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DRAFT GAWLER TOWN CENTRE STRUCTURE PLAN

PUBLIC SPACES & STREETS

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BECAUSE GAWLER IS CHANGING

AND BETTER STREETS AND PUBLIC SPACES SUPPORT EVERYDAY LIFE

CREATING BETTER PLACES TO WALK, MEET AND SPEND TIME

Public Spaces & Streets
The Gawler Town Centre Structure Plan focuses on making streets and public spaces safer, greener and more enjoyable places to be - supporting everyday life, local businesses and community connection.

Importantly, this plan recognises that streets are not just for moving vehicles, they are also places where people walk, meet and spend time.

WHAT'S THE OPPORTUNITY?

Streets and public spaces are the most widely used parts of the Town Centre. Improving how they look, feel and function can:

- Make walking easier, safer and more comfortable for people of all ages and abilities
- Encourage people to spend more time in the Town Centre
- Support local businesses, events and outdoor dining
- Create more opportunities for social interaction and community life
- Strengthen the Town Centre's identity and sense of place
- Improve wayfinding and connections between streets, public spaces and parking areas
- Deliver greener, cooler streets that improve comfort and reduce urban heat

These priorities reflect strong community feedback for a more walkable, people-focused and greener Town Centre.

A Practical Approach to Delivery
The Structure Plan identifies ten (10) targeted streetscape concepts for consultation.
Rather than one large project, the approach focuses on coordinated, staged improvements that:

- Are realistic and achievable
- Work together to improve the overall quality of the Town Centre
- Can be refined through community feedback before decisions are made
- Can be delivered over time, aligned with Council's priorities and budget

This approach reduces risk and allows improvements to evolve as the Town Centre grows.

WHAT DOES THE PLAN INCLUDE?

Key actions across the Town Centre include:

- Upgrading key streets such as Murray Street, High Street and Adelaide Road
- Improving connections between streets, public spaces and the river
- Increasing tree planting and greening to provide shade and cooling
- Creating safer crossings and wider, more accessible footpaths
- Encouraging outdoor dining, seating and active street edges
- Enhancing the South Para River corridor as a key public space and destination

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WHAT YOU WILL NOTICE

If the ideas in the Draft Structure Plan are delivered over time, you'll start to notice some clear changes across the Town Centre:







SAFER, MORE WALKABLE STREETS

Streets will feel easier and safer to move around in, with slower traffic and clearer priority for people and pedestrians.

In some areas, this may include:

- Reduced vehicle speeds (up to 40kph)
- Wombat crossings
- Raised footpaths across streets and laneways
- Wider, more comfortable footpaths

MORE PLACES TO STOP, SIT AND SPEND TIME

Streets and public spaces will offer more opportunities to pause, gather and enjoy the environment.

In some areas, this may include:

- New seating and street furniture
- More trees, greening and shade
- Informal 'rest nodes' for meeting and relaxing

GREENER, COOLER STREETS AND SPACES

More planting and water-sensitive design will help cool the Town Centre and improve comfort.

Additional greening may occur:

- Along footpaths
- In new planter boxes
- Within street medians

A MORE VIBRANT AND INVITING TOWN CENTRE

Streets will better support local businesses, outdoor dining and community activity.

In some areas, this may include:

- New outdoor dining opportunities
- Spaces for temporary activation (e.g. events and markets)
- Areas and art, design and creative expression
- Improved signage and wayfinding, including local storytelling

Overall, you will start to see more people across the day and into the evening.

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STRONGER CONNECTIONS TO THE RIVER

Access to the South Para River will be easier, safer and more attractive.

In some areas, this may include:

- Improvements to pedestrian crossings to Apex Park and the river
- Better connected walking and cycling paths
- Undergrounding of overhead powerlines
- Wider footpaths along Julian Terrace
- Further exploration of opportunities to enhance community use across the river park network, including Goose Island.

SPACES THAT REFLECT GAWLER'S CHARACTER

Improvements will respect heritage while celebrating the identity of the Town Centre.

In some areas, you may see:

- Adaptive reuse of heritage places
- Upgrades to building facades
- Signage and storytelling that celebrates local history
- New development that responds to existing heritage

VISIBLE, STAGED CHANGE OVER TIME

Change will happen gradually, through a series of coordinated, and realistic upgrades rather than one large project.

This approach may include:

- Smaller, targeted improvements with less disruption
- A staged delivery program aligned with Council budgets
- Prioritisation of areas with the greatest benefit and investment potential.

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MURRAY STREET CONCEPT DESIGN

The Murray Street concept demonstrates how these ideas come together - creating a street that is more comfortable, greener and better suited to people, while still supporting access and movement.

Murray Street visualisation



Additional concept designs can be viewed within the Draft Structure Plan.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Community and stakeholder feedback on the Draft Gawler Town Centre Structure Plan is open from **1 June to 26 June 2026**. Your feedback will help refine the plan before it is finalised and adopted.