

**Minutes of General Board Meeting
21 February 2023**

Meeting Opened: 7:32am

Meeting Closed: 9:03am

Attendees: L Drummond, G Iremonger, K Fischer, I Solomon, N Berrett, K Cowell	Guests:
Apologies: A Barney, D Veltman, H Inat	Absent: T Piccolo

Item 1: Declarations of Conflicts of Interest – Nil

Item 2: Chairperson’s Report: Presentation and discussion

Motion: That the Board of the GBDG accept the Chairpersons report as a true and accurate record. Report attached.

Moved: L Drummond **Seconded:** K Cowell **Result:** Carried Unanimously

Item 3: Finance Report: – Presentation and discussion

December Income: \$16,001.85 Expenses: \$15,915.74

Bank Balance end of month: Cheque Account \$23,532.22 Online Saver \$79,448.32

January Income: \$15,884 Expenses: \$10,781.74

Bank Balance end of month: Cheque Account \$20,183.00 Online Saver \$121,438.49

Motion: That the Board accept the Finance Reports for December and January as a true and accurate record of the current financial position. Note: budget variations due to incorrect MYOB rulings applied were discussed.

Moved: K Cowell **Seconded:** K Fischer **Result:** Carried Unanimously

Item 4: Confirmation of previous Minutes: Presentation and discussion

Motion: That the Board of the GBDG accept the minutes from January Planning meeting as a true and accurate record.

Moved: K Cowell **Seconded:** K Fischer **Result:** Carried Unanimously

Item 5: Motions via Email

Motion: That the Board of the GBDG endorse the minutes from December meeting as a true and accurate record.

Moved: L Drummond **Seconded:** G Iremonger **Result:** Carried 7 respondents/8

Item 6: Business Arising from previous Minutes – nil

Item 7: Other Business

Website Spam - Annual anti-spam service invoice came in with a notation that it stopped 5,700 spam messages this past 12 months with a 98.79% accuracy. \$165 per year.

Totally Locally – discussion required on mentoring costs

Motion: That the Board of the GBDG does not engage with Totally Locally for a campaign in Gawler. GBDG will develop a new campaign to promote and encourage residents to shop locally possibly under the “Shopgawler” banner.

Moved: K Fischer Seconded: G Iremonger Result: Carried unanimously

Shopgawler – Meeting held with S Bailey to discuss requirements to be able to move forward with this campaign. Report provided to Board members for discussion.

Note: further discussion to occur on this topic at a special meeting to be held asap.

Motion: That the Board of the GBDG identifies the costs to keep the Shopgawler website concept alive until an informed decision can be made on the merits of implementing this project. To date the concept costs have been borne by S Bailey.

Moved: K Fischer Seconded: N Berrett Result: Carried unanimously

Gawler Maker’s Market – Meeting held with representatives of GMM Committee in relation to issues raised at December meeting. A more comprehensive report will be provided in future, the GMM Committee will hold a minimum of 2 outdoor markets in Walker Place, they are organising “Bali” flags for the Civic Centre entrance. I advised them to contact H Inat regarding use of the wayfinding signage and to have the market included in the 2024 Fringe events.

Gawler Smart Room – Tender document requirements

Note: further discussion to occur on this topic at a special meeting to be held asap.

Board Member Governance – Outstanding paperwork to be completed I Solomon

Change of Public Officer – Notification of change completed

Member Information Packs – information for new members is being updated and will include access to the GBDG member logo.

Xmas in Gawler: K Fischer to present to next meeting on the forum held for this proposal.

Community Art Forum: K Fischer to present to next meeting on the forum held for this proposal.

Gawler Cinema: Brief discussion on the Blythe Cinema and if the same concept could work in Gawler. Report attached.

Item 8: Actions

To be actioned by	Task	Status/update
C Brougham	Search for grant opportunities for a digital cross street banner or digital signs	In progress
C Brougham	Check ownership of Shopgawler logo and name	Completed
C Brougham	Organise special meeting for project discussions	Completed

Next Meeting: GBDG Planning Meeting - Tuesday 21st March 2023 – 7:30am – 9am Room G3 Gawler Civic Centre

Signed: 

L Drummond

Chair

Executive Consultant – Report

Meetings Attended and Events

Details	Details
23 rd Nov – Economic Development Leaders Forum	10 th Jan – Meeting Barossa Jockey Club – GBDG Conference
2 nd Dec – Christmas Networking Event	11 th Jan – Gawler Women in Business Facebook meeting
6 th Dec – Tammy’s Table	23 rd Jan – Accountant – BAS.
13 th Dec – Tammy’s Table	30 th Jan – Phone meeting Alan Pease.
20 th Dec – GBDG Board Meeting	31 st Jan – Gawler Makers Market Meeting
4 th Jan – Meeting Beyond Bank	14 th Feb – Economic Development Meeting - ToG, GBDG, BIIH, RDA
9 th Jan – Meeting S Bailey Shopgawler	

Upcoming events

Details	Details
Fri 10 th Mar - Business Women’s Lunch	Tammy’s Table 1 st and 2 nd Tuesdays each month
Fri 23 rd May – SA Business Conference	

Event Feedback

Christmas Networking

19 people registered to attend this event with 15 attending.

