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Gawler Aquatic Centre – Now Open!

This Gawler Aquatic Centre held its successful opening celebration on Saturday 10 October 2020 where the newly refurbished facilities throughout the centre were on show for invited guests and the community to enjoy. The response from those that attended was overwhelmingly positive. The upgrades include refurbishment to the outdated changerooms, family changeroom, disability compliant access facilities, a new first aid room and storage shed, updated multi-function room along with a new colourful and eye catching entrance.

350 people attended the day and Mayor Redman spoke with many people at the opening who were all impressed with the upgrades and facilities offered and looking forward to the coming season, especially after such a difficult year for the community. Rotary Club of Gawler also hosted a BBQ and enjoyed being back amongst the Gawler community raising funds for important projects.

As part of the opening formalities two other very special presentations were made.

Firstly, the Gawler Amateur Swimming Club presented new permanent diving blocks to the Town of Gawler. A ribbon was cut with Club representatives and life members from the Gawler Amateur Swimming Club in attendance. The Club were successful in receiving funding of \$25,000 from the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing as part of the 'Upgrade Active Club Program Grant' to purchase the new permanent diving blocks and also contributed \$7,500 towards these permanent diving blocks. The Town of Gawler acknowledged and thanked the Club for their very generous contribution to the facility which will benefit the whole community.



A memorial seat was also unveiled for a much loved regular swimmer and strong advocate for the Gawler Aquatic Centre, Mr Derek Sankey, who sadly passed away earlier this year. The Sankey family and friends attended the opening with Mrs Margaret Sankey saying a few words. Mr Sankey's son Kieran unveiled the memorial plaque with Mayor Redman.

The Town of Gawler is proud to continue to invest in this facility for our local and regional community and want to encourage everyone to make full use of it this summer. The upgraded facilities provide access to safe high quality water facilities not just for recreation but to learn about water safety and help all of us to remain active and healthy. For more information about the Gawler Aquatic Centre and all of its exciting programs and services please visit the website, Facebook page or call the Centre on the contact details below.

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