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Gawler Tertiary Hub Supporting Students from Gawler and the Region

Town of Gawler is excited to announce that the Gawler Tertiary Hub is now operating in the Gawler Civic Centre, with free membership being offered to local students who are undertaking studies at a tertiary level.

"The percentage of the Gawler Community attending university or other higher education institutions is well below the national and state levels and Council believes that reducing barriers to students seeking higher education is of high importance and a key investment in our Community." said Mayor Karen Redman, "The Gawler Tertiary Hub will support local tertiary students, with important facilities and services such as 24/7 access to quiet study spaces and connection to other students in the region."

In 2023, The Tertiary Hub Pilot Project, with support from the Barossa Campus (operated by Regional Development Australia Barossa, Gawler, Light and Adelaide Plains), provides students with:

- Free use of the Tertiary Hub Meeting Rooms in the Gawler Civic Centre 24/7 for the purpose of study;
- High-speed internet via Wi-Fi
- Public computers in the Gawler Library outbreak space and printing facility 24/7 for study purposes (printing fees will apply);

In the near future the Tertiary Hub Membership will also provide:

- Use of a Podcasting/ Video Production Room for video or audio recording of assessments or assignments (currently in development)
- Access to Generalised Courses, mentoring and other activities facilitated by the Barossa Campus at the Gawler Tertiary Hub (currently in development)

Other facilities include:

- Device charging stations (Bring your Own Device)
- Kitchenette, Fridge and microwave access
- · Hot and cold water access and toilet facilities
- Tables and chairs

"Council will be operating the Tertiary Hub as a 12 month pilot program, initially with the quiet study spaces as the key offering but in time with a Mentoring Program and generalised courses offered through the support of the Barossa Regional Campus and the addition of a Podcasting/Video Production Room, which is expected to be available for students to record their assessments from around mid 2023." Henry Inat said, "We would welcome enquiries from Tertiary Students who want more information on how the Tertiary Hub facilities can support them in achieving their study goals."

The Tertiary Hub, located in the Gawler Civic Centre in the heart of Gawler, means students will be close to public transport, public library service, shops, cafes and restaurants. To find out more information please visit Council's website or to register your interest/become a Member, please email <u>tertiary.hub@gawler.sa.gov.au</u> or phone 8522 9211.

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