	Excellent (rating 10/10)	Good (rating 8/10)	Needs Improvement (rating 5/10)	Not Applicable
Location of Event	100%			
Duration of Event	100%			
Overall, how would you evaluate this event?	100%			
How did you hear about the event? <i>Email.</i>				
Why did you decide to attend the event? <i>Networking and to support GBDG</i>				
How do you prefer to network? <i>Showcase business with a small presentation to the attendees</i> <i>Informally chat to other attendees</i>				
Was there ample time for networking? <i>Yes</i>				
Did you make any useful connections? <i>Yes</i>				
What suggestions do you have for the next Christmas Networking event? <i>Winer makers luncheon with a guest speaker</i>				
Other comments <i>Great event</i> <i>I thoroughly enjoyed last night's session and stocked up on strawberries and coconut water today.</i>				

Business and Membership Movements

New Businesses to Gawler	Business Changes	New Voluntary Members
Café 126 Strike Force Laser Tag Xtreme Karts and Leisure Eckermann Conveyancers	Services SA Centrelink and Medicare relocated to Gawler Park Village Evanston Bizzee Bean closed Gawler Smoothie Juice Bar closed Coffee with Canines has relocated to 5 Main North Rd Willaston Dana Hand Craft Shoes - Changed name from Gawler Comfort Shoes and moved from Arcade to 124 Murray St Christie Roberts now home based Ben Yi Asian Grocer closed until further notice effective 6 Feb 2023	Strike Force Laser Tag Christie Roberts Real Estate Rubyfit

Coming Soon - New Commercial Businesses to Gawler

OTR
 Clean Cuts Barber opened this week

Gawler Business Innovation Hub

2023 workshop and event offerings from RDA, GBDG and Town of Gawler being formalised.

Survive and Thrive Strategy

Applied for Totally Locally Town Kit and purchased a few resources.

After discussions with Chris Sands the GBDG has decided to engage with the Totally Locally organisation and encourage GBDG members to embrace the project. Next step is to create a group of “champions” from the business community to help grow awareness and encourage others to take part.



Social Media and Digital Platforms

Mailchimp

Date	Audience	Received by	Open Rate	Total Opens
July	1340	1337	41.8%	559
Aug	1339	1329	42%	559
Sep	1339	1334	45%	605
Oct	1330	1317	27.1%	687
Nov	1330	1317	27.7%	720
Dec	1330	1317	28.4%	745
Jan	1330	1317	28.4%	745

LinkedIn

Date Range	Followers	Following	Contacts	Connections
July	1017	1057	3666	1018
Aug	1012	1054	3666	1015
Sept	1011	1053	3666	1014
Oct	1021	1063	3667	1018
Nov	1021	1062	3667	1017
Dec	1019	1064	3667	1017
Jan	1020	1065	3669	1016

GBDG Facebook Page

Date Range	Post Reach	Post Engagement	New Page Likes	Total Page Likes	New Page Followers	Total Page Followers
July	2373	226	13	4487	17	4973
Aug	37916	5119	87	4500	122	5095
Sept	9078	510	10	4510	12	5107
Oct	9115	6231	11	4521	16	5123
Nov	10675	903	13	4534	0	5123
Dec	9401	1343	17	4551	12	5135
Jan	4588	889	6	4557	12	5147

Instagram

Date Range	Total Posts	New Followers	Followers	Following	Reach	Profile Visits
July	199	5	629	468	13	21
Aug	202	1	630	463	239	8
Sept	203	0	630	431	270	9
Oct	206	6	636	430	279	11
Nov	207	1	637	433	285	13

