

Sports on student agenda

Name: Matt Grace

Occupation: Year 13 student, Gawler High School

Who would you vote for today: Undecided

Most important issues: Sport facilities, transport, youth activities, funding for Gawler Health Service

Strengths and weaknesses for the candidates for

Light: "I have a bit of information on the candidates. I don't know what their strengths and weaknesses are. It depends on what they're using as their back up plans and what they're going to use to support us as a community, even as a school. What they're going to do to help schools in the future."

Matt's comments: "I travelled for two years to Pasadena High School to take part in an intensive basketball program. I would like to see more intensive sporting programs in the northern districts, out towards Gawler. I spoke to my PE teacher about it this morning and she said that would be awesome. I

travel to Marion to start training for state league volleyball and that's just terrible. It would be awesome to get more elite sport out in the northern district.

"Transport between Smithfield and Gawler is another issue. I think Gawler could be a part of public transport now-a-days. There needs to be a bridge built between Smithfield and Gawler so it's combined. Gawler is not really classed as country any more and there should be public transport running through Gawler.

"This is more of a family issue but the Gawler hospital really needs to be more serviceable for the locals as well as those from Two Wells and Riverton even. When they built it they didn't realise how big Gawler was going to become. A bit more funding into that would go a long way."

Matt's question to the candidates: "I'd like to know whether they have any plans to bring any specialist sport programs out to the northern area."



Your question is a valid one. Family First wants to see strong sporting infrastructures in the northern and regional areas. We would support government funding in establishing this. We would also gather information as to the kind of specialist sport programs that are in the greatest demand.

Olga Vidoni (Family First)



People who live outside the city pay the same tax as city dwellers, but pay double for health, sport and other services.

If elected, I would draw attention to this unfairness and insist the government address such access problems, particularly in relation to sport and health.

Jenni Douglas (Green)



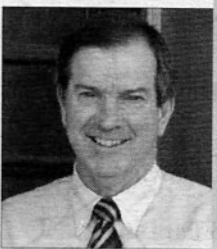
I would integrate a TAFE High School program with business interests to form a sports institute for Light. My wife and I both lectured at TAFE for many years. My wife was also a high school teacher for some years and I am heavily involved with young people in sport.

Craig Allan (Independent)



As a parent of two teenage kids I also am keen to see additional high standard facilities. We need to do all we can to ensure young people have access to coaching and sporting facilities. In 2003 I was responsible for introducing the Melbourne based EFI soccer academy program in Gawler.

Tony Piccolo (Labor)



There are a number of public schools that are 'Specialist Sports Schools'. Students have to apply and achieve certain sporting standards. I'd support a proposal from GHS to become a 'Specialist Sports School' but consultation would have to decide which sport would be targeted.

Malcolm Buckby (Liberal)



We want funds to be redirected from elite sport to community and school based sporting programs and facilities. Funding for community recreation facilities should be increased to \$6 million per year and attention should be given to improving recreational facilities for rural communities.

Alan Collinson (Democrats)