall, please contact: Sam Irgang, Gawler Civic Centre Operations Coordinator on (08) 8522 9267 or email: sam.irrgang@gawler.sa.gov.au

Expressions of interest close at 5pm on Friday 30 November 2018. Get in touch now so you don’t miss out!

Business Innovation Hub

An exciting component of the Gawler Civic Centre redevelopment is the creation of the Business Innovation Hub and the announcement that this Hub will be one of 15 new GigCity Adelaide Precincts.

The Hub will provide opportunities for business to business collaboration, mentoring, home-based businesses to get out of their homes, innovative solutions to civic issues and business engagement with the digital economy.

The Business Innovation Hub will be a commercially-focused, flexible working space occupied by businesses that are intent on wealth generation as well as local and regional job creation. A vibrant, welcoming space exuding a sense of business purpose, innovation, resilience and success.

GigCity Adelaide is providing fast and affordable gigabit internet connection speeds (100 times faster than the national average) for start-ups, entrepreneurs and big businesses. The use of GigCity Adelaide will transform the Town of Gawler as an early adopter of technologies driving innovation and growth. This connectivity, coupled with the digital advisors in residence programs and business mentoring, will provide a significant advantage to our local and regional entrepreneurs and start-ups who are competing in the local, national and global digital economy.

Want to get involved? The Business Innovation Hub’s Manager, Andrew Morris, is holding an information session at 7pm on Tuesday 13 November 2018 at the Gawler Administration Centre, 43 High Street, Gawler East.

Come along and find out how you can be part of Gawler’s innovation community ecosystem.