Dec	209	1	638	433	290	15
Jan	211	1	639	429	295	9

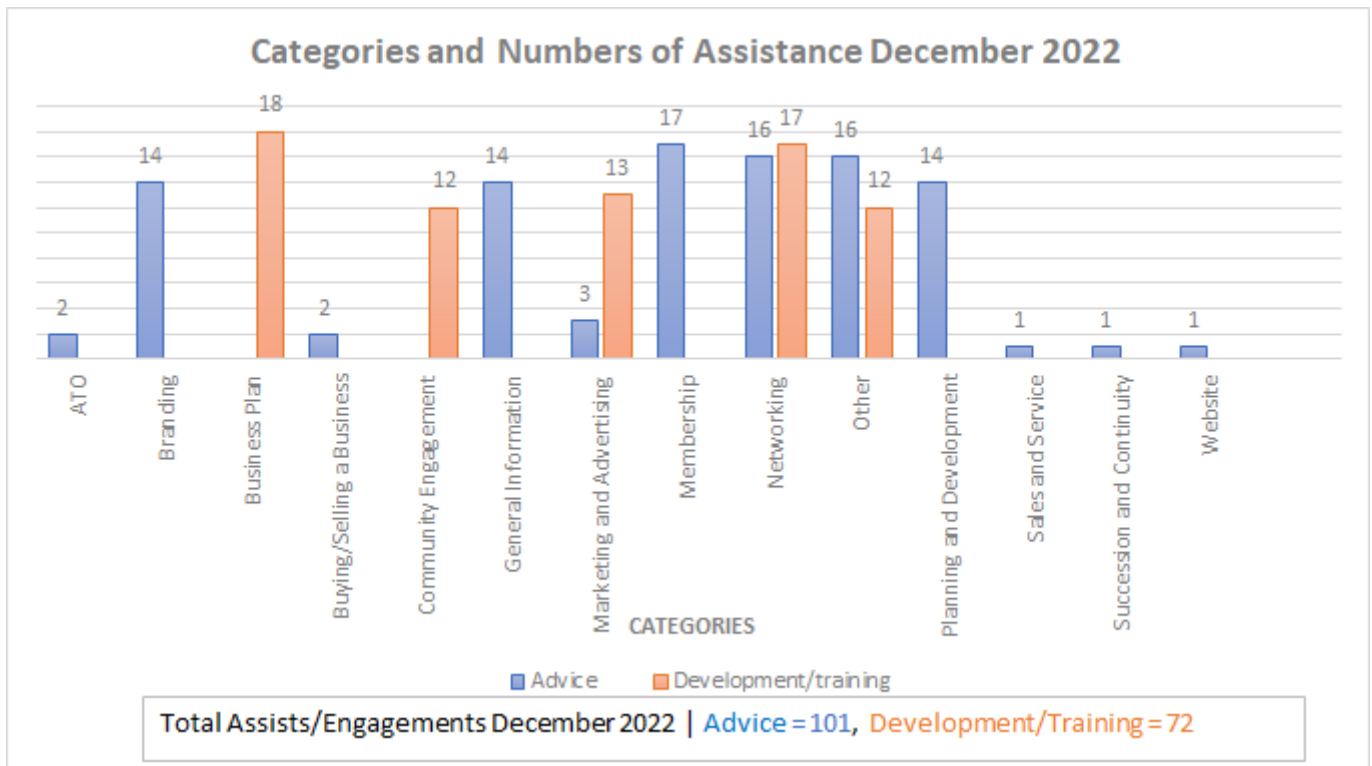
Twitter

Date Range	Total Tweets	New Tweets	Retweets	Followers	Following	Mentions
July	149	0	0	66	119	0
Aug	150	1	0	67	119	1
Sept	153	3	0	68	119	0
Oct	156	3	5	70	119	1
Nov	157	1	0	71	120	1
Dec	158	1	0	71	119	0
Jan	119	0	0	71	119	0

