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## Gawler Aquatic Centre Opening Celebration Saturday 10 October 2020

This year the Gawler Aquatic Centre will open its 58th season on Saturday 10 October with an opening celebration to showcase the newly refurbished facilities.

The Centre will be open from 10am-4.00pm providing the community with the opportunity to come and see the upgraded facilities and enjoy a day of free activities including entry, giveaways, program information, face painting, coffee and a BBQ hosted by Rotary Club of Gawler.

All preparations for this day will be in line with current COVID Safe practices and the public will be asked to register on Eventbrite or at the door for contact tracing purposes.

“The Gawler Aquatic Centre continues to be a popular venue for swimming lessons, carnivals, birthday parties, squad, lap and recreational swimming,” said Mayor Karen Redman. “With funding support from the Australian Government, Council has been able to invest in a range of contemporary upgrades to this vital community facility, ensuring that it is accessible for all. I’m personally thrilled and excited to share these modern upgrades with our community.”

The upgrades include refurbishment to the outdated changerooms, family changeroom, disability compliant access facilities, a new first aid room and storage shed, updated multi-function room along with a new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.

“The total project budget for the upgrades to the Gawler Aquatic Centre including design, project management and construction contingency is \$942,500,” said Council’s Chief Executive Officer, Henry Inat. “The project has been greatly assisted by \$409,445 in funding from Sport Australia’s Community Sport and Infrastructure Program, making Council’s contribution \$533,055. These upgrades complement Council’s significant capital investment over the past five seasons to the much loved community pool.”

The Centre’s award winning Learn to Swim Program is AUSTSWIM accredited and continues to grow each season. Qualified, professional and friendly instructors provide students an enjoyable and high quality water education program. The Learn to Swim Program offers lessons 7 days a week, weekdays from 3.30-6.30pm and weekends from 8am-12pm. In addition, we also offer infant and pre-school class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9am-10.30am.

This season there are a number of exciting opportunities within the Learn to Swim Program:

- Term 4 (2020): Monday 12 October to Sunday 13 December
- December Intensive (2020): Monday 14 December to Friday 18 December
- VACSWIM (2021): Monday 4 January to Tuesday 12 January
- January Intensive (2021): Monday 18 January to Friday 22 January
- Term 1 (2021): Wednesday 27 January to Thursday 1 April

The Gawler Aquatic Centre Learn to Swim Program will also be accepting Sports Voucher. The Sports Vouchers program provides all primary school aged children, with a voucher valued up to \$100, these vouchers can then be claimed on approved sport and dance programs. Therefore, making swimming lessons now more affordable for families within the Gawler community.

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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