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City of Salisbury Economic Development Team - Technology Park Innovation Precinct

Technology Park, located in City of Salisbury, was established in 1982 as Australia's first innovation precinct. Initially there was significant government investment into the precinct however by the turn of the century that had waned. With no dedicated strategic direction or focus, there was little investment or development in the precinct for two decades and Technology Park was not seen as a priority on the state government's innovation agenda. There was a significant risk that the precinct would be sliced up for residential development with the potential for its economic promise being unfulfilled.

In 2017, recognising the significant potential of the site, the City of Salisbury convened a roundtable discussion with UniSA, businesses located within the precinct and key government agencies to discuss the potential to reposition the precinct.

Council has taken a leadership and advocacy role, with the vision for Technology Park to embed it into the State's innovation eco-system, supporting the growth of the region's defence, high technology and space sectors.

Realisation of the renewed focus and agenda for Technology Park and the broader Mawson Innovation Precinct began to occur in late 2019 and throughout 2020. Remaining State Government owned sites now have formal Expression of Interest over them or have been sold for development, privately owned sites are investigating opportunities, business expansion has occurred and investment in research and development activity at UniSA Mawson Lakes has reinforced the precincts innovation capabilities.

Over the past two years this project has supported over \$100 million of investment (completed, underway and proposed) and the creation of more than 700 jobs.

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Regional Council of Goyder Master Plan Team - Goyder Master Plan 2020-2035

The Goyder Master Plan was developed in 2017, with active engagement by the Goyder community continuing to evolve into a high level strategic management plan and framework, which delivers change whilst adapting to a tightening fiscal environment.

The plan represents a 15 year blueprint, identifying the priorities and aspirations for the future of the Goyder region - its people, places and spaces.

It continues to observe the 2012 Community Plan;

- Engaging with the Community
- Strengthening Community
- Economic Resilience
- Our Environment & Heritage is Valued & Protected
- Community Assets & Infrastructure
- Leading the Way

Through community participation, Council identified projects within its Asset Management Plan, future capital works, infrastructure and public space improvements,, building on the goal of 'One Goyder' – a united vibrant community that embraces change and is characterised by strong and responsible leadership. The plan identifies projects that recognise the strengths of, and further supports the wellbeing and resilience of the local communities for future generations.

The Community continue to be actively encouraged to provide their township economic development priorities and, since its inception, the Goyder Master Plan has been key in delivering 22 projects, 32 projects 'in progress' with the majority due for completion in 2021.

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Wakefield Regional Council COVID Support Program Team - COVID-19 Business Support Grants

Wakefield Regional Council's swift and effective response to COVID-19 has allowed local businesses to move forward with confidence and to position themselves for post COVID-19 opportunities.

Within a few short weeks of COVID-19 restrictions being announced, Wakefield launched a bold multi-pronged support package worth up to \$867,000 to steer the community through the COVID-19 crisis – a massive step for a small regional Council.

They were one of the first councils to provide a COVID-19 support package and the first in SA to fully waive final quarter 2019/20 rates for ratepayers – including businesses who could demonstrate they were doing it tough due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

Along with rate relief, Council offered utility grants to community and sporting groups, as well as generous business support grants of up to \$5,000 – a move that boosted business confidence as they used the funding to diversify products, attract customers, provide safer environments for clients, develop staff and improve their systems and processes.

The grants program was an overwhelming success, with nearly \$200,000 awarded to 41 organisations. A number of these businesses are now sharing incredible stories of how the Wakefield grants have helped them not only navigate through restrictions but reposition themselves for success into the future.

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