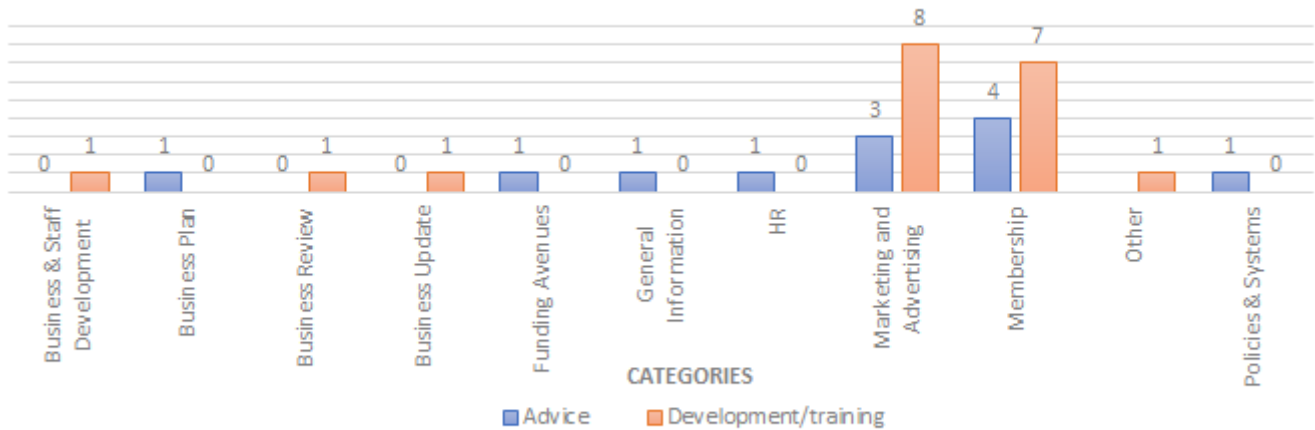
Business Engagement Statistics

Contacts Reports – December: 173 business engagements - Business Advice 101, Business Development 72

- January: 31 business engagements - Business Advice 12, Business Development 19



Categories and Numbers of Assistance January 2023



Total Assists/Engagements January 2023 | Advice = 12, Development/Training = 19

Business Advisory Services

Number of Businesses Referred this period to B2B providers, State Govt Depts, and GBDG sourced advisors.

December	0
January	0

Media

Council sparks conversation over Civic Centre café future



KAYLA DEN HOLLANDER
GAWLER

A COMMUNITY-led kitchen, a hospitality training centre or a social-inclusion area could be the future of Gawler Civic Centre's café space, according to discussions at a council workshop last week.

It comes as former café operator Metropolitan Canteens SA terminated its agreement with council – the second company to pull out of its contract since the Civic Centre reopened in 2019.

Though the workshop played host to a range of ideas for the café space's future, council staff say the deliberation process will take months.

While other ideas pitched by councillors and community include using the space for a social inclusion program, or having a full commercial kitchen installed, the sentiment strayed from the Civic Centre's original café concept.

Gawler Business Development Group chair Louise Drummond said the installation of a commercial kitchen, would fill a "need" that can only be found in a few locations well outside of Gawler.

"Caterers could hire it for particular events, chefs doing special classes and demonstrations could go there," she said, adding it would also be fitting for community group gatherings.

"The space is not conducive to



Gawler Council has started discussions over the future use of the Civic Centre café space, following a workshop last week. PHOTO: File

just a café... just having it as a café, for me being chair of the Gawler Business Development Group, is the antithesis of what we should be doing."

Councillor Brian Sambell suggested vending machines as a replacement to the café, alongside a "pop-up tourist shop" to promote the town.

"The vending machine works, and if you want to try it out go down to Bob Jane's tomorrow and walk in

there and get a coffee... and these vending machines cost us nothing," he said.

Though not everyone was on board with the idea of vending machine coffee, with Cr Mick Launer adding he would be "highly offended, if not insulted" at the prospect of machines taking business from nearby cafés.

Deputy mayor Nathan Shanks said it would be a "shame" not to utilise the space to its "full

potential", and that the current café concept has not proven a success.

"We've tried it twice now and we've pretty much found out that the café business doesn't work," he said.

It comes as Member for Light Tony Piccolo rallied to have the space used as an autism-inclusive area when it was last vacant.

While the proposal was unsuccessful, he hopes it can be a different story this time.

"Now that they're looking for applications again, it would be great if we could have the space cater for the autistic and autism community as well," he told *The Bunyip* earlier this month.

The space will be utilised during the February-March Fringe period following an expression of interest call out, with council staff to later liaise with local community groups to discuss future activation of the space.

Activate our main street

LOOK back over the past 20 or so years and you'll find plenty of Government projects that will leave you scratching your head.

Steven Marshall's proposed Riverbank Arena and Jack Snelling's Transforming Health are two of the more recent moves that failed to pass the pub test, and certainly haven't aged any better with hindsight.

One of the more successful ones, at least at a local government level though, was the establishment of Renew Adelaide just over a decade ago.

At a time when the CBD was in transition and effectively on its death march, the not-for-profit came along to inject some vibrancy into the state's capital by cutting red tape.

Vacant buildings and shopfronts long regarded as eyesores were transformed into experimental and innovative spaces through a 30-day rent free scheme, allowing young creatives and entrepreneurs the opportunity to push the boundaries of what the sleepy had come to expect.

Granted some failed, and the vacant shopfronts in Rundle Mall remain an ongoing battle, but some thrived.

Adelaide's small bar scene is a lasting testament to this forward thinking attitude, completely revolutionising and activating the night life of the city.

It's what helped to put Adelaide on the radar of institutions like *Lonely Planet* and *The New York Times*.

For as long as those issues have been plaguing the CBD, out here in Gawler too have been fighting the battle.

