

# News Release

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## Community House “Building Community” says Local MP

**The important role the Gawler Community House plays in the local community has been recognised in State Parliament.**

In State Parliament last week local MP Mr Tony Piccolo informed the House of assembly about the various activities and events run by the Gawler Community House in its endeavour to “build community”.

Mr Piccolo said the co-ordinator and volunteers do a “stellar job” in running programs that help people to rebuild their lives and community capacity.

Mr Piccolo told Parliament that “Unashamedly, the community house has become a lighthouse for those in the community who, for whatever reason, have fallen on hard times.”

“More importantly though, the house invests a lot of resources into building community capacity and helps rebuild the lives of some of its clients.” He said.

Mr Piccolo said the Community House also provides opportunities for people to build friendships and connections within their community.

“The house provides an opportunity for people to connect with other members of the community.”

“They are also promoting a community urban garden, they own and operate an op shop, and they run counselling services and training courses. “

“They are promoting the Christmas lunch and also planning for an urban orchard.”  
Mr Piccolo said the Community House “through various partnerships, contributes to the wellbeing of the community by working with other community groups”

“For example, the Gawler Refugee Association, the Gawler Community Services Forum and, more recently, the Fatherhood Project; which is designed to assist first time and young dads.”

Mr Piccolo told Parliament the community house was the core of community life in the town, and it is run successfully by volunteers.