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## July school holidays a success!

Gawler's young people had a huge variety of activity to choose from during the recent July school holidays. The Town of Gawler hosted a full school holiday program that offered opportunities for young people to learn, build new skills and simply have some fun.

The Gawler Public Library had a visit from Warrawong2U Mobile Wildlife Sanctuary, who brought along some furry, and not so furry friends, including lizards, pythons, marsupials and birds. Other workshops included an introduction to the creative art of quilling, and a flapping bird craft-it session that involved designing and constructing wooden birds.

The Library also hosted some activities for NAIDOC Week, which coincided with the school holidays. NAIDOC Week is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements. A big group of children, parents and community members joined in the Aboriginal Cultural Connection workshop for some storytelling, learning about artefacts, singing and arts activity.

Celebrating the NAIDOC theme 'Because of Her, We Can', four local Aboriginal women ran a Basket Weaving Circle. The session was incredibly popular giving participants a wonderful opportunity of learning this traditional Aboriginal art form.

The Gawler Sport and Community Centre held its always popular school holiday skate sessions. Almost 500 young people rolled in across the holidays for fun, music, games and competitions.

With a focus on health and well-being, Council's Youth Development Team provided a range of skill development opportunities such as a nationally recognised Barista Course, a Getting Your L's Permit Program, and Youth Mental Health First Aid Training.

A range of arts-based workshops also took place such as mask making exploring identity, mindfulness, yoga and meditation, natural henna tattooing, and a music mixing session.

Mayor Redman comments that "the Council's Library and Community Services Division is a valuable part of the organisation and they continue to offer a range of fantastic opportunities for our young people and the community. These opportunities, that are provided for free or very low cost, help our young people to build skills, participate in community life and also have a whole heap of fun. I really look forward to what the October school holidays will bring."

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