It's a question that seems to pop up every year – how do we entice people to stop and stay a while? How do we activate our town?

During the past couple of months it's one that won't seem to go away, particularly when icons the Gawler Cinema are put back on the market or when businesses on Murray St are closing down.

So, what to do about the elephant in the room?

In today's *Bunyip*, the Gawler and Business Development Group have called on Gawler Council to activate and beautify the town, and Murray St in particular, in a bid to prevent the death of our CBD.

It's a proposal that resonates with this writer.

Having spent three years in the Clare Valley, the transformation into an underperforming tourist town into a now-thriving destination has been impressive.

But it wasn't all that difficult either. All it took was a buy-in from the community, a few simple albeit costly projects to improve streetscapes and amenities, and a few risktakers.

Clare's main street today is a far cry to the drab and tired strip it was five years ago.

Surely if a council a quarter the size of Gawler's can do it then we can to.

Prioritise retail or face closures



Gawler Business Development Group's Caren Brougham and Louise Drummond join a growing plea to activate Murray St, which they say faces further imminent closures if action is not taken. PHOTO: Kayla Den Hollander

GBDG join growing plea to activate Murray Street



KAYLA DEN HOLLANDER
GAWLER

AMBIGUOUS parking signs, dilapidated buildings and a lack of foot traffic are just some of the issues sending Murray St into disarray, according to Gawler's primary business group.

It comes as Gawlerites have bid farewell to several local retailers, such as Gawler Sweets and Treats.

Boutique gift shop Thirteen22 is also slated to shut up shop after January 28, while Gawler's Wallis Cinema will cease operations on January 31.

It has sparked fears that Gawler's main business strip could face an untimely demise if retail businesses are not prioritised.

Gawler Business Development Group (GBDG) Executive Officer Caren Brougham said that a lack of outlets was contributing to the reduction of foot traffic on Murray St.

"GBDG will be speaking with Council staff, elected members and property managers to see if there is a way that a preference can be made to approving retail outlets above service providers, otherwise there is a real danger that the Murray St precinct will see further reductions in foot

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- LOUISE DRUMMOND

traffic resulting in the closure of more businesses," she said.

A mismatch of businesses including real estate agents, insurance agents, hearing clinics and hair and beauty can be found in abundance along Murray St.

But GBDG Chair Louise Drummond said they're not likely to put the CBD on the map.

While historical buildings adorn the main street, many remain in a state of disrepair despite business owners paying an eye-watering amount of rent.

"There are several landlords, some absentee, who will not maintain their buildings," Mrs Drummond said.

"They get huge rental incomes equivalent to that of Adelaide's CBD – people pay rent for three stories, but they can't use the basement or upstairs as buildings are in disrepair."

The pair have said talks of main street

activation with council staff are met with inaction.

"A number of times over the years I have put forward concepts of beautifying the main street, and the thing you get from council staff all the time is 'maintenance, maintenance, maintenance'," Mrs Drummond said.

Ms Brougham added that government funding would be money well spent.

"It would just be nice if the state or federal government had a nice big bucket of money that we could say 'we need to beautify our main street'... we need it to be clean, crisp, clear, where people can look along the street and say 'oh, that's what I need right there'," she said.

Despite the growing list of concerns, Mrs Drummond said some solutions are clear as day.

"Parking signage, signage on the multi-level carpark, and changing the traffic management in several tight spots," she said.

Gawler Council acting CEO David Barrett told *The Bunyip* that \$11.56m had been spent in redeveloping Walker Pl and progressive upgrades to Murray St across seven stages, in line with the 2016 Gawler Town Centre Framework.

Landlords and developers do not currently receive council incentives to keep commercial properties occupied.

The plains are alive with the sound of arts

SARAH HERRMANN

GAWLER won't have to wait long between autumn's Fringe and the next big arts bash, with Member for Light Tony Piccolo proposing an "multi-site, multi-artist, multi-event, multi-genre/medium" program as part of August's SALA Festival.

Mr Piccolo said Arts on the Plains is designed to reflect "the diversity of our local community" and boost tourism.

"We are keen to hear from artists who are involved in indigenous art and those from new and emerging communities," he said.

"To maximise the impact of the event, activities can be held for any length of time during August but must be held during a 'common weekend' when most, if not all, events are held."

The proposal was backed at a community forum on February 5.

Gawler Community Gallery vice president Louise Brawn told *The Bunyip*: "I think it's a fantastic initiative that will raise awareness of the arts in the Gawler region and will really help put Gawler on the map."

While her own works are booked in a pre-planned exhibition at the gallery, Ms Brawn looked forward to



Member for Light Tony Piccolo hosted a community forum to gauge interest on an 'Arts on the Plains' event. PHOTO: Supplied

celebrating Arts on the Plains by hosting other exhibitionists and holding extra workshops at the venue.

The Advertiser cartoonist and Gawler local Peter Broelman is hopeful of "raising the profile of cartoon genres" and appealing to Gawler's youth.

"It's always about the older demographics and the older art forms so I think anything that embraces children and teenagers and young adults is certainly a big win," he said.

Finlay Eden McKibben will soon commence contemporary arts at university and believed the event will broaden understanding about the scope of current art.

"It brings together not only the wider community, but brings closer attention to the arts, which is an integral part of Australian culture," she said.

"This event not only provides an opportunity for me to put myself out there professionally as a young artist but will most definitely do the same for others."

A meeting to finalise the event proposal will be held on Sunday, March 5, 11.30am at Café Nova, Gawler.

Artists or art groups can obtain EOI forms from Mr Piccolo's electorate office, while venues should register interest via his office or Gawler Business Development Group.

From November 28 to December 15

More than \$1500 worth of prizes to be won. Spend \$20 or more in one transaction in any of the participating businesses and have your entry form stamped, dated and signed. Pop it into the entry box and see if you have won.

First prize is an Engel portable fridge-freezer valued at \$1,079. Second prize is an accommodation and meals package at the Gawler Arms Hotel, valued at \$270, a \$100 voucher from Imprint Flowers and a \$50 Wallis Gawler Cinema voucher. Third prize is \$250 worth of gift card/vouchers from Gawler businesses.

Participant businesses include Back To Beauty, Gawler Sportspower, Delicia Acai, Table Top Warfare, Pielove Gawler, Spoggy and Sage, Caroline McLeod Beauty & Nails, Cartridge World Australia, Teoy, Komacraft Sewing Centre, Gawler Sweets & Treats, Coffee on Jacob, Lesley's of Gawler, Enchanting Hands Professional Reflexologist and Remedial Massage Therapist, Imprint Flowers, Boost Juice Gawler, Gawler Fishing and Outdoors, Kingsford Hotel, Thirsty Camel Bottleshop, Gawler Slice Pizza, Somerset Models and Vadoulis Garden Centre.

Shop Local Competition

WIN

No sequel in sight for Gawler Cinema?

KAYLA DEN HOLLANDER

THE final curtain call has been slated for the Gawler Cinema, less than a year after Wallis Cinemas took the reins of the beloved facility. The company announced that they will cease operations at the location as of January 31, 2023.

Run by John and Joy Thorpe for more than 30 years, Wallis signed onto a lease agreement in April.

In a statement provided to *The Bunyip*, a Wallis spokesperson said Gawler Cinema has not proven to be a viable business model for the company in a "post-Covid world of entertainment."

"This is despite efforts to grow the business by adding a coffee machine, running Wallis special events such as Girl's Night Out screenings, utilising all South Australian suppliers in line with our other sites, extending our digital marketing channels - all while maintaining some of the key business activities such as the Silver Screenings and Christmas in July that the local community enjoyed under previous management," they said.

It's another blow for those in the northern suburbs, following the closure of the iconic Wallis Gepps Cross Mainline Drive In after more than 65 years in business.

The announcement came as Wallis recently reopened The Piccadilly in North Adelaide after undergoing a \$2 million facelift.

Gawler Business Development Group's Louise Drummond said the potential loss of "such an institution" is bound to have a ripple effect on nearby businesses.

"It's such a pity, and we just hope that there's somebody to take it on," she said.



Local 'institution' Gawler Cinema has been listed for sale, with Wallis Cinemas ceasing operations late next month. PHOTO: Kayla Den Hollander

"It'll be a huge loss to Gawler, given that there's not another cinema until you get to Elizabeth."

Speaking with *The Bunyip*, Gawler Mayor Karen Redman congratulated Mr and Mrs Thorpe for their decades long stint at the cinema, and called for the town to embrace prospective owners.

"If a business or developer wants to buy

that complex we need to support whatever new ideas that developer brings to the table, we shouldn't be afraid of change, Gawler is changing," she said.

Locals were saddened to see the long-standing institution listed for sale on a Facebook post by Elders Real Estate Gawler.

Calling for expressions of interest, the cinema is described as a "versatile property" which

is "ready to be transformed by an innovative individual who can unleash the massive potential on offer." Under its Township Main St zoning, the building may lend itself to become a retail, office or entertainment space.

"An indoor recreation facility or a place of worship are just some of the many other uses that may suit current zoning," the listing reads.



Chair's Report February 2023

The January meeting was our planning day and we had a lot of very useful discussion around projects which would assist our members to grow their businesses.

Shane Bailey presented a reformatted Shop Gawler which we can afford and which would fill the need for assisting businesses to move to a digital platform in addition to their street frontage.

We looked at what Totally Locally offered but the price is too high and it probably wouldn't really help our businesses although elements can be incorporated into our strategic approach to education for the businesses.

Tony Piccolo reported on his meeting with locals who want to revive a Christmas pageant. He will provide further information as he works through the issues such an event raises.

A quarterly magazine for Gawler was proposed and Nan Berret is to provide a report on that given her contacts in newspapers and magazines.

A rose festival concept will be reported on later in the year as it would require entire town cooperation and I will be in touch with all the relevant people.

We decided to conduct Mystery Shopping and It has been announced on the Facebook page and newsletter so businesses can be aware they might be receiving a report on their business.

Alterations have been made to the format of the International Women's Day lunch and bookings are coming in.

Caren and I met with committee members of the Gawler Makers' Market as there are some problems with them adhering to the conditions of the seed funding. Their report has not been presented on time and we discussed the format which will work better for them to present all the information we require. We asked about the dates for outside markets and they agreed to a market in Walker Place twice a year but are yet to confirm the dates. We also pressed them on their marketing and advertising strategy as this event is meant to be promoting Gawler as a whole. The problem of the cafe services not being available and their subsequent suggestion of having a coffee van were discussed. They were asked to inform the cafes around the civic centre of the date of the market so they can have extra staff on. We also suggested they have flyers advertising the cafes and their specials to be handed out to visitors.

Caren and I also met with Nan Berrett who has revamped the Gawler Women in Business Facebook page and provided support to encourage the use of that page and the rules of engagement Nan has put in place.

I attended the council workshop about what could be done with the Civic centre cafe space. As I was the only person other than councillors to attend I was invited to sit with them. I presented some ideas to improve the facilities and provide a commercial kitchen for hire and use by council and other organisations. (Report attached. It is a bit ad hoc as I pulled a lot of information from websites and did not format it differently.)

Civic Centre Café Area

This area has failed twice as a café for the general public. Originally intended to include a social enterprise aspect, it could fulfill that function and also become a commercial space for start up and expanding businesses. Tony Piccolo would like to see this space as a training area for people with disabilities. It could also act as a meeting place for family and friends supporting them as they gain skills in hospitality and cooking. This could be available Monday to Friday during business hours. It would not be in competition with established businesses in the area which are paying commercial rent.

The kitchen could be set up as a commercial kitchen for hire to be booked out of business hours by caterers, speciality food producers as they develop their business to a larger scale, community groups catering for functions, product development, cooking classes and demonstrations by well known chefs or experts in particular cuisines. It could be a venue for cooking classes promoted by the WEA and other organizations. By installing basic fittings such as a bain marie, a commercial dishwasher, 2 x 2 door fridges and shelving in the dry goods storage room the space would be attractive to established caterers, start up businesses providing food delivery services, chefs to present demonstrations and classes, organisations such as the WEA and U3A to present cooking classes, a training area for providing skills in food preparation. It would also attract more use of the civic centre for other functions including weddings and school

formals. All this equipment is readily available through auctions in Adelaide where the fittings of restaurants, bistros, delicatessens and cafes are regularly sold at vastly discounted prices. A local chef would be capable of advising on this and cost far less than engaging a consulting firm.

By installing a large mirror above the counter area in the open space it would immediately become a teaching area. It could also have a live CCTV stream to clearly demonstrate to a wider audience or ensure everyone attending had a clear view.

Classes could also serve a civic function by providing cooking classes to people on limited incomes who need assistance to deal with the increasing cost of living or those having to learn special dietary needs such as gluten free or diabetic meals. The Youth centre could provide cooking classes to help their patrons gain the skills to look after themselves, either in the home or when they move away for study. The education aspect is an extension of the purpose of the library.

A commercial kitchen could be used by a variety of people and organisations from nearby centres, drawing more people to Gawler in turn supporting the local businesses. It must have access 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Naturally there would be terms and conditions for all users, and perhaps a bond paid refundable on leaving the kitchen in immaculate condition. The only council staffing would be monitoring the roster but a booking system on line would make that simple. It works for AirBnB so why not in this case?

Ben Stokes of For the Love of Cooking has offered to do a tour of his commercial kitchen in Kilkenny so council members can see how it works and I am happy to arrange that. When considering this suggestion take into account the increase in use of the civic centre, the opportunity for growth of businesses in Gawler and the benefits to ratepayers and citizens of Gawler.

Commercial kitchens are operating successfully in Adelaide.

Examples are:

For The Love of Cooking

Outgrown your home kitchen? Need somewhere to bring your food business to life?

For the Love of Cooking provides everything you need in a commercial kitchen space.

Our Services Include

- Basic kitchen utensils // Fridges // Dry storage // Cleaning equipment
Commercial kitchen equipment (gas burners, brat pan, dishwashers, combi ovens, benches)
- Free Wi-Fi and business services
- bathroom facilities // Free car parking

Our pricing is based on an hourly rate for the kitchen. Please get in contact to discuss pricing. (Cost is currently \$30 per hour but that is soon to increase due to rising electricity costs.) All pricing is inclusive of:

- Basic kitchen utensils
- Commercial kitchen equipment (gas burners, brat pan, dishwashers, combi ovens, benches, etc)
- Fridges
- Storage
- Cleaning equipment
- Free Wi-Fi and business services
- Bathroom facilities

Kitchen Operating Times - For the Love of Cooking is available 24 hrs a day and 7 days a week.

Insured and Compliant - We do all the work to make sure our commercial kitchens are food safe and compliant so all you need to do is cook!

Ben Stokes

0433 310 595 ben@fortheloveofcooking.com.au

18/2-8 Gray Street, Kilkenny, SA 5009

Ben is happy to have a chat about the kitchen and even show an interested group the set up.

Christies Downs Community House

Commercial Kitchen Hire

Planning on bringing food or looking to prepare a menu on site? At the Christie Downs Community House, we have two kitchens for your convenience, perfectly set-up for self-catering.

Our large kitchen is a full commercial kitchen, spacious and with all the facilities you would expect in a commercial kitchen. This kitchen is ideal when catering for:

- Large events or social occasions
- Large training sessions
- Cooking classes

Cost: Weekends and commercial organizations \$47ph; NFPs, community groups, government \$38.50p

Norwood Commercial Kitchen

certified commercial kitchen space for hire-per-hour

Commercial Kitchen for Hire

Need more space? Home kitchen no longer big enough? Have a food dream to create? Our certified commercial kitchen facilities in Norwood are available 24 hours a day 7 days per week. We take the care of the worries of having a certified space so that you can do what you do best - prepare delicious food.

our facilities

Commercial cooking equipment - 5 tray combi oven, 60L brat pan, 6 burner range, static oven, dishwasher | walk in cool room | dry store | cleaning equipment | freezer | bench space | wifi and business services | free on site car parking | 24 hour access | dry store | access to technical consultant

Norwood Commercial Kitchen is a hire-per-hour commercial kitchen for hire located in Norwood, South Australia. A short 10 minute drive from Adelaide city centre, our kitchen is convenient, has on site parking and is easily accessible. We are suitable for caterers, small batch food producers, cooking classes, food product presentations, product development and lots more!

We also operate as a dark kitchen, ghost kitchen, cloud kitchen or virtual kitchen for food delivery services. Meal delivery is a fast growing industry, enjoy owning your own business without the stress of front of house service.

Please contact us to discuss your casual, short or long term requirements.

Examples of meal delivery businesses in South Australia

Chefs on Wheels www.chefsonwheels.com.au

The Family Cook www.thefamilycook.com.au

The Meal Pantry www.themealpantry.com.au

The Prep House www.theprephouse.com.au

Gawler Cinema comparison to Blythe Cinema



Blyth Cinema – community owned initiative The Blyth Cinema in the Mid North was established in Blyth in May 2005 (pop. 400) by a local community group to bring a city quality cinematic experience to residents and visitors of the Clare Valley region and beyond. Established in a former Freemason’s Lodge purchased by a community benefactor, the cinema was built inside the heritage listed building with the construction of angle flooring, new toilets, a candy bar (complete with popcorn, lollies and icecreams). They invested in the highest quality dolby surround sound and projector equipment, including acoustic curtaining and the building is full air conditioned. The main cinema seats 105 and a second theatre with 50 seats has recently been opened, giving patrons a choice of movie in each time slot to better cater for birthday parties etc. Movies mainly screen every Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons. The Blyth Cinema screens current release movies. The cinema is a community run venue relying on volunteers behind the counter, clean the venue and show the movies. Due to increased revenue they now pay someone to manage the bookings. The cinema has received funding from varying tiers of government, including Commonwealth Drought Communities Funding, as well as holding fundraisers within the community to develop the facilities. It’s worthy of note that Blyth, even though tiny (population 400), has a cinema patronized by people throughout the district, an Escape Room (Blyth Breakout) with virtual reality option and waffle café in the same building (repurposed old Blyth Hospital), an Art Gallery, golf course, café and a hotel as well as several other businesses.